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**Save the date for
Annual Meeting!**

Sept. 12. 2019

Parke County Fairgrounds
Registration opens at 4:30

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Nominating Committee Meets to Recommend Director Candidates

The 2019 Nominating Committee of the Parke County Rural Electric Membership Corporation met Thursday, May 30, 2019 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 1: Doug Brown

District 2: Keith Blaydes

No petitions from members to run for the seat of director were submitted. All REMC members who register and attend the annual meeting can vote in the election.



The nominating committee includes, front row, left to right: Valerie Barr, Janna Surber and Kim Cundiff. Back row, left to right includes Steve Crane, Ross Chapman, Ken Carrington and Mike Abbott.

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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 12th day of September 2019; 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 1** - Part of Adams and part of Wabash Township, part of Reserve Township, all of Penn Township in Parke County, Indiana.
- **District 2** - Part of Scott and part of Union, part of Brown and part of Ripley Townships in Montgomery County, Indiana.

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

Supporting Our Students!



Congratulations!

Parke County REMC would like to congratulate Parke Heritage High School Seniors, Curtis McElheney and Karlie Hall who were part of the High School Work Based Learning Program.

Student Visits Nation's Capital During Youth Tour to D.C.

Parke County REMC sponsored Sophia Reimondo of Southmont High School on the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour June 13-20.

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.



**Sophia Reimondo
Southmont High School**

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 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.

According to Chadd Jenkins, CEO 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

Summer Water Safety

Whether you're on the lake or at the pool, be sure to stay safe around water this summer with these tips:

- Never mix electricity and water. Keep radios, and all electrical appliances away from water.
- Never touch an electrical appliance if you are wet, or standing in a puddle of water.
- If a you hear thunder or see lightning, get out of the water!



REMC Awards Scholarships

Parke County REMC recently awarded six \$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 2019.

Congratulations to the following scholarship winners who are pictured above, from left to right: Ben Lynk, Parke Heritage High School; Kylen McMullen, Parke Heritage High School; T.J. Rutan, Riverton Parke High School; Emily Gill, Parke Heritage High School; Shalyn Nelson, North Putnam High School; and Markeese Burks, Southmont High School.

Adventure and Education at 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 5-8, 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 of Parke County REMC.



Touchstone Energy Camp participants include, front row: Emma Simpson, Addie Frazier and Addison Jenkins. Back Row: Parke County REMC's Carolyn Kilby (chaperone), Reagan Ramsay, Cate O'Brian and Addilee Jenkins.



Addie Frazier tries her hand at climbing a utility pole at Touchstone Energy Camp.



Addilee Jenkins takes aim at the archery range at Touchstone Energy Camp.

Attention REMC Members

We have refunds pending and checks are being held for several Parke County REMC members. However, we are unable to contact these members, due to insufficient forwarding address information.

A list of these members is on our website at www.pcremc.com. Please visit our homepage, and click on the "Unclaimed Refund Checks" link to review the list of names.

We also have a list of members who have Unclaimed Capital Credits that can't be delivered due to insufficient address.

If you have any information regarding these members, please contact the Parke County REMC office at 1-800-537-3913.

Need help using our Outage App?

Just ask, we're here to help!

Reporting an outage is quick and easy with our outage app. But if you're not sure how to download it onto your phone, or not sure how to use it, just ask, we're happy to help you set it up.

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Meet Our Newest Employee!

Parke County REMC is pleased to welcome Maddie Shaffer, our new Member Service and Marketing/Communications Associate. Shaffer graduated in May from Indiana State University, where she received her degree in Marketing with a minor in Financial Services Selling and an Insurance Certificate.

Behind the Switch: Parke County REMC Board Meeting Highlights

The Board of Directors for Parke County REMC met on Thursday, March 21st.

Policy 318 (Security of Protected Health Information) was reviewed and approved, this policy details the privacy of employee health information.

Six high school senior scholarship recipients were introduced and presented with their awards for the 2019-20 school year.

The 2018 write-offs were reviewed by Amy Cobb, she noted that write-offs for 2018 were lower than 2017.

The Board of Directors for Parke County REMC met on Thursday, April 18th.

Policy 307-1 (Harassment) was reviewed and approved, this policy details the code of conduct expected by all employees.

Policy 315-1 (Bloodborne Pathogens) was reviewed and approved, this policy details the process and procedure employees should take when encountering bodily fluids.

Representatives from Monroe Shine presented the 2018-year end audited financial statements.

The Board of Directors for Parke County REMC met on Thursday, May 16th.

Policy A-7 (Planning) was reviewed and approved, this policy details planning documents required to be approved by the board of directors and the associated time frames.

Policy 314 (Tobacco Products) was reviewed and approved, this policy details the use of tobacco products by employees.

Policy 315-2 (Personal Protective Equipment {PPE}) was reviewed and approved, this policy describes use and care of PPE. Economic Development and Chamber representatives from Parke, Putnam, and Montgomery counties shared updates from their respective counties.

Subsequent meetings for the Parke County REMC board of directors are scheduled for the following dates:

June Board Meeting, Thursday, June 20th

July Board Meeting, Thursday, July 18th

August Board Meeting, Friday, August 23rd

