



CHAMBER CHATTER

OCTOBER 2021

NEWSLETTER



WISCONSIN MANUFACTURING MONTH

October is Wisconsin Manufacturing Month!

Happy Manufacturing Month to our local area manufacturers and thank you to the Chamber Member manufacturers for their support of the Tomah Chamber and our community. View the listing of them by accessing our Member Directory [HERE](#).

We look forward to working with the Tomah Area School District this month to educate students on various employment opportunities, including manufacturing!

Learn more about Manufacturing month by accessing the Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce website [HERE](#).



OUTDOOR Night MARKET

THURSDAY
October
21st
4:30-7:30 PM

No Place Like Home For The Holidays

Local Vendors | Shopping | Holiday Gift Ideas
Food | Music | Beer & Wine | Friends
Free admission to attend!

Start your holiday shopping early at the **Outdoor Night Market** while supporting local businesses!

Free admission to attend! Enjoy wine, beer, food, and music!

Chamber Members - register your vendor or food booth by **October 14th!**

Think Local Shop Local

bit.ly/OutdoorNightMarket

CONNECT WITH THE CHAMBER



Happy Chamber-versary!

SEPTEMBER 2021 MEMBER RENEWALS

The businesses and organizations below represent
249 years of membership with the Chamber.

Thank you for your trust in our work and
partnering with us to strengthen our community.

All American Do-It Center - 27 years

Allied Cooperative - 24 years

Area Community Theatre Inc. - 23 years

Bertram's Jewelry Studio - 3 years

Families First of Monroe County - 7 years

Hiawatha Golf Club, Inc. - 36 years

Houston Dental Clinic - 34 years

John Shuck Plumbing & Repair, LLC - 8 years

Knights of Columbus Corp. - 26 years

Liberty Village of Tomah - 3 years

Queen of Apostles Catholic Parish and School - 16 years

The Parenting Place - 14 years

Veterans Assistance Foundation - 12 years

Vinnie Rowan - 3 years

WRJC - Murphy's Law Media Group - 9 years

Chamber membership is open to all area businesses and organizations
who want to promote their business, increase their visibility, strengthen
our community, or simply just to support our scope of work.

Opportunities Await...Join Us!

Your Leadership Team

Our Chamber and CVB Boards are comprised of community members who are nominated and voted to serve and support the Tomah Chamber & Visitors Center organization.

CHAMBER BOARD

BOARD OFFICERS

Chair: Jeremy Haldeman, American Family Insurance
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CHAMBER STAFF

Tina Thompson, President/CEO
Megan Diyak, Membership & Marketing Manager

OPEN, Office Support Assistant **(Are you the right fit?! If so, send us your resume!)**



MESSAGE FROM TINA

Greetings, Friends!

Megan and I were able to take a few days away and attend training for Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce Executives in Green Bay. We were able to hear from excellent presenters, sponsors, and other chambers of commerce throughout the state. It was reassuring, in many ways, to hear from so many others that experienced some of the same struggles, fears, and insecurities that we did over the last 18 months.

Of course, we heard many good and bad things that are trending, some of which, I'll share with you.

The bad:

- Wisconsin is losing on average 5,000 people per year over the last 5 years.
- Labor shortage isn't going away any time soon and may get worse before it gets better.
- Supply chain issues continue to cause global product shortages.
- There is a decline in the amount of young adults entering into higher education – why this is bad is because they are also not entering into apprenticeships, receiving technical training, or the workforce – they are staying at home.

The good:

- The WEDC is providing a Workforce Innovation Grant Program to organizations that develop innovative plans to solve workforce challenges and a Main Street Bounceback Grant to help new or existing businesses move into and revitalize vacant commercial properties.
- Chambers of Commerce all over the state are working hard, outside of your payroll, to advocate for business policy and are at the grassroots efforts of improving the labor shortage.
- We aren't in Illinois. Why this is good, aside from we aren't Bears fans, is that Illinois has lost - on average - 100,000 people over the last 5 years.

This sounds like a lot of doom and gloom, and to be fair, it isn't a pretty picture, but it brings our mission into laser focus. We need to continue to work with our schools to draw attention to the jobs we have in our area that provide opportunity, growth, income, and financial independence. We need to continue to partner with our area businesses to share your stories with all policy makers. We need to continue to focus on our community by creating an environment that people want to live and work in.

Thank you all for allowing us to take a few days away to network, learn, and bring back valuable information. We're back in the office, working full time – outside of your payroll – to help your businesses and to attract people to our community.

We look forward to celebrating Manufacturing Month and highlighting some of the manufacturing that goes on in our area as well as planning our budget and programming for 2022.

