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**Office hours: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Monday-Friday**

CO-OP NOTES

\$50 bill credit drawing winner

The \$50 drawing winner for the month of September was Leon Muhlenkamp of Portland. Read *Electric Consumer* for your chance to win a \$50 bill credit.

Mel Tillis tickets winner

The winner of the tickets for the Mel Tillis concert at Bearcreek Farms was Julie Kirby of Redkey. Congratulations!

We used to ... but now we don't

*We used to weigh what is on our
driver's license ... but now we don't.*

*We used to have brown hair ...
but now we don't.*

*We used to have a different time
than Ohio ... but now we don't.*

You're not the only one confused by the time change. Indiana adopted daylight-saving time in 2006 for the majority of its 92 counties. The main purpose of daylight-saving time (called "summer time" in many places in the world or in our area it was "Indiana time" or "Ohio time") was to make better use of daylight and save electricity.

Daylight-saving time ends on Nov. 1. On that day, we "fall back" in time. What used to be 7 a.m. will now be 6 a.m. Just remember in March to "spring forward." What used to be 7 a.m. will then be 8 a.m.

Regardless of the time change, we at the REMC will still have to be at work by 8 a.m.

Prepare for a safe, warm home

Beautiful winter landscapes and holiday traditions are highlights of the season ahead. But, along with the winter wonderland is the likelihood of frigid temperatures and higher electricity use. A review of your home for safety and efficiency weak spots can help you find ways to take control and make your home safer and more energy efficient this winter.

Drafty doors, windows, attics, walls and floors can be places where energy dollars escape without even being noticed. Taking time to winterize and check heating equipment now can be a worthy investment — saving you money on your monthly bill and ensuring your home is safe.

It's important to have a professional inspect and service your furnace to make sure it is in good working order before turning the heat on this winter. An efficient heating system means greater comfort at a lower cost. Regularly clean or replace furnace filters monthly during winter use, and check ducts, flues and chimneys. Ensure the chimney is clean, clear of bird and animal nests and that there is no blockage by high-efficiency furnaces that vent through the wall. Keeping heating equipment clean and in good repair will ensure peak efficiency and safety.

Consider installing a programmable thermostat to automatically raise and lower home temperatures for energy savings day and night. Set your thermostat to lower temperatures while you're asleep or away from home.

Make sure attics and flooring, especially above unheated spaces such as crawlspaces and garages, are appropriately insulated. Find air leaks in homes by moistening fingertips and running them around doors or window frames to feel a draft. Check around outlets and look for gaps near the dryer vent, chimneys and faucet pipes. Seal them all with caulking or weatherstripping.

Weatherstripping and caulking are inexpensive and among the simplest, most effective ways to boost efficiency and cut energy costs year round.

Another way to save energy is by replacing screens with storm windows and doors. Double-pane windows with low-e coating can reduce heating bills by 34 percent in cold climates compared to uncoated, single-pane windows. If you have older or leaky windows you cannot replace,

try plastic film kits that create the effect of an interior storm window.

Consider replacing regular incandescent light bulbs with energy-efficient compact fluorescent light bulbs. CFLs use one-fourth of the energy consumed by a regular bulb and last 10 times as long or longer.

During cold weather, don't overlook simple energy-saving steps such as opening curtains to let sunshine warm your home and closing them at night to keep warmth in. Also, make

sure fireplace dampers are closed when not in use. These are effective energy-saving tips that cost you nothing.

As you take steps to winterize your home, use the opportunity to check for electrical hazards. Use this electrical safety checklist to eliminate hazards:

- Check outlets and make sure they are not overloaded or warm to the touch.

- Examine electrical cords for cracks, frays, and damaged plugs. Don't run cords under rugs, furniture or behind baseboards.

- Check that light bulbs are the proper wattage and securely screwed into light fixtures so bulbs don't overheat and ignite curtains or nearby furniture.

- Outlets related to frequent circuit breaker trips or blown fuses should be inspected by a professional. Dimming lights and shrinking pictures on televisions and computer monitors are also electrical warning signs that merit an inspection.

- Make sure bathroom, laundry room, kitchen, and outdoor outlets have ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs), and test and reset them monthly. If these outlets do not have GFCIs, have them professionally installed.

- Test your smoke detector batteries. Replace them if they are more than six months old.

