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### CREDIT CARD PAYMENT



Southern Indiana Power offers our customers the option of paying their electric bills with a Visa or MasterCard debit or credit card by phone, in person, or on our Web site [www.sinpwr.com](http://www.sinpwr.com).

**The Southern Indiana Power office will close at 3 p.m. for the Annual Meeting on June 12.**

# CO-opNews

Information from your electric cooperative

## CEO COMMENTS

### Join us for the 2009 annual meeting

We have been putting a lot of effort into planning the 2009 annual meeting. This event is the single largest event on our calendar. We realize our members are busy, but we also want to be sure they have an opportunity to take part in the important business decisions of their electric cooperative. The annual meeting is also a chance for us to give back to you, our members. Without our members, the electric co-op would not exist.

Last year we had such a great response to the new format of the annual meeting, that we're doing it again. The record crowd of over 2,000 people seemed to speak volumes as to what the membership prefers.

This year we will meet on Friday, June 12, at the Perry County 4-H fairgrounds. Come and enjoy food, bingo, pony rides, face painting, free CFLs, the Touchstone Energy hot air balloon, kids' prize drawing and cash prize drawings. The grand prize will be a John Deere lawn tractor. (In order to be eligible for prize drawings you must be registered at the



**Michael Hammack**  
CEO

meeting, but you do not have to be present at the time of the drawing to win).

Members can register for the meeting between 5 and 8 p.m. Food service and activities will be available at this time. The business portion of the meeting will be from 8-8:30 p.m. As a side note to the schedule, the Southern Indiana Power office will be closing an hour early, at 3 p.m. so our employees can prepare for the annual meeting.

Please note: The cooperative will not mail annual reports to each member. However, each membership will receive an annual

meeting notice. Members must bring this notice to the meeting to register and be eligible for door prizes.

If you missed the meeting last year, go to our Web site to see pictures of all the events from 2008. Just go to [sinpwr.com](http://sinpwr.com) and click on the annual meeting banner. We hope you will bring your family and join us at the 2009 annual meeting at the Perry County 4-H fairgrounds.

## 2009 Annual Meeting

Friday, June 12 ♦ Registration 5-8 p.m.  
Perry County 4-H Fairgrounds

Featuring the Touchstone Energy hot air balloon!

Meal Provided ♦ Prize Drawings ♦ FREE CFLs  
Kid's Prize Drawing ♦ BINGO ♦ Food  
Pony Rides ♦ Face Painting  
Hot Air Balloon Rides (weather permitting)

Note: The Southern Indiana Power Office will close at 3 p.m. in preparation for the Annual Meeting.

## CO-OP NOTES

### Rate schedule

Shown below is the rate schedule information needed to figure your bill for electric use in May. Wholesale power cost tracker ..... \$0.01168  
Indiana sales tax ..... \$0.07

#### Rate 101 — Residential and Farm Service

Facility charge ..... \$18.50 per month  
First 400 kwh ..... \$.0940 per kwh  
Next 400 kwh ..... \$.0820 per kwh  
Over 800 kwh ..... \$.0720 per kwh

#### Rate 102 — Residential Total Electric

Facility charge ..... \$18.50 per month  
First 300 kwh ..... \$.1000 per kwh  
Next 700 kwh ..... \$.0780 per kwh  
Next 1,000 kwh ..... \$.0720 per kwh  
Next 2,000 kwh ..... \$.0670 per kwh

#### Rate 103 — Off Peak Heating Systems

Facility charge ..... \$22.65 per month  
First 400 kwh ..... \$.0890 per kwh  
Next 400 kwh ..... \$.0790 per kwh  
Over 800 kwh ..... \$.0670 per kwh  
Energy used for off-peak heating systems between 11 p.m.-7 a.m. (EST)  
All kwh ..... \$.0490

#### Rate 501 — Monthly Security Light Billing

175-watt mercury vapor ..... \$7.50 per month  
100-watt H.P. sodium ..... \$7.50 per month  
400-watt mercury vapor ..... \$11.50 per month

**Electric bills due by the 27th of each month.**

### \$50 monthly drawing

Would you like to win a \$50 credit on your electric bill? You could if you follow these simple rules:

1. Clip out the coupon below.
2. Fill out and return to our office along with your monthly payment before the 20th of the month. (Delinquent payments are not eligible.)
3. **Coupons are dated monthly and are not available at the office.**

You are automatically entered in the drawing if you have your bill withdrawn from your bank's checking or savings account (ACH).

