

WATT'S HAPPENING

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

Board Finalizes Rate Increase

At the May 5, 2006 board meeting, Scenic Rivers' directors finalized the rates to go into effect on June 1, 2006. These rates will first be seen on the bill you receive the first week of July. Since January, the cooperative has been passing along the additional costs through the power cost adjustment. As reported earlier, our wholesale power costs have increased over 20% due to the doubling of rail charges for delivering coal to Dairyland Power Cooperative generation plants at Genoa and Alma, Wisconsin. The rate increase that will be seen by most of our members will be roughly 15%. Even after this increase, our average cost per kilowatt-hour will be lower than the rates charged by our major competitor, Alliant Energy.

Vitality NOTE

Driving while drowsy can be as dangerous as driving while drunk. A new study found 17 percent of American drivers have fallen asleep at the wheel in the past year. To prevent an accident if you start to feel sleepy: Pull off the road, lock your car and take a short nap in a safe, well-lighted area. Drink caffeine or energy drinks, but remember they take up to 30 minutes to enter the bloodstream. *National Sleep Foundation, Washington, DC.*

Scenic Rivers contractors

We are anticipating another busy construction season this year. We have several large projects planned, along with several hundred new service requests.

As preparations are being made for these upcoming projects, SREC would like to remind you that although we try to use our own employees for these projects, there are times when we utilize outside contract crews. Contract crews are used for projects that SREC is not set up for, such as tree trimming, right-of-way clearing, underground cable installation, pole testing, underground inspections, and cable locating.

Contractors that we will be using this year include Push Incorporated and United Underground, which does the majority of our underground cable installation, Utility Inspection Service, which checks our underground pedestals and transformers, SM & P and Vanguard Utility Partners which does the locating of our primary underground lines, Pole Inspection Services which does our annual pole testing, and Wright Tree Service which does our tree trimming and right-of-way clearing.

Give your air conditioners a pre-season check-up

A pre-season check of your air-conditioning system can be a real money saver. Air conditioners at peak efficiency will use up to 20 percent less electricity and last years longer. Here is a checklist to help you keep your air conditioner at peak efficiency.

- ▶ Have refrigerant levels and condenser coils professionally checked.
- ▶ Check and clean filters regularly.
- ▶ Check the filter door for fit and replace any damaged gaskets.
- ▶ Clean and lubricate the indoor blower unit regularly.
- ▶ Check the housing of the unit outside your home.

Dairy Breakfasts

It's that time of year again for the annual Dairy Breakfasts, listed below are the locations for Grant, Lafayette and Crawford Counties:

Crawford County—Breakfast will be held June 10, 2006 from 6 a.m. till 10 a.m. at the farm of Steve, Terri and Matt Achenbach, located at 29243 State Highway 27, Eastman, Wisconsin. The Achenbach farm is located on Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperatives lines.

Grant County—Breakfast will be held June 11, 2006 from 7 a.m. till 12 noon at the Grant County Fairgrounds on County Road A in Lancaster.

Lafayette County—Breakfast will be held June 10, 2006 from 6:30 a.m. till 10:30 a.m. at the farm of Daryl and Jennifer Dammen, 2991 County Road M, South Wayne, Wisconsin. The Dammens are members of Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative.



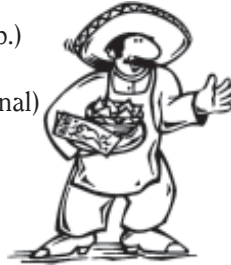
Currently Cooking



This is the season for grilling. These chicken wraps will be a hit with everyone this summer.

Grilled Chicken and Fresh Salsa Wraps

- 1 bottle (12 oz.) LAWRY'S Herb & Garlic Marinade with Lemon Juice, divided
- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves (about 1 lb.)
- 1 large tomato, chopped
- 1 can (4 oz.) diced mild green chilies, drained (optional)
- ¼ C. thinly sliced green onions
- 1 Tbsp. red wine vinegar
- 1 Tbsp. chopped fresh cilantro
- ½ tsp. LAWRY'S Garlic Salt
- 4 to 8 flour tortillas, warmed



Marinate chicken in 1 cup of marinade in the refrigerator for at least 30 minutes. In a bowl, combine tomato, chilies (optional), green onions, ¼ cup marinade, vinegar, cilantro and garlic salt; mix well. Cover and refrigerate 30 minutes or until chilled. Remove chicken; discard used marinade. Grill or broil chicken 10 to 15 minutes or until no longer pink in center and juices run clear when cut, turning halfway through grilling time. Cut chicken into strips. Place chicken on tortillas; spoon salsa on top and wrap to enclose. Serve immediately, makes 4 servings.

Working can be hazardous to your health



Roughly ¼ of U.S. workers risk some illness from routine exposure to one or more toxic compounds. The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health estimates that as many as 100,000 deaths per year in the United States—at least half from cancer—are linked to workers' exposure to toxic agents. The most dangerous occupation is farming, followed by construction, mining, and factory work. Every day an average of 28 Americans are killed in on-the-job accidents.

Most work-related illnesses and premature deaths could be prevented by stricter laws and by enforcement of existing laws governing exposure of workers to ionizing radiation and dangerous chemicals. However, political pressure by industry officials has

hindered effective enforcement of these laws.

They argue that U. S. industries have some of the world's safest workplaces and that stricter health and safety standards would cut profits and reduce competitiveness in the global marketplace. If such standards are enacted, they claim, they would have to shut down U. S. plants and move to other countries where health and safety standards—and wages—are lower.

Environmentalists call this form of job blackmail *greenmail*. They believe that pollution taxes and more of a company's profits—could and should be used for improving worker health and safety standards, as is done in many Japanese, Scandinavian, and German industries. *Environmental Science*

Just For Fun

We found some more

"You grew up in Wisconsin, if..."



- ◆ You know that creek rhymes with pick.
- ◆ Your class took a field trip to a brewery in second grade.
- ◆ Football schedules are checked before wedding dates are set.
- ◆ There was at least one kid in your class who had to help milk cows in the morning...phew!
- ◆ You have driven your car on a lake.
- ◆ The Packers will always be better than the Vikings, no matter what the standings are.
- ◆ You always believed that vacation meant "going up north".
- ◆ At every wedding you have been to you have had to dance the hokey pokey and the chicken dance.
- ◆ At least twice a year, the kitchen doubles as a meat processing plant.
- ◆ Your mom asks, "Were you born in a barn?" and you know exactly what she means.
- ◆ You know which leaves make good toilet paper.
- ◆ You think the start of deer season is a national holiday.

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