

# WATT'S HAPPENING

SCENIC RIVERS ENERGY COOPERATIVE

LANCASTER, DARLINGTON AND GAYS MILLS, WISCONSIN

## Notification of Election of Directors in Districts 1, 5 and 9

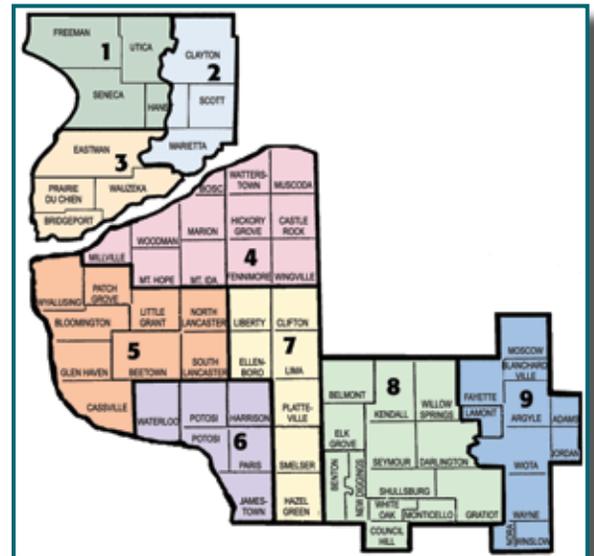
The terms of the directors in Districts 1, 5, and 9 expire at the 2017 annual meeting, when elections will be held for those position. All three incumbent directors are seeking re-election- Marcus Saegrove (District 1), Delbert Reuter (District 5) and Jack Larson (District 9). The Bylaws provide for nomination of candidates by petition. A petition must meet the following requirement:

- The petition must be signed by 15 or more members of Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative. You may begin getting signatures for your petition on December 9, 2016 (but not before).
- The members signing the petition must reside in the same district the nominee would represent.
- In the case of a joint membership or a tenancy in common membership, one or all of the joint or common members may sign the petition, but whether only one signs or all sign it only counts as one (1) signature.
- The petition must be delivered to the Cooperative's headquarters in Lancaster at least 90 days prior to the annual meeting (April 8, 2017) – that is, no later than on January 8, 2017.

To be eligible to run for director, a candidate must meet all of the qualifications set forth in the Bylaws.

Those qualifications include:

- The candidate must be a member of Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative and s/he must reside in the district to be represented. (See the map of the director districts included as part of this notice.)
- The candidate cannot:
  - be employed by or have a financial interest in a business that competes with the Cooperative or that sells energy or supplies to the Cooperative;
  - hold or be a candidate for a public office that is elected on a party ticket;
  - have been employed by the Cooperative anytime in the past 5 years;
  - participated as a party or a witness in any litigation against the Cooperative in the past 5 years;
  - be delinquent more than 90 days on the payment of any amount owed the Cooperative; or



- have been convicted of any offense involving dishonesty.
- The candidate must participate in an orientation process to assure an understanding of the responsibilities of directors (unless s/he is currently serving as a director). Information about that orientation will be provided to all qualified candidates nominated by petitions as described above.

In the case of a joint tenancy or tenancy in common membership, all the joint or common members must meet all of those qualifications in order for any one of the joint or common members to be eligible to be nominated.

As provided by the Bylaws, directors receive a monthly per diem. The current per diem is \$500 monthly.

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). ■

## When a light bulb goes off

### How inventors get their ideas—and why that’s just the beginning.

If you’re in search of a holiday gift for your favorite energy buff, consider the new novel by award-winning screenwriter Graham Moore.

Moore tells the story of the legal, technical and public relations battle between Thomas Edison and George Westinghouse in the late 1800s that gave us the electric system we use today.

“The Last Days of Night,” fiction based on fact, gives an entertaining look at the fight between Westinghouse’s system of alternating current (AC) and Edison’s plan to use direct current (DC) to power America.

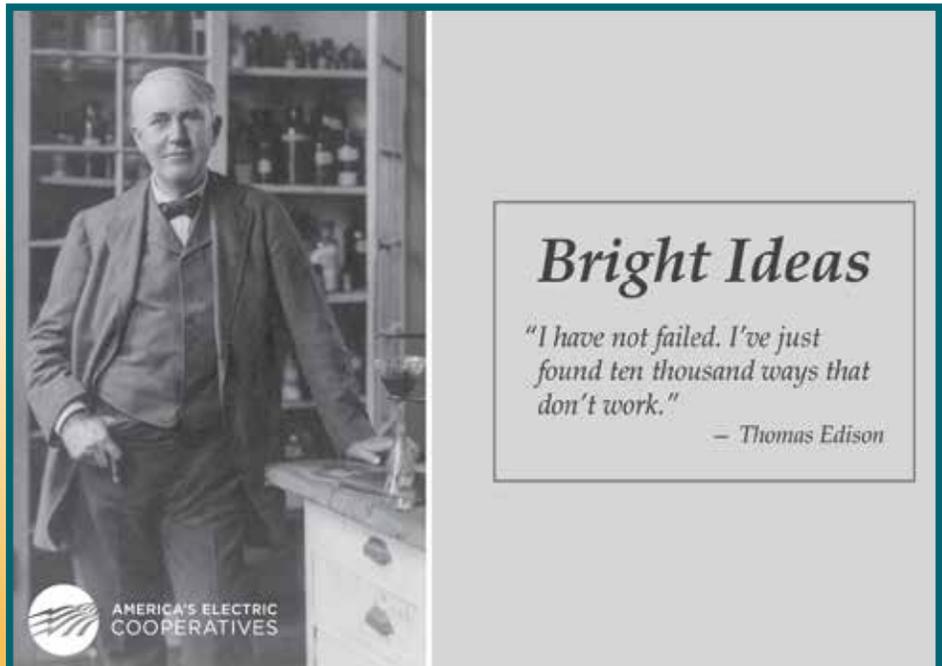
But the book is also about the process of invention and how ideas become reality. Each chapter starts with a quotation from a noted inventor. As we prepare for a new year with new possibilities, let’s take a look at some of the creative quotes shared in “The Last Days of Night:”

