

Light Notes

Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative

AUGUST 2025

"A Sunflower Catching the Sun", courtesy of Kathy Miller from Cuba City, WI.

UNCLAIMED CAPITAL CREDITS

Please visit Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative's website for a complete list of member names and addresses identified as having unclaimed property with the cooperative.



View the List

We encourage all current and former members to review the list on our website at sre.coop/capital-credits. To simplify the search process, members may now search by their first or last names.

Contact Us by Sept. 10, 2025

Funds may be claimed by having the member or the member's heir contact the cooperative and furnish legal interest in the funds on or before **September 10, 2025**.

If you have questions regarding unclaimed capital credits, please contact our office at 800-236-2141.

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY TIPS

School buses are among the safest vehicles on the road - but the greatest risk comes when children are getting on or off the bus. Whether you're a driver, parent, or student, knowing these safety tips will help keep everyone safe.



For Drivers

- **Slow down.** Reduce speed in school zones and near bus stops.
- **Keep your distance.** Stay back at least 10 feet from a school bus - this is the most dangerous area for children.
- **Stay alert.** Watch for kids who may unexpectedly enter the road, especially near bus stops.
- **Know the signals.**
 - **Yellow flashing lights.** *Slow down.* Bus is preparing to stop.
 - **Red flashing lights + stop arm.** *Stop and wait.* Bus is loading/unloading.
- **Never** go around a school bus with its lights on and stop sign out.

For Students

- **Stay back at least 10 feet**, or five giant steps, from the curb.
- **Always wait for the bus to stop** and the driver to signal before boarding.
- **Exit carefully**, look both ways and cross in front of the bus - never behind. Make eye contact with the driver before crossing.

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Do The
**SUMMER
SHIFT**

DISCOVER
POWER TIPS

Cook outdoors to avoid
additional heat from the oven.

THE PEOPLE BEHIND YOUR POWER

Lynn Gilkes

Administrative Services
Supervisor

Years of Service - 3 years

Family - Hayley and Izzy
(Daughters)

Hobbies - Spending time with
friends and family, taking
naps, puzzles, playing
cards, and watching crime
series and documentaries.



RIGHT-OF-WAY MAINTENANCE NOTES



Zielie's Tree Service will be trimming the Steuben Substation, west circuit in Crawford County during the month of August. If time allows, they will begin work in the south circuit.

Zielie's Tree Service and Scenic Rivers Energy employees will be spraying the Prairie du Chien Substation in Crawford County in August. If time allows, they will begin spraying the Soldiers Grove Substation in Crawford County.

Badgerland Utility Solutions will continue painting underground cabinets this summer as weather allows.

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.



ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Replace your cooling system's filter regularly to maintain strong airflow and boost energy efficiency. A clean filter means your system doesn't have to work as hard, saving energy and lowering your utility bills. Factors like allergies and pets in the home can impact how often filters should be replaced. Check the filter every month and replace it as needed. Changing filters regularly also reduces wear and tear on your cooling system, helping extend the life of the unit.

Source: energy.gov



Safety Tip

Keep plants and fences away from green transformer boxes — especially the padlocked side. Utility crews need at least 10 feet in front and 4 feet on the sides to work safely and quickly during outages. Keep a clear path to the transformer — even if it's in your yard, it's technically on an easement, and they still need access!



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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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