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Anniversary
Edition

Celebrating
Seven Decades
of Bringing Power
to You

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Don't forget to look for the account number hidden in one of this month's stories. If it's yours, call us. You'll win \$50!

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Security Tips:

www.sciservices.coop

Energy Saving Tips:

www.lowermy.monthlyelectricbill.com

Weatherization Assistance Program Indiana Contact

www.waptac.org/sp.asp?id=1932

BACK THEN

1939

What it Cost...

House \$30,000

Average Income \$5,016

Milk \$1.01

Gas 25¢ per Gal

Postage Stamp 4¢

Bread 20¢

T-Bone Steak \$1.09

Nestles Quick 1 pound can 39¢

Tiny Tears Doll \$9.88

REMEMBER WHEN

1939

Memorable Moments

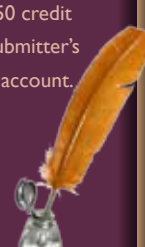
I remember when Elvis was on the Ed Sullivan Show and they would only show him from the waist up. We danced to his records on the Juke Box at the drugstore for only 5¢.

The Saturday Matinee was 25¢ including Coke & Popcorn!

School clothes for teen age girls were petticoats and nylons or bobby socks with the tops rolled down. Thanks for the walk down memory lane!

Thank you! Mary Britton for your Remember When. A \$50 credit will be applied to your Electric Bill.

Send your stories to Remember When
300 Morton Ave
Martinsville IN 46151
Stories selected will win a \$50 credit on the submitter's electric account.



Board Approves Reduction in Board Districts

Two Directors to be Elected at Annual Meeting

In an effort to reduce expenses, SCI REMC's Board of Directors has approved a proposal to reduce the number of Directors from the current eleven to ten directors. The reduction will be effective with the election of directors at the upcoming September 19, 2009 annual meeting.

Director districts have been redrawn and will be renumbered to reflect the change. Members can now submit candidate applications to compete for a seat on the Cooperative's Board of Directors in districts 8 and 10. Directors up for re-election in 2009 are Joe Peden, District 8 and Al Taylor, District 10.

Members in these districts who would like to compete in the election need to file a candidate application form. Candidate petitions will be available at the Cooperative's headquarters in Martinsville beginning April 22, 2009 and must be returned to the Cooperative by the close of business on July 21, 2009.

Additional information regarding the director election, and a map showing the director districts, is available on our website at www.sciremc.coop. Questions regarding the director election should be directed to Stacey Sauer at 765-342-3344 or 800-264-7362.

Home Owners Find Peace Of Mind After Break-In

by Jean van Biezen

SCI REMC member, Mr. and Mrs. Goldsberry recently learned the importance of security first hand.

The Goldsberry's have had their home security system for over (Hidden Number 1021157) 4 years and it paid off when an intruder recently tried to enter their home.

"We received a call that there was a disturbance at our home at the back door and the central station asked if we wanted to dispatch," stated Mrs. Goldsberry.

"We were about an hour away and told them to go ahead and contact the sheriff. The Monroe County Sheriffs department responded immediately and in a short time had our home assessed."

After the Goldsberry's arrived, the deputy on call indicated that the alarm scared the intruders away. "Burglar alarms are excellent deterrents for potential criminals, and they can save your life if you are ever the target of a burglar. While no system is foolproof, a home security system can act as both a deterrent and an alarm system giving you peace of mind that your family and possessions are safe," indicated Deputy Mike Hammock of the Monroe County Sheriffs Department.

"Although we weren't home at the time," mentioned Mrs. Goldsberry, "I was relieved to know that the sheriff had been notified and was en route to check out the premise."

In these economic times burglaries are on the increase. The Goldsberry's were thankful they made the investment in their home security system. Twenty-five dollars a month is a small amount to pay to know your home and possessions are protected. "SCI Security will work with you as well," indicated Mr. Goldsberry.

"We qualified to pay for our system over 90 days, same as cash, so we were able to get our protection immediately when we needed it while paying for it in installments."

The Goldsberry's indicated that the system was easy to use and with the key fobs that come with the package it allows you to turn on the system with a simple push of the button.

While a home security system won't prevent break-ins, it is still quite a deterrent. SCI Security is offered through SCI Services, LLC a wholly owned subsidiary of South Central Indiana REMC.

The Goldsberry's would recommend SCI's monitored security system to anyone interested in protecting their home, stating that it, "gives you real peace of mind."



Connecting Members to Stimulus Savings



Saving with the
STIMULUS

It's all over the news; with the passage of the federal stimulus bill there's money available to help Americans weatherize homes and make energy efficiency improvements. SCI REMC is ready to help our members as the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 goes into effect.

Investing in a few basic steps to secure a home from outside elements provides major benefits. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) says weatherization—the process of sealing air leaks and properly insulating a home—can reduce heating bills by up to 32 percent, resulting in an average energy savings of \$358 per year.

As a result of the stimulus package, DOE's Weatherization Assistance Program is expanding with a goal of weatherizing one million homes per year. The stimulus bill extends eligibility to those with incomes below 200 percent of the national poverty level. For a family of four, that's an income limit of \$44,100

Program participants receive a professional energy consultation with an analysis of energy bills, a blower-door test to locate air leaks and advice on how to be more efficient. Workers then arrive to make energy upgrades like insulating walls and roofs, sealing air leaks, and installing more efficient heating and cooling systems. The process to weatherize a home through the program usually takes two days with an average cost of \$2,500 but will allow up to \$6500.

For members not eligible for federally funded programs, the stimulus plan provides a homeowner efficiency tax credit of 30 percent up to \$1500, This change effectively triples the amount of financial investment our members get credit for, and, coupled with how much you'll save on energy costs each year, it makes these efficiency measures much more affordable." Visit www.energystar.gov for more detailed tax credit options

Tax credits directly lower a member's federal income taxes, and are generally more valuable than tax deductions because they reduce taxes owed dollar-for-dollar. In contrast, a tax deduction, like a home mortgage or charitable gift, lowers taxable income and may only offer small savings. SCI REMC along with Hoosier Energy have rebates that our members will find attractive when upgrading their heating systems and appliances visit our website at www.sciremc.com.

Weatherization programs will be handled differently in each state. In Indiana eligible members should contact

<http://www.waptac.org/sp.asp?id=1932>

Members who want to apply for the program should visit:

www.eere.energy.gov/weatherization/state_contacts.cfm

Electricity Still a Great Value



One Cup
Gourmet Coffee =
1 day of electricity



One Fast
Food Lunch =
2 days of electricity



Movie, Medium
Popcorn, & Drink =
5 days of electricity



One tank of Gas
(20 gal @ \$2.50/gal)
17 days of electricity