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ROCK ENERGY NEWS



November 2020

What's Happening

Nov. 11 Veterans Day

Nov. 26

Thanksgiving — REC offices closed Nov. 26-27.

National Scholarship Month

November is National Scholarship Month — National Scholarship Month was established in 1998 in order to build an awareness of scholarships and the benefits that scholarships provide individuals who want to further their education.

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Rock Energy Cooperative again is offering scholarships of \$1,000 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 \$107,000 in financial aid to deserving students. Online applications are available at **www.rock.coop**. Just go to the Community & Youth tab and click on Scholarships. The deadline for submitting applications is Jan. 10.



If you have any questions, please contact Jonas Berberich at 866-752-4550, or jonasb@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 on-line at **www.rock.coop**. Just go to the Community & Youth tab and click on Scholarships. The deadline is Dec. 31.

We Have Unclaimed Money for Former Members

Rock Energy Cooperative holds unclaimed capital credit funds for some former members. A list of those who have unclaimed money can be viewed on our web site at www.rock.coop/unclaimed.

The money will be forfeited and paid to the Wisconsin Electric Cooperatives' Federated Youth Foundation for educational purposes unless claimed by Dec. 31, 2020. You may send claims to Rock Energy Cooperative's headquarters at P.O. Box 1758, Janesville, WI 53547, or call 866-752-4550.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Rock Energy Cooperative offices will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 26, and Friday, Nov. 27, in observance of Thanksgiving. We will reopen at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 30 (for calls only).

Members can make payments in the drop boxes at both offices throughout the holiday weekend and at the new payment kiosk outside our South Beloit office,

15229 Willowbrook Rd.

Even though our offices are closed, standby crews are always available. If you need to report a power outage, please call 866-752-4550.





Space heaters can be a cost effective option when heating no more than one or two small areas.

Be Safe & Remember:

- Review and follow all manufacturer directions.
- Avoid high-traffic areas and keep them on a hard, level floor surface.
- Keep them at least 3 feet away from flammable items.
- Plug them directly into outlets. Avoid using an extension cord.
- Turn them off before you leave the room or go to sleep.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP

Devices that continue to draw power when they appear to be turned off can cost you a substantial amount in wasted energy. Fight this by regularly unplugging your devices, or let a smart power strip do the work for you. The features of advanced power strips make it easier than ever to ensure devices are fully powered down.

Source: ConsumersEnergy.com

Power Outages, Insurance Coverage

Rock Energy Cooperative works diligently to make sure your electricity and natural gas are there when you need them. But like all things, nothing is 100 percent guaranteed.

Outages or voltage issues — whether triggered by a storm, lightning, trees, equipment failure, animals, or vehicles hitting power poles — can damage computer equipment, TVs, and other appliances in your home. These events are out of our control, and Rock Energy Cooperative does not compensate for any damaged equipment. However, most homeowner and business insurance policies cover losses from interruptions caused by lightning, windstorms, and other sources.

Make sure you're familiar with your policy and what is covered. Call your agent if you're not sure about your specific coverage.

Nominations Open for Director Positions

At each annual meeting, members have the opportunity to vote for director positions in three of the nine cooperative districts. Each term is three-years. Listed below are the three board districts and associated townships that will be up for election in 2021. Due to the ongoing pandemic, the 2021 annual meeting date has yet to be determined.

Any members interested in running should watch for additional information in future cooperative publications and on our website.

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.

2021 DISTRICT ELECTIONS

DISTRICT 1

Dunkirk, Albion, Porter, and Fulton in Wisconsin

DISTRICT 3

Johnstown, Bradford, and Darien in Wisconsin

DISTRICT 5

Wisconsin: Turtle, Clinton, and Sharon Illinois: Roscoe, Manchester, Leroy, Chemung, Alden, and Hebron

Time to Winterize Your Home!



Where does it go?

About 30% of a home's energy is lost through windows.

Information collected from Energy.gov