

WATT'S HAPPENING

SCENIC RIVERS ENERGY COOPERATIVE

LANCASTER, DARLINGTON AND GAYS MILLS, WISCONSIN

MEMBER SERVICES UPDATE

Rebates Offered...

Scenic Rivers Energy is not a member of the statewide "Focus on Energy" program that offers energy saving rebates. However, we do offer our members the following rebates in 2003:

- ▼ We sell energy efficient A. O. Smith water heaters. The rebates are \$200 on an 80 gallon and \$360 on a 120 gallon. In order to receive the rebate we must be allowed to install a load control.
- ▼ We offer rebates on air conditioners and air source heat pumps. The rebate is \$40 per ton for SEER 12, \$50 per ton for SEER 13, and \$60 per ton for SEER 14. We also have a \$60 per ton rebate for ground source heat pumps. These also must have a load control installed.
- ▼ The rebate on electric plenum heaters is \$350. A control will also be required. An electric plenum heater can be added to most forced-air furnaces using the existing furnace thermostat and blower motor.
- ▼ We have rebates on lighting. Electronically ballasted fluorescent fixtures have a rebate of \$6.50 per ballast, metal halide fixtures have a rebate of \$10 per fixture, and sodium vapor fixtures have a \$10 rebate per fixture. Rebate for existing retrofit lighting systems only.
- ▼ High efficient barn fans will have a rebate of \$1 per inch of blade diameter for qualifying ventilation systems.

The rebates mentioned above may require the member to meet certain conditions. You can contact our office at 800-236-2121 at extension 105 and talk to Leann Peterson about the requirements.

May is Electrical Safety Month

This month we want to stress the importance of being careful with electricity. The following is a list of ways you can help save life and limb when dealing with electricity:

- 1. Water and electricity can be shocking.** Always unplug an appliance before cleaning or servicing it. Even if turned off, it can shock you when it's plugged in. Use outlets with GFCIs (Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters) for appliances near sinks.
- 2. Water and electricity don't mix.** Electricity flows easily through water. Keep hair dryers, curling irons, electric razors, electric toothbrushes, and other appliances away from water.
- 3. In case of burnt toast, NEVER insert metal into a toaster under any circumstances.** Metal conducts electricity. If you must remove burnt toast, be sure to unplug the toaster first.
- 4. Keep little hands out of trouble.** If small children are in your home, put safety covers on all electrical outlets that could be within their reach. Keep appliances and cords away from children.
- 5. Teach your family about extension cord safety.** Extension cords are only for temporary use. Never put them under rugs or furniture as they can overheat or become damaged.
- 6. Frayed cords are dangerous.** Cord insulation keeps electricity in the wires, where it belongs. Regularly check appliance power cords for wear.



Survival tips for allergy sufferers:

- ◆ Wash your hands often and rinse your eyes with cool water after coming indoors.
- ◆ Wash your hair at night to prevent pollen from getting on your pillow.
- ◆ Wear sunglasses when outdoors to help keep pollen from irritating your eyes.
- ◆ When possible, avoid or limit exposure to pollen and other allergy-causing substances.

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Asthma & Immunology,
Arlington Heights, IL.**

Currently Cooking



It's that time of year again when the rhubarb is ready to eat. I found this recipe in the St. Charles cookbook from Cassville, Wisconsin.

Rhubarb Bars

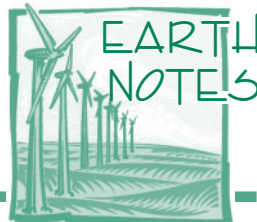
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| 3 c. cut-up rhubarb | ¼ c. water |
| 1 ½ c. sugar | 1 tsp. vanilla |
| 3 T. cornstarch | ½ tsp. soda |
- Crust:**
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| 1 c. oleo | 1 ½ c. flour |
| ½ c. nuts | 1 c. brown sugar |
| 1 ½ c. quick oatmeal | |



Boil rhubarb, sugar, cornstarch, water and vanilla until thick. Add soda. Mix crust until crumbly. Put ¾ into a greased and floured 9 X 13 inch pan. Spread on cooked filling and then rest of crust. Bake at 350° for 20 to 25 minutes.

Evergreen

YOUR ENERGY CHOICE FOR THE FUTURE



In May of 1998 we introduced the program Evergreen Power. At that time we asked members to participate in building a wind powered generator in Minnesota by purchasing blocks of electricity at \$3 per 100 kWh. This was billed every month on their light bill. Since that time approximately 135 members have been buying blocks of green power and saving a portion of our non-renewable resources.

Since earliest recorded history, wind power has been used to perform tasks such as grinding grain and pumping water. Millions of windmills were erected in the U.S. during the late 19th century to pump water. By 1900, small electric wind systems were developed to generate electricity. Most

of these systems were dropped from use, however, when grid power was extended to rural areas in the 1930s.

We would like to let everyone know that you can still buy a block of wind-powered electricity. The cost is still \$3 per 100 kWh. Although renewable energy sources cost more than traditional forms of energy, the benefits are priceless. If you are interested in purchasing wind power, call us to find out how you can sign up.

Participation in a program such as this will make large power suppliers look at wind power as an alternative energy source and encourage building more turbines.



Memorial Day

Our offices will be closed on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26th.

Just For Fun



Modern day proverbs:

- ▼ Despite the cost of living, it remains quite popular.
- ▼ You have the right to remain silent. Anything you say will be misquoted then used against you.
- ▼ No one is listening until you make a mistake.
- ▼ If at first you don't succeed then skydiving isn't for you.
- ▼ For every action there is an equal and opposite criticism.

Blanchardville to host "Barn Again"

The Wisconsin Humanities Council is joining with rural communities to bring the Smithsonian Institution exhibit "Barn Again! Celebrating an American Icon" to six towns in 2003. It will be at Blanchardville in Lafayette County from April 25 till June 1, 2003.

"Barn Again!" celebrates the structure's place in American agricultural history. It presents information about the origin and development of the barn as a warehouse, factory and cultural icon as an American symbol.

OF INTEREST TO MEMBERS

Meter reading days for May are 23, 24, 27, & 28

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