

WATT'S HAPPENING

SCENIC RIVERS ENERGY COOPERATIVE

LANCASTER, DARLINGTON AND GAYS MILLS, WISCONSIN

Scholarship Application

College scholarships will be awarded through a drawing at the 2016 Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative 79th Annual meeting on April 9, 2016. At the time of the annual meeting, to be eligible to receive a scholarship, the applicant must be either:



- a. a senior in high school;
- b. a senior in a home-schooled program;
- c. a non-traditional student entering their freshman year in a post-secondary accredited program
- After successful completion of their first semester of post-secondary school or college AND receiving credit for at least 12 hours at a minimum "C" average, a \$750 check will be made out to the student and the school for the second semester tuition. If the student fails to meet these qualifications, the scholarship will be awarded to the alternate if they have met all the same requirements.

Qualifications:

1. Only dependents of members or members of Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative will be eligible to receive scholarship money. Family members of employees and directors are eligible.

2. The application can be mailed to the address below and needs to be received **on or before April 4th** to qualify:

Mailing Address: *Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative
Attn: 2016 Scholarships
231 N. Sheridan St.
Lancaster, WI 53813*

Email Address: *csolmstead@srec.net*

SREC will mail each student a letter to verify receipt of the application. If you do not hear from SREC by April 5th, 2016 please call to verify SREC received your application.

3. The student **must** be present at the SREC Annual Meeting held on April 9, 2016 to win.
 4. The student must receive college credit for at least 12 hours at a minimum "C" average to be awarded the scholarship.
 5. Simply fill out the application form and return it to the address stated above. Applications can be picked up at any of the SREC three offices: Lancaster, Darlington, or Gays Mills or on our website @ www.sre.coop
- If you have questions regarding the 2016 Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative Scholarship please contact Carrie Olmstead at 608-723-2121 or 800-236-2141ext. 556.



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

****deadline April 4, 2016***

Name _____ Phone No. _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Parent Name (or legal guardian) _____

Address _____
(if different from student)

Cooperative Billing Account Number _____

Township _____

Name of High School _____

Graduation Date _____

Seal Air Leaks with Caulk

Did you know heating and cooling accounts for roughly half of your home's energy use? Caulking cracks and gaps around windows, doors and spaces around wires (telephone, electrical, cable and gas lines), water spigots and dryer vents can pay off with big energy savings.

*Approximate cost: \$5-\$30 *Energy savings: Approx. 5-10 percent - Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy

Materials You Will Need:

Caulk, caulk gun, knife or tool to cut, rags, water

1. PREP: Clean the area where you will be applying the caulk. Remove any dirt, loose paint or old, cracked caulk.

Be sure the area is dry before applying new caulk appropriate for your application.

2. LOAD: You will need to pull the plunger all the way back to load the tube of caulk into the barrel of the caulking gun.

Next, squeeze the trigger a few times until the

plunger makes contact with the tube. Squeeze once or twice more to fill the tip with caulk.

3. APPLY: To figure out the right amount of caulk needed, experiment with an out-of-the-way section. You may find that you need less caulk than you thought.

Hold the gun at a slight angle. Apply steady pressure on the trigger to create a solid stream from the tip, which should be placed 1/2 inch or less from the intended destination of the material.

Use just enough caulk to do the job. Use your finger to gently press the caulk into the corner, crack or space.

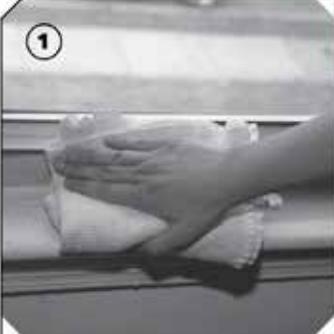
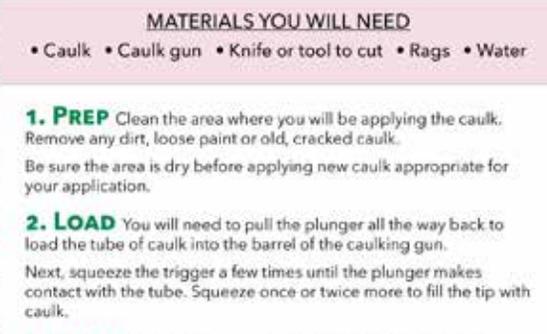
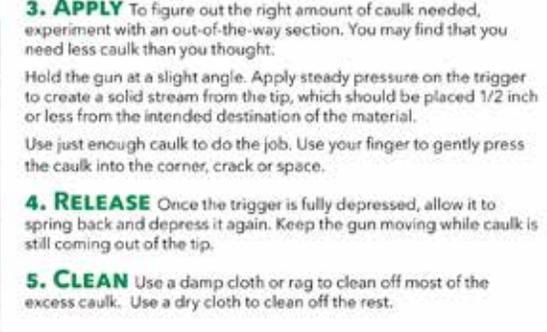
4. RELEASE: Once the trigger is fully depressed, allow it to spring back and depress it again. Keep the gun moving while caulk is still coming out of the tip.

