

# WATT'S HAPPENING

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

## *You're More Than a Customer*

Author Anthony J. D'Angelo observed that, "Without a sense of caring, there can be no sense of community."

To a large degree, this reflects Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative's philosophy toward our consumer-members and the broader service territory that we serve. As a cooperative, we have a different "bottom line." While our priority is always to provide reliable and safe energy, there is another equally important part of this equation. Your well-being and that of the larger community that we serve are of paramount concern.

To us, you are not just a customer; you are a member of our co-op and without you, we would not exist.

Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative was founded to fulfill a vital need in our community that would not have otherwise been met. Concerned local leaders came together to build this co-op and bring electricity where there was none.

At that time, members of the community understood we were different because they likely knew someone who helped to create Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative. For most people, our founding and its circumstances have been long forgotten. Over time, folks in the community may have come to think of us as simply another energy provider. But we are not. We are a co-op that is constantly evolving to meet the needs of the communities we serve, and we are able to do this because of members like you.

Since our inception, we have sought feedback and engagement from you and that of the larger community



to guide our long-term decisions. This is why we hold annual meetings and other events, such as the annual member appreciation events throughout the year. We host events like this to engage with you and obtain your feedback.

We strive to find new ways to help you use energy more efficiently and provide monthly tips to save you money. We're always exploring more options that will help you manage your energy. In short, we are always seeking to keep pace with the changing energy environment, evolving technology and shifting consumer expectations.

Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative members help guide important co-op decisions that improve and enrich the community. We value the perspective of our board members, who are members of the co-op and community – just like you.

As a local business, we have a stake in the community. That's why we support local charitable organizations such as Fire Departments, Rescue Squads, and Food Pantries, and through our programs like Operation Round Up. When you support these efforts, you are supporting the community and making it a better place for everyone.

While the times may have changed, our mission and outlook have not. We view our role as a catalyst for good. Working together, we can accomplish great things for our community now and in the future. ■



# Scholarship Application

College scholarships will be awarded through a drawing at the 2019 Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative 82nd Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 13, 2019. 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 8th** to qualify:

**Mailing Address:** *Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative  
Attn: 2019 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 9, 2019 please call to verify SREC received your application.**

3. The student ***must*** be present at the SREC Annual Meeting held on April 13, 2019 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](http://www.sre.coop)

If you have questions regarding the 2019 Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative Scholarship please contact Carrie Olmstead at 608-723-2121 or 800-236-2141ext. 556.

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

***\*deadline April 8, 2019***

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name (or legal guardian) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

