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## IN MEMORIAM

Noble REMC was saddened to hear of the recent passing of long-time director Floyd Troyer. He loyally served this cooperative and its members for more than 35 years from 1975-2011. We honor his service to the community, and offer his family condolences during this time.

# A cooperative network for which to be thankful



When you think about Noble REMC, you probably associate us with the local community. And you would be right. Our leadership team, board of

directors and employees live and work in the area we serve. But you may not realize that Noble REMC is actually part of a much larger cooperative network that brings additional value, tools and knowledge that benefit you, the members of the co-op.

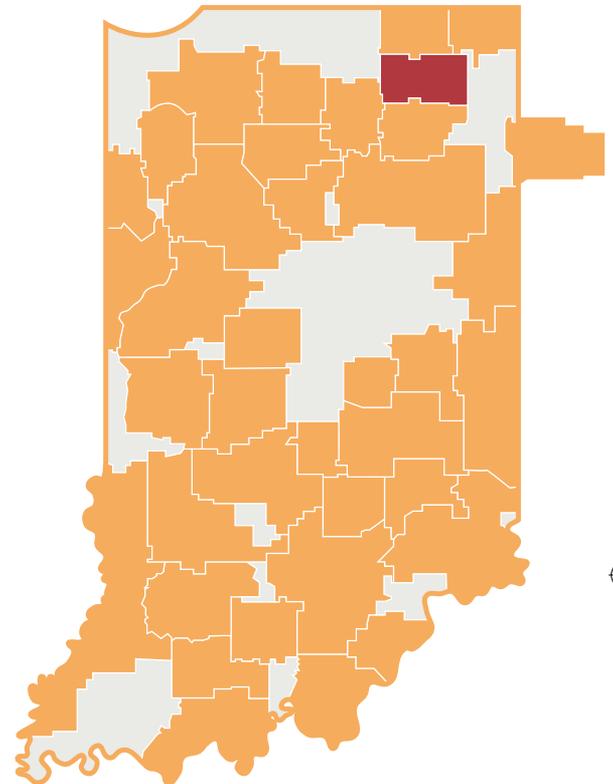
## COOPERATION AMONG COOPERATIVES

When a severe weather event is predicted for our region, we call on our sister co-ops in areas unaffected by the storm. Through this system of mutual aid, we coordinate with other co-ops to bring additional trucks, equipment and manpower to our area. We work together and share resources to restore power to our community. And Noble REMC reciprocates by assisting other electric co-ops when they request help.

A defining characteristic of a cooperative is “cooperation among cooperatives.” This is a way that co-ops work together to meet bigger challenges such as power restoration after a severe weather event.

Another area in which Noble REMC benefits from cooperation among cooperatives is cybersecurity. Through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association’s “Rural Cooperative Cybersecurity Capabilities Program,” we are able to access training, resources and tools to strengthen our efforts to combat cyber threats.

Noble REMC’s ability to tap into the larger



Areas in orange are served by Indiana electric cooperatives. Noble REMC, shown in reddish brown, is one of the state’s 38 co-ops.

electric cooperative network and access tools, products, resources and leading practices from across the nation ultimately makes our co-op and our community stronger.

## GLOBAL IMPACT

Communities across the globe have benefitted from the lessons learned and experience of co-ops in electrification of rural areas in the U.S.

NRECA International has provided access to reliable and affordable electricity to 120 million people in 43 countries. This effort

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is made possible through the support of electric co-ops, including Noble REMC, in this state and across the country.

Hundreds of lineworkers, engineers and other co-op employees have served as volunteers to bring first-time access to electricity and train local partners to help utilities be sustainable in their own communities.

November is a time of year for reflection and giving thanks. I am grateful for our sister co-ops who enable us to better serve you and our broader community. When electric co-ops collaborate, we strengthen each other and the communities we serve – and that is something in which to be truly thankful. Happy Thanksgiving, everyone.

**RON RAYPOLE**  
President/CEO

## GET INVOLVED IN YOUR LOCAL 4-H PROGRAM!

The first 200 youth who enroll in 4-H by Jan. 15, and whose families are REMC electric



customers, will have their 4-H program fee reimbursed by Noble REMC.

Upon enrolling and paying the \$15 program fee, a credit voucher can be obtained by eligible participants by contacting their county's Purdue Extension office. Bring in or mail the voucher to the REMC for a \$15 bill credit.

# Get the enhanced SmartHub app today

Do you currently use our SmartHub app to manage your Noble REMC account?

Yes? Great! Then you're already managing your account like never before with the new and improved app design.

If not, what are you waiting for? Download the SmartHub app to experience the latest enhanced version of the user-friendly program, which will help in monitoring your Noble REMC account.

With the new SmartHub, your use details are right up front, allowing you to monitor your account quickly and easily. All of the features of SmartHub, like viewing and paying your bill and contacting us quickly and easily, are available at the tap of a button with the new, intuitive app.



Members can view their use and billing, manage payments, notify our customer service representatives of issues and receive communications directly from us regarding outages and other situations, all through their phone or tablet.

The app is available for free on both Apple and Android products.