Thank you for all of your hard work to keep business moving in Tomah and the surrounding areas. We know you're all doing it with challenges you never thought you'd face and we salute you for pushing through.

Take care and know that we see you and your struggles.

Tina

CHAMBER EVENTS

Wednesday, October 6th at 5 PM



You're invited to drop in for **BURRITOS & BUSINESS** with Brittany & Liza!

Hosted by your friends at
**1ST COMMUNITY
CREDIT UNION**

220 Buan Street, Tomah

(608) 377-7730

**The Carlton Restaurant and Lounge will be there
serving \$10 Burrito Meal Deals for purchase.**

*For every meal you purchase during the event 1st CCU will donate \$10 to the
Tomah Rotary Club. Take home dinner for the whole family and help a great cause!*

BURRITOS ♦ SODA ♦ PRIZES

Join Brittany Herricks & Liza Schlintz
at 1st CCU in Tomah for food,
fun, and networking. See you there!



Brittany Herricks
Mortgage Loan Officer, NMLS 2054226



Liza Schlintz
Member Business Loan Officer



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[Register HERE](#)

Contact us for sponsorship opportunities!

OCTOBER EVENTS

OCTOBER 1-7

1 | Attracting, Engaging & Retaining Talent in Post-Pandemic Times - Western Technical College

8 am - 12 pm | 400 7th St. N., La Crosse

This session will provide an opportunity to: Hear about the impact of COVID-19 on recruitment; Review the employee lifecycle from key considerations to effectively attracting the right talent and successfully onboarding; Learn strategies to increase your overall retention rates at each stage. More information and registration can be found [HERE](#).

1 | Tomah American Legion - Friday Night Fish Fry

5 pm until gone | 800 Wisconsin Ave., Tomah

Dine-in or carryout! Call ahead for carryout at 608-372-6028. Adult meals = \$11; kids meals = \$7.

1 | Live Music - Vino Anjo

6 pm | 800 Superior Ave., Tomah

Wine and music with Blainedog! Bring your friends for a night of fun! View more on Facebook [HERE](#).

2 | Fall Harvest Festival - Down A Country Road

9 am - 3 pm | 12651 State Hwy 33, Cashton

In addition to the 6 gift shops located on the farm, the Festival will have craft and vintage vendors, food, ice cream, live music, door prizes, and more! Located 2 miles east of Cashton, WI along State Hwy 33. View more information on Facebook [HERE](#).



2 | Shooters for Hooters - Treasured Chests

9 am | Eastern Monroe County Rod & Gun Club, 30550 Excelsior Ave, Tomah (Wyeville)

The annual breast cancer (100 bird) trap shoot is coming up! Sign up for the shoot between 9 am - 3 pm. Cost is \$30 and options are \$10. Food will be served 10 am - 5 pm for \$5/plate - pulled pork sandwiches, cheesy potatoes, cole slaw, and dessert! Even if you don't participate in the shoot, get in on the raffles and come on down for beverages and food! View more information on Facebook [HERE](#).



OCTOBER EVENTS

2-3 | Cranberry Harvest Days - Wetherby Cranberry Company

Various Times | 3365 Auger Rd., Warrens

Experience a harvest tour! This is also a great opportunity to pull on a pair of hip boots (aka chest waders) and have your photo taken in an ocean of Wisconsin's finest cranberries! Saturday hours are 9 am - 12 pm; Sunday hours are 10 am - 2 pm. No reservations are required for this fun family event. View more information and updates on Facebook [HERE](#) or website [HERE](#).

Following your marsh tour, head over to visit the Wisconsin Cranberry Discovery Center (Discovery Center) in downtown Warrens. The Discovery Center features a gift shop with gourmet cranberry products, an ice cream parlor, and museum! Learn more on their website [HERE](#).

5 | Second Harvest Food Pantry

4 pm | Recreation Park, 1625 Butts Ave., Tomah

Food distribution has returned back to in-house distribution at 4 pm. Pick-up items in the Gold Building at Recreation Park. Volunteers are always welcome to help with food distribution. If interested in volunteering, contact Darold at 262-470-1714.

6 | Ribbon Cutting - BNI Cran-Country Referrals

8 am | Blackberry Hills Adult Family Homes, 1116 Superior Ave., Tomah

Come help us cut the ribbon and celebrate BNI Cran-Country Referrals! Join us at 8 am for light breakfast refreshments before heading into work! Learn more about BNI Cran-Country Referrals [HERE](#).



6 | Blood Drive - Tomah High School

8:30 am - 1:30 pm | 901 Lincoln Ave., Tomah

Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) are hosting a blood drive with Versiti Blood Center. Donations are needed to assure a stable blood supply for our community hospitals. Walk-ins welcomed, but appointments are encouraged! Schedule appointments online at bit.ly/tomahoct6 or call 1-877-232-4376.

