

WATT'S HAPPENING

SCENIC RIVERS ENERGY COOPERATIVE

LANCASTER, DARLINGTON AND GAYS MILLS, WISCONSIN

2017 Annual Meeting

This year's Annual Meeting is Saturday, April 8th at the UW Extension Office Youth & Ag Building in Lancaster, WI. Doors will open at 9:00 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 9:30 with a lunch afterwards. The Grant County Nurses will be there to do blood pressure checks. Focus on Energy will be there to discuss energy saving tips. If you have any questions, we will have question cards available for you to fill out prior to the meeting to go in the question box.



AGAIN THIS YEAR, the 2016 Annual Report will be inside the March issue of the Wisconsin Energy Cooperative News magazine (see picture). Because of our bylaws, the post offices will begin distributing the magazine on March 9th. If you plan to attend the meeting, don't forget to cut out the registration card (on cover of the magazine) so that you can register for the door prizes. The report will also be available on our website www.sre.coop under the "About Us" heading on March 9th.

The ballots will be mailed on March 9th to members in districts 1, 5 and 9. Please be sure to mail in your ballot or come to the meeting to vote. Remember that when mailing in your ballot that you follow the instructions for your ballot to be counted. Please remember to sign the outer envelope that is marked for your signature. Our candidates for the districts are listed below:

- District 1: Marcus Saegrove (incumbent)
- District 5: Delbert Reuter (incumbent)
- District 9: Jack Larson (incumbent)

We look forward to seeing you at our Annual Meeting on April 8th!

ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM

April 8, 2017

9:00 a.m.

- Registration Begins
- Informational Booths are open.

9:30 a.m.

- Meeting called to order
- Invocation
- Introduction of Directors and Guests
- Determination of Quorum
- Minutes of the last Annual Meeting
- Election of Directors
- Audit Committee Report
- Treasurer's Report
- CEO Report
- Question and Answer Session
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Election Results
- Scholarship Winners
- Prize Drawings
- Adjournment
- Lunch will be served

We will be drawing the scholarship and prize winners throughout the meeting.

- **Scholarship Drawing**
Winners **must** be present to win and be present for a picture that takes place after the meeting adjourns.
- **Prize Drawing**
This is for members who mailed in their ballots. They do not need to be present to win. The winners will have their certificate applied directly to their electric bill.
 - o Six (6) \$50 certificates.
- **Prize Drawing**
To enter, members **must** bring registration card that is on the front cover of this report. You **must** be present to win. The winners will have their certificate applied directly to their electric bill.
 - o One (1) \$100 certificate
 - o Three (3) \$50 certificates
 - o Ten (10) \$25 certificates



USE ENERGY SMARTER

Take control of your energy costs. Focus on Energy can assist your agribusiness on its next energy saving project by:

- Offering unbiased information and technical assistance.
- Providing financial incentives for energy saving projects.

Let us help **YOU** save energy and money today!

Get to know the Focus on Energy

Agriculture, Schools and Government Program

The Focus on Energy Agriculture, Schools and Government (AgSG) Program, in partnership with [Utility Company Name Enter Here], wants to help your business save money and use energy more efficiently! Focus on Energy provides cash incentives for installing energy efficient equipment.

Expert Energy Advisors are available throughout the state to help guide you through potential energy saving projects and provide an unbiased third party source of information to improve the energy efficiency of your farm operation.

2017 OFFERINGS INCLUDE:

- **NEW Agriculture Multiple Equipment Bonus**
- Dairy Refrigeration Tune-Up
- High-Volume Low-Speed Fans
- Low & Zero Energy Livestock Waterer
- Milk Pre-Cooler
- Scroll Compressor Replacement
- Variable Speed Control for Vacuum Pump & Milk Pump
- Ventilation & Circulation Fans
- And much more!

For a complete list of offerings and incentive amounts, visit focusonenergy.com/agribusiness.



HOW TO APPLY:

STEP 1

Work with your Energy Advisor or Trade Ally to determine which upgrades are best for your facility. To find your Energy Advisor visit focusonenergy.com/ea-map.

STEP 2

Work with your Energy Advisor to determine project eligibility and obtain any necessary pre-approvals.

STEP 3

Complete your energy efficient upgrade.

STEP 4

Submit your completed paperwork within **60 days of project completion** to your Energy Advisor or to AgSGapps@focusonenergy.com.

SAVING ENERGY AND MONEY FOR WISCONSIN FARMS

For more information or to speak with a AgSG Rep. directly, call 888.947.7828 or visit focusonenergy.com.

ADDITIONAL UTILITY INFORMATION HERE:

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Don't forget to spring forward on **March 12!** Set your clocks ahead by one hour.



