



**Jay County
REMC**

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

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To report an outage or emergency

Call (260) 726-7121 or
(800) TEL-REMC (835-7362)

24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Be ready to provide the following information:

1. Name under which the electric service is listed.
2. Map location number.
3. Your phone number in case we need to call you back.
4. The type of problem you are experiencing, e.g., flickering lights, complete power outage, etc.
5. Hang up when all information has been recorded — other members may be trying to contact the REMC, too.

**Office hours: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Monday-Friday**

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**Statement of
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co-opNews Information from your electric cooperative

Newbies at the REMC

Jay County REMC has two new faces. Nathan Myers of Portland has joined the Jay County REMC as a groundsman. Nathan is a graduate of Jay County High School. He and his wife, Amy, live in Portland with their two children, 5-year-old Ethan and 1-year-old Gavin. Nathan is also a member of the Jay County REMC Go-Kart team. We welcome Nathan to the REMC.

The other new face at the REMC is of the mechanical nature. Jay County REMC will begin selling the Marathon Water Heater. The Marathon water heater can retail for over \$700, but the REMC offers special pricing and free parts and labor for Jay County REMC members who sign the water heater agreement. Perhaps the best special feature of the Marathon Rheem water heater is the lifetime limited tank warranty. The Rheem water heaters have the following other features:

- Seamless, blow-molded, polybutylene tank impervious to rust and corrosion
- Bowl shaped bottom allows complete sediment draining
- Multiple layers of filament wound fiberglass give the tank unmatched strength
- High temperature polysulfone dip tubes
- Polyurethane Envirofoam insulation helps reduce energy consumption
- Thermally fused upper element provides protection against "dry-firing" — stainless steel incoloy lower element for resistance to lime build-up.



Newbies Marathon Water Heater and Groundsman Nathan Myers.

- The highest energy factors (EF) available!
- Factory installed conduit between element control boxes
- Pipe wrap energy saving kit included to achieve maximum energy savings
- All plastic tank eliminates the need for an anode rod
- Recessed drain valve is out of the way of brooms and scrubbers
- Factory installed temperature and pressure relief valve
- Tough molded polyethylene outer shell resists dents and scratches
- Factory installed vacuum relief valve

Description	Dimensions	Energy Factor	Energy Information	Price
50 gallon tall	62 ³ / ₄ inches high 28 ³ / ₄ inches diameter 103 pounds	0.94	\$393 average annual cost	New home \$250 Purchase \$400
85 gallon tall	66 ¹ / ₄ inches high 28 ¹ / ₄ inches diameter 181 pounds	0.92	\$401 average annual cost	New home \$325 Purchase \$475

Back to school safety tips



by Cindy Denney

It is hard to believe but in just a few weeks school will be back in session. I think everyone knows what that means: back to school safety tips. The safety of our children before, during and after school will always be a number one priority. Here are just a few of the helpful tips to get a smart start:

- Eat a healthy breakfast.
- Get plenty of sleep.

- Wait for the bus in a safe place — well off the roadway.
- Keep aisle ways on the bus clear at all times.
- Be courteous to everyone.
- Cross at crosswalks.
- Don't talk to strangers.
- Take the same path everyday.
- Before crossing — look all ways.
- Avoid crossing between parked cars.
- **If you see a downed power line stay away and call the power company.**
- Check oil and water before starting trip to school in your car.
- Check tires before starting trip to school.
- Drive within all posted speed limits.
- Look carefully in both directions before pulling onto the road.
- Keep hands and feet to self and respect other students.

The Jay County REMC wishes all learners a smart start to their education expeditions by thinking safety first.

