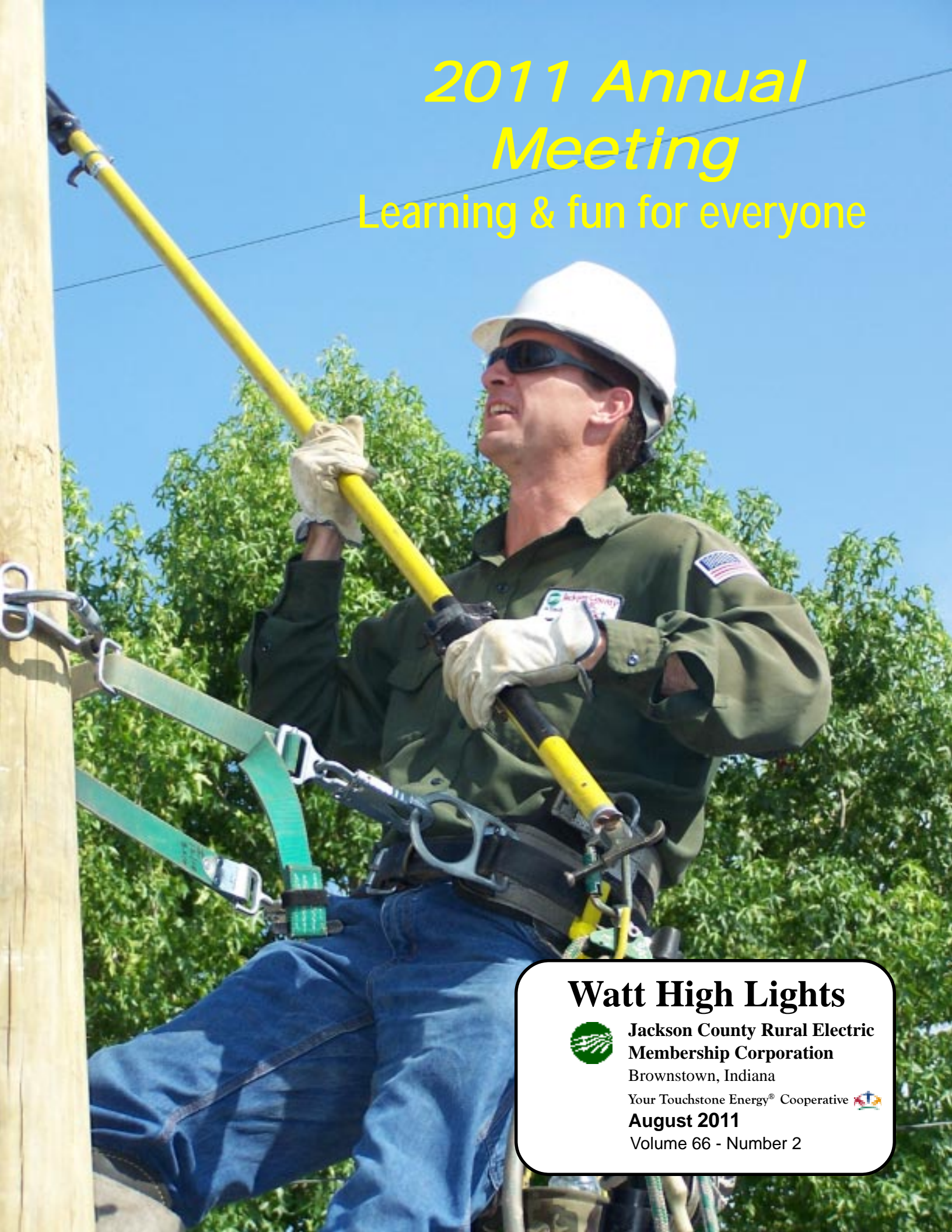


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OUR COVER

REMC Lineman Travis Mull donned his climbing gear and demonstrated a typical day on the job during the 2011 Annual Meeting on July 21. He was joined by Line Foreman Brian Covert (not pictured) in demonstrating safety techniques and equipment.

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Manager's report at the 2011 Annual Meeting: Team Up To Power Down

General Manager Jed Wheatley

Thank you for coming out on a warm evening! I'll briefly comment on the two topics that are always at the top of the list for electric utilities: reliability and affordability.

We established an all-time reliability record this past year. Favorable weather, a sound distribution system, and employees who get after outages when they do happen resulted in members being out of power for an average of only one hour and thirty-six minutes in 2010.

