



Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

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CORYDON, IN 47112

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## PHONE NUMBERS & HOURS

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E-mail contact:.....www.harrisonremc.com  
and go to Ask a Question on the home page.  
Website .....www.harrisonremc.com  
Hours ..... 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Monday-Friday

## SERVICE INTERRUPTIONS

To report service interruptions, call: 812-738-4115 or 812-951-2323 day or night. During regular business hours these phone numbers will connect members to personnel at the Corydon office. After hours, they will connect members to the REMC answering service. Members should restrict calls to the answering service to electrical outages or emergencies.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## SERVICES WE OFFER

- Long distance phone service
- Personal medical alert system
- Security lights
- Rebate program
- Surge protection
- New home energy seminars
- Discount theme park tickets
- Home Security

## Harrison REMC offers CFL recycling

Please put old bulbs in a plastic bag and bring them to our office. We will see that they get disposed of properly.



# CO-opNews

Information from your electric cooperative

## NEWS OF NOTE

# Annual meeting plans set

The 73rd annual meeting of the Harrison Rural Electric Membership Corporation is scheduled for Tuesday, April 5, at the Corydon Central High School at 7 p.m. Registration will begin at 5:30 p.m.



David C. Lett  
CEO

As a registration gift, each member will receive a \$10 bill credit, a measuring cup set and a tote bag. The member or his/her spouse must be present to accept the registration gift. We will have several door prizes to be given away during the meeting. Beginning at 6 p.m. we will have entertainment provided by Country Classic. The children's entertainment will be a movie and coloring. Registration for the children will begin at 6 p.m. This supervised program is for children between the ages of three to 10 years old.

Harrison REMC will have three booths this year. One will be the CUSTOMER QUESTION booth which will allow members to ask staff questions regarding electric service or any other products we offer. The other booth will be the ENERGY EFFICIENCY booth which will be staffed by Bob Geswein, energy service advisor; members will have the opportunity to address energy efficiency issues. One of the booths will be our newest venture, HOME AND BUSINESS SECURITY. Harrison County Hospital will also be on hand to provide free health screenings for our members. We hope all of our members take time to visit the booths before the meeting begins.

The business portion of the meeting will include the election of three representatives to the co-op's board of directors. Your directors are elected by the voting membership at the annual meeting for three-year terms. This year members will be voting on directors for service in districts four, five and seven.

District Four includes Franklin Township in Harrison County, and the area in Jackson Township Harrison County east of State Road 135 and south of State Road 64, and the area in Georgetown Township in Floyd County south of Interstate 64 and west of State Road 62.

District Five includes Franklin Township in Floyd County, Posey Township in Harrison County, and the areas served in New Albany Township in Floyd County south of Old State Road 62.

District Seven includes Spencer Township in Harrison County, the area of Jackson Township in Harrison County west of State Road 135, Jackson Township in Harrison County east of State Road 135 and north of State Road 64, Harrison Township in Harrison County west of State Road 135 and north of State Road 62, and all of Jennings Township in Crawford County.

All registered members attending are eligible to vote, but you must be present to take part in the election process. Shuttle service will be available to transport people from the parking lot to the upper entrance of the school.

Members will receive their annual meeting notice with their March bills. Members need to bring the notice with them to the annual meeting to register, to be eligible to vote, receive their registration gift, and to be entered into the drawing for door prizes.

## Attention: 70+ members!!

If you are **unable** to attend the annual meeting on April 5, you can still take part in a drawing for one of three \$25 bill credits. The registration card can be dropped off by you or someone else to the REMC building or at the annual meeting to be eligible for the drawing. We will choose the lucky winners on April 6.

# Energy-saving devices can be too good to be true

"If something sounds too good to be true, it probably is." That saying rings especially true when it comes to claims about energy-saving devices, particularly those that indicate they can dramatically cut your heating and cooling costs.

