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# Get involved and join us at the *annual meeting*



One of my favorite events is coming this spring when Miami-Cass REMC hosts our annual meeting for you, our members. I always look forward to this event because it's a great opportunity

for me, and our employees, to talk with our members and hear what's on their minds.

We thank you in advance for getting involved because your participation means so much to us. During the annual meeting, we'll share a few brief business updates on financials, our fiber projects, and other news happening at the co-op. But we're going to have a lot of fun, too! We'll have activities for the kids, tasty food, several prizes and entertainment.

Spending time with you and hearing your take on our community's energy future is so important to us. In fact, it's essential, because everything we do is shaped by the members of our community. As I'm sure you know, the energy industry is in the midst of massive change. Consumer needs and changing technology impact nearly every aspect of how we manage and deliver energy to local homes, schools and businesses.

As we navigate major changes in the coming years, we need to hear from you and your neighbors to direct our planning as we strive to meet the long-term needs of all Miami-Cass REMC's members.

## YOU HAVE A SAY

You may be wondering if your opinion really makes a difference — yes, it does! Gaining guidance and perspective from our members and board helps set priorities for the co-op and guide future decisions. At our annual meeting, we raise issues for voting consideration by the general membership (that's everyone who pays for electric service from Miami-Cass REMC). The annual meeting is also a time for members to vote on the co-op's board of directors.

Our board of directors is composed of seven members who live and work right here in our local service area, so they are in the best position to know where community investments are most needed. And, by the way, we hope you'll consider running for the board in the future. We're always looking for folks who care about our community and who are willing to serve.

## YOUR ELECTRIC BILL IS AN INVESTMENT IN OUR COMMUNITY

This local input means those closest to the community know its needs and priorities and help direct where co-ops dollars are spent. Every year, we invest funds to make updates to our local system, which helps maintain reliability and grid resilience. Think of it this way — every time you pay your electric bill, you're actually investing in your community because all the money we take in stays here locally. By making these investments in our local system, we can ensure you have reliable power for everyday life.

Most consumers likely don't equate active involvement with their electric company with helping their community. But Miami-Cass REMC is not an ordinary utility company. We're a co-op, and our business model is meant to serve the members and the community in which it operates.

Our core purpose and mission are to provide safe, reliable and affordable power. But, as a co-op, we're also motivated by service to our community, rather than profits. We hope you'll exercise the benefits of your co-op membership and join us for the annual meeting this spring. We look forward to seeing you!

**ROB SCHWARTZ**  
CEO



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## IN THE EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT ...

# GAVIN BOWMAN



This May, Broadway Broadband powered by Miami-Cass REMC welcomed Gavin Bowman to the team as an installer. In his role, he completes fiber and wireless installations and performs service calls for customers.

Bowman is a Peru native and a 2019 graduate of Peru High School. During, and for a year following high school, he worked for Ace Hardware in Peru. He then worked two years for his father at Bowman's Heating and Cooling before joining Broadway Broadband.

Bowman has always worked

in customer service and likes interacting with customers on a daily basis. He also enjoys the diversity that comes with service calls, as it brings something different every day. Bowman considers the day a success when he has completed all of his jobs and his customers are happy. His least favorite part of the job, however, is climbing towers.

Bowman is a self-professed "couch potato" and enjoys relaxing on his days off. He is happiest when spending time with his family and being outdoors in the woods. Bowman likes to bow fish and

has even had an opportunity to fish for alligator gar in a bayou in Louisiana. He would also like to take a cruise at some point.

When growing up, Bowman wanted to race four-wheelers for a living, but life took him in a different direction. If not pursuing this career path, Bowman stated that he would like to own his own company someday — perhaps in heating and air conditioning like his dad, or by owning rental properties.

The staff and board of directors are glad to have him as part of the Broadway Broadband family.

### ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP

Did you know insulating your electric water heater could reduce standby heat loss by 25% to 45%? This could save you 7% to 16% on annual water heating costs. Insulating your electric water heater is an easy, inexpensive project that can improve energy efficiency and save you money each month. The Department of Energy rates this project level as medium difficulty, meaning most homeowners can tackle this project on their own. You can purchase pre-cut jackets or blankets for about \$20 at most home improvement stores. Visit [energy.gov](https://energy.gov) for project tips and additional considerations.

