



WE PRIORITIZE SAFETY YEAR-ROUND

Steve Lucas, CEO

At Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative, we recognize Electrical Safety Month every May, but we also know the importance of practicing safety year-round. From our co-op crews to you, the members we serve, we recognize that everyone has a part to play in prioritizing safety.

According to the Electrical Safety Foundation International, thousands of people in the United States are critically injured or electrocuted as a result of electrical fires and accidents in their own homes. Many of these accidents are preventable. Electricity is a necessity, and it powers our daily lives. But, we know firsthand how dangerous electricity can be because we work with it 365 days a year.

To me, safety is more than a catchphrase. As CEO, it's my responsibility to keep co-op employees safe at all times. Additionally, we want to help keep you and all members of our community safe. That's why you'll see SREC presenting safety demonstrations at community events throughout the year, to demonstrate the dangers of electricity. We discuss emergency scenarios, such as what to do in a car accident involving a utility pole and downed power lines. We caution students on the dangers of pad-mounted transformers and overloading circuits with too many electronic devices.

Electricity is an integral part of modern life. Given the prevalence of electrical devices, tools, and appliances, I'd like to pass along a few practical electrical safety tips.

- **Frayed wires pose a serious safety hazard.** Power cords can become damaged or frayed from age, heavy use, or excessive current flow through the wiring. If cords become frayed or cut, replace them, as they could cause a shock when handled.
- **Avoid overloading circuits.** Circuits can only cope with a limited amount of electricity. Overload happens when you draw more electricity than a circuit can safely handle—by having too many devices running on one circuit.
- **Label circuit breakers to understand the circuits in your home.** Contact a qualified electrician if your home is more than 40 years old and you need to install multiple large appliances that consume large amounts of electricity.
- **Use extension cords properly.** Never plug an extension



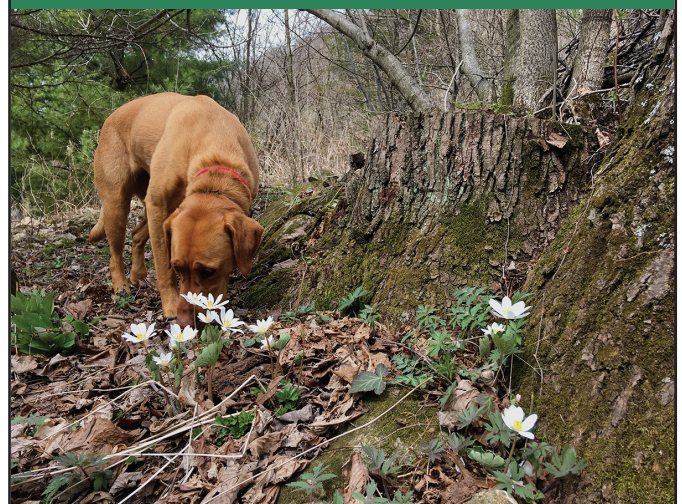
cord into another extension cord. If you “daisy chain” them together, it could lead to overheating, creating a potential fire hazard. Don't exceed the wattage of the cord. Doing so also creates a risk of overloading the cord and creating a fire hazard. Extension cords should not be used as permanent solutions. If you need additional outlets, contact a licensed electrician to help.

I encourage you to talk with your kids about playing it safe and smart around electricity. Help them be aware of overhead power lines near where they play outdoors and the dangers of water when mixed with electricity.

Our top priority is providing an uninterrupted energy supply 24/7, 365 days per year. But equally important is keeping our community safe around electricity.

Contact SREC for additional electrical safety tips or if you would like us to provide a safety demonstration at your school or upcoming community event.

MEMBER PHOTO OF THE MONTH



The winning photo for May in SREC's 2022 Member Photo Contest is “Penny sniffing out the bloodroot blossoms” by Jamee Stanley of Soldiers Grove. Winning photos are featured in our 2022 Member Photo Calendar.

2022 ANNUAL MEETING ELECTION RESULTS

During the annual meeting on April 9, Attorney Andrew Parrish announced the results of the director elections, indicating that incumbents Sandra Davidson (District 2), Donald Schaefer (District 6), and Lily Long (District 7) were re-elected. The full tally of the ballots received are as follows:

District 2

Sandra Davidson 175 votes
Alan Buss 93 votes.

District 6

Donald Schaefer 234 votes

District 7

Lily Long 271 votes
Brenda Martin (write-in) 1 vote

In the matter of the Bylaw amendments, 1,829 ballots were received across the nine districts, with

1,677 Yes votes and 152 No votes. The Bylaws were adopted in full.

Following the annual meeting, the board of directors conducted their annual reorganization meeting. The Board of Directors elected the following members to these positions:

- **Chairman** – Charles Simmons
- **Vice-Chairwoman** – Sandra Davidson
- **Secretary-Treasurer** – Steve Carpenter
- **Assistant Secretary-Treasurer** – Don Schaefer
- **Dairyland Power Cooperative Representative** – Sandra Davidson
- **Alternate Dairyland Power Cooperative Representative** – Marcus Saegrove

The full recording of the annual meeting is available on our website at www.sre.coop.



The youngest member in attendance was full of smiles!

2022 DOOR PRIZE WINNERS

Prizes will appear on the May bill statements.

