



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

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TO REPORT AN OUTAGE

- Check circuit breakers or fuses first.
- If possible, check to see if neighbors are also out.
- Check your meter to see if there is a reading. If face is blank, call the office at 260-665-3563 or 888-233-9088 to report the outage.
- Give the name the service is listed under. If possible, give map location and account number from bill.
- Give us your phone number in case we need to call you back. State the problem, such as loss of power, partial power, dimming or flickering lights.
- Please be patient. Our crews will restore service as quickly as possible.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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- Gary W. Stroh
DISTRICT 6 (SCOTT AND YORK TOWNSHIPS)

REMC hosts energy efficiency seminar

On Thursday, Feb. 28, Steuben County REMC welcomed building sciences professional Bob Geswein to the community. Geswein spoke to a crowd of homeowners interested in building or remodeling as well as those just looking to fix the leaks.

Geswein said no home could be truly efficient without meeting one of the various topics he covered, including effective air sealing and insulation.

“I didn’t say ‘pretty good,’ I didn’t say ‘adequate,’ I said ‘effective,’” said Geswein.


This energy efficiency seminar was offered at no charge to the public as part of Steuben County REMC’s commitment to providing its membership and the community at large with the know-how to make a difference in their electric consumption.

“We offer these seminars so that those who are frustrated with their electricity bills, with their energy use, with their uncomfortable home, can learn and actually do something about it,” said Jaime Walker, director of member services. “These are the tools you need. This is



Bob Geswein, right, a building sciences professional, shares energy efficiency tips with a seminar attendee.

where you should be to get the essentials.”

Attendees were also introduced to Power Moves, Steuben County REMC’s rebate incentive program that offers money back for energy-efficient moves in your home. To see photos and learn how you can catch up with Geswein and his helpful hints, visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/SteubenCountyREMC or contact the office. 

Receive a \$10 bill credit just for attending!

Save the date: Saturday, June 22

Steuben County REMC Annual Meeting

picnic-style lunch • board of directors election • energy education activities for the kids • health screenings • prize drawings

Angola High School practice band fields, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Monthly prize drawing: Enter to win!

Correctly answer the questions below and your name will be entered into a prize drawing! Find the answers on our website at www.remasteuben.com or on our Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/SteubenCountyREMC. Look for different giveaways each month! **This month's prize is a \$10 Meijer gift card.**

Send your answers by April 20 to Jaime Walker at P.O. Box 359, Angola, IN 46703, via email to jwalker@remasteuben.com, or by sending us a message on Facebook. Include your name, address and account number.

FEBRUARY WINNER: Dan Kain, Orland, Ind.

APRIL MONTHLY PRIZE DRAWING

ANSWERS ARE DUE BY APRIL 20.

1.) What is the name of the new satellite Internet service that Steuben County REMC's subsidiary, Re-Comm, Inc., provides?

- A. WildBlue B. Exede C. WorldComm D. REMCnet

2.) What is the name of the rebate program operated by Steuben County REMC? _____

3.) Which of these is not a Steuben County REMC-sponsored youth program?

- A. Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. E. Calendar Art Contest
 B. **Journal Gazette** Spelling Bee F. Touchstone Energy Camp
 C. Youth Power and Hope Awards G. All of the above
 D. Junior Achievement BizTown H. None of the above

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ACCOUNT NO.: _____

REMC rate schedule

Shown below is information you can use to figure your bill. You will notice each month the schedule will not change. The wholesale power tracking factor applicable to all kWh could be different from that of the preceding month.

Wholesale power tracking factor to all kWh+0.002435

Residential and small commercial rates

Facilities charge \$19 per month
 First 250 kWh 9.9 cents per kWh
 Next 750 kWh 9.1 cents per kWh
 All over 1,000 kWh 8.3 cents per kWh

Seasonal

Facilities charge \$19 per month
 First 250 kWh 9.9 cents per kWh
 Next 750 kWh 9.1 cents per kWh
 All over 1,000 kWh 8.3 cents per kWh

Security light charge

Monthly charge per light
 175 MV \$7.95
 100 watt HPS \$6.80

Do we have up-to-date information?

