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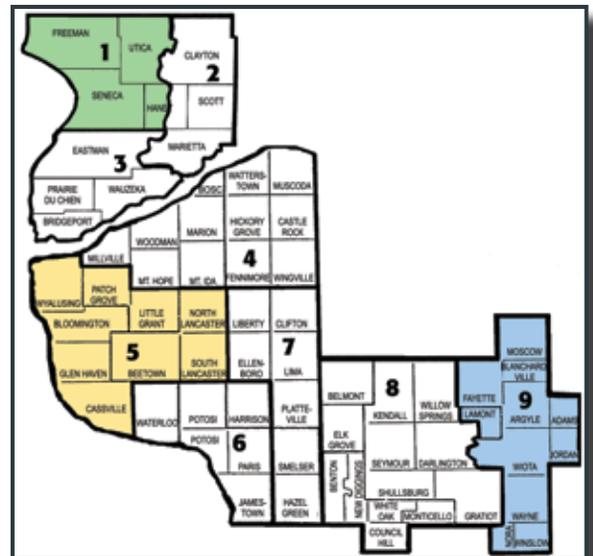
SCENIC RIVERS ENERGY COOPERATIVE
LANCASTER, DARLINGTON AND GAYS MILLS, WISCONSIN

Calling all Director Candidates for Districts 1, 5 and 9

Our 2020 Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 4 at the Grant County Youth & Ag Building in Lancaster. Elections will be held for Districts 1, 5, and 9. Current incumbents, Marcus Saegrove, Delbert Reuter and Jack Larson, respectively are all seeking re-election.

If you reside in one of these districts, and are interested in serving on the board of directors for a three-year term, you may begin getting signatures for your petition on December 6, 2019. (Petition forms will be available on our web-site or at our offices.) Petitions must be signed by 15 members who reside in the district in which the nominee resides. In the case of a joint membership, the signature of one or both joint members counts as one (1) signature per the Bylaws. The nominee must receive service, from the cooperative, at the address in the district they are interested in representing. Completed petitions must be received at the SREC office in Lancaster no later than January 4, 2020.

If you have questions about the election process, please feel free to contact us at 800-236-2141 x554. ■



Is there a hard-to-buy for person on your holiday shopping list?



Consider the
GIFT OF POWER

Take the worries out of your holiday shopping by giving a gift certificate from Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative. It's thoughtful, practical, convenient, and it's always the right size and style!

To purchase the Gift of Power, contact SREC at 608-723-2121 or 800-236-2141.

Electronic Gift Guide

This holiday season, give the gift of tech! If you're searching for the latest gadgets and electronics to gift but don't know where to start, we've got you covered.

Here's a list of ideas for your tech-savvy friends and family members, and with a range of prices and interests, there's sure to be something for everyone.

Gifts for those on the go: We all have that one friend who never stays in one place, so they'll appreciate gifts that keep them charged and entertained while on the go.

A portable charger (or power bank) can keep their smart phones and tablets juiced, and the good news is this gift won't drain your wallet. You can purchase portable chargers online or at local retailers for as low as \$20. Typically, these compact devices can fully charge an iPhone three times before running out of steam.

A Bluetooth speaker is another great gift to keep those on the go entertained. Whether they're listening to their favorite tunes or watching the latest flick, Bluetooth speakers can clarify and amplify volume to satisfy any media enthusiast. Prices range depending on features, but you can purchase a quality Bluetooth speaker online or at local retailers for as low as \$30.



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Gifts for the chef: Every foodie knows that temperature matters when mastering the perfect cut of meat. A Bluetooth-connected thermometer can help your chef ensure a delicious (and safe-to-eat) meal. Just download the associated app and keep an eye on the grill right from your smart phone or tablet. Prices vary from \$30 to \$200, but you can purchase these handy gadgets online or at any big box store, like Wal-Mart or Target.

A digital kitchen scale is a must for any culinary pro. No more guessing--the easy-to-read digital

screen ensures the exact weight or amount required for that perfect dish. Prices vary depending on the weight the scale can handle, but you can find a 13-pound max weight scale for about \$20 on Amazon.com.

