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Annual Meeting!**

Sept. 13. 2018

Parke County Fairgrounds
Registration opens at 4:30

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Nominating Committee Meets to Recommend Director Candidates

The 2018 Nominating Committee of the Parke County Rural Electric Membership Corporation met Thursday, May 31, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parke County REMC headquarters.

The following individuals were nominated for 3-year terms on the board of directors:

District 4: Gorden Hutcheson
Shane Johnson

District 5: Kevin Cox

District 4 will feature an election between incumbent director Gorden Hutcheson and candidate Shane Johnson. In District 5, incumbent director Kevin Cox is unopposed. All REMC members who register and attend the annual meeting can vote in the election.



The nominating committee includes, front row, left to right: Jana Surber, Kathy Shaffer and Valarie Barr. Back row, left to right: Mike Abbott, Steve Crane, Keith Hutcheson, and Ken Carrington.

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Official Notice of Annual Meeting of Members

The Annual Meeting of the Electric Membership Corporation (hereinafter called the "Cooperative") will be held at the Parke County Fairgrounds approximately one-half mile North of the Town of Rockville on Hwy 41, Parke County, Indiana at 4:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, on Thursday, the 13th day of September 2018; to consider and act on the following:

1. The reports of Officers, Directors and Committees and acts and doings of said Officers, Directors and Committees of said Cooperative.
2. The election of two (2) Directors of the Cooperative in the following districts:

- **District 4** - Cloverdale Township, Madison Township, Warren Township, and Washington Township in Putnam County, Indiana.
- **District 5** - Brazil Township, Jackson Township, and Van Buren Township in Clay County, Indiana; and Jackson Township and Union Township in Parke County, Indiana.

3. For the transaction of any and all other business that may come before said meeting and any and all adjournments thereof.

Local Student Attends Touchstone Energy® Camp



Jenna McVay of Turkey Run Elementary School was sponsored by Parke County REMC to attend the 2018 Touchstone Energy Camp.

Each summer, Parke County REMC offers students the opportunity to attend the annual Touchstone Energy® Camp. This year, the camp was held June 6-9, at Camp Tecumseh in Brookston, Ind.

Campers enjoyed three fun-filled days of traditional sleep-away summer camp activities like zip lining, horseback riding, rock climbing, archery, swimming and campfires. But at Touchstone Energy Camp, campers also learned about important topics such as alternative energy, electric safety and the impact their cooperative makes in the community. Chaperones were Indiana electric cooperative employees who graciously volunteered to share their knowledge of the energy industry, as well as their time to lead students through this exciting camp experience.

"This is a great way for students to learn about the role of the electric cooperative in their community. On top of that, they get to experience all the fun of camp," said Chadd Jenkins, CEO/General Manager of Parke County REMC.

Parke County REMC Awards Scholarships



Parke County REMC recently awarded seven \$1,000 scholarships to students whose parents live within our service territory, which covers six counties. These recipients will be attending accredited colleges as first-year students in the fall of 2018. Congratulations to the following scholarship winners who are pictured above: from left, Jacqueline Emery, Turkey Run High School; Layna Robinson, Greencastle High School; Jose Esslinger, Riverton Parke High School; Macey Johnson, Northview High School; Emily Berisford, Terre Haute North; Jacob Scott, North Putnam High School and Braden Acton, Tri-West High School.

Students Visit Nation's Capital on Youth Tour to D.C.

Parke County REMC sponsored two students on the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour June 7-14. Youth Tour provides young Hoosiers the opportunity to visit the nation's capital, learn about government, experience American history and gain a better understanding about their electric cooperative and government.

According to Chadd Jenkins, CEO/General Manager of Parke County REMC, a delegation of over a hundred Indiana students representing 36 Indiana electric cooperatives attended the trip. More than 1,800 students from 46 states traveled to Washington for the week-long experience.

"Parke County REMC is pleased to provide this opportunity for our local youth," Jenkins said. "It's a great trip and a wonderful chance to see the sites, make new friends and learn how everyone, even young people, can make a difference in the political process."

Students participating in the trip visited the Flight 93 Memorial, the Gettysburg Battlefield, Arlington National Cemetery, the Smithsonian



Parke County REMC Youth Tour delegates include Layton Abbott of Northview High School and Rachel Wirth of Turkey Run High School.

museums, the National Mall memorials, and the National Museum of the Marine Corps; taking a night cruise on the Potomac River; and much more.