Having current phone numbers for our members assists us in providing the best possible service. Why should you ensure your phone numbers are up-to-date?

• **In case of emergencies:** To verify that power has been restored after outages.

• **Normal course of business:** To speak with members about their account, status of their payments, situations with their service, and more. When we don't have a current, working phone number, we are often left to communicate through written letter, causing significant delays.

• **Service work:** To forewarn members when we're working in an area that might affect their service significantly. While we can't guarantee forewarning, we make every effort to do so, and having a working, updated phone number greatly increases our chances of getting through.

As many of our members eliminate landlines, and cell phones become the primary source of communication, we need to have those numbers on file. Please call the office today at 665-3563 to ensure your numbers are updated.

Water heater switches can help us save

Steuben County REMC offers 50-gallon water heaters to our members for a discounted rate. Per the requirements of purchase, these water heaters must be installed on REMC lines and have a demand response switch installed.

Steuben County REMC can reduce demand costs by installing switches that allow REMC to control water heaters when demand and prices are high.

Water heaters that have been purchased in the past five years will be retrofitted with a demand response switch as a mandatory requirement of purchase. These switches are being utilized in an effort to offset the rising costs of electricity; with the participation of enough people, Steuben County REMC can curb the use of electricity significantly enough to potentially save thousands of dollars on its power bill.

If you have purchased a discounted water heater from Steuben County REMC in the past five years, you will be contacted shortly to set up an appointment to have your water heater switch installed. By controlling the electrical use on our water heaters, we can help keep demand from increasing.

exede[®]
internet

Sign up by **June 1**
for a special spring rate
on satellite broadband
Internet!

- ▶ Limited time \$49 one-time activation fee
- ▶ Do not need to be an REMC member
- ▶ All plans offer the same speed — up to 12 Mbps download, up to 3 Mbps upload
- ▶ Choose a plan based on your use, not your speed
 - Plans start at \$49.99 per month
 - Packages include 10GB, 15GB and 25GB with a buy-more option
- ▶ Call 665-3563 for more information.

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Teaching OUR YOUTH

Electric co-ops team up to provide educational opportunity for students

For Indiana's electric cooperatives, the future generations are some of our most important assets. In the Northeast part of the state, we invest in our children in several ways in order to provide them with the best education and life skills possible. This is certainly the case with Junior Achievement's BizTown, a program that teaches students the value and importance of budgeting, earning, limited spending, expenses, and teamwork. Students apply their in-classroom training at a two day hands-on program, during which they run a business from start to finish, including hiring employees, determining work plans, distributing pay checks, purchasing supplies and other operational costs, and so much more. They learn the value of teamwork as this town cannot function without the input from even just one member.


Indiana's Northeast electric cooperatives, including United REMC, Noble REMC, LaGrange County REMC,



Mike DeFreeuw, left, director of marketing and communications at Northeastern REMC, and Katy Stegall, communications specialist at Kosciusko REMC, string wire on a utility pole to help bring Junior Achievement's BizTown to life.

Northeastern REMC, Kosciusko REMC and Steuben County REMC sponsor this project for all local schools. Each year students participate as the electric company, the "Touchstone Energy Cooperatives Utility Company." They have meter readers who check each business's use, they have office staff that bill each company, and they even have energy advisors.

Each business is sponsored by a local company that updates and designs their space in order to provide a valuable learning environment to the students. As your local electric cooperatives, we felt our space needed a more interactive and appealing look. Thus, during the end of January, the cooperatives worked together to create a new space that gave students a feel for the environment we work within. A wall mural of a substation, sporting some "Warning: High Voltage" signs has been added to provide a visual of where the power begins locally. Wires run across the top of the room from the substation to a utility pole that is mounted on the other side, and several utility signs grace the walls. Memorabilia sits atop the cabinets, including insulators, a hardhat, and mechanical meters. Posters along the back wall explain how electricity is generated and produced, whether from water, coal, or other forms of generation, as well as a map of the Touchstone Energy Cooperatives throughout the state of Indiana.

