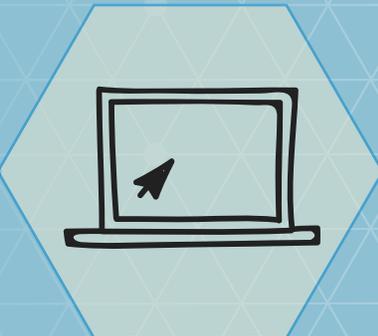


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A CONVERSATION WITH JODIE CREEK

Hoosier Energy Board
Director for two years.

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Meeting with Members

Daviess-Martin County REMC Annual Meeting



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The 2016 annual meeting for Daviess-Martin County REMC took place April 7 at Shoals High School. Turnout was strong as General Manager Dave Sutter addressed members about how the relationships with Daviess-Martin's partners and neighboring cooperatives are a positive asset.

The Cooperative Difference

Clark County REMC Annual Meeting



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Members of Clark County REMC visit the solar booth to learn more about the solar initiative coming to Clark County and to register for a chance to win a solar-powered LED motion detector. The cooperative's 77th annual meeting was held April 9 at Silver Creek High School with over 1,800 members in attendance.

Putting Innovation to Work for You

Dubois REC Annual Meeting



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The Dubois County REMC annual meeting took place April 12 at the Huntingburg Event Center. General Manager Don Book spoke to members about how the co-op has put technology to use such as electronic mapping used by their linemen.

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WIN Energy REMC Annual Meeting

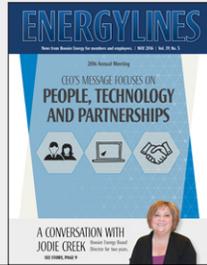


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More than 500 members of WIN Energy attended the REMC's annual meeting on April 2 at Lincoln High School in Vincennes. CEO Tom Gregory emphasized WIN Energy's commitment to the membership and thanked them for their support as the cooperative takes on many challenges facing the industry.

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Meeting in summary

Herbicide Seminar ■ April 19 ■ Hoosier Energy Headquarters

More than 50 representatives from member systems and Hoosier Energy attended a continuing education seminar about herbicide treatment. Hoosier Energy hosts the annual training session to help licensed vegetation management specialists maintain state certification.

Topics at the seminar included use of existing and new products, safety regulations and practices and trends in the industry.

State certification is required for vegetation management crews who apply maintenance treatment on utility right-of-ways using approved, environmentally acceptable herbicide treatments.

Areas near transmission and distribution lines must be kept free and clear of vegetation and other obstacles in order to provide member consumers with the safe and reliable delivery of electricity.



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CONTINUING EDUCATION: Providing details about vegetation management best practices for Hoosier Energy and member system employees is Greg Ressler of Red River Specialties Inc.

Economic development news

Several regional economic projects are helping further co-op growth in the 18-member Hoosier Energy power network. Recent economic development news includes the following, compiled from staff and other news reports.

Boar's Head ribbon cutting

Indiana Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb joined local officials and the president of Boar's Head Brand in a ribbon-cutting ceremony on April 12 to celebrate the premium delicatessen food company's new manufacturing facility in New Castle.

"In Indiana, agriculture means business," said Holcomb, who also serves as the state's Secretary of Agriculture. "With the Boar's Head Brand opening new operations in New Castle, Indiana's agricultural supply chain continues to build upon its \$31 billion impact in our state economy. Hoosier farms feed our state, our nation and the world. Welcome Boar's Head to our agriculture family."

The company announced plans in 2014 for the 150,000-square-foot facility to manufacture pork, beef and poultry products. Henry County REMC was instrumental in working with its largest industrial customer to meet the facility's electrical needs. The expansion is expected to create more than 200 jobs. Boar's Head says it is currently hiring for management and associate positions and that the facility will be fully operational in June.

SOURCE: Inside Indiana Business



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COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP: Shannon Thom, CEO of Henry County REMC, left, and Ed Yanos, Henry County Commissioner, attend the ribbon cutting for Boar's Head Brand's new manufacturing facility served by the REMC.



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ATTRACTING MANUFACTURING: Indiana Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb welcomes the addition of the Boar's Head facility and noted its positive impact on the state's economy.