The Indiana Youth Tour students also participated in a youth rally, during which they shared their thoughts and opinions on a variety of timely issues. The youth rally prepared the students for a day on Capitol Hill, where they had an opportunity to meet with Indiana's congressional delegation.

Updating Our AMI Meters



Chadd Jenkins
CEO/General Manager

In February 2004, Parke County REMC began the process of installing our Automated Metering system, and the system has served us well the past 14 years. Now the time has come for us to update our existing system with new technology ... not just because

we want the newest or brightest; but because our existing system has been ruled obsolete and will not be supported after 2020.

The new system will be utilizing new technology that will be viable for many years going forward. The project will take multiple years to complete, with the first step being a pilot that will be installed in 2018. The current plan is to be fully deployed by 2020. We will continue to utilize our current system until we have everyone switched over to the updated meters. A complete deployment schedule will be published later this fall in the newsletter as well as through social media.

What is AMI?

The AMI (Advanced Meter Infrastructure) systems utilize digital meters as well as computer technology to measure electric use

at homes and businesses more precisely than was possible with analog meters. The digital meters communicate via radio and have been used in Parke County REMC service area for over a decade. AMI benefits electric co-op members with greater accuracy in billing, faster outage restoration, and operational savings versus manual meter reading, which was used years ago. AMI also provides detailed data that you and your co-op can use to manage electric use much more accurately.

Dispelling Myths of AMI Meters

Unfortunately, several myths have developed over the years concerning automated meters. These myths can be classified into three categories: privacy concerns, security and health effects. Let's take a look at each, starting with privacy.

Parke County REMC takes great pains to keep your information private – and that information includes the details of your electric use. The only people who see that data are co-op employees and you. Your co-op will not release this information to anyone else without your specific permission. The myths include the idea that the data collected can tell us when you are home or away, and exactly what you are doing when you are there. Some myths go as far as to say that this data

is being given to the government. Naturally, the data will show when you are home because for most families, energy consumption is higher then. But having said that, your current meter cannot identify what activities are taking place down to the specific appliance in use. This myth, along with the myth that we submit your data to the government is simply unfounded.

Are AMI Meters a Target for Hacking?

What about the myth that these meters make the electric grid less secure by providing an avenue for hackers to break into systems through the automated meter and wreak havoc? While hackers continually attempt to break into electric systems, their focus is at higher levels in the operation. Hacking a meter is unlikely for a variety of reasons. Hackers like to work remotely via the Internet, and AMI meters don't offer that option. Radio-based meters require the hacker to be nearby to catch the weak communication signal and to be there for extended periods of time to collect the short burst of data sent. Therefore, the meters are an unlikely and unprofitable target for hackers.

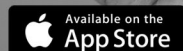
If you have any questions please feel free to call our office at 800-537-3913 or 765-569-3133.

Need an easy way to report an outage?

We have an app for that!

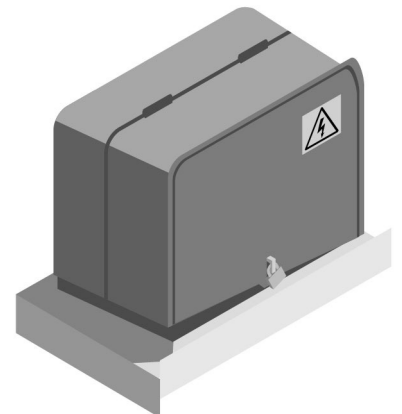
Report a power outage or pay your bill from your mobile device.

The Parke County REMC Mobile App is designed to give you fast, secure account access so you can easily manage your account details, view your bill and your account balance, make payments and find payment locations, schedule alerts and reminders, receive push notifications, and now, report power outages. Nearly everything you can do from our web portal can now be handled at home, at work, or on the go.



Avoid the Big Green Box

Please stay away from pad-mounted transformers (the big green box). While safe, they are not meant for touching, climbing or playing. Pad-mounted transformers carry high voltages of electricity that serve many homes in our communities.



Employee News



Parke County REMC welcomes these new employees to the Parke Professional Service crew: Front row, Curtis McElheney (part-time summer help), Kirk Overmeyer, and Jase McClintock. Back Row is Austin Rickets and Mark Swander.



Parke County REMC CEO Chadd Jenkins is pictured here with Burk Collings (center), who retires after 41 years of service as Journeyman Lineman. Also pictured is Mike Jeffries, Operations Manager.

