



2015 Richland Electric Cooperative

From the Manager... Transition Energy Program in Development

Within the next year Richland Electric Cooperative members will have another option to meet their electric power needs. At our 79th Annual Meeting we announced a program under development to assist members who want to invest in solar powered renewable energy without going to the expense and effort of siting solar panels at their homes or businesses.

The program will be modeled after other successful 'Community Solar' projects that have been deployed around the upper Midwest with an additional emphasis on education. Today, solar power projects are substantially less expensive than in years past but we expect more improvement in technology, efficiency and pricing in years to come. It is our desire to learn, and to help our members learn about solar power with actual field data from this project so our future decisions can be grounded in facts.

We are in the very early technical evaluation phase with full project design slated to begin in June. We have acquired land adjacent to our Ash Ridge Substation located in Bloom Township at the intersection of State Highway '56' and County Trunk 'A'. This site was chosen due to a variety of factors including its suitability for a solar farm, availability of communication systems, and the willingness of the current land-owner to sell. We were fortunate to find what we view as an ideal site that met or exceeded all of our criteria.

What we still need to decide is how many solar panels to install. This determination will be based on feedback we receive from our members and their desire to participate in the project. The cost of participation is expected to be less than \$900 per 300

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CALENDAR of events

May

- 25 Memorial Day-**REC & Genuine Telecom offices closed**
- 26-28 Community Players- "Mary Poppins"
Auditions- 6:30 pm at
City Auditorium

June

- 6 Ocoochapalooza- Event
downtown Richland
Center
- 14 June Dairy Breakfast
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- 12-14 Wisconsin High School
Rodeo Finals at the
Richland County
Fairgrounds
June Dairy Days &
Rodeo parade
- 21 Father's Day

July

- 3 **REC and Genuine
Telecom offices closed**

August

- 14 Annual Walk with
Grace-Krouskup Park-
Richland Center



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Youth Leadership Congress

UW–River Falls | July 15–17, 2015



The annual **WECA Youth Leadership Congress** is a dynamic three-day event for youth leaders across Wisconsin to develop their **leadership skills** while learning about the purpose, operation, and scope of **cooperative businesses**.

Take the opportunity to...

- See **what makes the cooperative business model different and successful**, then apply this knowledge to fun and challenging cooperative activities.
- Identify and learn how to develop your own **leadership skills**.
- Discuss **cooperative careers** with professionals in the industry.
- Be **entertained and challenged** by highly acclaimed motivational speakers who understand teens and address topics that are important and relevant in your life.

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

Who should apply?

- Sophomore, junior, and senior high school students with family members who belong to local electric cooperatives.
- Students active in FFA, 4-H, DECA, FBLA, FHA/HERO, VICA, or HOSA.

What does it cost?

- All registration costs are covered by the generous support of electric cooperatives and the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation.
- Students should contact their local electric co-op to apply for sponsorship.



Deadline is June 15, 2015 • Contact Richland Electric Cooperative for an application

First Call Telephone

Are you worried about your aging parents living alone? Richland Electric Cooperative (R.E.C.) offers the affordable First Call personal emergency response telephone system so your parents, grandparents or other loved ones can get help at home quickly and easily during an emergency. For people with health or mobility problems, or for anyone who lives alone, the First Call system provides reassurance that in the event of an emergency, help is just moments away.

By simply pushing the pendant button worn on the wrist or as a necklace, the First Call system automatically calls the Cooperative Response Center (CRC) in an emergency.

A professionally trained CRC service representative will be able to talk and listen through the high quality speakerphone that's built into the special MainStreet Messenger telephone. The CRC representative will be able to summon appropriate help, no matter what your need may be.

The First Call system from REC is currently installed in the homes and apartments of hundreds of area residents including Richland County and portions of Grant, Crawford and Vernon counties. Financial assistance for the First Call systems may be available through your local county Health & Human Services Dept. for qualified applicants. Contact them for complete qualification details.

COOK'S CORNER

Rhubarb Cake

Ingredients:

- 1 beaten egg
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup light cream
- 2 cups rhubarb cut $\frac{3}{4}$ inch thick
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1- $\frac{1}{2}$ cups flour
- 1 cup chocolate chips
- $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 cup walnuts, roughly chopped
- $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 cup brown sugar

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Mix all ingredients except chocolate chips in large bowl.

Pour into 9X13 greased cake pan. Sprinkle chocolate chips over mix allowing chips to sink into batter. Sprinkle with $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 cup brown sugar on top. Bake for 30-40 minutes.



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watt panel. Members who purchase a panel will be able to offset their electric cost just as if the panel was installed on their property. At this point the price of panels and the size are subject to change but they should be reasonably close.

If you are interested in participating in a community-owned solar project please let us know. At this point an expression of interest doesn't commit you to participating; it simply lets us know you want to learn more to make a decision. You can simply call our office at 608-647-3173 or send an email to transition@rec.coop and tell us you are interested and we will keep you informed as the project details come together.

As always, if you have any comments about this project or other matters related to your electric cooperative you can always reach me by email to sclark@rec.coop or feel free to call me.

35th ANNUAL RICHLAND COUNTY DAIRY BREAKFAST

HOSTED BY: Sylvan-T farms

SUNDAY, JUNE 14TH, 2015
7:00 AM-1:00 PM

The Annual Richland County Dairy Breakfast will be held, Sunday, June 14th at the Sylvan-T Farms, located at 19811 County Highway EE.

We strongly encourage parking at the Richland Center High School at 1996 US Hwy 14, and take the FREE bus shuttle to the farm.

The breakfast runs from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and the menu will include pancakes, sausage, yogurt,

cottage cheese, cheese curds, applesauce, sliced cheese, string cheese, chocolate & white milk and hand-dipped ice cream.

Old farm tractors, activities for children and a view of the farm cattle.

Cost for the June Dairy breakfast:

- \$7.00/Adults
- \$3.00 children 10 and under

For more information please contact

Annette Louis at 608-585-3362.



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Electric Grills

Make your next barbeque grill purchase an electric grill. Electric grills are safe, efficient and easy to operate, just turn on the thermostat and grill away! Plus, food tastes great, whether it's your favorite meat, vegetable or fruit. Electric grills can often be used where gas and charcoal grills are not allowed, such as apartment buildings.

The models we carry include a deluxe cart, a table top that is excellent for campers and motor homes or a portable lock & go grill that can be converted to use charcoal.



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