

# Watts New

## 77th Annual Meeting

Middletown Church of the Nazarene

April 29



The 2014 REMC Annual Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, Apr. 29 at the Middletown Church of the Nazarene**. Mark your calendars and be sure to join us for this special event. This year's event will have a variety of activities for the youngsters, energy displays, food, prizes, entertainment by Walker County, director elections and a special visit from Senator Jean Leising. Attending members will receive a \$10 bill credit and a complementary gift.

Board of directors' seats up for re-election are District 3 (Mt. Summit), District 6 (Millville), District 9 (Knightstown) and District 11 (New Castle). Members interested in becoming a director candidate for the 2014 election are nominated by petition **ONLY**. Members may become a director candidate by submitting a petition signed by 30 members from their district along with address and account number. **Petitions must be submitted to the REMC by Feb. 28, 2014**. After names are verified by a credentials committee, candidates will be added to the ballot and the voting takes place at the Annual Meeting on Apr. 29.

Director responsibilities include setting policies, rates, budget and providing strategic direction of the cooperative. Interested candidates are advised to visit [www.hcremc.com](http://www.hcremc.com) and click on the 'Directors' option found under the 'About REMC' tab to download a complete information packet or call 1-800-248-8413.



**Above:** Senator Jean Leising, Indiana State District #42

**A special appearance will be made by Senator Jean Leising.** Senator Leising serves citizens of District 42 which includes Decatur, Fayette, Franklin, Henry, Ripley, Rush and Shelby. She plans to address issues facing the rural electric industry and actions being taken by the State.

### Schedule of Activities:

5 p.m.	<b>DOORS OPEN</b>
5 p.m.	<b>MAIN ENTRANCE</b> Receive registration gift, meal ticket and voting card
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.	<b>MAIN ENTRANCE &amp; GYMNASIUM</b> Dinner served
6:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.	<b>SANCTUARY</b> Entertainment
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.	<b>SANCTUARY</b> Business Session and Prize Drawing <b>NURSERY</b> Child care available <b>YOUTH CENTER</b> Youth activities

*Sign language will be available during the meeting for the hearing impaired.*

**Watch next months newsletter for more information and to RSVP for this event.**

#### Member Service

Ph: (800) 248-8413 • Mon. - Fri. 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

#### Website

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

## Upgrade appliances to receive REBATES and BILL CREDITS

Henry County REMC has rebates for members who purchase high efficiency heating, cooling or water heating equipment. See equipment specifications below.

To receive a rebate from Henry County REMC, all homeowners must provide AHRI (Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration Institute) validation for all SEER ratings that can be obtained from the installing heating and cooling dealer. No rebate will be awarded based on HVAC dealer bid specifications, promotional materials of dealer, manufacturer or any other source than AHRI.

All homeowners must complete a rebate request form and provide proof of purchase to receive any 2014 Henry County REMC rebate. Deadline to apply for 2014 rebates is Dec. 31, 2014. All homeowners and future homeowners receiving rebates agree to the future installation of load control devices on these rebated appliances to allow REMC the opportunity to engage in future Energy Management procedures.

To learn more about our Energy Management Program and rebate information, visit our website at [www.hcremc.com](http://www.hcremc.com) and click on 'Energy Management' under the 'Efficiency' tab or call 1-800-248-8413.

2014 Energy Management Rebate Program				
Type of System:	Equipment Specs:	Incentive \$ Amount		Conditions that apply:
Heat Pump Water Heater	40 gallon or larger	\$400		Replacing old electric or gas/propane water heater or installing in a new home.
Electric Home Duct Sealing	Home must be two years or older.	Amount of invoice or up to \$500		Must provide sealer name and date of seal work.
Gas Home Duct Sealing	Ducts must be sealed with a minimum of 1/16" mastic	Amount of invoice or up to \$250		
Central Air Conditioner	15 SEER or higher	Single Speed Compressor \$300	Dual/Variable Speed Compressor \$600	Replacing old air-conditioner or installing in a new home.
New Construction or replace old HP, fossil fuel, or dual fuel application.				Installing in a new home. Replacing an old heat pump, natural gas, propane, oil or wood furnace. Installing as a dual fuel system in a new home or replacing an existing air conditioner or heat pump.
Heat Pump	15 SEER or higher	\$300	\$600	
Mobile Home Heat Pump	13 SEER or higher	\$300	\$600	
Geothermal Heat Pump		\$1,000	\$1,000	
Replace electric resistance heat				Replacing HVAC in a home that had an electric furnace, electric ceiling cable heat, baseboard electric heat or other type of wall electric heaters.
Heat Pump	15 SEER or higher	\$1,800	\$2,200	
Mobile Home Heat Pump	13 SEER or higher	\$1,800	\$2,200	
Geothermal Heat Pump		\$1,800	\$2,200	

\*\*Please note: Mini-split and package heat pump systems do NOT qualify for rebates.\*\*

## Festival guides are here!

Start planning your weekend getaway now by getting the scoop on what's going on in Indiana. REMC has the 2014 Indiana Festival Guide available to help you find hundreds of festivals, craft fairs, community celebrations and more. The guides are free of charge through your REMC.