These updates allow the students who attend Junior Achievement's BizTown to enjoy the experience of being a part of a Touchstone Energy cooperative. The future of our industry lies with these young minds, and with this new and interesting space, we hope to stimulate their thoughts to launch the electric business into the future. 



Josh Durbin, special services coordinator at Steuben County REMC, works on updating a portion of Junior Achievement's BizTown to teach local students about the daily operations of an electric cooperative.

Sealed bid auction for retired service vehicle

A sealed bid auction is being conducted by Steuben County REMC for a retired service vehicle, a 2003 Chevrolet S10 pickup.

All sealed bids must be received in the REMC office no later than Friday, April 19, at noon. The winner will be announced that afternoon. The vehicle may be picked up during regular business hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday) at the REMC office located at 1212 S. Wayne St., Angola, IN 46703.

To place your bid, please legibly write your name, address, phone number and your bid on the form at right on a piece of paper and mail to Steuben County REMC,

Attn: Jaime Walker, P.O. Box 359, Angola, IN 46703. The truck can be viewed during normal office hours.

All items will be sold "As Is." Cash, Cashiers Check, Money Order, Visa or MasterCard will be accepted upon final sale agreement. Steuben County REMC reserves the right to reject any or all bids.



FOR SALE: 2003 Chevy S10 Pickup

- ▶ 4.3 V6; automatic transmission; 2WD
- ▶ 130,000 miles
- ▶ New front and rear brakes, new fuel pump, rebuilt rear differential, new battery, new radiator, new rear tires
- ▶ CD player
- ▶ Sprayed-on polyurethane bed liner

Would you like to bid on this item?

Complete this form and mail to Steuben County REMC, Attn: Jaime Walker, P.O. Box 359, Angola, IN 46703.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Bid: _____

Final call to submit petitions for director positions

Steuben County REMC is governed by a nine-member board of directors that acts on behalf of the membership, ruling in the members' best interest in matters of the cooperative. The REMC board of directors is the legal body which both the members and the regulatory agencies hold accountable for the actions of the cooperative. Its responsibilities include overseeing long-term financial planning and corporate objectives; strategic planning; governing rates and rules of service; operating philosophy and policy; operating budget; and the general manager evaluation.

The position of director holds a high degree of responsibility. Directors maintain a vast knowledge of the electric industry, participate in regular training and certification, and attend civic, community and industry events throughout the year. Here at Steuben

County REMC, we pride ourselves on maintaining a board of directors that is concerned, caring and collectively knowledgeable.

Directors are required to maintain a membership with the cooperative, holding permanent residence in one of the nine districts within our service territory. Candidates are elected by the members in attendance at the Annual Meeting through a majority vote; each serves for three years when elected. The districts are rotated on a three-year basis, so that three director positions are always up for election at each Annual Meeting.

This year, director candidates are needed for District 3 (Fremont and Clear Lake townships); District 6 (Scott and York townships); and District 7 (Salem Township). According to Section 18.01 of the Steuben County REMC bylaws, "Any fifteen (15) or more

members may make nominations in writing over their signatures, at any time not less than forty-five (45) days prior to the meeting."

If you reside in Districts 3, 6 or 7, meet the aforementioned requirements, and would like to be considered for election to the REMC board of directors, you may stop in the REMC office and pick up a petition. The petition must be signed by at least 15 members and be returned to the REMC office not less than 45 days prior to the 2013 Annual Meeting, which is scheduled for Saturday, June 22.

If you have any questions concerning the procedure for election to the board of directors or have questions concerning the duties and responsibilities of members of the board of directors, feel free to contact Jaime Walker at the REMC office.