

2010 Parke County REMC Annual Meeting

Parke County REMC held the annual meeting of members on Sept. 2 at the Parke County Fairgrounds. Members were treated to a meal of either a tenderloin or steak sandwich, cole slaw, potato salad, chips, cookies, lemonade and ice tea from the Beef House.

The attendance record of 1,028 registered members set last year was tied again this year. With the addition of friends and family members in attendance the Beef House served approximately 2,500 meals.

Members took the opportunity to visit the commercial building where several informational booths were staffed by REMC personnel. Information was available on PrePay Meters, electrician service, home energy efficiency, Envirowatts (renewable energy) and other topics. At the "Our Energy, Our Future" booth, staffed by Indiana Statewide representatives members were asked to sign a petition to contact Indiana's elected officials, asking them to make sure new climate change legislation is fair, affordable and achievable.

As members visited each booth they collected several giveaways to put in their Parke County REMC bucket. Giveaways included CFL bulbs, hand sanitizer, note pads, a rain gauge, caulk and several other items. In the building next door, members of all ages enjoyed playing BINGO. Outside, the Adams Township Fire Department set up their Safety House, the Bloodmobile collected donations and young members participated in a carnival style racing game, pitching cage and inflatable rides from "Big Bounce."

The event included a short business meeting conducted by Board President Keith Blaydes. General Manager Greg Ternet addressed the members and discussed the measures being taken by the co-op to address future rates through energy efficiency. He also reported on the status of climate change legislation on the national level. As Ternet discussed the co-op's line upgrade program and progress of installing broadband internet service over power lines, he was met with a positive response from the members.

The meeting concluded with the nominating committee report and drawing for door prizes. (Prize winners are listed on the back page of this publication.)



The Beef House catered the Parke County REMC annual meeting, and REMC employees served up 2500 meals.



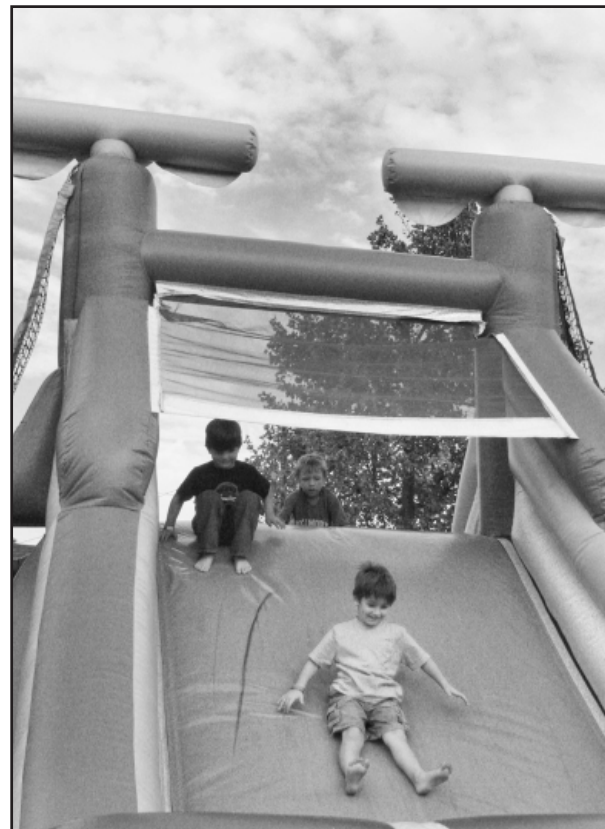
Parke County REMC employees Chelsea Goodwin and Diane Dugger greet members at the registration tables.



Members line up past the Blood Mobile on their way into the commercial building and informational booths.



It was a full house to play BINGO at the Parke County REMC annual meeting.



Youngsters enjoy the high energy activities from Big Bounce Inflatables.



Indiana Statewide's Tracie Trent greets members at the "Our Energy, Our Future" booth and encourages them to sign a petition to contact elected representatives.



Steve Thrash of Service Concepts distributes caulk and greets a member in the commercial building.



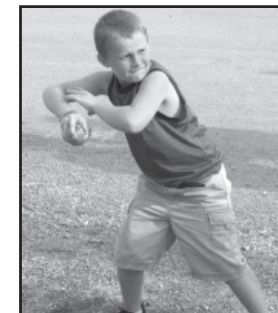
Parke County REMC general manager Greg Ternet, addresses the membership at the business meeting.



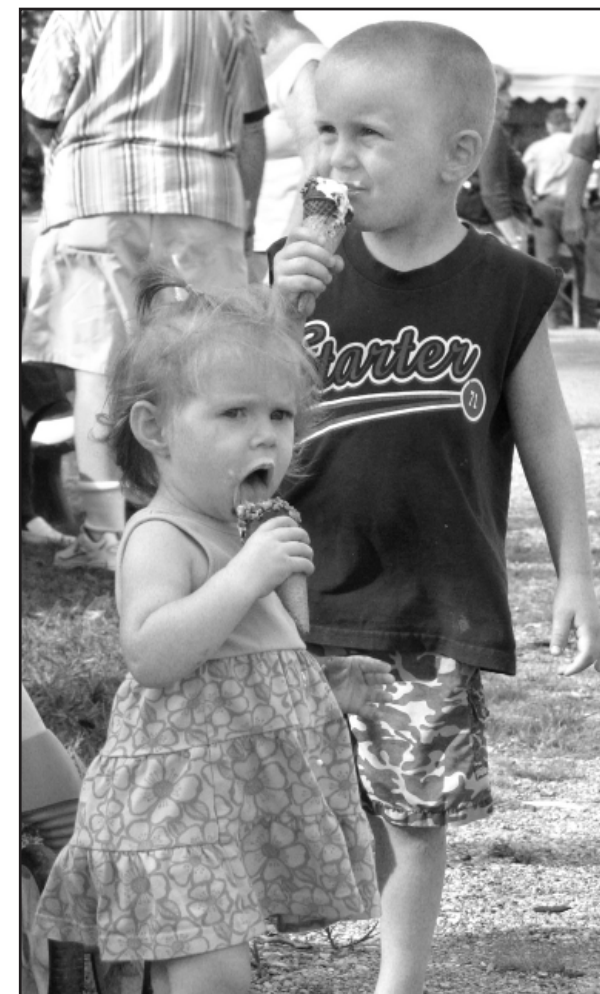
Two members pick up CFL bulbs on their way through the informational booths.



This young lady was happy to show off her new piggy bank from the Wabash Valley Power energy efficiency and savings booth.



A young member winds up to try his hand at the speed pitch cage.



Two young members enjoy the free ice cream at the Parke County REMC annual meeting.



PPS employee Tony Newman mans the carnival game for the younger members.