

## What's Happening

**March 8**  
**Daylight Saving Time Begins**



**March 17th**

**March 20**  
**Spring Begins**



## **JOIN US ON APRIL 13!**

# 2026 Rock Energy 90th Annual Meeting

## Monday, April 13, 2026

### 5:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

### Janesville Conference Center (Holiday Inn Express)

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Rock Energy's 90th Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, April 13, at the Janesville Conference Center (Holiday Inn Express), Janesville WI. Join us for a full-service, sit-down dinner for our members. More details will be in the April co-op magazine.

### EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- 2026 Scholarship Presentation
- Full-service, Sit-down Meal Served

\* Registration is required.  
To register to attend,  
scan the QR code here.



**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MARCH 27**

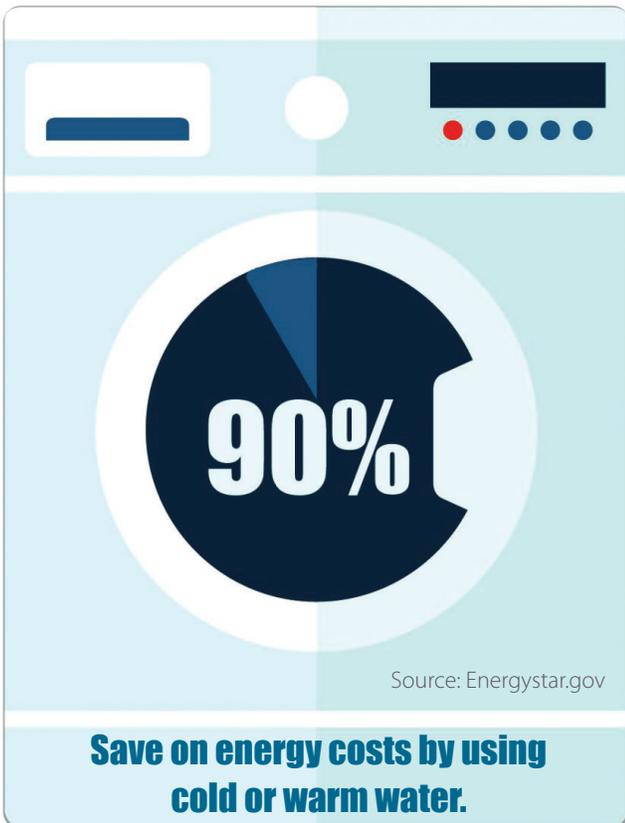
# Rock Energy Youth Member Places 3rd In Essay Contest

Grayson Hanna-Downey, a Rock Energy Cooperative youth member and Milton High School student, placed third in Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association's (WECA) 2025 essay contest, which was open to students who attended the 2025 Youth Leadership Congress (YLC). For the basis of the essay, students were asked to write about: "electric cooperatives bringing reliable and affordable energy despite the many challenges they face (like limited resources and changing energy needs). For his third place finish, Grayson was awarded a \$250 scholarship.



**Grayson Hanna-Downey**  
(REC Youth Member)

A total of 78 electric cooperative teens attended the three day YLC at UW-Stout in July 2025. At the event, YLC members participated in activities aimed at building leadership skills, including a session with special guests.



About 90% of energy used by washing machines goes to heating the water.



**As you prepare for planting season, don't forget to plan for safety. Keep these safety tips in mind:**



## TRAIN OTHERS

Train anyone working on your farm, including family members and seasonal workers, about electrical hazards.

## SAFETY FIRST

Have daily meetings to review the day's work. Know and review where the power lines are, the clearance required and the proper position of extensions as they are transported.



## WAIT TO UNFOLD

Remind workers to fold or unfold extensions well into the field, not close to the field's edge where power lines are typically located.

## USE A SPOTTER

When working in the vicinity of power lines, always have a spotter on the ground who can direct you away from power lines or poles if you are getting too close.



## DO NOT EXIT YOUR CAB

If your machinery or truck makes contact with a power line, pole or guy wire, you could become electricity's path to ground and become electrocuted if you step out of the cab.

## CALL 9-1-1

Call 9-1-1 to have your electric utility dispatched to deenergize the power source. Only exit the cab if your equipment is on fire. If that happens, make a solid jump out and hop away with your feet together as far as you can.