"With the Boar's Head Brand opening new operations in New Castle, Indiana's agricultural supply chain continues to build upon its \$31 billion impact in our state economy. Hoosier farms feed our state, our nation and the world."

Indiana Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb

Honda expanding Greensburg facility

Honda Manufacturing of Indiana is investing \$52 million and creating 100 jobs at its facility in Greensburg, served by Decatur County REMC. The jobs and investment will support production of the automaker's No. 2 selling model in the United States, the CR-V. Earlier this year, Honda announced that production of the CR-V would move from Mexico to Indiana in 2017. Honda began producing the Civic at the Greensburg plant in 2008.

SOURCE: Indiana Business Journal



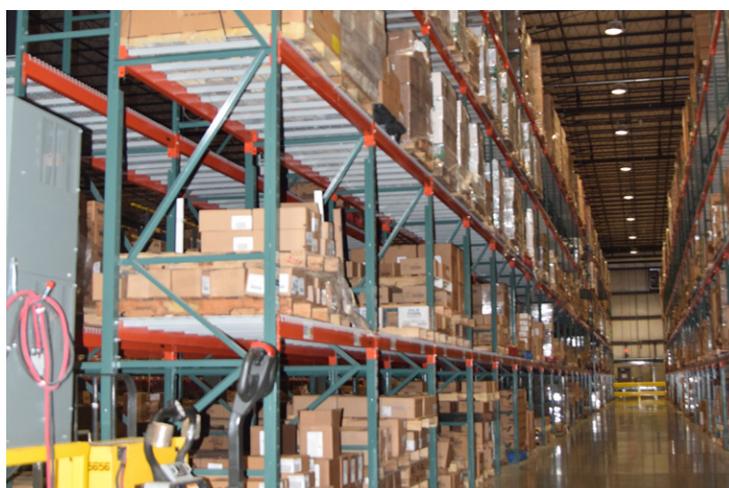
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PLANT EXPANSION: Honda Manufacturing of Indiana will begin production of the CR-V next year. The plant is located in Greensburg and is served by Decatur County REMC.

SugarCreek named Plant of the Year

Food Engineering magazine has named the SugarCreek processing plant in Cambridge City, Indiana as Plant of the Year. The new, 435,000-square-foot facility is served by Whitewater Valley REMC. The distribution co-op coordinated with county commissioners and engineers to facilitate electrical infrastructure needs that included an overhead substation exit with an underground loop around the entire facility. Known as a bacon processor, SugarCreek is now using the latest trends in technology and production to produce a multitude of food products. Its expansive operations in Cambridge City offer commercial-scale sous vide, French for "under vacuum," cooking production as well as several other food production lines including protein snacks, sausage patties and gourmet meatballs. Sous vide is a method of cooking in which food is prepped, vacuum-packed sealed, cooked in a precisely controlled water bath and then refrigerated or frozen until ready to be served.

Source: Food Engineering



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READY TO DISTRIBUTE: Casey's General Store opened a new distribution center in Terre Haute. The 280,000-square-foot facility is served by WIN Energy REMC.

Casey's opens distribution center in Terre Haute

Casey's General Store celebrated the grand opening of its new distribution center in Terre Haute last month. More than 100 employees, their families and Casey's executives attended the event on April 15 to mark the opening of the Iowa-based company's second distribution center, which will serve one-third of the company's 1,900 stores. WIN Energy REMC is providing electric service for the 280,000-square-foot distribution center located at the Vigo County Industrial Park on US 41.

The \$30 million center ships groceries and other supplies to more than 600 stores each week. The new facility is expected to employ more than 150 people.

2016 Annual Meeting Review

HOOSIER ENERGY 2016 ANNUAL MEETING

THE POWER OF PEOPLE, TECHNOLOGY AND PARTNERSHIPS

Managers update members on execution of strategies

The annual meeting included a question and answer format in which managers provided examples of how Hoosier Energy factors the power of people, technology and partnerships into its culture of execution. On the following pages are excerpts from their remarks.

On reliability improvements

“We are certainly pleased with results over the past few years. But there are always opportunities for improvement. Our expanded vegetation management program has proven beneficial and cost effective. The new Operations Center has done a lot to improve efficiency and crews keep finding new value from the facility. In fact, we are updating our outage management system to improve tracking and communication of system events faster and with better clarity.”

