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Most people understand that choosing a labor-intensive career comes with safety risks. But did you know that farming is the eighth most dangerous job in the United States,

according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics?

At Noble REMC, we want our agricultural community to be aware of a danger that contributes to that statistic: electrocution. It kills more than 60 farm workers each year in the United States, but those deaths can be prevented.

In honor of National Farm Safety and Health Month, and with harvest season upon us, it's important that those who live and work on farms know the risks and understand how they can unknowingly come into contact with electricity.

The most common risk of electrocution for farm workers comes from overhead power lines, as tall equipment, such as grain augers, combines and raised dump truck beds, can easily become entangled in the lines.

Always use a spotter when operating large machinery near lines, keep equipment at least 10 feet from lines at all times and in all directions and never attempt to move a power line out of the way or raise it for clearance. If your equipment does hit a power line, do not leave the cab. Immediately call 911, warn others to stay away and wait for the utility crew to cut the power.

Grain bins also pose a danger. The National

Electrical Safety Code requires power lines to be at least 18 feet above the highest point on any grain bin with which portable augers or other portable filling equipment are used.

We encourage farmers to call us if they plan to install new grain bins or if they are concerned about the proximity of power lines to existing structures or equipment.

Farm owners are also responsible for making sure all components of the farm's electrical system are functioning correctly to protect themselves and their workers.

The main distribution system on a farm should be large enough to accommodate present demand and future expansion. If you have expanded your farm in recent years or simply want to make sure components of your farm's electrical system are functioning properly, please contact our office.

Electricity is vital to Indiana's agricultural industry, and electrical safety is critical for making Indiana's farms productive.

While the co-op regularly trains our operations crew and staff about safety, we want to make sure our members are just as educated and aware of electrical safety measures they can use on a daily basis in their own lives.

Things we see every day can fade from view, but failure to notice high voltage power lines can be a deadly oversight. Always look up for power lines and put safety first.

RON RAYPOLE
President/CEO

2018 4-H Electric project winners

NOBLE COUNTY WINNERS

Division 1

Champion: Zayne Brockman

Reserve champion: Chandler Dressler

Blue ribbon: Jacob Freed, Brason McNeal, Derrick Meyer, Bruno Renkenberger and Alfredo Corazon

Division 2

Champion: Laney Thiel

Reserve champion: Zachary Dunkel

Honor: Charles Fleshman

Blue ribbon: Alex Tom and Colton Arnold

Red ribbon: Ryne Keirn

Division 3

Champion: Joshua Marker

Honor: Caleb Freed

Blue ribbon: Oliver Kline

Red ribbon: Zackery Leighty

Division 4

Champion: Mitchel Lemon

Blue ribbon: Austin Schuman and Joshua Prater

Advanced

Champion: Thaddaeus Foster

Reserve champion: Emily Clouse

Honor: Damien Firestine and Coleman Meyer

Blue ribbon: Zachary Wigent

Co-ops work together to judge 4-H Electric projects

Concern for community and cooperation among cooperatives are two of our founding principles, and during the recent Noble County Community Fair, Noble REMC and LaGrange County REMC showcased both.

To be as objective as possible, Noble REMC asked LaGrange County REMC Energy Advisor Jake Taylor to assist in evaluating entries in the 4-H Electric exhibit category at the fair on behalf of the co-op, which is a sponsor of the event. Noble REMC Energy Advisor Brian Hawk and System Engineer Kenny Kill also participated as judges, and both

reciprocated LaGrange County REMC's gesture by helping to judge electric projects during the LaGrange County 4-H Fair mere days later.

The judges spent time interacting with 4-H'ers as they reviewed projects and graded them based on workmanship and knowledge of the subject.

Each year, first-year members build circuit boards, second-year members make a "shake" flashlight, third-year members make a trouble light or extension cord, and fourth-year and advanced 4-H'ers are allowed to select their own project.



LaGrange County REMC Energy Advisor Jake Taylor speaks with Caleb Freed about his extension cord project during Division 3 judging in 4-H Electric at the Noble County Community Fair.

GET INVOLVED IN 4-H!

Noble REMC encourages youth to get involved in 4-H! In support of 4-H and our members, Noble REMC will reimburse 4-H membership fees for the first 200 youth to enroll. Online enrollment in the 2019 4-H program begins on Oct. 15. Please contact us at 800-933-7362 or your local Purdue Extension office for more information.

Community program nears \$750,000 mark

Noble REMC members are just dollars away from reaching a new benchmark in their generous giving through Operation Round Up.

With the latest round of grants recently dispersed, co-op members have donated \$749,500 — nearly three-quarters of \$1 million dollars — since the program's inception in 2002.

It wouldn't have been possible without the generosity of more than 80 percent of Noble REMC members who allow their electric bills to be rounded up to the nearest dollar.

Those pennies per month are placed in a charitable trust, overseen by its own volunteer board of directors. The money is then awarded to non-profit, community-based organizations in Noble, DeKalb and adjoining counties, which benefits the communities we belong to.

Operation Round Up has awarded grants to schools, fire departments, youth programs and more in our quest to give back to the communities we serve.

The organizations receiving grants from the July cycle of the program are:

- **Central Noble Wrestling Club**, \$1,000, wrestling mat
- **Fraternal Order of Police, Land O' Lakes Lodge #126**, \$2,590, AEDs for Noble County police patrol cars
- **Wolf Lake Elementary**, \$2,000, project-based learning units and materials
- **West Noble Middle School**, \$1,800, Charger Reading Challenge
- **Central Noble Community Schools**, \$700, JA BizTown for fifth-grade students
- **Emmanuel Lutheran Church**, \$1,000, non-food products
- **West Noble Primary School**, \$500, Guys Night Out program
- **East Noble High School**, \$1,938, Sources of Strength program
- **Country Meadow Elementary School**, \$500, classroom equipment
- **Kimmell Baseball and Softball**, \$1,000, tree removal

To be considered for the next grant cycle,

organizations are encouraged to fill out and return applications to our office by Monday, Oct. 1. Applications are available at our office or can be downloaded from nobleremc.com.



Local organizations with a goal to improve our communities are helped by your donations through Operation Round Up.



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