


# Watt High Lights



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**Deployment of automated meter  
reading system continues.**

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### OUR COVER

One year ago, the REMC started the deployment of a new metering technology that provides two-way communications over the existing power lines. We currently have 14 out of the 20 substation or metering point installations complete. See page 4 for more information about the deployment of this technology.

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# Grassroots can send reality check on "Cap and Trade"

**General Manager Jed Wheatley**

*You may have recently received a letter urging renewed contacts.*

Legislators face many pressures from special interests and their own party leadership that are sometimes helpful and sometimes harmful. However, legislators absolutely should feel pressure to do what is in the best interests of their constituency.

The carbon legislation that passed out of the U.S. House of Representatives in June was much improved over the version of the bill that was first introduced. However, it still fell considerably short of being 1) fair, 2) affordable, and 3) achievable.

Right now would be a most opportune time to send a reality check to Washington DC concerning the pending "cap and trade" legislation that will soon be debated in the U.S. Senate.

If you have previously participated in Jackson County REMC's grassroots efforts to encourage its members to contact their legislators about carbon legislation, you should have recently received a letter urging renewed contacts with U.S. Senators Bayh and Lugar simply by signing and mailing the postcards supplied.

If you haven't yet contacted your legislators, you may use the form below to get it done. Just fill it in and mail it to the REMC either right now or with your next bill payment, and we'll take it from there. Alternatively, you may go to [www.ourenergy.coop](http://www.ourenergy.coop) and make the contact. Either way, you'll be glad that you took action on this important issue.

Dear Senators Lugar & Bayh,

I urge you to work with my electric cooperative as you craft climate change and energy legislation. As the US Senate debates this issue, I am asking you to fight for a bill that is:

**Fair.** Climate change legislation needs to recognize regional differences in how electricity is produced.

**Affordable.** Any Climate change plan must keep electricity affordable for all Americans.

**Achievable.** Climate change legislation must be realistic to ensure long-term success.

Legislation must be fair and affordable - adopting these goals will help ensure that outcome. Please work with the electric cooperatives to minimize the cost of combating climate change. Given these tough economic times, keeping electricity affordable must be a priority. Please insist on legislation that's fair and affordable to the people of our great state.

Sincerely, Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Account # (from mail label on back page) \_\_\_\_\_

# Indiana Statewide's "*Electric Consumer*" sponsoring competition for 5th through 8th graders

*Five winners will enjoy lunch with Miss America Katie Stam*


Indiana Statewide Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives (Statewide) was the first organization of its kind in the nation. Established in 1935, Statewide brought our communities together to serve as a central resource to meet the needs of its member cooperatives. In celebration of this community and cooperative spirit, Statewide is sponsoring its first "Youth Power and Hope Awards" Contest through its monthly publication "*Electric Consumer*." Jackson County REMC is a proud member of Statewide and is pleased to help promote this contest.

"*Electric Consumer*" is a monthly publication that provides information and education to rural electric cooperative members across Indiana. You may access current and past issues of "*Electric Consumer*" by accessing the publication's website at [www.electricconsumer.org](http://www.electricconsumer.org).

"*Electric Consumer*" will honor five young people from all the entrants who are active in their community. The essay contest recognizes the community involvement of Indiana youth and supports the personal platform of community service of Indiana's own Katie Stam, Miss America 2009.

For contest details and to enter the competition, go to the "*Electric Consumer*" website at [www.electricconsumer.org](http://www.electricconsumer.org).

## Have Lunch with MISS AMERICA



**Indiana's Own  
Miss America 2009  
Katie Stam**

**Attention 5th-8th Graders!**

Do you believe in helping others in your community? We want to hear what you're doing to make your world a better place!

Enter our first-ever "Youth Power and Hope Awards" Contest, and you could be a guest of honor at a private lunch with Indiana's own Miss America 2009 Katie Stam on Thursday, Dec. 17, in Indianapolis!