Of course, it didn't take long for Mother Nature to assert herself and keep us humble with three major storms already this year. Even then, I've been extremely proud of the way our linemen and staff, with some valuable assistance from northern Indiana REMC's, rose to the challenge to repeatedly put the system back together and restore service in a timely manner.

My second topic, affordability, has become a huge challenge that appears to be here to stay. First, growing demand for energy fuels and construction materials persist in driving prices higher.

Second, a constant stream of environmental mandates results in either expensive con-

struction and operation of add-on equipment or the complete replacement of existing generating plants.

And third, the expansion of renewable generation is adding cost and requiring extensive upgrades to the high-voltage transmission network. While we all have a vested interest in a clean and safe environment, the reality is that environmental improvements are coming with a big price tag.

Bottom line, other than maintaining REMC operations at below average cost, which we consistently do here at Jackson County, we have little impact on the price of electricity.

Fortunately, while we can't do much about electricity prices, there's quite a bit we can all do about our electricity bills because we do have control over how much electricity we use and when we use it.

When anything is relatively cheap, we're not too careful with it, and we develop some wasteful habits and practices. Neither do we spend a dollar to improve on efficiency if it just saves us fifty cents.

Now, however, there are

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opportunities to invest in energy efficiency and receive a good payback, and other opportunities to save just by being smarter about what we're doing.

We have recently launched a campaign called "Team Up To Power Down" to highlight energy challenges and opportunities, and to encourage members to take some action to manage their bills.

Programs we currently offer include:

- a. A trade-in program for free CFL light bulbs
- b. Incentives to install high efficiency heating and cooling systems – especially useful if you still heat your home with an electric furnace
- c. Commercial incentives for efficient lighting and motors
- d. Onsite residential and commercial energy audits
- e. Touchstone Energy home construction specifications
- f. Refrigerator/freezer recycling for getting rid of those expensive extra units
- g. Rate pricing options –

allowing many members an opportunity to save just by choosing a different rate option, particularly those with fall grain operations.

h. And, for members registering this evening, your new Kill-A-Watt monitor can show you what that portable heater is using, or the plasma TV, or the kids' waterbed, or the extra refrigerator out in the garage.

2. New programs coming by the end of this year include:

- a. A pilot effort to provide bill comparisons and rankings. You might discover that your bills are much higher than those of other members with similar homes and may want to look more carefully at how you're using electricity.
- b. Also, watch for a new time-of-use rate option that will appeal to those who are willing and able to concentrate their electric usage into the hours when electric rates are lowest, which is 88% of the hours in a year.

Again, this campaign is called "Team Up To Power Down." We encourage you to consider your options and opportunities, and then take some action to lower your bills.

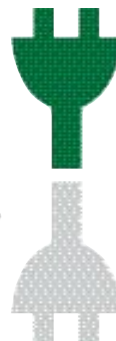
Rate decrease pending before commission

Jackson County REMC has asked the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission to approve a decrease in its metered rates that is based upon a credit toward the cost of purchased electricity purchased from Jackson's power supplier, Hoosier Energy, Inc.

The request of a \$ 6.21 per 1,000 kWh decrease stems from a credit adjustment in Hoosier's power cost tracker that matches its net change in costs for energy fuels, market power purchases, and other highly fluctuating expenses plus an additional voluntary credit amount from Jackson County REMC. The power cost adjustment factor (PCA) would change from \$0.003308 to \$(0.002905) per kWh.

The request would decrease a typical Jackson REMC bill of 1,000 kWh from \$113.86 to \$107.65, a decrease of 5.45%. As submitted, the decrease will become effective on August 1, 2011, and should first appear on bills mailed after September 1, 2011.

TEAM UP
TO POWER DOWN.
Together We Save.



Annual Meeting wrap-up

73rd gathering of members held on July 21

We extend a hearty "thank you" to the REMC members who took the time from their busy schedules to join us for this year's meeting despite the very hot, humid weather. A total of 661 members registered at the 73rd Annual Meeting of Jackson County REMC members on July 21 at the Jackson County Fairgrounds.

Magician Daniel Lusk took the stage in the pavilion and entertained the children attending the Annual Meeting while their parents attended the business meeting.

Three directors were re-elected at the business session. John Trinkle from district 3, Mark Trisler from district 6 and John Miller from district 9 will return to the board for three-year terms. Other nominees included Guy Pollock, Duane Foster and Mark Donaldson from districts 3, 6 and 9, respectively.

