

Join Us!

Member Appreciation Day



SEE YOU THERE!

2026 Member Appreciation Day
Saturday, Oct. 10 / 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Rock County Fairgrounds (Craig Center)
1301 Craig Ave. / Janesville, WI

**Come On Out And Meet Miniature
Donkeys DEXTER and DREAM!**



Kettle Corn



Face Painting

Balloon Animals



Jump House

Pancake Breakfast



Ice Cream

Former Scholarship Winner Now Hard At Work In Rock Energy Service Areas

Laura Owens, a 2020 Rock Energy Cooperative (REC) Scholarship winner, graduated from Carroll University in 2024 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Behavior and a minor in Natural Resource Management. (She graduated from Milton High School in 2020.) Since graduating from college, the former REC scholarship winner has been busy working locally in some of the co-op's service areas.

"Through my work in wildlife management, I help care for public lands and the natural resources that are important to my community," said Owens. "In Rock County, hunting and outdoor recreation are an important piece of culture and provide opportunities for people to connect with nature and continue traditions passed down through generations. I am fortunate to work in the county I grew up in and call home, allowing me to give back to the communities that helped shape me. In many ways, I am now helping protect the same natural resources that inspired me as a child—the little country girl who loved catching frogs, exploring outside, and learning about the world around her."

Owens currently works as a Wildlife Biologist/Technician for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. She works in wildlife management for Rock and Green Counties.

"My role primarily involves coordinating Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) monitoring efforts for south central Wisconsin, in addition to supporting habitat management efforts such as prescribed burning, invasive species removal, and waterfowl banding," Owens said.

She said that, long term, she would like to move into a job that combines natural resource management with education and outreach.

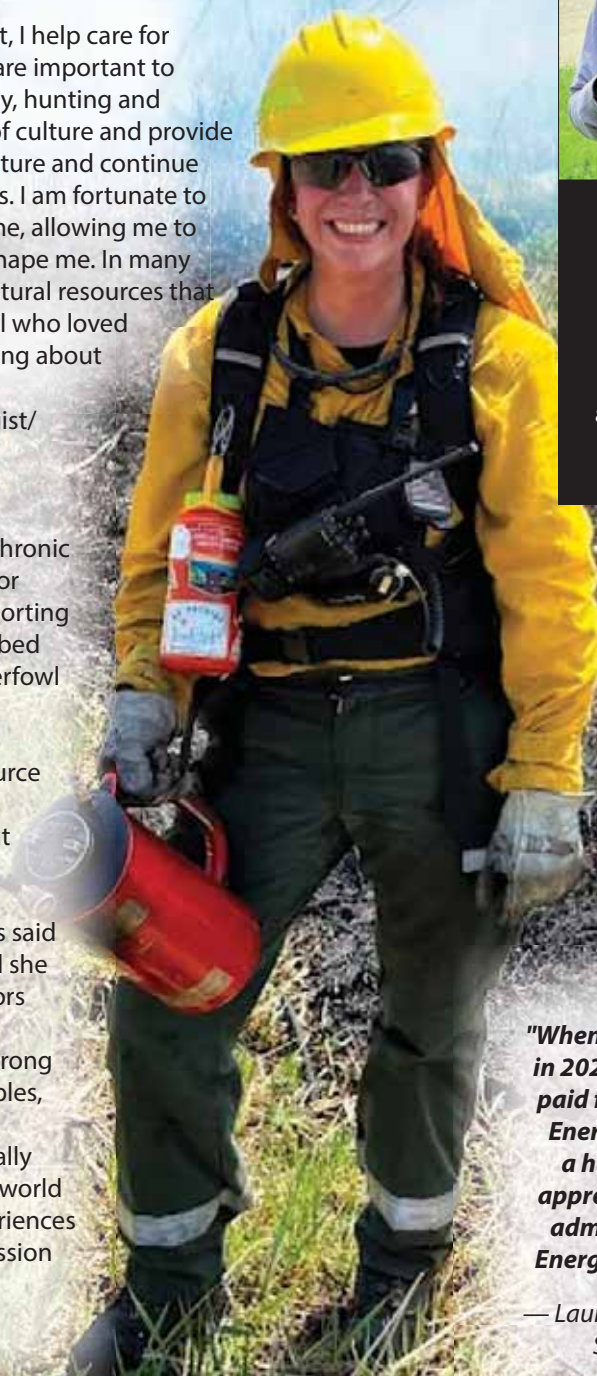
"I've always enjoyed teaching others about wildlife and the importance of our natural resources," said Owens.