Brady Mann,
Manager of Delivery Services

FRENCH LICK

By any measure, 2015 was a good year for Hoosier Energy. The generation and transmission electric cooperative posted strong financial results, maintained competitive wholesale rates, and recorded the best reliability and safety in many years.

At Hoosier Energy’s 67th annual meeting on April 7, Steve Smith, President and Chief Executive Officer of Hoosier Energy, reflected on how achieving these successes, as well as the company’s long legacy of overcoming obstacles, bodes well for meeting future challenges. “So what is it about our past that informs our future, recognizing that new challenges will be distinctly different? I believe people, technology and partnerships are common threads.”

Taken together, those three factors are the key to Hoosier Energy and its 18 member systems advancing the business. In meeting challenges such as building a cooperative power supply, deregulation, diversification and expansion of the generation transmission system, ongoing environmental regulation and enhancing reliability and services, Hoosier Energy and its member systems have ensured that the G&T is delivering on its mission to provide assured,



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CEO MESSAGE: President and CEO Steve Smith says Hoosier Energy and member systems have ensured that the G&T is delivering on its mission to provide assured, reliable and competitively priced energy and services in a safe and environmentally acceptable manner.

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In his address before 300 electric cooperative directors, employees and special guests at the French Lick Conference Center, Smith said that through people, technology and partnerships, the electric cooperative will continue to succeed for years to come.

“People will advance our business into the future, whether through decisions made today or in 20 years. We are hiring and retaining enthusiastic, passionate and capable individuals who value the cooperative business model and its unique benefits,”

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On workforce development

“We’ve created the Hoosier Energy Cooperative Academy to ensure that we attract, develop and retain a highly skilled workforce. The Academy includes leadership and technical training, progress tracking and competency testing. We are using technology to support these offerings with an online learning management system.”

Chris Blunk,
Manager of Human Resources

On renewables

“We’ve made great progress on renewable generation. More than 5 percent of our energy will come from renewables this year, we’ll be up to 8 percent by 2020, and we’re on target to meet 10 percent by 2025.

We select projects based on economics, visibility, diversity and location. We want a blend of facilities we own as well as partnering through power purchase agreements.”

Heath Norrick,
Manager of Renewable Energy



EFFICIENCY EXHIBIT: Demand Side Management Analyst Susie Smith talks with guests during the annual meeting about lighting technology. On display was a wide variety of LED products available on the Team Up lighting website TeamUpToSave.com/lighting.

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Smith said. “Technology is developing at an extraordinary pace, bringing greater efficiencies across the system. And, partnerships are a key tool to gain scale, reduce risk and manage costs.”

To emphasize how Hoosier Energy employees are using technology and member partnerships, the annual meeting featured reports from department managers on key strategic initiatives.

Eight exhibits showcased employee and member services. As attendees strolled past the booths, they talked with employees about the latest advances in environmental education, economic development, MV-Web – a web-based analysis tool, operations and power delivery, employee training, renewables, demand side management initiatives and safety and training.

The power delivery booth drew widespread attention with an exact replica of a substation, assembled by a Hoosier Energy employee.

Darin Duncan, the outgoing chairman of the Hoosier Energy board and a director on



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WORKING TOGETHER: Darin Duncan, outgoing chairman of the Hoosier Energy board praised the Managers Association for working together to tackle some big issues.

the Harrison REMC board, also emphasized the importance of alliances and partnerships. Whether in business, or personal pursuits, the fundamentals of trust, respect and working together for the common good are the pathways to success, he said.

“It’s that foundation of cooperation and mutual respect that keeps the business going. And it’s that same focus on cooperation that keeps the cooperative business model going,” Duncan said.

Teamwork, he said, is much like >>

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Managers update members on execution of strategies

On connecting with stakeholders in the digital age

“We continue to identify strengths and areas for improvement across communication channels. We began an audit process that included surveying employees, G&T directors, local board members and key staff at member cooperatives. That process is wrapping up and we’re excited for the feedback to enhance communications. We now use technology to develop and distribute a monthly toolbox of general and customizable materials to members. They are then able to use these articles, infographics and videos in their newsletters, websites or social media pages.”