Re-elected during the board's organizational meeting to one-year terms as officers were John Trinkle - president; Earl Potts Schmidt - vice-president; and Jerry Kelley - secretary-treasurer.

Following the business meeting and a drawing for door prizes we were all treated to an hour of music and fun by The Ross Country Jamboree from Scottsburg.

We hope you'll plan to join us again for the next Annual Meeting. The tentative date is Thursday evening, July 19, 2012, at the Jackson County Fairgrounds.

We wish to thank:

The Jackson County Fair Association board for allowing us to use the fairground's facilities for our Annual Meeting.

Nominating committee members: **District 3:** Edgar Earl Williams, John M. Bush and Jean Chastain; **District 6:** Steve Deputy, Raymond Derringer and David Engle;

District 9: Mike Salem, Stephen Allee and Mary Perez. Election and Credentials Committee members: Phil Walker, Todd Thomas, Jean Day, Denver Hackman and Roy Hendershot, Jr.

Members of St. John Lutheran Church for opening their food stand to serve supper to the folks attending the meeting.



REMC Engineering Technician Kyle Swaby (left) helped exchange incandescent light bulbs for new compact fluorescent bulbs at the Annual Meeting.



REMC Customer Service Representative Jane Martin (right) helped register some of the 661 members who attended the 2011 Annual Meeting of REMC Members on July 21.

2011 Annual Meeting at a glance

By the numbers

- 661 - Number of REMC members registered
- 351 - Number of ballots cast in election of directors
- 258 - Gallons of ice cream served in two hours

Directors elected to three-year terms

John Trinkle, district 3
Mark Trisler, district 6
John Miller, district 9

Board officers re-elected

John Trinkle, president
Earl Potts Schmidt, vice-president
Jerry Kelley, secretary-treasurer

Year-round or seasonal pricing? The choice is yours

Reduced Seasonal Pricing fall rates begin on September 1

Now is a good time to consider taking another look at the REMC's two rate options: Year-Round Pricing or Seasonal Pricing. As energy prices continue to rise, many people are looking for ways to better manage their energy use and their out-of-pocket costs. Power costs, in reality, vary significantly at different times of the year relative to the principles of demand and supply. The Seasonal Pricing option gives members a better indication of true power costs.

We will be happy to analyze your past consumption history and let you know how you would have benefited from these rates had they been in effect in years past. If you anticipate your consumption pattern staying about the same, this analysis would give you a good idea about which option would most likely work to your advantage. Actual results would be impacted by any changes in your electric utilization habits or significant weather deviations. **NOTE:** Members switching to the new Seasonal Pricing option must remain on the new rate for at least six months.

Just call us at 1-800-288-4458 (toll free) or 358-4458 (local calls), or e-mail us at www.jacksonremc.com for a rate comparison or to receive a form to register for the new Seasonal Pricing option.

Year-Round Pricing option *

(your rate unless Seasonal Pricing is requested)

\$0.092553 per kWh for all months

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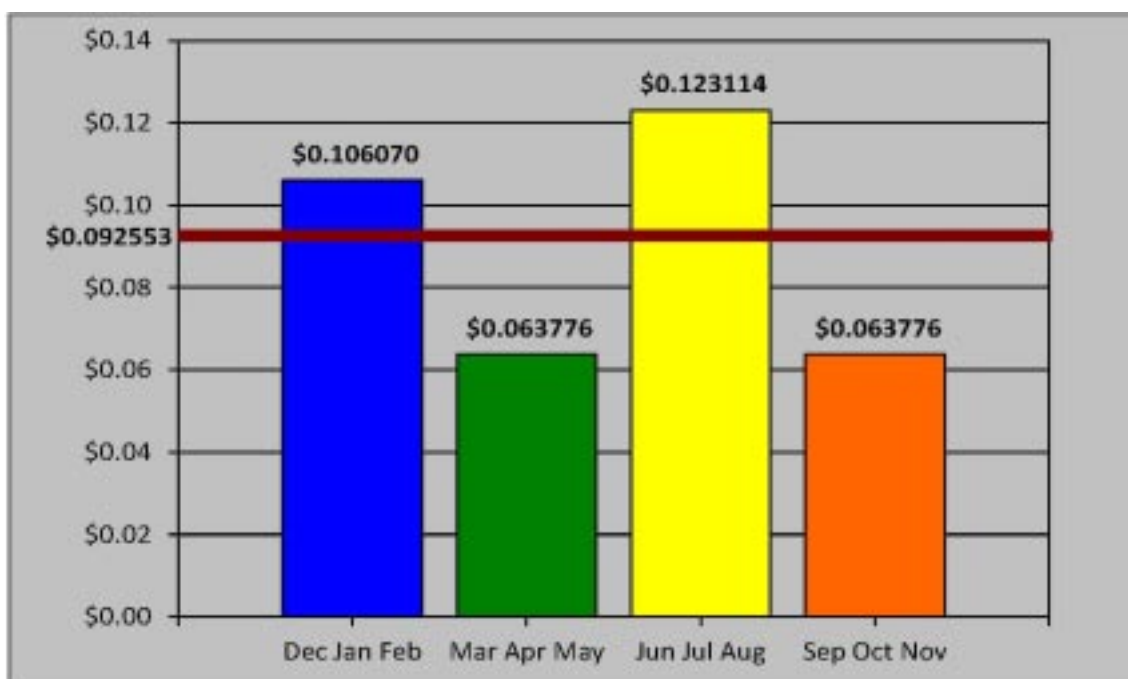
Seasonal Pricing option *

