

# WATT'S HAPPENING

SCENIC RIVERS ENERGY COOPERATIVE

LANCASTER, DARLINGTON AND GAYS MILLS, WISCONSIN

## ***Petition Deadline for District 3, 4 and 8 Board Candidates January 14, 2018***

The terms of the directors in Districts 3, 4, and 8 expire at the 2018 annual meeting, when elections will be held for those position. All three incumbent directors are seeking re-election- Chuck Simmons (District 3), Ellen Conley (District 4) and Steve Carpenter (District 8). The Bylaws provide for nomination of candidates by petition. A petition must meet the requirements.

For additional information about the petition process or the qualifications for director, please refer to the Bylaws, the sample petition form and the director district map that are available on the Cooperative's website at [www.sre.coop](http://www.sre.coop).



## ***SREC Youth Places Third in Statewide Essay Contest***

Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative represented Venkat Reddy, a senior at Platteville High School, at the 2017 Youth Leadership Congress at UW River Falls last July. We are pleased to announce that he took third place in the statewide youth essay contest sponsored by the Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association. The theme for the essay contest was "The Value of Cooperation." You will find his winning essay in the January issue of the Wisconsin Energy Cooperative News magazine.



Each year, Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative sponsors students to attend the Youth Leadership Congress at UW River Falls in July. During this three day program, students learn about cooperatives and leadership. They also have opportunities to get on the Youth Board that plans the next year's Youth Leadership Congress and an all-expense paid trip to Washington DC the following June. In addition, all students can write an essay for a chance to win a scholarship. So, if you are a member and have a child or grandchild that is going into 10, 11 or 12th grades the fall of 2018, please have them apply. The 2018 dates for this program is July 25-27. Application forms and information about the program will be available in March/April. If you have any questions, please contact Heidi at 608-723-2121 ext. 554 or by email [hpierce@srec.net](mailto:hpierce@srec.net).



**SAVE THE DATE**  
for our Annual meeting on April 14th at Youth & Ag Building in Lancaster

# Space Heater Safety Tips

Space heaters are a great way to warm specific rooms in your home without having to crank up the thermostat, but using space heaters doesn't come without risk! Use the tips below to keep your home safe.

**DO:** Plug your space heater directly into the wall outlet.

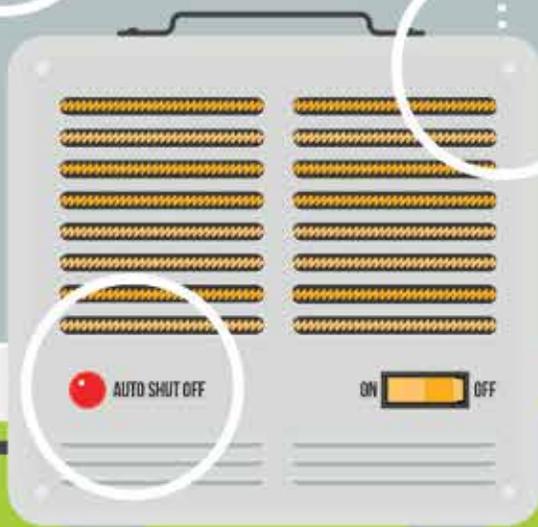


**DO:** Keep your space heater in low-moisture rooms.

**DO:** Keep your space heater at a safe distance (at least 3 feet) from kids, pets and flammable items.



**DO:** Buy a unit with an automatic shutoff in case the unit tips over, or you forget to shut it off.



**DO:** Always follow the directions and take a broken space heater to a qualified appliance service center.



**DON'T:** Leave your space heater unattended. Always unplug it before you leave the house or go to bed.



**DON'T:** Use an extension cord to plug in your space heater. It can cause the heater to over-heat, and can be a tripping hazard.

**DON'T:** Place your space heater near curtains, clothing, furniture or bedding.



**DON'T:** Try to repair a broken space heater yourself.



**DON'T:** Put your space heater in your bathroom. The moisture can damage the unit, which could cause it to malfunction.



