

LIVE WIRES



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1-888-866-REMC (7362)

Emergency phone number: 866-5911

Anytime day or night to report
an outage or emergency.

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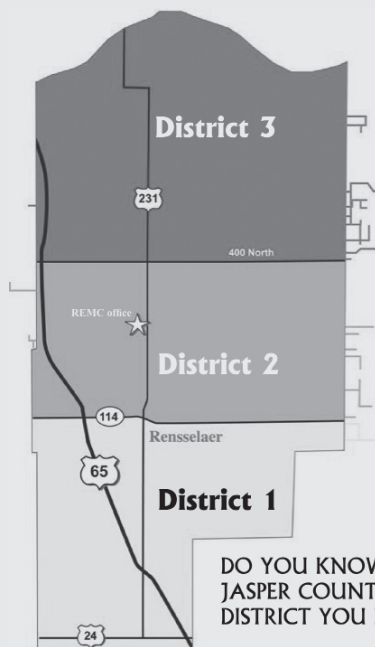
8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday

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HIDDEN ACCOUNT NUMBER

There is a hidden account number within these four pages of *Live Wire*. Be sure to look them over. Maybe you'll spot **your** account number. If you do, just call our office before the last working day in June to claim the \$25 electric bill credit.



DO YOU KNOW WHICH
JASPER COUNTY REMC
DISTRICT YOU LIVE IN?

CO-opNews

Information from your electric cooperative

FROM THE CEO/GENERAL MANAGER

Annual meeting highlights the cooperative difference

This month, our membership has an opportunity many consumers of energy do not get – attending your Jasper County REMC Annual Meeting. For those unaware of our business model, this is an opportunity for you to participate in your not-for-profit cooperative.

We will be holding our annual meeting of the membership on June 14 at 5 p.m. CST at the Jasper County Fairgrounds. At the meeting you can learn about the issues affecting our business, have a good meal, be entertained, and, most importantly, exercise your right to vote for the leadership of your cooperative. Since our directors are an integral part of the cooperative, let me discuss the role of the board and why your decisions are so crucial to the future of the cooperative.

A director at Jasper County REMC is said to hold this position in a “fiduciary capacity” to the corporation. To hold a fiduciary position means this person is responsible for overseeing how funds are spent for the benefit of the members. The board that you elect is responsible for overseeing how the REMC chooses to spend its revenue. The board’s main oversight responsibilities include setting budgets, rates, policies and hiring the CEO of the cooperative.

It does not get involved in the day-to-day running of the cooperative. Its role is to guide the long-term success of the organization. The success of the REMC is very dependent upon the directors having the foresight to find a satisfactory median between cost-effective service and reliability of service. I have seen some cooperatives become so focused on rates alone that reliability suffers. Conversely, I have seen some organizations so focused on reliability that rates were high.

I am glad to report neither is the case here at Jasper County REMC. Last year, our average outage per member was a very low 82 minutes, at a cost to you that is still reasonable and fair. The outage average demonstrates to me a good mix between being cognizant of how our money is spent to provide reliable service



Bryan Washburn
CEO/General Manager

while remaining cost conscious on the member’s behalf.

In addition, your directors are also directly responsible for setting the strategic goals of the cooperative. After the goals are determined, it becomes management’s responsibility to find ways to meet those goals. Management develops strategies, plans, policies and procedures designed to meet the corporate goals. The board of directors approves the budgets and major appropriations while making sure the corporation has enough

revenue to be a viable, perpetual organization devoted to serving its members.

As you can see, being a director is a very important role within the cooperative business model. The best part of the cooperative process is that the directors are members of the cooperative who are elected by the membership. This gives the directors a totally different perspective than someone who does not have a stake in the organization. For this reason alone, I think the cooperative business model is one of the strongest business models out there.

