

WATT'S HAPPENING

SCENIC RIVERS ENERGY COOPERATIVE
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Reality Check:

Climate Change Must be Fair, Affordable, and Achievable

We need your help. As Congress debates climate change this fall, our voices must drown out special interests and businesses interested in turning a profit. We've got to send Congress a reality check.

Since early this year, Congress has considered a cap-and-trade system to address climate change concerns. This system focuses on reducing carbon dioxide emissions from power plants, vehicles, and factories—essentially, impacting all sectors of the economy. As Congress acts on climate change they will be directly responsible for raising our electric bills. But by how much?

Electric co-ops like Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative feel it's important for Congress to keep three things in mind regarding climate change. We know rates will go up as a result of any action Congress takes, but any bill should be fair, taking into account regional differences in how electricity is produced. Some states have more low-carbon resources (such as wind or hydro) available than others, but we're all in this boat together. One part of the country should not benefit at another's expense.

Next, we've got to keep electricity affordable for all Americans. We already have members in Wisconsin who barely manage to pay their monthly electric bills, or must choose between paying for medications and keeping the lights on. Even a small increase will be a hardship beyond measure for these folks.



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Finally, the goals Congress sets must be achievable. Climate change policy must be realistic and in sync with technology to ensure long-term success. Otherwise we're doomed to fail.

SREC and others across the nation have been working hard to make sure these concerns are raised—and we need your help.

More than 377,000 co-op members like you across the nation have joined the Our Energy, Our Future™ grassroots campaign, demanding that elected officials keep consumer interests in mind. Their voices had a major impact this summer, as the U.S. House passed a climate change bill that included more than \$3 billion in rate relief for co-op consumers from initial proposals. Still, that bill fell far short of being fair to consumers. The climate change debate, now moves to the U.S. Senate. We have an opportunity there to make more improvements—and you can impact the outcome.

Your senators as well as members of the U.S. House need a reality check from you, their constituents. Visit www.ourenergy.coop today to send a message about the need for fair, affordable, and achievable climate change legislation.

Don't forget to return
your signed cards with your bill this
month! Make your voice heard!

Youth Leadership Congress

More than 140 high school students participated in this year's Wisconsin Cooperative Association Youth Leadership Congress at UW River Falls in July. The educational program, sponsored by the Wisconsin's electric coops- including Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative, once again introduced students from across the state to cooperative business basics, demonstrated the value of cooperation in everyday life, and offered sessions to help develop leadership skills. For many students, it provided a first glimpse of what college life is like.

The three-day program also focused on careers with electric

cooperatives and topics such as renewable energy and effective communications. Planning for the program is done by six members of the Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association Youth Board, a group elected at the previous year's Youth Congress. The high school students elected at this year's conference included Lancaster's very own, Miranda Yoose. Miranda, along with five other students from around Wisconsin, will be responsible for helping to plan next year's Youth Congress and will be invited to participate in the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Youth Tour, held in Washington

DC, next June.

When Miranda was asked why she chose to attend the Youth Leadership Congress she replied "It was a huge opportunity for me. I hold a lot of leadership positions so I've been to a lot of conferences, but I wanted to



Miranda Yoose, newly represented Youth Board member.

go to this one because I thought it would be a little different. There were more people here and I learned some different things. It was also a lot of fun." "Being elected to the Youth Board will only enhance Miranda's experience" stated Megan Graney, Member Communications for SREC. "I took nine students to the Youth Congress and I really think each one of them learned new skills to lead the next generation."

Electric distribution cooperatives across Wisconsin sponsor students who attend the Youth Congress, making the experience free to the students. High school students interested in attending next year's conference should contact Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative.



*Front Row- Brain Trader, Miranda Yoose, Jessica Hugill, Jasmine Weger, Michaela Marshall
Back Row- Megan Graney- SREC, Mallorie Jensen, Bridgette Linneman, Miranda Stanek, Josh DeYoung*

What's New?

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Members can find Focus on Energy incentive information online by visiting focusonenergy.com/incentives, then click on the options for Residential, Business, Renewable Energy or Tax Incentives to learn more.



Tree Maintenance

Tree Crew Locations for September-

Crawford County -
Eastman and Prairie du Chien Townships

Grant County -
Clifton and Wingville Townships



Currently Cooking:

Pumpkin Bars

- 2 C. Flour
 - 2 tsp. soda
 - ½ tsp salt
 - 2 tsp cinnamon
 - 2 C. sugar
 - 1 C. oil
 - 2 C pumpkin
 - 4 eggs
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- Mix together.
 - Spread in a greased 15'X10' pan.
 - Bake 25-30 minutes.
 - Remove and cool.
 - Frost and cut in bars.



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**Join us at one of our three
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Lafayette County - October 28th
Grant County - October 29th

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Ron Jentz
*Title- Energy Services
Supervisor*



Family-

- Wife- Dianne
- Kids- Courtney, Austin, and Natalie

Hobbies-

Woodworking, Spending time with family, Hunting, Golf

Why did you choose to become employed at SREC?

Wanted to work outside, use my education, and be close to home.

What do you enjoy most about your job at SREC?

I enjoy the different challenges it brings each day- never knowing what I may be working on. The days go by too fast.



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