**Youth  
power  
+  
hope  
Awards**

*Electric Consumer* is proud to sponsor this award to recognize the community involvement of Indiana youth and to support Miss America's personal platform of community service. Just tell us what you're doing in a short essay.

Five winners will be chosen from among all entrants for the opportunity to meet Miss America, win a crystal award, have their essays published in *Electric Consumer*, and attend the Indiana Statewide Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives' Annual Meeting in Indianapolis.

To enter, and for contest details, go to the *Electric Consumer* Web site at [www.electricconsumer.org](http://www.electricconsumer.org).

Entry deadline is Friday, Oct. 2.

Contest sponsored by  
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# Automatic metering installation update

## New ACLARA™ system is proving to be a valuable tool for the REMC

by Mark McKinney, REMC Project Manager

One year ago, Jackson County REMC started the deployment of a new metering technology that provides two-way communications over the existing power lines. The new ACLARA™ system is part of what the utility industry calls Advanced Metering Infrastructure, or AMI for short, and is a key component of a “Smart Grid”. We currently have 14 out of the 20 substation or metering point installations complete and over 6,800 ACLARA™ meters installed. We are on target to complete this project mid 2010.

All departments of the REMC are utilizing the ACLARA™ system. Reading the meter for the Billing Department is one of the obvious uses for the ACLARA™ system. Not only are we able to read the meter for your bill, which occurs just after midnight on the 17th of each month, the ACLARA™ system also provides the ability to collect hourly metering information as well to help members analyze their usage patterns.

The Operations Department has integrated the ACLARA™ system with our Outage Management System to more accurately pinpoint power outages and power restorations by utilizing the two-way communication functionality. Our Engineering Department is using the ACLARA™ system to monitor system voltages and “blinks” across the system to improve power quality. The Member Services Department uses the information provided by the ACLARA™ system to

assist in energy usage and energy efficiency issues.

The ACLARA™ system will offer many more added benefits for our members in the future. One of the benefits that we are currently working on in conjunction with Hoosier Energy is for our members to have the ability to participate in a “Demand Response Program”. This program will utilize the ACLARA™ infrastructure to intelligently cycle the power to participating hot water heaters and/or air conditioners to help reduce system energy peaks. The equipment used in the demand response program can also provide energy usage information for the participating hot water heaters and/or air conditioners to further assist

in energy usage and energy efficiency issues.

Other future benefits may include:

- “Prepayment Program” to assist members in budgeting and managing their own energy usage
- “In-Home Display Units” to provide information to those members participating in a “Demand Response” program, a “Prepayment Program”, or for the member that wants accessibility to their energy usage information to make energy or money savings decisions

Watch for future issues of “Watt-Highlights” for additional information.



REMC employees Kyle Swaby (center) and Kyle Williams (right) discussed the cooperative's new Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) at the Annual Meeting in July. When completed, the AMI will provide many money-saving functions for the REMC, including troubleshooting problems, obtaining hourly usage data and collecting regular readings for monthly billings.

# Rate change news from our long distance partner TransWorld Network

*Long distance rates going up,  
dial-up Internet rates staying unchanged*

Price increases are never good news, especially in times of economic hardship such as many are experiencing today. Our long distance telephone carrier, TransWorld Network (TWN) has taken many steps over the past 10 years to absorb cost increases so that consumers did not feel the impact. We know that many consumers appreciate the savings they have realized.

Unfortunately, TWN is now facing a challenge. Their largest long distance undercarrier has notified TWN of a significant increase to their costs and, despite intense discussions, have convinced TWN they have no latitude to alter their decision to avoid the impact on TWN customers.

TWN reports that they do not have the ability to absorb the extent of these cost changes. The increases,

which amount to 15% across the board, will have to be passed along to its consumers. This includes all long distance and related products including toll-free and calling card products.

The rate increase will go in effect on October 1, 2009. TWN has begun notifying its customers of the upcoming rate increases on their September bills, as these will begin to impact consumer invoices starting in October.

