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Youth Power and Hope award**


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OUR COVER

REMC General Manager Jed
Wheatley (left) and Board President
John Trinkle (right) join Miss America
2009 Katie Stam in congratulating
Jacoby Begley for winning one of the
first Youth Power and Hope Awards.
*Photo by Richard G. Biever, senior
editor, Electric Consumer.*

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Jackson County REMC – a not-for-profit organization

Jed Wheatley, General Manager

It surprises some new consumers who sign up for electric service to discover that Jackson County REMC is a not-for-profit organization. That is understandable. It's natural to assume that any business operating in a capitalistic, free-market economy is most likely a typical, for-profit enterprise.

Consequently, with a customer turnover of five to ten percent each year, keeping everyone up to speed about the true situation is a continuing challenge. In addition, we know from surveys that many folks who have been customers for years have never picked up on the not-for-profit structure of the REMC.

Why should anyone care? Truthfully, for a customer who just wants to take electric service and pay the bills, it may make little difference. However, for a customer who is interested in company policy and where the money goes, the fact that he or she is a member of a non-for-profit cooperative can become quite significant.

For instance, it's good to know that REMC policies, budgets, and operations are determined and overseen by a board of directors who are customers themselves, who are elected by customers, and who interact with other customers on a daily basis.

It's good to know that the company is being run with the long-term interests of the entire membership foremost in the minds of its board of directors.

It's good to know that, if necessary, any member may speak directly with REMC management, may directly address the board of directors, and may run for election to the board of directors.

It's good to know that the REMC is not profiting from rising electricity prices.


It's good to know that rates are increased only as necessary and never just to bolster the bottom line. Revenues over and above current expenses are re-invested into plant or used to reduce rates.

It's good to know that the organization and the fixed assets of the REMC are owned by its past and current members and that the REMC may not be sold or merged without the consent of its member-owners, who are its customers.

It's good to know that the REMC was brought into existence for the sole purpose of serving its members and that the purpose for existence has never changed. It's still all about service.



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Deadlines approaching to apply for youth programs

Youth to Washington applications due February 5
Touchstone Energy Camp applications due February 26

The application process is underway for the 2010 Youth to Washington trip and the 2010 Touchstone Energy Camp.

2010 Youth to Washington June 10 - 17

Jackson County REMC again plans to send three young people on the 2010 Youth to Washington trip. They will join other Indiana delegates and nearly 1,000 young people from across the nation in this week-long event.

All expenses, including lodging, meals, and travel from Indianapolis to Washington, D.C., will be covered by the REMC. Participants will only need to take spending money for snacks and souvenirs. They will also need to provide their own transportation to and from the gathering location in Indianapolis.

The trip includes tours of museums and monuments, a viewing of the changing of the guard at Arlington National Cemetery, visits with members of Congress and a workshop with officials from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. There is also a stop to visit the Civil War battlefields in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

Applicants must currently be 11th grade students and must be ready to enter the 12th grade at the time of the trip. An applicant must reside with a parent or guardian who is a member-

of-record of Jackson County REMC. Applicants are judged on academics, activities in and out of school, community involvement and a 250-word essay.

2010 Touchstone Energy Camp - June 9 - 12

Touchstone Energy Camp helps youngsters learn about electricity and electrical safety and teaches them basic cooperative business principles. But Touchstone Energy Camp isn't all business. Participants enjoy the full camp experience, including swimming, boating and horseback riding.

Jackson County REMC will sponsor three youngsters to the 2010 Touchstone Energy Camp at Camp Tecumseh near Brookston, Indiana. All fees will be covered by the REMC. However, participants must provide their own transportation to and from the camp.

Applicants must currently be sixth grade students and must reside with a parent or guardian who is a member-of-record of Jackson County REMC.

To obtain an application

Application forms for the both "Youth to Washington" and Touchstone Energy Camp are available on our website: www.jacksonremc.com. You may also request an application by contacting us by e-mail at info@jacksonremc.com or by phone at 800-288-4458 or 812-358-4458.

