

Make Plans to Attend the SREC ANNUAL MEETING

Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative directors and employees invite you to attend our annual meeting on Thursday, April 10, 2008, at the Youth & Ag Building, Grant County Fairgrounds, starting with dinner being served at 6:30 p.m. Entertainment by the Fennimore High School Handbell Ensemble will begin at 7:10 p.m., and the meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Each member in attendance (husband and wife joint membership counts as one) will receive a \$5 credit on their May bill. We will have a separate room for kids, with adult supervision, during the meeting. Members will also be eligible for a prize drawing at the end of the

meeting for a \$100 credit, two \$50 credits, and fifteen \$25 credits. Even those of you who cannot attend but send mail-in ballots are eligible for a drawing for two \$50 credits. Directors for districts #1, #5, and #9 are up for election. See the biographies on the candidates starting on the following page.

You should receive your annual report packet in the mail by the last week of March. Please call our office and let us know if you do not receive your annual report in the mail.

High School Seniors and Parents!

College scholarships will be awarded at the annual meeting. You must be present for the drawing of names. One name from each high school in our service area will be drawn. We will also have one drawing per county at large for home-schooled students, private-schooled students, or non-traditional students who have an account or whose parents have an account on our lines.


After successful completion of your first semester of technical school or college, you will need to send a copy of your grades to our cooperative and a check will be made out to the school for the second-semester tuition in the amount of \$500.

Qualifications:

1. The student or the student's parent or legal guardian must be a member of Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative.
2. The student must be present at the Scenic Rivers Annual Meeting to win.
3. The student must receive credit for at least 12 hours at a minimum "C" average to be awarded the scholarship.

Scholarship applications can be picked up at your high school, or you may call one of our three offices and we will be happy to mail you one.

Member participation is important to cooperatives, so please take time to attend the annual meeting. See you there!—Rick Kolb, Chief Executive Officer ■





SCENIC RIVERS ENERGY COOPERATIVE
Members are invited to attend the
70th ANNUAL MEETING
Thursday, April 10, 2008

Registration and dinner begin at 6:30 p.m.
Meeting begins promptly at 7:30 p.m.

Grant County Youth & Ag Building in Lancaster,
across the street from the co-op office

Grant County Health Department will conduct a Health Fair and will be on hand for FREE blood-pressure checks and FREE tetanus shots prior to the meeting.



Meet Your Director Candidates

District 1

Merlin Kvigne

Merlin and his wife, Francille, live in Freeman township in rural Ferryville. They have four children and five grandchildren. The Kvignes have been members of Crawford Electric and later Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative ever since availability in the area. Merlin is semi-retired, working part-time as a van driver for Crawford County Senior Resources.

Merlin has held various offices in the community and church. He presently sits on the Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative and Skyview DBS of Wisconsin boards. In 2007, Merlin attended a director course in Madison titled “New and Emerging Technologies,” something that every director must know. Last fall he attended a course in La Crosse titled “Understanding the New World of Power Supply.” This relates to how the nation’s power generation and transmission systems are changing in response to technological, legislative, regulatory, and market forces. Merlin noted that Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative is currently working on a technology plan to provide a road map to meet some of the cooperative’s strategic goals and objectives.

Merlin stated, “I want to promote appropriate growth for our cooperative. I will strive to identify practicable improvements.” As a director Merlin said, “I have based my decisions with the question, ‘What is most beneficial for the members of Scenic Rivers?’ All who have supported me in the past, I thank you and would appreciate your vote for another term.”

John Hauge

John and his wife, Betty, have been married 40 years. They reside in Freeman township of Crawford County. John has three children and eight grandchildren.

John worked as a patrolman for Freeman Township from 1965 until he was forced to retire in 2002 due to health problems. During this time he raised beef cattle

and hogs, along with renting land for tobacco for many years. John is also active in his church and currently serves on the council.

John said, “If elected I will be honored to serve as your director and work for the benefit of the district.”

Ralph Schweinfurth

Ralph was born and raised in Lansing, Iowa. He graduated from Lansing Public High School in 1954 and served in the Army from 1955 to 1957. Ralph was a radar operator in a Nike Missile Battery in the Chicago area. He and his wife, Vivian, were married in 1958 and have three sons and five grandchildren.

Ralph attended the University of Iowa and graduated in 1962 with a major in economics. He worked as a sales representative for a company in Lake Geneva. In 1968, Ralph worked part time while attending college for a trucking company in Iowa City, Iowa. In 1974, he purchased the company and retired from there in 1998. One of his sons and a longtime employee now operate the business.

In 2002 the Schweinfurths moved to the Ferryville area and built a home in rural Ferryville on Buck Creek Road. They are members of the Utica Lutheran Church of rural Mount Sterling, which is Vivian’s home church. Ralph has served as vice president of the church for six years. He is on the Stewardship Committee and the Endowment Fund Committee and also helped teach the fifth and sixth-grade Sunday School classes.

Ralph said, “The home we built is an all-electric house with power supplied by Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative, so we have a very personal interest in the health of Scenic Rivers. Scenic Rivers Energy has and will have serious challenges with the increased demand for their services on one side and the increased regulations and cost on the other. Scenic Rivers Energy has met these challenges in the past and I would like the opportunity to assist meeting these challenges in the future.”

