

Light Notes

Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative

SEPTEMBER 2025

"A Rainbow after Rainstorm", courtesy of Cathy Skaife of Platteville, WI.

HARVEST SAFETY TIPS

Every year, we see collisions where farming equipment (and vehicles) accidentally collide with utility poles and power lines, causing injuries and power outages. These dangerous accidents can be avoided by being aware of your surroundings when operating machinery.



Practice these safety tips everytime you're working around electrical equipment:

- Maintain a 10-foot clearance around all utility equipment in all directions.
- Use a spotter and deployed flags to maintain safe distances from power lines and other electrical equipment when working in the field.
- If your equipment makes contact with an energized or downed power line, contact 9-1-1 or us immediately and remain inside the vehicle until the power line is de-energized. In case of smoke or fire, exit the cab by making a solid jump out of the cab (without touching it), and hop away to safety.
- Consider equipment and cargo extensions of your vehicle. Lumber, hay, tree limbs, irrigation pipes and even bulk materials can conduct electricity, so keep them out of contact with electrical equipment.

REPORT LINE HAZARDS TO COOPERATIVE
800-236-2141

MEMBER PHOTO CONTEST

HOMEGROWN

Grab your camera or smartphone, snap a picture of what "homegrown" means to you, and share it with us. In true cooperative spirit, we hope to showcase local pride and sustainability.

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)



All ages and skill levels are encouraged to enter.

Winning photos will be featured in SREC publications.

For complete rules, visit sre.coop/photo-contest.

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THE PEOPLE BEHIND YOUR POWER



Ashley Eng
*Cooperative Services
Specialist*

Years of Service - 1 year

Family - Tyler (Husband);
Cedar and Gemma (Pups)

Hobbies - Hiking, kayaking,
geocaching, going for walks
with our dogs, and spending
time with friends and family.

RIGHT-OF-WAY MAINTENANCE NOTES



Zielie's Tree Service will be trimming the Steuben Substation, east and south circuits in Crawford County during the month of September.

Zielie's Tree Service and Scenic Rivers Energy employees will be spraying the Steuben Substation in Crawford County in September. They will begin in the west circuit, then move to the east and south circuits.

Badgerland Utility Solutions will continue painting underground cabinets 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

Take advantage of "shoulder months," which refer to the transitional periods between peak heating and cooling seasons. During the fall, these milder weeks typically occur between September and November. Shoulder months offer a great opportunity to reduce home energy consumption as the need for extensive heating or cooling is reduced. Look for simple ways to boost indoor comfort without running your heating and cooling system. Use ceiling fans and open windows on breezy days to ventilate your home. On cooler days, add a layer of clothing and avoid running the heat.

Source: energy.gov

Efficiency Tip

Wash full loads of laundry in cold water. It's the detergent, not hot water, that cleans the clothes. Remember to clean the dryer's lint trap after every laundry load. To save energy, run washers and dryers early in the morning or late in the evening.



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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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