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2010 Energy Efficiency Incentives set for Jackson County REMC Members

In an effort to lower the total system demand of electricity for Jackson County REMC and to delay the need of new generating capacity for our wholesale power supplier, Hoosier Energy, we are offering the following energy efficiency incentives for 2010. Incentives apply to equipment installed and operating in the 2010 calendar year in homes or structures connected to Jackson County REMC. Interpretation of qualifying equipment and installations are at the sole discretion of Jackson County REMC. Jackson County REMC reserves the right to modify or discontinue the incentives at any time without notice. *Contact our Member Services Department for more information.*

Electric Water Heaters - Incentives apply to electric water heaters installed in new construction or as replacements for existing water heaters either electric or fossil fuel. Qualifying water heaters must be 40 gallons or larger and have an efficiency factor of .90 or greater. Incentive amounts are: \$25.00 for 40 gallon; \$50.00 for 50 gallon; \$125.00 for 80 gallon.

Central Air Conditioners - Incentives apply to central air conditioners installed in new construction or as replacements for existing central air conditioners. Qualifying units must have SEER ratings of 14 or greater. Incentive amounts are: \$125.00 for 14 SEER; \$175.00 for 15 SEER; \$225.00 for 16 SEER; \$275.00 for 17 SEER.

Air-to-Air Heat Pumps - Incentives apply to air-to-air heat pumps installed in new construction or as replacements for existing heat pumps. In either situation the heat pumps can be matched with electric or fossil fuel furnaces. The incentives also apply to add on heat pumps for fossil fuel furnaces. Qualifying units must have SEER ratings of 14 or greater. Incentive amounts are: \$225.00 for 14 SEER; \$275.00 for 15 SEER; \$325.00 for 16 SEER; \$375.00 for 17 SEER.

Air-to-Air Heat Pumps Replacing Resistance Electric Heat Systems - Incentives apply to air-to-air heat pumps installed in existing homes with resistance electric heat, including electric furnaces, ceiling cable, and baseboard heaters. Qualifying units must have SEER ratings of 14 or greater. Incentive amounts are: \$325.00 for 14 SEER; \$375.00 for 15 SEER; \$425.00 for 16 SEER; \$475.00 for 17 SEER.

Geothermal Heat Pumps - Incentives apply to geothermal heat pumps installed in new construction or replacing any types of heating and cooling systems except existing geothermal heat pumps. Incentive amount: \$1,000.00.

What do SEER and Energy Factor mean?

SEER - Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio - This is the rating and performance standards that have been developed by the U.S. government and equipment manufacturer's to produce an energy consumption rating that is easy to understand by consumers. It has a universal formula and conditioning that can be applied to all units and compensates for varying weather conditions. Manufacturers are required to produce heat pumps with a minimum SEER rating of 13. However, to qualify for the REMC's rebate program, a heat pump or central air conditioner must have a SEER rating of 14 or greater.

Water Heater Energy Factor - There are labels on new water heaters listing that unit's "Energy Factor." It's a number with a decimal point, usually listed on a separate tag beside the yellow Energy Guide. The higher the "Energy Factor" number, the more efficient the water heater. Electric models range from 0.75 to 0.95. Energy Factors vary because different water heaters are made to be more energy efficient. Today's models are better insulated than the ones manufactured years ago. As a result, most cost less to run than older models. The savings are due to reduced heat loss, thanks to the added insulation.



Miss America Katie Stam and Jacoby Begley
Photo by Richard G. Biever, senior editor, *Electric Consumer*.

Jackson County 5th grader chosen for community service award

Jacoby Begley is one of five winners of the first Youth Power and Hope award

Jacoby Begley, Seymour, was honored for his outstanding community service as one of the winners of the inaugural Youth Power and Hope Awards Contest.

Electric Consumer, the statewide publication of Indiana's electric cooperatives, sponsored the contest that was open to Indiana fifth through eighth graders residing in the service territory of an electric cooperative and emphasizes the important role young Hoosiers play in their communities.