At the annual meeting this month, you have the opportunity to participate in how your cooperative is run by electing those individuals you feel will represent your best interests. As I have reported, your board has been very effective in the past. I also think the more participation we have at the annual meeting, the better we become. You will have the chance to meet your directors at this meeting and have the opportunity to speak personally with the management of the cooperative that night. You will be fed well, get a bill credit when you register to vote, and be entertained by top performers. This event is organized to allow you the opportunity to participate in your cooperative.

I will close my comments with a wish to see you all on the evening of June 14 at the Jasper County Fairgrounds. Your participation is highly regarded and will be well received. Please remember we at Jasper County REMC will be working hard to keep the lights on for you.

2011 board of directors candidates

District 1



Allen Toben

Allen Toben is the incumbent director for District 1. Toben and his wife, Patricia, reside in rural Rensselaer and are members of the Trinity United Methodist Church where he has served on various committees and as president of the Welsh Cemetery board. Toben has also served on the

Marion Township advisory board and participated in Rotary Club. The Tobens are the parents of two daughters, Deb Peck and Dayna Valade. They have four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Toben is a graduate of Purdue University's Short Course, attended International Business College and has been a member of the Jasper County REMC board of directors since 1987. He is presently secretary of the board and is currently serving on the budget, audit, and annual meeting committees. Toben has received his Credentialed Cooperative Director designation and his Board Leadership Certificate from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA).

He has been a farmer for 50 years and a member of the Masons, Scottish Rite and Eastern Star. Toben enjoys reading, traveling, and working in his shop.



David Lyons

David Lyons is a director candidate for District 1. He and his wife, Julie, reside in rural Rensselaer and are members of the United Methodist Church and currently attend First Assembly of God in Rensselaer. The Lyonses have two daughters, Molly and Amanda, and four grandchildren. Lyons has been

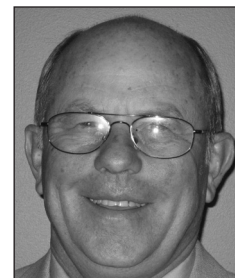
part owner of Lyons Insurance Agency since 1980 and also owns Sister Act Hair Salon and Day Spa with his wife. He also farms 1,200 acres of corn and soybeans with his brother.

After graduating from Rensselaer Central High School, Lyons spent six years in the National Guard. He has been involved in 4-H for many years and continues to help at the Jasper County Fair with the derby competitions.

Lyons has been an American Legion member for 30 years and enjoys spending time with family and friends, riding motorcycles and traveling with his wife.

More annual meeting
information on the next page!

District 3



Kenneth DeYoung

Kenneth DeYoung is the incumbent director for District 3. He and his wife, Lois, reside in rural Wheatfield and have three grown sons and six grandchildren. The DeYongs are members of the First Reformed Church of DeMotte where he currently holds a board position.

DeYoung is a graduate of Purdue University with a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture/agronomy. After serving in the United States Army, including one year in Vietnam, he returned home in 1970 to the family farm. He continues to farm with his son Rod.

DeYoung became a director for the cooperative in 1999. He is currently board president and serves on its labor relations, bylaws, policy, budget and audit committees. He has served as a director on the Indiana Statewide Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives board since 2007. DeYoung has received his Credentialed Cooperative Director designation from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) and is pursuing his Board Leadership Certificate.

He enjoys fishing and travel in his spare time.

District 2



Douglas Fritz

Douglas Fritz is a director candidate for District 2. Fritz and his wife, Brenda, reside in rural Medaryville. The Fritzes have two sons, Jamie and Matthew, and seven grandchildren.

Fritz has worked at North Central Cooperative for 35 years as a petroleum sales representative.

He is also a member of the Medaryville Lions Club, a firefighter on the Medaryville Volunteer Fire Department and is an Indiana real estate broker.

Fritz enjoys fishing, old cars and spending time with the grandkids.



Kerry Miller

Kerry Miller is a director candidate for District 2. Miller and his wife, Amy, live in rural Francesville and are members of Bethel Bible Church. The Millers have two sons, Zachary and Kody. He has been farming with his family for many years and continues to be a grain and livestock farmer.

