

# Powerlines

Parke County REMC

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative



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## Parke County REMC Honored as One of 2010's Healthiest Employers

Parke County REMC has been recognized as one of the 2010 Healthiest Employers, in the state by Indianapolis Business Journal and Mavum Consulting. Five employers were honored as winners of the awards program at the Westin Hotel in Indianapolis, on August 24. Healthiest Employers is an innovative awards program that recognizes organizations that proactively shape the health of their employees. These companies have made a commitment to impact the health of their workplace ... and their bottom line. The winning employers ranged in size from 2-99 employees, up to 5,000+ employees.

Parke County REMC is a small organization (34 full-time and three part-time employees) with a big wellness program.

The co-op's program includes an on-site fitness facility for all employees and their dependents, annual health screenings, free flu vaccines for all employees and dependents, a fitness challenge with quarterly incentives, healthy snack options at minimum costs, healthy meal alternatives at all company gatherings and more. All activities are at no cost to the employees, and classes are offered during work hours as well.

"We do our best to improve the health of our employees and their families," says Human Resources Specialist Brandy Myers.

Parke County REMC is able to offer all the trappings of a big company wellness program with the backing of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, a nonprofit that supports rural electric cooperatives. "NRECA has a well developed wellness program that we can pull from and use locally," Myers says. "We try to fit it with our employees and see what the interest is here locally. They give us lots of options."



"We're trying to provide an environment that lets everybody understand that their health and wellbeing is a result of their own lifestyle choices," notes Parke County REMC General Manager Greg Ternet. "If people can take charge of their own health and change their lifestyle, that's not only going to help them out, its going to help the company out, too, as far as health care costs and rising costs in the future."

### About Healthiest Employers:

Healthiest Employers is an organization dedicated to promoting wellness in business. The mission is to educate on the value of a healthy workforce and reward organizations that are wellness leaders. To be considered for the Healthiest Employers award, an organization must meet this criteria: be a business, not-for-profit or government entity; employ a minimum of two full time employees; demonstrate evidence of an employee wellness program; and complete the online application. Learn more by visiting the web site [www.HealthiestEmployers.com](http://www.HealthiestEmployers.com).

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Human Resources Specialist Brandy Myers and General Manager Greg Ternet are pictured here with the Healthiest Employer award.

# Rebates Still Available for Energy Efficient Equipment

## Attention Parke County REMC Members:

### Refund Checks Pending

We have refunds pending and checks are being held for the following Parke County REMC members:

Gene Prulhiere  
Tyler James Stewart

At this time, we are unable to contact these members, due to insufficient forwarding address information. If you have any information regarding these REMC members, please contact the REMC office at 1-800-537-3913.

### Holiday Calendar Set

The Parke County REMC board of directors recently set the office closing calendar for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year holidays. Please take careful note of these dates, as they have been changed due to some holidays falling on weekends.

**Thanksgiving** - Nov. 25 and 26

**Christmas Holiday** - Dec. 23 and 24

**New Year's Holiday** - Dec. 31

### New Long Distance Rates

While Parke County REMC strives to offer members products and services at competitive rates, adjustments have to be made from time to time. The new long distance rates from our provider, TransWorld Network are listed below.

State-To State		price per minute
Long Distance (1 year term w/ paperless E-bill )	6.4¢ *	
Long Distance (1 year term)	6.4¢ *	
Standard Long Distance with Paperless E-bill (no term)	6.4¢ *	
Standard Long Distance (Paper bill, no term)	7.8¢ *	
In-State		price per minute
Long Distance (1 year term w/ paperless E-bill )	6.4¢ *	
Long Distance (1 year term)	7.8¢ *	
Standard Long Distance with Paperless E-bill (no term)	7.8¢ *	
Standard Long Distance (Paper bill, no term)	7.8¢ *	

Before the cold winds of winter blow, this is a great time to think about upgrading your heating system. You can also still take advantage of the Parke County REMC rebates for new energy efficient equipment.

Parke County REMC offers rebates designed to assist members in purchasing higher efficiency heating, cooling or water heating appliances. The rebate program is also designed to assist members in preparing their homes for future load controls that will allow Parke County REMC to reduce demand for electricity during peak times.

Not only are rebates available from your local co-op, but new energy efficient HVAC systems may also be eligible for an additional \$1500 tax credit. More information about the tax credit is available at [www.energy.gov/taxbreaks.htm](http://www.energy.gov/taxbreaks.htm).

Members should understand the details of this program before investing in new heat pumps, furnaces, electric water heaters and

air conditioners. There are some conditions that must be met for all the rebates. Call 765-569-3133 or 800-537-3913 to speak to a Parke County REMC representative for rebate details, or visit the web site, [www.pcremc.com](http://www.pcremc.com) for information. A rebate application form can also be downloaded from this site.

Note: To receive a rebate from Parke County REMC, all homeowners must provide ARI (Air conditioning and Refrigeration Institute) validation for all SEER ratings that can be obtained from the installing heating and cooling dealer.

No rebate will be awarded based on HVAC dealer bid specifications, promotional material of dealer, manufacturer or any source other than ARI. All homeowners must complete a rebate request form and provide proof of purchase to receive any 2010 Parke County REMC rebate.

## Survey Scheduled to Gather Data for Planning

From October through December of 2010, Parke County REMC will be conducting a survey of residential co-op members. This telephone survey is conducted every two years, and helps our power supplier determine how much power we'll need in the near future.

The survey will be conducted by Preston-Osborne Research, a Lexington, KY firm with experience in a wide variety of research methods as well as a strong history of satisfied customers. Co-op members will be randomly selected, and 300 completed surveys will be done for our co-op. The survey

is designed to last approximately 10-12 minutes, and will primarily focus on the appliances and items in and around your home that consume electricity.

The calls will take place Monday through Friday, beginning mid-afternoon and running until about 9:00 pm. If you are called and don't wish to participate, you will not be pressured to do so. We greatly appreciate those who do take the time to help us plan better for the future! If you have any questions about the process, please call the office at 765-569-3133 or 800-537-3913.

## Annual Meeting Prize Drawing Winners

**\$500 Cash** - Adam Record, Crawfordsville

**\$500 Cash** - Brian English, Brazil

**\$50 Toys R Us Gift Card** - Chesney Cole, Bloomingdale

**Marion Kay Spice Set** - Ronald Adams, Rockville

**Electric Grill** - William White, Bloomingdale

**Carhartt Cooler** - Angela Hartman, Rosedale

**Carhartt Rain Poncho** - Bobby Troxel, Rockville

**Carhartt Gift Certificate** - John Baird, Rockville

**Water Barrel** - Cathy Harkrider, Bloomingdale

***Congratulations to all our winners and thank you to all the members that attended the 2010 Parke County REMC Annual Meeting.***