Entrants had to complete an entry form, submit an essay regarding community service, provide examples of how they have been involved in their local community, and include a letter of reference. A panel of judges then selected five award winners. Jacoby's essay is featured at the end of this article.

Jacoby, the son of Jackson County REMC members Ryan and Dana Begley, is a fifth grader at Cortland Elementary School. He is very active in 4-H and is president of his 4-H club. Through 4-H, he has participated in food drives, signed Christmas and Valentine's Day cards for nursing home patients, picked up trash on area roads and helped to keep the county fairgrounds clean. Begley even donates the money he raises from selling his 4-H steer at the fair auction to the local Red Cross. He is also involved in the Sertoma Club, helps his fellow students at school, is active in his church, and helps his mom make blankets for the less fortunate. During recent flooding, he helped clean and repair two homes.

On Dec. 17, the award recipients met Indiana's own Miss America 2009 Katie Stam, whose personal platform is community service. The students attended a private luncheon with Miss America in Indianapolis and were special guests at a presentation by Miss America at the Indiana Statewide Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives' 75th Annual Meeting on Dec. 17, among other highlights. Their entry essays were also published in *Electric Consumer's* December issue.

"Electric Consumer, representing Indiana's electric cooperatives, was overwhelmed to receive such excellent entries from

Hoosier youth and is proud to recognize these five individuals who have made a positive impact on their communities," said Bruce Graham, CEO of the Indiana Statewide Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives.

The Indiana Statewide Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives represents 39 electric cooperatives that serve 89 of the state's 92 counties. For more information on Indiana Statewide and its members, visit www.indremcs.org.

'A chain of good service'

by Jacoby Begley

Community service is to do something for someone else. It takes our mind off our worries, fears and sadness to make us realize that we are all connected as God's community and part of his greater plan.

Helping someone else takes our thoughts off our self and puts what is in our heart into a positive mood.

Sometimes by helping others it opens our eyes, and we see that our own personal situation isn't as bad as we think. There is always someone sicker, hungrier, or lonelier.

When we are kind enough to help someone else go through something we have been through, it shows kindness. Bad things will always happen. But, when we share kindness, caring and love, it might help that person be less mean or bitter about the situation. And, in return, they may help someone else and the community will be a chain of good service.

All of us are different and have different beliefs, but kindness and compassion for humans and our environment are something all people from different communities can share and appreciate.

Everyone should do something good no matter how small or big it might be. Because one simple act of kindness can change many lives — including yours.

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Another Satisfied Indiana Touchstone Energy® HomeSM Owner

by Brian Wolka, Member Services Director

Jason McClanahan of rural North Vernon, Indiana is very happy he chose to build a Touchstone Energy Home. His 3,000 square foot house earned a 5 Star Plus Home Energy Rating, the highest rating category available to Touchstone Energy Homes. This is the second Touchstone Energy Home built by his father, Tim Beineke of Beineke Construction.

The home features an 18.3 SEER air-source heat pump, programmable thermostat and ductwork with zero leakage. The home insulation has an R-44 rating for the ceiling, R-18 for the walls, and R-13 for the basement. Air

infiltration was also very low for the home, which Jason attributes to the many hours he spent caulking and foaming potential air leakage areas.

Based on the overall energy rating Jackson County REMC has furnished Jason with an annual guaranteed heating cost of \$545.00 and cooling cost of \$126.00. This is the 19th Touchstone Energy Home served by Jackson County REMC. If you are interested in building a Touchstone Energy Home please contact our Member Services Department at 812-358-4458 or 800-288-4458.




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Let's talk about it

Tankless water heaters

Information about "on-demand" water heaters

We often receive questions about tankless, or on-demand, water heaters. Since they don't have to keep water hot in a tank, do they save money? Are there any drawbacks? Do they qualify for a rebate?