6 | Business After 5 - 1st Community Credit Union

5 pm | 220 Buan St., Tomah

Food, fun, and networking! Drop in for burritos at 1st Community Credit Union (1st CCU) in Tomah! Meet Brittany, Liza, and the rest of the crew! For every Burrito Meal Deal purchased from The Carlton Restaurant and Lounge during the event, 1st CCU will donate \$10 to the Tomah Rotary Club. Come help support a great cause and, a chance to win a prize! More information can be found [HERE](#).

6-8 | 3-Day Meat Sale | Molter's Fresh Market

701 E. Clifton St., Tomah

Stop by and check out amazing deals on a variety of meat products!

7-10 & 14-17 | The Odd Couple Show - Tomah Area Community Theatre

Show Times Vary | 907 Kilbourn Ave., Tomah

Neil Simon's "The Odd Couple The Female Version" show dates are October 7th-10th and 14th-17th. Thursday - Saturday show times are 7 pm; Sunday Matinee show time is 1 pm. For more information or to purchase tickets online, go to tomahact.com.

OCTOBER EVENTS

OCTOBER 8-14

11-17 | Anniversary Week - Molter's Fresh Market

701 E. Clifton St., Tomah

Come down and celebrate our anniversary - specials and drawings all week! Enjoy a pig roast too! View more information and updates on Facebook [HERE](#).

14 | Western WI & SE MN Virtual Career Fair: *It's All About Customer Service!* - Western Wisconsin Workforce Development Board

11 am - 2 pm | Virtual

Many jobs require strong customer service skills! Do you have these skills? Do you have a job opening that requires these skills? For more information on how to register an employer booth or as a job seeker, register [HERE](#). For questions, contact Kevin Ruetten at 608-789-7890.

OCTOBER 15-21

15 | Tomah American Legion - Friday Night Fish Fry

5 pm until gone | 800 Wisconsin Ave., Tomah

Fish fries are back - dine-in or carryout! Call ahead for carryout at 608-372-6028.

20 | Manufacturing Luncheon - Western Technical College, Lunda Center

11 am - 1:30 pm | 319 7th St. N., La Crosse

Western Technical College (WTC) Business and Industry Services invites you to our annual luncheon at WTC's Lunda Center Speaker Matt Kirchner will share shocking examples of how fast our world and the technology of work is changing. Area manufacturers, educators and others are encouraged to attend. More information and registration can be found [HERE](#).

21 | 15th Annual Wisconsin Government Opportunities Business Conference (GOBC) - Volk Field and Fort McCoy

9 am - 4 pm | Virtual

The GOBC Business Conference serves as an opportunity for local businesses to fulfill Federal, State, and Local Government contracts and subcontracts in Central Wisconsin. Meet government buyers and take the guesswork out of selling to the government! Registration for this virtual event is open at wigobc.org. For questions, contact Jack Laufenberg at JackL@wispro.org or 414-270-3600.

21 | Outdoor Night Market - Tomah Chamber & Visitors Center

4:30 pm - 7:30 pm | Recreation Park, 1625 Butts Ave., Tomah

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OCTOBER EVENTS

OCTOBER 22-31

23 | Trunk or Treat - Molter's Fresh Market

11 am - 1 pm | 701 E. Clifton St., Tomah

Dress up the kids...and even the dog - bring them to Molter's for food, games, prizes, and treats!

30 | Trunk or Treat - St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

2 pm - 4 pm | 525 Superior Ave., Tomah

Come visit and get treats for your kids - in costume or not - it's up to you! Walk through the outdoor parking lot to visit various decorated vehicles. All are welcome to attend.



30 | Trunk-or-Treat - St. Matthew Church

3 pm - 5 pm | 4285 US HWY 12., Warrens

All are welcome to attend at the St. Matthew Church parking lot.

30 | The War of the Worlds Show - Tomah Area Community Theatre

6 pm | Murray's On Main, 810 Superior Ave., Tomah

As you are treated to a delightful meal, you will be listening to a live performance, as if you are listening to the radio, on a dark Halloween Eve, with your family and friends. Tickets for this one-time only dinner and performance will be \$40 and will be available prior to the evening of the performance. Visit tomahact.com for more information.

HAPPY
Halloween

OCTOBER EVENTS

REOCCURRING

"Toys We Love" Exhibit - Monroe County Local History Room & Museum

Open Thru October 9 | 9 am - 4 pm | 200 W. Main St., Sparta

The Exhibit features top toys from the 1940s-1990s as chosen by our 400+ "Toys We Love" poll participants back in September 2020. Did G.I. Joe beat out He-Man as the top action figure? Did Barbie crush the doll competition? Come check out the Exhibit to find out. It'll definitely bring back some childhood memories! Open weekly on Tuesdays - Saturdays; free admission. More information can be found [HERE](#) or contact 608-269-8680.

