

You are invited to our annual member forums

Northeastern REMC
A Touchstone Energy[®]
Cooperative

Join us on any date to meet and talk with members of your board of directors, CEO and staff. Come have your questions answered.

- Find out about current projects, including system upgrades planned for 2017 and beyond.
- Learn about the programs and services we offer you, our members.
- Tour our headquarters an hour before or following each Forum.

Tuesday, March 7 at 9AM

District 3: Marjorie Kennedy Babbitt

District 8: Dan Linnemeier

District 9: Jane Scott

Wednesday, March 15 at 2PM

District 2: Doug Schrader

District 4: Tom Western

District 5: Don Dafforn

Thursday, March 23 at 7PM

District 1: Rob Higgins

District 6: Joe Kruyer

District 7: Kevin Jordan

All Forums Held At:

Northeastern REMC
4901 E. Park 30 Dr., Columbia City

RSVP:

Nancy Law, 244-6111/625-3700 x425
or n_law@nremc.com

Celebrating 225 years of service to Northeastern REMC



2016 marked milestone anniversaries for 10 Northeastern REMC employees. Combined they have provided the cooperative with 225 years of dedicated service! Thank you to each of you.

Congratulations to Molly Snyder (10 years), Sereta Dornick (25 years), Tom Pyles (10 years), Shad Hunter (15 years), Justin Alexander (15 years), Josh Traxler (20 years), Tim Mishler (40 years), Todd Herron (25 years), Barry Hively (40 years), and C.L. Boggs (25 years).

REMC offering trip of a lifetime to high school juniors

Northeastern REMC will be awarding students the opportunity of a lifetime when they pick two 11th graders who live in Northeastern's service area to visit the nation's capital as part of the 2017 Indiana Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. June 8-15.

Students selected by the Northeastern will join more than 1400 students from 47 states for this all expense-paid week-long experience. Participants will visit the Flight 93 and Pentagon 9/11 Memorials, Gettysburg Battlefield, Arlington National Cemetery, Smithsonian Institution, National Mall memorials, National Museum of the Marine Corps and experience a night cruise on the Potomac River.

The Indiana Youth Tour students will also participate in a youth rally and spend a day on Capitol Hill, where they will meet with Indiana's congressional delegation and see first-hand how government operates.

For details about the tour or to obtain an application, visit Northeastern REMC's website - nremc.com or contact Michael DeFreeuw at 244-6111/625-3700, x 416 or m_defreeuw@nremc.com. Deadline to apply for consideration is February 28.



ARE YOU A HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR?
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WE'RE LOOKING FOR YOU

INDIANA YOUTH TOUR
TO WASHINGTON, D.C.
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JUNE 8-15, 2017



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**ENERGIZE
YOUR
SUMMER!**

**AT TOUCHSTONE
ENERGY CAMP**

A fun, powerful, and unique camp experience designed for students entering seventh grade in 2017.

What child doesn't love camp?

Northeastern REMC is offering sixth graders the chance to get away from home for a few days, have some summer fun, create unbelievable memories, and meet new friends from all over Indiana.

Up to four 6th grade boys and girls who live in Northeastern's service area will be picked by the cooperative to attend Touchstone Energy Camp in Brookston, IN, June 7-10. The camp, held at Camp Tecumseh, one of the most beautiful and popular YMCA camping facilities in Indiana, will give students the opportunity to enjoy a few days learning about electricity and safety, as well as doing favorite traditional camp activities like horseback riding, swimming, zip lining, canoeing, rock wall climbing, archery... and a whole lot more. And the best part for parents is that this opportunity is funded entirely by the REMC!

Deadline to apply for Touchstone Energy Camp is February 28. Details, a video, and the application are available on the REMC's website, nremc.com. If you have specific questions please contact Mike DeFreeuw, 244-6111/625-3700, x 416, or m_defreeuw@nremc.com.

Change helps create change for neighbors in need

Thanks to the generosity of Northeastern REMC members who are rounding up their monthly electric bills to the nearest dollar, several organizations within the Columbia City/Fort Wayne area received much needed financial help in 2016.

Through volunteers participating in our Operation RoundUp program, funds are accumulated and then distributed to organizations in need. Applications for funds, which can be submitted throughout the year, are reviewed three times annually by the Northeastern REMC Community Trust Board of Directors made up of NREMC members. In most cases, funds are awarded to meet the needs of applicants which aren't being met through other sources.

Program details and the application are available on our website, nremc.com, or at our office. You can also view our ORU video and hear about the impact these funds actually had for one local organization. Any questions can be directed to our member service department at 244-6111 or 625-3700.

We need you! Please consider helping your friends and neighbors in need by joining our Operation RoundUp program. Most donation totals average only \$6 per year, per member. That money stays local to help feed the hungry, educate children, stop abuse and neglect, keep residents safe and healthy... just to give a few examples. Signing-up is very quick and easy... simply call our office or visit our website.

Operation RoundUp funds assisted the following groups in 2016:

- **Allen County-Fort Wayne Historical Society**
- **The Lighthouse Interfaith Mission**
- **Muscular Dystrophy Association**
- **Stop Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN), Inc.**
- **Arcola Volunteer Fire Department**
- **Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry**
- **Churubusco Child Care Center**
- **Grace Lutheran Church Food Bank**
- **The Center for Whitley County Youth**
- **Junior Achievement**



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If your roof looks like the one on the left, we need to talk! Call our Energy Advisor, Jeanne Hasty, for information on how you could be staying much warmer for much less this Winter. And while you've got, Jeanne, on the line, consider booking a free in-home energy consultation so she can show you ways to make a big difference on your monthly bill every month of the year! Jeanne Hasty, 244-6111/625-3700, x 403 or j_hasty@nremc.com.



