

WATT'S HAPPENING

SCENIC RIVERS ENERGY COOPERATIVE
LANCASTER, DARLINGTON AND GAYS MILLS, WISCONSIN

2018 Annual Meeting

This year's Annual Meeting is Saturday, April 14th 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 2017 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 15th. 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 15th.

The ballots will be mailed on March 15th. All members will be receiving a ballot to vote on the proposed bylaw amendment. And for members in Districts 3, 4 and 8, you will also have a spot on the ballot to vote for your board candidate. 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 3: Chuck Simmons (incumbent)
- District 4: Ellen Conley (incumbent)
- District 8: Steve Carpenter (incumbent)

We look forward to seeing you at our Annual Meeting on April 14th!



ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM

April 14, 2018

- 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

Planned Outages

When we know of a planned outage in your area, we will use an automated phone system to call you. Please be sure your phone number is correct on our system, so you will receive these notices.

Scholarship Application

College scholarships will be awarded through a drawing at the 2018 Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative 81st Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 14, 2018. 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 credits at a minimum "C" average, a \$1,000 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 as long as they are members of SREC.)
2. The application can be mailed to the address below and needs to be received **on or before April 9th** to qualify:

Mailing Address: *Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative
Attn: 2018 Scholarships
231 N. Sheridan St.
Lancaster, WI 53813*



Email Address: *csolmstead@srec.net*

SREC will mail or email each student a letter to verify receipt of the application. If you do not hear from SREC by April 10, 2018 please call to verify SREC received your application.

3. The student ***must*** be present at the SREC Annual Meeting held on April 14, 2018 to win.
4. The student must receive college credit for at least 12 credits 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 2018 Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative Scholarship please contact Carrie Olmstead at 608-723-2121 or 800-236-2141ext. 556.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

****deadline April 9, 2018***

Name _____ Phone No. _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Parent Name (or legal guardian) _____

Address _____

(if different from student)

Cooperative Billing Account Number _____

Name of High School _____

Graduation Date _____

Email Address _____

Did You Know?

Electric cooperatives have retired \$15 billion to members since 1988 – \$1 billion in 2016 alone.

Because electric co-ops operate at cost, any excess revenues (called margins) are allocated and retired to members in the form of capital credits.

Source: National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Don't forget to spring forward on **March 11!** Set your clocks ahead by one hour.



Wings Over Wisconsin – Southwest Chapter Seed Day

The Southwest Chapter of Wings Over Wisconsin is hosting their annual Seed Day on Friday, April 6th, 2018 from 9 a.m. until noon at the Grant County Fairgrounds Livestock Barn at 916 East Elm (County Rd A) Lancaster, WI.

NOTE: NEW LOCATION!!!

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. Our chapter has a 10-foot Great Plains no-till seeder, and a 3-point broadcast seeder which are 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; the rest 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.

Refreshments will be available.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Make sure your refrigerator door seals are airtight for maximum energy efficiency. Test the seal by closing the door over a piece of paper (so that it's half in and half out). If you can easily pull the piece of paper out, your seal may need to be replaced or the latch may need to be adjusted.

Source: energy.gov



Recipes

Thank you Cathy Skaife (Platteville) for sharing your Slow-Cooker Rotisserie Style Chicken recipe with us! She shares that "This recipe was so easy and so DELICIOUS!"

Slow-Cooker Rotisserie-Style Chicken

- 2 tablespoons packed brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons chili powder
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 whole chicken (3 to 4 lb)

Spray 5-quart oval slow cooker with cooking spray. In a small bowl, stir together brown sugar, chili powder and salt. Pat chicken dry, both inside and outside, with paper towels. Rub chicken all over with brown sugar mixture. Place chicken, breast side-up, in slow cooker. Cover; cook on High heat setting 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 hours or until legs move easily when lifted or twisted and thermometer inserted in thickest part of inside thigh reads at least 165 degrees. Remove chicken from slow cooker; let stand 10 minutes before serving. Note: I made a 7 lb chicken so I doubled the ingredients for the rub and cooked it about 1 1/2 hours longer.



Thank you Cathy Skaife (Platteville) for sharing your Raspberry Cheesecake recipe! She said that this is her sister-in-law's (Linda Skaife) recipe and it is the best and is always the first dessert gone at family reunions.

Raspberry Cheesecake

CRUST:

- 1 1/4 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 6 tablespoons butter

Mix and pat in a 9 x 13 pan. Bake 375 degrees for 6 to 8 minutes. Cool.

FILLING:

- 2 - 8 oz. packages cream cheese (softened)
- 1 cup sugar
- 12 oz. Cool Whip

Mix cream cheese and sugar. Fold in Cool Whip. Spread over cooled crust.

RASPBERRY TOPPING:

- 2 to 3 cups raspberries
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 cup sugar (or more to your taste)

Mix together and cook till thicken (boiling). Let cool then spread over filling. Refrigerate.



Vegetation Management

Nothing is scheduled for the month of 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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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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