

# WATT'S HAPPENING

SCENIC RIVERS ENERGY COOPERATIVE  
LANCASTER, DARLINGTON AND GAYS MILLS, WISCONSIN

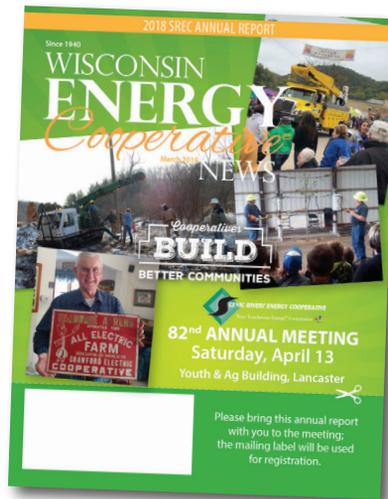
## See You at the 2019 Annual Meeting

Most of us lead busy lives. We find ourselves multitasking, constantly checking phones and email to keep up with the demands of modern life. Thanks to technology, we can accomplish many tasks electronically and remotely to be more efficient. And with so many pressing obligations, we like to protect our “spare” time. Invitations to attend in-person meetings and gatherings are weighed carefully as we decide whether or not our time and effort to attend is beneficial. The answer to the question, “what’s in it for me?” must be compelling. You may think attending Scenic Rivers Electric Cooperative’s annual meeting would be easy to lump into the “no benefit to me” category. However, we’d ask you to think again.

Scenic Rivers Electric Cooperative exists to provide safe, reliable and affordable energy to its consumer-members (that’s you!). Equally important is our mission to enrich the lives of all members and to serve the long-term interests of our local communities. This is where you can help.

As a member of the community, you have a perspective that is valuable--and we invite you to share it with the co-op. At the annual meeting, co-op leaders will discuss priorities and challenges, and discuss the financial health and priorities for the coming years. Questions can be written out and dropped in the question box at the meeting. The annual meeting is also the time to vote for new board directors who will represent you--the members of the co-op. Board Directors are local consumers, just like you. Elections will be held for Districts 2, 6, and 7. The candidates are:

- District 2: Sandy Davidson (incumbent)
- District 6: Donald Schaefer (incumbent)
- District 7: Larry Butson (incumbent) and Cindy Bonilla



## Annual Meeting Program April 13, 2019

9:00 a.m.

- Registration Begins
- Informational Booths are open

9:30 a.m.

- Meeting called to order
- Invocation
- Introduction of Directors and Guests
- Determination of Quorum
- Minutes of the last Annual Meeting
- Election of Directors
- Audit Committee Report
- Treasurer’s Report
- CEO Report
- Question and Answer Session
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Election Results
- Scholarship Winners
- Prize Drawings
- Adjournment
- Lunch will be served

### We will be drawing the scholarship and prize winners throughout the meeting.

#### • Scholarship Drawing

Winners must be present to win and be present for a picture that takes place after the meeting adjourns.

#### • Prize Drawing

This is for members that mailed in their ballots. They do not need to be present to win. The winners will have their certificate applied directly to their electric bill.

- o Six (6) \$50.00 certificates

#### • Prize Drawing

To enter, members must bring registration card that is on the front cover of this report. You must be present to win. The winners will have their certificate applied directly to their electric bill.

- o One (1) \$100.00 certificate
- o Three (3) \$50.00 certificates
- o Ten (10) \$25.00 certificates

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## ***See You at the 2019 Annual Meeting***

Scenic Rivers Electric Cooperative is one of the few local organizations that is uniquely positioned to bring together all members of the community. It is worth noting that the health of the co-op and the well-being of the community are closely intertwined.

Perhaps you may feel that you have nothing to add to the discussion, so there is no need to attend the annual meeting. However, every energy bill you pay to the co-op helps ensure better service and reliability for the whole community. Your dollars are reinvested locally into improvements that impact the reliability and affordability of your energy, and Scenic Rivers Electric Cooperative wants to hear from you to better inform our decisions as we plan for the future.

Look for the Annual Report inside your March issue of the Wisconsin Energy Cooperative News magazine, which due to the bylaws, will be mailed on March 15th. Please remember to cut out the registration card on the front cover so that you can register for door prizes. The report will also be available on our website at [www.sre.coop](http://www.sre.coop) under the "About Us" heading on March 15th.

Members in Districts 2, 6, and 7 will receive ballots after March 15th to vote for your board candidates. Please be sure to mail in your ballot, or come to the meeting to vote. Remember that if you mail your ballot, you must follow the instructions correctly in order for your ballot to count. Please remember to sign the outer envelope which is marked for your signature.

While Scenic Rivers Electric Cooperative provides convenient electronic options for bill-paying and communication, there are times when there is no substitute for in-person engagement. When members of our community come together for a common purpose, we improve the quality of life for all in our corner of the world.

