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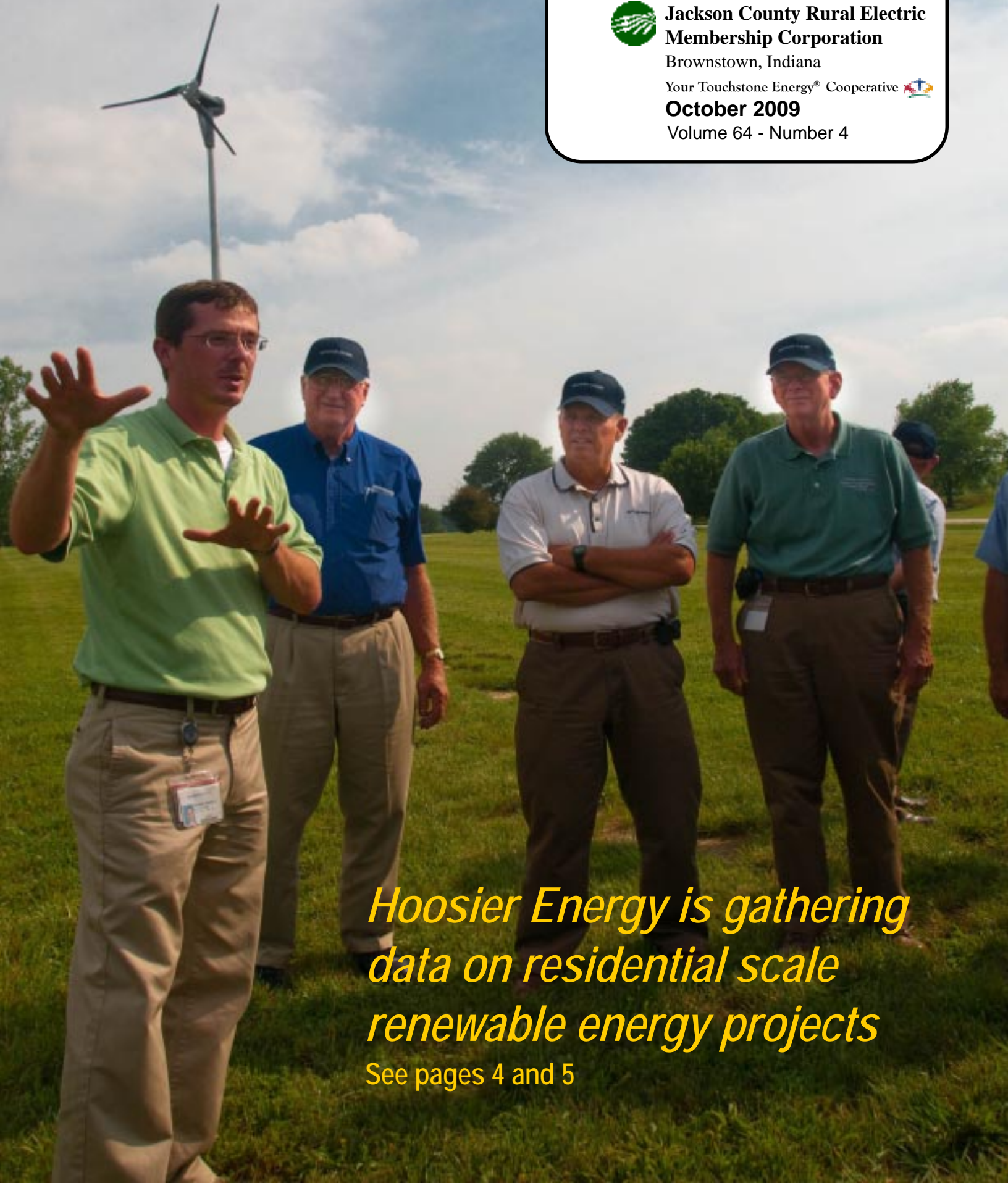
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Jackson County REMC and Hoosier Energy board member Larry Peters (in white shirt) along with other Hoosier Energy directors Charles Meier and Jim Weimer listen as Heath Norrick talks about the Merom generating plant renewables projects. (Photo courtesy of Hoosier Energy.)