For December, January, and February calendar months - \$0.106070 per kWh during all hours

For March, April, and May calendar months - \$0.063776 per kWh during all hours

For June, July, and August calendar months - \$0.123114 per kWh during all hours

For September, October, and November calendar months - \$0.063776 per kWh during all hours



Pricing comparison graph

The burgundy horizontal line shows the year-round pricing option. The four vertical colored bars show the seasonal pricing option.

* **NOTICE:**

All base rates shown are subject to a power cost adjustment.

Ready to get rid of that old 'fridge?

Refrigerator, freezer recycling program continues

Jackson County REMC now offers an appliance recycling program for refrigerators and freezers. The program is being sponsored by Hoosier Energy, the REMC's wholesale power supplier.

REMC members may receive a \$30.00 incentive to recycle their secondary refrigerators and deep freezers with a maximum of two appliances.

Hoosier Energy has set a goal to collect 1,500 appliances for recycling from the members of its participating distribution cooperatives.

Program requirements

Refrigerators and freezers must meet the following requirements to qualify for the recycling program:

- Equipment must be in working order and in use.
- Equipment must be between 10 and 30 cubic feet in size (using inside measurements).

Appliance recycler JACO Environmental will be handling the program for

Hoosier Energy. JACO is a leading North American recycler that is currently operating more than 30 programs in the United States, with four programs located in Indiana.

How to schedule pick-up

REMC members wishing to schedule a pickup can either call the JACO call center's statewide toll free number (1-877-395-5535) or visit the REMC's website (www.jacksonremc.com) to find a link to the JACO website.

During scheduling, JACO will verify the caller's membership with the REMC. Members will be given a selection of days to schedule the pickup, usually two weeks to a month away after the initial call. JACO will contact the participant between 24 and 48 hours in advance of the selected pickup date to ensure that a household member will be present upon the recycler's arrival.

The appliance must be operating in order for the recycler to verify functionality. Once functionality is confirmed, the recycler will cut the cord and mark the exterior of the unit to ensure that it does not go back into operation before it reaches the recycling center.

Rebate checks will be issued by JACO a few weeks after the pick-up is made.

Please note that this program is subject to withdrawal by Hoosier Energy without notice.

Did you know?

The average refrigerator sold today uses less energy than a 60-watt light bulb left on for 24 hours a day

Meter and power panel tampering is illegal and dangerous!

Just like shoplifting, meter and panel tampering and electricity theft cause higher rates for the honest people. Besides, people who tamper with electrical meters and entrances are risking serious injury or death.

Tampering with or bypassing an electric meter or REMC panel is dangerous and illegal. We know that the vast majority of our members do not and would not engage in such dishonest activity. However, knowingly using electricity which has not been correctly registered because of tampering is illegal.

Reconnecting an electric service that has been disconnected by the REMC personnel for nonpayment or other reasons is illegal and dangerous. Knowingly consuming electricity that has been unlawfully reconnected is illegal.

If you know of or suspect any cases of tampering or unlawful practices, please report them to the REMC at 1-800-288-4458 or 358-4458.

Let's talk about it

Federal and REMC energy efficiency credits for 2011

Homeowners making energy efficiency improvements to their primary residences in 2011 may still apply for tax credits in addition to REMC incentives. Here is more information on the credits available and the equipment ratings needed to qualify for the credits:

Weatherization - Homeowners who purchase qualifying weatherization products such as insulation or weather stripping through December 31, 2011, may claim up to 10% of the cost as a credit. The maximum credit for these purchases is \$500.00.