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Convenient Ways to Pay your Bill

Since the number of payments dropped off at the Piggly Wiggly stores has been declining over the past few years, as of May 1st, we will NO LONGER have drop boxes in the Piggly Wiggly stores. Please find our payment options below:

- 1. To Pay by Mail**, send payment to one of our three offices. Please allow four to five work days when mailing payments. Payments must be received in our office by the 20th of each month to prevent penalties. Also, please do not tape, staple or paperclip your bills since they get caught in our mail opening machine and we have to remove it prior to going through the mail opening machine.
 1. SREC, 231 N. Sheridan Street, **Lancaster**, WI 53813
 2. SREC, PO Box 158, **Gays Mills**, WI 54631
 3. SREC, PO Box 127, **Darlington**, WI 53530
- 2. To Pay at SREC office**, stop in at one of our three office locations and make a payment in person, otherwise place your payment in the drop box that is available 24/7.
 1. Lancaster (231 N. Sheridan Street) is open M-F 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 2. Gays Mills (15985 State Hwy 131) is open M-F 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
 3. Darlington (300 Barth Drive) is open M-F 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- 3. To Pay by phone during office hours**, to do this you **must** submit a form first which is found on our website www.sre.coop under Billing.
 1. Lancaster (hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.): 800-236-2141 or 608-723-2121
 2. Gays Mills (hours 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.): 800-236-2141
 3. Darlington (hours 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.): 800-236-2141
- 4. To Pay with Credit/Debit card** at any hour and without filling out any forms, call 800-755-7913. Prior to making the call, have your bill in front of you because you will need your account number and meter number.
- 5. To Pay online using Easy2Pay**, visit our website www.sre.coop and use the e2p (Easy2Pay) link on the home page. When you set up your login and password for the first time, you will need your bill in front of you to enter your account number and meter number. Next time, you just need to remember your login and password.
- 6. To Pay by a monthly Automatic Bank Draft (ACH)**, visit our website www.sre.coop under Billing or fill out the form printed on the back of your bill. You can have this set up to come out of your checking or savings account on the 10th or the 20th of each month.

Wings Over Wisconsin – Southwest Chapter Seed Day

The Southwest Chapter of Wings Over Wisconsin is hosting their annual Seed Day on Friday, March 24th from 9 a.m. until noon at the Scenic River's Energy Cooperative Lancaster site at 231 N. Sheridan. Corn, sorghum, soybeans, and sunflower seed will be available free to landowners for planting on wildlife food plots. Food plots must not be harvested, but left for wildlife food and habitat.

A service is available to landowners to assist in establishing food plots. Our chapter has a 10-foot Great Plains no-till seeder, and a 3-point broadcast seeder. This equipment is available for rent to members and non-members, for a fee plus delivery and pick-up charges. The seeder is also available for native prairie grass seeding. We encourage landowners to make

long-term commitments to prairie grass plots.

Some seed is donated by local seed dealers, but most is purchased by our chapter with profits from our annual banquet.

For wildflower enthusiasts, we will also have for sale small quantities of flower seed, such as Purple Coneflower, Yellow Coneflower and Black-Eyed Susan.

Membership in Wings Over Wisconsin is not required to receive seed. However, new members are always welcome.

This is the only day that free seed is available, so if you plan to plant this spring, please be there or send your representative.

An early lunch will be available.

Recipes

Thank you Karen Carl (Muscodia) for your Recipe Roundup! Karen says, "I'm 70 years old and it is still my favorite recipe!"

Recipe Roundup

- 1 lb Ground Beef
- 1 small Onion
- 1 4oz can Green Chilies
- 1 4oz can (½ cup) Taco Sauce
- 1 can Cream of Chicken Soup
- 1 can Cream of Mushroom Soup
- ½ can Water
- 1 8oz package Taco Tortilla Chips
- 1 c. Grated Cheese

Cook beef and onions and then drain fat. Add chilies and taco sauce, soups and water and bring to a boil. Line a lightly greased 9x13 pan with ½ the chips. Cover with meat mixture & half of the cheese. Add remaining chips and cheese. Bake at 350 for 25-30 minutes.

Thank you Rita Kruser (Cuba City) for your Easy Peach Cake recipe!

Easy Peach Cake

- 1 White Cake Mix
- 3 Eggs
- 1 Large (29oz) can of Sliced Peaches (don't drain)

Spray a 9x13 cake pan and the lightly flour it. Mix the 3 ingredients by hand, pour into cake pan. Bake at 350 for 35-40 minutes. While warm, sprinkle with powdered sugar. We like it served topped with whipped cream or ice cream.



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Warmer weather is on the way! Use energy efficient window treatments or coverings, like blinds, shades and films, to reduce heat gain in your home. These devices not only improve the look of your home but also reduce energy costs.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy

Vegetation Management

Zielie's Tree Service Inc. will not be trimming in March.

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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Watt's Happening is published monthly as an information service to the member-owners of Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative.

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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