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# Spend your money wisely!

*Jed Wheatley, General Manager*

Fall has arrived. In addition to enjoying the weather and the scenery, our minds sometimes fast-forward to the heating bills that are just around the corner. Fortunately, there is still time to take some action to ease the burden.

Be sensible about how you spend your money. We live in a "buyer beware" world. Don't go for the snake oil. If you're wondering if a product is really on the level, give us a call.

For example, there is no item that can be plugged into a wall socket that will save enough electricity to pay for itself, let alone cut your bill by 25 percent.

There is no item you can attach to your electric meter that can legally cut your bill by 50 percent. Anything that involves tampering with utility equipment is illegal and dangerous.

It is true that, if you lower your central heating thermostat to 55 degrees and use a portable heater to warm your immediate area to a comfortable temperature, you should be able to save some money. However, it's also true that a 1500 Watt portable heater purchased locally for \$75 will serve the purpose just as well as a 1500 Watt portable heater purchased by mail for \$400.

Anything that sounds too simple and too easy that you haven't seen recommended here in the Watt

Highlights merits your skepticism. If someone develops a silver bullet for easily and legally reducing electric bills, rest assured we'll let you know. You won't have to read about it in a newspaper advertisement or on an obscure Internet web site.

There are plenty of tried and true ways to use electricity more efficiently, and there is where you should put your money and your effort to get a good return on your investment.

First, seal the cracks to keep the cold air out. Second, add insulation to keep the heat in. Third, inspect and maintain your ductwork so that the warm air you have paid to heat actually gets to your living areas. Fourth, consider upgrading your heating system.

If you use an electric furnace for your main heating source, you should have it replaced by a capable contractor. A current model heat pump, properly installed, is more than twice as efficient and will quickly pay for itself. The timing has never been better. Incentives from Jackson County REMC help significantly, and federal income tax rebates can take care of another thirty percent.

If you would like additional assistance in deciding what to do, give us a call. We want what you want, and that is for you to live well and enjoy the many benefits of electricity while keeping your kWh usage and your monthly bills to a minimum.

# Together we save!

New website offers interactive energy-efficiency education to low-cost savings

Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives, a nationwide alliance of electric cooperatives, announced the unveiling of a “revolutionary” national energy-efficiency campaign, rolled out simultaneously across 46 states, designed to inspire consumers to easily save energy and money.

Hundreds of representatives from electric cooperatives across the nation convened on August 27 to mark the campaign’s debut on the campus of Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. It will be the first energy-efficiency communications campaign launched by allied local electric cooperatives on a national scale.

The integrated campaign, “Together We Save,” features the simultaneous roll-out of television and radio spots, print ads, brochures, and other collateral, as well as more than a dozen energy-efficiency interactive web applications linked to a virtual home tour, all designed to encourage co-op members throughout the country to take energy-saving actions now.

A new website, TogetherWeSave.com, will be the gateway through which consumers will easily learn what to do, and the immediate cost-savings impact of those actions. The site also contains a new Touchstone Energy web-TV portal, showcasing energy-efficiency videos.

“Touchstone Energy’s ‘Together We Save’ campaign illustrates numerous ways our member-consumers can reduce their energy bills – and thereby save themselves money – by implementing a variety of changes around their homes and businesses,” said Jim Bausell, COO of Touchstone Energy. “Whether its unplugging unused appliances or adding an extra layer of insulation in the attic, what we’re showing is how simple these energy-saving techniques are, so that the end-use consumer goes from just thinking about changing some of their habits to actually taking action,” Bausell said.

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# Hoosier Energy's pilot renewable energy project information helps consumers

by Ben Weller, Hoosier Energy Communication Intern

Hoosier Energy's renewable energy policy, adopted in 2006, set realistic goals for achieving a greener, more diverse, energy portfolio. Consumer interest in green energy technology was exploding as people sought information about the costs and benefits of installing renewable residential energy sources like wind turbines and solar panels.