The winner will be notified and the name published in the following monthly publication of *Electric Consumer*.

April's winner was Ed Morey

### \$50 monthly drawing

**FOR BILLS DATED  
June 10, 2009  
Paid by June 20, 2009**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ACCOUNT # \_\_\_\_\_

## 2009 director candidates

Randy Kleaving is the current representative for District 6, running for re-election.

He and his wife, Dawn, live in Anderson Township on Ashland Road in Perry County and are the parents of two sons, Blake and Adam.

Kleaving is part of a family farming operation raising grain and beef.

He is a volunteer fireman for the Anderson Township Volunteer Fire Department and is on its board of directors. He is a Perry County Farm Bureau director, and is on the advisory boards of Anderson Township Trustee and Perry Central FFA.

Kleaving and his family are members of St. Isidore Catholic Church.



**Randy Kleaving**

Kevin Waninger is running for the District 8 seat, (currently vacant due to the retirement of J.B. Etienne.) Waninger and his wife, Kim, live in Rome. They have three children: Klyne, Mason and Mia.

He has a bachelor of science degree in marketing from the University of Southern Indiana and a master of business administration (M.B.A.) from Louisiana State University. He is also a certified financial planner practitioner (C.F.P.). He is the owner of the Ameriprise Financial Services franchise in Tell City as well as Double Diamond Construction Supply in Evanston.

Waninger has been active in the community by participating in the following: Leadership Perry County, Kiwanis, Perry County Memorial Hospital Foundation board member, Little League Baseball coach, Perry County youth soccer coach, Tell City wrestling club board member, and Tell City girls' softball coach.



**Kevin Waninger**



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## Use caution when mowing near utility poles

The mowing season is here and we want to ask our members to use caution when mowing weeds or grass around distribution line poles. Avoid contacting the poles with the mower. When the mower (riding or push type) comes in contact with the pole, the base becomes scored or scarred, exposing the inside of the pole to decay, insects

and weather conditions. Sometimes the copper groundwire running down the side of the pole is severed by a mower. When a ground wire is cut, the effectiveness of lightning protection equipment is reduced and the susceptibility of other electric equipment (transformers, regulators, etc.) to lightning damage increases.

## Simple ways to manage your energy costs

Your electric cooperative wants to help you control your energy use and manage your electric bills. Here are a few tips on some simple ways to conserve energy and save money.

### Plug-ins

- Look for those electronic devices, especially those with digital time and date displays that are infrequently used such as alarm clocks, TVs and VCRs in a guest room and unplug them.
- Unplug devices used to recharge electronics/batteries when they're not being used.
- Transformers consume energy. Consider unplugging devices like calculators that are not in use.

### Appliances

- Wait until you can fill up your dishwasher before running it. And if you have a heated

dry option, switch it off. Prop open the door a bit after the cycle to air dry your load.

- If you have an electric cooktop, turn the burners off a few minutes before the allotted cooking time. The heating element will stay hot long enough to finish the cooking without using more electricity.

### Refrigerators

- Refrigerators use more power than any other appliance in the home and deserve special attention. Although rushing out to buy a new refrigerator may not be in your budget, it is important to know that new models are more efficient and use as little as half the electricity of older units.
- Place food and liquids in airtight containers. Uncovered foods release moisture and make the compressor work harder.

