

## Eric Jung named Northeastern REMC's new President/CEO

As chair of the Board of Directors of Northeastern REMC, and on behalf of the entire board, I am very pleased to announce that effective April 3, Eric Jung will be our cooperative's new President/CEO.



**Doug  
Schrader**  
Board Chair

Eric will be joining Northeastern with over 15 years of senior management experience both in the U.S. Army as well as with SouthEastern Illinois Electric Cooperative (SEIEC) in Carrier Mills, IL.

Eric has served as the Manager of Engineering and Purchasing at SEIEC for the past 10 years where his responsibilities included managing the engineering, dispatch, metering and warehouse departments, along with serving as the

primary contact for SEIEC's key accounts. Eric has also served in the U.S. Army as a Finance Officer where he was the Company commander of 86 people and Operations Center Director for Battalion command.

A Southern Illinois University graduate with a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering with an emphasis in Power Systems, he also holds an MBA from Southern Illinois University with Beta Gamma Sigma honors.

Over the next few months there will be opportunities to meet Eric and we hope you'll get the chance to do so. If not before, please mark Saturday, August 26, on your calendars – our Member Appreciation Night and Annual Meeting. This would be a great time to meet him. We hope you will join all of us in welcoming Eric, his wife Heidi and family to the community and our NREMC family.



**Join us in welcoming Eric Jung -  
our new President/CEO**

## Thompson Square

### Special performance at our Member Appreciation Night and Annual Meeting!

- Academy of Country Music and Country Music Association "Vocal Duo of the Year."
- Three #1 hits - Five Top 15 hits
- Performed with Jason Aldean, Martina McBride and so many others
- Seven mainstream industry awards
- Over 30 MUSIC award nominations
- Featured on television and major publications around the world



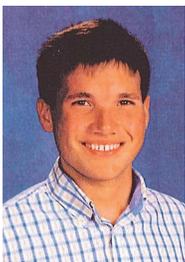
**Save the date – AUGUST 26, 2017**  
More details to come soon!

# Students selected for D.C. trip, energy camp

**Sophia Eiler**, a junior at Whitko High School, and **Luke Lael**, a junior at Homestead High School, have been selected to represent Northeastern REMC on the Indiana Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. in June. The tour provides young Hoosiers the opportunity to visit our nation's capital and learn about the federal government and the cooperative utility industry.



This year's Indiana delegation will be comprised of approximately 80 students from throughout the state, each selected by a local Touchstone Energy cooperative.



Over 1,500 students from 48 states are typically in the nation's capital for this week-long conference. Students are given an opportunity to compete for a \$1,000 scholarship and a return trip to Washington, D.C. as a member of National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's (NRECA) Youth Leadership Council.

Sophia is the daughter of Jim

and Melissa Eiler of Pierceton. Luke is the son of Lawrence and Marielle Lael of Fort Wayne. Coincidentally, Luke's mom went on the Youth Tour as an REMC delegate when she was a junior in high school.

Sixth graders **Carissa Cox** of Indian Springs Middle School, **Olivia Greener** of Holy Cross Lutheran School and **Cameron Coles** of Carroll Middle School will be packing their bags and heading off to camp – Touchstone Energy Camp that is!

The energy-themed camp is held at Camp Tecumseh in Brookston, IN. At camp, they will learn about electricity, electrical safety, and conservation, as well as partake in popular camp activities such as swimming, horseback riding, crafts, zip lining, and archery. This program is offered annually by electric cooperatives across the state in support of area youth.

Carissa is the daughter of Sarah Oswald. Olivia is the daughter of Richard and Rena Greener. Cameron is the daughter of Remy and Kristen Coles

We wish all these students the TIME OF THEIR LIVES!! Congratulations to all five students.

# Hively saying goodbye after 40 years

Friday, March 31, 2017.

It's a day that has been marked in ink on Barry Hively's calendar for quite some time. It is the day that he will walk into his office at Northeastern REMC for the last time. After 40 years as the REMC's accountant, Barry is retiring and starting the next phase in his life. And he couldn't be more excited about it.



"I started at the co-op in 1976 as a Work Order Accountant, and I'm leaving as the Accounting Supervisor. The overall responsibilities of my job haven't really changed much during that time, but the way my job is done sure has. When I started here there were no desktop computers. We used stacks and stacks of punch cards to generate reports for the banks. I can't believe how much automation and electronic spreadsheets have changed this position over the years," said Barry.

Traveling with his wife Robin, who is also retiring this month from her job at USSI in Columbia City, is one of the things he looks forward to the most in the months and years to come. "We recently sat down with a glass of wine and talked about where we want to go first. Probably out to the east coast. Maybe Maine," he said. "I guess now we get to do anything we want to do, whenever we want to do it."

