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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2020 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

Every year, Marquette-Adams awards scholarships to graduating seniors and students furthering their education in the surrounding school districts. These students will each 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 2020 Marquette-Adams Cooperative Scholarship Winners are:



KELSEY JOHNSON
Adams-Friendship High School



KAITLYN RABIDEAU
Montello High School



MAKAYA JAMISON
Portage High School



HANNAH HOCKERMAN
Westfield High School



TAYLOR BIGNELL
Westfield High School



MARTIN KOENIG
Wisconsin Dells High School



NICOLE KOLANO
Wisconsin Dells High School



PAUL (PABLITO) SCHULZ JR
Wisconsin Dells High School

Scholarship applications for the 2021 academic year will be available in December 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!*

MEET THE CONSTRUCTION CREW

As your local cooperative, we are proud to be staffed by some of the most talented individuals in our area, many of whom are your friends and neighbors. Some of them you know, and others you may not. Over the next year or so, we will reserve a section of our newsletter to introduce you to the various team members who work hard every day to keep you connected and to allow Marquette-Adams to continue to run as smoothly as possible.



Josh Machkovich (left) and Ben Andres get ready to kick off another day on the Construction Crew.

The first group we would like to introduce is our construction crew; a group that *literally* works in the trenches every day and doesn't mind getting their hands dirty. Few people realize that a fiber expansion can be an arduous, time-consuming process that requires multiple steps, beginning with the decision to expand and ending with the final installation of services. It is the steps that take place in between that require the grit, strength and know-how of this dedicated team. And believe me, these steps are far more complicated than simply digging a hole and laying some fiber in the ground.

The team begins by drawing up a detailed game plan before they even consider breaking ground. This procedure consists of flagging burial routes, accessing burial permits and educating themselves on all local zoning restrictions and regulations. Once all these details have been closely considered and completed, they can finally get down to business. Armed with specialized burial equipment: A Case Maxi sneaker, vac trailer to locate the fiber, a Kubota tractor, 860 Case, winch, and of course their trusty shovel, these gentlemen can take on any burial project that comes their way.

While they certainly enjoy the fresh air, working outdoors does present its own set of challenges. Spring and fall days bring wind and cool temperatures, late thaws and early frosts, while the summer sun and sweltering heat can at times be unforgiving. And let's not forget the occasional rainstorm or something even more severe. But these men are professionals who are more than happy to roll up their sleeves, look Mother Nature in the eye and say, "Bring it on." Despite the challenges, this team averages almost 200 new fiber drops a year, always taking care to maneuver equipment and bury the fiber in a manner that offers minimal disruption to the customer's property.

Now that you know a little more about our Construction Crew, feel free to tip your cap the next time you see them out in the field to let them know how much you appreciate their hard work in delivering our fiber to your community. They are truly an integral part of the work we do here at Marquette-Adams.