## Fun day planned at Tipsaw Lake

Plan to attend the Adventures with Nature program on Saturday, June 27, from 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Tipsaw Lake in the Hoosier National Forest.

A variety of exhibitors and programs will be highlighting our area's natural resources, with many demonstrations and exhibits for the entire family.

This year's event will include a variety of presentations to help us enjoy our outdoor environment as well as food items for sale by the Perry Central music boosters. Many informative booths with hands-on activities will be available as well.

A raptor program with eagles from the Patoka Nature Center is one of the highlights of this year's program. "Children can enjoy soap carving, constructing blue bird houses and other hands-on activities", stated Betsy Wilkinson, program assistant for Lincoln Hills RC&D.

The event also includes many wonderful attendance prizes on the half hour and a grand prize drawing. A visit from Smokey Bear with photo opportunities will also be available. Bring your lawn chairs, your family and your friends to enjoy a beautiful summer's day and have an "Adventure With Nature" at Tipsaw Lake.

Tipsaw Lake is located in Perry County on Highway 37, seven miles south of I-64, exit 79. The Adventures With Nature program is free, however there will be a reduced gate fee at Tipsaw Lake for attendees. For your safety as well as other's, we ask you not to bring your pets to this field day.



**It's time to come together and change our future**

We have an energy challenge in America. When it comes to finding solutions, we must meet climate change goals while keeping costs down and electricity availability. America needs a plan. Immediately.

Go to [www.ourenergy.coop](http://www.ourenergy.coop) to contact your elected officials and make your voice heard.



**Our Energy, Our Future, Our Indiana**  
A Dialogue With America

## Operation Round Up grants awarded



United Way of Perry County received a \$2,000 Operation Round Up grant to support the Perry County Food Coalition. Pictured above, from left, Rebecca Fenn and Evelyn Adams of the United Way, accept the grant from Operation Round Up board member Donna Harpenau.



Linda Reed, left, accepts a \$1,000 grant for Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Ohio Valley. The grant is presented by Donna Harpenau, Operation Round Up board member. The Operation Round Up grant will fund 10 matching grants in Perry County.



Christine Hasenour, left, accepts a \$1,000 grant for YMCA, from Donna Harpenau, Operation Round Up board member. The grant will help fund Summer Day Camp program.

# Highlights of April 30 board meeting

In an effort to keep you informed of your cooperative's operations and activities, the following are highlights of the April 30 board meeting.