New heat pumps and central air units - The maximum credit for heat pumps and central air units installed in 2011 is \$300.00. Visit the website www.energystar.gov and click on the tax credit information box on the bottom left of the page to learn about the equipment SEER, EER and HSPF requirements.

Renewables - Renewable energy installation credits remain at their previous 30% of installation costs. Renewables include geothermal heating and cooling, solar installations and wind turbines. There is no capped limit on the amount. These credits have been extended through 2016.

Lifetime tax credit limits - The 2011 program reinstates the lifetime tax credit limit for those who have claimed credits in earlier years. Any homeowner who has claimed more than \$500.00 in Section 25C tax credits since January 1, 2005, is restricted from any further credits.

Consult your tax professional - It is highly recommended that you talk with a professional tax preparer before you begin a project on which you plan to

claim tax credits. They have detailed information about the tax credit laws and can help guide you in your plans.

Visit the following websites for more information on the energy-efficiency tax credits:

www.energy.gov/taxbreaks
www.dsireusa.org

REMC incentive program continues

The REMC is offering incentives to improve efficiency on water heating and HVAC systems through 2011. The requirements are as follows:

Water heaters - Units must be at least 40 gallons in capacity and have an energy factor of .90.

Heat pump water heaters - Units may be add-on kits or factory-built units.

Air-to-air heat pumps - Units must be at least 14-SEER. They can be installed in new buildings or additions, replacing existing heat pumps or replacing electric or fossil fuel furnaces.

Geothermal heat pumps - Geothermal may be new units or replacement units if a previous geothermal warranty has expired.

Central air conditioners - Units must be 14-SEER or greater and may be replacing existing central air equipment or may be installed in a new construction project.

Call our Member Services Department or visit www.jacksonremc.com for more information about our incentive program.

Federal Housing Administration offers PowerSaver Program

The FHA *PowerSaver* is a new mortgage insurance product from the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) that will enable homeowners to make cost effective, energy saving improvements to their homes.

PowerSaver will enable homeowners to borrow up to \$25,000 for terms as long as 20 years to make energy improvements of their choice, based on a list of proven measures developed by FHA and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). Examples of eligible improvements include insulation, duct sealing, energy efficient doors and windows, energy efficient HVAC systems and water heaters, solar panels and geothermal systems. FHA encourages consumers to utilize an energy audit to determine the most cost effective improvements for their home.

PowerSaver loans generally will be secured by a mortgage or deed on the home that is subordinate to any existing first mortgage.

PowerSaver borrowers must have credit scores of at least 660 and their total debt-to-income ratios cannot exceed 45 percent. The combined loan-to-value ratio for all loans on a home, including the *PowerSaver* loan, cannot exceed 100 percent.

For more information visit www.hud.gov and enter *PowerSaver* in the search box.

September Issue

It's National Chicken Month

Chicken is one of the most versatile meats available, and it's packed with protein and other nutrients. It's also lower in fat than most other meats. Check out our recipes next month for some new ideas on how to add chicken to your family's meals.

Make lunch fun!

- Make your own snack mixes to include healthy additions like dried fruits, unsalted nuts, pretzels and baked crackers. Kids love to munch on something crunchy and sweet or savory.
- Consider packing individual sandwich ingredients to let your child make his or her own sandwich at lunch --- or eat the ingredients separately.
- Cereal bars can pack a lot of nutrition into a food kids love to eat. Include raisins, currants, or other dried fruits in the recipe for additional flavor, color and nutrition.
- Include something fun, such as a sticker, cookies wrapped in plastic wrap with a ribbon tie or sandwiches cut into fun shapes.

Lunchbox specials

by Betty Baute, Member Services Representative

It's back-to-school time! There's no better way to remind your youngsters that you're thinking about them throughout the day than to pack them fun and nutritious lunches. It can also be less expensive to send lunch with your kids, and chances are they'll eat more of what you pack than they will of what is school-prepared.

Try out some of our recipes on your youngsters --- and check out our tips on both pages for ideas to make lunch more fun and appetizing.



