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Right-of-way

THE RIGHT WAY



We love trees. They beautify our landscape, provide shade and are an essential part of nature.

When you see a Noble REMC crew out trimming trees, know that we are

doing so to keep you safe and prevent service issues.

TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT

Although most trees do not present a problem, some of them grow into or crowd power lines or other utility equipment. When greenery becomes too close for comfort, we have to address it because overgrowth can interfere with power distribution and create a fire hazard.

The majority of power outages are caused by tree-related issues. It is our job to ensure trees, branches and limbs are a safe distance from power lines.

Clear power lines make it easier and safer for lineworkers to access and fix problems that may occur. When clearing around lines, we make sure proper pruning techniques are used to preserve tree health as much as possible. Pruning is the first line of defense against unruly trees, although sometimes a tree must be removed. This is a last resort for certain scenarios: when a fast-growing tree is located directly under a power line or

for trees that are leaning, in decline or cracked or split.

SPRAYING FOR SAFETY

While we focus a lot on what's above, we also care about what's below. Keeping power lines safe means controlling nearly 1,250 miles of lines and poles from high-growth vegetation to assure safe access to the equipment for service work, to reduce power outages and to enhance the natural habitat.

You'll soon see us at work to keep these areas safe for our workers. Here's what you need to know:

- This year, the Noble REMC right-of-way crew will be spraying in the northern one-third of our service territory, which includes the area north of U.S. 6, from Ligonier to Ashley.
- We use non-restricted chemicals approved by the Environmental Protection Agency in our herbicide spraying application. They are scientifically designed to work on plants, not people or animals.
- If you would like to maintain the right-of-way that crosses your property in some other way, "Do Not Spray" signs are available at the Noble REMC office, but you must make sure the signs are visible and legible from the roadway and notify us of your location.

RON RAYPOLE

President/CEO



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Pilots with purpose



David and Laramie Resler stand in front of their Piper Cherokee 180, which they purchased together in 2002, and now use to take children on free flights through the Young Eagles program.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY THE RESLER FAMILY

Flying has been a part of David and Laramie Resler's relationship from Day 1. Literally.

On their first date, David surprised Laramie by taking her up in the skies. That same night he would propose, and a few minutes later, she would say yes.

"He drives up to this little airport, he gets out and goes, 'Do you want to go on an airplane ride?' I said, 'You can do that?!' And he said, 'Yeah, let's go.' So, we go," said Laramie Resler. "Later that day, he proposed to me. The same day. He took me flying, and then he proposed to me that night."

Forty-two years later, they're still flying high.

Shortly after they married, David took a break from flying while they started a family and began their careers. But once the kids were out of the house and the couple had saved up a bit, he took up the hobby again, bringing Laramie along for the ride.

The Noble REMC members from Churubusco became active in the aviation community as part of the Experimental Aircraft Association, Chapter 2, and specifically as volunteers for the Young Eagles program.

Young Eagles' mission is to introduce children, ages 8-17, to aviation with a free first flight at local airports, as well as other opportunities for future flight training.

David serves as a pilot, while Laramie works as the ground coordinator.

Though she has her pilot's license, she calls herself a "baby pilot" compared to her husband. She's taken about 250 kids in the air.

Her husband? 2,384. That puts him in the top 10 of the 40,000 volunteer pilots in the Young Eagles program.

But the program wouldn't be successful without the both of them together.

They've shared innumerable special experiences with the children: from taking two blind Amish girls on their first flight – feeling the wings beforehand and learning how the airplane feels as it takes off – to witnessing a normally active boy with autism remain calm and still from the moment of take off to the landing.

To them, it's so much more than an airplane ride. It's a way to educate children, and their parents alike, about aviation and its opportunities.

Not all children will be inspired by the ride, but more often than not, the Reslers will be recognized years later by a child that's now grown who has fond memories of the flight. But it's especially heartwarming when someone's so impacted that they make it their career, whether a pilot, engineer or something related.

"It's fun to have all of these people pass through our lives. You get to know them a little bit and then they go on and do something else," Laramie said.

"It's a good feeling that we've done

something good for them," David said. "We've helped change somebody's life."

"Changed them for the good," Laramie added.

And they're not going to slow down any time soon. Young Eagles gives them a purpose in their flying, and David strives to fly 3,000 children before he hangs up the headset.

The couple is notorious for handing out business cards with the Young Eagles' rally information on it at work, at an event or even when they're out at a restaurant. It may seem persistent, but to them, it's their passion.

They want to make sure that any kid who wants to fly gets the opportunity, even those that may be a bit hesitant.

"The ones that are the most apprehensive," Laramie said, "are the ones that come back with the biggest smiles."

For more information on the Young Eagles program, visit eaa2.org for a calendar of events or to register for a rally.

WHERE TO FIND THEM YOUNG EAGLES RALLIES IN 2020

Kendallville Airport: Sept. 19

DeKalb County Airport (Auburn):
May 2, June 20, Aug. 22

Smith Field Airport (Fort Wayne):
May 9, June 13, Aug. 8, Sept. 12



Noble REMC Annual Meeting and Picnic

WHAT IS IT? Come and spend the day with your fellow members and cooperative family to vote for your future directors, as well as share a free porkburger lunch, enjoy family-friendly activities and interact with local community organizations. It's our favorite day of the year, and we hope it becomes yours!

WHEN? Saturday, June 6

TIME: Registration is 10:30 a.m. to noon. Picnic continues until 1 p.m.

WHERE? Noble REMC headquarters, 300 E. Weber Road, Albion

EVENTS, DISPLAYS AND GIVEAWAYS:

- \$10 energy credit on your bill for registering
- Attendance gift for members
- Director elections: Districts 4, 5 and 9
- Clowns, balloon animals and face painting
- Porkburgers, hot dogs, chips and ice cream
- Noble REMC programs/displays
- Community organizations
- Bounce houses
- Exotic animal exhibit
- Entertainment: The Time Travelers

Lineworkers know how to get the job done.



Lineworker Appreciation Day
April 13, 2020



LIGHTING THE LAKES

“Every bit helps.” Chain O’ Lakes State Park was on the receiving end of this when it recently went through renovations to update the lighting system at its headquarters to LED. Through Noble REMC’s Power Moves® energy-efficiency program, the Albion state park received \$1,710 in cash back for making the decision. Pictured at left are Noble REMC Energy Advisor Brian Hawk and Heather DeLorenzo, assistant manager of Chain O’ Lakes State Park, during the check presentation. A phone call to the Noble REMC office at 800-933-7362 could help your home or business benefit in the same way for energy efficient upgrades or construction.

Operation Round Up 2019 financials

Thank you to our members – more than 80% of you – who allow us to round up your bills to the nearest dollar each month to give back to the communities we serve! As you can see from these financials, pennies donated every month add up quickly, and when your donations are combined with others, it makes a huge impact in our communities. In 2019, more than \$45,000 was granted to 501(c)(3) status organizations to help others.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF NOBLE COUNTY

Fund Report — Dec. 31, 2019

Noble REMC Operation Round Up Trust

	YEAR-TO-DATE
Beginning Balance	\$7,252.78
RECEIPTS:	
Contributions	\$50,372.90
Interest and Dividends Income	\$39.92
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$50,412.82
DISTRIBUTIONS:	
CFNC Administrative Fees	\$1,183.19
Grants Paid	\$45,185.00
TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS	\$46,368.19
ENDING BALANCE	\$11,297.41