"This organization has given me a good life. It has provided the means to raise a family and move comfortably into retirement. I am very grateful for that," he added.

Northeastern REMC is very grateful to you, Barry, for your years of service and we wish you and Robin many years and many miles of happiness.

Replacing Barry as Accounting Supervisor is Audra Uher. Audra comes to NREMC from Klines CPA Group in Huntington, IN. Audra's first day was February 7. Welcome to the co-op family, Audra!



# Qualifications outlined to be a NREMC director

The board of directors for Northeastern REMC serves a vital role. The nine member board is the legal policy making body that governs the cooperative, decides on the long range goals, monitors its financial condition and reviews the co-op's activities. The position of director holds a tremendous amount of responsibility to successfully operate your business.

Members considering running for the board of directors should review the many responsibilities required of the position. See Section 3.3 of NREMC's Bylaws at [nremc.com](http://nremc.com) for specific qualifications and conflicts of interest.

Directors shall be at least eighteen years of age and shall have earned a high school diploma or GED.

Directors are expected to attend all monthly and special board meetings including the board meeting following the annual meeting. They are also expected to attend committee meetings and the Northeastern REMC annual meeting. Directors should also attempt to attend one National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) meeting or director's conference every year. Other meetings directors attend include one and two-day educational seminars.

Directors are expected to complete their NRECA Credentialed Director's Certificate during their first three-year term.

Directors receive a per diem and mileage reimbursement for attending cooperative meetings. They receive transportation, lodging and meal expenses when traveling on corporate business. Directors

may spend over 30 days each year representing Northeastern REMC.

A director is expected to read and be familiar with information and financial reports from the cooperative, or other state and national associations.

A director is elected from each district but is responsible for decisions affecting the entire membership. Directors should work in cooperation with the whole board.

A director must also have the self-confidence and communication skills to express their opinion or disagreement with other directors.

Northeastern's directors are our members. They pay monthly electric bills like other Northeastern members. They do not receive discounted power and their bills are not subsidized. They are just as interested as any

other members in the most economical operation of the cooperative possible.

The directors of Northeastern REMC are elected because they are business-minded and highly respected. Director elections are open to all members, regardless of race, sex or creed.

Districts 1, 8, and 9 will be up for election this year at the annual meeting on August 26.

Additional details are mailed or emailed to all members.



## PJM costs explained

Beginning March 31, all Northeastern REMC members will notice a new itemized line on monthly bills. This line will appear as a "PJM" cost.

PJM is a regional transmission organization that coordinates the movement of wholesale electricity to over 61 million people in all or parts of 13 states. Northeastern REMC and other Indiana electric utilities are required to belong to this regional transmission organization. This cost helps your cooperative cover its mandated participation and charges related to it.

Within the next two months, members will also notice a refreshed look to NREMC's bills. Areas of the bill have been redesigned using color to draw attention to important messages and other items of special interest and graphs of individual energy consumption have been made easier to review.



# NREMC director not seeking reelection this year

Dan Linnemeier, a Northeastern REMC board member for the past six years representing cooperative members in District 8, has announced that he will not seek reelection when his term expires this September.

Linnemeier earned the Credentialed Cooperative Director Certificate from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association during his first term as director. He served on various committees during his time on the board. Previous to serving on the board, Dan served six years as President of Northeastern REMC Operation RoundUp Board of Trustees.

Thank you, Dan, for all your years of dedication and service to Northeastern REMC!



*This board position, along with those representing Districts 1 and 9, will be filled during the board of directors election taking place at the 2017 Member Appreciation Night and Annual Meeting on Saturday, August 26. NREMC's open voting policy allows all members to vote for candidates vying for any director position.*

# NREMC participating in family event on Ivy Tech campus

What child wouldn't love to see a police hostage vehicle and bomb robot up close? Or see what the inside of an ambulance looks like? Or even see how a cement truck works?

The 7th Annual Touch a Truck event, sponsored by Ivy Tech's Early Childhood Education students, will be held on their Coliseum Boulevard campus April 29, from 10 a.m. – noon. Children of all ages are invited to come out and literally "touch a truck." This year over 50 different trucks, including trolleys, semis, a tow truck, "Smart" vehicles...and even a Northeastern REMC bucket truck, will be on display.

Touch a Truck began as a way for



**REMC's truck to be one of over 50 on display**

the Childhood Education students to celebrate April – the Month of the Young Child. Last year over 2500 children enjoyed the experience. There is no admission. The event takes place rain or shine.

## SPOTLIGHT

### Planting season is here soon

Before you start planting, outdoor remodeling, or anything involving digging in the yard, please call 811 at least two days before starting your project so that underground lines can be located for you. Better safe than sorry. The service is free. And it could save your life.

