

WATT'S HAPPENING

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Five easy ways to make your home safer

Take a few minutes for safety every day. Here are five ways to get you started and make your home electrically safe:

1. Put safety covers on unused wall outlets so children can't explore with tiny fingers. Replace any broken wall plates.
2. If cords are frayed or cracked, replace them. Never nail or staple cords to the wall or floor. And keep furniture off the cords—even if they're hiding under the carpet.
3. Extension cords are meant to be used temporarily.

It's not safe to use them as permanent household wiring.

4. Use three-prong plugs in three-prong outlets. Never cut the third prong off to fit it into a two-prong outlet. And don't force plugs into outlets if they don't fit easily. You can start a fire that way, or get a shock.
5. Install ground-fault circuit interrupters in bathrooms and kitchens. They help prevent electrocutions where electricity and water might meet.

Do you have questions about electrical safety? Please call your energy professionals at Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative. As your member-owned electric utility, we will be glad to help you protect your home and family.

Beware of Scams

There have been instances in other areas of Wisconsin of people posing as electrical workers in order to commit thefts and burglaries. It seems they would ask the occupants of the house when they would be gone so they could trim trees and check voltage and avoid disturbing them. After the occupants left the impostors would commit the burglaries.

Our Employees Carry Identification

Each of the cooperatives employees carries cooperative identification. If, for any reason you question whether or not an employee works for Scenic Rivers Energy, please feel free to ask for their identification. If you notice anything suspicious, be sure to contact Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative or your sheriff's or police department.

Don't lock out your cooperative

Some members need to keep their property secure from unwanted intruders, so they have locks on their gates. Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative needs to have access to our electric lines and metering equipment in order to maintain and operate our system. For instance, cooperative personnel may need access to lines in an outage or for other work, or they may need to check out a meter that is not giving us a proper reading. Locked gates pose no problem when a cooperative lock is installed between your padlock and a link in the chain. Only authorized cooperative personnel have keys to these locks. Employees are diligent in locking the gate when they leave so your property remains secure.

without a cooperative lock, we urge you to call and authorize the installation of a cooperative lock. There is no charge or inconvenience to you. Cooperative access to the electric lines on your property is important for quality service especially in emergencies.



Believe it or Not!

According to research at Cambridge University, it doesn't matter in what order the letters in a word are, the only important thing is that the first and last letters be at the right place.

The rest can be a total mess and you can still read it without a problem. This is because the human mind does not read every letter by itself, but the word as a whole. Amazing, huh?

If you have a chained gate

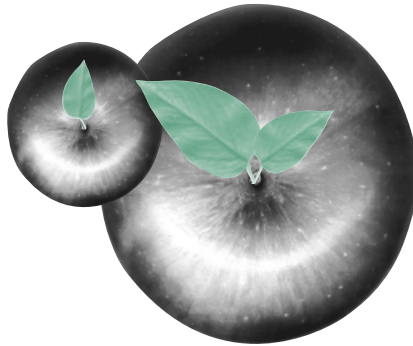
Currently Cooking



This recipe comes from member, Violet Gertsch, from the Gratiot area of Lafayette County. I hear that she's a good cook so you might want to try this one out.

Bird's Nest Pie

- ½ C. brown sugar
- 3 Tbsp. butter
- 3 to 4 apples sliced thin
- 1 egg
- ½ C. sugar
- ¼ tsp. salt
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1 C. flour
- ½ C. milk
- 1 tsp. vanilla

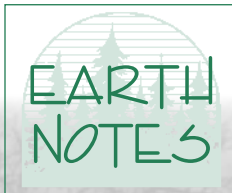


Butter a 10-inch pie pan. Spread brown sugar in bottom of pan. Cut up butter and dot over brown sugar and layer apples over this. Mix the rest of the ingredients and pour over apples. Bake 25 minutes at 350 degrees. Invert on plate and serve with cream.

Vitality NOTE

Family members who care for a loved one who has had a stroke have less stress and depression and a better quality of life if they receive training in care giving. Advances in stroke rehabilitation have meant up to 80 percent of stroke survivors return home, and most need care when they do.

—American Stroke Association



Some members of Congress are going to make it a priority to reduce green house gases and stop the global warming that scientists say is occurring. The Clean Air Act of 1990 helped reduce air pollution in the United States. However, there are several deficiencies in the law. These include:

- Failing to sharply increase the fuel efficiency standards for cars and light trucks.
- Failing to classify the ash from municipal trash incinerators as hazardous waste, thus encouraging incinerations instead of pollution prevention as a solution to solid and hazardous waste reduction.

- Giving municipal trash incinerators 30-year permits. It undermines pollution prevention, recycling, and reuse.
- Setting weak standards for air pollution emissions from incinerator.
- Setting municipal recycling goals at a token 25% instead of an achievable 60%.
- Continuing to rely almost entirely on pollution cleanup rather than pollution prevention.

A lot has been done to improve the air quality in our country, but we need to do a lot more. Let's hope our congressmen and lawmakers can improve this even more.

Just For Fun Last Will & Testament of a Farmer



I leave:

To my wife: My overdraft at the bank. Maybe she can explain it.

To my son: Equity on my car. Now he will have to go to work to make payments.

To my banker: My soul. He has the mortgage on it anyway.

To my neighbor: My clown suit. He will need it if he continues to farm as I did in the past.

To the farm credit corporation: My unpaid bills. They took some real chances on me. I want to do something for them.

To the junk man: All my machinery. He's had his eyes on it for years.

To my undertaker: A special request. I want six implement dealers and fertilizer dealers for pallbearers. They are used to carrying me.

To the weatherman: Rain, hail and snow for the funeral please. No sense having good weather now.

To the gravedigger: Don't bother. The hole I'm in now should be big enough.

And lastly

To the monument maker: Set up a jig for the epitaph. "Here lies a farmer that has now properly assumed all of his obligations."

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