Questions concerning TWN's rate increase should be directed to that company's customer service number: 1-800-950-3015. Customers are encouraged to ask about rate discounts available for enrolling in paperless "e-bill" or committing to a one-year term. A list of the new rates and the available TWN programs is included in the box to the right.

## Still using a land-line telephone?

### Check out our long distance savings with TransWorld Network!

To sign up call  
**1-888-893-3040**

*Even with the new rates, it's still a great bargain!*



**New per-minute rates for  
TransWorld Network long  
distance customers  
Effective October 1, 2009**

**Long distance - no term**  
6.8¢ in-state & out-of-state  
7.5¢ toll free numbers  
10.9¢ calling cards

**Long distance "e-bill"  
no term**  
6.8¢ in-state  
5.6¢ out-of-state  
7.5¢ toll free numbers  
10.9¢ calling cards

**Long distance &  
Internet bundle (no term)**  
6.8¢ in-state & out-of-state  
7.5¢ toll free numbers  
10.9¢ calling cards  
\$14.95 Internet/ month

**Long distance - 1-year term**  
6.8¢ in-state  
5.6¢ out-of-state  
6.8¢ toll free numbers  
10.9¢ calling cards

**Long distance "e-bill"  
1-year term**  
5.6¢ in-state & out-of-state  
6.8¢ toll free numbers  
10.9¢ calling cards

**Long distance & Internet  
bundle - 1-year term**  
5.2¢ in-state & out-of-state  
6.8¢ toll free numbers  
10.9¢ calling cards  
\$13.95 Internet/ month

**Long distance & Internet  
bundle "e-bill" - 1-year term**  
5.2¢ in-state / out-of-state  
6.8¢ toll free numbers  
10.9¢ calling cards  
\$12.95 Internet/ month

**Dial-up Internet only**  
\$14.95 / month

# Are you disappointed with your heat pump system?

*Tell-tale signs that your system may not be up to snuff plus things you should know before buying a new one*

*by Brian Wolka, Member Services Director*

If you feel like you're not getting the efficiency out of your heat pump that you thought you should then maybe it's time to get it checked out by a ***professional heating and cooling technician that has been trained and certified***. Your heat pump needs maintenance and tuning up on a regular basis just like an automobile to keep it running efficiently. Following are some tell-tale signs that indicate your heat pump needs attention:

1. Your electric bill recently increased by a huge amount.
2. The emergency heat light is on or flashing on your thermostat.
3. The furnace runs but the outside unit does not.
4. You can't seem to get the house up to the temperature settings.
5. Some rooms are hotter or colder than others.
6. Air is not coming out of all the registers.
7. The outside unit is covered with several inches of ice.
8. The heat pump checks out OK but the bills are outrageous.

If any of these tell-tale signs sound familiar then it makes sense to have your system checked. Notice I said ***"system checked."*** You may have purchased a heat pump with a very high efficiency rating (SEER), but the equipment is only as good as the installation. The system is made up of an air handler (usually a furnace), the outside unit which is the heat pump, duct work (usually both metal and flexible), a line set (copper tubing that carries the refrigerant to and from the heat pump to the A-coil in the furnace), electrical

circuits to the furnace and heat pump, and a thermostat. Sometimes a special air cleaner and or humidistat are also incorporated into the system.

Just like an auto mechanic uses an engine analyzer, a professionally trained heating and cooling technician uses test equipment on a heat pump system. Most certified technicians follow an inspection checklist and leave a completed copy of the inspection report with the homeowner. It's a good idea to keep this report for future reference the next time your system needs checked out. Following are some of the important criteria that are used to check the performance of a heat pump system:

1. The heat pump should be the proper size for the house. Bigger is not better. An oversized heat pump short cycles and causes inefficiency and improper dehumidification. Heating and cooling load calculations should be used in sizing the heat pump.
2. The air handler (furnace) should be matched correctly with the heat pump in order to provide the proper air flow. Air flow should be measured and noted on a performance report.
3. The duct work should be sized and designed properly to allow the correct amount of air to flow into and out of each room, plus return and supply air flow should be balanced for maximum efficiency. The duct work should be air tight to eliminate any losses. Adequate supports should be used to keep duct work secure and eliminate any sagging or pinching that could restrict airflow. Mastic and UL 181 aluminum tape should be used on joints and seams to seal duct work. The duct work should be tested with a duct blaster and flow hoods to assure tightness and proper air flows into each room. Measurements should be noted on the performance report.

