



**Jay County  
REMC**

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#### To report an outage or emergency

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**24 hours a day, 7 days a week**

Be ready to provide the following information:

1. Name under which the electric service is listed. 2. Map location number. 3. Your phone number in case we need to call you back. 4. The type of problem you are experiencing, e.g., flickering lights, complete power outage, etc. 5. Hang up when all information has been recorded — other members may be trying to contact the REMC, too.

**Office hours: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Monday-Friday**

### CO-OP NOTES

#### \$50 cash drawing winners

The \$50 drawing winner for the month of September was Charles Schaffter of Berne. Read *Electric Consumer* for your chance to win \$50.

The winner of the Kate's Coffee Shop gift certificate was Dale Fuller of Redkey.



**Jay County REMC will be  
closed Nov. 23 and Nov. 24  
in honor of the  
Thanksgiving holiday.  
Have a safe holiday  
from your REMC  
directors and employees.**

## co-opNews

### REMC receives high marks for safety

Jay County REMC received high marks during its recent safety accreditation.

Safety accreditation is a peer-review safety and loss control evaluation of electric cooperatives. It is an organized analysis of a cooperative's safety and loss control program which measures overall effectiveness. Management's role and commitment is to achieve and maintain high safety standards for the protection of its employees and the community served.

Based upon a three-year review period, the accreditation process is a three-part process consisting of two separate evaluations.

- The first step is the completion of an application that represents a collaborative record of the cooperative's safety policies and procedures.

- The second step is an on-site field observation for the purpose of evaluating the physical aspects of the cooperative.

- The third step includes submitting the application and completed observation forms to the Rural Electric Safety Accreditation Committee for review.

Safety education and training; job planning and supervision; hazard recognition; consumer safety education; underground electrical lines and equipment; protective equipment; rubber gloves; and personal tools are a few of the 22 categories covered during the accreditation observation.

The observation team is coordinated through Indiana Statewide Association of RECs Job Training and Safety Department. The team consists of a minimum of three individuals, all of whom must have completed the REAP Observer Training course as either a trainer or an observer. Provisions and requirements for the on-site observation, such as length of the inspection and materials and equipment needed, is coordinated by the team leader. Actual site locations, facilities and equipment to be evaluated by the team are usually determined on the day of the observation.

Advantages of safety accreditation include:

- Helps to reduce injuries
- Promotes a safe work environment
- Enhances safety awareness
- Helps reduce insurance premiums
- Aids in regulatory compliance preparation
- Increases employee productivity
- Increases efficiency in operations
- Promotes accurate inventory controls
- Promotes cohesiveness among departments
- Promotes teamwork

Jay County REMC received an on-site observation score of 94. The documentation portion of the accreditation process has been completed and the results are forthcoming.

Congratulations to the employees, management and board of directors for their commendable safety efforts.

### Ronald McDonald House needs your donations

Jay County REMC, along with several other businesses in East Central Indiana, will be a drop off location for the Ronald McDonald House Drive. The event, spearheaded by Insight Media, hopes to collect supplies for the Ronald McDonald House of Indiana.

The House exists for families of children faced with life-threatening illnesses or injuries. When a child becomes seriously ill, parents often have trouble fulfilling their family's basic needs. Many families arrive at the house on an emergency basis unprepared for what could

turn into a lengthy stay. The Ronald McDonald House provides a home-away-from-home and helps lighten the load for families with children receiving medical treatment at an Indianapolis-based hospital. Visit [www.rmh-indiana.org](http://www.rmh-indiana.org) to learn more.

Supplies that are in critical need for families living at the Ronald McDonald House are the same basic necessities we use everyday: non-perishable food, cleaning supplies and personal hygiene products. Drop your donation off at the REMC office before Dec. 10. Thank you!



Nov. 11 is Veterans Day.  
Jay County REMC  
salutes those brave men and women  
who have served our great nation.