Tomah Farmers Market

Open Thru October | Gillett Park, 1316 Superior Ave., Tomah

Open weekly on Wednesdays: 11 am - 6 pm and Saturdays: 7 am - 1 pm.

Arts and Crafts - Craft Time Studio

Weekly Classes | 22493 WIS-21, Tomah

Looking to get crafty?! So many options to choose from. View more information on class dates and times on Facebook [HERE](#).

Food Distribution - Neighbor for Neighbor Food Pantry

Weekly Distribution | Hours Vary | 118 W. Veterans St., Tomah

Monroe County residents - if money is tight and you're struggling to put food on the table, come to the Food Pantry! More information on distribution days/times and total household income guidelines can be found [HERE](#), or contact 608-372-6737.

Free Pool - The Break Room Sports Bar and Grill

Weekly on Tuesdays | 1123 Superior Ave., Tomah

Free pool every Tuesday! View on Facebook [HERE](#).

Education/Networking Meetings - BNI Cran-Country Referrals

Weekly on Wednesdays | 8 am | Blackberry Hills Adult Family Homes, 1116 Superior Ave., Tomah

BNI (Business Network International) is now hosting weekly business education/networking meetings in-person; virtual option is still available; featured speakers each week. Visitors are welcome to participate and attend by accessing the online meeting link [HERE](#). For questions, contact Wendy Wright at 608-343-3936 or Tabitha Lueneburg at 608-393-6552.

- Oct 6: Carolyn Johnson, Owner - Greater Insurance Services
- Oct 13: Randy Murdock, Owner - Tomah Homes & Tomah Environmental Contractors (TEC)
- Oct 20: Wendy A. Wright, Vice President - Bank First Mortgage Lender
- Oct 27: Linda Salzwedel, Consultant - Young Living Essential Oils

OCTOBER EVENTS

REOCCURRING

Moving Past Trauma - CBD American Shaman

Weekly on Wednesdays | 3 pm | 201 Helen Walton Dr., Suite 6, Tomah

An hour of group healing every Wednesday. Remove the negative and replace it with positive vibes. Learn to master coping skills and tools to promote a healthy mind, body, and soul. FREE SAMPLES of CBD! Call 608-548-5505 to register!

Karaoke - The Break Room Sports Bar and Grill

Weekly on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays | 9 pm | 1123 Superior Ave., Tomah

Enjoy bingo every Sunday - cash prizes too! View on Facebook [HERE](#).



DJ Trivia - The Break Room Sports Bar and Grill

Weekly on Thursdays | 7 pm | 1123 Superior Ave., Tomah

Enjoy DJ Trivia on Thursday nights! View on Facebook [HERE](#).

CLINIC/VACCINE RESOURCES

Healthcare Clinic - St. Clare Health Mission of Monroe County

October 5 & 19 | 5 pm - 6:30 pm | 310 W. Main St., Sparta

St. Clare Health Mission of Monroe County provides free health care for Monroe County residents age 18 years and older who have no health insurance and whose financial status prevents them from seeking medical treatment. The walk-in medical clinics are scheduled for the 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings of each month. More information can be found [HERE](#).

Flu Vaccine Clinics - Monroe County Health Department

Month of October | Dates, Times, and Locations Vary

The Monroe County Health Department (MCHD) will be offering influenza vaccine clinics at certain sites throughout Monroe County this fall. The CDC recommends anyone 6 months of age and older receive a flu vaccine. To pre-register or schedule individual appointments, please contact MCHD at 608-269-8666.

COVID-19 Vaccinations - Monroe County Health Department

Weekly | 8 am - 4:30 pm | 315 W. Oak St., Sparta

The Monroe County Health Department (MCHD) continues to offer free walk-in appointments for COVID-19 vaccinations during business hours Monday - Friday. Pre-registration is preferred. Walk-ins welcome. to book an appointment, visit [vaccinate.wi.gov](https://www.vaccinate.wi.gov) or contact the MCHD at 608-269-8666.

OCTOBER EVENTS

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

1 | Microsoft Excel: Level 1 - Western Technical College

8 am - 12 pm | 400 7th St. N., La Crosse

This course helps students become familiar with the fundamental functions of Excel, including creating spreadsheets; working with rows, columns, and cells; formatting worksheets; and performing basic calculations. More information and registration can be found [HERE](#).