Claire Gregory,
Manager of Communications



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VALUABLE RESOURCE: Hoosier Energy Senior Billing Analyst Holly Nethery speaks to a guest about how MV-Web is a web-based resource for energy management and analysis.

coaching 8th grade boys basketball, a side endeavor that Duncan has enjoyed for the last several years. The biggest challenge, he says, is getting the players to buy into the “we – not me” philosophy. The same is true for our business. “It doesn’t really matter if it’s basketball, or business or keeping the lights on. What matters is knowing we’re all in this together,” Duncan said.

In looking back on his two-year tenure as board chairman, Duncan praised the Managers Association for working together to tackle some big issues. “They have really united to confront some great challenges over the past couple of years, such as distributed generation, employee training and the financial strength of your G&T.”

Duncan thanked his fellow board members and cooperative colleagues and offered these parting words of advice:

“Look for the opportunities to work for the collective good. Don’t be afraid to take risks or ‘think outside the box’ to confront problems in your communities or in our industry. To quote the successful businessman Warren Buffett, ‘Someone’s sitting in

the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago.’ Don’t be afraid to plant the trees, even if you know that you won’t get the immediate shade. Remember, we are in this for the long haul.”

The annual meeting also included a video presentation that highlighted Hoosier Energy’s 2015 operating and financial accomplishments, including advancements in an “all-of-the-above” power supply strategy, power delivery improvements, updates on safety and energy efficiency programs, member services and economic development successes.

Bartholomew County REMC Director Curt Burbrink sang the National Anthem and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to open the meeting. Five directors were honored for their years of service to the generation and transmission cooperative: Augie Bauer, Daviess-Martin County REMC, for 15 years; Jerry Pheifer, South Central Indiana REMC, for 10 years, and Jodi Creek, Whitewater Valley REMC, Gary Waninger, Southern Indiana Power and David Smith, Southeastern REMC, for two years. **EL**

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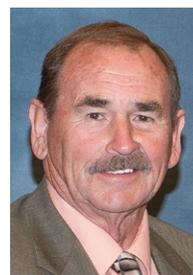
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On power production and the changing energy environment

“In the past, if we weren’t running Merom that often meant we were purchasing more-expensive power elsewhere. Now, there are times when we can buy power cheaper than we can generate it, which lowers costs for members. We are also seeing an increase in gas generation due to low fuel prices, as evidenced by recent strong runs at the Holland combined-cycle gas plant. We are identifying ways to optimize our assets, by working with partners like the Electric Power Research Institute and training employees using simulators and other advanced methods to improve operational flexibility and efficiency.”

Matt Mabrey,
Senior Manager
of Power Production

Board of Director officers



Hoosier Energy Board of Directors officers elected for 2016 are: **Herbert C. Haggard (Chairman)** Johnson County REMC; **Steven C. Stumler (Vice Chairman)** Clark County REMC; **Robert Stroup (Secretary)** RushShelby Energy; **Daniel Schuckman (Treasurer)** WIN Energy REMC.

2016 Board of Directors

Member delegates unanimously elected the following representatives to serve on the Hoosier Energy Board of Directors.

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| Bartholomew County REMC | Janet Anthony |
| Clark County REMC | Steven C. Stumler (Vice Chairman) |
| Daviess-Martin County REMC | John Edwards |
| Decatur County REMC | Steve Dieckmann |
| Dubois REC, Inc. | Jerry C. Jackle |
| Harrison REMC | Darin L. Duncan |
| Henry County REMC | Don Sloan |
| Jackson County REMC | John Trinkle |
| Johnson County REMC | Herbert C. Haggard (Chairman) |
| Orange County REMC | W. Eugene Roberts |
| RushShelby Energy | Robert Stroup (Secretary) |
| South Central Indiana REMC | Jerry W. Pheifer |
| Southeastern Indiana REMC | David Smith |
| Southern Indiana Power | Gary Waninger |
| Utilities District of Western Indiana REMC | James S. Weimer |
| Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative | Larry Hosselton |
| Whitewater Valley REMC | Jodie Creek |
| WIN Energy REMC | Daniel Schuckman (Treasurer) |

On the Clean Power Plan

“We’re continuing our engagement with long-standing partners like NRECA, neighboring utilities and industry leaders. We may not need to wait until the legal dust settles to see how the rule might affect the economy and power markets. In many ways the current market resembles a future we might see under the clean

power plan. We are already navigating this uncertain period by looking broadly across our asset base for value and challenging conventional wisdom about what is possible.”

