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I am listening...

HOW CAN WE BETTER SERVE YOU IN 2018?



It's amazing what we learn through listening and observation.

New products and services are more likely to gain the satisfaction of consumers when their introduction follows market research.

At Parke County REMC, we've provided members with a mobile application, enabling you to check the status of your electric service, pay your monthly bill and report an outage. The mobile services are just new ways of connecting with people, like the member services representatives you reach when you call us, or greet you from behind the counters at our office. They help us offer quality services you expect us to provide.

One of our goals is to find ways to help you control energy costs. That's why we communicate with you about energy prices and ways we can work together to help ease the burdens on

your wallet. Parke County REMC also offers a home energy audit designed to help you avoid high energy use by identifying things you can do to improve the efficiency of your home.

We feel that by listening to our members it improves understanding and helps strengthen relationships. That's why Parke County REMC still loves face time with our members. Our annual meeting is a great opportunity for members to meet the employees and directors. However, this is a once a year event, and we still want to hear from you throughout the year.

As the CEO, I want our members to know I am always available to discuss issues and ideas with you one-on-one. So please feel free to contact me and set up a time to either meet face to face or by telephone, I am ready to listen and learn from your input.

Cooperatively Yours,
Chadd Jenkins, CEO

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Giving Back to Our Communities

Each year, October is celebrated as National Co-op Month, but the electric cooperatives in Indiana take things a step farther by choosing a day within that month to participate in community projects as a way to give back to the communities we serve.

This year crews from Parke County REMC and Parke Professional services spent time cleaning up and making repairs at Marshall Bobcat Park and Clay Youth Football League field. At Clay Youth Football League field, the volunteers replaced five rotting poles with new poles and attached lighting.

The project at Marshall Bobcat Park included:

- Replaced roof on one dugout and cleaned, scraped and painted all four dugouts and added agri-lime to the floors
- Cleaned, scraped and painted playground equipment
- Shoveled pea gravel onto playground
- Cleaned, scraped and painted two sets of bleachers and replaced rotting boards
- Installed two backboards and rims at basketball court
- Replaced worn rope and flag on flagpole
- Installed fence crown on lower ball field fence
- Assembled and anchored two park benches at playground
- Assembled three benches for spectators
- Trimmed bushes and cleaned up flower bed
- Installed used poles to help define parking area



Turkey Run State Park, Covered Bridges Named 'Best of Indiana'

Electric Consumer, the monthly publication of Indiana's electric cooperatives, is recognizing businesses and attractions throughout the state in its "Best of Indiana" contest. The magazine's readers' choice contest allowed readers to vote in eight categories.

Contest categories included Indiana's best burger, ice cream, winery, campground and best kept secret. Turkey Run State Park and Parke County's covered bridges were recognized as being "the best" in the latter two categories.

"Best Campground" winner Turkey Run State Park offers visitors 2,382 acres for hiking, camping, fishing and many more recreational activities. As Indiana's second state park, it represents 300 to 600 million years of nature's handiwork.

Self-proclaimed as the "Covered Bridge Capital of the World",

Parke County boasts 31 covered bridges. These attractions are celebrated annually during the Covered Bridge Festival.

"We're very proud of Turkey Run State Park and the county's covered bridges for their recognition in Electric Consumer's Readers' Choice Awards," said Parke County REMC CEO Chadd Jenkins. "We continue to support these local landmarks that make Indiana so wonderful."

The purpose of the "Best of Indiana" awards is to highlight the unique businesses, places, culture and countryside that make residents proud to call Indiana "home." A complete list of winners can be found in the September issue of Electric Consumer or by visiting ElectricConsumer.org.



Students: Apply now for these great opportunities!



**Youth Tour to
Washington, D.C.**
(For High School Juniors)
June 7-14, 2018



PAGE DAY
**SPEND A DAY in the
INDIANA SENATE**

WITH STUDENTS FROM
REMCS AROUND THE STATE



- ★ See the Senate in action!
- ★ Observe policy debates.
- ★ Assist legislators during session.
- ★ Tour the governor's office and Statehouse.



Touchstone Energy Camp ♦ June 6-9, 2018
(For 6th Grade Students)

High school seniors whose parents or guardians are Parke County REMC members can apply for a **\$1,000 college scholarship.**

Contact Parke County REMC for an application.



College Scholarships
(For High School Seniors)

HOW TO APPLY

1. Visit IGA.IN.GOV/legislative/find-legislators to find your state legislator.
2. Visit IndianaEC.org/?p=287 to apply.
3. Submit your application.

REQUIREMENTS

You must be available on **Jan. 31** or **Feb. 7** and have reliable transportation to and from the Indiana Statehouse that day. The program is open to high school students. Please confirm with school administrators, but Page Day is considered an excused absence in most instances.

Application Deadlines:

Page Day: Jan. 22 or Jan. 29, 2018

Youth Tour to D. C. and Touchstone Energy Camp: March 1, 2018

Scholarships: April 4, 2018

APPLY BY
JAN. 22 ★ **JAN. 29**
FOR JAN. 31 FOR FEB. 7

Employee News

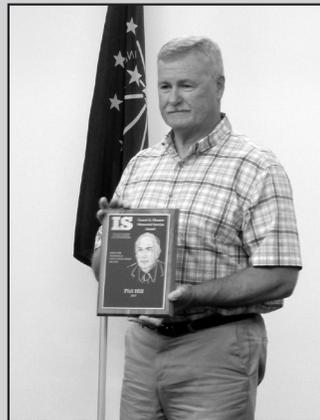


Employees Recognized for Years of Service

We would like to congratulate the above employees who have a combined 130 years of service. Front Row, Chelsea Goodwin, 10 Years REMC; Richard Long, 10 years, PPS. Back Row, Burk Collings, 40 years REMC; Roger Lawson, 10 years, PPS; A.J. Gordon, 10 years, PPS; Robert Flood, 10 years, PPS and Gene Baxter 40 years, REMC.

Former REMC Employee Receives Service Award

Phil Hill recently received the Ernest G. Shearer Memorial Service Award. This award is presented by Indiana Electric Cooperatives and given to someone who showed great commitment and service to a Rural Electric Cooperative, its members, and the community. Phil retired from Parke County REMC in March of 2017 after 41 years of service.



New Employee

We would like to welcome Jayanna Grubb as our newest employee here at Parke County REMC. She is working at the front counter as a Member Service Associate.



Capital Credit Update:

Because Parke County REMC is a member-owned cooperative, members enjoy special privileges that customers of other utility companies don't get to experience. One of those is patronage capital.

After the REMC takes care of our operating costs and updating infrastructure and equipment, we earn margins and as you may recall from the November newsletter, our board has decided to start paying Capital Credits (patronage capital) back to our members beginning with the years of 1945-1955.

We do realize that there will be several of our members that are no longer with us, and as the checks get returned for being undeliverable we will post a list of names on our web site. If you see the name of a relative or friend that has passed away or moved away on the unclaimed list, you can contact our office with that information and we will guide you through the process of filling out the proper documents that will be required before Parke County REMC will re-issue the check.

The Unclaimed list will be updated frequently on our website www.pcremc.com. Please feel free to contact our office at 765-569-3133 or 800-537-3913 with any questions.

*Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year*

The Parke County REMC office will be closed Dec. 25-26 and Jan. 1 as our employees spend the holidays with their families.