SPOTLIGHT ON BUSINESS

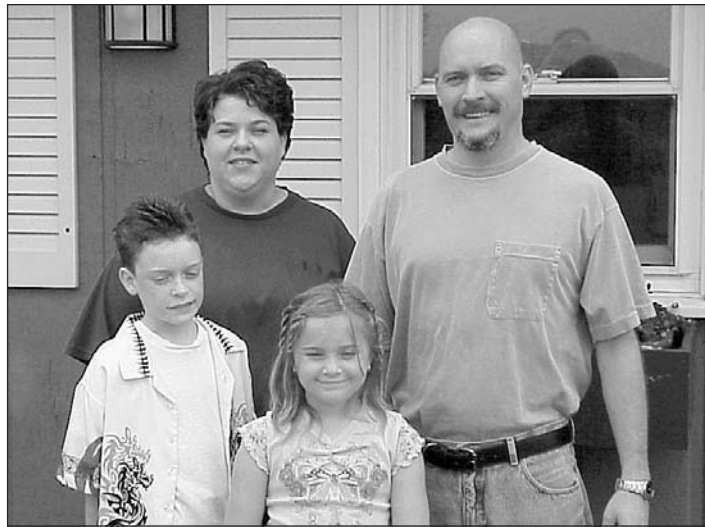
The secret recipe's safe at Trees Drive-In

by Cindy Denney

Change. Is it good or is it bad? That is the question. There are some changes I want to happen; like a financial windfall, kids taking care of their own bills or my son's Naval assignment. There are some changes I just don't want to happen like weight gain, friends moving away or Trees Drive-In changing its secret Coney Dog recipe.

Lucky for us the secret recipe at Trees Drive-In has not changed in 50 years and the owners Tony and Kaye Mellencamp have no plans to change the secret recipe. Granted, Tony and Kaye were not the original owners of the famous Adams County eatery. Ownership has changed many times over the last 50 years. Alan and Margaret McGee were the original owners in 1954. Waldo Stauffer and Lee and Sue Sprunger were among the owners. Lee Sprunger was the person responsible for changing the name of the drive-in to Trees.

Kaye Mellencamp's first job had been at



Kaye and Tony Mellencamp with their children Blake and Shelby.

Trees. In 2000, she and her husband, Tony, purchased the established Adams County business from Joni Cincotta. Tony commented, "Rather than see it cease operation, something that has been a tradition, we decided to step in and keep it running." Along with 25 employees, Kaye and Tony keep the tradition going, which is no easy task. Tony and Kaye also own and operate East of Chicago Pizza in Berne.

"Scheduling is one of the most difficult tasks related to owning your own business, especially when so many of the employees are high school or college students," Kaye said. "The drive-in opens before school is out and is still open when school is back in session. It can be a scheduling nightmare."

One tradition the restaurant has maintained is the use of carhops. Although the speakers no longer work because replacement parts can't be found, the speaker boxes still have the delicious menu items listed. So how does the carhop know you are ready to order? Well one way is to honk your horn. Another is to call on your cell phone.

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The favorite menu item is the famous Coney Dog with an ice cold frosted mug of root beer. Other menu items include chicken strips and mushrooms, and there is an expanded kids menu.

Trees is located between Keller Landscape and Simon Steps, two other famous Jay County REMC member-owned businesses on Highway 27 in Berne. If you would like to call in your order at 260-589-3434 that order will be ready when you arrive.

The hours for Trees Drive-In are Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday, 4-9 p.m. If you go on Tuesdays you can get a Coney Dog for 75 cents.

Keep your eyes and ears open. Kaye and Tony are planning on having a 50th Anniversary celebration this month.

A half a century, five decades, or 50 years. Regardless of how you say it, Trees Drive-In has been serving Adams County and surrounding county residents the best Coney Dogs and I hope that never changes. If you would like to change your dinner menu for one evening, sign up to win the \$25 gift certificate from Trees. I know I sure would enjoy a Coney Cheese Dog and a cold frosted mug of root beer.

Cindy Denney is director of marketing and customer services for Jay County REMC.



Kristina delivers great food to your vehicle in minutes.