Caleb Steiner,
Manager of Corporate Strategy

A note from Jodie Creek



Greetings from Richmond, Indiana!

It is hard to believe just a short four days after our visit with Jonie Gates and Chris Johnson from Hoosier Energy in December, I suffered a brain bleed and was life-lined to IU Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis in critical condition where I stayed in ICU for 19 days. I was in a medically-induced coma for 10 of those days.

As I am writing this morning in April, I celebrate – today is my four-month anniversary of the start of my medical journey. Although my memories are limited of the event, I am thankful that my family has been open and has shared with me their experiences of my hospitalization.

I listened wide-eyed as they explained that the mortality rate of my particular bleed is 50 percent and that an additional 30 percent are paralyzed, deaf, blind, suffer long-term memory loss or are brain damaged. As my neurologists explained to my family, there is a bright spot for a very few. Roughly 20 percent suffer only minor deficits. Luckily I fell into this category, only suffering some minor short-term memory loss.

Thankfully I didn't require brain surgery. My doctors decided on a less invasive procedure by putting a drain tube in to help remove excessive blood from my brain. My brain bleed sealed itself. Although I have a new trendy hairstyle from the procedure, I let it serve as a reminder of what I have been through and how far I have come. With the help of my therapist, I have completed my outpatient speech/memory rehab.

I often find myself thinking how fortunate I am. I am not sure that I know the answer entirely myself. I have been told that I am a miracle and the stuff that medical journals will be written about. I like to think that it was the love and sheer will through constant prayer of my loving husband Brian, my small but mighty family, the Whitewater Valley REMC family, the Hoosier Energy family, my work family and my small community rallying with me during my medical emergency. I can't even begin to tell you how many cards, Facebook posts, text messages, gifts, visits and food we received on

a daily basis. It was a truly humbling experience for me and I am forever grateful for those who took the time to think and pray for me.

It is important for me to share that during this experience my faith in God didn't waiver. I don't believe that I am a miracle by myself. I believe that day was a series of miracles from the EMTs who first came to my home to the emergency room doctors at Reid Hospital to the neurologists who worked on me and the nursing staff that cared for me at IU Methodist Hospital. I would be remiss if I didn't thank them all for the wonderful care that I received. They are special people. They were so kind to my family and they never gave up hope that I would survive even during the bleakest of moments.

Well, for those of you that know me best, I believe that this is my journey. I have always felt that God has a plan for me. For whatever reason, he chose me to experience this medical emergency and truly a medical miracle. I believe I will be a better person or the best version of me that is possible. I am humbled by my experience and I am reminded that we are only here for a short time. I want to make the most of the time that I have left. So yes, I participated in the Union County Ag Day for local third graders. I am back to teaching two Junior Achievement classes and I have been back to work for a little over a month now. I love the community that I live and work in and I enjoy giving back. This is what makes me ... well me!

Lastly, I want to mention my grandma. In my director profile you will read about her. She was an amazing woman and I mentioned that she had true grit. I always thought that I was a strong person and going through this I believe I am. I like to think that she passed along some of her true grit to me when I needed it most. I know that she was with me during my time at the hospital and was my biggest cheerleader. She has and will always remain my guardian angel.

God Bless!

Jodie Creek

Out of the Board Room

JODIE CREEK

Editor's note: Following is the profile of Board Director Jodie Creek, who agreed to be featured just before Christmas. However, unforeseen circumstances would cause us to delay its publication. We encourage you to read the profile and Jodie's accompanying letter – as she gives you a window into the unexpected and miraculous journey she's taken throughout the winter.

Although it was an unseasonably warm winter, on this mid-season day the only thing shining was the smile on Jodie Creek's face. Opening the door to her rural Richmond home, she and her husband, Brian, accompanied by Brady, their 4-year-old chocolate Lab, extend a Midwesterners' charming welcome.

"That dog does no wrong in Jodie's eyes," Brian says without hesitation. No argument from Jodie. Joy spreading across her face, she replies, "I'm a dog lover. If I hadn't been a banker, I would have been a veterinarian."

