

WATT'S HAPPENING

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

Fall Test of Interruptible Heating

- Wednesday, November 16, 2005 -

The Fall Test of interruptible heating is conducted each fall to assist the cooperatives in determining if problems exist with their interruptible heating loads and remind members that loads will be controlled during the peak of the heating season. This test is performed at the request of the Dairyland Managers Association.

The test date is Wednesday, November 16, 2005. Strategies 2A and 2B for dual fuel and Strategy 4B for miscellaneous heat will be tested. The alert notice for 2B and 4B will start at 4:50 p.m. Controlling for 2A & 2B, 4B will start at 5:00 p.m. Restoral for 2A and 2B begins at 9:15 p.m. and all will be restored by 11:15 p.m. Restoral for 4B begins at 8:05 p.m. with all loads restored by 8:40 p.m.

If you experience any problems during this control period, please contact our office. We hope to correct any problems before the peak of the heating season.

Just For Fun



"You've got to help me, Doc," the Irishman said. "It's me ear. There's somethin' in there."

"Let's have a look. Why, my goodness, it's true. You've got money lodged up in there."

The doctor proceeded to pull out a \$100 bill. "Wow," he said, "and there's still more."

Out came a few more hundreds, then some fifties and some tens. Finally the doctor said, "Well, that seems to be it."

"How much was there, all told?"

"One thousand, nine hundred and ninety dollars."

"Ah, yes, that'd be right," said the Irishman. "I knew I wasn't feeling two grand."

—Readers Digest

Prize Winners at Our Open House

We had a great turnout for our Fall Open House that was held on October 7th. The results of the drawings are as follows:

Lancaster Open House

Birdie Meng \$50.00
Karen Jensen Gift Certificate
Michael L. Reinsbach Gift Certificate
Matt Lorscheter Gift Certificate

Darlington Open House

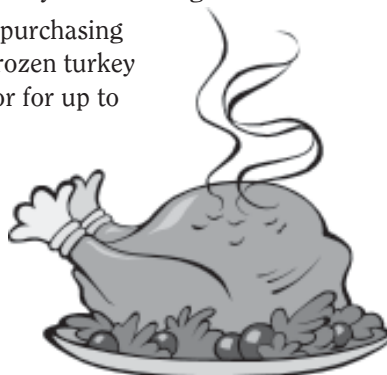
Elaine Glindinning \$50.00
Patti Tuescher Gift Certificate
John Swanson Gift Certificate
Ronald Komprood Gift Certificate

Gays Mills Open House

Agnes Doll \$50.00
Lena Tainter Gift Certificate
Evelyn Stevenson Gift Certificate
Mrs. Robert Meyer Gift Certificate

Turkey Tips

- ▲ Purchase one pound of turkey per person to be served. This formula allows for the holiday meal, plus a little left over for the prized turkey sandwiches.
- ▲ Store a frozen turkey at 0 degrees F or lower. Thaw under refrigeration, allowing approximately 24 hours per five pounds. For faster thawing, immerse in cold water, allowing approximately 30 minutes per pound to thaw. Change the water every 30 minutes. Turkeys can also be thawed in a microwave following the microwave manufacturer's directions; begin roasting the turkey immediately after thawing.
- ▲ Save on supermarket specials by purchasing more than one turkey. A whole frozen turkey may be stored in your refrigerator for up to 12 months.
- ▲ Cook the turkey thoroughly to an internal temperature of 180-190 degrees F. Never partially cook it for final cooking later; bacteria can survive in a partially cooked poultry.



Currently Cooking



If you are looking for something easy to fix for your Thanksgiving dinner, try this dessert. It is so good and you don't have to worry about rolling out a piecrust.

Pumpkin Pie Crunch

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| 16 oz. can of pumpkin | ½ tsp. salt |
| 12 oz. can evaporated milk | 1 pkg. yellow cake mix |
| 3 eggs | 1 C. pecans - chopped |
| 1 ½ C. sugar | 1 C. butter melted |
| 4 tsp. pumpkin pie spice | |

Preheat over 350 degrees. Grease bottom of 13x9-inch pan. Combine pumpkin, evaporated milk, eggs, sugar, spice, and salt in a large bowl. Pour into pan. Sprinkle dry cake mix evenly over pumpkin mixture. Top with pecans. Drizzle with melted butter. Bake 50 to 55 minutes or until golden brown. Cool completely. Serve with whipped cream or ice cream.

—Dairyland Power 60th Anniversary Cook Book

Vitality NOTE

Whatever happened to the family dinner?

In households where both parents work and the kids have their own active lives, sitting down together at dinner most nights of the week can be a challenge.

Yet experts say that dinner's an important time for family. Family dinners can foster:

- ▼ **Learning.** It's an opportunity to teach kids communication skills and how to participate in polite conversation.
- ▼ **Self-esteem.** Each child gets to share the "limelight" telling others about his or her day.
- ▼ **Respect for others.** Table conversation teaches children to respect others' ideas and points of view.
- ▼ **Awareness.** Kids gain an awareness of what's going on in their neighborhood, the country, the world—and in one another's lives. Parents learn more about their children's interests, activities and worries.
- ▼ **Stability.** A regular dinner routine conveys a sense of family security.
- ▼ **Better nutrition.** Both parents and kids tend to eat better when they're together than when they eat separately.

—Source: **Healthy Bites, Nov. 2000**

Are You Prepared for Winter?



If you are wondering what you can do to reduce your heating bills immediately, consider the suggestions below. They are arranged in order of urgency and importance.

- ◆ Use a programmable thermostat that automatically adjusts your thermostat set point back at night and during the day when no one is home. Or remember to change the temperature set point manually every day.
- ◆ If you stay alone in a large house, try to confine your activities to one room and leave the remainder of the house at the low nighttime set point. Heat your daytime activity room to a comfortable temperature with an electric space heater.
- ◆ Use electric blankets or quilts for sleeping comfort and to allow a lower nighttime thermostat setting.
- ◆ Change your furnace filter as often as it gets dirty. Buy several when you shop so that you will have one when you need it.
- ◆ Seal large air leaks around plumbing, pipes, wires, chimneys, and other penetrations through your floors and ceilings. You can find these from your attic or basement.
- ◆ Make sure that all your storm windows are closed during winter weather. If your storm windows are broken or missing, repair or replace them.
- ◆ Open drapes and blinds on your home's south-facing windows during the day to let solar heat in.
- ◆ Be sure that your walls are filled with insulation and that your attic has at least 8 inches of insulation. Nothing can compensate for lack of insulation. Insulate your walls and attic if they need it.
- ◆ If you must replace a gas furnace, choose a 90-percent efficient model to save on heating costs.

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