Scholarship applications available

High School Scholarships
One individual from each school in our service area will be selected in a drawing at our annual meeting on Saturday, April 1 to win a $1,000 scholarship. In addition, there will be one at-large scholarship award for a student who resides on our lines, but attends a school not listed on the application.

Line Worker Scholarship
An Electrical Line Worker Scholarship in the amount of $1,000 will be given to an individual pursuing a post-secondary education in an electrical line worker (electrical power distribution) program. The applicant must be a graduating senior from a high school within Riverland Energy’s service area.

The recipient will be chosen in a random drawing at the cooperative’s annual meeting in conjunction with the other scholarships. The applicant can apply for both the general scholarship and the line worker scholarship, but will only be eligible to win one.

Non-traditional Scholarships
Three $750 scholarships will be awarded to eligible students returning to a university or technical college after spending a minimum of three years in the work place or raising a family. The applicant or their spouse must be a member of Riverland Energy Cooperative and be in good standing with the cooperative.

Recipients will be chosen in a random drawing at the March Riverland Energy Board of Director’s Meeting from all completed and verified applications.

For guidelines and applications for all scholarships, visit our website at www.riverlandenergy.com.

Deadline is March 17, 2017.

Food drive going on now

Bring in non-perishable food donations during the month of February and get an LED (light-emitting diode) bulb, while supplies last. The food drive will end February 28.

Drop-off Location:
Any of our three offices
Dates: February 1 – 28
Time: 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Community Cares grant applications available

Riverland Energy provides financial support to community programs through our Community Cares program. Grants are awarded by a board of directors to nonprofit organizations, programs, or health services that improve our local quality of life.

Applications for the grant are due on February 28, 2017 and can be found on our website at www.riverlandenergy.com or at any of our offices.
Co-op Seeks Member Feedback in Satisfaction Survey

Riverland Energy Cooperative will be conducting a member satisfaction survey to explore your views on co-op programs and services. Random members will be selected to complete an anonymous survey questionnaire by telephone.

The purpose of the survey is to analyze members’ opinions and levels of satisfaction with Riverland Energy. Members will be surveyed on core issues including member services, value and reliability, and topics such as energy efficiency, technology and renewable energy. The survey results Riverland Energy receives do not include information that identifies members unless a surveyed member requests that the co-op contact them.

The survey will take place this month and will take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

These surveys give us a better understanding of members’ preferences and views on the co-op’s performance. They help identify opportunities for improvement that we can use to form strategies for providing quality service. I hope you take the time to answer the questions in an effort to provide Riverland Energy employees and directors a better understanding of how well we are meeting your expectations.

District Committee
The foundation of an electric cooperative is its member-owners. Member involvement is critically important to the success of our cooperative.

A committee will meet next month to review the operations of the cooperative and express their thoughts and ideas regarding the future of our organization. The list of those attending are on the following page. I would encourage you to take the time to express any thoughts or concerns that you may have regarding the electric cooperative to one of those persons so that they may bring them forward to the committee.

Best Regards,

Jerry Sorenson

Annual Meeting is Saturday, April 1

Riverland Energy’s annual meeting of members will be held Saturday, April 1 at the Arcadia High School. There will be door prizes, scholarship drawings, and director election results for districts 3, 4, and 8.

A free pancake breakfast will be served from 8-10 a.m. and the business meeting will begin at 10:15.

Watch your publications for more detailed information.
2017 District Committee Representatives

Below is the list of members who were nominated to the District Committee.

