

ROCK ENERGY NEWS

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We Appreciate Our Members!



About 900 people attended Rock Energy Cooperative's Member Appreciation Day Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, Sept. 15, at the co-op's Janesville headquarters.

CFL Charlie was a big hit with the kids, who also had fun getting their faces painted and wearing balloon figures.

Jugglers entertained the crowd, and bucket trucks took people high into the sky.

The co-op's electronics recycling and document shredding took place at a location across town. The Janesville Craig High School boys' soccer team helped members unload the heavy items from their vehicles.

More photos are available at <https://rockenergy.smugmug.com>.



Co-op Scholarships Offered to High School Seniors

Rock Energy Cooperative again is offering scholarships of \$500 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 \$102,000 in financial aid to deserving students.

Online applications are available at www.rock.coop. Just go to the Communi-



ty & Youth tab and click on Scholarships. The deadline for submitting applications is Jan. 9.

If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Uebelacker, communications

director, at 866-752-4550 or barbu@rock.coop.

In addition, scholarships of \$2,000 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 electric cooperative member receiving service from the co-op.

Applications must be completed online at www.rock.coop. Just go to the Community & Youth tab and click on Scholarships. The deadline is Dec. 31.

Assistance Programs Available for Energy Bills, Weatherization

Assistance programs for families that need help with their energy bills are now open in both Wisconsin and Illinois.



Home Energy Assistance Programs offer one-time payments that can be applied directly to an energy bill. The benefit amount depends on household size, income, and energy costs.

Weatherization programs also are offered to help improve energy efficiency to lower future bills.

Details about the programs, including eligibility guidelines, are printed in the November issue of *Wisconsin Energy Cooperative News* and *Illinois Country Living* magazines.

The articles also are posted at www.rock.coop. Just go to the Member Services tab and scroll down to Assistance Programs.

To learn what office covers your area, Wisconsin members can call 866-432-8947 or go to www.homeenergyplus.wi.gov. For Illinois members, the contact information is 877-411-9276 or www.illinoisliheap.com.

Nominations open for director positions

The Rock Energy Cooperative Nominating Committee will select candidates to run for board of director positions that will be on the ballot at the March 25, 2019, annual meeting.

Positions up for election are:

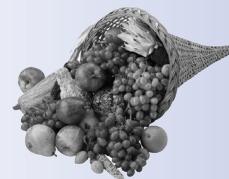
- District 2: Lima and Milton townships in Wisconsin.
- District 4: Harmony and LaPrairie townships and city of Janesville in Wisconsin.
- District 9: Center, Janesville, and Magnolia townships in Wisconsin.

Active members who are interested in running for a position on the REC Board of Directors must permanently reside in one of the areas up for election and meet all other qualifications.

For more information, please contact the co-op at 866-752-4550 or send an email to questions@rock.coop by Nov. 30.

Have a Safe, Happy Thanksgiving!

Rock Energy Cooperative offices will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 22, and Friday, Nov. 23, in observance of Thanksgiving. We will reopen at 7:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 26. Members can make payments in the drop boxes at both offices throughout the holiday weekend. 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 866-752-4550.



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Fall/Winter Energy Tip: When you are asleep or out of the house, turn your thermostat back 10° to 15° for eight hours and save around 10 percent a year on your heating and cooling bills. A programmable thermostat can make it easy to set back your temperature – set it and forget it!

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