After graduating from West-Central High School, Miller went through the Purdue Ag Short Course. In the past, Miller sat on the Jasper County Farm Bureau board and the Indiana Young Farmer committee. He now sits on the West-Central school board and the Jasper County Fair board.

Miller enjoys raising cattle, woodworking and collecting antiques.



Richard Duttlinger

Richard Duttlinger and his wife, Linda, reside in rural Wheatfield and have three grown children – Ben, Dave and Fred. They also have seven grandchildren. Duttlinger is an active member of Sorrowful Mother Church.

Duttlinger is a retired farmer who has attended Purdue University and served three years in the Peace Corps. Since his retirement, he spends most of his time with the Mission Committee coordinating the parish food pantry. He also leads the Mission Committee on trips to Mexico City, Mexico, to visit an orphanage the parish helps support.

Duttlinger spends his free time fishing and collecting agricultural antiques.

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Annual meeting of Jasper County REMC

**Jasper County Fairgrounds
Tuesday, June 14**

**The doors open at 5 p.m. for a free pork chop dinner.
The business meeting, with election of three directors,
will follow dinner.**

**Featured entertainment will be country singers Savannah Jack.
Children will be entertained by Glen Everhart's Heebe Geebe
show and Beth Sutton-Cummins and Friends.**

**Last year, 1,300 members turned out for the annual meeting.
We hope to see you there!**



Willie Wirehand © NRECA

Vote for your directors on June 14

A cooperative is an independent, locally owned business enterprise, incorporated under the laws of the state in which it operates. Consumers who receive service are member-owners of the cooperative and share responsibility for its success or failure, along with the benefits they receive. The consumers served own the cooperative, with each member of the cooperative having one vote in the election of directors. Please come to the annual meeting to vote for your directors who actively participate in setting policies and making decisions on behalf of the cooperative.

Student opportunity winners announced

Congratulations to all of the Jasper County REMC student opportunity winners for this year!

Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.

J. Caleb Little, homeschooled, son of James and Renee Little

Nesius Scholarship winners

Hillary Hoffman, Kankakee Valley High School, daughter of Dave and Sheila Hoffman

Are you teaching your kids safety around power lines?

Children don't understand the dangers of electricity. For safe outdoor play, Jasper County REMC recommends teaching them the following rules:

- Never climb trees near power lines. Even if the lines aren't touching the tree, they could touch when more weight is added to the branch.
- Fly kites in large open areas, like a park or a field, safely away from trees and overhead power lines. If a kite gets stuck in a tree that's near power lines, don't climb up to get it. Contact your electric cooperative for assistance.
- Never climb a utility pole or tower. Don't play on or around pad-mounted electrical equipment.
- Never go into an electric substation for any

Matthew Schurman, Covenant Christian High School, son of Jack and Sherry Walker

Kacey Scheurich, Rensselaer Central High School, daughter of Kevin and Mary Scheurich

The scholarship winners will receive their certificates at the annual meeting on June 14. Come and celebrate some of Jasper County's best and brightest!

reason — even on a dare. Electric substations contain high-voltage equipment, which can kill you. Never rescue a pet that goes inside. Call your REMC instead.

Parents and contractors — when designing an outdoor play area, do not install playground equipment or swimming pools underneath or near power lines. Hidden account 22947-001

If someone is being shocked because of an incident with a power line, call 911 AND TELL THEM THERE IS A POWER LINE INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENT. This clarity will help the dispatcher get the right people there more quickly.

Teach your kids to be safe around electricity.

Sign up for budget billing

If you like the idea of paying exactly the same amount each month for your electricity, then budget billing could be right for you. If you operate on a monthly budget, then knowing what to expect each month could be beneficial.

The program works by looking at a one or two year history of your use at your current location. A budget amount is then figured and that becomes the amount you will pay for electricity each month.

You will still receive a monthly electric bill showing your meter reads and actual use. At the end of the budget period — your June bill payable in July — your account will be settled up. If you owe any extra money, you will need to pay it and if you paid too much for the year, the overpayment will be returned to you.