Tankless water heaters provide hot water right where you need it, when you need it, without a storage tank. Units large enough to supply hot water for an entire house can be located centrally. More commonly, though, tankless water heaters usually sit in a closet or under a sink near where its hot water is used.

But, be aware that tankless water heaters aren't appropriate for all applications, and that sometimes they won't save that much energy or money.

Here are some things to consider if you are thinking about changing to on-demand water heating:

Customer considerations for going tankless

- Tankless water heaters can cost up to twice as much as conventional water heaters.
- Electric service equipment (transformers, electric panels & conductors) may need to be larger. This is more costly for the utility to install and maintain, particularly since it is sized to serve just the few hours of peak demand.
- Energy savings will be minimal. The only opportunity for savings (over a tank unit) is reduced standby losses from the tank walls and pipes. This is commonly less than \$90 per year.
- Other sensitive electrical equipment (like computers) may be affected. Larger

tankless units may draw down current, causing dimming lights, when all heater stages are activated. This can cause computers and similar sensitive devices to trip or reset if household voltage drops significantly.

- Hard water can cause premature corrosion and added expense for component replacement.

Where they make sense

There are certain situations where tankless water heaters can be a logical choice. Listed below are those cases where either an under-the-sink unit or a whole-house tankless water heater might be the right choice.

- At a single faucet with infrequent use.
- At a sink in a half-bathroom (no shower or tub) at the far end of the home.
- In a detached garage, shop, barn or stable with occasional hot water needs.
- In a seasonal cabin or cottage where turning off and draining a conventional water heater tank is cumbersome.
- In an infrequently used guesthouse or garage apartment with a full bath where turning off or draining a conventional water heater tank is cumbersome.

A tankless water heater fact-sheet prepared by the Rural Electricity Resource Council may be viewed by visiting our website (www.jacksonremc.com) and clicking on the "energy efficiency" tab on our home page.

Information source:
*Rural Electricity
Resource Council*

REMC rates to drop slightly on bills mailed on February 26

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

The request of a \$2.60 per 1,000 kWh decrease stems from a December 14, 2009 revised quarterly 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. The request would lower a typical Jackson REMC bill of 1,000 kWh from \$105.58 to \$102.98, a decrease of 2.46% percent.

As submitted, the new rates will become effective on January 1, 2010, and should first appear on bills mailed on February 26, 2010, due and payable by March 17, 2010.

Next Issue . . .

A blast from the past

It's always fun to go through old issues of "Watt High Lights" and see what recipes were used years past. Next month we plan to share some of our favorites from the 1960's.

Send recipes, topic ideas, cooking questions & suggestions to:

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Reducing recipes

What about cutting recipes that make more than one or two portions? There's no simple answer as to whether a recipe can be cut successfully. It often takes some experimentation to get satisfactory results, but here are a few suggestions.

- Use recipes with quantities that are easy to divide to make arithmetic easier.
- Add seasonings a little at a time. The recipe may need more than half.
- Use smaller dishes and pans for smaller quantities.
- Check doneness for halved cake, casserole, meat loaf and other dishes at least 5 to 10 minutes before the original recipe's suggested time.
- Keep notes about what works and what doesn't.

Cooking for one or two

*by Betty Baute
Member Services Representative*



With our "nest" now empty, my husband and I find that leftovers can become very boring very quickly. That's why I'm always looking for recipes that make just one or two servings and recipes that are easily altered for the two of us.

The recipes chosen for this month are ideal for one or two people --- and they can be doubled and tripled for bigger families.

Chicken salad for one

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| 1 medium apple, cored and chopped | dash dried rosemary |
| 1 cup diced cooked chicken | dash lemon pepper |
| 2 tablespoons diced green pepper | 4 tablespoons mayonnaise |
| 1 teaspoon chopped pimiento | large lettuce leaf |

Combine all ingredients except lettuce leaf. Chill to allow flavors to blend. Place lettuce leaf on a serving plate and top with chicken salad.

