



ACCESSIBILITY FOR ALL

OEC helps support park improvements through Operation Round Up program



The Operation Round Up board of directors approved a donation request that will benefit the physically challenged and elderly populations by providing leisure and recreation opportunities at a local park. Tomah's Butts Park (located on Parkview Drive) is undergoing a makeover this summer to incorporate new handicap-accessible amenities, comprising a shelter, fishing pier, and

playground, due to the support of the North American Squirrel Association.

Although the group's name has squirrel in its title, the mission of the North American Squirrel Association (nasa) has nothing to do with the acorn-loving animal. The La Crosse-based non-profit organization was formed in 2003 by outdoor enthusiasts with a desire to provide recreational experiences—fishing, boating, hunting, biking, skiing, and golfing—for individuals in need. Activities are free of charge, thanks in part to the many volunteers that donate their time to aide in outings.

Participation continually climbed over the past decade, as did the group's desire to expand programming into surrounding communities. Tomah was on nasa's radar for a programming site due to the recreational lake and surrounding green space within the city limits. The Parks and Recreation Department approved Butts Park for the project, and a volunteer group led by Birdie Dietzman fundraised the necessary money in one year.

"All funds raised went directly to the project. We're a volunteer-based group, so there are no administration fees," stated Dietzman.

Groundbreaking occurred July 2017. The entire project will occur in phases, with the shelter and fishing pier being



Board Member Pat Christensen presents a \$500 donation to Birdie Dietzman. Pictured at the top is the site for the future accessible park shelter.




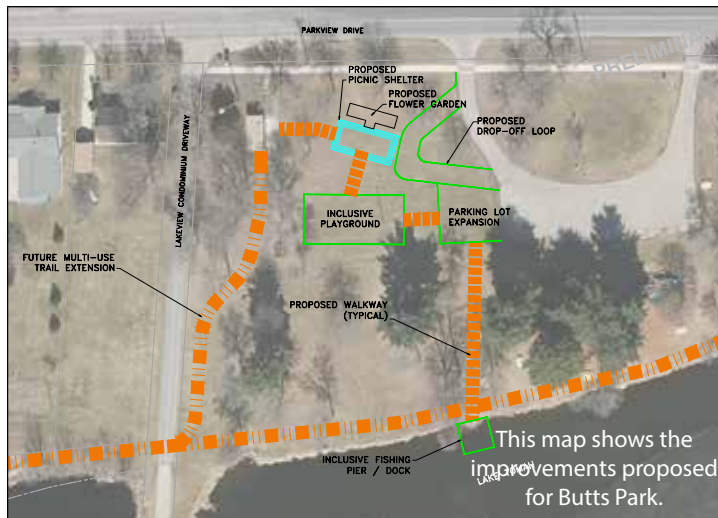
The Butts Park project will include construction of a new, handicap-accessible fishing pier.

constructed first, followed by the playground. A pontoon boat, used for leisure outings and fishing trips, is also on Dietzman’s long-term plans to attain.

“This park is going to benefit our community greatly,” she said.

Tomah’s Parks and Recreation Director Joe Protz stated, “We are excited that nasa chose our community to enhance the lives of the elderly and physically challenged through leisure and recreation services. The city is committed to continuing to maintain and improve Butts Park, with the goal of making it an all-inclusive park destination that will provide enjoyment and memories for visitors.”

To learn more about how you can either volunteer or participate in the North American Squirrel Association, visit www.nasasquirrel.com or call 608-234-5988. 



Operation Round Up is making a difference

Oakdale Electric Cooperative members not already enrolled in Operation Round Up can join the voluntary program by checking the box below and returning with your bill payment. If you prefer, application forms are available at our office in Oakdale, or online at www.oakdalerec.com. Member representatives can also help you sign up with a phone call to 800-241-2468.

YES, I want to contribute to Operation Round Up.

Name _____

Member Number _____

Address _____

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*Please return to Oakdale Electric Cooperative,
489 N. Oakwood St., Tomah, WI 54660*

CAN YOU HELP US FIND THESE PEOPLE?

The following are former members who have capital credit checks that were not cashed. If you know the current address of someone listed here, or of a relative or benefactor who may have rightful claim to the capital credits if the former member is deceased, please contact us at 608-372-4131 or info@oakdalerec.com. Any unclaimed checks will revert to the Wisconsin Federated Youth Foundation, Inc. a charitable tax-exempt trust established by the Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association for educational purposes.

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SunnyOak Community Solar Garden is up and running!

If you want to get involved with SunnyOak Community Solar Garden, Oakdale Electric Cooperative's exciting new renewable energy project, contact the cooperative at 800-241-2468 and speak with a solar representative. You can also learn more on our website, www.oakdalerec.com.



LAST CALL FOR PHOTOS!

There's still time to enter our 2017 Member Photo Contest, but act quickly! Photos must be submitted by **August 25, 2017**. For contest details, go to www.oakdalerec.com.


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