All budget accounts are audited periodically to be sure that you will come out fairly close to even in June. Budget amounts can be raised or lowered throughout the year if needed to prevent a large difference at the end of the budget period.

Budget accounts are not allowed to go delinquent. If this should happen, you may be removed from the program.

For more information about budget billing, contact us at 866-4601.

Update your account info

As our annual meeting approaches, please make sure your account information is correct. **If YOU intend to vote at the annual meeting, YOUR name needs to be on the account.** In the past, there have been rare instances where one spouse has come to the annual meeting to vote, only to find his/her name is not on the account. Call us if you need both spouses' names on the account or if the name on the account needs updating. We want to ensure your eligibility to vote by making sure the names on your membership are current.

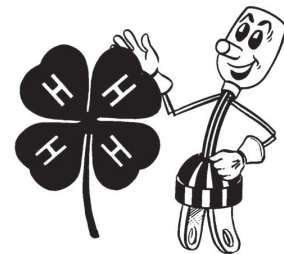
It is also important to let us know if your phone number changes. We need accurate information to contact you regarding your service.

4-H Electric workshops

We will be holding 4-H Electric workshops here at Jasper County REMC to help 4-H'ers along with their projects. Division 1, Division 2 and Division 3 project participants are encouraged to attend.

Upper-level participants are also welcome to bring any questions they may have regarding the development of their projects. Students who are dropped off should be picked up at 7 p.m. CST. We look forward to seeing you at the workshops.

The workshops will take place on:
Tuesday, June 21, from 6-7 p.m. CST
Tuesday, June 28, from 6-7 p.m. CST



Co-op Connections Card

List of business participants

Below is a partial list of retail merchants participating in the Co-op Connections Card Program. There are over 50 businesses in Valparaiso, over 450 in Lafayette and West Lafayette, and more than 30 in Monticello. Look for the Co-op Connections Card logo at the places you shop.

CROWN POINT

Oil 'N' Go

219-663-4364. www.costascompanies.com

The UPS Store

219-662-7960. www.theupsstorelocal.com/2169

Price Less Rent A Car

219-662-2440. www.pricelessrentacar.com/crownpoint

Image Sun Tanning Center

219-662-9700. www.imagesun.com

Gosser Corporate Sales Inc

219-808-9888. www.gossercorpsales.com

DEMOTTE

Northwest Geothermal Inc.

219-987-2822. www.northwestgeothermal.com

Bee's Purse Parties

219-743-2099. www.beespurseparties.com

RaceStar Publications & Promotions

219-987-2096

Carolina House Furniture

219-987-4481. www.carolinahousefurniture.net

Venture Wireless

219-987-2252

Another Season Floral & Home Accessories

219-987-2511. www.anotherseasonfloral.com

Infinity Fitness

219-987-8300

FRANCESVILLE

Johnson Service

219-567-9106

Mike's Repair Shop

219-567-2300. www.mikesrepairshop.com

Country Color Floral

219-567-9517. www.countrycolorfloral.com

Bill's Circle Mowers Sales & Service

219-567-2002. www.bills-circle-mowers.com

GARY

Gary South Shore Railcats

219-882-2255. www.railcatsbaseball.com

HANNA

Grand Kankakee Hunt Club

219-797-2135. www.grandkankakee.com

Grand Kankakee Restaurant & Bar

219-797-2301. www.grandkankakee.com

KOUTS

Innovative Organizing

219-221-1883. www.innovativeorganizing.net

Culligan of Kouts

800-243-6139. www.heywaterman.com

LACROSSE

Heinold and Feller Tire Co. Inc.

