



# Wabash County REMC

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

350 WEDCOR AVE.  
WABASH, IN 46992

## PHONE NUMBERS & HOURS

Local ..... 260-563-2146  
Toll Free ..... 800-563-2146  
Fax ..... 260-563-1523  
E-mail ..... mail@wabashremc.com  
Call Before You Dig ..... 811

**Office hours: 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Monday-Friday**

## TO REPORT AN OUTAGE

- Check circuit breakers or fuses first.
- If possible, check to see if neighbors are also out.
- To report a power outage during business hours, call our office at 563-2146 or 800-563-2146. After-hours, call our toll-free number at 866-336-2492. Give the name under which the service is listed. If possible, give map location and account number from bill.
- Give us your phone number in case we need to call you back. State the problem, such as loss of power, partial power, dimming or flickering lights.
- Please be patient. Our crews will restore service as quickly as possible.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- District 1 — Claude Markstahler, president  
1123 E 700 N,  
North Manchester ..... 260-774-8155
- District 2 — Robert Hippensteel  
2829 W. State Road 114, No. 2  
North Manchester ..... 260-982-4707
- District 3 — James Keffaber  
2402 S 530 W, Wabash ..... 260-563-5436
- District 4 — Max R. Highley, vice president  
2047 E. Baumbauer Road  
Wabash ..... 260-782-2341
- District 5 — D'Ann Stouffer  
4152 W 700 S, Wabash ..... 260-563-8500
- District 6 — Steven Byerly, assistant secretary  
2205 E 700 S, Wabash ..... 765-981-4549
- District 7 — Gene Bowman, secretary  
11930 S 700 W, Amboy ..... 765-395-7546

## CREDIT CARD BILL PAYMENT



Wabash County REMC offers our customers the option of paying their electric bills with Visa or MasterCard.

# co-opNews Information from your electric cooperative

## Ten \$500 scholarships offered

Once again, Wabash County REMC is proud to offer a scholarship program to financially assist students of REMC members. There is no better way to support our community than to support and assist our young people in their pursuit of higher education. Since the start of the scholarship program, the number of students entering the scholarship drawing has increased. Last year more than 120 students entered their names in the drawing, and we are hoping even more will enter this year.

The selection of scholarship winners is from a random drawing at the annual meeting March 24. All of the names of students entering the drawing will be placed in a box, and during the meeting 10 names will be drawn. Each winning student will get a \$500 scholarship for a college of their choice.

Qualifications for the applicant include:

- The student must attend college during the 2008 school year.
- The student may attend any two-year, four-year, or technical school.



• The parents of the qualifying student must be members of the REMC, and their residence must be served by the REMC.

• Students must submit their applications for the scholarship prior to March 1.

• Winners of prior years' scholarships are not eligible.

Since the qualifying student may be attending college, he/she need not be present for the drawing. However, the parents of the student applicants must be present at the annual meeting to accept the winning scholarship prize in the student's behalf.

Yes, I would like to apply for the REMC scholarship drawing at the annual meeting on March 24. I hereby confirm I will be attending college during the 2008 school year.

Student applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

College name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Account number \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to: Wabash County REMC, 350 Wedcor Ave., Wabash, IN 46992.**

## Need heat for your shop or garage?

If you have a shop or garage, or some other utility area that needs supplemental heat or simply needs a complete heating system, your REMC offers a heavy duty electric heater that is ideally suited. It can be used as a portable heater or mounted on the wall or ceiling.

In a well-insulated room this 5,600 watt Raywall heater will heat 500 to 600 square feet. It requires a separate 30-amp 240-volt circuit. The retail price is \$338. However, it's on sale for just \$220.

Come look at one in our lobby and if it fits your needs you can take one home. Let us show you a quiet, economical and safe way to heat your shop or garage.





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## Nominating committee selects director candidates

At each REMC annual meeting, directors are elected to govern the cooperative for a three-year term of office. The seven directors on the board are elected in staggering terms, so two are elected each of two years and three are elected the third year. Each director represents a specific district or territory.

The purpose of an annual meeting each year is to report to the membership on the financial condition of the cooperative and to elect directors to serve for the next three years. This year, there are two districts up for election. District One includes the area north of Route 16 and east of Route 13. District Six includes the area south of County Road 250 S., east of Meridian Road. Candidates for election must reside within the boundaries of their respective district.

The election process leading up the March 24 annual meeting starts with the selection of member names to be placed on the ballot. A committee of members (nominating committee) was appointed by the board of directors, and given the task of selecting or nominating director candidates from the membership within that district. This year the nominating committee included David Mills, Tom Bucher, Randy Thrush, Steve Rice, Bobby Stouffer, Lisa Dale and Kevin Trimble. The nominating committee met Dec. 5, 2007, to select the individuals to be voted upon at the March 24 annual meeting.