4. The heat pump system should be tested at startup and during maintenance inspections. The system refrigerant charge should be checked for the proper level. The heating and cooling capacities should be measured to insure the system is operating at rated manufacturer capacities.

5. An outdoor thermostat or approved equivalent device should be installed and set to prevent the backup emergency heat from coming on prematurely which could cause inefficiency of the system and increased energy usage.

6. A programmable thermostat is recommended and it should be mounted in a location that prevents extreme external temperature influences.

7. Supply and return air filters or air cleaners should be checked monthly and cleaned or replaced as needed.

8. The heat pump should be installed on a secure and level pad and located as near to the air handler as possible. The line set should be free of any kinks that could inhibit refrigerant flows.

9. The electrical circuits should be of proper size and capacity to serve the air handler and the heat pump. Circuits running long distances from the electric service breaker box may need to be sized larger to keep the voltage drop at an acceptable level especially when the heat pump starts. Low voltage can damage or shorten the life of the heat pump.

A properly installed heat pump system along with a well insulated home is a great combination that will provide low energy bills and whole house comfort for many years when maintained and serviced by trained and certified heating and cooling technicians.

## Let's talk about it

# Do you have window pains?

*The U.S. Department of Energy and ENERGY STAR provide advice on making your windows more energy efficient*

Windows provide our homes with light, warmth, and ventilation. But when winter sets in they can have a downside.

Placing your hand against a window pane on a chilly fall morning proves the point: if the pane feels cold, it's a good bet you can reduce energy costs by either insulating your existing windows or installing new, energy-efficient upgrades.

Insulating with draperies is a low-cost quick fix to drafty windows and can reduce heat loss from a room up to 10 percent. And they're just as helpful in hot summer months by blocking sunlight. White plastic-backed drapes can reduce heat gain by up to 33 percent.

Interior storm window panels are another low-cost fix (available at most hardware stores), and consist of flexible or rigid plastic installed over or adhered to existing window panes. Installation is fairly simple, and panels are either taped on or mounted with Velcro, magnetic strips, or snap-in seals. Put them up in autumn and remove them in spring to reduce winter heat loss by up to 50 percent.

If you're in the market for new windows altogether, be sure to choose energy-efficient models that will shave heating, cooling, and lighting costs year round.

Energy Star® has established a set of energy performance ratings, tailored to four climate zones across

the United States, to guide you in selecting windows perfect for your home. These performance ratings are broken into several categories, although the two most basic are U-Factor and Solar Heat Gain Coefficient (SHGC), which can be found on window stickers or packaging.