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Director Candidates

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District 5

Tom Bennett

Tom and his wife, Sally, own and operate a hog, beef, and cash grain farm in Little Grant Township. Tom and Sally have two children: Micki (Mark) Uppena and Mike (Chassity) Bennett. They also have six grandchildren. Over the years Tom has served on various boards and committees in the community and church. He currently is an officer of the West Grant Lions Club and a director on the board of Skyview DBS.

Tom has continued his education by completing a Director Leadership course through the University of Wisconsin Center for Cooperatives and the Credentialed Cooperative Director Curriculum through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

Tom has served on Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative's board of directors for the past seven years and was elected chairman for the last two years.

"As a cooperative form of business, SREC has a commitment to its member-owners and to the community," Tom said. "If re-elected, I pledge to work at keeping our cooperative as a financially strong provider of reliable and affordable electricity. I will also strive to provide valued and trusted expertise to our members. I would appreciate your vote. Thank you."

Roy Mumm

Roy and his wife, Dawne, have two teenage sons. They live in Cassville Township and have been members of Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative since their marriage in 1986. They own and operate a dairy and beef farm that has been in the family since 1980.

Roy is a member of St. Charles Catholic Church in Cassville, where he is on the parish council. He is also a district representative for Swiss Valley Farms and a member and director of the Cassville Conservation Club.

"If elected," Roy said, "I will try and do my best to serve District 5."

District 9

David Stute

Dave and his wife, Peg Rasch, live on a 157-acre farm in the Town of Wiota. They have been Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative members since 2000, when they bought the place.

Dave has a bachelor of science degree in animal husbandry and a doctor of law degree, both from the UW-Madison. He worked 31 years for the Wisconsin Legislative Council Staff, a 31-person nonpartisan service agency of the Wisconsin Legislature. During that time, he held the position of staff attorney for 7 years, chief staff attorney for 14 years, and director for the last 10 years. Dave has been retired since 1999.

He is an active member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Argyle and the Argyle FFA Alumni. He chairs the Wiota Town Board and also follows the activities of county and school government.

"During the past three years, I have been thoroughly involved in the board's continuing efforts to keep rates low, reliability high and to bring benefits such as joining Focus on Energy to our members," Dave said. "This is an uncertain time in the world of electrical generation and distribution, especially in the areas of developing additional generating capacity and securing reasonable environmental regulation. Regardless, Scenic Rivers is able to provide reliable power at a reasonable cost, and I am committed to maintaining that tradition. I would appreciate your continued support, and I thank you."

Leon Wolfe

Leon and his wife of 35 years, Soni, live on a small farm in Lamont Township in Lafayette County. They have four children, with two sons living in Darlington, one in Madison, and a daughter in South Kingston, Rhode Island. They have eight grandchildren spread over the four families, with five in Darlington, close enough to spoil and send back home.

Leon grew up in Buffalo County (Waumandee) on a dairy, hog, sheep, and poultry farm. He was active in the 4-H and FFA, exhibiting some of each of these livestock at local, county and state fairs. He earned a bachelor of science degree in agriculture education at the UW-River

Falls and taught agriculture and industrial arts for four years at Stockbridge, Wisconsin. In January 1971, he started work with A.S.C.S. and came to Darlington to work in the Lafayette County office in April of 1971. In the fall of 1971 he was selected as county executive director of the Lafayette County ASCS (now FSA) and served in that position until retirement in April 2006.

Leon has been active in the Darlington FFA Alumni organization for many years and is currently serving as treasurer. He serves on several committees, including the Lafayette County Commission on Aging, Holy Rosary Endowment Committee (treasurer), and the legislative committee for retired FSA/ASCS employees' organization. On top of that, Leon belongs to the Fayette Snow Goers Snowmobile Club and the Wiota Two Cylinder John Deere Club. Leon is currently running for a position on the Lafayette Board of Supervisors representing District IV.

Leon stated, "I would be honored to represent District 9 on the Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative Board. I feel that Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative presently does a great job providing energy to rural areas. If elected as a director, I would work to continue this quality service at as economical rates as possible." ■



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Wings Over Wisconsin Seed Day is March 13

The Southwest Chapter of Wings Over Wisconsin is hosting its annual Seed Day on Thursday, March 13, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Scenic River's Energy Cooperative Lancaster site at 231 N. Sheridan. Corn, sorghum, 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.

A new service is now available to landowners to assist in establishing food plots. The Southwest Chapter has a 10-foot Haybuster no-till seeder. It is available for rent at \$10 per acre for members and \$15 per acre for non-members, plus \$25 delivery and pick-up charges. The seeder is also available for native prairie grass seeding. The chapter received a pheasant stamp grant, enabling the drill, spray and pre-packaged seed to be offered at a reduced rate.

For wildflower enthusiasts, small seed quantities of Purple Coneflower, Yellow Coneflower, and Black-Eyed Susan will also be available for sale.

Representatives from various agencies such as the Grant County Farm Service Agency, Grant County Land Conservation, and Department of Natural Resources will provide literature and will be available to answer questions from landowners during Seed Day.

Membership in Wings Over Wisconsin is not required to receive seed. However, new members are always welcomed. 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 to pick up seed.

A limited quantity of bluebird houses and bird feeders will also be available. Lunch will be served. ■

