

# Light Notes

Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative

OCTOBER 2024  
Lancaster, Darlington and Gays Mills, Wisconsin

Sunset Sky, courtesy of Anna Robbins, Benton, WI

## TRICK OR TREAT

### *Don't Let An Electrical Mishap Be Your Halloween Trick.*

As you ready your yard and porch for Halloween, make sure the decorations you plug in do not become hazardous. **To avoid a Halloween scare, take these safety precautions:**

- Discard any decorations that have **cracked or frayed cords** or damaged plugs.
- **Do not** put any decorations on power poles, padmount transformers or any other electrical equipment.
- Use decorations that are endorsed by a reputable testing laboratory such as **Underwriters Laboratories (UL)**.
- If you are using extension cords outdoors, make sure they are **rated for outdoor use**.

- **Secure all cords** so they do not become tripping hazards.
- Plug all cords into circuits protected by **GFCIs** to prevent electrical shock.
- **Do not use nails or tacks** to hang lights or other electrical decor.
- Keep decorations **away from flammable items** like bales of hay, cornstalks or witch's brew.

*Have a safe and festive Halloween complete with safe tricks and tasty treats.*

Learn more at

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# THE PEOPLE BEHIND YOUR POWER



**Robert Tank**  
*Lineworker*

**Years of Service** - 9 years

**Hobbies** - Visiting air, automotive, and farm-related museums and antique engine shows; agricultural and automotive repair; tool and steel fabrication; and antique and modern shooting sports/reloading.

## IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR TO ...

Change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detector.

Check the weather stripping around doors and windows and replace worn ones.



... and set your clocks back one hour on November 3, 2024.

## RIGHT-OF-WAY MAINTENANCE NOTES



Zielie's Tree Service will be finishing up trimming the Eastman Substation, north circuit, in Crawford County during the month of October. Their bucket crew will be finishing trimming the Eastman Substation, west circuit, and beginning trimming the north circuit during the month of October.

It is important for SREC to maintain its rights-of-way for the following reasons:

- Accessibility for field crews, vehicles and equipment
- Fire prevention
- Reliable electric service
- Quality service with the reduction of outages and blinks
- Safety for workers and the public
- Meeting state and federal code requirements

On a daily basis, SREC employees and contractors may be working throughout the area, and at times on your property, to operate and maintain the electric system and our rights-of-ways.

If you have questions, please contact us at 800-236-2141.



## OCTOBER IS COOPERATIVE MONTH

WATCH OUR FACEBOOK PAGE TO SEE IF YOU'RE A DAILY WINNER!

*More details may be found in the local pages of the WEC News Magazine.*

### Safety Tip

In the U.S., nine people are killed each day in crashes that are reported to involve a distracted driver. When you drive, just drive. Distracted driving not only puts you and other drivers at risk, but it also endangers roadside crews, bikers and pedestrians.



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