Inevitably, calls started coming in to Hoosier Energy's Renewable Energy Manager Heath Norrick.

"People read about green energy in every newspaper, every magazine and see it on the nightly news," says Norrick. "Everywhere you went and everything you heard just had this 'green' feel to it, so people naturally started asking questions. It was once a week, then once a day, then once an hour," he says of the calls his department received.

Norrick's charge initially was to help Hoosier Energy develop large-scale

renewable energy projects, but he found himself dealing with questions from residential consumers – questions he couldn't always answer.

"Ninety-nine percent of the questions were about residential solar panels and wind mills," he says. "I was answering their questions as best I could without solid reference information. I had what the manufacturer said, but I didn't have corroboration."

That's changed now. With four residential-sized renewable energy projects providing real-world data, Hoosier Energy and its members are able to offer customers detailed information on costs, savings, and power generation of small wind and solar projects.

The information is available on the Web [www.hepn.com/renewablesilot.asp](http://www.hepn.com/renewablesilot.asp).

What might you find there? Let's say you're a Decatur County REMC con-

sumer looking to install solar panels. A pilot project is located at a Decatur County substation and the Web information notes that cost was over \$36,000 for a 3-kilowatt system, including labor.

What kind of production is expected? In the summer, when the days are long, you could reasonably expect about 35 percent of your power produced by your solar panels. That doesn't mean, however, that your power bill will be 35 percent lower. Facilities fees and other utility charges are not affected by use of renewables. What's more, as winter approaches, you will see your solar output fall off.

For consumers hoping to save or even make money by installing solar or wind units at their homes, the data is sobering.

"A lot of the data demonstrates the intermittent nature of wind and solar," says Renewable Energy Specialist Caleb Steiner. "If that's how people want to use



**LEFT:** Hoosier Energy is gathering information from a wind turbine located at the cooperative's Environmental Education Center at Turtle Creek Reservoir and near the Hoosier's Merom generating plant. **ABOVE:** A solar water heating system at the education center is also providing data on residential scale renewable energy. More information is available on the Web at [www.hepn.com/renewablesilot.asp](http://www.hepn.com/renewablesilot.asp).

power, so be it. But generally people want electricity when they want it."

Norrick agrees. "People say, 'Yeah, but I only have my lights on at my house about 30 percent of the time.' But you *expect* it to come on 100 percent of the time when you turn that switch on. And if you flip that switch and there's no power there, you're mad."

Behind the public's misperception about wind and solar, says Norrick, is a misunderstanding of the way power works. "Energy companies have to have power available 24/7," he says. "The public thinks that we have it stored somewhere, and that's not the case."

Norrick and Steiner welcome the conversation stirred by public interest in renewable energy.

"With the growing interest in 'green' energy, people started asking questions

about energy consumption in general," he says. "Our member co-ops have done a good job of helping them understand where their energy comes from, who they pay their electric bill to, and the value of coal to Indiana's economy."

Members are playing an integral role educating consumers. Bloomfield-based Utilities District of Western Indiana REMC installed a wind turbine in January 2009 with technical and financial assistance from Hoosier Energy. Since then, feedback from consumers is often one of surprise.

"[People] don't realize that in our state, and more specifically in our part of the state, we are in one of the lowest areas for wind power," says Jill Gilmore of UDWI. "We decided to install a wind unit so we could show interested parties just what kind of energy it might provide."

Like Hoosier Energy, UDWI is record-

ing and compiling production data from the turbine, and plans to eventually make that information available to its customers. They also plan to install a solar unit in the near future, Gilmore said.

While Hoosier Energy and members push forward with larger-scale renewable energy projects such as landfill methane capture, they welcome the opportunity to educate consumers and help them make smart choices about energy production and consumption.

"We're not trying to discourage people from putting renewables in," says Steiner. "But we're trying to be realistic and pragmatic."

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*The photographs accompanying this article are courtesy of Rick Moore, Senior Communications Specialist at Hoosier Energy.*



Solar panels and a wind turbine at the Victory Primary Substation in northern Dubois County are gathering valuable information about residential scale renewable energy equipment for electric cooperative consumers. More information is available on the Web at [www.hepn.com/renewables/pilot.asp](http://www.hepn.com/renewables/pilot.asp).