# 10 Quick Tips to Avoid High Winter Bills

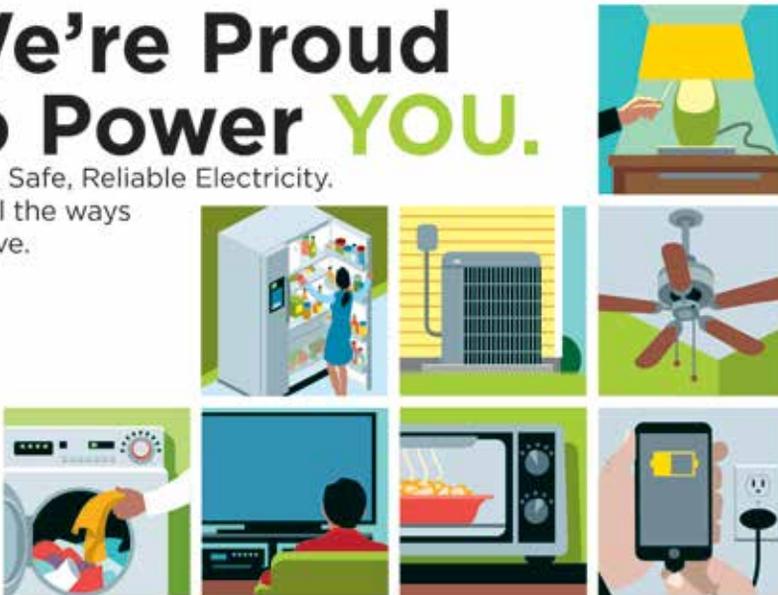
Looking to lower your bills this winter?  
Use the 10 tips below to conserve energy.

-  Seal air leaks and insulate well to prevent heat from escaping and cold air from entering your home.
-  Reduce waste heat by installing a programmable thermostat.
-  Turn off lights when not in use.
-  Lower your water heater temperature. The Dept. of Energy recommends using the warm setting (120 degrees) during fall and winter months.
-  Unplug electronics like kitchen appliances and TVs when you're away.
-  Open blinds and curtains during the day to allow sunlight in to warm your home.
-  Close blinds and curtains at night to keep cold, drafty air out.
-  Use power strips for multiple appliances, and turn off the main switch when you're away from home.
-  Wash clothes in cold water, and use cold-water detergent whenever possible.
-  Replace incandescent light bulbs with LEDs, which use at least 75 percent less energy.

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## SREC is seeking a qualified free-lance writer

SREC is seeking a qualified free-lance writer to tell members' stories for the local pages of the Wisconsin Energy Cooperative News. Successful applicant will also be required to take any photos necessary to accompany stories. This is a free-lance position only and will not lead to a permanent position at the co-op—writer will be paid per hour and compensated for mileage.

If interested, please contact Heidi at SREC, 608-723-2121 ext. 554 or [hpierce@srec.net](mailto:hpierce@srec.net).

Please be prepared to provide writing samples.



## Recipes

Thank you Cathy Skaife (Platteville) for sharing your Pillsbury Classic Chicken Pot Pie recipe with us!

### Pillsbury Classic Chicken Pot Pie

#### Crust

- 1 box Pillsbury refrigerated pie crusts, softened

#### Filling

- 1/3 cup Butter or Margarine
- 1/3 cup Chopped Onion
- 1/3 cup Flour
- 1/4 tsp Pepper
- 1/2 tsp Salt
- 1-3/4 cups Chicken Broth ( from 32-oz carton)
- 1/2 cup Milk
- 2-1/2 cups Shredded Cooked Chicken or Turkey
- 2 cups Frozen Mixed Vegetables, thawed

Heat oven to 425 degrees. Make pie crusts as directed on box for Two-Crust pie using 9-inch pie pan. In a 2-quart saucepan, melt butter or margarine over medium heat. Add onion; cook 2 minutes stirring frequently, until tender. Stir in flour, salt and pepper until well blended. Gradually stir in broth and milk, cooking and stirring until bubbly and thickened. Stir in chicken and mixed vegetables. Remove from heat. Spoon chicken mixture into crust-lined pie pan. Top with second crust, seal edge and flute. Cut slits in several places in top crust. Bake 30 to 40 minutes or until crust is golden brown. During last 15 minutes of baking, cover crust edge with strips of foil to prevent excessive browning. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.



The next recipe for Peanut Butter Incredibles is from Rita Kruser (Cuba City). Thank you Rita for sharing!

### Peanut Butter Incredibles

- 2/3 c. Butter
- 1 c. Chunky Peanut Butter
- 2 c. Powdered Sugar
- 1-1/2 c. Graham Cracker Crumbs
- 1-1/4 c. Chocolate Chips
- 1 c. Butterscotch Chips

Melt butter in pan over low heat on the stove; stir in peanut butter. Add next two ingredients; press into greased 13x9 baking pan. Then microwave last two ingredients to melt, stirring. Spread in pan. Chill for 45 minutes then cut and serve.

## Vegetation Management

Zielie's Tree Service will be completing the Steuben Sub in Crawford and doing some cleanup work on the Hurricane Sub in Grant County in January.

**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 are working throughout the area, at times on your property, to operate and maintain the electric system and our rights-of-ways. We appreciate your cooperation. If you have questions, please contact Jay at [jgardner@srec.net](mailto:jgardner@srec.net) or call 800-236-2141, ext. 566.

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