5 | Forklift Train the Trainer - Western Technical College

8 am - 12 pm | 400 7th St. N., La Crosse

This Forklift Train-the-Trainer session will focus on the OSHA forklift regulations 29 CFR 1910.178. It is designed for forklift trainers and individuals desiring to become forklift trainers. It is also recommended for current forklift trainers and operators as an avenue to stay current and up to date. More information and registration can be found [HERE](#).

8 | Grief Support and Education Series - Tomah Health Hospice Touch

Times Vary | Tomah Health Hospice/Palliative Care Offices, 601 Straw St., Tomah

A six-week group grief support and education series will be held for no charge, each Tuesday beginning October 12th - November 16th. Participants should **register by October 8th** at 608-374-0250. More information can be found [HERE](#).

15 | Microsoft Excel: Level 2 - Western Technical College

8 am - 12 pm | 400 7th St. N., La Crosse

Learn to use templates; create and modify charts; and use common functions, absolute cell referencing, 3-D formulas, conditional formatting, sorting, and filtering data. It is ideal for those who know the basic fundamentals of Excel and want to become more productive users. More information and registration can be found [HERE](#).

Other courses offered through WTC Business and Industry Services can be viewed on their website [HERE](#) or on the Tomah Chamber Community Events Calendar [HERE](#). For questions, contact 608-785-9232.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



**10555 Freedom Rd.
Tomah, WI 54660
608-372-9314**



Double Barrel Bar-Holiday Lodge Resort is located on a retired golf course, featuring Wisconsin's first iPourIt Self-Tapping beer wall with 24 flavors to try out! You can catch food trucks or live music on various weekends and enjoy the outdoor patio.

Ask Kurt and Michelle Rutlin, Owners, about cabin, motel, and camper rentals!

Double Barrel Bar is open Thursday-Sundays and Monday night Packer games!



**749 E. 12th Ave.
Fort McCoy, WI 54656
608-366-3631
challengeacademy.org**



The Wisconsin Challenge Academy, located at Fort McCoy, is an alternative education program designed to reclaim the lives of at-risk youth and produce graduates with the values, skills, education and self-discipline necessary to succeed as adults. The program consists of a 5 ½ month-long Residential phase followed by a year-long Post-Residential phase. Classes start every January and July. There is no cost from the families for attendance to the Challenge Academy, as the cost is covered by State and Federal dollars. If you are interested in learning more about the Challenge Academy, they offer presentations too.

A Choice... A Challenge... A Change

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



310 W. Main St.
Sparta, WI 54656
608-366-5343

stclaremonroecounty.org

St. Clare Health Mission of Monroe County (SCHM), a non-profit organization, provides low-cost health care for Monroe County residents age 18 years and older who have no health insurance and whose financial status prevents them from seeking medical treatment. The SCHM is staffed entirely by both medical and non-medical volunteers.

They opened in 1996 with the support of Mayo Clinic Health System-Franciscan Healthcare in La Crosse, Sparta, and Tomah; Gundersen Health System in La Crosse, Sparta, and Tomah; Scenic Bluffs Community Health Center in Cashton and Norwalk; and the Monroe County Department of Health and Human Services.

The free, twice monthly, walk-in medical clinics are scheduled for the 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings of each month. Access SCHM's website to learn more about the services offered, hours of operation, volunteer opportunities, and more!

CHAMBER MEMBER JOB POSTINGS



Looking for
something new?

Check out Member Job listings on our website.

ACCESS JOB LISTINGS HERE

CHAMBER MEMBER LOGIN



**Have You Signed Into Your
Member Only Portal Recently?**

Access the Member Login webpage, request a password, or contact the Chamber to get set up.

[MEMBER LOGIN/REQUEST PASSWORD](#)

[CONTACT/NOTIFY CHAMBER](#)

Take a few minutes to customize your Member profile!

Your membership provides excellent opportunities for your business or organization to attract new customers and share information with our community and throughout the region. Completing your profile is critical to gaining increased visibility and exposure!

As always, please don't hesitate to contact us if you have questions.
Thank you for your "Minute!"

1ST COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION

220 Buan St.
Tomah, WI 54660
608-377-7730
1stccu.com



Proudly Serving For 60 Years!

It began in 1961 when a group of individuals met and decided there was a need to provide low-cost credit within the Sparta community. As a result, our Credit Union was formed, receiving its charter in July 1961. 60 years later and here we are! From a shared office in downtown Sparta to 3 full-service branches and a student branch. From less than a dozen founding members to serving over 13,700 members with assets totaling over \$200 Million!

During these periods of change, one thing remains steady, and that is our commitment to our members. They are the true foundation of the Credit Union... the reason we have been around for 60 years.