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# Ten things to help get your home ready for winter



*by Betty Baute, Member Services Representative*

Autumn is here and Old Man Winter is coming right behind. Is your home ready for the coming cold weather?

Here are 10 tips that can help you make your home more comfortable and help you save some money on your energy bills.

**1 - If you have a fireplace,** check the seal on the damper by closing it off and holding a piece of tissue paper inside the firebox. If drafts blow the tissue around, repair or replace the damper.

**2 - Seal doors and windows with caulk,** weatherstripping and plastic film. An investment of \$50 in weatherizing supplies can reduce heating costs by two to three times that much. Choose the right kind of caulk for the job. Use latex or acrylic caulk inside - it's easy to clean and more forgiving if you're a beginner. Silicone caulk is great for outside use because it lasts longer and seals virtually any type of surface.

**3 - Add foam gaskets behind all outlet covers and switch plates,** and use safety plugs in all unused outlets. These are prime places for outside air to leak into your home. Be sure to shut off power at the fuse box or circuit panel first.

**4 - If drafts sneak in under exterior doors,** replace the threshold. If that's not practical, block the drafts with a rolled-up towel or blanket.

**5 - Add pieces of batt insulation**

**to the rim joists** - the area along the top of the foundation where it meets the exterior walls.

**6 - If you have hardwood or tile floors,** add area rugs to keep your feet warm.

**7 - If you haven't already done so,** install a programmable thermostat. If you use it to set back the temperature by 10 degrees for eight hours every night, you'll lower your heating bills by 10 percent. A \$50 digital thermostat can pay for itself in energy savings in less than a year.

**8 - Check the exterior of your home for air leaks,** especially around openings for water spigots, air conditioner hoses, dryer vents and gas pipes. Use caulk or expanding foam to seal spaces.

**9 - Check window panes** to see if they need new glazing. If the glass is loose, replace the putty holding the pane in place. Most types of window glazing require painting for a proper seal.

**10 - Don't forget to weatherize the attic access.** Secure batt insulation to the back of the hatch or door, and use weatherstripping to seal the opening. Weatherization products can be purchased from Service Concepts, an LLC owned by REMCs. Go to [www.serviceconcepts.coop](http://www.serviceconcepts.coop) or call 1-877-738-6824.

Sources: *various*

# Let's talk about it Tips for finding & choosing contractors

*by Brian Wolka, Member Services Director*

We receive many calls from members seeking contractors to hire for all kinds of projects. Many members also ask us who we would recommend. That question puts us in a difficult position and one we avoid answering. However we would like to provide you with tips on how to locate contractors and how to choose one. First let's talk about where to find contractors. A good place to start used to be business listings in telephone company books, but those listings and services are decreasing daily. Using the Internet is now one of the quickest places to search. Start with your local Chamber of Commerce websites. Almost all of them list local contractors who belong to the Chamber. Equipment manufacturers usually have a "Find a Dealer" search engine on their websites. Other good places to check are local hardware stores and building supply outlets. Additionally, consumer service listing agencies such as Angie's List. We hope you will find these suggestions helpful.

*To help you choose a contractor once you have located some we have developed a checklist that may be helpful.*