If an electric space heater is used, make sure the wiring is adequate and check for cord fraying, splitting wires, or overheating. Don't place a portable heater in high-traffic areas and keep it clear of curtains, bedding, clothes, and furniture. Never use extension cords with electric heaters.

Taking these simple steps reduces the risk of fire, shock, injury or death. We want everyone to stay safe and warm this winter.

For more information, please visit www.safeelectricity.org.



Ensure your family is taking the necessary steps to stay safe and warm this winter. It could even save money on your home energy bills.

Sign of the times inspires local business

by Cindy Denney

It's a sign of the times when cell phone calls are replaced with texting.

It's a sign of the times when incandescent light bulbs are replaced with CFLs.

It's a sign of the times when crayons on a poster board are replaced with hydrojets on metal.

Jay County REMC members Dustin and Leslie Isenbarger not only recognize a sign of the times, they are creating those signs with the new Techni Waterjet. The Isenbargers' business, Hydrojet Signs and Fabricating, is located at the corner of Highway 32 and County Road 400 East in rural Randolph County. Like many new businesses (less than 6 months), the Isenbargers started their business out of need — the need for quality metal signs.

Hydrojet Signs and Fabricating is a division of Glass Components, owned by Leslie's father Terry Wymer. To prepare for the arrival of the Techni Waterjet, the Isenbargers' had to work months to move the stock room at Glass Components. Even though they still have more work to do, they are ready for your calls at 765-584-6225. Make sure to leave a message because they could be busy creating a fantastic sign.

"We cater to all markets. Our main focus is to create unique and one-of-a-kind signs for all our customers' needs," said Leslie.

To make the unique signs, the waterjet machine cuts with ultra high-pressure water (about 50,000 psi) and granite. According to Leslie, the average power washer at home you might use on your wood deck is about 3,500 psi. Granite is a type of sand and is a very precious stone. The high pressure water and granite flows through a diamond orifice with a very small hole of .043 causing the water to come out of the cutting head at mach 3 speed. If I have it correctly, the

waterjet is faster than a jet plane, but slower than the space shuttle. We are definitely talking high tech equipment.

The waterjet can cut just about any material without producing any heat build-up. The waterjet has the capability of cutting metal, plastic, glass, marble, granite, rubber and more. The waterjet can also cut certain materials up to six inches thick. The standard signs are made of 16-gauge metal material and all bigger signs are made out of 11-gauge metal.

Signs can be as large as 6 feet by 12 feet and as small as 1 ½ inches. Because of the complexity of some designs, the signs can take several hours to create. If the customer wants, the signs can be painted black. Signs to be painted are sent to B & B Powdercoating where the sign is painted then baked. (I have heard of baking a pumpkin pie, but never of baking paint. I guess education is a life long process.) The finished sign may take up to three weeks, indicated Leslie.

"We can make just about any sign you can think of. We have thousands of pictures to choose from and if we don't have it, we can still make it," said Leslie.

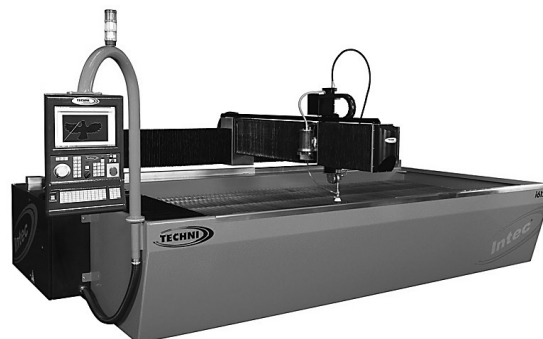
Signs can be personalized for all occasions: home décor, welcome signs, last name, anniversary, weddings, businesses and more. Although the Isenbargers can make signs for all occasions, their main target audience is the rural community. Many farmers and ranchers want custom designed signs to welcome visitors with a unique logo or saying that reflects their personality.

It is a sign of the times when we begin to reflect how thankful we are to have family and friends who care. You can be a lucky and thankful winner of a custom made sign from Hydrojet Signs and Fabricating by filling out the entry form below.

Cindy Denney is director of marketing and customer services for Jay County REMC.



Leslie Isenbarger of Hydrojet Signs and Fabricating operates the Techni Waterjet.



The Techni Waterjet utilizes ultra high-pressure water and granite to make signs.