From District One, the nominating committee selected Claude Markstahler. From District Six, the committee selected Steve Byerly. The REMC bylaws also spell out the procedure for a member to submit a petition, listing his/her name as a director candidate.

During the annual meeting, the members will vote for the director candidate of their choice. The directors elected at the annual meeting will help guide the cooperative for many years in the future. Wabash County REMC encourages all members to exercise their right to vote by attending the annual meeting.



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## FROM YOUR ENERGY ADVISOR

# Space heaters: helpers or hogs?

by Ray Weiss

The rising cost of propane and oil heat has caused many homeowners to search for ways to reduce the cost of heating their homes. Kerosene heaters cause an unwanted smell, plus the cost of kerosene oil has risen to the point they are no longer an effective means of providing supplemental source of heat.

Portable electric heaters have long been a way to add heat to a cold room. The typical electric space heater is a very simple device that uses a coil of resistive wire to produce heat, with a small fan to circulate the heat. Many work similar to and with the same efficiency of an electric range. In others, a coil of resistive wire is wrapped around a piece of ceramic or encased in a sealed oil-filled radiator. All such heaters offer the same type of heat and operate at the same efficiency. The principal difference is how many watts of energy is used, which then determines the amount of heat produced.

The less expensive heaters may have one setting which uses 1,500 watts, while others may have two settings, one using 750 watts or 1,500 watts. The cost of operation and heat output will be solely dependent on the amount of energy used.

If you have a cold or drafty room, the added heat from an electric heater would certainly add to your comfort. However, if a large area of the house is being heated with such a heater, it

might be wise to look at a more efficient way to heat the house, such as a heat pump or a geothermal heating system.

Regardless of how your home is heated, you must pay attention to how that home is insulated. The increased cost of propane and oil heat makes it even more important to upgrade the insulation in your home. Look in your attic. If you have less than 16 inches of insulation, more is needed. The preferred product to use is blown cellulose.

While window companies promote their replacement, it is more cost effective to first upgrade the insulation in your home. A home that does not have insulation in the walls is simply an energy hog, and is very costly to operate. Blowing insulation in the walls is a must.

The crawl space and basement wall of most homes are usually overlooked. In every case, the best method to insulate foundation walls is to have sprayed urethane foam applied to the inside of all foundations. Urethane foam not only insulates the foundation, it seals it from air leaks.

If you have a cold home or would like to discuss how you can reduce your heating cost, give me a call. It's one more way we provide free advice when you want it and help you when you need it.

*Ray Weiss is the member services manager and energy advisor at Wabash County REMC.*

## Win a trip to Washington, D.C.!

Wabash County REMC will again be a sponsor of the 2008 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. One high school junior will be chosen to attend the week-long, all-expense paid trip June 12-19.

### The Trip

The Electric Cooperative Youth Tour is a great way to learn more about our government and electric cooperatives, as well as develop leadership skills. Not only do delegates tour the museums and monuments in the nation's capital, they have an opportunity to meet with several U.S. congressional representatives and enjoy an inside look of Capitol Hill. Historic Gettysburg and the Gettysburg Battlefield are also memorable stops on the tour.

After spending a day in Indianapolis, the Indiana Youth Tour delegation leaves on the trip on June 13 from Indianapolis and returns June 19. All travel expenses from Indianapolis to Washington, D.C., (including meals, lodging and scheduled events) will be paid. Travel from home to Indianapolis and any incidental expenses incurred by the participant will be his/her responsibility.



### Rules and Regulations

The following provisions will govern the acceptance of applications by Wabash County REMC:

1. This summer, the applicants must have completed their junior year in high school, and be enrolled for their senior year.

2. The applicants must be the sons, daughters or legal wards of a Wabash County REMC member.

3. An application form may be obtained from the REMC office.

4. The applicant must submit a 300-word essay on "What does my electric cooperative mean to me."

5. The completed application form and essay must be submitted to Wabash County REMC prior to Feb. 28.

### Judging

Judging and selection of applicants is the responsibility of Wabash County REMC.

### Questions

Please contact Ray Weiss at 563-2146 or 800-563-2146.

# FREE ... FREE ...FREE

## Water Heaters

- Wabash County REMC will provide a FREE 50-gallon electric water heater for your home when one or more of the following conditions are met:
  1. Installed in new home construction
  2. Replaces a gas water heater
  3. Replaces an existing water heater that is leaking or non-repairable
  4. Replaces an existing water heater that is over 20 years old, regardless of its working condition
- Note: Installation of a load management switch is required.
- For more details, call the office (563-2146 or 800-563-2146).