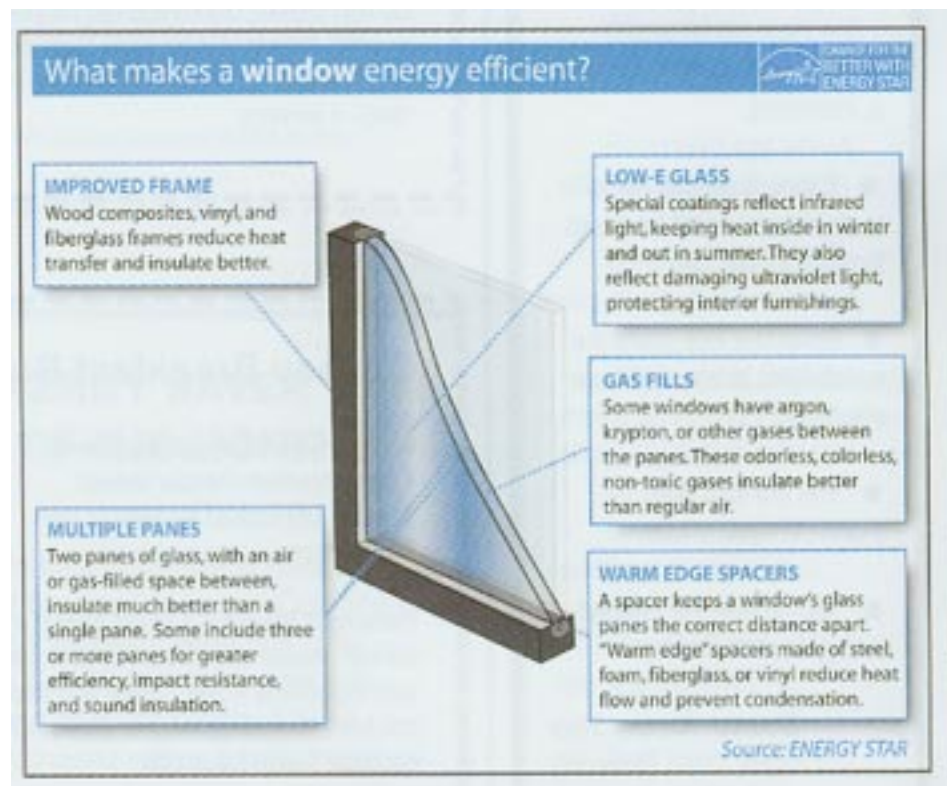
In simple terms, U-Factor measures how easily heat can flow through a window, not counting direct sunlight. The lower the number, the more energy efficient the window.

SHGC measures how much heat from sunlight can be absorbed by the window. A high number means the window remains effective at collecting

heat during winter. A low number provides greater shading ability and may be best for Southern climates.

Here in Jackson County REMC's service territory, windows for the North/Central climate zone are best. Look for a U-Factor of .40 or lower and a SHGC of .55 or greater. You can also visit [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov) for more details on our climate zone and other criteria to consider when shopping for new windows.

**Sources:** U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy; Energy Star



*Graphic illustrating what makes windows energy efficient.*

*Source: ENERGY STAR*

## Next Issue . . .

### Reuben, Reuben

There's more to a Reuben than the classic sandwich! There are many ways to enjoy the combination of sauerkraut, rye bread, corned beef and cheese . . . and we'll share some with you in October!

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

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### The importance of breakfast

- You are less likely to indulge in high calorie foods throughout the day.
- Your mental performance is increased.
- Eating breakfast helps to decrease overall fat intake throughout the day.
- Breakfast kick-starts the metabolism to burn fat more effectively.
- You are less likely to snack between meals.
- You receive the needed energy to start the day.

Source: *Kansas State University*

# September is Better Breakfast Month

by Betty Baute, Member Services Assistant

"Breakfast is the most important meal of the day." That's not just an empty adage --- it's true! Breakfast provides the energy needed to start the day off right. Studies have found that youngsters who eat breakfast perform better in school, pay more attention in class, are more creative, and score higher on exams. Adults who eat breakfast are less likely to be overweight because they have less desire to snack before lunch.

We're celebrating "Better Breakfast Month" with four great breakfast casserole recipes, including a single serving quiche that you can whip up in no time.

### Breakfast Pie

2 cups diced cooked ham	2 cups milk
1 cup shredded cheese	1 cup baking mix (Bisquick, Jiffy, etc.)
1/3 cup chopped green onions	1/4 teaspoon salt
1/3 cup chopped green bell pepper	1/8 teaspoon black pepper
4 large eggs	

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Grease a deep-dish pie plate. Place ham in plate; top with cheese, onions and bell pepper. Beat eggs, milk and baking mix until smooth. Pour over ingredients in pie plate. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Bake for 35 minutes or until a knife inserted in the center of the pie comes out clean. Yield - 4 servings

