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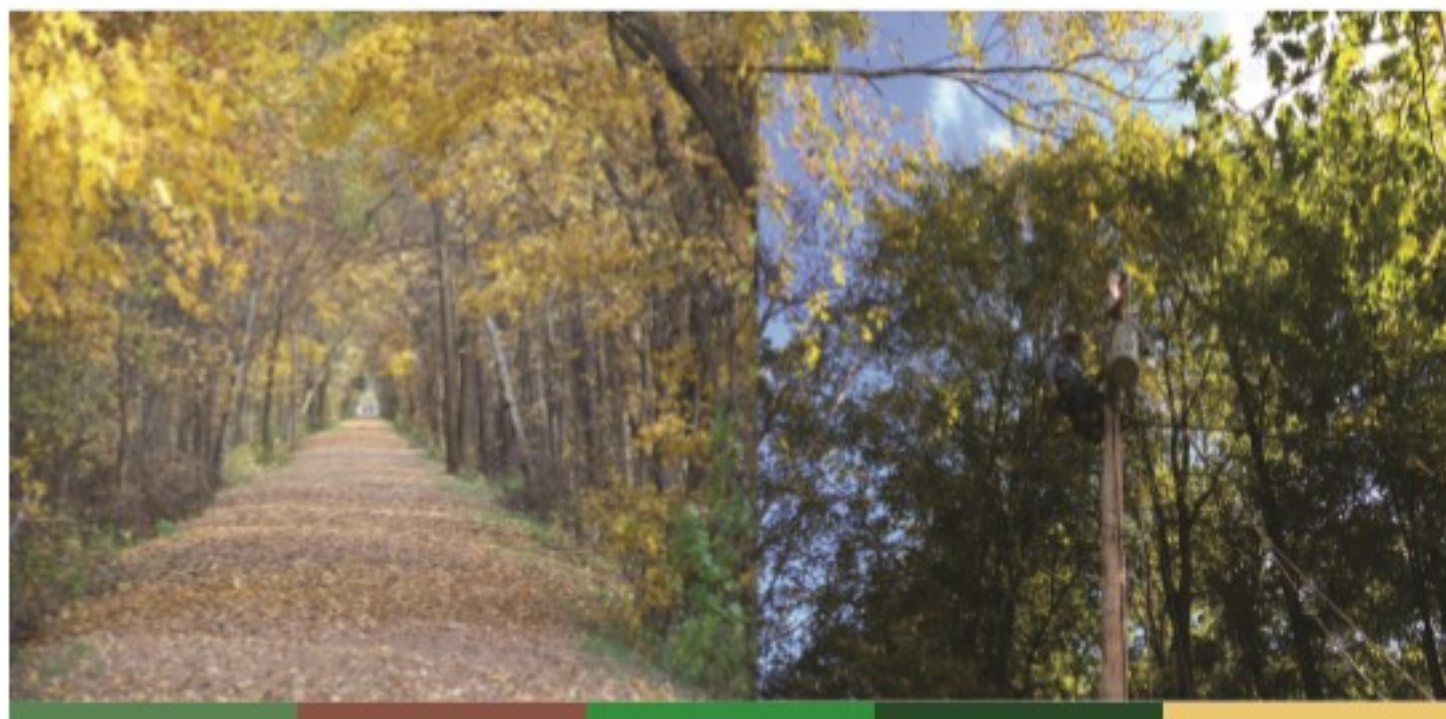
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## A Time To Give Thanks

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"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it."

In the spirit of this quote by author William Arthur Ward, I'd like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for your membership in our electric cooperative. Because of your connection to Sussex Rural Electric Cooperative, we are able to make our

community a better place.

I generally use this space to provide updates on new projects and developments, or report on the progress of ongoing initiatives. We share these updates so that all of our members have a window into our priorities, progress and challenges. However, during this season of giving thanks, I think it's equally important to

let you, our members, know just what an impact you have on our co-op and the greater community, likely in ways you may not even realize.

As part of the cooperative business model, one of our core principles is "Concern for Community." While our mission is always to provide safe, reliable and affordable energy, we view our role in the community as a catalyst for good.

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# Giving Thanks

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We work closely with our local schools to provide safety demonstrations and award college scholarships, but we have also started to partner with the schools to create new programs. When we were contacted by both High Point and Vernon High Schools about the number of graduates that go into the trades, we visited the students with our linemen and explained the world of trades, sharing first-hand accounts on how our linemen chose their profession. Sussex Rural Electric Cooperative also participates in an annual National Youth Tour where we take our community's brightest young people to Washington, D.C. for a week-long immersion to experience democracy in action. The trip is inspirational for many students, and we are both humbled and honored to be a part of this leadership development journey. Ultimately, the larger community benefits from these programs because of you! You empower the co-op through your

membership and through your participation in and support of these programs.

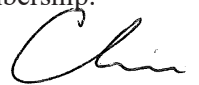
When you attend co-op events, alert us to problems, and provide suggestions online or to our employees, you help us improve operations and thereby better serve the larger co-op membership.

Because we are led by members of our community, like you, we are able to get a first-hand perspective on community priorities, thereby enabling us to make more informed decisions on long-term investments. We are thankful that our co-op board members carve out time to attend important training sessions, participate in planning meetings and keep abreast of industry trends. This investment in time results in better informed advisors that serve the co-op's interests in a way that our members expect and deserve.

On a more personal note, we appreciate the countless acts of kindness our lineworkers and other

employees receive when they are working in severe weather and dangerous conditions. Our employees are thankful for your patience and consideration when we are trying to restore power during challenging situations and prolonged periods. When pictures of outages appear on Facebook, our members consistently respond with words of encouragement and wishes for safety that we share with our crews. It is heartwarming for all of us here at SREC that you care for the safety of our workers.