But a banker she is. Jodie works as a senior loan manager at Beacon Credit Union/Beacon Ag Group. All of her clients are farmers, a seemingly natural customer considering her childhood.

Jodie grew up in the rural Indianapolis area of



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ON A MISSION: Jodie has been a Hoosier Energy board member for two years and has served on the Whitewater Valley REMC Board of Directors for eight years.

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JODIE CREEK

Noblesville. Her father worked at Firestone and farmed, with Jodie and siblings Jamie and Jimmy helping out. A professional by trade, Jodie is a farm girl at heart.

“I had a passion for 4-H and FFA. I showed hogs, cattle and sheep. Oh, I was in the barn all the time. Dad had me bailing hay, cleaning out stalls and I started working at a veterinary office in Fishers in the eighth grade,” she says, grinning with pride. Four years later, Purdue would be her college of choice. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science in none other than Ag Economics. Both Brian and Jodie are Purdue Alums and Boilermaker fans.

“It makes it kind of hard to come down into IU country once a month,” she says, referencing her board service to Hoosier Energy in Bloomington. Jodie just completed her second year on the Hoosier Energy board and has served on the Whitewater Valley REMC Board of Directors for eight years.

When it comes to interests, there is potentially no threshold that Jodie won’t cross. With childlike enthusiasm she lists off the many things she likes. “I like to read – and Zumba, I love it. That’s kind of my thing. I like dance kind -of -stuff.” She pauses. “And I volunteer. I like to give back,” she says, sharing an example. “I’ve been on the Union County Ag Day committee for 18 years.”

About the series

This is the ninth in a series featuring Hoosier Energy Board of Directors in an “Out of the Board Room” series in EnergyLines. These personal stories are intended to build stronger relationships among us. A different Director from each of the 18 member systems will appear each month.



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PASSIONATE ABOUT BAKING: One of Jodie’s passions in life is baking. She specializes in cookie creations – finding ideas off the popular idea sharing site Pinterest.

One tour through the house and it’s obvious that Jodie is also a housekeeper, interior designer and has a passion for baking. Pulling some tins from the cupboard, she shows cookies prepared for the evening party.

“I do like to bake. Cookies are my thing. I like to try new things off Pinterest,” she says, referencing a website where you can discover and save creative ideas.

As Jodie shares, it’s easy to see her passion for a lot of life’s simple pleasures. She’s a cross between the ever-popular Rachael Ray and Giada de Laurentiis with a splash of Martha Stewart, but she enjoys it all in the comforts of her Wayne County home, minus the TV crew.

“I just love Christmas,” she says, seeking out her favorite ornament, hidden among the masses on the Christmas tree. “This little yarn angel belonged to my dad’s mom – Grandma Brown,” she says holding it gingerly in her palm. “Dad gave this to me when I got married.”

Her attention switches from trees to flowers and she declares her love for nature. “I’m kind of a flower buff. I love petunias and peach roses, and I think I’m kind of good at growing them,” she says, humble but happy.

The Creek couple live just outside Richmond and do a fair amount of entertaining, sharing their blessings with family and >>

friends. “A lot of people like our pool.

We like to have our family come down,” she says.

Speaking of family, Jodie’s sentiment shines through. “On the way to work each day, I call my family and it’s the last thing I do at the end of the day. I’m a pretty good daughter,” she says, even if she is the only one to have moved away from her native area. For that, she blames her husband.

“After college, I took a job at a bank in Franklin County,” she says, and who walks in but Brian – there to inquire about a loan. It wasn’t a chance meeting; it was a reunion. They had met in college. “I was taking pictures for a marketing class at Purdue and just when I got to Brian, the camera broke. Because of it, he said I would never forget him.” He was right.

It wasn’t long after the bank encounter before the couple started dating. While he didn’t take the loan, he eventually took her – as his wife. The two live in the area he was raised. They have their brick home on four acres and an 1,800-acre farm just five miles away where they grow corn and beans and 35-head of corn-fed cattle.

The pair are best friends and Brian says glowing things about his wife. “She’s the hardest working woman I know,” he says with a warm smile. Hearing her many interests, begs the question of how she can fit in so much? Brian says, “She just gets it done.” Jodie, however, attributes it to her organizational skills. “I’m a list maker and the list is on my phone. Being raised on the farm, we had to be productive, and that continues in my life today.”

