

ROCK ENERGY NEWS

FOR ROCK ENERGY COOPERATIVE MEMBERS

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Co-op Offers Scholarships to High School Seniors

Rock Energy Cooperative again is offering scholarships to graduating high school seniors who enroll at an accredited school.

Students whose parents or guardians are active members of REC are eligible.

Our independent scholarship committee will judge applicants based on general merit, cooperation, leadership abilities, financial need, and class ranking.

Since 1989, Rock Energy has awarded more than

\$68,000 in financial aid to deserving students.

Past scholarship winners have received up to \$400 to help with college expenses.

An application form must be completed by the student as well as by the student's guidance counselor.

Applications are available at area high schools, at our Janesville and South Beloit offices, and online at www.rock.coop in the Member Benefits section.

The deadline for return-



ing completed applications is Jan. 15.

In addition, scholarships of \$1,250 will be awarded through the Thomas H. Moore Illinois Electric Cooperatives (IEC) Memorial Scholarship Program.

These scholarships are available to high school seniors who are the sons or daughters of an Illinois member receiving service from the co-op.

Forms also are available at high schools, our co-op offices, and online. The deadline to submit applications is Dec. 31.

If you have any questions on either program, please call Barbara Uebelacker at (866) 752-4550 or email her at barbu@rock.coop.

12 Days of Holiday Safety

It's easy to make safety a part of your holiday with these tips. Tackle one a day and you're well on your way to a safe New Year!

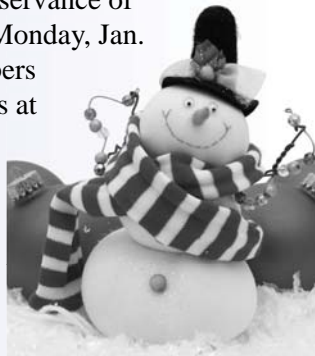
ESFi
Electrical Safety Foundation International



- Day 1** **What's that noise?** Test your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. Make sure everyone knows what to do if they hear them.
- Day 2** **What a shocker!** Before use, inspect all electrical lights, decorations, and extension cords for damage.
- Day 3** **Two's company, three's a crowd.** Do not overload outlets with too many decorations or devices.
- Day 4** **Is it working?** Test your ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) and arc fault circuit interrupters (AFCIs) to make sure they're protecting you.
- Day 5** **Ouch!** Prevent trips and falls by keeping cords safely along walls and out of doorways and high traffic areas.
- Day 6** **Kids eat the darndest things!** Avoid putting lights, metal hooks, breakable ornaments, and other small decorations within reach of young children.
- Day 7** **Thirsty?** Keep your Christmas tree stand full of water. A fresh, green tree poses less of a fire hazard than a dry tree.
- Day 8** **Make a wish!** Blow out the candles before leaving a room or going to bed.
- Day 9** **Nice and warm.** Keep space heaters at least 3 feet away from anything that can burn—decorations, trees, gifts, and curtains.
- Day 10** **Can't touch this!** Consider installing tamper-resistant outlets/receptacles to prevent kids from inserting objects into the slots.
- Day 11** **Escape Route:** Share your family fire escape plan with overnight guests.
- Day 12** **Hot stuff!** Keep children away from cooking areas; use back burners and turn pot handles in away from little hands.

Offices Closed for Holidays

Rock Energy Cooperative offices will be closed on Friday, Dec. 23, and Monday, Dec. 26, in observance of Christmas and Friday, Dec. 30, and Monday, Jan. 2, for the New Year's holiday. Members can make payments in the drop boxes at both offices throughout the holiday weekends. Even though our offices are closed, standby crews are always available 24 hours a day. If you need to report a power outage, please call (608) 752-4550 or toll-free (866) 752-4550.



Keep a Clear Path to Your Meter

Rock Energy Cooperative service technicians are always careful on the job, but they appreciate clear paths to the meter. Keep firewood, snowdrifts, and other obstacles away from the meter, and clear snow from paths used to reach the meter. This will ensure a safe environment for workers.

Get Connected

Check out these great deals offered with your Co-op Connections Card.

Anytime Fitness – www.anytimefitness.com – 11447 Second St., Roscoe – (815) 623-8900 – 2240 Prairie Ave., Beloit – (608) 363-9999

Our 24-hour health and fitness center features state-of-the-art strength training equipment and cutting-edge cardio, scrupulously clean workout environment, supportive atmosphere with personal fitness orientation.

First Month Free (New Members Only)

Evansville Oil Pros, 720 Brown School Road, Evansville – (608) 882-6457

Car and light truck maintenance, oil changes, brakes, new tire sales, tune-ups, batteries, and windshield replacement. Where quality and service come together.



\$3 Off Any Service

For a complete listing of deals, visit www.rock.coop and click on the Co-op Connections Card. Terms and conditions subject to change. You also can use your card to receive a discount on prescription drugs. In October, Rock Energy members saved \$1,265 on their prescriptions, a 37 percent discount.

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