

Light Notes

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Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative

Lancaster, Darlington and Gays Mills, Wisconsin

Power of the Storm, courtesy of Brian Hulsether, Montfort

SPACE HEATER SAFETY

Small space heaters are designed for heating small areas, not entire homes. Using them to compensate for home issues like poor insulation or drafty windows can spike your energy bills. It's more practical to improve overall home efficiency by caulking windows, weather stripping, or adding insulation.

If you're just looking to make a specific room cozier, a space heater may be suitable. Use it only in the space you're occupying, like you would with a ceiling fan in summer.

Selecting the right space heater is crucial, and your safety is our top priority. When choosing a heater, opt for a model with modern safety features and a UL label, ensuring it meets rigorous safety standards. Prioritize heaters equipped with tip-over switches and overheat protection. Additionally, consider the heater's size and features, ensuring it aligns with your space and needs.

While it's tempting to use space heaters during the cold weather, improper use can not only hike up energy bills but also pose safety risks. Keep in mind that, in addition to safety concerns, space heaters can significantly increase your energy costs if not used correctly.

SAVE THE DATE! 2024 ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 13, 2024

Doors open at 9:00 A.M.

Meeting starts at 9:30 A.M.

- Director Elections for Districts 3, 4, and 8
- 27 scholarships, each valued at \$1,000 will be awarded to area youth. Applications are available at www.sre.coop/2024-scholarship-information, or call Carrie Olmstead at extension 556.
- Door prizes and giveaways

More details coming soon!



TIPS TO DITCH THE SPACE HEATER



Try these alternative solutions to stay cozy.

- Use an electric blanket to keep warm during the night.
- Caulk and weatherstrip around all windows and doors to prevent heat loss.
- Consider adding insulation to your attic and around duct work.
- Use thick curtains and draft stoppers at the bottom of doors.
- Run ceiling fan in reverse to circulate the warm air back down.

THE PEOPLE BEHIND YOUR POWER



Jason Knapp
Director of Operations
Years of Service - 18 years
Family - Wife – Katie.
Children - Finnegan,
Archer, Lila and Oliver
Hobbies - Watching my kids
play sports. Working on
the farm.

2024 Member Photo Contest “Extraordinary in the Ordinary”

We’re kicking off our annual photo contest. In celebration of the leap year, we are searching for photos that showcase the extraordinary beauty in the area we call home. This could be the patterns of nature, everyday objects in unusual places, the play of light and shadows. Get creative! The winning members’ photos will be featured in this newsletter and may also be used on our social media pages or in other cooperative publications. Members of all ages and abilities are able to participate at no cost.

Visit www.sre.coop/photo-contest-details to get all the details and to enter.

Entries are due August 30, 2024.



RIGHT-OF-WAY MAINTENANCE NOTES



Zielie’s Tree Service will be trimming on the Lamont Substation in Lafayette County and the Fennimore Substation in Grant County the month of February.

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



WHAT’S A FROG’S FAVORITE YEAR?



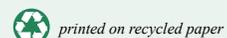
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