**Drop by today to get your copy!**



**Two minutes at ACTION.COOP could help keep your electric bill affordable.**

## **Why does the Consumer Charge have to increase?**

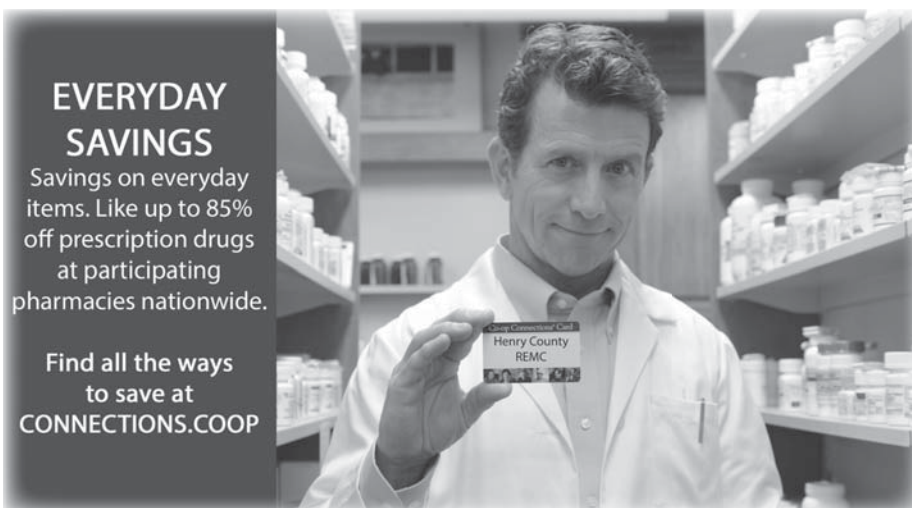
Shannon Thom, Henry County REMC CEO

Much like the cost of living has increased each year, the cost of providing service to each member owner has increased as well. As a non-profit organization, your REMC funds the operation of the business by carefully aligning costs with expenses.

The costs of doing business are fairly constant throughout the year. Adding costs to the energy (kilowatt hour or kWh) charge of your bill was considered, however the energy charge is variable. The amount of energy you use is very closely related to the temperature outside and your lifestyle. Increasing the energy charge would insure that member

owners that use more energy would be covering the costs of those that use less. The Customer Charge is a flat amount. This flat amount is designed for your company to maintain operation while trying to insure you only pay for what you use.

Increasing the Consumer Charge provides for fair distribution of the operating expenses of your company. As mentioned in the December issue of *Watts New*, Henry County REMC will increase the consumer charge from \$25 to \$35 in April 2014. Please contact us at (800) 248-8413 if you have questions.



### **EVERYDAY SAVINGS**

Savings on everyday items. Like up to 85% off prescription drugs at participating pharmacies nationwide.

Find all the ways to save at **CONNECTIONS.COOP**

### **ATTENTION:**

The REMC office will be closed on Monday, Feb. 17 in observance of Presidents' Day.

Please visit **www.hcremc.com** for most customer service needs or call **1-800-248-8413**.

# Touchstone Energy Camp

## Henry County REMC to sponsor 6th grade students for free Touchstone Energy Camp!

Touchstone Energy camp provides a fun, powerful and unique camp experience for 6th grade students from all over Indiana. Students can start their summer vacation learning about electricity, participating in camp activities, playing games and making friends.

Henry County REMC will sponsor two students whose parent or guardian lives in the Henry County REMC service territory to attend the free Touchstone Energy Camp. **The camp will be held June 4-7, 2014, at Camp Tecumseh YMCA Outdoor Center in Brookston, IN.**

The students' agenda will include electricity education, horseback riding, bucket truck rides, rock wall climbing, archery, canoeing, swimming, a Live Line Safety demonstration and more.

Information and applications have been delivered to schools and are available at [www.hcremc.com](http://www.hcremc.com). For more information, please contact Lara Sullivan at 800-248-8413. Applications must be returned to Henry County REMC by **Feb. 28, 2014.**

**Don't be left in the dark, apply today!**



## Operation Round-Up<sup>(R)</sup> is making a difference!

As a Henry County REMC member, you have a unique opportunity to support Operation Round-Up<sup>(R)</sup>, a program that provides financial support to organizations and individuals within the counties served by the REMC.

**How it works:** Participating members contribute an average of only \$6 per year by allowing REMC to "round up" their electric bill to the next highest dollar amount. A few cents from each member adds up to a significant amount of assistance. The extra cents go directly into a fund called Henry

County Community Service Corporation and is administered by a board of trustees made up of REMC members from the communities we serve.

Organizations are advised to visit [www.hcremc.com](http://www.hcremc.com) for grant application and guidelines. A complete listing of donations can also be found on our website.

Recent donations to our communities include:

- God's Grain Bin Food Pantry \$1,000
- Tri-High 2015 Parents \$ 300
- Westminster Community Center \$1,000

## REMC Scholarship



Henry County REMC is committed to helping college-bound students in our region. Once again, REMC will offer four-\$500 scholarships to high school seniors whose parent or guardian lives in the Henry County REMC service territory.

The deadline for applications is Mar. 14, 2014. See your school guidance counselor for information or visit [www.hcremc.com](http://www.hcremc.com) and click on 'Scholarship Award' under the 'About REMC' tab.

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