Ads made to look like news stories abound for "Amish style" fireplaces, a "miracle device" that supposedly can slash your heating bills. In actuality, the appliance is simply a space heater hidden inside a false fireplace with a wooden mantle.

If you were to use a space heater eight hours a day, five days a week for a month, it would cost approximately \$15. But whether it can cut your heating bill depends on several factors.

Space heaters only warm a small area. You may save some money if you turn down the thermostat (sometimes to as low as 50 F), site the space heater in a room with people in it, and then close off that room from the rest of the house.

But space heaters cannot come close to replacing energy-efficient central heating or weatherization improvements. So while it's technically possible to cut your heating bill by 50 percent using space heaters, for most people, it's impractical.

On the flip side are evaporative coolers that say they will inexpensively cool a room in your home. The inside of the unit consists of cold water and frozen ice packs, like you would use in a lunch box. The water wets a curtain; a fan blows air through the curtain and over the ice packs, theoretically providing a cool breeze. Evaporative coolers operate best in low-humidity regions.

But do they actually work? A *Consumer Reports* experiment found that even in desert-like conditions, one device cooled a test room only two degrees over four hours.

"When it comes to saving energy, there are no magic solutions," said Brian Sloboda, senior program manager for energy efficiency at the Cooperative Research Network, the research arm of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. "Anyone promising to slash your utility bill by double digits is stretching the truth to the breaking point. Buying Energy Star-rated appliances, unplugging battery chargers and other 'vampire' electronics, and sealing air leaks around windows and doors are some of the best ways to save money and energy."

The bottom line: there's no substitute for good old-fashioned energy efficiency measures like weather stripping around doors, caulking around windows, adding insulation to your attic, plugging leaks in ductwork, and regularly cleaning or replacing furnace filters.



## New ... SCI Security from Harrison REMC

Protection for home or business ... Basic system starting as low as \$99 installed.

Call Shelley at 800-222-7362, ext. 3 or visit [www.myscisecurity.com](http://www.myscisecurity.com)

*Already have a security system? We can convert it over to SCI ... ask us how!*

### FACTS:

- A burglary takes place every 12 seconds
- Average loss per home burglary is \$1,675
- 60 percent of residential burglaries occur during daylight hours
- A burglar will spend no more than four to five minutes to try and break in
- This year one in six homes will be burglarized

**FREE** basic security system equipment with a \$99 installation fee! **\$850 value!!**  
Upgrades available. Certain restrictions apply.  
Offer expires 6/1/2011

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REMC**  
Your Touchstone Energy  
Cooperative 

### PROTECTION:

- Always lock all doors and windows
- Use deadbolt door locks
- Do not hide spare keys outside your home
- Prune tree branches and bushes around your house
- Do not tell strangers your daily routine
- Call police if you see suspicious activity in your neighborhood

Save up to 20 percent off of your homeowner's insurance with a monitored security system. Your home security system is monitored 24/7 by a U.L. Listed central dispatch center.

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## REMC RATE SCHEDULE

### Residential and Farm Service Rate

EXAMPLE FOR 1,000 KWHS

Basic service charge.....	\$20.00
First 750 kwhs @ .08295/kwh.....	62.21
Over 750 kwhs @ .06723/kwh.....	16.81
Power cost tracker .014239 per kwh.....	14.24
SUB-TOTAL.....	\$113.26
Indiana sales tax (7%) .....	7.93
<b>TOTAL BILL.....</b>	<b>\$121.19</b>

## CUSTOMER SERVICES

• **On-line bill payment** — REMC members can now access their accounts and pay monthly bills via the Internet. Log onto the REMC Web site, [www.harrisonremc.com](http://www.harrisonremc.com), and click "Access My Account."

• **E-check** — This free service allows members to make a manual payment via electronic check. Visit the Web site [www.harrisonremc.com](http://www.harrisonremc.com) any time and click "Pay by E-check."

• **Internet service** — REMC offers Dial-Up Internet service for as little as \$12.95 per month. Call 800-470-7362 to sign up.