General questions to ask potential contractors	Contractor #1	Contractor #2	Contractor #3
<b>Ask the contractor if he is licensed?</b> A license may or may not be required in your area. If in doubt, call your local building commissioner's office. If it's required, ask the contractor for his license number, what agency issued it, and when it expires.			
<b>How long has the contractor been in business?</b>			
<b>What types of insurance does the contractor carry?</b> Contractors should have Workman's Compensation, General Liability, Property Liability, and Personal Liability in case any accidents occur on your job or property.			
<b>Are subcontractors licensed and insured?</b> If so, ask for an up-to-date list of this information on all subcontractors.			
<b>Ask for references.</b> Ask the contractor for the names of three people who have recently had work done by him. Contact these people and ask if they were satisfied with the contractor's work and if any problems were encountered.			
<b>Will the contractor provide estimates</b> that itemize the materials, labor and miscellaenous charges, plus a written description of the work to be performed and time frame for start and completion?			
<b>Ask if written guarantees and warranties</b> on both materials and workmanship will be provided.			
<b>Ask the contractor how any disputes will be resolved and of he will include a resolution clause in the contract or proposal.</b>			
<b>Ask for an outline of the scope of duties that are to be performed by the contractor and the purchaser.</b> This should be an agreement of such responsibilities as clean-up, damage to lawns and driveways, broken utility lines, ordering materials, getting permits, etc.			
<b>Make sure you're comparing apples to apples.</b> Ask each contractor to list the brands, models, sizes, colors, efficiencies, warranties, testing, etc.			
<b>Ask how change orders will be handled.</b> They should be in writing and signed by the purchaser.			
<b>Agree on a payment schedule.</b> It's not advisable to make full payment before the work is finished or before the final inspections are complete.			
<b>Compare contractors' proposal prices.</b> The lowest price is not always the best. Ask for a breakdown of the costs for each major piece of equipment, labor, and miscellaneous charges.			

## Next Issue . . .

### In a stew!

Stew is the ultimate comfort food. It combines all of our favorites --- a thick rich sauce, meat and vegetables --- in one dish that warms both the body and the soul. In November we'll give you stew recipes that are sure to please your family.

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

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### Did you know?

**Corned beef** has nothing to do with corn. It is actually beef brisket that is pickled in spices and water or vinegar for as much as three weeks. The "corned" term came from the early days when pellets of salt --- called "corns" --- were used in the preservation process.

**Sauerkraut** was first made in China. The Chinese laborers would preserve cabbage for later use by pickling it in wine. The Germans later developed their own fermenting of cabbage to suit their tastes for the "sour cabbage."

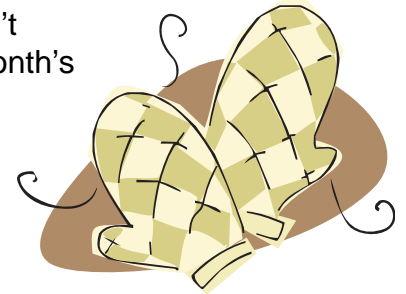
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## Reuben at "his" best!

by Betty Baute, Member Services Representative

The month of October always brings German Oktoberfest celebrations to mind. And, when I think of German food, I think of sauerkraut and, in turn, my favorite sandwich -- the reuben.

I've discovered that the reuben taste isn't limited just to sandwiches. All of this month's recipes use the classic reuben ingredients of corned beef, sauerkraut, Swiss cheese and 1,000 Island dressing. Now you can enjoy the reuben taste in more ways than one!



### Classic reuben sandwich

1 pound thinly sliced deli corned beef  
8 slices light, dark or marble rye bread  
1 jar (16 ounces) sauerkraut, rinsed and drained

1/2 cup 1,000 Island dressing  
4 slices Swiss cheese  
butter or margarine

Arrange corned beef on 4 slices of bread. Top each with 1/4 of the sauerkraut, 2 tablespoons dressing and a slice of cheese. Top with remaining bread slices. Melt 2 to 3 tablespoons butter in a heavy skillet. Toast sandwiches in skillet, turning once, until bread is lightly browned, cheese is melted and corned beef is heated through. Yield - 4 sandwiches

### Reuben salad

1 head iceberg lettuce, torn into bite-size bits  
1 jar (16 ounces) sauerkraut, rinsed and drained  
1 cup cubed Swiss cheese  
2 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley

1 package (3 ounces) deli corned beef, chopped  
1/4 cup 1,000 Island salad dressing  
1/2 cup rye croutons  
4 hard-boiled eggs, quartered

Toss lettuce, sauerkraut, cheese, parsley and corned beef. Drizzle with dressing. Garnish with croutons and eggs. Serve immediately. Yield - 4 servings