### Cheesy Breakfast Bake

8 frozen hash brown patties, thawed	1 cup milk
4 cups shredded cheddar cheese	1/2 teaspoon salt
1 pound fully cooked sausage or ham	1/2 teaspoon ground mustard
7 large eggs	

Place hash browns in a single layer in a greased 9 X 13 X 2 baking pan. Sprinkle with cheese and meat. In a bowl, beat eggs, milk, salt and mustard. Pour over ingredients in pan. Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour. Uncover and bake 15 minutes more or until a knife inserted in the center of the pan comes out clean Yield - 8 servings

## French Toast Casserole

1 long loaf French bread (about 1/2 pound)	2 tablespoons sugar
8 large eggs	3/4 teaspoon salt
3 cups milk	1 tablespoon vanilla
	2 tablespoons butter, cut in small pieces

Grease a 13 X 9 X 2 baking dish. Cut bread into 1-inch thick slices; arrange bread slices in a single layer in dish. Beat eggs, milk, sugar, salt and vanilla until mixed. Pour over bread. Cover with foil and refrigerate overnight. To bake, heat oven to 350 degrees. Uncover casserole and dot with butter pieces. Bake uncovered for 45 to 50 minutes or until bread is puffy and lightly browned. Serve with syrup, honey, fruit or powdered sugar. Yield - 8 servings

## Quiche For One

1/4 cup bulk pork sausage*	1 slice bread, crust removed
1 large egg	1 green onion, sliced
1/3 cup milk	1 tablespoon shredded cheese
Dash each salt, pepper & ground mustard	

Brown sausage & drain. Beat egg, milk & seasonings. Cube bread & place in greased custard cup. Top with sausage & onion; pour egg mixture over top and sprinkle with cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Yield - 1 serving

\*You can substitute diced ham or bacon bits for the sausage in this recipe.



## ENERGY SAVER TIP OF THE MONTH

Buy and cook in bulk. Buying in bulk means less packaging, fewer trips to the store and financial savings. Cooking in bulk is a more efficient use of appliance energy and time. However, "bulking up" will work only if you make sure you can consume what you purchase or make before it goes bad. Consider sharing bulk purchases with a family member or friend if you don't think you can use it up.

## Quick & healthy breakfast ideas

You can have a healthy breakfast, even if you don't have time to cook a big breakfast. Here are some healthy suggestions for families who are on the go:

- ✓ Cereal with strawberries and skim milk
- ✓ Oatmeal, an orange and skim milk
- ✓ Pancakes topped with fruit; skim milk
- ✓ Bagel with peanut butter, banana; skim milk
- ✓ Granola bar, apple and yogurt
- ✓ Whole wheat toast with a poached egg and salsa
- ✓ Scrambled egg whites, with vegetables and salsa
- ✓ Breakfast parfait (layer yogurt with fruit and cereal)
- ✓ Whole wheat English muffin with peanut butter, a sliced apple and skim milk
- ✓ Low-fat cottage cheese and your choice of fruit
- ✓ Grapefruit half, granola bar and skim milk
- ✓ Fruit salad, yogurt dip and two mini muffins

# 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

**September 19 - Annual barbecue & antique tractor show and ride** sponsored by the Hamilton Township VFD. Dine in or carry out from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Cortland school. Tractor ride leaves at 10:00 a.m. For more information contact Ed Flynn (812-497-2944).

**October 4 - Sauers Men's Club annual soup and sandwich supper** and bake sale at St. John Lutheran School. Soups, sandwiches, salads, drinks. Serving from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Contact Richard Stuckwisch (812-522-6231) for more information.

**October 10 - Annual Houston Fall Festival** from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Salt Creek Township community of Houston. Craft booths, cake walks, greased pig contest, carriage rides in the Hoosier National Forest, gospel and bluegrass music and much more. Parking and admission are free. Festival proceeds go to maintain and preserve the Houston School, built around 1916. Contact David or Janet Fisher (812-995-2315) for more information.

