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Telephone Cooperative, Inc.



2016 SCHOLARSHIP

Award Recipients



Every year, Marquette-Adams awards scholarships to graduating seniors and students furthering their education in the surrounding school districts. These students receive a scholarship in the amount of \$1,500, to be claimed after a successful semester of continuing education. This year, the Cooperative would like to congratulate the following eight recipients:

The 2016 Marquette-Adams Cooperative Scholarship Winners are:



Katelyn Nawrot
Adams Friendship High School



Monica Ueck
Adams Friendship High School



Victoria Timme
Portage High School



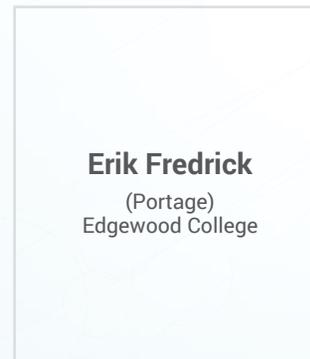
Leigh Huber
Westfield High School



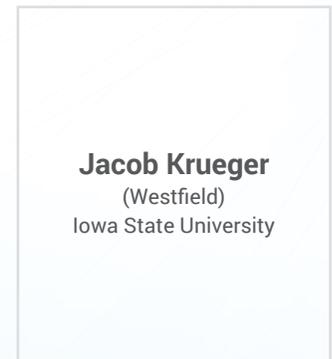
Mariah Burk
Westfield High School



Matthew Hicks
(Portage) – UW-Eau Claire



Erik Fredrick
(Portage)
Edgewood College



Jacob Krueger
(Westfield)
Iowa State University

To be eligible for a scholarship, the student and/or student's parents, foster parents, or legal guardians must be a permanent resident of the Marquette-Adams Telephone Cooperative's serving area and have local telephone service with the Cooperative, be a long distance customer with the Cooperative, or have Internet service with the Cooperative.

Scholarship applications for the 2017 academic year will be available in January 2017, at MarquetteAdams.com. Just click the link on our homepage to view the application. Congratulations to all of our winning students, and good luck in your future endeavors!



Automatic Withdrawal: A Better Way to Pay

Do you have a hard time remembering to pay your bill? Are you tired of sending in payments or having to call and pay over the phone each month? If so, Marquette-Adams would like to encourage you to sign up for easy, carefree automatic payments.

Effective August 1, 2016, Marquette-Adams will no longer be providing postage paid envelopes in our bills. You can certainly still mail in your payment with your own stamp and envelope, or you can make the easy transition to an electronic funds transfer. On the 20th of each month, Marquette-Adams can withdraw your account balance automatically from your checking or savings account, or from a credit or debit card. As a bonus, if you make the switch to auto-billing using a checking or savings account, Marquette-Adams will give you a one-time bill credit of \$5.00! You can still receive a paper bill from the Cooperative like usual, with billing details and a total balance due. The only difference will be that instead of you sending us payment, we do all the work for you.

As a bonus, if you make the switch to auto-billing using a checking or savings account, Marquette-Adams will give you a one-time bill CREDIT OF \$5!

Signing up is easy too! Just call our office at (608) 586-4111 or toll free at (800) 331-5619, and our customer service staff will be happy to assist you. You can set it up over the phone, and start your automatic withdrawal immediately. You can also visit our website and sign up to have your payments automatically withdrawn from checking or savings account.

Additionally, if you are interested in taking the environmentally responsible route, Marquette-Adams would like to encourage you to sign up for paperless billing. At MarquetteAdams.com, by clicking on the Online Account Access tab, you can view your bill, make payments, see your payment history and past billing, and also set up auto payment. With our new, easy-to-use SmartHub applications for Android and Apple devices, you can access your Marquette-Adams account from anywhere you have Internet access! If you need help setting up your Online Account with Marquette-Adams, please contact our office at the numbers listed above, and our staff will walk you through the setup.

2016 ANNUAL MEETING

On March 12th, Marquette-Adams Telephone Cooperative's 64th Annual Stockholders Meeting was held at the Oxford VFW. The meeting recapped the 2015 financial year, and board members Ken Huber, Richard Gumz, and Board President Al Sebastiani were re-elected for new three-year terms. Stockholders who attended were entered into a raffle for a month of free service, as well as given bill credits and flower arrangements. There was a complimentary luncheon provided after the meeting for all who attended, and all attendees took home a special gift from Marquette-Adams!

Note: If you are a patron of the Cooperative and would like to purchase stock, you can contact Lori Lynn Podoll at our office at (608) 586-7032. Every stockholder is entitled to a vote on issues affecting the Cooperative at the Annual Meeting. Applications are available in our office.



Board Members Meet Representative Grothman in D.C.



Marquette-Adams Telephone Cooperative (MATC) directors Diane Elderkin and Dick Wirth met with Representative Glenn Grothman this April in Washington, D.C. to discuss issues important to rural broadband providers. The visit was in conjunction with the Legislative and Policy Conference hosted by NTCA – The Rural Broadband Association. Rep. Grothman is a strong advocate on Capitol Hill for rural broadband providers like MATC.



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Test Your Knowledge for a Chance to Win a FREE Kindle!

Answer these 5 questions and mail them in with your bill for a chance to win a FREE KINDLE!