Every member and every community we serve is important to the success of 1st Community Credit Union and we will continue the commitment to providing better rates, lower fees, exceptional levels of membership service, and the convenient products and services that help our members build a financially successful life. We look forward to the next 60 years and beyond!



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Kaukauna, WI 54130
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Keller, Inc. is a design/build general contractor headquartered in the Fox Cities with additional offices in Madison, Milwaukee, Tomah and Wausau. As a 100% employee owned company, Keller, Inc.'s employee-owners pride themselves on designing and building every project as if it were their own. With an on-staff team of architects, interior designers, and project managers, we are a single point of contact for our customers to keep everything on track, on time and within budget. As leaders in the construction industry, we specialize in new construction, remodel, retrofit and reroof projects. Contact Keller, Inc. at kellerbuilds.com to learn more today.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHTS



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Lynxx Networks is the area's premier Internet, Voice, and IT Services Provider, offering speeds up to a Gigabit on our fiber-optic network. The all-fiber network offers equal upload and download speeds; a secure and private connection; and is reliable, ensuring business gets done – all day, every day.

Lynxx Networks was chartered in 1907, and today, provides business services to customers across a variety of industries in Juneau, Monroe, and La Crosse counties. Through our West Salem-based company, 3RT Networks, we also offer information technology solutions, including managed and support services.

For more information visit getlynxx.com or contact Chris Heffel at 608-427-4020 to find out what the power of our fiber-based network can do for your business.



489 N. Oakwood St.
Tomah, WI 54660
608-372-4131
oakdalerec.com



Oakdale Electric Cooperative serves 14,055 member-owners and maintains 2,784 miles of electric lines in Monroe, Juneau, Jackson, Sauk, and Wood counties.

With a team of 42 full-time employees and seven board of directors, Oakdale Electric Cooperative (OEC) is dedicated to providing members with safe, reliable, and affordable electricity. As a not-for-profit utility OEC delivers electricity at cost, and has returned more than \$27 million in capital credits back to their member-owners.

Oakdale Electric Cooperative is committed to the communities they service. They exist for the purpose of powering the community and empowering their members by enhancing their quality of life.





Tomah Buck\$ Make It Fun And Easy To Shop Locally!



The Tomah Buck\$ Gift Certificate Program is designed to benefit our local community and economy. This great Program is available to both Chamber members and the community. Using Tomah Buck\$ ensures that the money is spent right here within the Tomah community.

Our goal is to create a means by which an individual or business could purchase a gift certificate that the receiver can redeem at any business that accepts checks. Since they are checks, they must be cashed within a year of purchase.

Tomah Buck\$ are perfect for any occasion. They make great gifts for teachers, birthdays, employee rewards, and incentives...anyone you appreciate (even you!) - the possibilities are endless.

How Tomah Buck\$ Work

- Participating businesses will treat Tomah Buck\$ checks just as a regular check. After acceptance, deposit the Tomah Buck\$ - just like any other check your business would receive - into your bank account. Your account will be credited in the amount of the Tomah Buck\$ check.
- The entire amount of the Tomah Buck is to be used at a business; it is not intended for change to be given out.
- Businesses that are not Chamber members may participate in the Tomah Buck \$ Program.

There is no cost to either the business or the buyer!



Ever Fit's 7th Anniversary Promotion

**\$7
JOINING
FEE**

October 1 - 31

*Offer good on memberships
of 6 months or more!*

CONTACT US!

625 East Clifton St.
Tomah, WI
www.everfitclub.com
contact@everfitclub.com
608-374-EFIT



EVER  **FIT**
Women's Health Club

2021 FLU VACCINE CLINICS

Monroe County Health Department will be offering influenza vaccine clinics at the following sites throughout Monroe County this fall. Monroe County Health Department can bill Medicare, Medical Assistance, Senior Preferred, and third party insurance companies. The CDC recommends anyone 6 months of age and older receive a flu vaccine.

Flu Vaccine Cost: \$30 Regular Dose / \$65 High Dose

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
10/02/21	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Community Drive-thru – Tomah Fairgrounds County Highway CM, Tomah, WI *Follow Signs*
10/04/21	6:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Cashton Fire Department
10/07/21	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Tomah VA – 2 nd Street *Follow Signs*
10/08/21	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Tomah VA – 2 nd Street *Follow Signs*
10/11/21	11:15 am – 12:00 pm	Cashton Meal Site
	5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Warrens Fire Station
10/12/21	10:30 am – 11:15 am	Kendall Meal Site
	11:30 am – 12:00 pm	Wilton Meal Site
	12:30 pm – 1:00 pm	Norwalk Meal Site
10/13/21	10:30 am – 11:15 am	Tomah Senior Center / Nutrition Site
10/15/21	11:00 am – 11:45 am	Sparta Meal Site – Barney Center
	1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Community Drive-thru – Sparta Memorial Park Pine Street Entrance *Follow Signs*
10/26/21	9:00 am - 1:00 pm	Community Drive-thru – Sparta Memorial Park Pine Street Entrance *Follow Signs*
10/28/21	2:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Community Drive-thru – Tomah Fairgrounds County Highway CM, Tomah, WI *Follow Signs*
10/30/21	8:00 am – 12:00 pm	Community Drive-thru – Organic Valley 509 Organic Drive, Cashton, WI