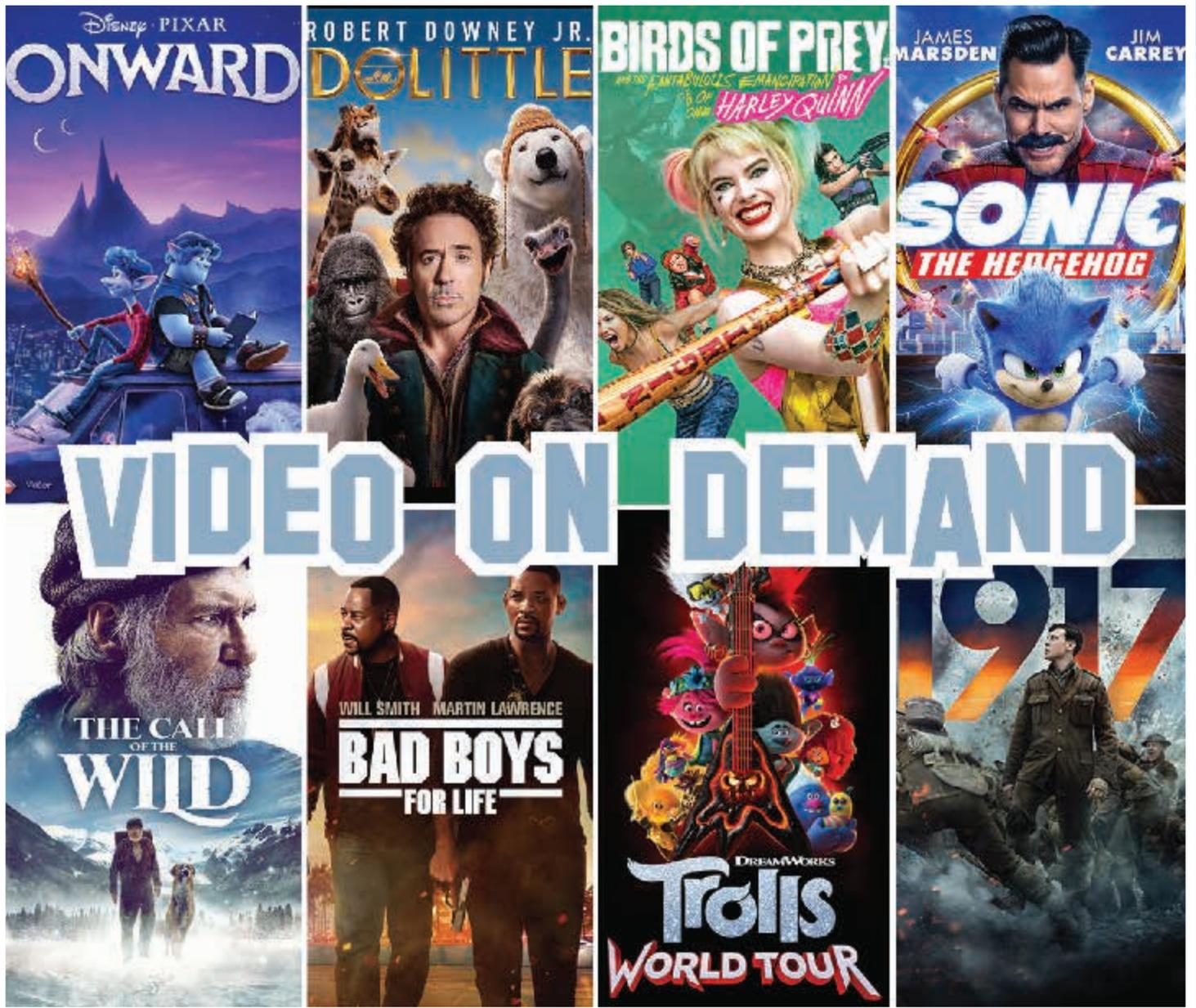
FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE

The Marquette-Adams Telephone Cooperative office in Oxford is one of many drop-off locations in the area that accepts items on behalf of the Marquette County food pantry. Given the challenges presented by the ongoing events of 2020, more than ever before we would love to fill our shelves with donations for those in need. With that goal in mind, we are challenging all Marquette-Adams customers to bring in non-perishable food items before the end of the July. Items may be delivered directly to the shelves inside the main doors of our lobby, which will be open during regular office hours. For each item that you donate, you will receive a raffle ticket. Please notify a front-office staff member when you make your donation so that they can confirm the number of items and present you with a ticket for each. The tickets will then be entered into a drawing, giving all donors the opportunity to win a **\$100 Credit** on your August bill! The winning ticket will be selected on Monday, August 3rd.

There are many families in need in our area, and every little bit helps. So, whether you intend to donate one item or 50, don't wait, bring them in today. Thank you all for your generosity!

Note that if the "Safer-At-Home Order" is still in place, we ask that you please call our office at (608)586-4111 for details regarding safe donation drop-off instructions.





