

# WE OUR COMMUNITY

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"To move forward, you have to give back."

This quote from Oprah Winfrey reflects the special bond and

obligation that ties Miami-Cass REMC to the community we serve. With Valentine's Day approaching, we can't think of a better time to express how much we love this community and serving you, the members of the co-op.

We know when we helped to bring electricity to rural Indiana many years ago, the quality of life improved for all. Through the years, other issues needed to be tackled, and we have been at the forefront of helping to address some of those issues. We want to help meet the long-term needs of our community to ensure it continues to thrive — because just like you, we live here too.

While our top priority is to provide safe, reliable and affordable energy to you, equally important is our mission to enrich the lives of the consumer-members (that's you!) that we serve. This focus to benefit the larger community is central to the way we operate as a cooperative. Miami-Cass REMC knows that electricity is a critical need for modern-day life, but it takes more

than poles and power lines to make a community.

Over time, our co-op has evolved to meet the changing needs of our community, thereby improving the quality of life for everyone. And that can mean many different things. It can mean programs for Indiana's youth, such as education scholarships or the Indiana Youth Tour, where we take our community's brightest young people to Washington, D.C., for a week-long immersion to experience democracy in action.

We all benefit from these programs because of you and your neighbors. You empower the cooperative through your membership and through your participation in and support of these programs.

As a local business, we are proud to power your life and bring good things to our community. We hope you will continue to guide our efforts by sharing your perspective as we plan for the future. While the larger environment in which we operate is constantly changing, one thing remains the same. By working together, I'm certain that we can continue to do good things for our community.

**ROB SCHWARTZ**  
CEO



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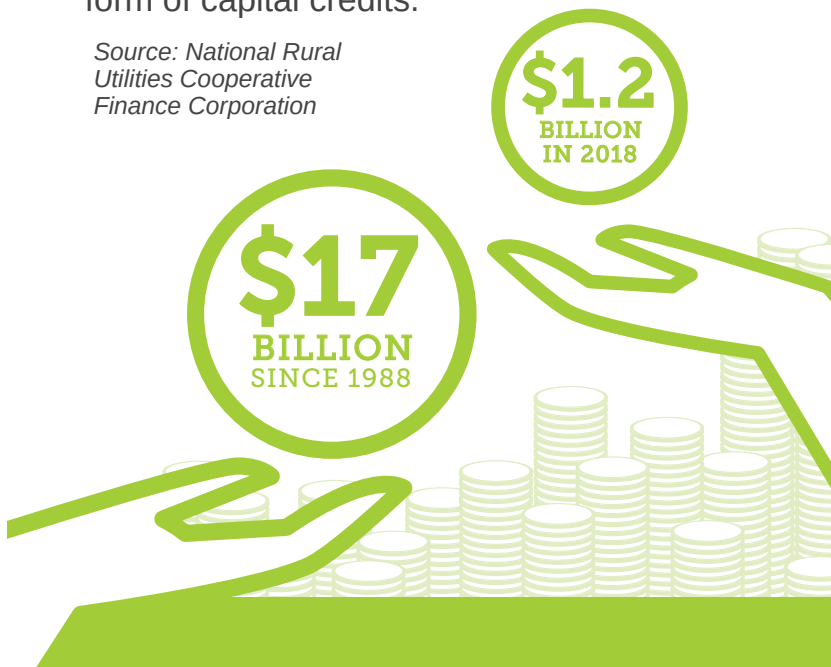
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## Did You Know?

Electric cooperatives have retired \$17 billion to members since 1988 — \$1.2 billion in 2018 alone.

Because electric co-ops operate at cost, any excess revenues (called margins) are allocated and retired to members in the form of capital credits.

*Source: National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation*



## Board meets in December

1. Counted seven board members present. Miami-Cass REMC attorney Liane Steffes also attended via teleconference.
2. WVPA board report was given by Jim Savage.
3. Schwartz presented the monthly CEO report.
4. Minutes from the previous board meeting were approved.
5. Financial report given by Schwartz.
6. November monthly operating, member services and safety reports were reviewed and approved.
7. Set the next board meeting for Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2020 at 6 p.m. in the Miami-Cass REMC boardroom.



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
MIAMI-CASS REMC ANNUAL MEETING  
**JUNE 9, 2020**  
MACONAQUAH HIGH SCHOOL

## MEMBER PROFILE

# A friend indeed

## SCOTT RECEIVES AWARD FOR SERVICE TO 4-H

Miami-Cass REMC director Cindy Scott was recently awarded the Friend of Extension Award from the Indiana Extension Educators Association. The award has been given for over 20 years and is presented to two individuals each year who have been outstanding in their contributions and support of the Purdue Extension.

Scott was nominated for the award by the Cass County Purdue Extension. She has been active in 4-H for over 50 years, as both a member and a leader. She has served as the Adams Township Hoosier's Harvesters 4-H leader for 42 years and has served two three-year terms on the extension board and three three-year terms on the 4-H director board. Scott has also served as club president of the Extension Homemakers and is chairman of the Cass County Cattlemen's Association.

While serving as the treasurer on the 4-H director board, Scott had a great economic impact on the Cass County Extension. She developed the Cass County Classic Clover Club which has brought in almost \$49,000 since its inception. Scott also developed the Adopt a Building project which has accumulated over \$33,000 for the upkeep and renovation of the Cass County 4-H buildings. She offered the first "Day Sponsorship" for the Cass County fair which has generated over

\$75,000 during the last few years. She also secured sponsorships to support all the landscape areas around the fairgrounds.

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Scott's biggest accomplishment to date: the 4-H Community Center Renovation Project. Between 2007 and 2010, she secured sponsorships which included three \$25,000 matching grants to remodel the main building, including the kitchen, on the fairgrounds.

Scott has passed on her love of 4-H to her children, who were all 10-year 4-H members, and her grandchildren who are current 4-H members.

Miami-Cass REMC congratulates Scott on receiving this award. We are proud to have her serve as a director on the Miami-Cass REMC board.



Miami-Cass REMC Director Cindy Scott was recently honored for her outstanding contributions to Purdue Extension.



# APPLY FOR youth programs

## TOUCHSTONE ENERGY CAMP

**JUNE  
3-6**

A fun, powerful and unique camp experience designed for students entering seventh grade in 2020.

Horseback riding, canoeing, zip lining, archery, swimming, learning about electrical safety and bucket truck rides. Apply at [TouchstoneEnergyCamp.org](http://TouchstoneEnergyCamp.org).



## INDIANA YOUTH TOUR

**JUNE  
18-25**

Miami-Cass REMC wants to send you on a weeklong, all-inclusive trip of a lifetime to Washington, D.C.

Monuments, museums, legislators, friends, and history. Must be a high school junior to apply. Apply at [IndianaYouthTour.org](http://IndianaYouthTour.org).

*Deadline to apply for both Touchstone Energy Camp and Indiana Youth Tour is March 2. For more information, call Kim Burton at 765-473-6668 or email [kimb@mcremc.coop](mailto:kimb@mcremc.coop).*



### ENERGY EFFICIENCY *Tip*

Are you using your fireplace efficiently? Remember to turn down the thermostat when burning a fire, and close the damper when a fire is not burning.

— U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Average Prices for Residential Electricity

2018 figures, in cents per kWh