## SPOTLIGHT ON BUSINESS

# Turkey time is anytime at Willmann's Farm

by Cindy Denney

**B**eef, pork, or chicken is eaten any given day of the week at the Denney house. Turkey, on the other hand, is only eaten the fourth Thursday, Friday and Saturday in November. Jay County REMC members Don and Pat Willmann say that turkey time is anytime.



**Willmann's Farm has produced turkeys for more than 20 years.**

Willmann has been producing turkeys for over 20 years. After working in a factory for years, he realized he wanted to travel a different path. Cooper Farms provided him an opportunity to raise turkeys and he gobbled up the chance to be his own boss.

Hatching, brooding and finishing are the three phases of raising turkeys. Willmann and his family are the last leg in the turkey to table tale. They receive the young tom turkeys from brooding farms managed by Cooper Farms. The turkeys are five weeks old when they arrive at Willmann's finishing farms.

The young turkeys are well cared for during their 14-week stay on the farm. Willmann's daily routine consists of monitoring the temperature in the five barns that house the turkeys.

"Heat, humidity and cold can be bad for turkeys. Power outages are a huge concern. We can lose a lot of turkeys if the electricity goes out. The ice storm was a tense situation" said Don.

On most days feeding and watering 24,000 turkeys can be done in roughly two hours. There are occasions when it may take six or more hours to complete the necessary tasks. Maintaining the barns and the grounds in an orderly and clean fashion requires time. Combine those six hours with the numbers of hours it takes to farm several hundred acres and let's just say Willmann is busy.

Another concern facing turkey producers today is "bio-security." Bio-security is a buzzword that has livestock producers everywhere dealing

with the fears of contamination and disease. Willmann contacted Cooper Farms to seek permission for the interview because of bio-security issues. No unauthorized individuals are allowed in or around the barns. These heightened security measures ensure the turkey you are going to dine on this Thanksgiving is healthy.

In 20 weeks the turkeys should reach a weight of 45 pounds. Considering they consume approximately 120 pounds of feed, I am surprised their weight is not more. Interesting trivia: the largest turkey weighed 85 pounds. That's one big turkey! The turkeys are then delivered to Cooper Farms in St. Henry for processing.

While the barns are empty, Willmann and his family have the pleasant task of cleaning the barns from top to bottom. The upside to this task is that when it is finished there is a three week period before new birds arrive. It is a welcomed breather.

Roasted turkey is still a Thanksgiving tradition. But turkey is not just for Thanksgiving any more. Turkey comes in a variety of different



**Don Willmann checks a water line in one of the barns.**



**John at Ole Fort IGA helps Jay County REMC members Mike and Marilyn Minch select which Cooper Farms turkey they want.**

forms: summer sausage, jerky, deli meat, hot dogs, and bacon to name just a few. Don and Pat Willmann would like you to enjoy their favorite turkey recipe.

### Willmann's Favorite Marinated Turkey

*2 cups of white sauterne wine  
1 cup of soy sauce  
1 cup peanut oil  
Lemon wedges (from one whole lemon)  
Garlic clove peeled and pulled apart (as many as desired)  
2 turkey breasts de-boned (10 pounds)  
Onions optional*

Combine the first five ingredients in large bowl. Cut breasts in half, lengthwise along the thickest part. Soak the turkey in the marinade for six hours. Then cook marinated turkey breast on grill. Do not use any other sauce. Watch closely it will cook fast.

Looking for something new to try with the leftover turkey after Thanksgiving? Visit [www.cooperfarms.com](http://www.cooperfarms.com) for delicious new ways to fix an old favorite and remember turkey time is anytime. Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

*Cindy Denney is director of marketing and customer service at Jay County REMC.*



**Five barns house the turkeys grown at the Willmann's Farm.**

## Sign up to win a Cooper Farms turkey for your holiday feast.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Account # \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Mail entry to: Jay County REMC, P.O. Box 904, Portland, IN 47371.  
Drawing will be held on Nov. 17th at 4:30 p.m.