Before entering the working world, Owens said she had a great college experience. She said she built meaningful relationships with professors whose mentorship helped shape her career path. She believes that college gave her a strong foundation by teaching her scientific principles, critical thinking, and technical skills.

"My internships and seasonal positions really allowed me to apply those concepts in real-world settings," said Owens. "Together, these experiences prepared me well to enter my current profession while continuing to grow within it."



Above and left, Laura Owens works out in the field as part of her position with the Wisconsin DNR. Owens graduated from Milton High School in 2020 and she is a former Rock Energy Scholarship winner.



"When I graduated from college in 2024, I was able to say that I paid for my own college! Rock Energy's scholarship played a huge part in that. I truly appreciate your kindness and admire the dedication Rock Energy has for its community."

— Laura Owens, 2020 Rock Energy Scholarship Recipient



**November 1 —
December 8**

2026 Holiday Toy Drive

Donate new toys (unopened in original packaging, not wrapped), a monetary donation, or a Walmart or Target gift card for the Salvation Army this holiday season! Your donation will help children less fortunate by giving them a Christmas they will never forget!



Drop-off Locations:

ROCK ENERGY - JANESVILLE OFFICE:

2815 Kennedy Rd. Toy & Cash Donations / M-F (7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

ROCK ENERGY - SOUTH BELOIT OFFICE:

15229 Willowbrook Rd. Toy & Cash Donations / M-F (7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

If you have any questions, contact us M-F during regular business hours (7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.).

• 866-752-4550 / • questions@rock.coop

(Rock Energy offices will be closed Nov. 26-27 for Thanksgiving.)

**ALL DONATIONS GO TO THE SALVATION ARMY TO
BE DISTRIBUTED IN THE STATELINE AREA!**



Budget Payments to be Recalculated in October

Members on Rock Energy's Budget Billing plan will see their monthly payment amounts change with the statement they receive in November.

Budget payments are recalculated twice a year—in October and April—to help ensure that the amount you pay is similar to your true usage. We'll average the amount of energy you used in the previous 12 months to determine your new budget payment. (NOTE: To be eligible for Budget Billing you will have had to receive service from the co-op for at least 12 months and have a good credit history.)

Also taken into consideration is whether you had a credit or if your budget payment didn't quite cover the amount of energy used in the previous six months. Depending on your actual usage, your future budget amount could increase or decrease.

About 1,300 members are currently enrolled in Budget Billing. If you'd like to join them, our energy services manager suggests that now would be a good time as we approach the winter heating season.

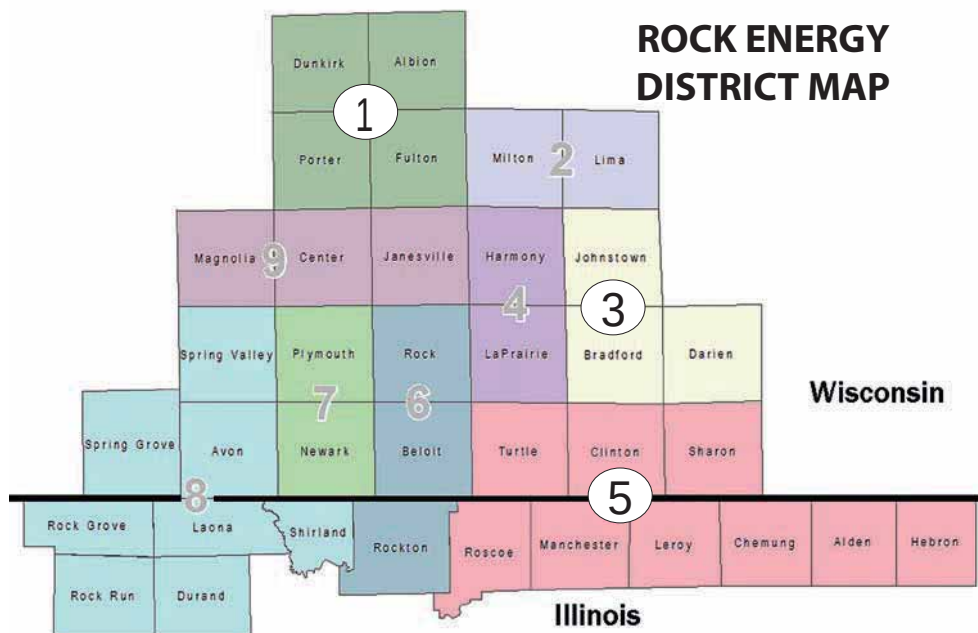
You'll pay the same amount each month, avoiding higher than anticipated bills if the weather is exceptionally cold.