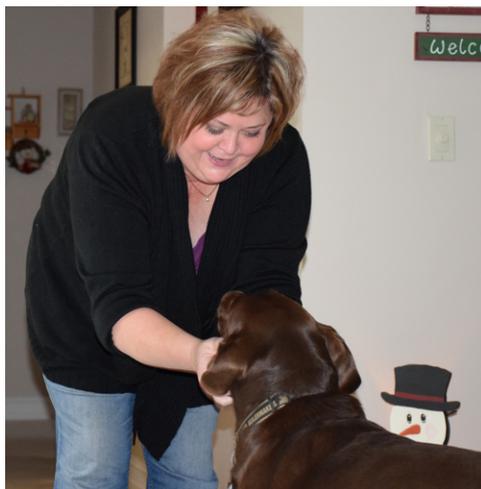
Besides “list maker,” what are some other terms you use to describe yourself?

The list rolls off her tongue. “Energetic. Hard working. Loving – I love my family and I love to do good things for people. Perfectionist and ... I do have OCD,” she



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RELAXING AT HOME: Jodie and her husband Brian live in Richmond, IN and own a 1,800-acre farm where they grow corn and beans and have 35 cattle.



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PET PRIDE: Jodie pets Brady - the family’s 4-year-old chocolate lab.

laughs and says. “I like things organized. My husband says I’ve taken the first step in the recovery process because I’ve admitted it.”

Who has been the most influential person in your life?

“My maternal grandmother, Josephine. She was in a horrific car accident in her life. Only my grandma and mom survived,

and they didn’t think grandma would make it. She had to learn to walk and talk again, but I never heard her complain. She was amazing. She showed up at every sports game and outlived all of her doctors, living until she was 84 years old,” Jodie says.

She recounted so many fond memories of her grandma. “We would bake together ... and when I was at Purdue, I talked to her on the phone every single day. Brian got to meet her and she attended our wedding. She boogied in her wheelchair in the middle of the dance floor. She had true grit,” Jodie says.

Jodie, what would you like people to know about you, that perhaps they don’t?

That I’m really focused, truthful and I want to be a trailblazer, someone like Amelia Earhart. I don’t want to be stagnant. I want to try new things. Growth is important to me, in my faith and in the fact that I want to be the best version of myself that I can be.” **E**

Power for a Changing World

Bartholomew County REMC Annual Meeting



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Bartholomew County REMC held its annual meeting on April 14 at the Clarion Hotel in Columbus. Nearly 1,000 members and guests attended the meeting. CEO Jim Turner and Board President Curt Burbrink emphasized how the cooperative difference and a long history of commitment to communities will always remain a central focus in providing electricity for the changing world we live in.

The Cooperative Difference

Southeastern Indiana REMC Annual Meeting



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General Manager Keith Mathews highlighted the co-op's appreciation for its members at Southeastern Indiana REMC's 77th annual meeting on March 19. He urged members to consider a variety of tools, appliances and resources available through the co-op to help members solve energy challenges and save money.

The Cooperative Difference

Harrison REMC Annual Meeting



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Harrison REMC CEO David Lett spoke to nearly 2,200 cooperative members and guests about a safety achievement employees of the co-op earned. "With 45 employees, the REMC staff worked approximately 85,600 hours without reporting a single lost time to injury in 2015," said Lett.

Commitment to Cooperative Purpose

Whitewater Valley REMC Annual Meeting



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On March 21 cooperative members of Whitewater Valley REMC listened to President and CEO Mary Jo Thomas present the business summary as well as a video year-in-review. Additional comments were made by Myron Moyer, Chairman of the Board.

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Cooperative breaks ground on new headquarters

Shannon Thom, Chief Executive Officer of Henry County REMC, broke ground on the distribution cooperative's new headquarters in the New Castle Industrial Park. City and county officials attended the event, along with REMC employees and the cooperative's board of directors.

The ceremony took place April 15. Thom said the

new building became necessary as upkeep on the REMC's current facility, which the cooperative has occupied for the last 70 years, became more and more cost-prohibitive.

"The decision to build a new headquarters is an important step toward planning for the long-term financial health of the electric cooperative," he said.