- “I have not failed. I’ve just found ten thousand ways that don’t work.”—Thomas Edison
- “... half of what separates the successful entrepreneurs from the unsuccessful ones is pure perseverance.”—Steve Jobs
- “High achievement always takes place in the framework of high expectation.”—Charles F. Kettering, inventor of the electrical starter
- “Headlines, in a way, are what mislead you, because bad news is a headline and gradual improvement is not.”—Bill Gates

- “You have to learn the rules of the game. And then you have to play better than anyone else.”—Albert Einstein
- “We often miss opportunity because it’s dressed in overalls and looks like work.”—Thomas Edison
- “Technology is nothing. What’s important is that you have a faith in people, that they’re basically good and smart, and if you give them tools, they’ll do wonderful things with them.”—Steve Jobs

I hope these quotes inspire you as they did me. Moore’s “The Last Days of Night” is available for purchase through most major book retailers. It’s a great gift idea for any energy buff— or any creative genius, for that matter.

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*ACRE Chairman Robert Kretzschmar, a director of Bayfield Electric, presenting the ACRE award to Chuck Simmons (SREC Chairman) for SREC's 100 percent board and spouse participation in ACRE.*



**Attention Members -**  
 if you would like a 2017 calendar, please stop in at any of our three offices - Lancaster, Gay Mills, and Darlington - while supplies last.



**Please join in with the employees to donate non-perishable food items to our local food pantries in Grant, Crawford, and Lafayette counties. Please bring to our offices on or before Tuesday, December 20th.**

**Energy Efficiency  
 Tip of the Month**



Electric bills increase during the winter for a variety of reasons – holiday gatherings, houseguests, and shorter days and longer nights. Small measures, like turning down your thermostat, replacing incandescent bulbs with LEDs and washing clothes in cold water can help control energy costs.

Source: TogetherWeSave.com

**HOLIDAY LIGHTING SAFETY TIPS**

- Consider purchasing LED holiday lights; they are cool to the touch and more energy efficient than incandescent bulbs.
- Test holiday lights by connecting each strand before hanging them.
- Make sure there are no broken bulbs or damaged or frayed cords. Discard any defective strands.
- Use holiday lights that include the Underwriter's Laboratories (UL) label.
- Avoid resting bulbs on tree needles and branches. Try using a clip to keep the bulbs upright.
- Do not overload electrical outlets or extension cords.
- Turn off all indoor and outdoor holiday lighting before leaving the house or going to bed.

AMERICA'S ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES

## Recipes

Thank you Cathy Skaife (Platteville) for sharing your recipes! Regarding the Marbled Walnut Fudge, Cathy says "This sounds really hard but it is not. But I will tell you it is so delicious!!"

### Marbled Walnut Fudge

- 18 oz. (3 cups) white baking chocolate chips
- 2 cans (14 oz. each) sweetened condensed milk
- 1 bag (12 oz.) semisweet chocolate chips
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 cup finely chopped walnuts or pecans
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Line a 13x9 inch pan with foil. Combine white chocolate chips and 1 can of condensed milk in a medium saucepan. Combine semi-sweet chips and remaining condensed milk in another saucepan. Add 1/4 teaspoon baking soda to EACH pan. Heat both over medium heat to low heat until chips are melted and smooth. This takes about 5 to 7 minutes. Stirring frequently. Remove pans from heat. Stir 1/2 cup nuts into each pan. Add vanilla to semisweet chocolate chips mixture. Spoon alternately mounds of chip mixtures into prepared pan. Swirl together with a knife. Refrigerate for 3 hours or until firm. Lift foil from pan. Cut into squares.



### Easy Meatballs

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1/2 cup Progresso Italian-style bread crumbs
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 1 egg

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Line 13x9 inch pan with foil. Spray with cooking spray. In a large bowl, mix all ingredients. Shape mixture into 20 to 24 meatballs. Place 1 inch apart in pan. Bake uncovered 18 to 22 minutes or until no longer pink in center.



## Vegetation Management

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

**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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