Hint: All answers can be found in this newsletter. Winner will be drawn July 1, 2016. Good luck!

1. How many scholarships did Marquette-Adams award to students in 2016?
2. Who is the Representative that Marquette-Adams' board members met in Washington, D.C.?
3. What does POWTS stand for?
4. How can you earn a one-time \$5.00 bill credit on your Marquette-Adams account?
5. Who should you contact if you would like to purchase Marquette-Adams' stock?

Name:

Account Number:

Congratulations to our last quarter's winner – Ed Thalacker!



COMMUNITY IN FOCUS

Stanford's Septic



In our small communities, the success of local business is vital to our economic growth. Without a thriving business marketplace, our livelihoods would suffer. It is important that these businesses be connected to the world at the click of a mouse so they can grow and prosper; sustaining our economy, and providing us the best available services. It is with this in mind that Marquette-Adams Telephone Cooperative is committed to serving our business customers with the best in telephone, Internet, and television service at competitive rates and unmatched quality.

Owners of Stanford's Septic, Dale and Mary Stanford, have been a part of the Adams County community for the past 32 years, and have operated both a dairy farm as well as a family roofing business in the Oxford area prior to purchasing the septic business from the Quinnell family in January 2014. Their office overlooks State Rd 82 nearly five miles west of Oxford. Stanford's Septic's mission is to do their jobs honestly and to the best of their ability. They pledge to be forthcoming about any findings and recommendations in an effort to improve their clients' septic systems.

Stanford's provides pumping of septic and holding tanks, portables, and campers, as well as filter cleaning. They also offer rotary cleaning services, jetting, thawing of inlet and outlet pipes, drains, and open tanks in winter. In many cases, they install risers to meet code requirements. A large part of their business is completing the mandatory POWTS (Private On Site Waste Treatment System) inspections required by the county.

On a daily basis, the company relies on Marquette-Adams' services to run their business. They need the Cooperative's consistent phone service to communicate with customers and vendors all over the country. They also depend on the speed and reliability of Marquette-Adams' high speed Internet to access and utilize information from the land information systems for at least five local counties, as well as for online compliance filings. The fast broadband service also makes the employees' days more efficient by allowing the creation of mapping to include detailed records of customers' billing and service addresses.

On the rare occasion that service issues arise, Stanford's is grateful to have locally based technical support staff that can make an evening or weekend trip if necessary. Having that kind of local response is vital when you run a business that doesn't always operate on normal hours.

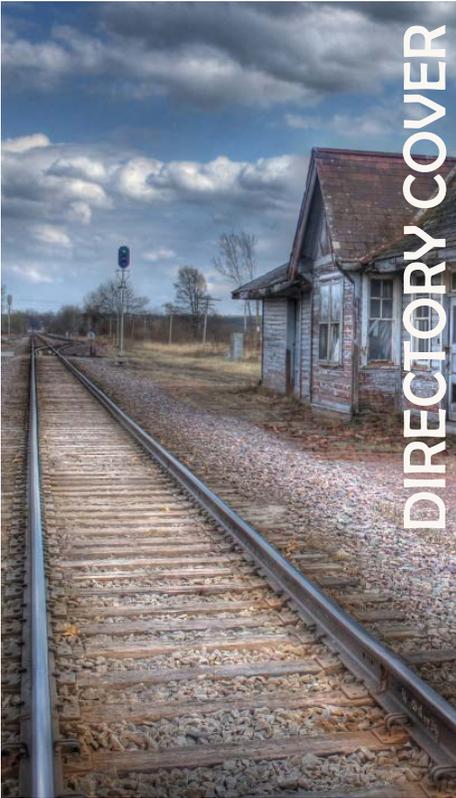
To reach Stanford's, you can contact their office at (608) 586-5276, or visit them at 3296 W 5th Ct, Oxford.

To contact Marquette-Adams Telephone Cooperative about their residential or business service(s), call (608) 586-4111 or (800) 331-5619.



PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS 2016

DIRECTORY COVER



Charles Charpentier

JUNE



Pam Willis

SEPTEMBER



James Brant

DECEMBER



Dave Johnson

MARCH 2017



Richard Jessen

We want to thank everyone who submitted photos for this year's contest. We received more than 125 photos for the fourth year in a row! It was a very close vote, but our staff was able to narrow it down to five winners. Charles Charpentier submitted a beautiful photograph of the old Oxford train depot that was selected as our overall winner and will be featured on the cover of our 2016 Telephone Directory. The other four photos that you see above will be gracing the covers of this year's quarterly newsletters. Again, thank you to all who participated and keep on snapping those pictures to submit in the 2017 Marquette-Adams Photo Contest!

HOLIDAY HOURS

Marquette-Adams Telephone Cooperative's office
will be closed on the following dates:

Saturday, July 2: 4th of July Weekend

Monday, July 4: Independence Day

Saturday, September 3: Labor Day Weekend

Monday, September 5: Labor Day

Our technicians are always available should a service issue arise, and our 24-hour Technical Support line will remain available during all holiday hours. To reach Technical Support, call (608) 586-5910, or (800) 497-7887.

Have a great summer!



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NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Jenna Van De Voort

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Richard Wirth – Vice President, James Larson – Secretary/Treasurer

DIRECTORS: Bryan Anderson, Diane Elderkin, Richard Gumz, Ken Huber

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