

## What's Happening

### February 13

**Super Bowl Sunday**  
SoFi Stadium in  
Inglewood, CA

### February 14

**Valentine's Day**

### February 21

**President's Day**

### February is Black History Month

Black History Month is a celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history.

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# Youth Leadership in the Spotlight at 2022 YLC

The annual WECA Youth Leadership Congress (YLC) is a dynamic three-day event sponsored by Wisconsin's electric cooperatives and facilitated by WECA. It is a unique opportunity for youth across Wisconsin to develop their leadership skills while learning the purpose, operation, and scope of cooperative businesses. The event will be held July 12-14, 2022.

This is a by-teens, for-teens cooperative leadership conference. It is planned and developed by a youth board elected at the previous year's event.

Students spend three days on a college campus and experience a typical college environment, complete with living in the residence halls, attending sessions throughout campus, and even experiencing a university dining service. Attendees don't pay to attend YLC, because they are sponsored by their local electric cooperatives.

**WHO SHOULD APPLY:** High school students with family members who belong to a Wisconsin electric cooperative. Students active in their school and community.

#### HOW TO REGISTER:

Sign up at: <http://bit.ly/2022WECA-YLC>  
**Register by June 1, 2022**



## What will you do at YLC?

- See what makes the cooperative business model different and successful and apply this knowledge to fun and challenging cooperative activities.
- Work together with other youth leaders from around Wisconsin to demonstrate the power and value of cooperation.
- Identify and develop your own leadership skills.
- Learn some of the important history that has shaped today's cooperatives.
- Discuss cooperative careers with professionals in the industry.
- Be entertained and challenged by highly acclaimed motivational speakers who understand teens and explore topics important and relevant in your life.
- Experience college life at a University of Wisconsin campus.

feeling chilled?

## HEAT YOUR SPACE SAFELY



Place on a flat, level surface.



Keep flammable items at least 3 feet away.



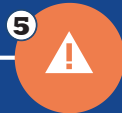
Make sure the cord is not frayed or cracked.



Plug in directly into an outlet.



Don't use an extension cord or power strip, which can overheat.



Follow all instructions and use models by a reputable testing lab.

SafetyTidy.org

## Keep Clear Path to Pipes/Meters

Rock Energy Cooperative workers are always careful on the job, but they appreciate clear paths to meters, transformers, and other co-op equipment on your property. Keep firewood, snowdrifts, and other obstacles away from meters and other equipment. This will ensure a safe environment for workers.



When you shovel your driveway and sidewalk, remember to clear snow away from furnace intake and exhaust pipes. These pipes on the outside of your house are sometimes just a few inches off the ground and can be buried by snowdrifts. If snow covers part of the pipe, exhaust could begin to back up into your home. That exhaust contains carbon monoxide and other harmful gases. High levels of carbon monoxide in your home can lead to sickness and even cause death. When exposing the meter and pipes, avoid using a snow blower. Instead, gently remove snow and ice from the area.

## Rock Energy Member Wins WECN December Holiday Cookie Contest

"These are my son-in-law's favorite and I promise him a batch all to himself every Christmas. A buckeye is a small, shiny, dark brown nut with a light tan patch. They come from a buckeye tree. They also resemble the eye of a deer and are believed to bring one good luck. Enjoy!"  
- Angela Rucker (Edgerton, WI),  
Rock Energy Member



## Peanut Butter Buckeyes

Servings: 1 Dozen

### INGREDIENTS

- 1-1/2 cups creamy peanut butter
- 1 cup butter room temperature
- 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 4 cups powdered sugar
- 4 cups semisweet chocolate chips
- 1/4 cup vegetable shortening
- Box of toothpicks

### INSTRUCTIONS

- Line cookie sheet with parchment or wax paper.
- In large bowl, stir together the peanut butter, butter, and vanilla.
- Add the powdered sugar a little bit at a time until completely incorporated.
- Roll the peanut butter mixture into 1-inch balls.
- Place on cookie sheet and insert toothpick into the top of each.
- Chill in freezer until hard, approximately 30 minutes.
- Combine chocolate chips and shortening and cook in microwave until melted, watching closely and stirring frequently.
- Dip the balls into melted chocolate, using the toothpicks as "handles." Leave a small circle exposed at the top of each ball.
- Place balls back onto the cookie sheet and refrigerate until the chocolate is set, approx. 2 hours.
- Remove the toothpicks and use your finger to smudge chocolate over the holes where the toothpicks were.
- Store buckeyes in an airtight container between layers of waxed paper for up to 1 month.

Recipe courtesy of Angela Rucker, Edgerton, WI, a Rock Energy member.



## ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP

Turn computers and monitors off when not in use. When buying a new computer, select an ENERGY STAR model. Consider buying a laptop as it uses less energy than a comparable desktop. Turn TVs (especially large-screen TVs) off completely when not in use.

## Electronics



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