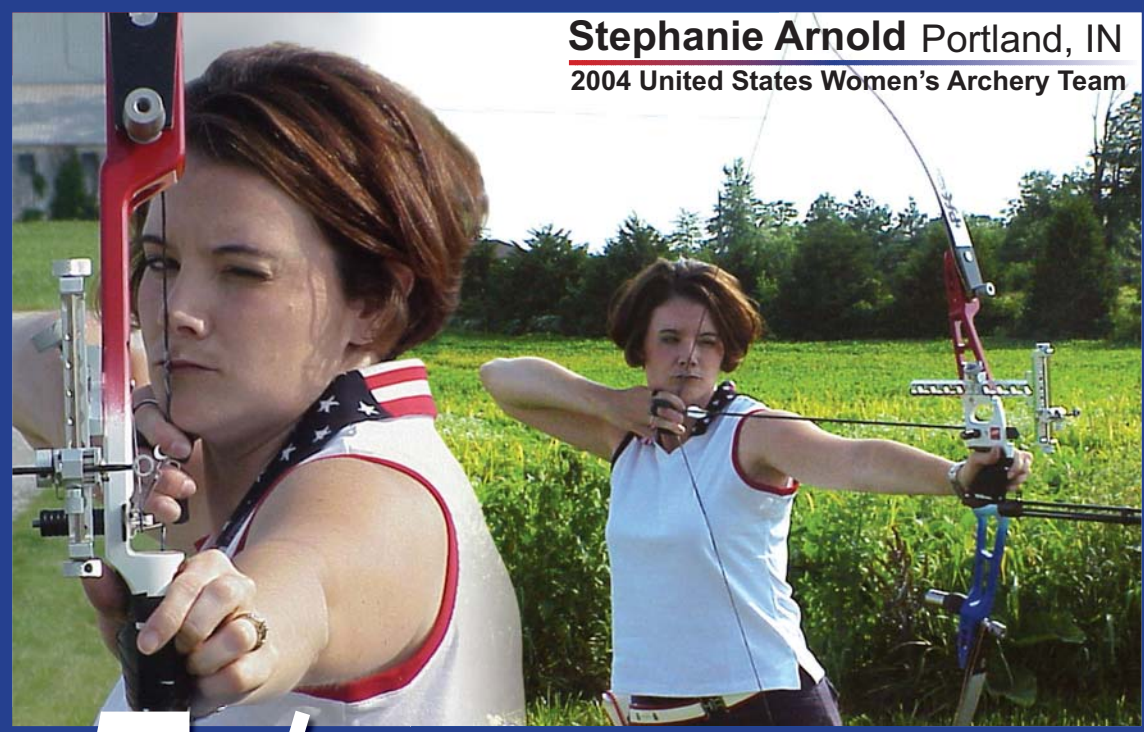
Sign of the best Coney Dogs in the world and Adams County.

Sign up to win a \$25 gift certificate from Trees Drive-In

Name _____
Address _____
Account No. _____
Phone No. _____

Mail entry to: Jay County REMC, P.O. Box 904, Portland, IN 47371.
Drawing will be held Aug. 12 at 4:30 p.m.

Support the Dream!



6.5¢* per minute for In-state and State-to-State calls
For all long distance calls within the continental U.S.

**Call Now 888-610-4529
and support the dream.**

**Sign up for Jay County REMC's long distance program and
TWN will donate \$5.00 to Stephanie Arnold's Olympic fund.**

- No monthly service fees, minimums, or cost to join!
- Toll-Free number for just 6.5¢* per minute!
- You don't have to be a Jay County REMC customer to sign up!



Campaign ends August 15, 2004. *Taxes and other regulatory charges not included. Certain restrictions may apply. Please call for details. Services provided by TransWorld Network.

SIDE LINES

Courtesy of Berne Chamber of Commerce

Aug. 14, Gene Stratton-Porter Birthday Tea Party, "An Elegant Affair." Info: 260-368-7428

Aug. 15, Blue Grass Jams, Limberlost State Historic Site in Geneva. Info: 260-368-7428

Courtesy of Jay County Tourism Bureau

Aug. 2, The Vogues: A four-man vocal group from the '60s with hits like "My Special Angel" will be at Bearcreek Farms Goodtimes Theatre at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Info: 260-997-6822.

Aug. 25-29, Tri-State Antique Engine & Tractor Show, Jay County Fairgrounds. Largest vintage tractor and engine show in the world. Admission charge. Info: 260-368-7518.

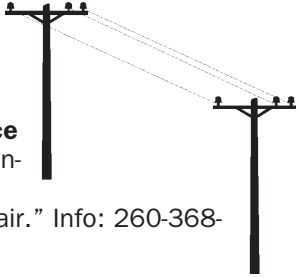
Aug. 26-28, Arts Place Quilt Show. Info: 260-726-8856.