## Hot reuben spread

1 jar (16 ounces) sauerkraut, rinsed and drained  
1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, cubed  
2 cups (8 ounces) shredded Swiss cheese  
1 package (3 ounces) deli corned beef, chopped  
3 tablespoons 1,000 Island dressing

Combine all ingredients in a 1-1/2 quart slow cooker. Cover and cook for 2 hours on low, then turn on high for 30 minutes, or until cheeses are melted. Stir to blend. Serve with cocktail rye bread or rye crackers. Yield - about 3-1/2 cups

## Reuben pizza

1 (14 ounces) prebaked Italian bread crust  
2/3 cup 1,000 Island salad dressing  
8 ounces thinly sliced or chipped corned beef  
1 can (16 ounces) sauerkraut, rinsed and well drained  
2 cups (8 ounces) shredded Swiss cheese

Place crust on a 14-inch pizza pan; spread with salad dressing. Layer with corned beef and sauerkraut; sprinkle with cheese. Bake at 400 degrees for 12 to 15 minutes or until heated through and cheese is melted. Yield: 8 slices



## ENERGY SAVER TIP OF THE MONTH

Pre-heating your oven consumes a lot of energy. Think about how much energy is wasted if you bring the oven up to 425 degrees Fahrenheit for a half-hour before baking begins, then open the oven door **all the way** to insert the pans. With a few exceptions (such as a delicate souffle' or cake), pre-heating your oven before you bake is not necessary. (Likewise, don't open the door multiple times to "peek" at the results while the food bakes or roasts.)

## Who invented the reuben?

There are two major claims to the place where the first reuben sandwich was served publicly:

**New York City** - Arnold Reuben, owner of a landmark Manhattan delicatessen simply called "Reuben's" is thought to have made this specialty sandwich in the early 1900's. Arnold Reuben's daughter described a "Reuben Special" sandwich created in 1914. The "special" featured meat, cheese, cole slaw, and Russian dressing on buttered and toasted rye bread.

**Omaha, Nebraska** - Folks in Ohama have long claimed the reuben as the creation of wholesale grocer Reuben Kulakofsky. That story says that Kulakofsky created the sandwich at Omaha's Blackstone Hotel in the 1920's to feed players in a late-night poker game. It was such a hit that the hotel owner put it on the menu and named it in Kulakofsky's honor. Years later a waitress at the Blackstone entered the recipe in a national sandwich competition and won.

Documentation for some of these events does exist, including a 1937 menu from the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln, Nebraska, describing the Reuben as we know it today: corned beef, sauerkraut, and Swiss cheese on Russian rye with a special dressing.

Who knows? Maybe the real story about the creation of the reuben is yet to be written!

- source: [www.yahoo.com](http://www.yahoo.com)

# 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.

## Brown County

**November 14 - Brown County Humane Society's Chocolate Walk** from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Nashville. Chocolate Walkers will be able to sample different chocolates by visiting 30 local chocolate-makers and premier Indiana chocolatiers. Tickets are \$15.00 through October 31 and \$20.00 November 1 to 14. All proceeds go directly to the animals. For more details visit [www.bchumane.org](http://www.bchumane.org).

## Jackson County

**October 16 - Annual boutique & luncheon** in the Immanuel Lutheran Church fellowship hall in Seymour. The boutique is open from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and lunch is served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (dine-in or carry-out). Event is sponsored by the Lutheran Child and Family Services Cross Life Ministries. Contact Luci Angel (812-530-6176) for more information.

**October 16 - Annual fall chili supper** at Lutheran Central School in Brownstown. Serving chili, sandwiches, cookies and drinks from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. Carry-out available. For more information call the school (812-358-2512).

**October 17 & 18 - Fort Vallonia Days** - Crafts, flea market, food, demonstrations; parade at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. For booth information contact Brad Covert (812-358-4193); for parade entry information contact Ann Cooper (812-358-5567), or visit the website at [www.fortvalloniadays.com](http://www.fortvalloniadays.com).

**October 25 - Annual soup and sandwich supper** from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Brownstown. A wide variety of homemade soups, sandwiches, salads and desserts available. Contact Kathy Passerini (812-358-3459) or the church (812-358-2539) for more information.

