

## What's Happening

**June 14**  
**Flag Day**

**June 16**  
**Father's Day**

**June 20**  
**Summer Begins**

## June is National Safety Month

The National Safety Council is the founder of National Safety Month, which was declared in June of 1996. By proclaiming June as National Safety Month, the council aims to spread awareness of safety hazards and unintentional injuries for industrial workers of the United States.

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# Rock Energy Member Places 2nd In Illinois Pie Contest

In honor of National Pi Day, the winners of the Illinois County Living magazine Pie Recipe Contest were announced in March. Winning second place was Rock Energy Cooperative member Nilene Covert, with her California Black Grape Pie. The recipe and cooking instructions are below. First place went to Gail Fritts of Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association with her Cran-Apple pie, and third place to Sandra Hall of Illinois Electric Cooperative with her Sour Cream Raisin Pie. **Congratulations Nilene!**

## California Black Grape Pie

Servings: 8 / Calories: 678 cal.

### Ingredients Filling:

- 6 cups black grapes
- 1-1/2 cups sugar
- 3 tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca
- 1 teaspoon butter
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup pecans chopped

### Crust:

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup shortening
- 2 tablespoons butter melted
- 5 tablespoons water chilled
- 1 tablespoon vinegar



**COOKING INSTRUCTIONS:** 1) Preheat oven to 425 F. 2) Place grapes in a saucepan on medium-low heat, stirring and mashing until there is sufficient liquid and cooked to equal 3-1/2 cups. 3) Combine sugar, tapioca, butter, salt and pecans, blending well with a pastry blender. Add to mixture of medium-cooled grapes and stir to combine. 4) For the crust, mix flour and salt. Cut in shortening and butter until it resembles coarse crumbs. Add water and vinegar, mixing with a fork. Form into two balls and roll one for the bottom crust; carefully lift into a 9-inch pie pan. 5) Pour filling into pie shell. Roll out the remaining dough ball and cut it into strips for a lattice top. Crimp and seal edges. 6) Bake for 15 minutes. Reduce the temperature to 400 F for 30 minutes. Cool and serve.



## REC OFFICES CLOSED 4th OF JULY

Rock Energy offices will be closed and REC personnel will be out on Thursday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. Offices will re-open on Friday, July 5. Members can still make payments on July 4 in the drop boxes at both offices and at the payment kiosk outside our South Beloit office, 15229 Willowbrook Road. Even though our offices are closed, standby crews are available. If you need to report a power outage or a natural gas incident, please call 866-752-4550.

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