Corny meat loaves for two

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| 2 eggs, beaten | 1/8 teaspoon dried thyme |
| 1/2 cup frozen corn, thawed | 1/2 pound ground beef |
| 1/2 cup seasoned bread crumbs | 1/4 pound ground pork sausage |
| 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard | 2 to 4 tablespoons ketchup |

Combine eggs, corn, bread crumbs, mustard and thyme. Add meats and mix well. Shape into two small loaves and place in an ungreased, shallow baking pan. Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees for 15 minutes. Drizzle with ketchup and bake 20 minutes longer or until meat is no longer pink.

Chicken & veggie soup for two

2 cups chicken broth	1 small onion, chopped
1 cup fresh or frozen corn	1 cup cubed cooked chicken
1 small celery rib, chopped	1/2 cup canned diced tomatoes
1 small carrot, chopped	salt and pepper to taste

Combine broth, corn, celery, carrot and onion in a small saucepan. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer about 25 minutes, or until vegetables are tender. Stir in the chicken, tomatoes, salt and pepper. Simmer until heated through.

Apple crisp for one

1 small apple, peeled and sliced	1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 tablespoon all-purpose flour	dash ground nutmeg
1 tablespoon brown sugar	dash salt
1 tablespoon quick-cooking oats	1 tablespoon cold butter or margarine

Place apple in a small greased baking dish. In a small bowl, combine the dry ingredients; cut in butter until crumbly. Sprinkle over apple. Bake, uncovered, at 375 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes, or until apple is tender. Serve with cream, whipped cream or ice cream, if desired.



ENERGY SAVER TIP OF THE MONTH

Reduce your hot water use in the kitchen. Use cold water to operate your garbage disposal. Cold water use saves energy and is the recommendation of most disposal manufacturers.

When washing dishes by hand, use a sink stopper or dishpan so water - hot or cold - doesn't rush down the drain. Remember, too, that hot water running needlessly not only wastes water, but it wastes energy as well.

Suggestions for dining single or in pairs

Cooking for one or two can be just as much fun and just as satisfying as for a group. Check out some of these strategies:

Split the cost of produce with others who live alone so you can buy larger, more economical quantities.

Blanch and freeze fresh vegetables in single-portion or double-portion containers.

Make a big pot of soup and freeze in single-serving or double-serving containers. It's nice to go to the freezer and find a variety of soups ready to heat and eat.

Set a pretty table with colorful napkins leftover from a past festive occasion. Use gift mugs or mismatched place settings to add color to the table.

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Splitting an egg - If you want to cut a recipe that calls for 1 egg in half, create "half an egg" by lightly beating 1 egg and measuring out 1-1/2 tablespoons. The remaining half egg can be frozen for future use.

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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.

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January 31 - Annual horse tack auction sponsored by the Jackson County 4-H Horse & Pony Club. Event will be held at the Vallonia School Gym with lunch served at 12:00 noon and auction starting at 1:00 p.m. For information contact Kim Underwood (812-358-3752) or Mike Hobbs (812-371-4799).

February 14 - 21st Annual Ham & Turkey Supper at Zion Lutheran Church in Seymour. Turkey, ham and all the trimmings served from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Free will offering will be accepted. For more information contact Linda Pollert (812-523-1496).

February 19, 20, 26 & 27 - Jackson County Community Theatre presents "See How They Run" as its annual dinner theatre at The Pines Evergreen Room. Tickets are \$25.00 per person for the buffet meal and show. Tickets may be ordered by calling 812-358-5228 or emailing mail@jcct.org.

February 17 - Annual Farmers' Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. at Pewter Hall, State Road 135 South in Brownstown. The event is hosted by the Community Foundation of Jackson County and Purdue Extension Service. Reservation deadline is February 12. For more information or to make reservations contact the Community Foundation of Jackson County (812-523-4483 or cfjinfo@verizon.net).

