

WATT'S HAPPENING

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

Check your mail.

Starting with your August 1st billing statement, your bill will come in a **WHITE** envelope. You will have a separate enclosed yellow return envelope to mail your payment back to us. If you are on auto pay, you won't receive the return envelope. Members with bill groups will continue to receive their statement in the yellow envelope.



If paying your electric bill by mail, please allow 5 days for the payment to reach us.

Want to save time and money?

We offer several convenient ways to automatically pay your bill. Contact our office @1-800-236-2141 or visit our web site www.sre.coop for more information.



CHOOSE THE RIGHT BULB FOR THE RIGHT JOB

There are three primary types of lighting: ambient (general lighting), task lighting and accent lighting. As lighting technologies continue to advance, consumers should be open to trying new shapes and types of bulbs. The check marks below indicate appropriate locations for different types of bulbs on the market. Happy shopping!

BEST BETS FOR HOME LIGHTING

Common Bulb Types	Ambient Lighting			Accent Lighting			Task Lighting
	Pendant Fixture	Ceiling Fixture	Recessed Cans	Ceiling Fan	Wall Sconce	Spot Light	Table or Floor Lamp
Spiral	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓
Globe	✓				✓		
A-Shape	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓
Candle	✓	✓		✓	✓		
Reflector	✓		✓			✓	

Use caution near co-op equipment

As you find yourself spending more time outdoors this summer, Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative reminds you to exercise caution near electrical equipment maintained by the co-op.

Substations and power lines carry extremely high voltages, and if contact is accidentally made, the results can be dangerous--or even deadly.

Never climb trees near power lines. If you make contact with a tree that is touching a power line, your body could become the path of electricity from the line to the ground. If you encounter an animal trapped in a tree near power lines or inside a substation, do not attempt to remove it--no matter how furry and cute! Call Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative for assistance.

These days, we are seeing more remote-controlled toys, like drones and airplanes, which can be a great way to have fun outdoors. But these gadgets also bring new safety concerns. Remote-controlled toys should never be flown near power lines, substations or other electrical equipment.

Remember these safety tips when flying a remote-controlled toy:

- Keep a safe distance from electrical equipment when you fly. If contact is accidentally made with a power line or a transformer inside a substation, many members of your community could be left without electricity.



- Keep the remote-controlled toy in sight at all times.
- Avoid flying if weather conditions are unfavorable. High winds could cause you to lose control of the remote-controlled toy.

Here at Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative, your safety is important to us. We hope you will share the message of electrical safety so that you and others can enjoy plenty of summer days filled with fun!

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Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Use small electric pans, toaster ovens or convection ovens for small meals rather than your stove or oven. A toaster or convection oven uses one-third to one-half as much energy as a full-sized oven.

Source: energy.gov

Crawford County Safety Day Camp Fifth-grade students



Grant County Rural Safety Day 2nd through 8th Grade



Recipes

Thank you Cathy Skaife (Platteville) for sharing your recipes! Cathy shares that "this recipe is from Karla Cammack from Rewey and it is delicious!!!!!"

Rhubarb Muffins

- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup melted butter
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups chopped rhubarb (I use 3 cups)
- I also add 1 cup chopped pecans



Topping:

- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon melted butter
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

Combine flour, baking soda, salt and brown sugar. In another bowl, beat the egg, stir in butter, buttermilk and vanilla. Mix in the dry ingredients all at once and mix until it's all blended. Stir in the rhubarb and pecans. Spoon into greased lined muffin tins. Combine the topping together and sprinkle a spoonful of topping over each muffin. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes.

Chocolate Chip Muffins

- 4 cups flour
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup butter or margarine
- 2 cups sugar
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup milk
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 2 cups mini chocolate chips



Combine flour, baking powder and salt in a bowl. Beat butter and sugar in a large mixing bowl. Add eggs and mix well. Add dry ingredients alternately with milk and vanilla. Add chocolate chips last. Spoon into lined muffin tins. Sprinkle sugar on top of muffins. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes. ENJOY!!

Vegetation Management

Zielie's Tree Service will have all crews working the Eastman Substation in Crawford County.

DJB Inspections LLC will start the underground maintenance on the Fennimore, Harrison, Jerrett and Platteville Substations in Grant County.

Mi-Tech Services Inc will continue testing poles in Potosi, Waterloo and Cassville Townships in Grant 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 or call 800-236-2141, ext. 566.

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