

# WATT'S HAPPENING

SCENIC RIVERS ENERGY COOPERATIVE

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**focus on energy™**

*The power is within you.*

**O**ur members have spoken and we have heard your voices. Scenic Rivers Energy is announcing our partnership with Focus on Energy effective July 1, 2007.

Focus on Energy is Wisconsin's energy efficiency and renewable energy program.

### **What is Focus on Energy?**

Focus on Energy works with eligible Wisconsin residents and businesses to install cost effective energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. Focus information, resources and financial incentives help to implement projects that otherwise would not get completed, or to complete projects sooner than scheduled. Its efforts help Wisconsin residents and businesses manage rising energy costs, promote in-state economic development, protect our environment and control the state's growing demand for electricity and natural gas.

### **What does Focus on Energy offer?**

Wisconsin Energy Conservation Corporation - a private nonprofit is responsible for administering three Focus on Energy programs:

**1.** A Residential Program including services and incentives for ENERGY STAR lighting, select appliances, high efficiency heating and cooling, home improvements to increase efficiency of an existing home, certification of new Wisconsin ENERGY STAR Homes, and multiple measures for apartments and condos.

**2.** A Business Program including services for commercial, industrial and agricultural facilities, as well as schools and government buildings. Incentives are offered on everything from lighting, motors and HVAC equipment to compressed air, steam traps, plate coolers, variable speed controllers for vacuum pumps, heat recovery tanks, and large and small custom projects.

**3.** A Renewable Energy Program offering scholarships to attend workshops and incentives for installing customer-sited renewable energy systems, solar electric, solar heating, wind biogas, biomass, and non-residential wood systems.

In addition to these programs, Focus on Energy offers a wealth of information- including a toll-free call center, fact sheets and case studies- on all types of technologies and projects that a resident, farm or business may be considering.

For more information on the program log on to [www.focusonenergy.com](http://www.focusonenergy.com) or call Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative at 608-723-2121 ext. 105. Please note effective July 1, 2007 the incentive program will change so the website is not 100% accurate to the benefits Scenic Rivers Energy members will be receiving.

Together, we can help you save energy and manage your energy bills.

Watch for more details in the July Watt's Happening!

## **June is Dairy Month**



**H**ere are some interesting dairy facts to help us recognize the dairy industry this month:

- ▲ In an average day, a dairy cow will eat 90 pounds of feed, drink a bathtub full of water, and produce 93 glasses of milk.
- ▲ Wisconsin produces more whey and cheese than any other state.
- ▲ Dairy cows in Wisconsin produce 3 billion gallons of milk every year.
- ▲ Today, a dairy cow produces three times as much milk as she did in 1930.
- ▲ Dairy cows were brought to America by Christopher Columbus.
- ▲ Wisconsin is known as "America's Dairyland."



### **Dairy Breakfasts**

**Grant County:** The Grant County Fairgrounds will again be the location of the Grant County Dairy Breakfast. This is being held on June 10th. Serving will start at 7 a.m. until 12 p.m.

**Lafayette County:** Saturday, June 9th the Rock Hard Dairy will be hosting the 2007 Lafayette County Dairy Breakfast from 6:30 to 10:30 a.m. Pat and Shelly Leonard and family live at 6461 County Line Rd. in Blanchardville, WI.

**Crawford County:** Nolan Family Farms in Prairie du Chien will host the Crawford County Dairy Breakfast on June 9th from 6 to 10 a.m. John, Carrie, Pat and Tammy Nolan operate their dairy farm at 30990 Johns Lane in Prairie du Chien.

# Currently Cooking



If you are having a get together this summer, try this variation of pretzels.

## Garlic Pretzels

- 1 pkg. Hidden Valley Ranch Dressing mix - dry
- 1 1/2 C. oil
- 2 Tbsp dill weed
- 2 tsp. garlic powder
- 1/4 tsp. lemon pepper
- 1/8 tsp. onion salt
- 1 - 14 oz. or 3 - 10 oz. pkg. pretzels



Mix all ingredients except pretzels. Set in refrigerator for at least 2 hours or overnight. Overnight is best. Stir occasionally to blend spices. Stir in with pretzels and allow to sit until pretzels don't look oily. Stir occasionally. Store in airtight container.

# Just For Fun

**Burglar:** "Talk about hard luck. I broke into a lawyer's house last night, and he got the drop on me. Told me to get lost and never come back."



**Burglar's pal:** "You got off easy."

**Burglar:** "Easy? He charged me \$150 for the warning."

# Underground Maintenance

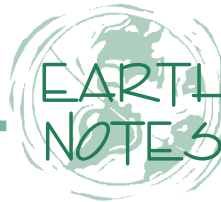
Potosi, Waterloo, Cassville, Glen Haven, Bloomington, Wyalusing, Millville, Mt. Hope, Woodman, and Patch Grove

Inspections of Underground Pedestals and Transformers

In each of the above locations, DBJ Inspection Services (contracted by Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative) will be completing underground maintenance. This will consist of the following:

- ▼ Removing debris from inside and around the outside of transformers and pedestals
- ▼ Making sure signs are visible
- ▼ Conducting infrared testing of connections
- ▼ Making sure locks are in place and secure
- ▼ Installing markers on the cabinets
- ▼ Repairing any holes or damage to the boxes

# What can you do?



**Y**ou can make a difference in the environment by making little changes in your daily living.

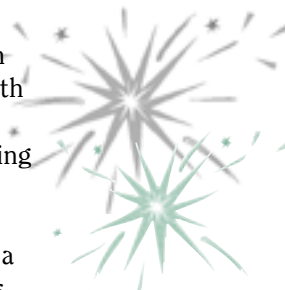
Save water and energy by only washing full loads of laundry. Don't just toss clothes in the hamper after wearing, check them out and if clean, wear again. Hang your towels between showers and reuse. A few more things you can do are:

- ▶ Install a low flow showerhead and use 1/2 as much water.
- ▶ Insulate pre-1990 water heaters, especially electric; it pays for itself in six months.
- ▶ Insulate the first 5 feet of cold water pipes and all hot water pipes. Start insulating 3 inches above vent opening. With precut tubes, it's easy, and payback is less than five years.
- ▶ Turn water heater down to vacation or pilot setting when you're gone for two or more days and save about \$2 per week.
- ▶ Set water heater at 120° to 125°. You will save money and prevent scalding.
- ▶ Hang your laundry outside to dry.

I'm sure with a little thought you can save in many more ways. If you have some good suggestions about energy savings for our members, call or contact us at line@srec.net .

# Summer Fun

**T**he 2007 Bagley 4th of July Celebration will be held on Wednesday, July 4th with the parade starting at 10:30 a.m. This year's theme is "Patriotism and Pets". Following the parade will be a Chicken Barbecue, Flea Market, BINGO tent, Raffle Drawings, Games, Contests for Children, Cow Chip BINGO, and a Bean Bag Tournament. The famous Fireworks display will start at dark (approximately 9:30 p.m.) with the street dance immediately after.



**July 4th  
in Bagley**

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