*To pre-register or to schedule individual appointments, please contact
Monroe County Health Department at 608-269-8666*

You Can Stop the Spread!

Wear a Mask

Keep 6' Apart

Wash Your Hands

Stay Home if You're Sick

Blood Drive

Turn a new leaf
Fall into giving 

**Wednesday
October**

6

8:30 AM – 1:30PM

**Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a healthy
meal and drink plenty of
water before donating.**

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**Tomah High School
901 Lincoln Avenue, Tomah**

**Schedule an appointment to be a priority donor
online: bit.ly/tomahoct6
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Walk-ins welcomed, appointments encouraged!



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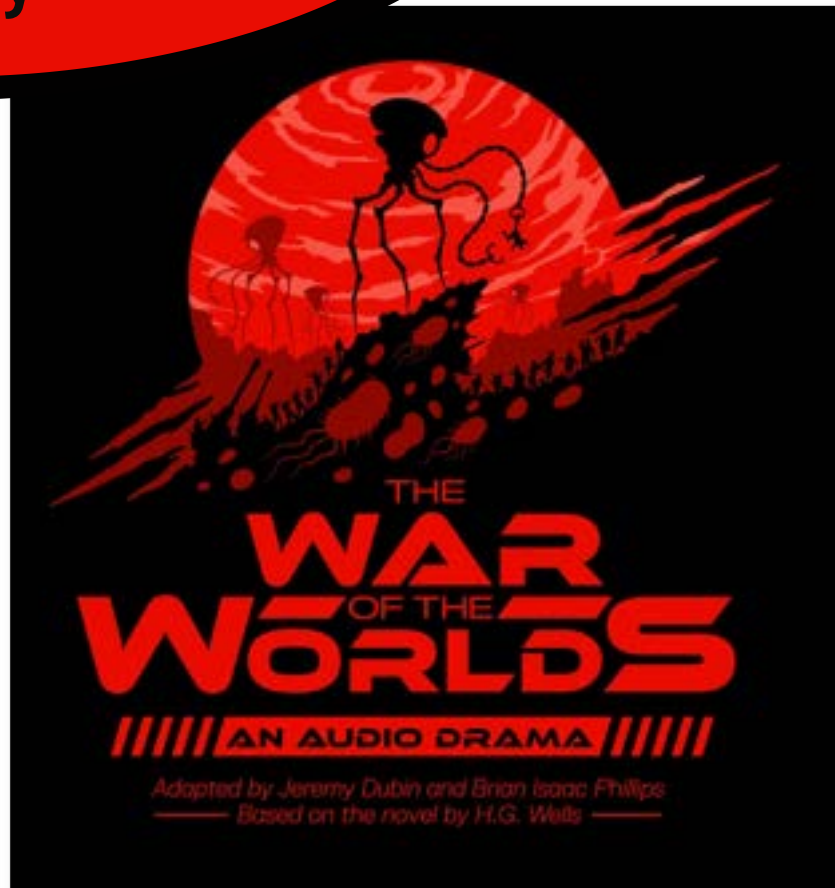
Saturday, October 30, 2021

2:00 – 4:00 PM
ALL ARE WELCOME

St. Paul Church Parking Lot
525 Superior Ave – Tomah, WI



October 30th | 6 PM
Murray's On Main



Tomah Area Community Theatre (ACT) will recreate the radio program “War of the Worlds,” originally produced by Orson Welles and his Mercury Theatre on the Air, adapted from the novel by HG Wells. “The War of the Worlds.” This story is about a Martian invasion of New Jersey and is told through radio clips and interviews. During its original production, on October 30, 1938, many listener mistook this theatrical creation as an actual radio broadcast causing overwhelming phone calls to police, newspaper, a and radio stations as well as nationwide hysteria, mass, stampedes, and even alleged suicides.

But, never fear, my fellow theater lovers, ACT’s performance will take place in the safety of Murray’s on Main Banquet room in a format I termed “theater in the round.” As you are treated to a delightful meal, you will be listening to a live performance, as if you are listening to the radio, on a dark Halloween Eve, with your family and friends.