Make-ahead trail mix

32 ounces dry roasted peanuts 16 ounces M&Ms candies
32 ounces cashews 8 ounces flaked coconut
16 ounces raisins

Combine all ingredients in a large bowl; mix well. Store in an air-tight container. Divide into individual servings to pack in lunch bags. Yield - 6 quarts

Peanut butter & granola wrap

(A different take on good old PB&J)

1 cup peanut butter 1/2 cup dried cherries or raisins
1 cup granola cereal 2 tablespoons butter, softened
1/4 cup chopped peanuts 4 (10-inch) whole wheat tortillas
2 tablespoons honey

In bowl, combine peanut butter, granola, chopped peanuts and honey; mix well. Stir in dried cherries. Spread tortillas with softened butter, then spread with peanut butter mixture. Roll up tortillas and cut in half. Wrap well and freeze. Let thaw in insulated lunch boxes, next to a frozen gel pack, until lunchtime. Yield: 4 sandwiches

Apple snack squares

2 cups sugar	1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
2 eggs	3 cups diced peeled tart apples
3/4 cup vegetable oil	1 cup chopped walnuts
2-1/2 cups self-rising flour	3/4 cup butterscotch chips

Combine sugar, eggs and oil in a bowl; stir in flour and cinnamon (batter will be thick). Stir in apples and nuts. Spread into a greased 9 X 13 baking pan. Sprinkle with butterscotch chips. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 to 40 minutes or until golden and a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool before cutting. Yield - 24 bars

Freeze-ahead tuna salad sandwiches

1 package (3 ounces) cream cheese	1/4 cup shredded carrot
2 tablespoons mayonnaise or salad dressing	1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 can (6 ounces) chunk tuna, drained	2 teaspoons butter
1/4 cup chopped green onion	8 slices whole wheat bread

In medium bowl, combine softened cream cheese and mayonnaise; beat until smooth. Stir in tuna, onions, carrot, and lemon juice and blend well to combine. Spread softened butter thinly on each slice of bread and spread tuna filling to make sandwiches. Wrap in freezer wrap and place in gallon freezer bag. Label sandwiches and freeze. Let thaw in insulated lunch boxes, next to frozen gel pack, until lunchtime. Make sure sandwiches are eaten within 2 hours of being completely thawed. Yield: 4 sandwiches



Replace any incandescent light bulb that burns more than 1 hour per day with its equivalent compact fluorescent bulb.

Bright ideas for packing school lunches

- The actual time for eating lunch at most schools only lasts for 15 to 20 minutes and is filled with distractions. Make sure the lunch foods you pack are easy to eat, packed in easily opened packages, and don't require peeling or special tools.
- Small children may not eat very much at one sitting. Think about packing appetizers instead of a large sandwich.
- Small foods are not only easier for children to handle, but they are more fun to eat. Cut sandwiches and wraps into smaller pieces and pack baby carrots or bite-sized pieces of fruit.
- Think about different types of bread for sandwiches and dippers. Try crackers, mini waffles, rice cakes, pita bread, mini muffins, small bagels, tortillas and raisin or cinnamon bread.
- If your child wants the same thing day after day, go ahead and pack it, as long as the overall meal is nutritious and you are sure your child eats it. Kids don't like a lot of change in what they eat. Did you know that it takes 10 to 12 introductions to a new food before a child is usually willing to even taste it?
- Take some time to look at the prepackaged lunches in your grocer's refrigerated section. These appeal to kids, but aren't very nutritious. You can pack the same types of snack foods, but use healthier choices, for more kid appeal.
- Salsa, hummus, bean dips, or fruit dips with baked chips and veggies or fruit are good lunchbox choices, since these foods are high in vitamins and fiber.

Community Calendar

To have your non-profit group's event listed in our "Community Calendar," please contact us by letter, phone or e-mail (bbaute@jacksonremc.com) at least six weeks before your event date. Include a phone number we can call to verify your information.

Jackson County

August 20 - 2nd Annual Jackson County Drug Free Council Road Rally - Registration at 9:00 a.m. at Girls Inc. (956 N. O'Brien Street, Seymour). Pre-registration \$35.00; Day of the event \$45.00. For more information contact Roger Marling 528-9116 or go to www.drugfreecouncil.org.

August 27 - Monthly Fish Fry & Cornhole Tourney at the Tri-County Conservation Club of Crothersville. Activities and food from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Call 812-498-4447 or 812-793-3013 for more information or directions to the club.

September 3 - Party For a Cure to benefit cystic fibrosis research. Concert featuring local bands, craft vendors, food and other activities from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Shields Park in Seymour. For more information contact Mondee Scifres (812-521-5834) or Jessica Johnson (812-528-3338).

