

# Light Notes

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Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative

Lancaster, Darlington and Gays Mills, Wisconsin

"Sundog", courtesy of Kelvin Baertschi from Monroe, WI.

## WRAPPED IN SAVINGS

Ensuring your home is properly insulated can improve energy efficiency and make your home more comfortable. Insulation acts like a cozy coat that reduces heat loss during winter months and a protective layer that reduces heat gain during summer months.

Many older homes have less insulation than newer homes, but even newer homes can benefit from additional insulation. While it's not the least expensive efficiency improvement, adding insulation and air sealing your home can provide the biggest bang for your buck in energy savings and overall comfort.

The most common areas to insulate are attics, ceilings, crawlspaces or unconditioned basements, exterior and interior walls, floors, and ductwork located in unconditioned spaces.

The amount and effectiveness rating of insulation required for each area varies by climate, but many websites like The Department of Energy or Home Depot provide easy-to-follow recommendations. Visit [energy.gov/insulation](https://energy.gov/insulation) to learn about recommended R-values for specific areas of the home based on climate zones.

It's important to understand how insulation effectiveness is measured. Insulation is rated in R-value, which measures the material's resistance to conductive heat flow. The higher the R-value, the greater the insulating effectiveness.

The R-value you'll need depends on factors like climate, type of heating and cooling system and which area of the home you plan to insulate.

Insulation is offered in a wide range of materials from bulky fiberglass rolls to cellulose materials made from recycled paper products. If you're considering installing additional insulation, talk to an expert who can offer guidance on the right materials for your budget, climate and comfort needs.

Investing in proper insulation for your home not only enhances comfort but also reduces energy consumption.



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Visit [focusonenergy.com](https://focusonenergy.com) to see if you qualify for home insulation and air sealing rebates.

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# THE PEOPLE BEHIND YOUR POWER

**Hunter Fortney**  
*Lineworker*

**Years of Service** - 7 years

**Family** - Brianna (wife) and Claire (daughter)  
*They are expecting their second child in May 2025*

**Hobbies** - Spending quality time with family and friends, recreational and tournament fishing, hunting, traveling with family, and playing men's fast pitch softball.



## SAVE THE DATE 2025 ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 12, 2025

**Doors open at 9 A.M.**  
**Meeting starts at 9:30 A.M.**

- Director elections for Districts 2, 6, and 7
- 35 scholarships, each valued at \$1,000 will be awarded to area youth. Applications are available at [www.sre.coop/scholarship](http://www.sre.coop/scholarship) or call Carrie Olmstead at extension 556.
- Door prizes and giveaways

Visit [www.sre.coop](http://www.sre.coop) for the agenda, director candidates, annual report, and more.



## DIM THE LIGHTS AND SAVE ENERGY THIS VALENTINE'S DAY

## RIGHT-OF-WAY MAINTENANCE NOTES



Zielie's Tree Service will be trimming the Hurricane Substation, south and west circuits, in Grant County during the month of February.

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.



### Efficiency Tip

About 30% of your home's heating energy escapes through windows. Use window coverings to minimize energy loss in cold weather and consider smart blinds that automatically adjust based on sunlight and temperature. This helps regulate indoor climate and keeps your heater from kicking on, saving energy.



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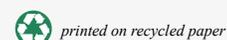
## Light Notes

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](mailto:srec@srec.net), via phone at (608) 723-2121 or (800) 236-2141.



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