219-754-2411

LOWELL

The Art Gallery

219-696-6487. www.shoplowellindiana.com

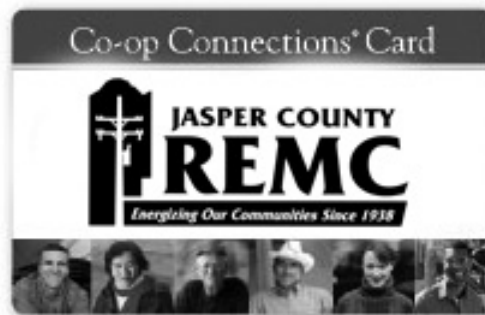
Glimpses Photography

219-614-8376

MEDARYVILLE

Access Lock & Key LLC

219-866-5146



G.F.B. Photography

219-204-1157

MERRILLVILLE

Dunhill Tuxedos

219-769-7471. www.dunhilltuxedos.com

Mr. Soft Car Wash

219-756-3400

Success Schools LLC

219-736-9999

AmeriClean Inc.

219-942-8100. www.americleaninc.com

Art Hill Ford

219-738-5300. www.arthillautogroup.com

Earl's Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc.

219-942-9023. www.earlsh heating.com

B & J Home Improvements/ Service Doctor

219-942-0883. www.servicedoctor.net

Bands and Orchestras Unlimited

219-769-1632. www.bandsandorchestrasunlimited.com

Brandy's Safe and Lock Inc.

219-756-1236. www.brandysafe.com

Dennis Crane Photography

219-769-2126. www.procameraman.com

Super 8

219-736-8383. www.super8.com

Apparel That Works!

1509 W. Hwy. 30

MONON

Alicia's Florals & Gifts LLC

219-253-8241

Whistle Stop

219-253-4100. www.mononconnection.com

MUNSTER

Cosmetic Dentistry of Lake County

219-836-7684. www.cosmeticdentistryoflakecounty.com

Theatre at the Center

219-836-3395. www.theatreatthecenter.com

NORTH JUDSON

Brantwood North Judson

574-896-2538

Roger's Precision Auto Supply

574-896-2100

Fingerhut Bakery

574-896-2821

Baileys Discount Center

574-896-3889. www.baileyscabinets.com

World of Motorcycle Museum

574-896-3172. www.kerstingscycle.com

REMINGTON

Caboose Lake Campground

219-261-3828. www.cabooselake.com

J R Ward Travel Co.

219-863-3928. www.jarwardtravelco.com

RENSELAER

Home Inspection Connection LLC

219-866-3003

Campbell Printing Company, Inc.

219-866-5913. www.printing-by-campbell.com

WhipperSnaps Portrait Photography

219-866-7498. www.whippersnaps.com

Stunt Dawg Studio Screen Printing

219-866-8355

Indiana Academy of Mixed Martial Arts, LLC

815-715-3848. www.indianaacademyofmixedmartialarts.com

Get Nailed

219-866-0066

Jacks Uptown Service

219-866-7877

Brookside Florist

219-866-5001. www.brooksideflorist.net

Prairie's Edge

219-866-5613

Brown's Garden & Floral Shoppe

219-866-8735. www.browngardenandfloral.net

Excel Technology Services

219-964-4666. www.exceltechservices.com

Midway Net, LLC

219-866-7946. www.midwaynet.net

Venture Wireless

219-866-0200

Kentucky Fried Chicken

219-866-8700

SCHERERVILLE

Century 21 Executive Realty

219-306-0267

IARE Pest Control

219-730-9897

Ervin Video Services

219-322-7179. www.ervinvideo.com

Champion Self Storage

219-322-7236. www.championselfstorage.com

ST. JOHN

Dunhill Tuxedos

219-365-8159. www.dunhilltuxedos.com

WHEATFIELD

Aldo Largura Orthodontist

219-956-2044

Bliss Recycled Fashion

219-202-1065. www.blissrecycledfashion.com

Kopy Kats

219-956-2276. www.kvokopydats.com

KV Health Centre

219-956-4811. www.jchh.com

Quiznos

219-956-4181. www.quiznos.com

WOLCOTT

Bank of Wolcott

219-279-2185. www.bankofwolcott.com

Indiana Ribbon, Inc.

219-279-2112. www.giftwrapgifts.com

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