September 9 & 10 - Brownstown MelonFest - Free stage entertainment, contests and activities. Food, crafts and flea market vendors. Parade on Saturday.

The REMC office will be closed on Monday, September 5, for Labor Day. We will have a crew on standby to handle outages and emergencies.



For more information call the Brownstown Chamber of Commerce (812-358-2930).

September 10 - MelonFest 5-K Run/Walk sponsored by the Brownstown Exchange Club. Sign-in at the Jackson County Park in Brownstown at 7:00 a.m. Race begins at 8:00 a.m. Free T-shirts are back! Entry fee is \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for juniors 16 and under. Pre-register by visiting www.brownstownexchangeclub.org.

September 10 - St. Peter's Ladies Aid Bake Sale - Selling homemade baked goods and treats in front of Brownstown Hardware from 8:00 a.m. until goods are sold out. Contact Loretta Hoevener (812-358-3902) for more information.

September 10 - "Second Saturday Fish Fry" to benefit restoration of the Joe Jackson Hotel in Vallonia. Fish dinners and sandwiches sold from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Whistle Stop Cafe in Vallonia. For more information call Sally Waldkoetter (812-358-5801).

September 17 - Annual chicken barbecue and porkburger fry - Food served dine in or carry out at the Cortland school beginning at 4:00 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Hamilton Township VFD. Contact Ed Flynn (812-497-2944) for more information.

September 18 - Join the Race - Remember Grace 5K Run / Walk - Race begins at 3:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Wegan (1165 E County Road 400S, Brownstown). Entry fee - \$20.00 pre-register, \$25.00 day of race. Proceeds benefit the Grace Scarlett Memorial Fund support Lutheran Central School. For more information or to obtain a registration form visit www.RememberGraceScarlett.org.

Jennings County

September 3, 4 & 5 - Annual Antique, Collectibles, Crafts & Flea Market on the

streets of historic downtown Vernon. Market times are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday; 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Monday. The event is sponsored by the Jennings County Historical Society. Call 812-346-8989 for more information or to inquire about booth space.

September 3 - Hayden's Pioneer Days from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Features exhibits and demonstrations with the pioneer themes. Food and music also during the day. Call 812-346-8212 for more information or to obtain a festival schedule.

September 3 - Annual Chicken Barbecue sponsored by the Spencer Township VFD. Serving chicken dinners (half of a chicken, baked beans, applesauce, roll and drink) from 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m. at the firehouse in Hayden Carry-out available. For more information call 812-767-6089.

Monroe County

September 29 - October 4 - 28th Annual Red Cross Book Fair at the Monroe County Fairgrounds. Event is sponsored by and benefits the Monroe County Chapter of the American Red Cross. Shop for used books, albums, CDs, DVDs, puzzles and more. Pay a \$10.00 admission donation on opening day (9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.) for the best selection. Times, admissions and special promotions vary. For a full listing and more information visit www.monroe-redcross.org.

Scott County

August 26 & 27 - 29th Annual Leota Country Frolic sponsored by the Finley Township Volunteer Fire Department. Activities begin at 5:00 p.m. on Friday and 11:00 a.m. on Saturday. Music, food, flea & craft market, contests & games, euchre tourney, pedal tractor pull, talent showcase

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More Community Calendar

and more. Contact Charles Murphy (812-752-3636) for more information.

August 27 & September 3 - Friends of Hardy Lake All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast 7:00 to 10:00 a.m. at Hardy Lake. Adults \$6.00, children 3 to 12 \$3.00, children under 3 free. Funds benefit the Dwight Chamberlain Raptor Rehab Center. Visit www.friendsofhardylake.com for more information.

Washington County

September 16 - Friday On the Square from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. on the courthouse square in Salem. Entertainment, numerous vendors selling great food and craft items, organizations providing information and free items. Sponsored by Washington County Chamber of Commerce. For more information call the Chamber of Commerce at 812-883-4303 or email info@washingtoncountychamber.org.

September 27 - 8th Annual Franklin Township Reunion at the home of Robert and Jane Marquand, 790 S. Franklin School Road beginning at 4:00 p.m. Bring a covered dish & a 2-liter soft drink plus any memorabilia that you would like to share. For more information contact Jane Marquand at 967-2056.

Now through October 31 - The Historic Beck's Mill Grist Mill will be open Fridays and Saturdays 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and Sundays 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Admission is \$5.00 for adults; children 16 and under are free with a paid adult. Contact the Friends of Beck's Mill (812-883-5147) for more information or to schedule group tours.