5. CLEAN: Use a damp cloth or rag to clean off most of the excess caulk. Use a dry cloth to clean off the rest.

SEAL AIR LEAKS WITH CAULK

Did you know heating and cooling accounts for roughly **HALF OF YOUR HOME'S ENERGY USE?** Caulking cracks and gaps around windows, doors and spaces around wires (telephone, electrical, cable and gas lines), water spigots and dryer vents can pay off with **BIG ENERGY SAVINGS.**

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2016 Member Photo Contest

“Rural Wisconsin”

Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative is holding our annual photo contest for members' photos to be featured in our 2017 calendar. Winning photos may be used in future newsletters or cooperative publications.

Photo Contest Criteria:

- Photos must be taken within the Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative service area.
- Photos should capture life in rural Wisconsin (seasons, wildlife, landscape, etc.)
- Photos must have a horizontal (landscape) orientation.
- Photos can be in color or black and white.
- Photos must be high resolution; at least 300 dpi.

Photo Contest Rules and Details:

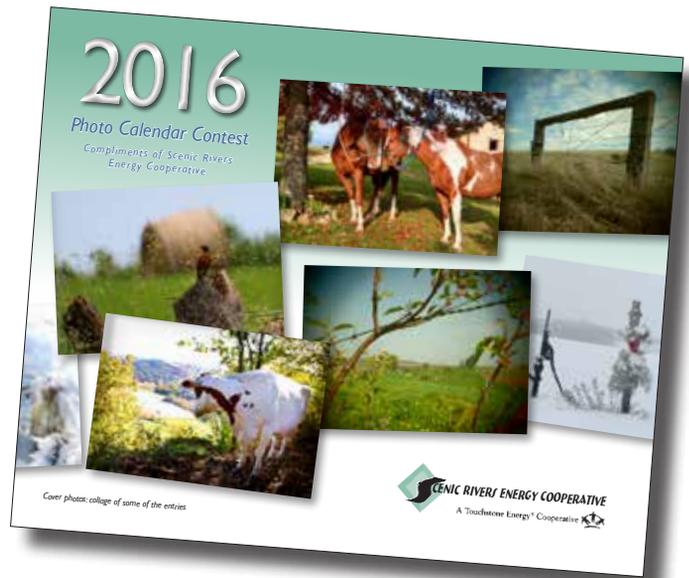
- Contest will run from February 1, 2016 until August 21, 2016; however, submitted photos can be taken outside of this date range.
- Three (3) photos per member will be accepted.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



If you only want to heat or supplement inadequate heating in one room, small space heaters can be less expensive to use than your central heating system.

Source: energy.gov



- All Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative members 18 years old and over are eligible to submit photos.
- Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative members under the age of 18 years old are eligible to participate, but must submit a parent/guardian form with entry.
- A completed entry form must accompany each photo.
- Member must own rights to photo.
- SREC employees will determine the winning photos.

Photo Contest Entry

Email forms and photos to hpierce@srec.net

**2016 Annual
Meeting
Saturday, April 9**

Youth & Ag Building
916 East Elm Street, Lancaster, WI

9:00 a.m. Registration
9:30 a.m. Meeting

Lunch catered by Rooster Andy's.

Recipes

Thanks to Cathy Skaife (Platteville) for sharing her Sausage Mushroom Breakfast Bake! She said, "I love to make this when the kids come home for the weekend."

Sausage Mushroom Breakfast Bake

- 1 pound pork sausage
- 2 cups sliced fresh mushrooms
- 6 cups cubed bread
- 2 cups (8 ounces) shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 1 cup salsa sauce
- 10 eggs, lightly beaten
- 3 cups milk
- 2 teaspoons ground mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper



In a large skillet, cook sausage and mushrooms until done. Place half of the bread cubes in a 13 x 9 baking dish. Top with half of the sausage mixture and half of the cheese and salsa sauce. Repeat layers. In a large bowl, combine the eggs, milk, mustard, salt and pepper. Pour over the bread mixture. Bake uncovered for 1 hour at 350 degrees. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.

Thanks to Rita Kruser (Cuba City) for sharing her recipe that she uses to spice up Valentine's Day! She shares that this puts fragrance in the kitchen when baking these cupcakes with the chai spice. If you cannot find chai spice, then mix 1 tsp pumpkin pie spice with 1/2 tsp ground cardamom.

Chai Spice Cupcakes

- 1 pkg White Cake Mix
- 1-1/4 c. Half and Half
- 1/2 c. Vegetable Oil
- 2 Eggs
- 1-1/2 tsp. Chai Spice

Preheat oven at 350. Line the regular 12 count muffin tin with paper baking cups. In a large mixing bowl, combine all the ingredients above and beat for 2 minutes. Then fill muffin tines about 2/3 full and bake for 16-18 minutes. Cool in pan for 5 minutes and then transfer to wire racks. Then frost with your favorite butter cream frosting and sprinkle with chai spice. Makes 24 cupcakes.



Vegetation Management

Zielie's Tree Service, Inc. will be on the Eastman substation in Crawford County. And then plan to move to the Fennimore substation in Grant County and finish up on the Lamont substation in Lafayette County.

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 or call 800-236-2141, ext. 566.



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Any questions or comments can be directed to *Watt's Happening*, c/o Heidi Pierce, Editor, Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative, 231 North Sheridan, Lancaster, WI 53813 or telephone (608) 723-2121 or toll free 800-236-2141.

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