**October 11 - Fall supper & bazaar** at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wegan. Serving turkey, ham and all the trimmings from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Dine in or carry-out for a free-will donation. For more information contact Bret or Julie Peters (812-358-2186).

**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 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 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 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.

## Lawrence County

**October 2 & 3 - Outdoor drama "Journey Through Hell"** presented by the Dive Christian Church in Bedford (892 Peerless

Road). Hour-long shows are scheduled from 7:30 to 10:30 each evening. Program geared for teens and adults only. Pre-registration required by calling 812-279-3963. No admission charge. For more information contact Phil McDonald (812-279-3963).

**October 10 - Soup Supper & Cookie Walk** from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Erie United Methodist (718 Erie Church Road). Call the church (812-279-1731) for more information.

**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 18 - 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.

## Scott County

**September 19 - Ed Cozart's Walk & Talk, The Story of Marion Tyler**, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Scott County Heritage Center and Museum. \$8.00 per person. Call the museum (812-752-1050) for more information.

**September 21 - Scott County Historical Society Dinner** at 6:00 p.m. Featuring Tony Susnick speaking on *The Reno Brothers*. \$6.00 per person. Call the Scott County Heritage Center and Museum (812-752-1050) for more information.

**October 3, 10, 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 14 - Foster Parent information night** from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Event is

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## Community Calendar continued

sponsored by The National Youth Advocate Program (520 Moonglo Road, Scottsburg). Information will be provided on the process and a schedule of classes will be provided. Please call 1-800-381-9676 for more information.

**October 15 - Scott County Historical Society Fall Luncheon** at 12:00 noon; featuring *Indiana Bad Music*. \$10.00 per person. Call 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.

### Washington County

**September 19 & 20 – Old Settlers Days Festival** in Salem – 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Saturday and 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday located at The John Hay Center/ Stevens Memorial Museum. Free entertainment on the stage of The Depot, contests and activities. Food, crafts and Settlers Market vendors. If you would like to be a vendor please contact Becky Day at 812-620-4718 for more information.

**September 26 - 6th annual Franklin Township School reunion** will be held at the home of Bob and Jane Marquand, 790 S. Franklin School Road. beginning at 4:00 p.m.. Bring a covered dish and a 2-liter drink plus any memorabilia that you would like to share. For more information contact Jane Marquand (812) 967-2056.



## Dollars & Sense A bright idea! LED holiday lights!

*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.

### **Special discount price at your REMC!**

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 member 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.

### **What are LED lights?**

LED light strings use about one-tenth the amount of electricity of comparable strings of miniature lights. For example, ten 70-light strings of miniature lights (0.4 watts per bulb) will consume about \$4.20 of electricity if used for 5 hours per night for 30 nights. Ten 70-light strings of LED lights (0.04 watts per bulb) will use about 42 cents worth of electricity during the same time period.

LEDs are also more durable and last thousands of hours. They are more difficult to break due to their solid-state construction, and they are cool to the touch, making them less likely to start heat-related fires.

**Questions? Call our Member Services Department at 358-4458 or 800-288-4458 toll free or e-mail us at [info@jacksonremc.com](mailto:info@jacksonremc.com).**

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

**TELEPHONE (812) 358-4458**  
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During regular office hours you will be connected with our switchboard operator. After regular hours you will be connected with our answering service. Please call during regular office hours for all business other than outages or emergencies.

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## **September 20 - 26 is National Farm Safety & Health Week**

Jackson County REMC reminds its members that farming is one of the most dangerous jobs in the United States. Please remember the following tips as harvest time approaches:

- ✓ Be aware of the locations of electrical lines and equipment, and educate your families and employees about them.
- ✓ Look up before raising, lowering or moving augers, elevators and other tall equipment to make sure there are no power lines in the way.



- ✓ Extra care needs to be taken by operators of farm equipment and those who share the roads and highways with them.
- ✓ Immediately report any safety issues involving power lines, poles and other equipment to the electric company.

**For more electrical safety information visit [www.safeelectricity.org](http://www.safeelectricity.org).**