



Spoon River News

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President's Report



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Want to Save Energy and Money? We Have Apps for That!

Remember the days when people kept in touch with far-flung family and friends by writing letters? I'm talking about tangible, handwritten notes on stationery, sent via the U.S. Postal Service with a stamp.

Today, thanks to laptops, smartphones, and tablet devices, e-mail, texting, and social media have changed the way we talk to each other. And while these advances can make us feel like we're "wired to the world" at all times, they can help us save energy, too.

As a member of Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives, the branding program of the nation's electric cooperatives, we are proud to offer two mobile apps: Together We Save.com—Save Energy, Save Money, and one for our popular Co-op Connections® Card.

The TogetherWeSave.com—Save Energy, Save Money app, the newest addition to our Together We Save energy efficiency campaign portfolio, lets you see how much money you could pocket each month by switching from traditional incandescent lightbulbs to compact fluorescent lamps or light-emitting diodes. In addition, you can use the app to evaluate energy guzzlers in your home—for example, what does it cost to run a dishwasher for an hour? Kilowatt-hour rates specific to Spoon River Electric Cooperative needed for the cal-

culations are available in the app by entering your ZIP code and selecting our name.

In addition, the app delivers handy pop-up "Tip of the Day" reminders on ways to make your home more energy efficient and displays important Spoon River Electric Cooperative alerts and updates. The free app is available for Apple iPhones and iPads at the iTunes store and for Android smartphones at Play.Google.com; search for: Together We Save.

Your Co-op Connections Card connects you to savings on prescriptions, restaurants, hotels, groceries, and lots of other services from national and local retailers. The free Co-op Connections Card app uses GPS technology to help you quickly locate stores and businesses offering discounts and—better yet—share your favorite deals! Android and Apple iPhone versions of the app are available at www.Connections.Coop.

At Spoon River Electric Cooperative we take pride in our promise of providing you with safe, reliable and affordable electric service. But our promise goes beyond that. We are also dedicated to improving the quality of life in the communities we serve. These two money-saving apps are one more way we're looking out for you! Find more ways to save at www.TogetherWeSave.com.

Spoon River Electric Cooperative Lineman Rick Roudebush prepares a pole for removal recently in Babylon. Roudebush and other linemen are replacing old poles in the Cooperative's territory to help prevent future outages.





Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month

Did you know a computer can draw as much electricity as a new refrigerator? Turn it off when not in use or switch on its energy-saving mode. Also, cell phone and mp3 player chargers as well as plasma TVs and entertainment centers pull power even when they're off. Unplug these and other appliances to save on your electric bill. Find more ways to save at TogetherWeSave.com.

Source: Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives

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Spoon River Electric Cooperative – By the Numbers

Miles of line energized: 1,249 • Number of members served: 4,944

Number of power poles in territory: 29,255

Watch for co-op crews working in your area

Spoon River Electric Cooperative employees and contractors work throughout our service territory, including on the rights-of-way and easements, and across your private property and driveways. Our efforts to ensure reliable power for you and your neighbors mean we must cross your property from time to time.

You may see us:

- ◆ Making routine repairs
- ◆ Restoring power outages
- ◆ Replacing meters
- ◆ Maintaining vegetation in rights-of-way

- ◆ Locating buried utilities for construction and digging projects
- ◆ Working to upgrade poles, wires, transformers and equipment
- ◆ Inspecting lines, power poles, transformer boxes and equipment

Field work, except emergency power restoration, is done during normal working hours, 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Every effort is made to avoid damage and unnecessary intrusion.

There are times we need to access areas that are secured by locked gates. If you need to have a locked gate for security, please call our office so we can make arrangements for access. The need for access is not always planned, as there are times we need to access areas for power restoration or other emergencies.

If you have concerns about our work on your property, contact our office at (309) 647-2700. We appreciate your cooperation.

Carrot Cake

Ingredients:

- 1 Can (20 oz.) crushed pineapple
- 1 cup margarine, softened
- 1 cup brown sugar, packed
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 4 eggs
- 1 pound carrots, shredded (4 cups)
- 1 cup raisins
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- ½ teaspoon salt

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350. Grease and flour 13x9 inch baking pan. Drain pineapple well. In large bowl, cream margarine and sugars until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs. Beat in pineapple, carrots, raisins and vanilla. In small bowl, combine flour, baking soda, cinnamon, ginger and salt. Gradually beat into pineapple mixture until well blended. Fold in walnuts. Pour into prepared pan. Bake 50 to 60 minutes or until wooden toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool completely in pan on wire rack. Spread cake with cream cheese frosting or dust with powdered sugar.



Employees from Spoon River Electric share recipes in this space from time to time. This month, Communications Director Brenda Rothert shares her favorite recipe for carrot cake.

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