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# PLAYING IT SAFE *online*



In today's world, most of us don't leave the front door unlocked. We protect our homes, loved ones and valuables from intruders with locks, alarms and other security measures. Cybersecurity is no different. It's the practice of protecting other valuables, such as your identity, banking records and other sensitive information, from digital attacks and theft.

October is recognized as Cybersecurity Awareness Month. While taking the necessary steps to protect our personal information is a year-round practice, at Miami-Cass REMC, we use this time to share cybersecurity reminders across our team of employees. Given our increased reliance on internet-connected devices and gadgets, I'd like to share a few cybersecurity tips this month and let you know how we are working to boost our own cybersecurity efforts.

According to the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), these are the four best ways to keep you and your family safe online:

- 1. Implement multi-factor authentication** (also known as two-step verification) on your accounts. The additional layer of protection makes it much harder for criminals to access your information.
- 2. Update your software.** This is one of the easiest ways to protect your personal data. When downloading a software update, make sure it's coming straight from the company that created it, and beware of fake pop-ups that request urgent downloads. Better yet, turn on automatic updates.
- 3. Think before you click.** Most successful cyber attacks start

with a phishing email. Don't take the bait when cyber criminals go phishing. Avoid emails (or texts) that look too good to be true, oddly urgent, poorly crafted or include unusual requests.

- 4. Create strong passwords**, using long, unique and complex words or phrases. Consider using a password manager to save time, work across all devices, protect your identity and notify you of potential phishing websites.

## KEEPING THE GRID AND YOUR DATA SECURE

We're doing our share on the cyber front. Part of offering excellent service is keeping that service secure and reliable. For Miami-Cass REMC, reliability means repairing wear-and-tear, upgrading our equipment to withstand storms and severe weather and using technology and best practices to keep our system secure from cybersecurity issues.

We also work together with co-ops across the country to develop new technologies and infrastructure, learn from each other and keep the grid's network secure. For example, we participate in GridEx, where co-ops around the country come together to simulate realistic cyber issues and practice responding to the latest types of issues we might have to manage.

While we can't stop a storm or predict every disruption, as a co-op, we do everything we can to keep the lights on and our members protected.



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## ★ REMC LINEMEN COMPETE IN STATEWIDE RODEO ★

Linemen from Miami-Cass REMC competed at the Indiana Electric Cooperative Lineman Rodeo, held Aug. 24-25 in Danville. The two-day event showcased the skills and safety training of electric cooperative lineworkers.

The linemen competed in events that test skills such as pole climbing, hurt man rescue and safely changing electric line hardware. A total of 28 teams and 102 individuals from 24 Indiana electric cooperatives competed in this year's event.

The following linemen represented Miami-Cass REMC at the rodeo:

- **Kolbie Cox**
- **Shawn Dunnagan**
- **Derek Haynes**
- **Brendan McGehee**
- **Brandon Williams**, director of engineering, served as a judge for the event.

"We're proud of the Miami-Cass REMC linemen who competed in this year's rodeo," said Miami-Cass REMC CEO Rob Schwartz.







## DELPHI OFFICE HOLDS RIBBON CUTTING

Aug. 15 was truly amazing! Thank you to everyone in the community that came out to show your support at a ribbon cutting for our new Broadway Broadband powered by Miami-Cass REMC office. The office is located at 115 E. Main St. in Delphi.

Stop in and check out our office Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. We'd be happy to answer any questions you have about our service.

## DON'T LET ENERGY WASTE HAUNT YOU!

Don't let standby power haunt your energy bills! Phantom loads are electric devices that keep using power even when you're not using them. Stop these energy ghosts by unplugging such devices when they're not in use.

For a more convenient option, plug several devices into an

advanced power strip or smart plug, which automatically cuts power to unused devices.



## Board meets in AUGUST

1. Counted six board members attending. Attorney Aleasha Boling attended via teleconference.
2. Rob Schwartz presented the WVPA monthly report.
3. Schwartz presented monthly CEO report.
4. Minutes from previous board meeting were approved.
5. Financial reports reviewed and approved.
6. July monthly operating, member services, human resources and safety reports were reviewed and approved.
7. Set next board meeting for Monday, Sept. 25, at 7:30 p.m. at the REMC headquarters.

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# BE SAFE AROUND ELECTRICITY WHEN MOVING FARM EQUIPMENT

**WITH THE ARRIVAL OF HARVEST TIME, INDIANA'S FARMERS ARE SHIFTING INTO HIGH GEAR AS THEY MOVE INTO THEIR FIELDS TO BRING IN CROPS.**

**All that increased activity puts farmers and farm workers at greater risk.**

**Always look up and around before moving or raising equipment.** A good rule of thumb is to stay at least 10 feet from all power lines and power poles.

**Never try to raise power lines to allow passage of tall equipment.** Even non-metallic objects such as wood poles or branches can conduct electricity.

**Watch out for power poles, too.** If you strike one, it may break, dropping a live line on your metal tractor or combine.

**When considering the height of equipment,** don't forget about the radio antennas and GPS receivers that may reach another couple of feet above the roof.

**Take the time** to fully lower grain augers and other portable equipment before moving them.

**Have a spotter on hand** to ensure your safety when moving equipment near power lines.

**If you're not completely sure that equipment will fit under a power line,** find an alternate way to move it.

**If you're in equipment that touches power lines, stay in the cab and call for help.**

Tell others to stay away. In the rare case there is a fire and you have to escape, jump clear of the equipment. Keep both feet together and shuffle or hop at least 30 feet away.



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