Aug. 26-28, Jay County Public Library Book Sale, Info: 260-726-7890.

Courtesy of Winchester Chamber of Commerce

Aug. 6-7, Union City "State Line Heritage Days." Entertainment, games, contest, midway, antique tractor, arts and crafts, flea and farmer markets, 5K run/walk, parade, food. Info: 765-964-5658.

Aug. 16, Ridgeville Fire Department Troop 61 Fish Fry at the Ridgeville Fire Department building. Info: 765-857-2215.



Aug. 21, Mom, Baseball, Apple Pie Festival sponsored by the Winchester Chamber of Commerce. Entertainment, games, contests, sidewalk sales, auction. Location: Courthouse Square. Info: 765-584-3731.

Commitment to Community

Jay County REMC employees Missy May and Ron Laux judged 4-H Electric projects at the Adams County Fairgrounds.

Congratulations

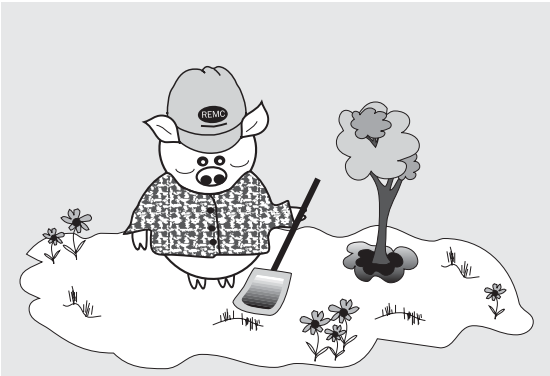
Don Myers of Berne won the tree from Keller Lawn and Landscape. Keep reading *Electric Consumer* for your chance to win.

Innovation Award

The 2004 Service Concepts Innovation Award was presented to Jay County REMC for employing unique, creative marketing ideas in the promotion of a Service Concepts Product. The plaque was presented by Rob Kirkpatrick, chief operating officer, to Jay County REMC's Mark Arnold on behalf of CEO John Nill and all the employees of Jay County REMC. The presentation took place during the Service Concepts annual meeting held at Indiana Statewide Association of REC's, June 10.

The award heralds the unique and industrious efforts to tie local businesses and the use of a cooperative-offered service together in a positive way. The articles and advertisements, under the direction of Cindy Denney, gave readers a look inside local businesses and their choice for their business telecommunications needs. The inscription on the award reads: "In Recognition of Your Innovation in Promoting Service Concepts' Initiatives."

Service Concepts is wholly-owned by Indiana cooperatives to provide value-added services to members — like TWN long distance. Congratulations to Jay County REMC.



Can you dig it?

Diggy Piggy says, "It's that time of the year when people begin poking all kinds of holes in the ground. New trees, shrubs, fence posts, mailboxes; you name it. All require digging a hole from a foot to several feet deep.

"The problem is that you don't really know what you are going to dig into. It may only be a few earthworms or the ring you lost last year. Or it could be a buried utility line, like 240 volts or 7,200 volts (if it's primary) of electricity. Now, wouldn't that put a kink in your tail? Or you may chop right into the lines just as the children settle down to watch 'Charlotte's Web.' All of which could be downright dangerous.

"So, call the Jay County REMC at 1 (800) 835-7362 before you start digging. Folks from the REMC help keep you safe and avoid the shocks by coming out and locating the underground lines. Then you can dig it."

\$50 monthly drawing for bills dated Aug. 20 and paid by Aug. 31.

NAME: _____

ACCOUNT NO.: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NO.: _____

Note: To be eligible for the drawing, your coupon and payment must be in the office by 4:30 p.m. on the last working day of the month.

\$50

CO-OP NOTES

Important dates

Electric bills due the 5th of every month. Read meter on the 20th of every month.

\$50 cash drawing winner

The \$50 cash drawing winner for the month of June was Junior Reynolds of Portland. Congratulations from Jay County REMC.

Please note

Jay County REMC is now accepting Visa, MasterCard and debit cards for bill payments.

