

eNewsletter

South Central Indiana REMC

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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!

Student Art Contest

Be part of our Gallery of Art

Any Indiana Student, attending school, who is currently in grades K-12 can enter to WIN!!!

For complete contest rules go to:

www.electricconsumer.org



BACK THEN 1949

What it Cost...

Average cost of new house \$3,800.00

Average wages per year \$1,730.00

Cost of a gallon of gas 10 ¢

Average cost for house rent \$28.00 per month

A loaf of bread 8 ¢

A Pound of hamburger meat 14¢

Average price for new car \$700.00

Toaster \$16.00

REMEMBER WHEN 1949

Memorable Moments

• George Orwell's book 1984 is published

• 45 rpm discs are introduced

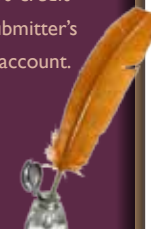
• FILM Twelve O'Clock High

• First Polaroid Camera sold for \$89.95

• Frank Sinatra stars in "On The Town" with Gene Kelly

• Rodgers and Hammerstein debut musical "South Pacific" on Broadway

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.



Energy Efficiencies Hit Home

One Homeowner's Story on Saving Money

However, since moving from a 1,700 square foot home to this dream home, they realized there was much more space than the two of them could possibly use on a daily basis. "We moved into the home to be closer to our grandchildren who live in Solsberry, IN." exclaimed Wes Brown. "We want a comfortable home for them when they visit, which is quite often now that we live closer."

While it was a great home and good investment they knew they needed to economize through some energy efficiencies. "After reading your Light Reading publication and factoring in the current economic climate, I knew I wanted to tackle some energy efficiencies to control excessive heat, (propane), and our total electricity costs."

Wes Brown, a former auditor, saw the need to economize. According to Wes, his benefits were pretty astounding. He used approximately 200 gallons less propane per heating season or about \$350.00 annually. Additionally, the Browns realized a savings on the overall kWh consumption of their electric bill of approximately \$500 annually. The modifications made were less than (HIDDEN NUMBER 137102801) a two year payback and a savings they will continue to realize annually.



Wes & Melody Brown



Water Heater Cover

"As grandparents we have no greater blessing than our two granddaughters," said the Browns.

Alexis age three and Kaylee age two are the love of their lives and an integral part of the Brown family. Wes is a truck driver for Schneider National and his wife Melody works for Red Cats U.S.A. in Indianapolis. They have two sons Derek and Damon and a beautiful daughter-in-law named Melissa.

Low Cost, No Cost Changes included:

- Replaced all lights with compact fluorescent except for the bathrooms. \$270.
- Insulated and caulked overhang / attic access area: \$125.
- Window coverings (21), to go with prior bedroom only coverings: \$1,100.
- Wrapped electric hot water heater: \$30
- Replaced dirty furnace filter every 60 days: \$17
- Corrected door threshold height: \$0
- Turned down thermostat to 69 degrees when home, 64 when gone: \$0
- Lowered shower head temperature: \$0
- Reduced toilet water used by 33%: \$0
- Energy Star appliances brought from oldhouse \$0

Total cost: \$1,602



Additional Insulation

Youth Tour to Washington D.C.

The Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. is taken each year to provide young adults with the opportunity to travel to our nation's capital to experience first hand how our government functions. This is a great opportunity to learn the complexities of the electric utility industry, and work with hundreds of their peers from throughout the United States.

All travel expenses from Indianapolis, meals, lodging and scheduled special events will be paid for in full by SCI REMC. The trip is June 11-18, 2009 and you may contact your school counselor for an application or go online at www.sciremc.coop or by calling the co-op.



This program is geared to high school juniors who will be seniors by trip date. Deadline for application is March 20, 2009.

Our Energy Our Future Campaign

SCI REMC Ranked First in the State for Responses



Winners Trophy Awarded at Annual Meeting

Congratulations and many thanks to our cooperative members in response to our grassroots campaign, Our Energy, Our Future!

In less than five weeks, 14,569 messages from SCI members were sent to their elected officials to ask them to consider all of the many issues involved with climate change and assuring our nation continues to have access to reliable, affordable electric service in the future. Indiana cooperatives rank 5th in the nation sending over 55,900 messages to Congress during a five week last push campaign. Nationally, more than 1,500,000 messages were sent and are still being received in Washington.

The Indiana Statewide Association challenged their 39 member cooperatives across the state to participate in a last push campaign that resulted in amazing numbers. Your email messages and responses to our automated phone messaging asking for your help made a difference.

Our members are a strong force when communicating at the grassroots level with more than 40 million members representing over 900 cooperatives nationwide.

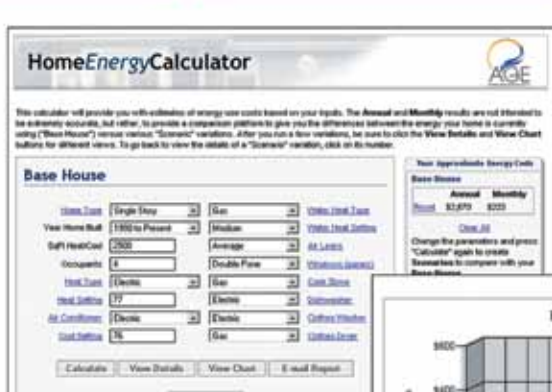
In 2009 the campaign will continue with personalized testimonials from cooperative members to their elected officials in Congress and at our state level. SCI REMC asks for your continued efforts to help us keep your electricity reliable and affordable.



Home Energy Calculator

home energy use costs at your fingertips

Try our Online home Energy Cost & Savings Calculator



Estimate your home's monthly and annual energy costs

- See how much changes to your home will save
- View charts showing where your energy dollars are going



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