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Dollars & Sense

Kill A Watt™ electric monitor can help you save energy & money

Monitors on sale at the REMC for \$20.00 while supply lasts

The first step in reducing your electric bill is to find out where electricity is being used. You can do this easily with a Kill A Watt™ energy use monitor.

The Kill A Watt energy use monitor was a popular registration gift at the 2011 Annual Meeting of Members on July 21. Now, thanks to a special order of the monitors, we are offering them to our members at the price of \$20.00 (sales tax included) at our office in Brownstown until the supply runs out.



It's easy to use a Kill A Watt monitor. All you need to do is plug the monitor into the wall or a power strip. You then plug the appliance into the socket on the front of the Kill A Watt.

The Kill A Watt displays the power being used in watts, and also adds up power use over time to give you the kilowatt-hours of energy used since the appliance was plugged into the monitor.

Leaving the appliance plugged into the Kill A Watt for a day or so will give you a good average. In fact, the longer you leave the appliance plugged

in, the more accurate the energy data will be.

Please note that the Kill A Watt available at the REMC can be used on 120-volt appliances only.



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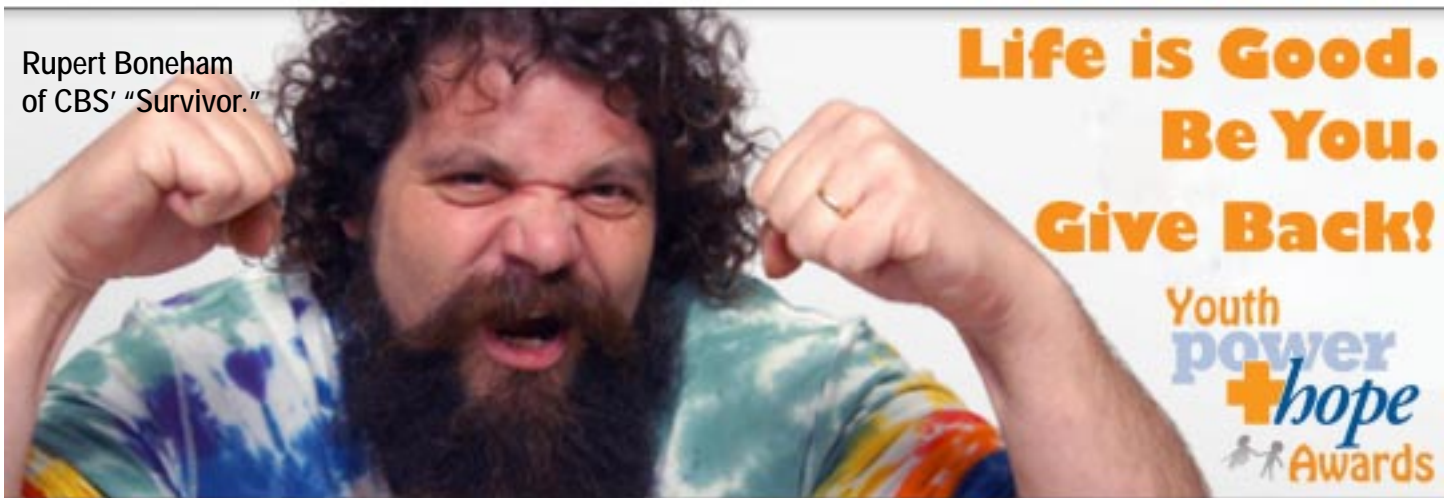
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Rupert Boneham
of CBS' "Survivor."

Attention 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Graders!

Show your community spirit and you could win a Youth Power + Hope Award!

Do your parents live on electric co-op lines in Indiana? Are you active in your community through church, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, 4-H, school or other organizations and activities? If this describes you, enter the 2011 Youth Power and Hope Awards Contest. Sponsored by Electric Consumer magazine and Indiana's electric cooperatives, the contest gives **YOU**, the youth of Indiana, the chance to shine by honoring your commitment to community.

The 2011 winners will travel to Indianapolis this November to be recognized for their achievements and to attend a program featuring **special guest Rupert Boneham of CBS' "Survivor."** Boneham is a community activist and founder of the Rupert's Kids charity. His motto is "Life is Good. Be You. Give Back."

Ready to enter? Visit www.electricconsumer.org for entry guidelines and to download an entry form, then tell how you're serving your community. **The contest deadline is Friday, September 2.**

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