### Thank you!

Special thanks to all members who joined us for our recent Member Forums. We hope you learned something new about us and enjoyed hearing about the projects that help make your co-op special! We value your input and involvement. If you were unable to attend a Forum and have any questions about NREMC, just give us a call. We are here for you.

### Do this ASAP!

Get your AC serviced now before you need it. And look for HVAC companies that offer great discounts to you just for having a Co-op Connections Discount Card. Check [nremc.com](http://nremc.com) for details about the card and participating businesses.

### Upcoming holiday hours

Our office will be closed on Friday, April 14, to celebrate Good Friday. For most member service needs, please visit [nremc.com](http://nremc.com)

### Our Vision

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

### Our Mission

**To meet our members' on-going need for reliable energy service at a good value while meriting trust and confidence.**

Join us for our next

# POWER HOUR

Tuesday, May 16

7 - 8 p.m. at

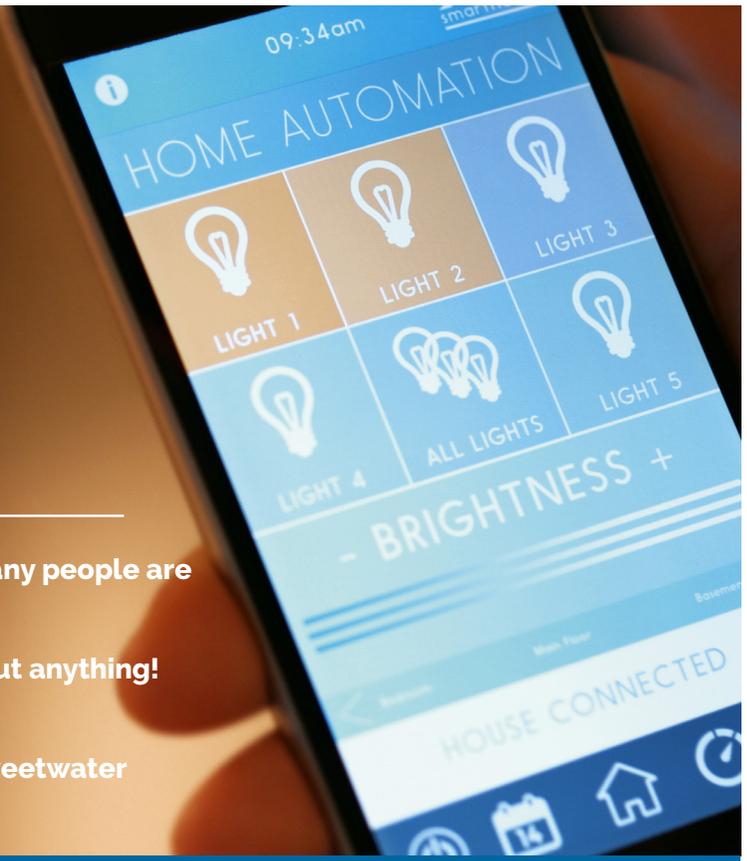


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RSVP to Jeanne Hasty, 244-6111/625-3700 x 403 - or - [j\\_hasty@nremc.com](mailto:j_hasty@nremc.com) by Wednesday, May 10. Enter through door #1 or #4. Refreshments provided.

## Unclaimed refunds await former members

Members of Northeastern REMC enjoy certain privileges not available at other types of electric companies. One specific difference concerns the retiring of funds not required to do business. These funds are considered "margins."

Early each year a notice is printed on bills and sent to every member who was on our system during the previous year. This notice identifies the percent of margin for the company, the total dollar amount of all the bills for that year, and how much the patronage capital credit will be when that year is due to retire. This notice is not a check. It cannot be deducted from a bill, nor can it be exchanged for cash.

Patronage capital credits are retired to members upon approval by the board of directors. Their decision is based on the financial condition of the company. Consideration is given to future business needs and to maintaining an adequate reserve for emergencies.

Should a member move off our system, Northeastern's board of directors has initiated a policy to retire patronage capital at a discounted rate. Patronage Capital will show as a credit on the consumer's final bill.

### Do you know these people?

Northeastern REMC is attempting to locate former members who have unclaimed patronage capital refunds awaiting them. An updated list of these former members appears on our website.

Please visit [www.nremc.com](http://www.nremc.com) and click on the My Home/Patronage Capital Credits page to see if you recognize any of the names on the list. If you do, please contact that person or his/her immediate family and ask them to contact Northeastern directly at (260) 244-6111 or 625-3700, ext. 434. We are sure they would greatly appreciate your phone call!

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Power Hour  
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Annual meeting  
entertainment  
announced

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Questions? E-mail [memberservices@nremc.com](mailto:memberservices@nremc.com)

Office Hours: Monday–Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

260-244-6111 (Columbia City) or 260-625-3700 (Fort Wayne).

Line Locating: Please call 811 at least 2 full business days prior to digging.