## Automatic bill payment plan available

When requested, Wabash County REMC can automatically draw money from your bank account to pay your monthly electric bill. Once you have signed up for the plan, you will receive a statement each month with "BANK DRAFT

DO NOT PAY" printed across it. The bank will automatically withdraw funds from your bank account approximately three days prior to the due date. To enroll, please contact our office.

### Tired of your slow Internet connection?

Your REMC now offers wireless high-speed Internet service to a major portion of Wabash County.

- Now serving in and several miles around Lagro, Wabash, North Manchester, Roann, Richvalley and Lafontaine areas
- High-speed wireless Internet service available to all homes which can receive a signal.
- No phone line needed!

**\$32.95/month and onetime \$149 installation charge.**

**Call Omnicity, Inc.  
at 877-477-7873**



## CO-OP NOTES

### Security light rental

Monthly rental fee	175-watt .....	\$ 9.20
	400-watt .....	\$13.70

Includes all electrical use and maintenance. Extra cost for additional pole or wire required to serve light.

### Heating incentives

New or replacement Geothermal heating installation .....	\$600
New or replacement all-electric heat pump installation .....	\$600

### FREE water heater

For residential applications, a water heater will be furnished at no cost, when certain qualifications are met.

For non-residential applications, water heaters may be purchased @\$250 plus tax.

### Water heater rebate

If a water heater is purchased elsewhere or a new home is equipped with a new water heater, a \$100 rebate applies.

### Meter base surge arrestor

Monthly rental fee ..... \$4.95  
Wabash County REMC offers a complete surge protection program. Contact us to arrange an in-home review of your surge protection needs.

### Come out of the shadows

**A security light rental  
brightens your night  
by adding safety  
and security  
to your home  
and property for only**

**\$9.20 per month**

*This service includes:*

- No-cost maintenance
- Free lamp replacement
- No cost for electricity used



**For other lighting options  
Call 563-2146  
or 800-563-2146**



Geothermal heating and cooling systems capture heat from your well water to heat your home in the winter. It's a heating and cooling system with no flames, flues or emissions. Well water passing through the Geothermal system contains the earth's heat. In the winter the Geothermal system captures or extracts heat from the water to heat the home. Working in reverse in the summer, the Geothermal system transfers the house heat to the water.

Using the earth as your heating and cooling source, a Geothermal system will reduce your heating cost over 65 percent, reduce your cooling cost over 50 percent, and reduce your water heating cost over 50 percent.

Want to learn more? Call 563-2146 or 800-563-2146 for a consultation and information packet about Geothermal heating.



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## Pump up the savings with electricity



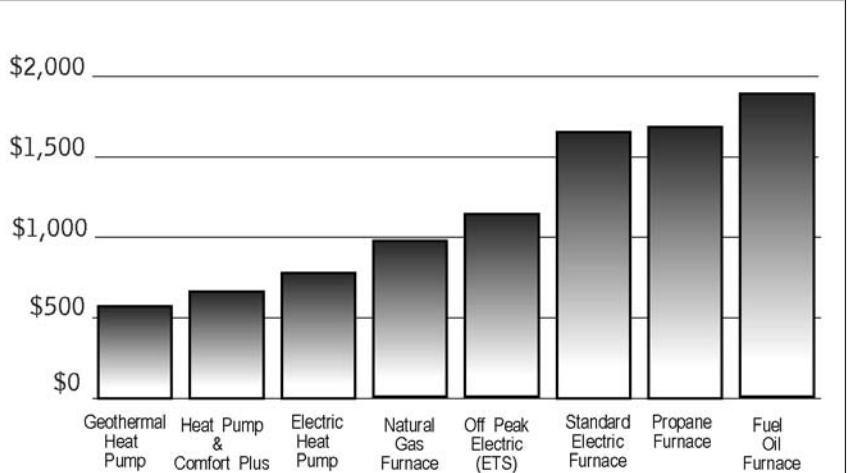
As winter heating bills arrive, it's time to point out there is a cheaper way to heat your home. A new high efficiency heat pump or geothermal heating system will dramatically reduce that heating cost.

The savings are dramatic. In fact, you can cut your heating costs by at least 50 percent. Regardless of the size of your home, a heat pump and geothermal heating system will heat your home for less than 50 percent of the present gas or oil heating system.

You can save even more when you take advantage of the rebates offered by Wabash County REMC to members who install a new all-electric heat pump or geothermal system.

Want to put cash back in your pocket each month? Call the Energy Advisor at your REMC to learn which electric system is best for your home.

### Annual Heating Cost Comparison



Analysis is based on an average home with a 50,000 BTUH heat loss and a 30,000 Btuh heat gain. Chart reflects a propane price of \$1.79 per gallon, natural gas price of \$1.10 per therm, and an electric rate of \$.072 per kilowatt-hour.