



**Richland Electric
Cooperative**

Your Touchstone Energy Cooperative

INTROUDCING REC'S PANDEMIC-SAFE MEMBER APPRECIATION CELEBRATION

This year has been the year of cancellations for events throughout the state, many of which families look forward to, such as local and state fairs. There is no question that Covid-19 has affected us all and continues to do so. Unfortunately, there is no end in sight and it appears this will be the new normal for a while.

However, you can count on Richland Electric Cooperative to put our members first. You can rest assured that we will do our very best to keep the lights on. We understand the hardships that have come from this pandemic. We understand that families and businesses in our small community and throughout the state continue to struggle. We are constantly trying to find new ways that we can help.

One way we help is by hosting our Member Appreciation Picnic every fall for our members. We are thankful to all those who have attended in the past. In the interest of safety, we unfortunately have to cancel the 2020 Member Appreciation Picnic. We know many of you look forward to the event, as do we, but we need to continue our safety precautions for the health of our members and our staff.

In light of this, we have come up with a new plan. Although we must cancel our picnic, we can still give back to our members and community in a different way. Every day in the month of the October, we will draw one name for a \$50 bill credit or gift card to a local business. Our picnic

committee has stated the importance of giving back to support our local community. If you would like to participate, please fill out the form below and return it to the REC office by September 30. You can mail it, put it in our dropbox, use the drive-up window, or email it to info@rec.coop.

In addition to the general drawing we will be offering a GRAND PRIZE of a 55-inch Smart TV. Members must answer the trivia questions on the following page and return them to the office by September 30. The person with the most correct answers will be the winner. If multiple people have the most correct answers, their names will be tossed in a hat and we will draw one winner.

Also, you will notice a kids' section on pages 17 and 18, with puzzles and a picture to color. We understand there are numerous children who attend our picnic and we enjoy seeing them as well. We don't want to forget them. We hope to have children 12 and under participate by completing the kids section. We know young children will not be able to complete all the tasks, but please submit what they do. All children who submit activities from the kids' section will receive a prize.

We hope that many people participate. Although we cannot guarantee you will be a winner, we can guarantee you will not be a winner if you do not submit. It is our hope to shed a little positivity throughout our community. We will get through this together!

MY CO-OP

Member Appreciation Drawing Form

Please fill out and return this form to participate in our daily drawings for \$50 gift cards from local businesses or bill credits during the month of October.

To participate in the drawing for the GRAND PRIZE of a 55-inch Smart TV, please fill out and return this form along with your answers to the Trivia Contest on the following page.

Name _____

Phone No. _____ Email _____

If your child is participating in the Kids' Section activities, please fill out the following:

Child's Name _____ Child's Age _____

Return to Richland Electric Cooperative, 1027 N. Jefferson St., P.O. Box 439, Richland Center, WI 53581



RICHLAND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE TRIVIA CONTEST

Answer these questions, fill out the entry form on the backside of this page, and send the whole page to Richland Electric Cooperative for a chance to win a **GRAND PRIZE of a 55-inch Smart TV!** Whoever answers the most questions correctly wins! If there's a tie, we'll draw for the winner. **Good luck!**

1 Which president signed the executive order that created the Rural Electrification Administration?



Bonus question: In what year did he sign it?

2 Which was the first electric cooperative in Wisconsin to energize its lines?

3 On which date was the first farm connected to Richland Electric Cooperative's lines?

4 Who's the president of Richland Electric Cooperative's Board of Directors?

5 How many cooperative principles are there?

Bonus question: Name one of the cooperative principles.

6 Which month is National Co-op Month?

7 This little guy was adopted as the mascot of rural electric cooperatives in 1951. What's his name?



8 How many electric cooperatives are in Wisconsin?

Bonus Question: How many electric cooperatives are in the United States?

9 When is National Line Worker Appreciation Month?

10 How many years is an electric lineman apprenticeship?

11 What is the best way to report an outage?

12 What is the name of this piece of equipment located on power poles?



13 What is Transition Energy?

14 By how much has electric co-op renewable energy capacity increased in the past 10 years?
a) 50% b) 75% c) 100% d) 145

15 Who is Richland Electric Cooperative's wholesale power provider?

16 Name the national organization of electric cooperatives.



17 This natural attraction located in Richland Electric Cooperative's lines has been drawing visitors for decades. Where is this place?

Bonus question: What is happening in this photo?

18 Name the conference REC sends students to, to enhance team building and leadership skills while learning about cooperatives.

19 How did members make and second motions at the 2020 annual meeting?



20 Who is the General Manager/CEO of Richland Electric Cooperative?

KIDS' SECTION!

Be Safe with Electricity! Find all the Energy Words!

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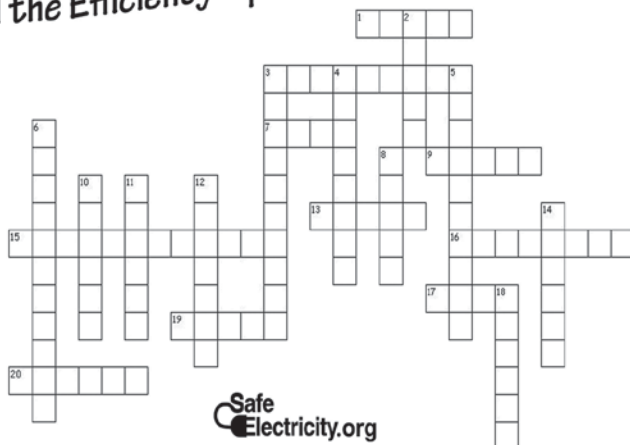
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 OVERHEAD
 PREVENTION
 SAFETY
 SHOCK
 SPARK
 STORM
 VOLTS
 WATER
 TEACH
 LEARN
 CARE

Be Energy Wise!



Read the Efficiency Tips to Find the Missing Words



Safe
Electricity.org

Across

- Purchase a dishwasher that saves ____ and energy.
- Select efficient home office ____ and electronics.
- Install ceiling ____ to reduce air conditioning costs.
- Purchase a clothes ____ with a moisture sensor.
- ____ between window/door frames and walls.
- Install a ____ thermostat.
- Use ____ for light or heat whenever practical.
- Laundry clothes in cold or ____ water.
- Fix ____ faucets.
- Turn off electronics and ____ chargers when not in use.

Down

- Plant ____ to shelter your home from the elements.
- Upgrade to a high-____ furnace/air conditioner or heat pump.
- ____ attic, exterior walls, basement, and crawl spaces.
- Adjust your ____ when leaving home for an extended time.
- Completely convert to compact and other ____ light bulbs.
- ____ load dishwashers, clothes washers, and dryers.
- Set hot water heater no ____ than 120°F.
- Use window blinds or ____ to keep out cold or heat.
- Purchase an insulating ____ for the hot water heater.
- Turn off ____ when you leave a room.
- Install ____ sensors, dimmers, and timers for indoor and outdoor lighting.



NEVER PLAY WITH KITES AROUND POWER LINES!



Source: ESFI

**Hey
kids!**

Color this page and send it to Richland Electric Cooperative, and you'll receive a prize!

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