Test Your KNOWLEDGE

Name:

Account Number:

Answer these 4 questions and mail them in with your bill for a chance to win a FREE KINDLE! Winner will be drawn July 6, 2020.

Good luck everyone!

1. How many fiber drops does the Construction Crew average in a year?
2. How many wonderful Scholarships did we award this year?
3. What is the deadline for the Food Pantry Challenge?
4. Who was the winner of the Photo contest?

Congratulations to the March Newsletter winner: Roxanne Haley

COMMUNITY IN FOCUS:

Thank You

It is no secret that 2020 has presented us with a number of challenges. The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted each and every one of us in one way or another, some harder than others. Schools were locked up, sports and community events had to be postponed or cancelled, some residents are working from home, others have been laid off, and a number of local businesses were left with no choice but to close their doors. In short, the way we live our daily lives has been impacted in ways most of us have never experienced in our lifetime.

Unprecedented challenges, however, demand an unprecedented response. Our local communities are no exception. There are numerous folks who have met these challenges head-on and continue to play a critical role in providing our communities with safety, security and vital resources as we continue to move forward together. We at Marquette-Adams would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge these courageous individuals and extend our deepest gratitude for their commitment to their friends, neighbors and communities as a whole.

To the teachers who continued to educate the youth of our community by developing new and creative ways to impact their students online... *we thank you.*

To the medical professionals who are facing enormous pressure and personal risk to maintain the health and well-being of all of our families... *we thank you.*

To the workers who stock the shelves and operate the checkout lines at our local grocery stores so that we may continue to put food on the table and have access to the supplies we need... *we thank you.*

And the others who continue to make sacrifices, big and small, who have kept their distance from friends, family and neighbors in order to keep them safe, who continue to be there for their loved ones through all the challenges we face and will continue to face together... *we thank you.*

To the first responders, police officers, EMTs, fire and rescue teams and others who continue to answer the call when their community needs them most... *we thank you.*

We are all in this together. Whatever our individual role, we must all continue to do our part.

Marquette-Adams will continue to do our part by keeping you connected at time when it is more important than ever before. As a cooperative and a member of the communities we serve, we will continue to operate and provide our services, while emphasizing the health and well-being of our customers, staff and community as a whole.

Once again, from all of us at Marquette-Adams... thank you all.

Stay safe.



2020 PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS



STEVEN PAINE



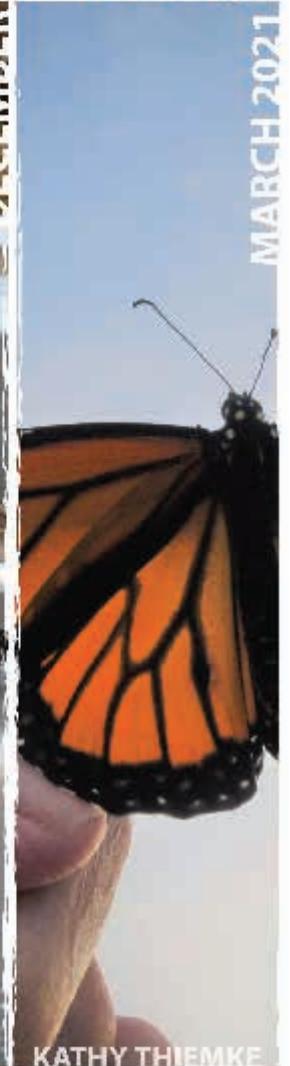
GRACE DOYLE



ROSE THOMPSON



DAVE JOHNSON



KATHY THIEMKE

We want to thank everyone who submitted photographs for this year's photo contest. 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:

- Friday, July 3: Independence Day Holiday
- Saturday, July 4: Independence Day Holiday
- Saturday, September 5: Labor Day Holiday
- Monday, September 7: Labor Day Holiday

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. Have a great summer!



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