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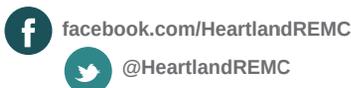
### CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

Please call 811 at least two business days before you plan to dig.

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## Proudly sponsoring Honor Flight NE Indiana

Veterans on Honor Flight #28 to Washington, D.C., in May, fall in for a photo at the World War II Memorial.

For information on the Honor Flight program, upcoming trip schedules, veteran applications and guidelines, or to donate to fund the trip for a needy veteran, please visit [www.hfnei.org](http://www.hfnei.org).

## For a safer future

### HEARTLAND REMC'S KELSEY COMPLETES WORKSHOP

Heartland REMC Line Supervisor Mike Kelsey has completed an intensive program in electric utility safety and loss control. The Loss Control Internship is a series of workshops offered by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association in conjunction with the National Utility Training & Safety Education Association. The program is designed to instruct participants in many areas related to electric utility industry safety.



**KELSEY**

According to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, 4.2 million injuries occur annually in the workplace. One of the goals of a Certified Loss Control Professional is to help ensure a safe work environment for utility workers and the public in general. Avoiding work-

place accidents reduces down time.

Kelsey is one of only a few electric utility professionals in the country who will receive this certification this year. The program requires participants to complete a rigorous series of seminars and tests, a 30 hour OSHA course, and a detailed final course project.

Loss Control participants go through four, six-day sessions that are designed to challenge and educate participants in new, innovative safety techniques. Participants must also maintain their certificate by attending courses every year to stay on top of changes in the industry. Kelsey has been with Heartland REMC for 23 years.



### Offices closed

Heartland REMC's offices will be closed Wednesday, **July 4**.

Please have a safe and happy Independence Day celebration!



### In the next issue

Watch for a recap of Heartland REMC's June 23 annual meeting with director election results.

### ***On Your Lines***

## World's largest producer of ethanol has facility in North Manchester

POET Biorefining began on the Broin family farm in 1983 when it started making ethanol on a small scale. Just three short years later, in 1986, it opened its first commercial facility in Scotland, South Dakota. The flagship facility in Scotland is still going strong today producing more than nine times its original capacity.

Along with the flagship plant, POET Biorefining operates 26 other facilities across the Midwest, including right here, on Heartland REMC power lines, in North Manchester, Indiana.

POET Biorefining — North Manchester began operations Sept. 11, 2008. The state-of-the-art ethanol production facility consumes approximately 24 million bushels of locally-grown corn to produce 68 million gallons of ethanol annually. Along with producing a high performance, environmentally-friendly fuel, the North Manchester plant also produces high-quality Dakota Gold® brand livestock feed for regional, national, and international markets. The plant added corn oil production in 2012 which primarily serves the biodiesel market as a feedstock for its production. A steam generator (which provides 3.5 megawatts of its power) and two additional fermenters have been added this past year to increase plant production capabilities.

POET Biorefining — North Manchester is pleased to be part of the North Manchester region, employing approximately 48 people and enhancing the local economy with improved corn prices, value-added markets for farmers, good-paying jobs, and increased local tax revenue.

POET Biorefining's vision is: "Where we no longer take from the Earth, but rather use its enormous ability to regenerate. Where we are no longer dependent on fossil fuels, but rather rely on the power of nature and the genius of the human spirit. Where farmers are the creators, and innovators are the heroes. Where we use the resources given to us in ways we believe God intended."

This year, the North Manchester facility is celebrating its 10 year anniversary. Stay tuned to the Electric Consumer for more information on the fall celebration where the public will be invited to tour the facility. Businesses like POET Biorefining are at the heart of our service territory and Heartland REMC is proud to provide electrical service to POET's North Manchester facility.

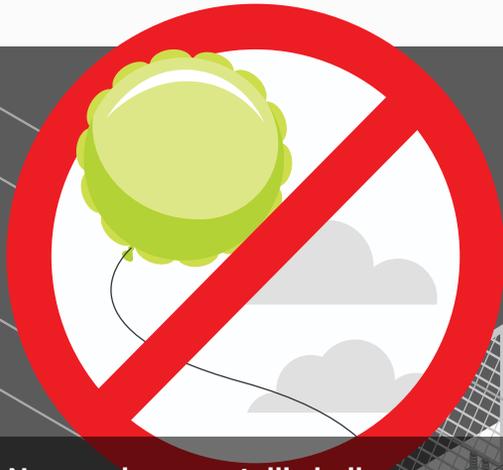
For more information about POET Biorefining, please visit its website at [www.poet.com](http://www.poet.com).

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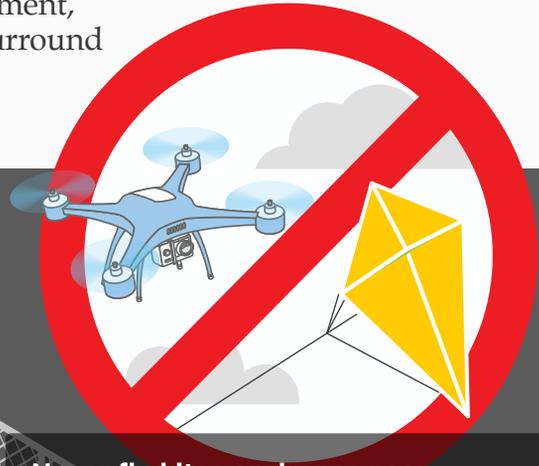


# Stay Away from Electrical Substations

An electrical substation converts electricity to a lower voltage so it can be safely routed and delivered to your home. Because high-voltage power runs through substation equipment, please avoid substation areas and the fences that surround them. Keep the following safety tips in mind:



Never release metallic balloons near substations. If they get caught in the equipment or lines, they can cause power outages.



Never fly kites or drones near electrical substations. If you do and the kite or drone gets caught inside the fence, let us retrieve it for you.



Teach youngsters to stay away from electrical substation fences. The area is dangerous, and these fences are NOT for climbing.



If you see a substation fence or transformer cabinet that is open or looks to be vandalized, please contact us immediately.



# Guidance from Garrett *your Energy Guru*

GARRETT KEISER is the certified energy advisor at Heartland REMC



## Save energy with LEDs

LED lights last up to 30 times longer than incandescents, reducing the need to replace bulbs in high or hard-to-reach places. To the right are LED lighting suggestions for your home.



### LIVING ROOM

Table or floor three-way lamps using LED bulbs provide 620, 1,600 or 2,150 lumens of soft white light and deliver up to 25,000 hours of light.

### KITCHEN

Dimmable recessed LED conversion lights add a warm glow of up to 1,200 lumens for kitchen workspaces and add far less heat to your kitchen. Each bulb could last 10 years.

### BEDROOMS AND HALLWAYS

Long-life LEDs are ideal for ceiling fixtures. A 9-watt LED produces the same 800 lumens of light as a 60-watt incandescent, and uses about 80 percent less energy.

### BATHROOMS

Omnidirectional LED globe bulbs are designed to provide a warm glow ideal for bathrooms. A 6-watt bulb produces 450 lumens and lasts up to 15,000 hours.

### OUTDOORS

A 6-watt, 500 lumen LED bulb can replace a 40-watt incandescent bulb. Designed to last up to 30,000 hours, it could be a one-time switch.