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Marquette **ADAMS**
Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

New Employee INTRODUCTION



Spring is always a busy time for us at Marquette-Adams. This was especially true in April when we welcomed two new Customer Service Representatives to our front office, bringing that area back to full staff. As our membership continues to grow, so too does the challenge of staffing our office with qualified individuals to assist our customers. We feel we've added some valuable pieces to help us meet that challenge.

First to join the team was Lisa Flatow who began her tenure with Marquette-Adams on April 15th. Lisa brings with her 13 years of customer service experience, some of which took place at a fellow telecom service provider, Reedsburg Utility Commission. Lisa has lived in the Dells area all her life and loves to spend time with her family, camping and going to races.

Next to join the team was Amanda Huber who joined the team on April 22nd. Amanda, who has enjoyed more than 10 successful years in the customer service industry, comes to us from Pepsi of Madison. She just finished her bachelor's in Business and Project Management. When Amanda is not working and doing homework, she loves spending time with her family and kids.

We're very excited to have added these two skilled professionals. Give them a call, or better yet stop by the office when you're in the neighborhood if you have any questions for the new members of our team. Lisa and Amanda will no doubt be an asset to the quality reputation of service and support you have come to expect from Marquette-Adams, and we look forward to watching them grow with us.

2019 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 2019 Marquette-Adams Cooperative Scholarship Winners are:



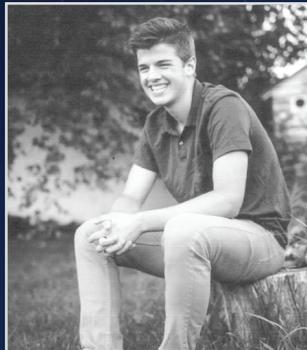
BROOKE LIVINGSTON
Adams-Friendship High School



JENA EMS
Adams-Friendship High School



ALLY WINDUS
Portage High School



RYAN WILLIS
Portage High School



LINDSAY BAUMANN
Westfield High School



LACEY BAUMANN
Westfield High School



CADE WINTER-PROCKNOW
Westfield High School



JADE MORRIS
Westfield High School

Scholarship applications for the 2020 academic year will be available in January 2020, 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!

Keith Wohlfert – May 2019

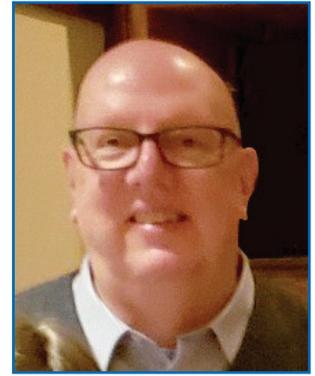
Marquette Adams Telephone Cooperative held their annual meeting on March 16, 2019. Al Sebastiani stepped down from the Board of Directors and Keith Wohlfert was elected. Ken Huber and Richard Gumz were both re-elected.

Keith is a lifelong resident of the Oxford area and has been married to his wife Sue for the past 35 years. Sue and Keith have three children and five grandchildren. He retired from Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative in October of 2017 after 30 years.

Keith keeps himself busy in his spare time by serving on several other boards in our area. He currently is the Chairman for the Town of Oxford and Secretary for the Oxford Fire District. He is a lifelong member of the Oxford Lions Club where he has served as past President and currently the lifelong Secretary. Keith has also served on the Board of Education for the School District of Westfield, several of those years were as President of the board.

He has several fun hobbies he likes to participate in. You can find him flying airplanes and hot air balloons, scuba diving, hunting, fishing, reading and working in his shop.

Keith stated, "I consider it a great honor to serve on the board of Marquette-Adams Telephone Cooperative. After working for an electric cooperative for several years, I am a big fan of the cooperative business model. It is going to be interesting to learn about telephone cooperatives, both locally and around the state and nation."



MARQUETTE COUNTY FOOD PANTRY

In our small communities, community involvement plays a big part. Marquette Adams is proud to be a drop-off location for the local Marquette County food pantry. The local food pantry provides that little helping hand to local families. The Marquette Adams employees love seeing the shelves fill up in our entry way. So, the next time you're in the neighborhood and would like to donate, stop on in. All non-perishable, non-expired food items are accepted.

