

WATT'S HAPPENING

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

Celebrating Earth Day with building awareness in Evergreen



Earth Day is an annual celebration of our planet's resources and a fantastic way to inspire environmental awareness in the communities we serve. It's also a great opportunity to let your community know how much you care about the planet!

You have the opportunity to help us take care of the environment by investing in Evergreen. Evergreen is a voluntary renewable energy (green power) program through Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative, a member-cooperative of the Dairyland Power Cooperative.

Evergreen is for those who want to support renewable energy and are willing to help pay for the extra costs associated with its production. In addition to your normal monthly electric bill, you volunteer to pay a small, additional charge

each month to offset the additional cost it takes to support renewable energy generation. Your investment in Evergreen results in the generation of renewable energy above and beyond state requirements.

Evergreen renewable energy comes from the wind and waste-to-energy sources such as landfill gas and livestock manure. We purchase energy produced from highly-efficient wind turbines. Waste from landfills and livestock confinements is converted to biogas that is used to generate renewable electricity.

By participating in Evergreen, you are investing in the future of the environment for your children and grandchildren. As our investment in renewable energy generation increases, it helps us conserve

our fossil fuel resources such as coal and natural gas for the future. Your purchase of one 100-kilowatt hour (kWh) block of Evergreen renewable energy each month for one year has the same environmental benefit (CO2 reduction) as planting one-half acre of trees or not driving a car 2,400 miles. (source:EPA)

Evergreen blocks are available as listed below:

Number of blocks* of energy:	Amount added to my monthly energy bill:
1 block (100 kWh)	\$1.50
2 blocks (200 kWh)	\$3.00
3 blocks (300 kWh)	\$4.50
4 blocks (400 kWh)	\$6.00
5 blocks (500 kWh)	\$7.50
_____ blocks. (If more than 5 blocks at \$1.50 per block are desired, specify the number of blocks in the space provided.)	

Annual Meeting - April 10th at 6:30 p.m.

Plan now to attend the 70th Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative's Annual Meeting on April 10th, 2008. Scholarships are due April 7th, 2008.

Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative directors and employees invite you to attend our annual meeting on April 10, 2008, at the Youth and Ag Building on the Grant County Fairgrounds located at 916 E. Elm Street, Lancaster. Dinner will be served starting at 6:30 p.m., entertainment by the Fennimore Handbell Ensemble will begin at 7:10 p.m. and the meeting will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. The Grant County Nurses will be on hand to offer free blood pressure screenings and free tetanus shots.

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 during the meeting with adult supervision. Members will also be eligible for prize drawings at the end of the meeting.



Capital Credit Refunds

Scenic Rivers Energy Co-operative's Board of Directors approved a payout of \$1,004,300 in capital credits this year. Current members will have the credit applied to their energy bill on April 1, 2008. This payout includes all credit accumulated up through 1984 and 2.6% of accumulated credit from 1985-2005.



Wisconsin ENERGY STAR Homes



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The power is within you.

Building a new home is one of the largest investments you'll ever make and you want it to be perfect. In addition to choosing a design and floor plan, you're faced with endless possibilities for cabinets, countertops, flooring, fixtures and more. How can you also ensure that the actual structure of your new home will be as well-built, durable and energy efficient as possible without adding even more to your growing to-do list? The Wisconsin ENERGY STAR Homes program can help.

With Wisconsin ENERGY STAR Homes, your home will be reviewed by a third-party consultant three times during the construction process - after framing, after insulation is installed, and after the home is completed. The consultant will conduct a series of performance tests and verify that specific program standards have been met prior to certification. Buyers of these homes are assured that their builders paid close attention to details that improve the overall performance of the home.

More than 350 builders have partnered with Wisconsin ENERGY STAR Homes to build over 8,000 high performance homes across the state. If your builder is not already participating in the program - or if you are your own general contractor - you can still have your home tested and certified as a Wisconsin ENERGY STAR Home. Just be sure to contact a consultant prior to framing completion so the required site visits can be scheduled.

For more information about the Wisconsin ENERGY STAR Homes program, or to find a participating consultant, call Focus on Energy at 800.762.7077 or visit focusonenergy.com.

Clone of a Cinnabon

I found this recipe on www.allrecipes.com and it looks delicious.

1 cup warm milk (110 degrees)
2 eggs, room temperature
1/3 cup margarine, melted
4 1/2 cups bread flour
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup white sugar
2 1/2 teaspoons bread machine yeast
2 1/2 tablespoons ground cinnamon

1/3 cup butter, softened
1 (3 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
1/4 cup butter, softened
1 1/2 cups confectioners' sugar
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/8 teaspoon salt



1. Place ingredients in the pan of the bread machine in the order recommended by the manufacturer. Select dough cycle; press Start.
2. After the dough has doubled in size turn it out onto a lightly floured surface, cover and let rest for 10 minutes. In a small bowl, combine brown sugar and cinnamon.
3. Roll dough into a 16X21 inch rectangle. Spread dough with 1/3 cup butter and sprinkle evenly with sugar/cinnamon mixture. Roll up dough and cut into 12 rolls. Place rolls in a lightly greased 9X13 inch baking pan. Cover and let rise until nearly doubled, about 30 minutes. Meanwhile, preheat oven to 400 degrees.
4. Bake rolls in preheated oven until golden brown, about 15 minutes. While rolls are baking, beat together cream cheese, 1/4 cup butter, confectioners' sugar, vanilla extract and salt. Spread frosting on warm rolls before serving.