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February 13 - Hayden Bluegrass-Gospel Jamboree from 4:30 to 9:00 p.m. Open Jam from 4:30 to 5:30 with main show to begin at 5:30. Call the Hayden Museum (812-346-7779) for more information.

[Scott County](#)

February 4 (snow date February 11) - Annual Dinner and Meeting sponsored by the Scott County Soil and Water Conservation District. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Scottsburg High School Commons. Journalist Douglas Wissing will speak about his experience with the Afghanistan Agribusiness Development Team where he has been embedded throughout the past year. Tickets are \$5.00 per person. For more information or to order tickets, please call 812-752-2269, extension 114.

Is it hot - or is it not?
Always consider a
fallen wire
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There are three simple words to remember if you see a utility wire lying on the ground:

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To stay safe we advise:

- * Never assume that a downed wire is a telephone or cable TV wire. If you're wrong, it could cost you your life.
- * If you're in a traffic accident that results in a power line touching your vehicle, do not get out unless the vehicle is on fire. You would then need to jump clear of the vehicle and wires, landing on both feet. Hop or shuffle your feet to get away from the vehicle.
- * Do not approach a vehicle that is touching power lines. Keep the people in the vehicle and wait for help to arrive.
- * Do not touch or try to move downed wires with any objects, including things made from wood, plastic or fiberglass.
- * Never touch a person who is in contact with a power line or an object that's touching the wires.

Don't guess. Always "Think Hot" when confronted with a fallen or dangling wire.

Dollars & \$ense

Announcing energy efficiency
incentives for commercial,
industrial, agricultural and other
non-residential accounts

Save Energy – Save Money

Jackson County Rural Electric is now offering cash incentives to non-residential accounts. This includes small and large commercial and industrial accounts, farms, sawmills and other agricultural accounts, plus schools, institutions, government and community service accounts.

The incentives are for replacing inefficient lighting, heating and cooling equipment, and electric motors with more efficient models and equipment.

The incentives are available for retrofit applications only. They must be installed in existing buildings. Additions to existing buildings will be considered.

The equipment must operate during weekday hours. All equipment must be new. Used or rebuilt equipment is not eligible. Other qualifications for the incentives may apply.

If you are interested in knowing more about the incentive program, or if you wish to submit an application, please contact our Member Services Department at 812-358-4458 or 800-288-4458.



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The 2011 *Cooperative Calendar of Student Art* contest is now underway.

Indiana's electric cooperatives, the sponsors of the contest and distributors of the calendar, are once again looking for art from Indiana students in all grades, kindergarten through 12, to illustrate a 2011 wall calendar.

Each grade division is assigned a month to illustrate (or the cover), and students compete only with students from within their own grade. Thirteen first-place awards will be presented.

Who can enter: Any Indiana student, attending any public or private school or schooled at home, who is currently in the grades kindergarten through high school senior. Students do not have to be consumers of a rural electric cooperative. Artwork can be submitted by teachers, 4-H leaders or others as a group or class project, or by individual students or their parents or guardians. Students may enter as often as they wish.

How the contest works: Match the grade the student is in during the current (2009-10) school year to the corresponding month. Students should draw or paint a picture to illustrate their assigned month.

1st grade-January

2nd grade-February

3rd grade-March

4th grade-April

5th grade-May

6th grade-June

7th grade-July

8th grade-August

9th grade-September

10th grade-October

11th grade-November

12th grade-December

Kindergarten students will create the cover art. There is no theme for the cover: any subject, season, event, etc., is acceptable.

Deadline: Artwork must be at the Indianapolis office of the *Electric Consumer* by 3 p.m., Friday, **March 19, 2010**.

Mailing address: P.O. Box 24517, Indianapolis, IN 46224 / Street address: 720 N. High School Road, Indianapolis, IN 46214.

For more details: contact Richard Biever or Emily Schilling at *Electric Consumer*, 317-487-2220, 800-340-7362, or e-mail them at ec@indremcs.org.

A complete set of rules is available at the website www.electricconsumer.com.