**October 31 - Annual holiday arts & crafts bazaar & bake sale** at the Seymour First

United Methodist Church, 3rd & Ewing Streets in Seymour. Sale hours 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Lunch served. For more information or for booth space contact Nancy Erp (812-522-5264).

**November 1 - Annual St. John's turkey & ham supper & bazaar** from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at St. John's (Sauers) Lutheran School. Hosted by the church's Ladies Aid. Turkey, ham and all the trimmings for a free-will donation. Hand crafted items and baked goods also available. Contact Judy Stuckwisch (812-522-6231) for more information.

**November 6, 7, 13 & 14 - Jackson County Community Theater presents "Aaron Slick from Punkin Crick"** at 7:30 p.m. each evening. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults, \$6.00 for students and seniors and should be purchased in advance at Family Drug in Brownstown and Bevers Family Pharmacy in Seymour. For more information call 1-812-358-5228 or visit [www.jcct.org](http://www.jcct.org).

**November 6 - St. Paul (Borchers) Lutheran Church Harvest Home Supper** - Dine in or carry out turkey and ham suppers from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. for a free-will offering. Check out the goodies in the bazaar room too. Contact the church office ([stpaul.lutheran@stpaul-borchers.org](mailto:stpaul.lutheran@stpaul-borchers.org) or 812-522-7364) for more information.

**November 7— 27th Annual Craft Show** sponsored by Ladies Aid #3 of Immanuel Lutheran Church; 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Immanuel Lutheran School Gym. Some booth space still available. Lunch served. Proceeds go to various charitable causes and funds. For more information call 812-523-3109 or 812-445-3233.

**November 8 - Emanuel Harvest Festival** from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Emanuel Lutheran Church, Dudleytown. Serving turkey, ham, and all the trimmings. Dine in or carry-out for a free will donation. For more information contact Leon and Kay Klosterman (812-523-8264).

**November 21 - SEPAC Holiday Arts and Craft Market** at the Seymour American Legion (corner of 2nd and Pine Streets). 40 to 45 vendors will be offering their wares from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be available. Funds raised go to annual scholarships that support disabled citizens. To inquire about spaces call Beth White at 445-3815.

**November 21 - 15th Annual Crothersville FFA Craft Show** in the main gym at the Crothersville Junior-Senior High School from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. One-of-a-kind items, silent auction, food and baby sitting services.. All proceeds benefit the annual Crothersville FFA Toy and Food Drive. For more information or to reserve booth space please contact FFA Advisor Linda Maxie (812-793-2051).

## Jennings County

**November 14 - Crafty Saturday** in Jennings County from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Visit four craft shows in one day at the Jennings County Fairgrounds and Lord of Life Lutheran Church on State Road 3 north of North Vernon; the Spencer Township Fire House in Hayden; and St. Joseph Catholic Church on County Road 700W south of Hayden. Visit all four and receive a ticket for the big door prize.

## Lawrence County

**October 17 - Annual fish fry** hosted by the Pleasant Run VFD at the fire station. Serving from 12:00 noon until the food runs out. Contact Steve Nolan (812-834-6384 or [snolan@hoosierfire.com](mailto:snolan@hoosierfire.com)) for more information.

**November 19 - Annual Holiday Dinner & Auction** at Erie United Methodist (718 Erie Church Road). Dinner starts at 5:00 p.m.; auction follows. Call the church (812-279-1731) for more information.

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# Community Calendar continued

## Scott County

**October 17, 24 & 31 - Ghost Tours** - 8:00 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. - Advance tickets \$10.00 per person at the Scott County Heritage Center and Museum (812-752-1050) for more information.

**October 21 – Brown Bag Lunch** program at 12:00 noon at the Scott County Heritage Center & Museum. Featured will be *Good Health & Weight* by Kelly Railing. Bring your own lunch. Desserts and drinks will be furnished. For more information call the museum at 812-752-1050.

**October 21 – Bonfire & Dance** for teens from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. at the Scott County Heritage Center & Museum. For more information call the museum at 812-752-1050.