Then you can pay your monthly bill however you choose—cash, check, credit card, mail, in person, drop box, or kiosk. Or better yet, sign up for Auto Pay to fully automate your energy payments, assuring that your payment will be on time.

If you would like more information on these programs or want to sign up, please call Member Services at 866-752-4550 between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or email questions@rock.coop.

Districts Up For Election Are:

- **DISTRICT 1:** Dunkirk, Albion, Porter and Fulton Townships in Wisconsin
- **DISTRICT 3:** Johnstown, Bradford and Darien Townships in Wisconsin
- **DISTRICT 5:** Turtle, Clinton and Sharon Townships in Wisconsin / Roscoe, Manchester, Leroy, Chemung, Alden and Hebron Townships in Illinois



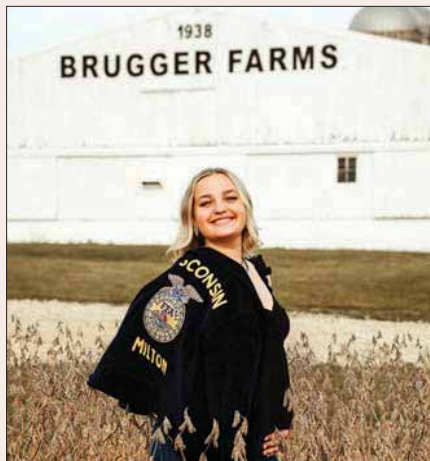
DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS OPEN

The Rock Energy Cooperative Nominating Committee will be selecting candidates to run for board of director positions in Districts 1, 3 and 5, which will be on the ballot at the **April 12, 2027**, Annual Meeting.

Active members who are interested in running for a position on the REC Board of Directors must permanently reside in one of the areas up for election and meet all other qualifications. For more information about being nominated, please contact the co-op at 866-752-4550 or send an e-mail to questions@rock.coop.

DEADLINE TO APPLY: **November 30, 2026**

Applications MUST be received by November 30.



Kaelee DeRemer, pictured above, was recently crowned the 2026 Rock County Fairest of the Fair.

Rock Energy Scholarship Winner Crowned FAIREST OF THE FAIR

Kaelee DeRemer, a 2026 Rock Energy Cooperative Scholarship winner and four-year member of the Milton FFA, was crowned the 2026 Rock County Fairest of the Fair during the 97th Rock County 4-H Fair. DeRemer was selected from a field of four candidates following interviews, speeches and an impromptu question competition designed to test the contestant's knowledge of the fair, agriculture and public speaking.

DeRemer has been a member of the Milton FFA for four years. Her fair projects include show stock beef and swine, dairy cattle and meat and show rabbits.

Through her supervised agricultural experience, DeRemer has raised pigs and beef cattle while developing skills.

She has also held several FFA leadership positions, organized community outreach activities and plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-Platteville to study animal science and agribusiness before pursuing a career in bovine reproduction.

DeRemer graduated from Milton High School in the spring of 2026.

Shane Larson, CEO

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