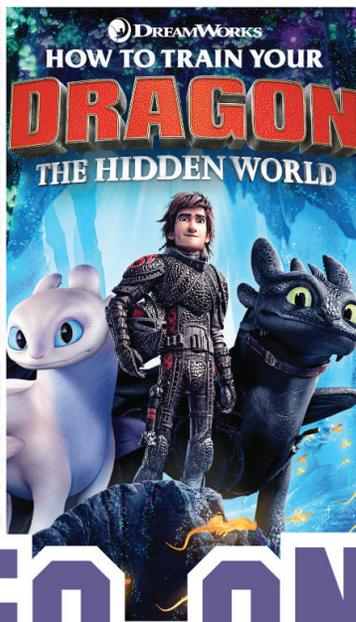


EASTER COLORING CONTEST WINNERS

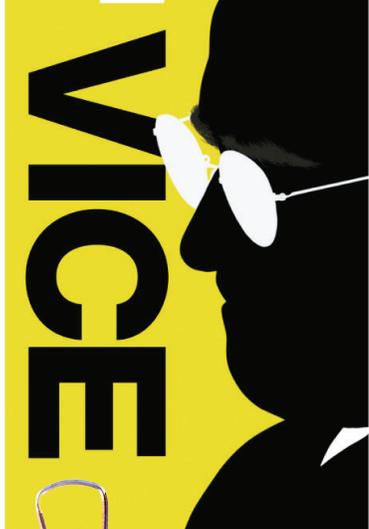
Marquette Adams Telephone Cooperative held our annual Easter Coloring Contest for kids ages 3-10 during the month of April. All the kids' submissions were proudly hung in our office to display all the local talent. On April 18, our winners were announced and received a chocolate Easter Bunny and a special gift.

Howie Bahn
Isabelle Behling
Evan Dillman
Malinah Flatow
Emaleigh Aleta Johnson
Jake Roller
Kayla Roller
Aaron Taylor
Kalani Taylor





VIDEO ON DEMAND



**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, 2019. Good luck!

1. Which high school did Marquette-Adams award the most scholarships to in 2019?
2. How many new employees joined Marquette-Adams in April?
3. How many areas does the Adams Fire District serve?
4. Who is the Fire Chief for the Adams County Fire District?
5. How many kids won the Easter Coloring contest?

Name:

Account Number:

COMMUNITY IN FOCUS: ADAMS FIRE DISTRICT

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.

Although we normally focus our feature on local businesses that rely heavily on our suite of telecom services for necessary operations, we realize the importance of recognizing the local emergency service providers who are using our resources to succeed in keeping our community's safety and wellness at heart.

One such emergency service provider is doing just that. Adams County Fire District is a prime example of a small local organization that is leveraging Marquette-Adams resources while at the same time stimulating environmental recovery and promoting consumer health and wellness.

The Adams County Fire District was established in June of 1988. It provides emergency/ fire protection services for the following municipalities: City of Adams, Village of Friendship, Town of Adams, Town of Easton, Town of Preston, Town of Springville and the Town of Strongs Prairie. The Adams County Fire District also provides mutual aid to all surrounding fire departments. In addition, they aid the local ambulance service and Sheriff's Department when requested.

Marquette-Adams recently provided the Adams County Fire District with upgraded office equipment, which has assisted the Fire District in many ways. With the new state-of-the-art equipment and upgraded internet service, the office staff is able to complete all the local, state and federal reports on-site instead of taking them to another location. Additionally, the department now has the broadband capability to participate in online training right from the station; an option that was not a possibility until our services were installed. Communication with members of the fire district, outside fire districts, as well as state and federal agencies has also become more streamlined because of the services they now have access to. These communications are essential in keeping up to date on practices, form completion and grant application information.

Fire Chief Darin Kurth recently expressed his gratitude toward Marquette-Adams and all others that played a role in the development and construction of the new fire station.

Note: Adams County Fire District is always looking for persons interested in becoming volunteer fire fighters. If interested, please contact Chief Darin Kurth.

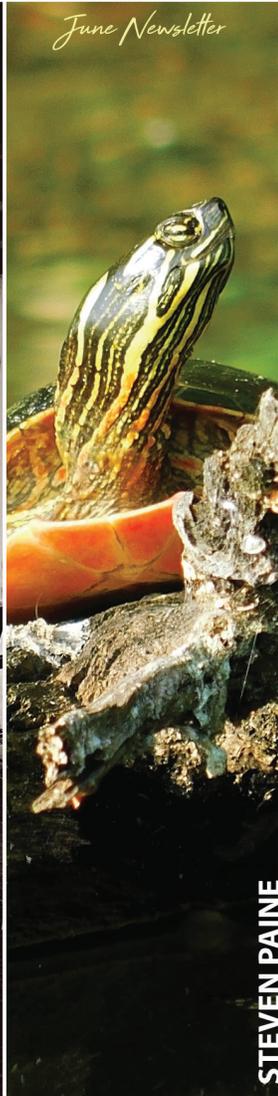


2019 PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

Directory



June Newsletter



STEVEN PAINE

September Newsletter



JAN TEN FYCK GARSKE

December Newsletter



DAVE JOHNSON

March Newsletter



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We want to thank everyone who submitted photographs for this year's photo contest. We once again received more than 100 photos from our valued customers! It wasn't easy, but we were able to narrow the entries down to five winning photos. Look for these photos on the cover of our annual telephone directory, as well as our quarterly newsletters. Thanks again to all who participated.

OFFICE HOURS

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

Thursday, July 4: Independence Day

Saturday, August 31: Labor Day Weekend

Monday, September 2: 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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