**October 27 - Museum's 10th Anniversary Celebration** - Open house from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Scott County Heritage Center & Museum. For more information call the museum at 812-752-1050.

**November 7 - Steak & Hamburger Fry** sponsored by Scott Lodge #120 F&AM. Serving steak and hamburger dinners from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. next to the Austin Dairy Queen on U.S. Highway 31. Contact Barry Parks (812-794-2042) for more information.

**November 14 - Pilgrim and Indian Thanksgiving Breakfast** at 9:00 a.m. at the Scott County Heritage Center & Museum. \$5.00 per person. For more information call the museum at 812-752-1050.

**November 14 - WW II USO Dance** at LJ's Banquet Hall; sponsored by the Scott County Heritage Center & Museum. \$20.00 per person - 1940s apparel encouraged but not required. For more information call the museum at 812-752-1050.

**November 16 - Scott County Historical Society Dinner** at 6:00 p.m.; \$6.00 per person. Featured speakers will be Robert Fox, Janet Hall and Andrew Rowden: Indiana Authors. For more information call the Scott County Heritage Center & Museum at 812-752-1050.

**November 16 - Holiday Silent Auction** begins at the Scott County Heritage Center & Museum. \$5.00 per person. For more information call the museum at 812-752-1050.

**November 18 – Brown Bag Lunch program** at 12:00 noon at the Scott County Heritage Center & Museum. Featured will be Lincoln by Robert Fox. Bring your own lunch. Desserts and drinks will be furnished. For more information call the museum at 812-752-1050.

## Washington County

**October 23 & 24 - Two-day Yard Sale** to benefit the Humane Society of Washington County in the Awareness Washington County Building on Joseph Street in Salem. Sale hours are 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each day. All proceeds go to the animal shelter. For more information contact the Humane Society (812-883-4204) or Mindy Gunn at (812-896-1717).

Weekends now through November 29 -

The restored Beck's Mill will be operating and open for tours. Friends of Beck's Mill, Inc., will greet visitors from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Sundays. Contact Lowell DePoy (812-472-3749) for more information or to schedule special group tours.

It will soon be time to  
**Fall Back!**

Be sure to turn your  
clocks **BACK** one hour  
before going to bed on  
**Saturday, October 31, as  
Daylight Saving Time ends  
on November 1.**



## LED holiday lights

*For a limited time only  
Energy efficient LED lights available at  
your REMC for \$4.00 per string!*

Jackson County REMC would like to help you decorate and light up your home for less this holiday season. How? By teaming up with wholesale power cooperative Hoosier Energy to offer 70-light strings of LED lights at a specially discounted price. These multi-colored C-6 size lights are designed for both indoor and outdoor use. Up to three sets can be connected end-to-end and still meet Underwriter Laboratories (UL) standards. The lights are available for purchase in the REMC office for the special price of \$4.28 (sales tax included) per string. There is a limit of five strings per membership at this special discounted price. This price is good while our supply of light strings lasts. If you are making a special trip to our office to make a purchase, please call ahead to make sure we have the lights in stock.

When calling or writing please give the name and account number shown on your label or billcard.

Compact Fluorescent light bulb coupon.  
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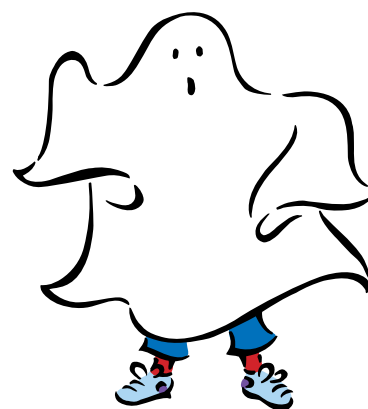
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This is no Halloween  
**TRICK!**



Jackson County REMC members may bring in the above coupon and we'll **TREAT** you to six compact fluorescent light bulbs!

**When: Saturday, October 31 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**



**Where: John Jones GM City showroom  
at the junction of State Roads 60 and 160  
in Salem.**