101
John Bauer
Bernard Brunkow
Dale Kloppe
Bruce Lindstrom
Lawrence J. Traun

102
Paul Accola
Marvin Moy
Roger Sabelko
Merlin Sandberg
Garnold Labair

103
Gene Laehn
Frank Marsolek
John Rud
Stanley Winsand
Richard Norby

201
Bill Brunkow
Dennis Youngbauer
Robert Carothers
Orlyn Hoks
John Quarberg

202
Anthony Helmueller
Fred Maule
Kenneth Passow
Robert E. Rotering
Bryce Lisowski

203
Wm. Bruegger
Roger E. Lorez
Bruce Burmeister
Tom Bollinger
Allen Kochenderfer

301
Franklin Berg
Bill Christ
Cletus Foegen
Brian Kamla
Bernard Pronshinske

302
Alvin Amann
Mike Fetting
John Stettler
Richard Suhr
Willard Ratz Jr

303
Rodney Bagniewski
Roger Bechly
Kenneth Hauser
Tom Lettner
Bert Schaffner

401
Larry Amundson
Gary Monson
Curtis Skoyen
Dr. Richard Brown
Dennis Barneson

402
Brian Christopherson
Eric Franson
Paul Goplin
John Berg
Carol M. Hanson

403
John E. Manka
Dan Sosalla
William Butler
Roger Fremstad
Amanda Killian

501
Jeff Bakew
Randy Nilsestuen
Daniel Schank
Henry Schultz
Dr. Paul Dettloff

502
Vernon Back
Keith Nestingen
David Quarme
Loren Subra
Robert Tenneson

503
Mike Cantlon
Wayne Lien
John Woyicki
Ron Zellmer
David Ofsdahl

601
James Accola
Roger Amundson
Thomas Bice
George Bartels
Susan Hovell

602
Daniel Byom
Kenneth Congdon
Larry Dahl
Rick Geske
William Suttie

603
Lee Carhart
Mike Feyen
Steve Hogden
Wayne McCutchen
Jon Hess

701
Mark Dunn
Chad Mather
Larry Hoyer
Joseph Kawatski
Jerome Nelson

702
Nels Holley
Gerald Knobloch
Forrest Moe
James Peterson
Michael Bistodeau

703
Robert Balduzzi
Steve Fuchsteiner
David Harter
Stanley Hauser
Douglas Shefelbine

801
Leo Dummer
Frederick Lanzel
Michael Nedland
Ruth Chalma
Brian Weber

802
Frank Fogel
Kirby Pabst
Earl Pedretti
David Gramling
Bob Bilskenper Jr

803
Bruce Bartel
LuAnn Fletcher
Elizabeth Hanson
Sandra Moser
Larry Skoug

901
William Crothers
Richard Dus
Curtis Hanson
Monica Kruse
Kerry Kjome

902
Timothy Irish
Dennis Aspenson
Thomas Dunham
David Huggett
Timothy Irish

903
Tom LaFleur
Richard Musolf
Richard Schill
James Wickizer
John Hoehn

Best Wishes to Doug Gerrits

Doug will retire from Riverland Energy Cooperative after 42 years of service on March 1.

Doug began his career at the co-op (Trempealeau Electric Cooperative at the time) in 1974 as a lineman. He continued with the co-op as a lineman in the Onalaska and Strum areas until 2006 when he moved to the headquarters office in Arcadia to become a project manager.

“I had a great working relationship with the members. It was rewarding and satisfying getting the power back on for my neighbors during outages,” he said. “Designing overhead power lines and seeing them up once the job was complete was also very satisfying,” he added.

Doug has been great for the members of Riverland Energy Cooperative. He will be missed, but we wish him all the best in retirement as he looks to enjoy some traveling, fishing, and some quiet time at his cottage in Minocqua.
Be prepared for winter storms and outages

Riverland Energy line workers work hard to maintain the system and deliver reliable power, but some outages are out of our control, like those caused by storms, wildlife and transmission line failures.

If your lights go out this winter:
1. Check circuit breakers, fuses and the neighbors.
2. Report outages at 800-927-6206 or text 55050 if you’re enrolled in our outage texting.
3. Keep away and report fallen power lines and trees on lines.
4. Crews respond to hazards, substations and major distribution lines first, followed by smaller tap lines and individual service lines.

Our goal is to restore power safely and quickly, while keeping you informed. To report outages, call 24-hour outage line, 800-927-6206.

Power Out? Text us!

It’s faster and easier than ever to report your power outage with our outage reporting text messaging service! Instructions to sign up can be found on our website at www.riverlandenergy.com.

What to do if your vehicle hits a power pole

» Stay inside the vehicle unless there is fire or imminent risk of fire.
» If you must get out because of fire or other danger, jump clear of the vehicle without touching it and the ground at the same time. Then hop with feet together—do not run or stride.
» If you encounter an accident involving a vehicle colliding with a utility pole, do not follow your instinct to assist the motorist. Wait for utility workers to de-energize the line.

Energy Assistance

If you need assistance in paying your electric bill, contact your county’s Department of Human Services to apply:

County .........................Phone
Trempealeau.........715-538-2311
Buffalo ....................608-685-4412
La Crosse .............608-784-4357
Pepin ...............715-672-8941
Jackson ..............715-284-4301

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