Sussex Rural Electric Cooperative was originally established 81 ago to bring electricity to our area when no one else would. The cooperative is a reflection of our local community and its evolving needs. Together, let's continue making our little corner of the world a better place. We can't do it without you, and speaking on behalf of all SREC employees, and its Directors, we're thankful for your membership.



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William Arthur Ward



## In Memoriam

James M. Siglin



The families and friends of Sussex Rural Electric Cooperative lost their friend and former CEO, Jim Siglin, who died peacefully at the age of 54, on September 21, 2018 after a long battle with cancer. Jim began his career at SREC as Staff Engineer in 1986 and held various positions in the Engineering and Operations Department. Jim served as president and CEO of Sussex Rural Electric from 2007 to 2016. Many of the great technological advances experienced by SREC were ushered in by Jim, including deploying our automatic meter reading system, our SCADA system, and our outage management program, among others.

Our deepest sympathies go out to his family and friends. President & CEO, Chris Reese delivered the eulogy at Jim's funeral and the following excerpt best explains why Jim will be greatly missed by all of us at SREC:

*"I learned a lot from Jim, and I owe a lot to him – both at work and in life. At Sussex Rural, I saw Jim initiate and complete so many projects, some of them ground-breaking, almost revolutionary to our Cooperative. So many of the systems and technology we have at the office today all came from Jim's direction when he was either the Manager of Engineering or the CEO. He was an electrical engineer, and he was a leader. He always pushed us to get things done, and at that time, it was exactly what our company needed, and he will leave a lasting legacy there. Whether Jim was being a great boss, a better friend, or being the best son, brother, husband, father, Papa, or uncle one could have, he did it, and it was always with a smile on his face. And that's the way I'm going to remember him."*



Families now comprise 35% of the homeless population.  
One out of every five people who is homeless is a child.  
- according to the Family Promise of Sussex County Website



Sussex Rural Electric Cooperative is collecting toys for the children of Sussex County who have or will experience homelessness this holiday season. In an effort to *Shine a Light* on this issue, SREC will give a box of four LED lightbulbs to anyone who drops off a toy for this worthy cause.

Family Promise is collecting toys and gift cards for children ages 6 through 16. They are also collecting mens' socks for their adult program. Bring your unwrapped toy or new socks to our office before November 30th to receive your FREE LED Bulbs.

## TIPS FOR PURCHASING NEW APPLIANCES

When shopping for new appliances, there are two price tags you should consider:

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Purchase price of the appliance (think of this as a down payment)



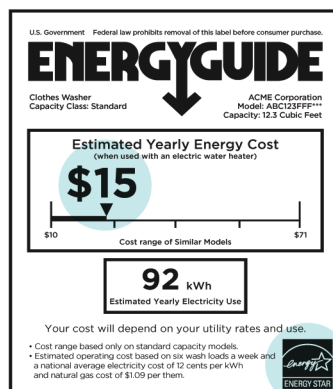
2.

Cost to operate the appliance over its lifetime (how much energy the appliance uses)



That second price is important because you'll be paying for the appliance's energy use for the next 10 to 20 years.

- **Look for the ENERGY STAR® label.** ENERGY STAR-qualified products exceed the federal minimum standards for efficiency and quality.
- **Carefully review the EnergyGuide label on the appliance.** The label provides information about how much energy an appliance uses compared to similar models.
- **Once you choose your make and model, compare prices.** Keep in mind, many retailers will match a lower price offered by competitors.
- **Recycle or sell your old appliance.** Ask the retailer if they'll pick up your old appliance, or you can sell it yourself. Either option is better than the landfill!



Rebates are available for in the form of a bill credit for new refrigerators, clothes washers and dryers, and central air conditioning systems. Members can go online to [www.sussexrec.com](http://www.sussexrec.com) and complete the rebate form. You just need to include proof of purchase and a copy of the ENERGY STAR label and return the completed paperwork to our office.

Bill Credits are available only on ENERGY STAR appliances as outlined and listed on [njcleanenergy.com](http://njcleanenergy.com), purchased January 1, 2018—December 31, 2018. Bill Credits are available on a first-come, first-served basis, for a limited time only and are subject to availability of funds. Only one Bill Credit per customer per appliance type will be distributed.

For further information and a list of covered appliances, visit [www.sussexrec.com](http://www.sussexrec.com) or [www.njcleanenergy.com](http://www.njcleanenergy.com)



## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Don't forget to fall back  
on **November 4!**  
Set your clocks back  
by one hour.



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## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Got holiday leftovers?  
When possible, use the  
microwave to reheat food.  
Microwaves use as much as  
80 percent less energy than  
a standard oven.

Source: [energy.gov](http://energy.gov)



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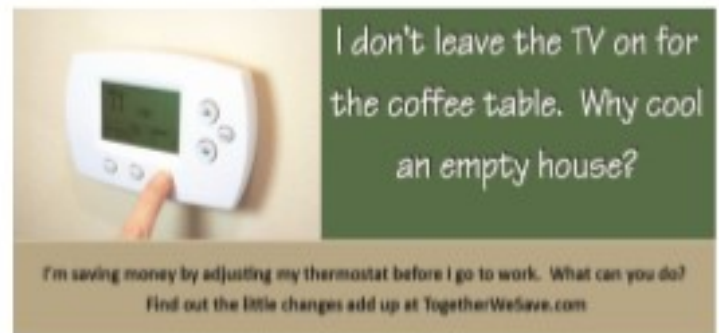
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