If you've never attended our annual meeting, or if it's been awhile, please stop by. Our co-op family looks forward to visiting with you! We'll have lunch after the meeting, blood pressure checks, an information booth with representatives from Focus on Energy and door prizes, so mark your calendar for the annual meeting on Saturday, April 13, 2019, at the Grant County Youth and Ag building in Lancaster. Doors open at 9:00 a.m. ■



### **Scholarship Contest Reminder**

Applications are due April 8 and students must be present at the April 13 Annual Meeting to win. The application form is available on our website at [www.sre.coop](http://www.sre.coop). Questions regarding the 2019 Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative Scholarship can be directed to Carrie Olmstead at 608-723-2121 or 800-236-2141 ext. 556.



Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative is holding its annual photo contest for members' photos to be featured in our 2020 calendar. Winning photos may be used in future newsletters or cooperative publications.

Photos must be taken within the Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative service area and should capture life in rural Wisconsin (seasons, wildlife, landscape, etc.).

Photos must be submitted via email to [jmartin@srec.net](mailto:jmartin@srec.net).

For a complete list of rules and criteria as well as downloadable forms, visit our website, [www.sre.coop](http://www.sre.coop). Entry forms can also be picked up at our office, or we will email a copy to you.

## ***Wings Over Wisconsin – Southwest Chapter***

### ***Seed Day***

The Southwest Chapter of Wings Over Wisconsin is hosting their annual Seed Day on Friday, April 12th, 2019 from 9 a.m. until noon at the Grant County Fairgrounds Livestock Barn at 916 East Elm (County Rd A) Lancaster, WI.

Corn, sorghum, soybeans, and sunflower seed will be available free to landowners for planting on wildlife food plots. Food plots must not be harvested, but left for wildlife food and habitat. Our chapter has a 10-foot Great Plains no-till seeder, and a 3-point broadcast seeder which are available for rent to members and non-members, for a fee plus delivery and pick-up charges. The seeder is also available for native prairie grass seeding. We encourage landowners to make long-term commitments to prairie grass plots.

Some seed is donated by local seed dealers; the rest is purchased by our chapter with profits from our annual banquet.

For wildflower enthusiasts, we will also have for sale small quantities of flower seed, such as Purple Coneflower, Yellow Coneflower and Black-Eyed Susan.

Membership in Wings Over Wisconsin is not required to receive seed. However, new members are always welcome. This is the only day that free seed is available, so if you plan to plant this spring, please be there or send your representative.

Refreshments will be available.



*Farmer to Farmer –*

## **REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE: *healthy soils, clean water and increased profits***

**Keynote Speaker – 2017**

*Conservation Farmer of the Year*  
**Dan Shelliam**, Windy Hill Ranch,  
Hazel Green, Wisc.

Regenerative Agriculture practices enrich the soil, increase water infiltration, improve nutrient and water retention and increase biodiversity, while offering increased yields and profits for the farm operation.

Presentation will be followed by a panel offering additional information and resources along with an opportunity for questions.

**Saturday,**

**March 30, 2019 – 1 - 4 pm**

Nohr Gallery, Ullsvik Hall, UW-Platteville  
Hickory & West Main Street • Platteville, Wisconsin

**Reduce your energy use  
during peak hours when  
electricity costs are higher.**



**5 to 8 a.m.**

peak  
energy  
hours



**4 to 7 p.m.**

## We clear certain areas in our service territory, known as rights of way, to:

- Keep power lines clear of tree limbs
- Restore power outages more quickly
- Reduce unexpected costs for repairs

Maintaining rights of way improves service reliability for you – our members!



## Vegetation Management

Zielie's Tree Service will be trimming on the Gays Mills north circuit in Crawford County the month of March. The Zielie's and SREC representative's will be permitting on the Gays Mills west circuit in Crawford County.

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 are working throughout the area, at times on your property, to operate and maintain the electric system and our rights-of-ways. We appreciate your cooperation. If you have questions, please contact Jay at [jgardner@srec.net](mailto:jgardner@srec.net) or call 800-236-2141 ext. 566.



## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Spring is nearly here! Now is the perfect time to test your A/C and ensure it's ready for summer. Remember to check the evaporator coil, which should be cleaned annually for optimal efficiency.

Source: [energy.gov](http://energy.gov)



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*Watt's Happening* is published monthly as an information service to the member-owners of Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative.

Any questions or comments can be directed to *Watt's Happening*, Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative, 231 North Sheridan, Lancaster, WI 53813 or telephone (608) 723-2121 or toll free 800-236-2141.

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Steve Lucas . . . . . CEO

Our board of directors consists of Chuck Simmons, Don Schaefer, Sandra Davidson, Ellen Conley, Jack Larson, Larry Butson, Delbert Reuter, Steve Carpenter and Marcus Saegrove.