• **Long distance phone service** — REMC offers long distance service for only 7.8 cents per minute with no monthly fees. This low rate applies to all calls made to the lower 48 states, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Discount rates to international locations are also available. Call 800-470-7362 for more information.

• **Automatic payment plan** — Save time and postage by having your electric bill automatically drafted from your designated bank account without additional charges.

• **Budget billing** — REMC can help take the ups and downs out of your billing amount each month by averaging one month's bill based on the previous 12 months of electric use.

## E-BILLING

Save time, money and paper with Harrison REMC's paperless billing. Once enrolled, you will automatically receive an e-mail each month telling you the balance due and due date. You can click on the link to view a copy of your bill and pay on-line with a credit card or electronic check. The eBill will replace your paper bill and will be sent to you at the same time of the month that you normally receive your paper bill. The new eBill will save you time and money if you choose to pay online and will save Harrison REMC money on postage and printing.

# E-Bill

## SECURITY

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## Appliance recycling program benefits homeowners, environment

Harrison REMC is offering an appliance recycling program to consumers who are ready to ditch their unnecessary and inefficient refrigerators and freezers and seize the opportunity to save some money, make a few dollars and help out the environment all at the same time.

Harrison REMC is offering a \$30 incentive to homeowners who have their refrigerators or freezers recycled in their program. Qualifying refrigerators and freezers must be in working condition with an inside measurement of 10 to 30 cubic feet.

To receive the incentive, customers simply schedule a pick up time to have their working refrigerator removed. It is a free pick up and no

purchase is necessary.

In addition to the \$30 incentive, consumers who participate are projected save up to \$150 a year in energy costs by using less electricity.

"Having an older refrigerator picked up for recycling is an easy way to make money, reduce monthly expenses and do your part to protect the environment," said Bob Geswein, energy services advisor.

The co-op's power supplier, Hoosier Energy, has partnered with JACO Environmental to schedule, collect and recycle the appliances.

To schedule pickup of a refrigerator or freezer for recycling, call 877-395-5535 or visit [www.harrisonremc.com](http://www.harrisonremc.com) to sign up.



## Pick up some cold cash.

## When we pick up your old fridge.

*Get \$30 back when you recycle your old fridge.*

## REMC accepting applications for IUS scholarships

Applications are now available for scholarships to Indiana University Southeast. Harrison REMC has provided these scholarships to encourage our local youth to continue their education.

The eligibility requirements for the REMC-IUS scholarships are: The applicant's parent or guardian must be currently receiving electrical service from the Harrison REMC. The applicant must be a high school senior who has been accepted at IUS for the 2011 fall semester as a full time student (12 credit hours) and have an SAT score on file at IUS. Indiana University Southeast will make the selection from each participating

school. Seniors must also provide a one page essay as to why they are the best candidate for this scholarship along with the application. Immediate family members of an employee or director of the Harrison REMC are ineligible for the scholarship.

The deadline for the application to be returned to IUS is April 15. Applications for the scholarships have been sent to school guidance counselors. Interested students should check with their schools. Applications are also available at the REMC office and online at [www.harrisonremc.com](http://www.harrisonremc.com).

## Prevent tragedy: Lock up poisons in your home

There are precautions to help prevent children from accidentally poisoning themselves. Remember that young children will often eat and drink almost anything and they are extremely curious.

- Keep household products and medicines out of reach and out of sight of children, preferably in a locked cabinet or closet.
- Store medicines and dietary supplements (especially iron pills) separately from other household products and keep these items in their original containers — never in cups or soft drink bottles. For example, never store cleaning fluids near food.
- Be sure that all products are properly labeled,

and read the label before using.

