

# WATT'S HAPPENING

SCENIC RIVERS ENERGY COOPERATIVE

LANCASTER, DARLINGTON AND GAYS MILLS, WISCONSIN

## Board Approves Million Dollar Capital Credit Payment

The Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative Board of Directors approved the payment of a million dollars in capital credit earnings back to the members. This payment will be reflected on the April energy bills sent out the first part of May.

This payment is due to the strong financial results achieved in 2004 from the sale of the DirecTV franchise.

We are not imposing the higher summer rates in 2005 due to a rate freeze in 2005 from our wholesale power supplier, Dairyland Power Cooperative. Be sure to watch for the news in Watt's Happening and other publications.

## Water Heater Price Increases

We have increased the price of our water heaters due to an increase of the purchase price from our supplier. We currently stock the A. O. Smith, a model that meets the National Appliance Energy Conservation Act in standards. The current price is:

52 gallon	\$385	
80 gallon	520	(\$320 after member discount)
120 gallon	795	(\$435 after member discount)

The member discount remains the same, \$200 for the 80 gallon and \$360 for the 120 gallon when you have a load control device installed on the water heater. If you are interested in a water heater or have questions, call Leann at 1-800-236-2141 x 105.

## Credit Card Payments

If you would like to pay your bill with your credit card, please call 1-866-261-2995. You will reach NCO Financial Services. When making a payment with your credit card have the following information ready: tell them it is for Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative, your account number, dollar amount, credit card number and expiration date.

You may also pay with your credit card by accessing our website at [www.sre.coop](http://www.sre.coop). A nominal fee is charged for this service.



## OF INTEREST TO MEMBERS

Meter reading days for April are 23, 25, 26, and 27.



## EARTH NOTES

### Water- a most valuable resource

Water is one of our most valuable resources. We should strive to keep our drinking water, streams and oceans free from as much pollution as possible. Nature can handle a portion of the pollution by diluting it until it is no longer harmful. But what happens when more pollution contaminates our water than nature can handle? This is when our streams choke up and kill the fish from too much manure runoff; our drinking water becomes

contaminated with phosphates, poisons, pesticides, acid rain, or leaking underground petroleum tanks making the water undrinkable.

This source of pollution is called **nonpoint pollution** and it is much harder to identify than **point source pollution** where you can see the source of the contaminate. Much care should be taken when disposing of these pollution sources.



# Currently Cooking



*It seems like everyone in my family likes Mexican food. Try this lasagna recipe out on your family and see if they like it.*

## Mexican Lasagna

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|---|------------------------------------|
| 1 lb. ground beef (browned and drained) | 2 C. water                         |
| 1 (16 oz.) can of refried beans         | 2 C. salsa                         |
| 2 tsp. dried oregano                    | 2 C. sour cream                    |
| 1 tsp. cumin                            | ¾ C. green onion (chopped)         |
| ½ tsp. garlic powder                    | 8 oz. black olives (chopped)       |
| 9-12 uncooked lasagna noodles           | 1 C. shredded Monterey Jack cheese |

Mix first 5 ingredients. In a 9 x 13-inch pan layer noodles and meat mixture, ending with noodles. Mix salsa and water; pour over noodles and meat. Cover with foil and bake at 350° for 1 to 1 ½ hours. Mix sour cream, green onions, olives, and cheese; spread on top of baked casserole. Bake 10 more minutes uncovered. Let rest 15 minutes before serving.

## “You Know That It’s Spring When...”

- Your heat is too hot, but your air conditioner is too cold.
- You leave the office at lunch and don’t want to go back.
- You want to spend time alone watching the grass grow.
- You find yourself obsessively counting robins.
- You can’t concentrate because you are busy daydreaming.
- You feel a sudden uncontrollable urge to clean your closet.
- You start sneezing at the mere mention of pollen.
- You remember how it feels to be in love.
- You feel like jogging around the block until you try it.
- You go for a drive in the car just to open the sunroof.
- You have a craving for fresh strawberry shortcake.
- You decide to wash and wax the car - at home - by hand.
- The birds are building a nest in your mailbox.
- You wonder if the lawn mower will start, and hope it doesn’t.
- You leave the windows wide open just to smell the fresh breeze.
- It’s raining outside and your umbrella is strayed, lost, or stolen.
- You splash in the rain puddles and hope no one sees you.
- You notice the “for sale” signs are blooming faster than daffodils.
- You find yourself wishing you knew how to whistle.
- You even like dandelions almost.
- You wonder why we have those other seasons anyhow.
- You visit the local lawn and garden shop just to browse.
- You come home with fertilizer, tomato plants, and a garden hose.
- You buy new lawn furniture even though you don’t need it.
- You wonder how to cure spring fever and then decide you don’t want to.



## Just For Fun



Two shipwrecked sailors were adrift on a raft for days. In desperation, one knelt down and began to pray. “Oh, Lord, I haven’t lived a good life. I’ve drunk too much. I’ve lied. I’ve cheated. I’ve gambled. I’ve caroused with women. I’ve done many bad things, but Lord, if you’ll save me, I promise—”

“Don’t say another word!” shouted his shipmate. “I think I just spotted land.”

—*Modern Maturity*

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