Gifts for the pet owner: Let's face it--pet owners would be lost without their fur babies. Luckily, pet tracking products continue to advance, so pet owners can always keep a watchful eye on their furry friends. Most trackers simply attach to your pet's collar. Prices vary depending on the tracker's capabilities, but some features include water resistance, health monitoring and exceptional battery life. You can purchase pet trackers online or at your local pet store.



Pet cameras, like the PetChatz model shown here, allow pet owners to monitor their furry friends in real time. Check in on your pet from your smart phone, tablet or laptop. Image Credit: PetChatz



Speaking of keeping an eye on pets, you can also purchase surveillance cameras for real-time monitoring--some cameras even allow you to toss treats to your furry friend while you're away. Additional features include a microphone (so you can talk to your pets), a built-in laser toy (for our feline friends) and the ability to snap a photo or take video from your smart phone. Prices vary depending on the bells and whistles, but you can purchase a pet camera for as low as \$40 on Amazon.com.

With so many electronics available today, you're sure to find the perfect gift for your tech-savvy loved ones. Happy shopping!

SAFE WINTER DRIVING TIPS

PROTECT



Drive belted & use car and booster seats properly



Clean off your entire vehicle to keep flying snow and ice from obscuring visibility



Pack an emergency kit – jumper cables, flares, sand/salt, cell phone + charger, ice scraper, 1st-aid kit, water, flashlight, blankets...



Don't crowd the plow

PREPARE

PROTECT

PREVENT

Happy Holidays

from your friends and neighbors at Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative!

Our offices will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday, December 24 & 25.

ARE YOU ON SOCIAL MEDIA?



We are! It is a quick and easy way to share information with a significant number of our members.

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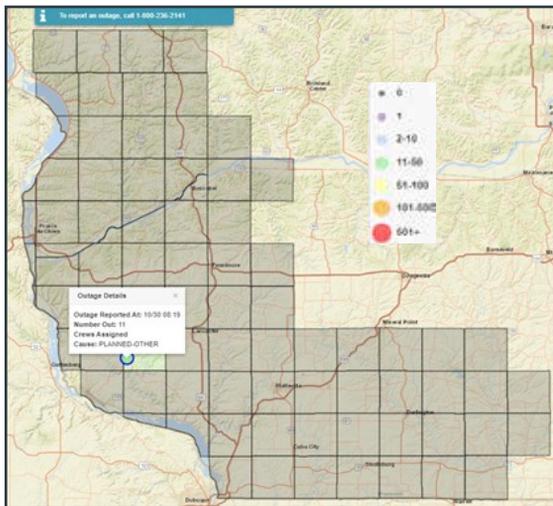
SREC is looking to partner with a local non-profit to provide breakfast to our members at our Annual Meeting in April 2020. Are you a member of, or do you know a member of a non-profit that has experience cooking up a delicious breakfast? We'd like to talk with your organization about partnering. Please contact Judy at 800-236-2141 x554.

breakfast

Introducing our new Live Outage Map

This month we'd like to introduce you to our **live outage map**. We've been upgrading our internal management system over the past year and are proud to provide our members with this resource. You can find the live outage map by visiting our website (www.sre.coop) and clicking on the Outage Map button in the upper right-hand corner of the page. The new outage map will show you which areas are experiencing outages and an approximate number of members who are currently out of power.

Regardless of what time it is, when your power is out please call the Cooperative! Please use the outage number when reporting an outage: 800-236-2141. When you call, please have the name and location number that is assigned to the account ready. This eliminates errors and is helpful to us. If you do not have your location number (which is listed on your bill), we will need the member name, phone number, and service address. We are available 24/7 and while the outage map is helpful to everyone, it is not a replacement for reporting an outage.



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Laundry Tip: Dry towels and heavier cottons separately from lighter clothing. You'll spend less time drying the lighter-weight items.

Source: energy.gov



Vegetation Management

Zielie's Tree Service 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 jjgardner@srec.net or call 800-236-2141 ext. 566.

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Any questions or comments can be directed to *Watt's Happening*, 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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