1. All directors were present along with President/CEO Michael Hammack and Administrative Assistant Lisa Hinton. Also present was Finance Manager Donna Harpenau.
2. The March 25 board meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.
3. The April membership certificates and vouchers were reviewed and approved.
4. The January and February 2009 director reports were reviewed and approved.
5. The first item of business was a review of the IRS Form 990 questionnaire presented by Harpenau.
6. The CEO report was presented with Hammack reporting the following items:
  - a. Hammack informed directors the FEMA funds application was completed April 22.
  - b. Hammack received a thank you letter from Burns Mercer president/CEO of Meade County REC, who expressed his appreciation for lineman assistance during ice storm restoration in January.
  - c. Hammack informed directors a small claims case involving Southern Indiana Power is still pending in Spencer County court.
  - d. USDA-RUS loan news releases are possible upon approval of any RUS loans.
  - e. Hammack provided information regarding a possible Synthetic Natural Gas (SNG) plant site.
  - f. Southern Indiana Power has registered with Central Contractor Registration and [Grants.gov](http://Grants.gov) for potential submission of stimulus funding applications for any grants that may apply.
  - g. The board approved Hammack to select a firm to perform a cost of service study. Hammack will seek three proposals.
  - h. Hammack reported IT committee work assignments include prepay program, demand response offering, AMI opportunities and new outage management program.
  - i. The board approved a Highway 231 coalition funding request.
  - j. Hammack reported 2,062 CFL bulbs were given to members who completed and returned to the office a global warming/renewable energy survey found in April's *Electric Consumer*.
- k. Hammack will add capital credit review to the 2010-11 strategic plan meeting agenda.
- l. Randy Kleaving has filed a petition for reelection to District Six and Kevin Waininger has filed a petition for candidate for District Eight for director elections at the 2009 annual meeting.
- m. Hammack provided a carbon cap and trade federal proposal update.
- n. Hammack reported a Hoosier Energy Regional meeting will be held May 18.
- o. A member regional meeting was held April 7 at the Rockport Legion with 27 randomly selected members who receive their power from Rose Hill substation in attendance.
7. Director Lynch provided an update of the annual meeting committee meeting held April 20.
8. A motion was made, seconded and carried by the board to participate in the NRUCFC Cooperative System Integrity Fund.
9. Chuck Tiemann, senior risk management/regulatory consultant with Indiana Statewide provided responsibility for safety training on April 28. Hammack advised there were no lost time accidents and no public liability claims to report.
10. A motion was made seconded and carried by the board to approve Monroe Shine and Co., Inc. as the 2009 year end auditor for Southern Indiana Power.
11. Director Braun reported the following items from the Hoosier Energy board meeting held March 31: The Hoosier Energy board of directors approved the 2008 audit report presented by representatives of Deloitte and Touche. The board also approved an agreement with Indiana Railroad for deliveries from the Bear Run mine to Merom from 2010 through 2013 and a five year agreement with Rogers Group for Merom scrubber limestone. The Hoosier Energy board approved a joint media campaign with Wabash Valley and possibly IMPA to stress the message of keeping electricity affordable. PA Consulting Group had completed an appraisal of

Hoosier Energy assets. Regional meetings for local directors and staff are being planned for late May.

12. Director Kleaving reported on the Hoosier Energy annual meeting held April 14. Director Braun was recognized for two years of service on the Hoosier Energy board of directors. Weather challenges were discussed. Hoosier Energy CEO Steve Smith reported on proposed cap and trade legislation.
13. Director Kleaving reported the following items from the Indiana Statewide board meeting held April 15: Thirty-six directors and 33 managers/CEOs were present. Indiana Statewide CEO Bruce Graham discussed "Our Energy, Our Future," a mass media presentation project and the legislative conference. The Indiana Statewide board approved the 2008 audit report. Maureen Ferguson gave an update of state issues. Mike Brenner discussed identity theft/red flag issues. The Service Concepts annual meeting will be held June 11.
14. The next regularly scheduled board of directors meeting will be held Wednesday, May 27.

## Conserve water, electricity during summer dry spells

Summer heat is tough enough on the water supply it can put a tremendous strain on both water and electricity. Want to conserve both? Here are some tips.

- Do full loads when you use clothes washers or dishwashers.
- Replace showerheads with low-flow models that save up to five gallons of water a minute.
- Showers use less water than baths.
- Wash clothes and dishes after dark.
- Turn the water off while you brush your teeth or shampoo your hair. You can save 200 gallons a week.

### June Sudoku Puzzle — Hard

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## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### Pecan Frosties

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|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 2 cups flour                         | 1 egg                |
| ½ t. baking soda                     | 1 t. vanilla extract |
| ¼ t. salt                            | ½ cup chopped pecans |
| ½ cup butter; softened               | 2 T. sour cream      |
| 1 ¼ cups packed brown sugar, divided |                      |

Preheat oven to 350 F. Combine the flour, baking soda and salt in a bowl and mix well. Beat the butter and 1 cup of the brown sugar in a mixing bowl until light and fluffy. Beat in the egg and vanilla. Add the dry ingredients gradually, mixing well after each addition. Shape into 1-inch balls. Place 2 inches apart on cookie sheets. Combine the pecans, sour cream and remaining ¼ cup brown sugar in a bowl and mix well. Make a shallow depression in center of each ball. Fill with ½ teaspoon of pecan mixture. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes or until brown.