Leslie Isenbarger shows off a finished sign produced by the business she and husband Dustin own.

Win a custom sign from Hydrojet Signs and Fabricating!

Name _____

Address _____

Account # _____

Phone # _____

Mail entry to: Jay County REMC, P.O. Box 904, Portland, IN 47371 or e-mail to denneyc@jayremc.com. **The drawing will be held Nov. 30 at 4:30 p.m.**

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Distributed generation procedure

Jay County REMC is currently developing procedures for its members who are interested in generating electricity via a renewable energy source. The requirements for distributed generation include:

- Application
 - Written interconnection agreement
 - Interconnection costs
 - Service
 - Insurance
 - Inspection
 - Maintenance
- Jay County REMC and the member must work

together in connecting distributed generation to the grid. Jay County REMC and the member must follow any applicable federal, state and local laws or regulations. A written agreement between Jay County REMC and the member is required to facilitate a safe, reliable and fair connection of the facility to the grid.

Progress updates will be in *Electric Consumer*. If you have any questions, please call Jeff Myers at 800-835-7362 or 260-726-7121.



www.jayremc.com

SIDELINES

Courtesy of Jay County Chamber of Commerce, Bearcreek Farms, B & S Excursions and Jay County Tourism Bureau.

Nov. 7: Jay County Conservation Club Fish Fry. Conservation Club. 4-7 p.m. Max Colvin, 260-726-2804.

Nov. 8: U.S. Marine Corps Birthday Celebration. Museum of the Soldier. 2 p.m. Look back with special speaker and cake cutting ceremony. Jim Waechter, 260-726-2967, or jwae@hotmail.com.

Nov. 11: Veterans Day Dinner and Show. Bearcreek Farms. 2 and 7:30 p.m. Cost — \$5 show, \$6.95 lunch or \$8.95 dinner. 260-997-6822

Nov. 14: Delt's 25th Annual Craft Show. Jay County High School. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission \$2. Linda Ashman, 260-726-4091.

Nov. 14: Gaither Homecoming Artist Ivan Parker. Benefit concert for the Angel Tree program. Bearcreek Farms. 260-997-6822.

Nov. 19-22: Winterfest. Thursday, 11/19 — Live Nativity at the old firestation at 6:30 p.m., lighting of the community Christmas tree and community sing at the courthouse. Friday, 11/20 — Benefit auction at Arts Place. Saturday, 11/21 — Breakfast with Mickey and Minnie Mouse at East Jay Middle School from 8-11 a.m. (tickets \$5 for children and \$2.50 for adults), bingo at John Jay Center for Learning at 12 p.m., carriage rides at the courthouse at 2:30 p.m., Little Miss Winterfest at the courthouse at 2:30 p.m., Parade of Lights at 6 p.m. Sunday, 11/22 — Holiday home tours from 12-5 p.m (tickets, \$5, available at the Jay County Chamber of Commerce or Locker's Touch of Country). Homes featured this year are Kyle and Julie Teeter, Youth Service Bureau Residential, Youth Service Independent Living, Lori and Steve Smith, and Freda and Neal Corwin. Jay County Chamber of Commerce, 260-726-4481.

Nov. 20: Holiday Benefit Auction. Arts Place. Doors open at 5 p.m. and bidding begins at 6 p.m. Free admission and refreshments. Sue Burk, 260-726-4809.

Nov. 27-29: Branson On The Road Holiday Show. Bearcreek Farms. 260-997-6822.

Nov. 29: Christmas at the Museum. Jay County Historical Society Open House. 1-4 p.m. 260-726-7168.

Nov. 30: Dunkirk Feel the Warmth of Christmas. Santa comes to town! 5:30-7:30 p.m. Judy Garr, 765-768-1041.

Dec. 2-4: "Smoky Mountain Country Christmas." Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg, Tenn. B & S Excursions, 260-276-6577.

During school year until June: Fundraiser for Jay County High School Marching Patriots. If you are a DIRECTV customer and plan to subscribe for another year, the Marching Patriots can earn \$50. If you aren't a DIRECTV customer and plan on subscribing, the Marching Patriots can earn \$100. To help out the Marching Patriots, call 1-888-388-4724 and give the operator the school code of B1688. Carolyn Carducci, 260-726-4151, or Kelly Smeltzer, 260-726-9306.