Tickets for this one-time only dinner and performance will be \$40 and will be available prior to the evening of the performance. For the health and safety of all, masks will be required when up and moving around the room but may be taken off while seated and actively eating and drinking.

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Thanks to all who participated by nominating your favorite teachers through the Nominate A Teacher event! Congrats to the following five teachers who are winners of \$200 to use towards classroom supplies!

Thank you to Bank First for your sponsorship of Nominate a Teacher!

- Sommer Dean, 5th Grade Teacher at LaGrange Elementary
- Nicole Krause, Special Education Teacher at Tomah High School
- Amanda Braun, 3rd Grade Teacher at Warrens Elementary
- Stephanie Kramer, 3rd Grade Teacher at Lemonweir Elementary
- Rachel Neumann, 7th-8th Grade Teacher at St. Paul Lutheran School

Jellystone Purchased by Jenkins Organization



**1500 Jellystone Park Dr.
Warrens, WI 54666**

Jellystone Park in Warrens has been acquired by The Jenkins Organization (TJO). This acquisition marks TJO's fifth Jellystone Park and ninth RV resort since beginning the Great Escapes RV Resorts brand in 2019.

There are big plans for the Park, including upgrades to technical infrastructure and replacement of numerous cabins. Renovations will begin to take place over the winter months.

Learn more at greatestescapesrvresorts.com and jenkinsorg.com.



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Oakdale Electric Cooperative Wins Statewide Magazine Awards

Oakdale Electric Cooperative recently won two awards of excellence for presentation of local news in the Wisconsin Energy Cooperative News, the voice of the state's rural electric cooperatives. The awards were presented at Electric Communicator's Conference in La Crosse on August 25. Deana Protz, public relations & communications specialist at Oakdale Electric Cooperative, is the editor of the co-op's local pages within the magazine.

Oakdale Electric Cooperative's magazine pages were adjudged to have been the best overall in the category of Human Interest. The co-op also earned an Honorable Mention in the category of Photography.

Founded in 1940, the *Wisconsin Energy Cooperative News* focuses on statewide issues that affect electric cooperatives, promoting the general welfare of Wisconsin's electric cooperatives, their member-owners, and the areas they serve. Nineteen electric cooperatives throughout the state are responsible for their own local sections within the magazine, which reaches 152,000 mailboxes each month.



Deana Protz (right), public relations & communications specialist at Oakdale Electric Cooperative, was presented with a Wisconsin Energy Cooperative News (WECN) award by WECN Editor Dana Kelroy at the statewide Electric Communicator's Conference in La Crosse August 25.



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Lenny Bakken Qualifies for Edward Jones' Financial Advisor Leaders Conference

Lenny Bakken, an Edward Jones financial advisor in Tomah, qualified for the firm's 2021 Financial Advisor Leaders Conference.

This achievement recognizes and celebrates financial advisors who are among the leaders in the financial services firm and provides important industry updates, best practices and ideas to help them serve more individual investors in their communities.

"These financial advisors have shown a tremendous amount of discipline, commitment and work ethic," said John Rahal, an Edward Jones partner responsible for the firm's recognition events. "While this conference will be held virtually this year, we are looking forward to recognizing and celebrating these financial advisors for their hard work and exceptional service they provide to our clients."

The conference was held on 09/07/2021.

"I am honored to be recognized as an Edward Jones Financial Advisor Leader," says Bakken. "I share this honor with the clients who have entrusted me to help them reach their life's goals."

Bakken acknowledges that the success of his branch office would not be possible without a strong team.

Working with Bakken is Stephanie Sommerfield.

This is Bakken's fourth time attending the conference.

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Fall Colors Start Appearing At Pine View Campground



Pine View Campground has hiking and recreation areas that are always open to the public, and other Fort McCoy areas are accessible when they're not being used for training. Visit mccoy.isportsman.net/ for rules, registration, and check-in.

Operation Allies Welcome

The U.S. Department of Defense (DoD), through U.S. Northern Command, and in support of the Department of Homeland Security, is providing transportation, temporary housing, medical screening, and general support for at least 50,000 Afghan evacuees at suitable facilities, in permanent or temporary structures, as quickly as possible. This initiative provides Afghan personnel essential support at secure locations outside Afghanistan.

For those looking to volunteer, donate or assist in the national effort to welcome and support the Afghan families as they build new lives in the United States, there is a new one-stop-shop website to answer all your questions at welcome.us.

More information can be found in The Real McCoy at <https://home.army.mil/mccoy/index.php/my-fort/all-services/real-mccoy>.

Learn more about Fort McCoy online at home.army.mil/mccoy, on Facebook by searching "ftmccoy," and on Twitter by searching "usagmccoy."

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