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Reflect and honor

MAY IS MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH



While enjoying various Memorial Day festivities this month, I hope you will join me in pausing to reflect on the sacrifices of our country's veterans and their families. I am especially thankful for those who gave the ultimate sacrifice so that we can enjoy the freedoms their service affords us in this great country of ours.

May is Military Appreciation Month, and in the words of John F. Kennedy, "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

At Miami-Cass REMC, we are grateful to have veterans within our ranks, and we are proud to serve veterans and their families within our local community. In addition to providing safe, reliable and affordable energy, we care for the veteran community and show our appreciation through our actions and ongoing commitment to them and their families.

We are not alone in our efforts to honor and serve veterans. Miami-Cass REMC is part of a network of more than 900 electric cooperatives across the country that support and honor our nation's veterans of all generations. As part of our national association of electric cooperatives, spanning 48 states and serving 13% of U.S. consumers, there are countless

programs that our family of electric co-ops has initiated.

At the national level, we support the Vets Power Us program, which is aimed at employing and honoring veterans, active military and their spouses. This effort helps veterans understand potential career paths with electric co-ops and, in turn, provides co-ops with best practices in attracting, onboarding and retaining veterans.

The Department of Defense is one of the largest energy consumers worldwide and the single largest energy consumer in the U.S. We, like other electric co-ops across the country, work closely with military installations, providing electricity and partnering on various projects.

Not only do we pause on Memorial Day to remember the sacrifice and service of those who gave all, but the month also holds several other military anniversaries and events, including Military Spouse Appreciation Day on May 8 and Armed Forces Day on May 16.

Miami-Cass REMC is proud to be a part of the electric cooperative network that honors and supports veterans of all ages, ranks and branches of the military. Please join us in taking a moment to show your appreciation to a veteran — not just this month, but every month.

ROB SCHWARTZ
CEO

Miami-Cass REMC Annual Meeting postponed

Due to ongoing concerns regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, and following the recommendation of Gov. Holcomb, Miami-Cass REMC's board of directors has decided to postpone its annual meeting scheduled for Saturday, June 9.

"Each day during this crisis brings new challenges. In order to follow proper protocol, our annual meeting, unfortunately, must be postponed," said Miami-Cass REMC CEO Rob Schwartz. "We will do our best to keep our members informed of any new information as it becomes available. We are doing what is best for the safety and well-being of our employees and members by closing our lobby, suspending disconnects and late fees, and postponing the annual meeting."



Our board of directors will continue to monitor the situation to determine when the meeting can be rescheduled, hopefully in the late summer or early fall. We will keep the membership informed of additional decisions through Indiana Connection magazine, our website, our Facebook page, local media and an insert in your bill.

Remember Our Heroes On Memorial Day!

Our office will be closed
Monday, May 25.



Board meets in MARCH

1. Counted seven board members attending via teleconference. Miami-Cass REMC attorney Jeremy Fetty 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. February monthly operating, member services and safety reports were reviewed and approved.
7. Set the next board meeting for Tuesday, April 28, at 6 p.m. in the Miami-Cass REMC boardroom.



ENERGY EFFICIENCY

When the weather is nice, put your grill to use! During summer months, cooking outdoors is a great way to save energy and eliminate unwanted heat indoors.



PHOTO BY ROB SALEM/THE STORMWORKS

LOCALLY OWNED, LOCALLY FOCUSED

Hunt Family Farm supports community

The Hunt Family Farm in Amboy, co-owned by father Jack and son Nathan Hunt, is a sixth generation farm founded in 1848. The farm consists of 760 acres where the men grow corn, beans and wheat as well as raise hogs. It is just one in a chain of small businesses in rural Miami County supporting each other.

The farm's hog operation takes up most of their time. What sets them apart from more commercially-run operations is that they own their hogs. The Hunts have approximately 50 sows they breed and then sell the offspring.

The farm breeds them wider than what is customarily done, so that the hogs have a lot of meat on their sides. Hunt Family Farm's hogs grow a little slower, as they have

access to five acres of pasture, and are usually ready to be sold in about six to eight months.

Another aspect of the business that separates them from others is that the Hunts grow all their own corn (the main ingredient in the hogs' feed) on the farm. In addition to the corn, the Hunts also mix sunflower meal (a byproduct from sunflowers) into the hogs' feed. They purchase the sunflower meal from Healthy Hoosier Oil located just down the road in Converse.

Last year, the farm sold approximately 400 hogs. About half were sold to Jefferson BBQ in Converse, demonstrating yet another way they are helping and supplying other local businesses. The other half was sold to local families for freezer meat and to Eskanazi Hos-

pital in Indianapolis. Most of the meat sent to the hospital is used for its Meals on Wheels program. Jefferson BBQ also purchases sunflower oil from Healthy Hoosier Oil.

If you would like to taste meat from Hunt Family Farm, you can buy cuts at yet another local business. Rachel's Taste of Indiana, located across the street from Jefferson Street BBQ in Converse, sells the farm's pork offerings.

In addition to farming, Nathan supports his local community as a firefighter in Peru. Jack also keeps busy through running Converse Hardware and Supply.

For more information about Hunt Family Farm, visit its Facebook page at www.facebook.com/Amboyhuntfarm/.



WE'RE HERE FOR YOU

to keep the lights on.

These are unprecedented times and Miami-Cass REMC is taking unprecedented steps to make sure we're here for you.

Although it's not business as usual, our focus is on keeping your life as normal as possible. As the public health response, recommendations and mandates continue to evolve, Miami-Cass REMC will continue adjusting to meet your needs.

Please continue to visit mcremc.coop and our social media channels for updates. We're here for you.

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Spring into farm electrical safety



Know what to do if electrical contact occurs.

IF YOU'RE INSIDE THE MACHINERY WHEN COMING IN CONTACT WITH A DOWNED POWER LINE:

If you can, drive safely away from the downed power line and the source of electricity. Travel at least three tractor lengths, or about 40 feet, before stopping.

If you can't drive or you are injured, it's best to stay where you are until help arrives.

If you must get out of the machinery because of a life-threatening reason, don't touch the machinery and the ground at the same time with any part of your body or clothing.