- Always turn the light on when giving or taking medicine to be sure you have the right medicine and the correct measure or dosage.
- Children imitate adults, so don't take medications in their presence. Don't drink medications from the bottle.
- Medicines are not candies. Never refer to them as such, even if you are trying to get the child to take medicine.
- Clean out your medicine cabinet periodically.
- Purchase household products and medications (including prescription drugs) that are in child resistant packaging.



Are you ready to build  
a new home  
or make your home  
more energy efficient?

Learn the five most important  
energy efficient decisions  
you will make when you build  
your new home  
or remodel your existing home.

These seminars are designed to help homeowners make informed choices about their homes.

## Home Seminar schedule

### Harrison REMC

High performance homes,  
parts 1 and 2  
April 6 and 7 at 7 p.m.

### Clark County REMC

Touchstone Energy Home  
Seminar  
March 3 at 7 p.m.



Debbie Koenig, Harrison County customer services representative, is shown with one of her Junior Achievement classes at New Middletown Elementary. Koenig and other Harrison REMC employees volunteer yearly at local schools with Junior Achievement.

# TLC your appliances

Day in and day out, they cook and clean for you.

And all your appliances need in return is a little pampering now and then to help ensure they run optimally and safely.

Each year there are approximately 24,300 residential appliance fires, according to the U.S. Fire Administration. With any appliance, frayed wires, overheating, unusual smells, short circuits, sparks and sputters should lead you to turn off and, if possible, unplug the machine immediately. Contact the manufacturer about what to do next. Periodically, check for evidence of leaks around appliances that use water, as small leaks can lead to much bigger problems.

Use these easy maintenance steps:

### Electric ranges

Clean cooking surfaces to prevent grease buildup. Keep flammable materials, such as towels and pot holders, away from the burners.

### Gas ranges

Remove the grates, drip pans and burners and wash them in soapy water.

### Refrigerators

Vacuum dust from the coils behind and underneath your refrigerator to allow proper airflow.

### Dishwashers

Use a soft brush to clean the gaskets around the door and frame to prevent food debris from weakening the seal and causing a leak.

### Washers

Replace dry, cracked or brittle supply hoses. Clean the tub by running a full cycle without a load with hot water and two cups of vinegar or lemon juice.

### Dryers

Clean the lint filter after every load, and periodically clean out any lint trapped behind the dryer. The interior of the dryer and venting system should occasionally be cleaned by a service professional.

## Sign up for the free energy management program

This innovative program allows Harrison REMC to install a switch on your electric water, air conditioner, or heat pump. When energy use is at its peak, a signal can be sent to cycle down the water heater and heating/cooling units for short periods of time.

You'll still have plenty of hot water and the inside temperature shouldn't be compromised. The good news is that you'll be saving energy, as well as helping out the environment without having to do a thing. Call 812-738-4115 or 812-951-2323 to sign up.

## What's in it for you?

### Harrison REMC energy management credits

Water heater only (June-August)	\$1.50 month
Water heater only (December-February)	\$2.50 month
Air conditioner only (June-August)	\$4 month
Water heater and air conditioner (June-August)	\$7 month
Water heater and air conditioner (December-February)	\$3 month
Second air conditioner (June-August)	\$2 month

Energy management credits will only be given during the following months: June through August; December through February. There will be little if any controlling during the months of March through May and September through November.

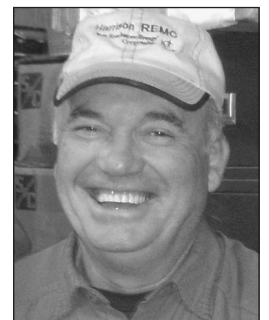
## Kendall retires after 41 years

Bev Kendall punched his time card for the last time at Harrison REMC on March 4, after 41 years of service. Bev was hired as a right-of-way clearing helper on April 13, 1970. Through the years he worked his way up to journeyman lineman.

Bev has been willing to go above and beyond the call of duty for his entire career and will be sorely missed.

Harrison REMC would like to thank Bev for all his years of service to our members.

We wish Bev and his family the best in his retirement.



Bev Kendall