Save time tomorrow by downloading SmartHub today!

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PAGE DAY

SPEND A DAY AT THE STATEHOUSE  
WITH STUDENTS FROM REMCS AROUND THE STATE

- ★ See the Senate in action.
- ★ Tour the Statehouse.
- ★ Pass your own legislation during a mock bill activity.

**APPLY BY JAN. 10**  
at [GoIEC.org/2020pageday](http://GoIEC.org/2020pageday)

#### REQUIREMENTS:

You must be available **Jan. 22** and have reliable transportation to and from the Indiana Statehouse that day. The program is open to high school students. Please confirm with school administrators, but Page Day is considered an excused absence in most instances.



# Ask the energy advisor



## A truck guy turns electric

By Brian Hawk

Growing up in rural Indiana, I've always had a love for fast cars with enough horsepower to shove you back into your seat every time you hit the gas pedal.

There is an exhilaration that comes over me every time I experience the sound of the vehicle rpms rising and the feeling of being glued to the back of my seat. Over the years, I have had similar experiences with diesel trucks, bass boats, motorcycles and jets.

The only downfall I've ever found with pushing a vehicle to its limits: fueling it up when I'm done (and for all you moms out there, my safety).

Well, this year, that may have all changed when I drove an electric vehicle for the first time.

Initially, I was a skeptic, like many of you, I'm sure. But after driving and riding in two different brands, I'm ready to consider an electric vehicle for my next purchase.

Driving and displaying an EV at our last annual meeting, I was surprised by the torque and handling of the car. Unfortunately, it was a traditional EV with the looks of a very small car that would get good fuel mileage anyway.

I took some jeers when I pulled up to the office, but after several employee ride-alongs, the jeers turned to cheers.

Up until now, there haven't been a lot of "cool guy" options in the affordable

electric vehicle market. But with Tesla introducing a \$35,000 Model 3, with 220 miles of range, a top speed of 130 mph and an impressive 0-60 mph in 5.6 seconds, the EV market is prime for a facelift.

There are new manufacturers coming into play with nice-looking vehicles with a lot of luxury options.

For instance, Rivian, an exclusively EV company, will be releasing a pickup truck and an SUV in late 2020 that will drive up to 400 miles without charging, run 0-60 in 3 seconds and have a motor on each wheel totaling up to 750 horsepower. If that doesn't make you smile, nothing will!

Equally as important, the existing automotive giants are gearing up to launch new EV models of their own. Ford recently released a video of an all-electric F-150 towing 1 million pounds of train cars, an impressive feat.

The bottom line of all this swooning over the electric vehicle option is the efficiency standards that come with them.



Noble REMC Energy Advisor Brian Hawk sits behind the wheel of the electric vehicle displayed at June's annual meeting and picnic.

As a guy driving pickup trucks that get 11 mpg and 13 mpg, I'm very excited to see a pickup that will cost \$12.80 to fill up vs. \$87 for the same 400-mile trip, coming in at less than a quarter of the price.

There will be some changes that will need to be considered when jumping into the EV market, but with savings like that, you can pay for a couple therapy sessions to help you cope!

If you would like more information about electric vehicle savings, visit [powermoves.com](http://powermoves.com), and click on the "Electric Vehicles" tab. Or as always, give me a call.

**Brian Hawk** is the energy advisor at Noble REMC.

# 'TAP'-PING INTO ENERGY EFFICIENCY

We know talking about home renovations and energy efficiency can be a little dry, so we're making sure you have something to drink.

Mark your calendars and join us for "Tapping Into Energy Efficiency," an energy efficiency seminar with a twist. (Pun intended.)

The event will be held at Sylvan Cellars Event Center at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 6. Buy a drink, enjoy some snacks and sit down with energy advisors from Noble REMC, LaGrange County REMC and Steuben County REMC to hear how you can better construct or renovate your home with energy efficiency in mind.

It's not as hard as you think, and the energy advisors will explain how.

Tear out the below reminder and place it on your fridge or near your calendar.

## 'TAPPING' INTO ENERGY EFFICIENCY

**When:** 7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 6

**Where:** Sylvan Cellars Event Center, 2725 E. Northport Road, Rome City

**About:** Join community members and contractors to hear how to construct or renovate homes with energy efficiency in mind, while also enjoying a drink from the Sylvan Cellars bar. Other refreshments will also be provided.

**Sponsored by:** Noble REMC, LaGrange County REMC and Steuben County REMC



### NOBLE REMC'S NUMBER ONE PRIORITY IS SAFETY

That's why we recently invited first responders, emergency personnel and county highway workers throughout our territory to Noble REMC headquarters to enjoy an appreciation luncheon and high voltage demonstration. Representatives from fire departments in Ligonier, Avilla and Albion; Noble County Highway Department; police departments in Albion, Rome City and Cromwell; and the Noble County Sheriff's Department learned how our lines work, what to watch out for in an emergency and how we can work together to keep everyone safe. In this photo, Apprentice Lineman Cody Kirkpatrick, left, and Staking Technician/Journeyman Lineman Zane Gray show what can happen when a person — demonstrated by a hot dog — meets a live wire.