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**ROCK ENERGY NEWS** 



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### What's Happening

#### ROCK ENERGY E-NEWSLETTER

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### **April 9**

Easter

### **April 18**

Lineman Appreciation Day

### April is National Safe Digging Month

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## 2023 ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD APRIL 24

### DATE: Monday, April 24 TIME: 5:30 p.m. (doors open at 4:30 p.m.) WHERE: Eclipse Center (Beloit, WI)

The Rock Energy Cooperative 87th Annual Meeting has been scheduled to take place on Monday, April 24, 2023, at the Eclipse Center in Beloit, WI. Doors will open at 4:30 p.m., and the meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Taking into consideration the health and well-being of our members, this year's event will be a business meeting only.

No dinner will be served.
No kids' activities.

By virtue of paying your electric bill each month and board approval, you're a member of the co-op, and every member has an opportunity to vote when it comes to co-op governance. This ties back to our guiding principles of equitable economic participation and democratic control of the co-op, and it's exactly why we hope to see you at this year's annual meeting. Other activities will

include:

 2023 REC Scholarship recipient recognition
 Director elections for

districts 6, 7, and 8 • Prize giveaways

### **RSVP By: MONDAY, APRIL 17**

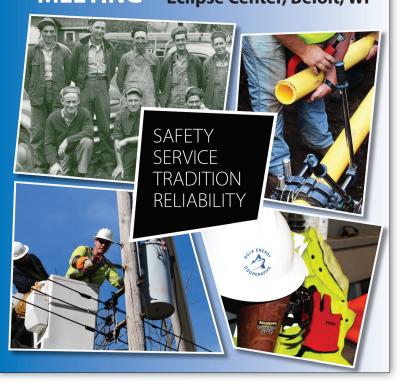
TO REGISTER TO ATTEND: CALL 866-752-4550 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., M-F

### 2023 ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, April 24, 2023 Eclipse Center, Beloit, WI

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# **April is National Safe Digging Month**

In observance of National Safe Digging Month in April, Rock Energy urges all members to call 8-1-1 before every digging project so underground utilities can be marked.

Digging without knowing the approximate location can result in service disruptions, costly repairs, serious injuries, and even death if gas, electric, communications, water, and sewer lines are damaged.

Every 9 minutes an underground utility line is damaged because someone decided to dig without first calling 8-1-1. Don't become part of the statistic—make sure to call!

### When you call 8-1-1:

- Your call will be routed to your local One Call Center. That's Diggers Hotline in Wisconsin and JULIE (Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators) in Illinois.
- Wisconsin law requires the call to be made three business days before the start of the project, while Illinois law specifies two business days. Be sure to write down your dig # for future reference.
- A representative will ask for the location and description of your digging project.
- Utility companies servicing the area then will send a professional locator to the proposed area to mark any buried lines with flags.

• Wait until your official project start date before beginning to dig to make sure all the utilities have been marked.

### For More Information:

NATIONWIDE: www.call811.com or call 8-1-1 WISCONSIN: www.diggershotline.com or call 800-242-8511 ILLINOIS: www.illinois1call.com or call 800-892-0123

Scan the QR code below and check out Rock Energy's informational video - Call Before You Dig!



### YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONGRESS Registration Now Open

### YLC ONLINE REGISTRATION SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER



The 2023 WECA Youth Leadership Congress (YLC) will be held **July 11-13** at the **University of Wisconsin-Stout** (712 Broadway St. South / Menomonie, WI). YLC is a dynamic three-day event sponsored by Wisconsin's electric cooperatives and facilitated by WECA. To register, scan the QR code to the left.

Registration deadline is June 1.

### 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.

### **REC Offices Closed on Good Friday**

Rock Energy offices will be closed on Friday, April 7, in observance of Good Friday. Members can make payments in the drop boxes at both offices throughout the holiday weekend and at the payment kiosk outside our South Beloit office.



Even though our offices are closed, standby crews are always available 24 hours a day. If you need to report a power outage or a gas incident, please call 866-752-4550.

### REPORT AN OUTAGE WITH SMARTHUB

Did you know that you can report an outage with the SmartHub app? Yes, you can! When you're logged into SmartHub, just click on the "Report an



Issue" button in the top right corner to report the outage. You can also sign up to receive "Outage Notifications" through SmartHub, and you will be notified if an outage occurs at your location.