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Courtesy of Berne Chamber of Commerce

Nov. 6: Autumn Health Fair. South Adams Senior Center in Berne. 7-10 a.m. There will be charges for various tests. Fasting 10-12 hours is required.

Nov. 7: Holiday Craft Bazaar. South Adams High School. Berne Chamber of Commerce, 260-589-8080.

Nov. 28-29: Weihnachtsfest. Downtown Berne. Opening of the Christmas season. 260-589-8080.

Support our troops

We must **NOT** forget the brave men and women fighting overseas to keep us safe and out of harm's way. With this in mind, the following Web sites will be listed each month in **Electric Consumer** until our loved ones come home.

Visit these sites for ideas on how you can support the troops:

www.anysoldier.com

www.anymarine.com

www.anyairman.com

www.anysailor.com

www.anycoastguardsman.com

www.give2thetroops.org

www.Operation-Carepackages.org

www.OperationCareandComfort.org

Coming soon!



Online bill presentment and payment! Watch for more details in *Electric Consumer*.



Happy Thanksgiving from the directors and employees of Jay County REMC!

The office will be closed Nov. 26 and 27.

Emergencies: 726-7121 or 800-835-7362.

Angel Tree benefit concerts

The holiday season brings about thoughts of caring and sharing. Jay County REMC members have an opportunity to do just that by contributing to the Angel Tree program.

Angel Tree is a program helping those in need have a Merry Christmas.

Gospel singer Ivan Parker will headline benefit concerts on Nov. 14 at Bearcreek Farms to raise funds for the program. The concerts will take place at 2 and 7:30 p.m. For tickets call 260-997-6822.

Mention REMC when ordering tickets and Bearcreek Farms will donate a portion of the proceeds to Angel Tree.

Merry early Christmas!



Ivan Parker

Sign up to win two tickets to the Ivan Parker concert at Bearcreek Farms benefitting Angel Tree. Tickets include a 6 p.m. dinner and the 7:30 show.

Name: _____

Account NO.: _____

Phone NO.: _____

Mail entry to: Jay County REMC, P.O. Box 904, Portland, IN 47371 or send an e-mail to denneyc@jayremc.com. Drawing is at 4:30 p.m. on Nov. 10.

Punny poultry jumpstarts the holiday spirit

by Cindy Denney

At the beginning of the holiday season everyone needs a little humor. At the Denney house, the holidays can be a bit stressful. Not because of the holiday itself; more because Mr. Denney and I are not on the same holiday spirit plane. Perhaps a little punny poultry will jump start his holiday spirit.



Which side of the turkey has the most feathers?

The outside!

Can a turkey jump higher than the Empire State Building?

Yes. A building can't jump at all!

Why did the turkey cross the road?

It was the chicken's day off!

What's the key to a great Thanksgiving dinner?

The TurKey!

What sound does a space turkey make?

Hubble, Hubble, Hubble!

What's the best dance to do on Thanksgiving?

The turkey trot!

Punny poultry – sometimes I crack myself up! As you travel to be with your families this Thanksgiving, we want to offer a few holiday safety tips courtesy of the fire department:

- Keep your family and guests safe with working smoke detectors on every level of the house. Check the batteries to make sure detectors are operational.

- Overnight guests and family should be instructed on a fire escape plan. It is always a good idea to practice fire drills. The Denney family knows all too well the importance of practicing a fire drill.

- Have a fire extinguisher available no more than 10 feet away from the stove on the exit side of the room. At least one 2-1/2-class ABC multi-purpose dry chemical extinguisher is recommended.

- When cooking, avoid wearing loose clothing and jewelry that can catch pot handles causing spills. (Avoid cooking, period, is my philosophy.)

- Cook on back burners when possible and turn handles in so they don't extend over the edge. (I go back to avoid cooking.)

- Never leave the stove unattended. If you must leave, turn the stove off or have someone else watch it while you're gone. (Once again, my preference is avoid cooking.)

- Keep Thanksgiving decorations and kitchen clutter away from sources of direct heat

Happy Thanksgiving!

Cindy Denney is director of marketing and customer services for Jay County REMC.

\$50 monthly bill credit drawing

NAME: _____

ACCOUNT NO.: _____

PHONE NO.: _____

Note: To be eligible for the drawing, your coupon and payment must be in the office by 4:30 p.m. on the last working day of the month.