*Source: Department of Energy*

# why IS MY WINTER ELECTRIC BILL HIGHER?

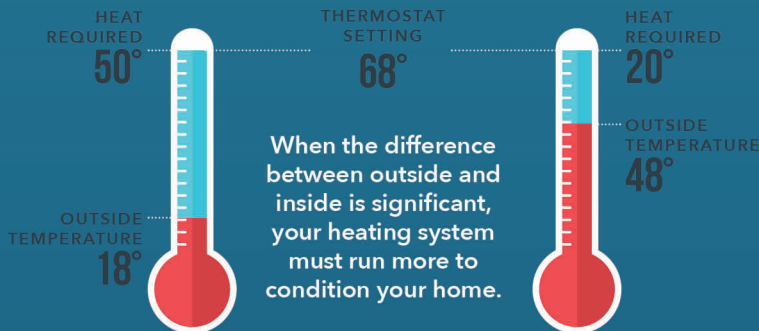


*a frigid fact:* You use more energy in cold weather.

## HERE'S WHY:

In cold weather, your heating system works much harder to keep your home comfortable.

Even if you don't change your thermostat setting, it runs longer to heat your home.



Even gas heating systems use electricity to power the fan and distribute the warm air.

## ENERGY USE MATTERS

Your monthly bill is largely determined by the amount of energy you use.

### ENERGY USED

The meter on your home measures the energy you consume. **This is your "use."**



### ELECTRIC RATE

There is a charge for each kilowatt hour you use. **This is your "rate."**

**IEC** INDIANA ELECTRIC  
COOPERATIVES

## Board meets in NOVEMBER

1. Counted six board members attending. Attorney Jeremy Fetty also attended.
2. CEO Rob Schwartz presented the WVPA report.
3. Fetty presented the legal report.
4. Schwartz presented the monthly CEO report.
5. Minutes from the previous board meeting were approved.
6. Financial report given by Schwartz.
7. October monthly operating, member services and safety reports were reviewed and approved.
8. Set the next board meeting for Wednesday, Dec. 21, at 6 p.m. at the REMC headquarters.

## HAVING TROUBLE PAYING YOUR BILL?

Qualifying households can receive winter heating and limited summer cooling assistance from the state's Energy Assistance Program.

More information is available by calling 1-800-382-9895, and a directory of intake offices by county is available by visiting the website of [www.in.gov/ihcda](http://www.in.gov/ihcda).

Many township trustees also offer energy assistance.







Indiana Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.

## UPCOMING YOUTH PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES

### CAMP KILOWATT

**Date: June 7-10**

A fun and unique camp experience for students entering seventh grade. The camp takes place in early June and gives kids a chance to learn about energy while making new friends and enjoying activities and games. This three-day camp includes horseback riding, electric cooperative education, rock climbing, swimming and much more.

*If you know someone that would enjoy these opportunities, encourage them to visit [www.indianayouthtour.org](http://www.indianayouthtour.org) or [www.campkilowatt.org](http://www.campkilowatt.org) for an online application. Both experiences are FREE and available to students whose parents or guardians live in the Miami-Cass REMC service territory.*

### INDIANA YOUTH TOUR

**Date: June 11-18**

During the month of June, Indiana's electric cooperatives sponsor an unforgettable educational adventure to Washington, D.C., for high school seniors-to-be. This seven-day trip includes visits with Indiana's congressional leaders on Capitol Hill and a youth event with student delegates from across the country.

### COOPERATIVE CALENDAR OF STUDENT ART CONTEST

Indiana K-12 public, private or home-schooled students are invited to enter the Cooperative Calendar of Student Art Contest for a chance to illustrate an award-winning wall calendar. Each year, 13 first-place winners and additional honorable mention winners will have their artwork featured in the calendar — and will receive cash prizes. Winners will also have their artwork displayed at the annual Hoosier Salon exhibition. Learn more at [IndianaConnection.org/for-youth/art-contest](http://IndianaConnection.org/for-youth/art-contest).

### PAGE DAY

Page Day with the Indiana Senate gives students an opportunity to learn about their state government and how bills become law. Highlights include a Statehouse tour, mock bill activity, speakers and other educational activities. Students may have the opportunity to see the Indiana Legislature in action and meet their legislators. The program is open to high school students. Apply by Jan. 11 at [GoIEC.org/2023pageday](http://GoIEC.org/2023pageday).

### QUESTIONS?

Call the REMC office at 800-844-6668.