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How are you CELEBRATING EARTH DAY?



Earth Day is considered one of the world's largest civic events, and on April 22, we can all be part of this global movement to help the environment.

First, I want to share some things that we're doing right here at Miami-Cass REMC to better our own little corner of the world.

Over the past few years, we've launched several green initiatives, including Community Solar through our power supplier Wabash Valley Power, enabling our consumer-members to access energy from renewable sources. In fact, almost 20% of our energy mix comes from renewable energy sources.

There are many ways we as individuals can help the environment. Here are a few simple actions you can take to reduce your energy use.

- **Audit your lightbulbs.** Swapping out incandescent bulbs with LED bulbs can make a big difference in home efficiency, and it's one of the easiest ways to reduce your energy bill.
- **Maintain your HVAC system.** Replace your home air filters to allow your HVAC system to run more efficiently. Air filters prevent dust and allergens from clogging your HVAC system.

Changing the filters makes your unit run more efficiently – keeping your home cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter.



- **Examine your smart or programmable thermostat.** Make sure it is programmed for the current season and family schedule. This is one of the best tools at your fingertips, however, you can only achieve these efficiencies and savings if it is programmed properly and adjusted periodically to keep pace with changes in household routines.

While these suggestions may not be glamorous actions worthy of a press release or event, they do make a difference. And we're always here to help if you want more information on how you can save energy. Stop by our office or give us a call.

As we celebrate Earth Day this April, let's continue to work together and make a positive impact on our local community – and our beautiful planet.

ROB SCHWARTZ
 CEO



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NEWS FROM YOUR CO-OP...

CORRECTION

In the March issue, we incorrectly listed the districts that were up for election in 2020. The correct information is:

District 1: Allen, Erie, Jefferson, Perry, Peru, Richland, and Union townships in Miami County and Paw Paw Township in Wabash County. Incumbent director — Todd Smith.

District 4: Butler, Clay, Deer Creek, Harrison, Jackson, Pipe Creek, and Washington townships in Miami County. Incumbent director — Tony Caldwell

OFFICE CLOSING

Happy Easter from all of us at Miami-Cass REMC! In honor of the holiday, our office will be closed on Good Friday, April 10.

SALUTING OUR LINEMEN

Miami-Cass REMC salutes our linemen! April 13 has been set aside as Lineman Appreciation Day.

Take a moment on April 13 to thank a lineman for his hard work to help keep the lights on for you!



Board meets in FEBRUARY

1. Counted six board members present. Miami-Cass REMC attorney Jeremy Fetty and one director attended via teleconference.
2. WVPA board report was given by Jim Savage.
3. IEC board report was given by Todd Smith.
4. Schwartz presented the monthly CEO report.
5. Minutes from the previous board meeting were approved.
6. Financial report given by Schwartz.
7. January monthly operating, member services and safety reports were reviewed and approved.
8. Set the next board meeting for Tuesday, March 24, at 6 p.m. in the Miami-Cass REMC boardroom.



SAVE THE DATE!

MIAMI-CASS REMC ANNUAL MEETING

JUNE 9

MACONAQUAH HIGH SCHOOL

This illustration shows the new Miami County YMCA.



YMCA project update

Plans begun in the fall of 2012 will be coming to fruition late this spring for the Miami County YMCA and community. The YMCA has raised approximately 95% of the \$13 million necessary to build the new 55,000-square foot facility allowing it to double the nearly 6,500 people of all ages, backgrounds, incomes and abilities it currently serves.

This project wouldn't be possible without the support of the City of Peru, Miami County, the Dukes Health Care Foundation (which offered a \$2.5 million matching grant), the Miami County Community Foundation and other private donors.

The new facility will be located on 10 acres of the 40-acre River View Community Improvement Project east of West City Park. It will feature an elevated indoor track, social gathering spaces, a community meeting room, preschool education classrooms, child care rooms, a multi-use

pool, a wellness center, group exercise classrooms and a gymnasium.

The YMCA has a bold vision to serve the Miami County community and to cultivate the potential in every child, to support the pursuit of healthier lifestyles and to bridge the gap of the community by cooperating with other community-strengthening organizations. To help achieve this vision, it recently signed an agreement with a medical partner that will be housed in an adjoining 10,000-square-foot medical facility. The building will include a family practice, walk-in clinic, physical therapy and more.

Bob Schwartz, Miami County YMCA campaign co-chair, shared, "This YMCA will serve as a keystone and provide momentum for continued economic development. Not only is it good for business; it's good for the future of our community."

The new YMCA will have an impact on the community by:

- Providing a catalyst for growth by helping to attract new business and residents to the area.
- Helping employers develop a healthier workforce which results in lower healthcare and insurance costs.
- Creating a community-gathering place that is open and accessible by all.

There is an additional \$308,000 available of the Dukes Health Care Foundation matching grant. If you would like to donate toward the completion of this vital community project or would like more information about it, you can contact Mark Demchak, Miami County YMCA executive director, at 765-472-1979 or email him at mdemchak@mcmymca.org.

With your help, the YMCA can continue its life-changing work and add quality of life in Miami County.

GIVE LINE CREWS LOTS OF ROOM.

It's the law.



National Work Zone Awareness Week is **APRIL 20-24**. Motorists are reminded to be careful around those whose jobs put them along the roadsides.

When motorists see the orange diamond-shaped work zone warning signs, they should slow down and prepare for the zone ahead.

Emergency vehicles protected by the law include:

- Police vehicles
- Ambulances
- Fire trucks and rescue equipment
- Highway incident-response vehicles
- Highway maintenance vehicles
- Utility service vehicles
- Vehicle recovery equipment (tow trucks)

The "slow down, move over" law requires motorists approaching a stationary utility vehicle displaying flashing amber lights to:

- Proceed with caution. If possible, change lanes away from the vehicle (on a highway with two or more lanes), depending on safety and traffic conditions. If changing lanes is impossible or unsafe, reduce speed to at least 10 miles per hour less than the posted speed limit.
- Always be a courteous driver. Even if you see another vehicle, flashers on or not, parked on the roadside, slow down and attempt to move away.

