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Parke County REMC

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative



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Make your home more comfortable and affordable

Thanks to a partnership between Parke County REMC and Community Action Programs of Western Indiana (CAP), and financial assistance from Indiana's Lieutenant Governor and the state's Office of Energy and Defense Development, Parke County REMC members can obtain affordable energy audits and home weatherization services.

These services are available at extremely reasonable fees — and members with lower incomes may qualify for financial assistance to offset the fees.

Have a question about energy or home comfort? The answer is as close as Parke County REMC. Our Energy Advisor can provide helpful information and answers about using energy more efficiently and making your home even more comfortable. It's another way that we provide free advice when you want it and help when you need it.

Call 765.569.3133 or 800.537.3913 for more information.

STEP ONE: CALL THE REMC

Call us at 765.569.3133 or 800.537.3913, and ask to speak with one of our customer service representatives. They will explain how the program works, and put you in touch with CAP to make all the arrangements.

STEP TWO: AN ENERGY AUDIT

CAP will send a certified energy auditor to your home to examine energy use and efficiency.

- looks at heating, cooling, lighting and appliances
- examines sealing in attics and at foundations and other places
- checks for proper ventilation
- audit takes 3 to 5 hours
- auditor will explain recommended improvements
- CAP will help you balance safety, need, and cost
- will prepare a work order with detailed recommendations for contractors to use

STEP THREE: IMPROVE YOUR HOME

CAP can refer you to trained, experienced technicians of the Indiana Community Action Association.

- have helped more than 15,000 Hoosier homeowners since 1970
- are experts with sealing, insulation and other improvements
- understand how to perform improvements on a budget
- work closely with heating/air conditioning contractors.

2007 Parke County REMC Annual Meeting

Parke County REMC held the annual meeting of members on Sept. 13 at the Parke County Fairgrounds. Members were treated to a meal of either a tenderloin or steak sandwich, cole slaw, potato salad, chips, cookies, lemonade and iced tea from the Beef House. A video was shown during the meal, highlighting the events at the co-op over the past year. Each membership in attendance was given a canvas tote as a registration prize. Records indicate 841 members registered and attended the annual meeting with their friends and family.

Members took the opportunity to visit the commercial building where several informational booths were staffed by REMC personnel. Information was available on home security systems, Internet service, Convect Air heaters, home energy efficiency and other topics.

Children who attended the meeting with their parents enjoyed rides from "Big Bounce," games and prizes. The Indiana Blood Center was on hand and collected their quota of blood, even turning patrons away after they ran out of supplies. The Adams Township Fire Department Safe House was available for children and parents to tour. Several servicemen from the Air Force reserves staffed two flight simulators that attendees could experience.

The event concluded with a short business meeting conducted by Board President Keith Blaydes and a drawing for prizes.

Annual Meeting Winners

Energy Audit and \$1000 toward repairs
Martha Boruff

\$500 Cash
James Harris
Lila Edwards

\$50 Toys R Us Gift Card
Heavenly Johnson
Brooklyn Roush

Congratulations to all our winners!



REMC employees Roger Lawson and Darrel Borders stay busy during the meal.



REMC employee Chelsea Smith applies a wrist band to a youngster ready to enjoy the games.



A young REMC member winds up for a try at the pitching cage.



REMC employees Marsha Kiger, Tracy Insley and Jason Stewart serve members during the annual meeting.



Two children enjoy the rides from Big Bounce.



Laura Matney from Wabash Valley Power talks to an REMC member about home sealing.



REMC members line up to donate blood at the Indiana Blood Center's blood mobile during the annual meeting.



REMC employee Amy Williams greets members at the annual meeting and gives away free pill boxes.



A youngster tries out the Air Force Reserve's flight simulator at the annual meeting.



REMC director, Keith Blaydes greets members during the registration period.



Jason Sanders helps REMC employee Karen Barnes draw names for prizes at the annual meeting.



REMC employee Matt Cosby serves members during the annual meeting meal.



Steve Talbert from Community Action talks to REMC members about energy efficiency and home energy audits at the annual meeting.

REMC Employees Work OVER 1 Million Hours With No Lost Time Accidents

Attention Parke County REMC Members:

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

Judy Pitts
David McCleery
Hezzie A Cohen
Dustin Myers
Virgil McKeehan
Herbert Fischer
Donna Walker
Stan Lesniak
Steve & Carolyn Crose
Joshua Parsons
Robey G James
Patsy Bragg
Clara Martin
Montel Woodard
A.W. Crawford
Robert Fulk

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 Closings

The Parke County REMC office will be closed on the following dates as our employees spend time with their families over the holidays.

Thanksgiving - November 22 - 23
Christmas - December 24 - 25
New Year's Day - January 1

At this year's annual meeting, Parke County REMC's General Manager Bob McCullough made the announcement that REMC employees had reached an extraordinary record with over 1,000,000 hours worked without a Lost-Time Accident. This is a tremendous achievement of no significant injuries or accidents over a 15 year period, especially in light of the fact that many of these working hours require employees to work around high voltage power lines during extremely bad weather conditions.

This accomplishment ranks Parke County REMC's safety record as the best in the state of Indiana and in the top 2% of the nation.

Keith Fischer, Operations Manager re-

ports all employees make safety a top priority and they all participate in monthly safety meetings provided by Indiana Statewide.

An unblemished no lost-time accident record is very important to Parke County REMC for many reasons beyond obvious employee and member safety. Operational costs continue to decrease along with the injury rate.

General Manager McCullough commended all Parke County REMC and Parke Professional Services, LLC employees for their dedication to safety. He reported everyone in the organization is proud to have this unblemished safety record while still maintaining top quality service to our members.

October is "Co-Op Month"

This month, the nation's 900 electric cooperatives join the more than 40,000 cooperatives around the country to celebrate National Co-op Month. The cooperative form of business is making a difference in all aspects of life—utilities, housing, agriculture, health care, banking, insurance, and childcare. Cooperatives serve 120 million members, or four in 10 Americans.

Electric cooperatives, like all cooperative forms of business, are locally owned and operated. The fact that we are a locally owned company—owned by the consumers we serve—keeps us focused on your needs and local priorities.

Your co-op is a local business, owned by the people it serves. That means conducting business through a locally elected board of directors and an annual meeting where policy is proposed and voted on by consumers. It's the "people" part—the personal involvement, the grassroots activities—that characterizes what electric co-ops are all about.

Your co-op's commitment to you begins with helping you keep your electric bill as low as possible. We deliver service to you at

the cost of service. There are no hidden fees and no profits for investors in faraway cities. Any money that is left over stays in our community and is put to work strengthening the economic well being of our towns and neighborhoods.

Because electric co-ops are so closely linked to their communities, there are countless examples of activities that have the "co-op touch": conducting safety programs at schools and at the local library; helping elderly citizens with home repairs; sponsoring local fairs; working with community organizations to get new businesses or new housing started; participating with civic groups in developing and improving health-care and crime-watch programs; contributing computers or satellite dishes to schools, community colleges and the local hospitals—the list goes on and on.

It is precisely because your electric co-op is a local business, owned by its member-consumers and staffed by local professionals that it is in a good position to listen and respond to your needs.