Tree Trimming Report

Wright Tree Service Inc. will be trimming trees in the following townships during the month of April.

Grant County:

Patch Grove, Millville, Wyalusing

Crawford County:

Prairie du Chien, Bridgeport

Lafayette County:

Fayette, Lamont, Argyle, Belmont, Kendall, Seymour



Line Extension Agreements

2008 Line Extension Agreement Costs.

Staking Meeting Charge	\$200
* This amount will be applied against the member's total fees when he/she confirms the build	
Minimum Charge: (recreational)	\$200 plus Transformer cost and set fees
Transformer Set Fee:	\$200 Overhead or Underground
Secondary Line Extension:	
Primary Permanent Service:	100 feet provided, plus \$7.00 per foot for additional footage.
Recreational or Nonpermanent:	\$7.00 per foot
Primary Line Extension -	Overhead and Underground
0 to 500 feet-	\$7.00/ft
500 to 1,000 feet -	\$5.75/ft
1000 feet plus -	\$4.25/ft
Road Bore (0 to 50 feet) -	\$400.00
Road Bore (Over 50 feet) -	\$10.00/ft
Temporary Service Charge -	\$100.00

The Cooperative considers a "primary permanent service" to mean the dwelling must be a primary residence and must have a state approved well and septic system.

SREC will determine the distance of line and the type of construction.

If additional member(s) are connected to this line extension within five years, the member(s) providing the initial "contribution-in-aid of construction" shall be reimbursed an equitable amount.

In addition to the construction cost, a member will be billed a monthly kilowatt-hour and facility charge. If service is not connected within 60 days, the monthly minimum bill will be applied.

Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative will guarantee this price until December 1, 2008.

CFL Give Away

Do the bright thing...by doing the RIGHT thing!



Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative is committed to helping you brighten up your home and save money on your energy bill at the same time with energy-efficient compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs)! By replacing your current incandescent bulbs with CFLs, you can reduce your energy use and help the environment.

Together, Dairyland Power Cooperative and its 25 member cooperatives (including SREC) are encouraging members to "do the bright thing" by making energy efficiency a priority in their homes. In celebration of Earth Day, April 22nd, Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative is sending each of our members two free CFLs! By installing the energy-efficient CFLs, you are protecting our environment and preserving energy resources. **Do the Bright Thing... because it's the RIGHT thing to do.**

In an effort to conserve on mailing costs, if you have a permanent address outside of Wisconsin please stop by one of our three offices to receive your free CFLs. Watch for CFL recycling details in the May newsletter.



Power Your Mind – Learn who is bringing you power

Rick Kolb-

Job Title:

Chief Executive Officer

Family:

- **Wife:** Kathy
- **Two sons:** Nicholas, 23 and Michael, 19
- **Two Daughters:** Katrina, 21 and Danielle, 17.

Hobbies:

I enjoy walking Gracie, our Golden Retriever. I also enjoy reading; anything from newspapers, current events magazines, biographies, and autobiographies of historical figures.

Why did you choose to become employed at SREC?

I chose to become employed at Scenic Rivers (at the time Grant-Lafayette Electric Cooperative) because they offered to hire me but also because my whole career

since college has been associated with electric utilities and I had worked for a year in Wisconsin (originally from Missouri) and I liked the natural beauty of the area and thought it would be a great place to raise a family. (I was right about that!)

What do you enjoy most about your career at SREC?

The thing I enjoy most about my career at SREC has been the opportunity to work with all of the great people I have come in contact with over the years including members, directors, employees and my colleagues at other cooperatives in the area and at Dairyland Power Cooperative. I have enjoyed working with all of these people and I believe the result of these great relationships has been serving the members with service at a reasonable price.



Hey Kids, Check It Out

Visit www.touchstoneenergykids.com for fun ways to learn about electricity! The site offers a variety of games and educational materials where you can play games and learn about energy conservation and electrical safety (while having fun).



Touchstone Energy®

Lancaster FFA Alumni 2007 Outstanding Business of the Year

Recently the Lancaster FFA Alumni presented Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative the 2007 "Outstanding Business Of The Year" award. The Lancaster FFA Alumni wanted to show their appreciation for all the support Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative has given over the years. Below: Members of Lancaster FFA Alumni presenting Tom Bennett, Board Chairman, the award plaque.



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