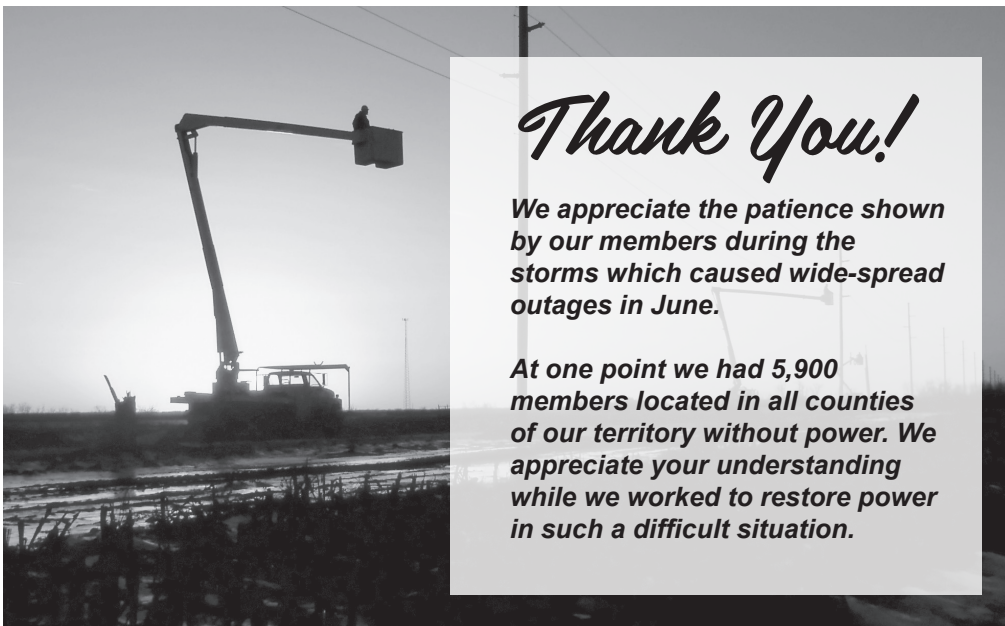


Pictured above are the two newest Parke County REMC groundsmen, Hunter Allee and Cole Griffin.

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

Donald J. Acker	Theoren Chapman
Adams Farm Company	Clay Co. Auto Sales
Agri Mass Inc	Marilyn Coffman
Custis W. Ames	Coldwell Banker
Ronald A. Angus	Danny L. Coleman Jr.
Robert J. Armantrout	Robert E. Collins Jr.
Helen Asbury Estate	Edna H. Cornwell
Randy Ball	Country Classic Building Co.
W. D. Bartlett	Homer Ray Cox
Orville Batchelor	Richard O. Crum
Charles Beaumont	Melodie Deakin
Mark Beeson	Imogene Debusk
Larry J. Bernhardt	Maarkana & Lester Duncan
Edgar Bird Estate	Margaret E. Durkos
James Thomas Bird	Harold Edler
Hanson Blackburn	Richard V. Edwards
Derek & Kelley Blasa	Lorene Ellis
Chauncey Blaydes	Robert J. Ellis
Larry Bohlander	Lawrence Hazlett
Carrie W. Boler	Cindy Henderson
Wayne Boller	Edward Kerr
Maralaine Bonebrake	Tom Kerr
L. C. Bracken	Mathew Q. McCloskey
Violet P. Branson	Jeffrey & Debra McCormick
Mark Brattain	Wendall McCutchan
Bret Miller Const Co. Inc.	Jerry Richey
Bristle Ridge Inc.	James Rigsby
Ken Brown	Mike Shoaf
Roger Bryant	Macy Smith
Buchanan Springs Farm	Randy D. Stark
David M. Bunnell	Terry Summers
Donald K. Cain	Marilyn J. & Hostetter
Waymon Campbell	Warren
Jody D. Canfield	
David A. Carpenter	
Century 21 Newby	
Sarah R. Chamberlain	

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



Thank You!

We appreciate the patience shown by our members during the storms which caused wide-spread outages in June.

At one point we had 5,900 members located in all counties of our territory without power. We appreciate your understanding while we worked to restore power in such a difficult situation.

New Payment Options

For your convenience, we now accept Discover Card, along with Visa and Mastercard!