*(if different from student)*

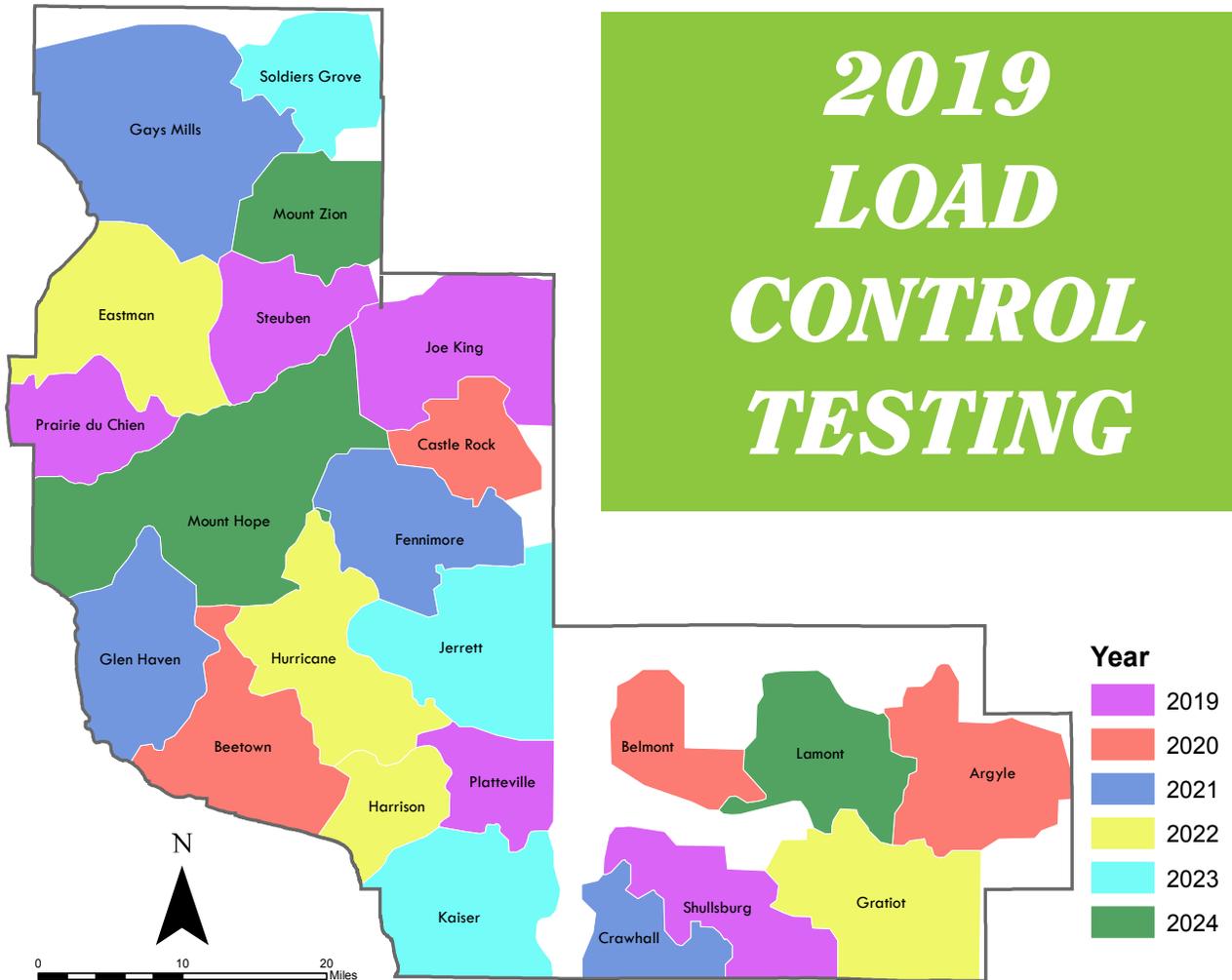
Cooperative Billing Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

# 2019 LOAD CONTROL TESTING



Annually, our staff checks and tests the load control meters on about 1,000 units in our service area. In 2019 we will be testing units in the following townships:

- **King Substation** - All or portions of the following townships: Muscoda, Castle Rock, Waterstown, Hickory Grove, Boscobel, Marion;
- **Platteville Substation** - All or portions of the following townships: Platteville, Smelser, Harrison, Paris;
- **Shullsburg Substation** - All or portions of the following townships: Shullsburg, White Oak Springs, Monticello, Gratiot, Benton, New Diggings, Elk Grove, Seymour, Darlington;
- **Steuben Substation** - All or portions of the following townships: Haney, Scott, Marietta, Eastman, Wauzeka;
- **Prairie du Chien Substation** - All or portions of the following townships: Prairie du Chien, Bridgeport, Wauzeka.

These stops are unscheduled and dependant on our staff's daily work load and their locations each day. Therefore, as time permits, we will be knocking on your doors to perform these annual tests. We appreciate your understanding and patience as we seek to serve you, our members, to the best of our abilities. ■



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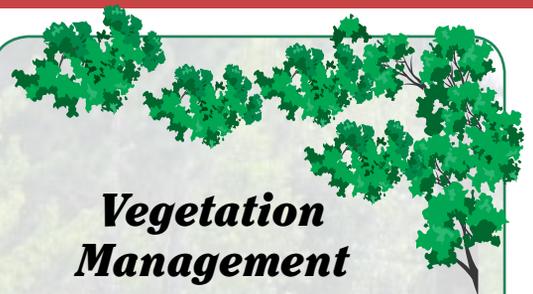
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## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Laundry Tip: Dry towels and heavier cottons separately from lighter-weight clothing. You'll spend less time running the dryer for lighter-weight items, which saves energy.

Source: [energy.gov](http://energy.gov)



## Vegetation Management

Zielie's Tree Service will continue permitting on the Gays Mills Substation in Crawford County. The crews started to trim on the Gays Mills Substation the week of January 14th, 2019. All members affected should have received a letter explaining the process of permitting and trimming with a phone number to call if any questions.

**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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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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