Learn more about ORU by watching the two videos on our website - nremc.com.

CEO Corner – Gregg Kiess

Happy New Year All!

I want to take a few minutes of your time to talk about our Member Forums coming up in March. 2017 marks the eleventh year for the Forums and past attendees have given them solid reviews.

These informal sessions give us a chance to share with you the services we offer, where and what we will be working on in 2017 and beyond, and other information about your cooperative. Most importantly, you will have the opportunity to meet your Board Members and staff and to ask any questions you may have.

As a final incentive, there will also be light snacks, appropriate drinks and registration gifts.

New for this year, a morning session has been added to our line-up in addition to the afternoon and evening sessions. Regardless of the session, we hope you take this opportunity to attend.

This marks the final time I will be a part of these Forums as I will be retiring shortly after the March 23rd session. I look forward to seeing past attendees again and the opportunity to meet some of you for the first time. It has always been an honor to be a part of these and to give you a glimpse behind the scenes with a tour of our headquarters.

I think you'll be impressed and amazed at what it takes to meet our vision of *Service, Satisfaction and Safety - Second to None*, and to fulfill our mission which is *To meet our members' on-going need for reliable energy service at a good value while meriting trust and confidence*.

Hope to see you there!

SPOTLIGHT

Check out our videos

Did you know we have created several new videos explaining some of the exciting programs at NREMC? You might even see some faces you recognize. They can be found on the Video Library page of nremc.com.

Seeking art from home schooled, k-12 students

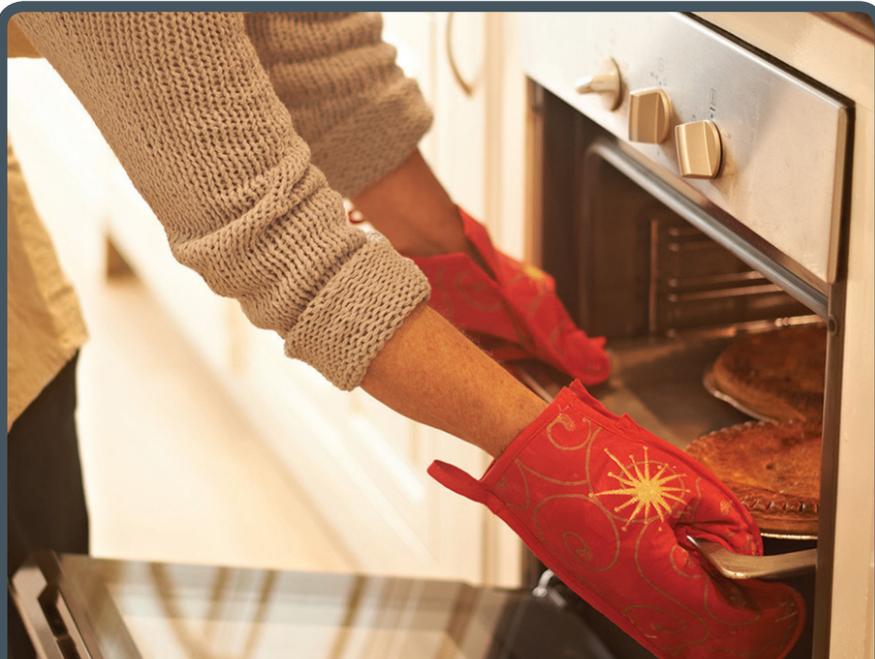
Here's a chance for all students, whether you're home schooled or enrolled in any area school, to have your artwork entered in a state-wide contest... the 2018 Cooperative Calendar of Student Art! For details, contact Devra Garcia, 244-6111/625-3700, x 416. Deadline to enter is 3 p.m. on **Friday, March 24, 2017**.

Solar panels for sale

NREMC is offering solar energy as an option through our community solar project. For details, call Doug Ferrell, 244-6111/625-3700, x 436, or see [info/video on nremc.com](http://info/video.nremc.com).

Recognize anyone?

A new list of unclaimed patronage capital checks is now posted on nremc.com. Look it over and let us know if you recognize any names.



REMEMBER:

*A stove should be used for baking
— not for heating your kitchen.*



Our Vision

**Service, Satisfaction and Safety -
Second to None!**

Our Mission

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This community project is for the birds!



Northeastern REMC recently assisted the Crooked Lake (Whitley County) Property Owner's Association with erecting an Osprey nesting platform on the northern side of the lake. NREMC donated the 70' long pole and erected it along the shore after volunteers mounted the 2'x2' wood and stick nesting framework to the top. The pole also has a camera so that nesting and hatching activity can be observed 24/7 on live web cam during the nesting season of March - July. This is the only Osprey cam in Indiana, and only one of about a dozen in the entire United States.

Unique among North American raptors for its diet of live fish and ability to dive into water to catch them, Ospreys are common sights soaring over shorelines, patrolling waterways, and standing on their huge stick nests, white heads gleaming. Ospreys search for fish by circling high in the sky over relatively shallow water. They often hover briefly before diving, feet first, to grab a fish. You can often clearly see an Osprey's catch in its talons as the bird carries it back to a nest or perch. It is a large bird, reaching more than 24 inches in length and 71 inches across the wings. It is brown on the upper parts and predominantly greyish on the head and underside.

NREMC is happy to be a part of this exciting community project!



Special thanks to NREMC employees Doug Sauers, Justin Alexander, Jared Boggs and Todd Myers.



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for NREMC
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student tour,
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