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## SIDE LINES

*Courtesy of Portland Chamber of Commerce*

**Nov. 11: Delt's 22nd Annual Craft Show.** Jay County High School. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission charge. For information call (260) 726-4091.

**Nov. 18-19: Winterfest.** Saturday throughout Portland. Day-long festivities. Breakfast with Ronald McDonald at East Jay Middle School, Little Miss Winterfest, parade and more. Sunday enjoy a Holiday Home Tour from 1-5 p.m. For information call (260) 726-4481.

**Nov. 26: Jay County Historical Society Christmas Open House.** 1-4 p.m. For information call (260) 726-7168.

**Nov. 27: Dunkirk Feel the Warmth of Christmas.** Santa comes to town! Monday 6-8 p.m. For information call (765) 768-7766.

*Courtesy of Winchester Chamber of Commerce*

**Nov. 2: Winchester Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting.** Moose Lodge. Dinner at 7 p.m. For information call (765) 584-3731.

**Nov. 4: Union City Lions Club "Fall Sausage and Pancake Day."** Elks Club. 6-11 a.m. For information call (765) 964-7188.

**Nov. 11: Saratoga Lions Club Pancake Supper.** 4-7 p.m. For information call (765) 584-1628.

## Is your heat pump ready for winter?

The leaves are falling and so are the temperatures. That can only mean one thing. Winter is almost here.

Getting your heat pump ready for winter can save problems during the heating season. Here are a few tips to get ready for those cold winter days.

- Clear away all visible debris, such as leaves, shrubs and paper. A heat pump needs to "breathe" to operate efficiently.

- Hose off the outdoor unit. Turn off the breaker serving the outdoor unit, then using your garden hose wash off the inside and outside of the outdoor unit. Do not use a high-pressure stream.

- Do not set back the heat pump's thermostat manually if it causes the electric resistance heat (the backup or emergency heat) to come on. This type of heating, which is often used as a backup to the heat pump, is more expensive.

- Clean or change filters once a month or as needed, and maintain the system according to manufacturer's instructions.

- Maintain your system according to the manufacturer.

The Department of Energy offers an array of information on how to save money year round on your heating and cooling bills. Visit its Web site at [www.eere.energy.gov](http://www.eere.energy.gov) for more helpful tips on how to reduce your heating bill this winter.

## Free Automatic Payment Plan now available

The Automatic Payment Plan (APP) is a service that draws funds from your checking or savings account to pay your monthly electric bill.

The payment is made automatically each month. This service is available to any customer, including those enrolled in the budget billing plan. There is no charge for this service from Jay County REMC or your financial institution.

Once you are enrolled in the APP, you will receive a bill each month that says, "Bank draft do not pay." We will withdraw payments from your account one to three days prior to the due

date on your bill.

If you are interested in the APP, fill out the authorization form below and **attach a check marked "VOID," or a deposit slip** from your bank account. Mail these items to Jay County REMC at P.O. Box 904, Portland, IN 47371.

**The enrollment process may take approximately one billing cycle to complete.**

If you have questions concerning the Automatic Payment Plan, contact Carla Sibery, billing coordinator, at (260) 726-7121 or (800) 835-7362.

### Authorization for enrollment in the Automatic Payment Plan

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone no. ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Jay County REMC Account No. \_\_\_\_\_

Your Financial Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ Checking \_\_\_\_\_ Savings \_\_\_\_\_

I authorize Jay County REMC to draw monthly bank drafts on my account shown above for the payment of my monthly electric bill. I understand that I can discontinue my participation in the APP by notifying Jay County REMC in writing. Both Jay County REMC and my financial institution may also terminate this agreement with 10 days written notice. I understand that Jay County REMC reserves the right to limit participation in the APP to customers whose accounts are in good standing.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



Visit our Web site at  
[www.jayremc.com](http://www.jayremc.com)

**\$50 monthly drawing for bills dated  
Nov. 20 and paid by Nov. 30.**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ACCOUNT NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: To be eligible for the drawing, your coupon and payment must be in the office by 4:30 p.m. on the last working day of the month.