The \$100 winner was:

1. Ronald Lawrence

The three \$50 winners were:

1. Scott and Kari Brown
2. David Dombeck
3. Gregory Wubben

The ten \$25 winners were:

1. Kenneth Nies
2. Connie Chapman
3. George and Jodi Splinter
4. Ronald and Sharon Johnsen
5. Pat Hawes
6. Sheila and Tim Ruchti
7. Nathan and Sarah Fosbinder
8. Loretta and Douglas Kephart
9. Hahnah Jackson
10. Dennis Knapp

And, lastly, the six winners of the \$50 certificate for mail-in ballots, who did not need to be present, were:

1. Stephen Hughes
2. Harold Cram, Jr.
3. Richard Lewin
4. Jerry Faulkner and Valerie Wachuta
5. Stephen and Sharon Loeffelholz
6. Mary Mook



After two years of alternative arrangements necessitated by COVID, the SREC annual meeting saw a return to the Youth & Ag Building in Lancaster. Guest speaker was Brent Ridge (pictured top left), CEO of Dairyland Power Cooperative, SREC's wholesale power supplier, who spoke about trends and headwinds in the energy industry.



2022 SREC SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The SREC Board of Directors is happy to announce that the following students have been awarded scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each. These scholarships are funded

by unclaimed capital credits through the Federated Youth Foundation. Congratulations to these 52 students and their families, who are members of SREC.

Argyle Schools

Breann Flannery
Claire Mathys

Belmont Schools

Mattea Kramer
Bristol Ogden
Ty Palzkill

Boscobel Schools

Benjamin Bohringer
Abri Brown
Sarah Knowles
Clare Manning

Cassville Schools

Olivia Adams
Miles Reynolds

Cuba City Schools

Kaylee Pickel

Darlington Schools

Brady Horne
Natalie Jenson
Mariah Kendall

De Soto Schools

Tanner Pedretti

Dodgeville Schools

Owen McDonald

Fennimore Schools

Alex Downing
Dalton Foreyt
Delanee Klaas
Mackenzie Kopp
Samantha Wubben

Homeschool

Kayla Coy
Weston Kammes

Iowa Grant Schools

Cortney Fiedler-Fosbinder
Hailee Kite
Treyton Starkey

Kickapoo

Alayna Culver

Lancaster Schools

Finley Knapp
Taylor Schneider
Rianna Straka
Meg Walker

Mineral Point Schools

Drew Hottenstein

North Crawford Schools

Keegan Bender
Lindsey Stevenson

Platteville Schools

Devin Digman
Gabby Giesen
Evan Mewhirter
Emily Philipps
Catherine Tashner

Potosi Schools

Joseph Vogelsberg

River Ridge Schools

Carter Bausch
Jared Breuer
Tyler Lenzendorf
David Nies
Samantha Stagman

Shullsburg Schools

Kennedy Allendorf
Anna Wiegel

Southwestern Schools

Kinsley Droessler
Grace Patterson

Wahlert

Emma Dement

Wauzeka-Steuben Schools

Elizabeth Bird



Front row L to R – Dalton Foreyt, Elizabeth Bird, Alayna Culver, Kayla Coy, Lindsey Stevenson, Joseph Vogelsberg, Kaylee Pickel, Kinsey Droessler, Hailee Kite, Owen McDonald, Miles Reynolds, Brady Horne, and Alex Downing.

Second row L to R – Devin Digman, Keegan Bender, Samantha Wubben, Mackenzie Kopp, Ty Palzkill, Evan Mewhirter, Mariah Kendall, Weston Kammes, Gabby Giesen, David Nies, Jared Breuer, Tyler Lenzendorf, and Carter Bausch.

Third row L to R – Treyton Starkey, Kennedy Allendorf, Anna Wiegel, Emma Dement, Sarah Knowles, Clare Manning, Benjamin Bohringer, Tanner Pedretti, Grace Patterson, Drew Hottenstein, Cortney Fiedler-Fosbinder, Taylor Schneider, and Samantha Stagman.

Fourth row L to R – Delanee Klaas, Mattea Kramer, Bristol Ogden, Catherine Tashner, Emily Philipps, Natalie Jenson, Olivia Adams, Abri Brown, Claire Mathys, Breann Flannery, Rianna Straka, Meg Walker, and Finley Knapp.



Youth Leadership Congress

UW-Stout | July 12–14, 2022



The annual **Youth Leadership Congress** is a dynamic three-day event for youth leaders across Wisconsin to develop their **leadership skills** while learning about the purpose, operation, and scope of **cooperative businesses**.



Sign up today!

Deadline is June 1, 2022

Contact Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative to request sponsorship and registration forms to attend the Youth Leadership Congress. Complete the forms and return them to Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative, 231 N. Sheridan St., Lancaster, WI 53813.

All registration costs are covered by Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative.

Questions?

If you would like more information, please contact:
Judy Mims: 800-236-2141 ext. 554 or jmims@srec.net OR
Tina Walden, 608-467-4599 or tina@weca.coop

2022 MEMBER PHOTO CONTEST

"Bright and Shiny Faces"

We are searching for photos that show off the faces of our members, their pets, farm animals, and the wildlife you might encounter. Winning photos will be featured in our 2023 calendar and may also be used in future newsletters, on our social media pages, or in other cooperative publications.

Photos must be submitted by August 15, 2022.

Rules and downloadable form are available on our website, www.sre.coop. Entry forms can also be picked up at our office, or emailed to you.

Celebrate JUNE DAIRY MONTH

Saturday, June 4

Crawford County Dairy Breakfast
6–11 a.m. at the Nolan Family Farms, 30990 Johns Ln, Prairie du Chien

Saturday, June 11


Lafayette County Dairy Breakfast
Details TBD

Sunday, June 12

Grant County Dairy Breakfast
7–11:30 a.m. at the Nobland Farms, 2561 Buckwheat Ridge Rd, Lancaster



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