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## Mark your calendars...you don't want to miss this event!

Henry County REMC is celebrating 75 years of service to the community, and we have a fun celebration in store for our members.

Members and their families are invited to attend REMC's Member Appreciation Day, Friday, Oct. 28 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Henry County REMC, 201 N. 6th St., New Castle, IN.

Take a ride in a bucket truck, play some REMC bingo or simply come for food or to learn about your electric cooperative. All members will receive FREE energy efficiency kits valued at \$20.

Be sure to bring the kids! We will have a bounce house on site and other youth activities. Kids can get their picture taken with Freshwater Fred of Turtle Creek Reservoir. Turtle Creek was constructed in 1980 to provide cooling water for REMC's power supplier, Hoosier Energy, at its Merom Generating Station. Turtle Creek is now one of the best fishing and waterfowl hunting recreational spots in Indiana.

REMC will provide lunch to attendees from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Chili, hot dogs and dessert are on the menu.

This event is FREE to members and their families. Mem-

bers are encouraged to RSVP to help us better plan for food. Please call REMC at 765.529.1212 extension 21 or e-mail at [lsullivan@henrycountyremc.com](mailto:lsullivan@henrycountyremc.com) and provide us with your name or account number and how many guests you will be bringing.

Members, please help us update your account information. Fill out the coupon below and bring it with you to the event. Your name will be put into a drawing for a \$25 gift card.

**Please help us update your account information.**

REMC Acct. #: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Bring this coupon voucher to the Oct. 28 event.

## The savings continues to grow

Henry County REMC members find savings with our new Co-op Connections discount card. This card not only saves money on products and services locally and nationwide, but it also can save 10% - 60% on most prescriptions at participating pharmacies.

**Products & Service Savings:** Visit the REMC website at [www.HenryCountyREMC.com](http://www.HenryCountyREMC.com) and click on the Co-op Connections Card link. Simply enter a zip code and select

the desired driving radius to view the saving offers in a specific area.

**Prescription Savings:** Members are encouraged to search online to find discounted prices on prescriptions ([www.rxpricequotes.com](http://www.rxpricequotes.com)) and participating pharmacy locations ([www.locateproviders.com](http://www.locateproviders.com)).

New business offers will be added to our website as they are acquired. New deals found this month are from Big Bounce Inflatables, New Castle, and Smith's Carpet and Furniture, Spiceland.

**NEW!** Members can now download the Co-op Connections app on their iPhone, iPad, Droid or Blackberry phones. This app will help you find savings from your location, update you on new business offers and more. Search "Coop Connections" at your app store.



**Member Service**

Ph: 765.529.1212 • Mon. - Fri. 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Website**

[www.HenryCountyREMC.com](http://www.HenryCountyREMC.com)

## LED Holiday Lights at REMC

The holiday season is quickly approaching. Now is the time to take inventory of your lighting to guarantee your season sparkles! Beginning this October, members can take advantage of discounted energy efficient LED holiday lights through your REMC.

LED holiday lights are:

- Long lasting lights with a three-year guarantee.
- Use 80-90% less energy than standard holiday lights.
- Cool to the touch.
- Water and weather resistant.

Our lights do not have glass bulbs to replace or break and bulb covers never fade, chip or peel. **Lights can be purchased beginning Oct. 1.** Supplies are limited.



## PCA tracker charges turn into credits

The power cost adjustment tracker (PCA) on Henry County REMC members' bills will be a credit instead of an extra charge in the fourth quarter of 2011.

In October, the credits will be 1.036 cents per kilowatt hour. This is equal to \$10.36 per 1,000 kWh. "We have always told members that the PCA is a way of tracking either higher or lower costs for the electricity we purchase from Hoosier Energy," said Steve Wolfrom, general manager. "Hoosier's costs to produce power have fallen recently, so the PCA they charge us is going down, so we are passing these significant savings to our members." Expenses included in the Hoosier PCA charge to REMC include such variables as fuel, environmental and transmission costs.

"While the long-term trend is for wholesale power costs to increase, it is good to be able to lower the costs for our

members when we can," said Wolfrom. He stated that \$900 million in plant investments, particularly environmental controls, plus rising fuel and materials costs, will continue to push up the price of power that REMC purchases. "Wholesale power purchases are more than 72 percent of REMC's costs, and these factors are what have been causing members' rates to increase."

Wolfrom encouraged members to visit REMC's website to learn about ways to save energy. REMC offers many programs to help members reduce their electric bill and wholesale power costs.

Please check out our new website at [www.HenryCountyREMC.com](http://www.HenryCountyREMC.com) and sign up for our monthly e-newsletter to stay informed on energy efficiency, REMC programs, events and electrical safety.



### Food donations in exchange for CFL's



For the month of October, members can bring in 5 non-perishable food items and receive 5 CFL's absolutely free. Bring this newsletter with your donation.

This co-op has been part of an effort to distribute one million, high-efficiency compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs).

The energy saved is estimated at more than 257.7 million kilowatt-hours (kWh).\*

\*CFLs use an average of 53 less kWh every year than standard incandescent bulbs, and each bulb has an average lifespan of seven years. These figures are based on a 70 percent installation rate and a \$0.10 per kWh rate.

### Electrical Fire Safety Tip

About 28,600 home electrical fires occur during a typical year, leading to \$1.1 billion in property losses. Faulty electrical outlets and old wiring are the main causes of electrical fires, as are damaged cords, plugs, switches, and light fixtures. The number one priority in a fire is to escape safely.

Only use a fire extinguisher if:

- The fire department has been called.
- Everyone has exited the building.
- The fire is confined to a small area, such as a wastebasket.
- The room is not filled with smoke.

