

Light Notes

Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative

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"Loving on the Cows", courtesy of Chris Swan, Fennimore, Wisc.

SUMMER SAFETY TIPS

A great summer begins with a safe summer. Keep these safety tips in mind to enjoy a summer full of adventure and away from potential hazards:

- Never try to raise, move, or touch electrical lines. Always assume they are live.
- If your vehicle makes contact with a power line, contact 9-1-1 immediately and remain inside the vehicle until the power line is de-energized.

In case of smoke or fire, jump out of the vehicle with both feet together, ensuring you **do not touch the vehicle and ground at the same time**. Then, hop or shuffle until you are a safe distance away.

- Keep kites, ladders, drones, and any other objects away from power lines. If anything becomes tangled in or near the power line, call us to retrieve it - never try to retrieve it yourself.
- Call Diggers Hotline at 8-1-1 before starting any digging project. This free service marks underground utilities, keeping everyone safe.

REPORT LINE HAZARDS
TO COOPERATIVE
800-236-2141

MEMBER PHOTO CONTEST

CANDID MOMENTS

Grab your camera or smartphone, snap a picture of the moments or views that bring a smile to your face, and share it with us.

PHOTO CONTEST CRITERIA:

- Taken in the SREC service area
- Horizontal (landscape orientation)
- May be in color or black and white
- High resolution (at least 300 dpi)

DEADLINE
10.30.26



All ages and skill levels are encouraged to enter.

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THE PEOPLE BEHIND YOUR POWER



STEVE LUCAS
Retiring CEO

Years of Service - 16 years

Family - Michelle (Wife); Katie and Esten (Daughter and Son-in-Law); Owen (Grandson)

Future Retirement Hobbies
Traveling, playing golf, and spending time with friends and family.



ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

During these warm summer months, a smart thermostat can help keep your home comfortable while reducing cooling costs. Smart thermostats learn your routine and automatically raise the temperature when you're away and cool things down before you return, avoiding unnecessary energy use. You can also adjust settings remotely from your phone, so you're never cooling an empty house. Setting your thermostat a few degrees higher while you're away or asleep can lead to significant savings. Many smart thermostats provide reports and tips, helping you fine-tune your energy use and stay cool while keeping your electric bill in check.

RIGHT-OF-WAY MAINTENANCE NOTES



Zielie's Tree Service will be working in the Gays Mills Substation, north and west circuits, in Crawford County during the month of June.

Badgerland Utility Solutions will continue underground inspections in the Platteville and Harrison Substations during the month of June. They will also continue pole testing in Eastman and Wauzeka Townships in Crawford County.

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 may be working throughout the area, and at times on your property, to operate and maintain the electric system and our rights-of-way.

If you have questions, please contact us at 800-236-2141.



Safety Tip

Keep extension cords in the open. Never run cords under rugs, through doorways, around windows or pinched behind furniture. Heat and wear can build up fast and lead to shocks or fires.



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Light Notes is a monthly newsletter for members of SREC. Please contact us with questions or comments at 206 County Road K, Lancaster, WI 53813, via email at srec@srec.net, via phone at (608) 723-2121 or (800) 236-2141.



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