

Your Connection

March 25, 2005

Good Friday
PSC Closed

Area Graduation Dates

May 20, 2005
Tecumseh

May 21
South Spencer
Forest Park
NE Dubois

May 23
Boonville

May 27
Jasper
Southridge
Tell City
Crawford Co.
Pike Central

May 28
Heritage Hills
Cannelton

May 29
Perry Central

Relay for Life

June 3
Dubois County

June 4
Perry County
Spencer County

Local Chambers Honor PSC as "Business of the Year"



In a period of a week, two local Chambers of Commerce honored PSC as their "Business of the Year" recipient.

On Thursday, February 10th, the Spencer County Regional Chamber of

Commerce chose PSC as its "Chamber Choice Business of the Year" award recipient. At the Chamber's annual dinner, Barbie Brown, Spencer County Regional Chambers Executive Director, introduced PSC as a "company who's services have made a significant social and economic impact on our communities. PSC and its staff are committed to bettering our communities not only through their service offerings, but also through their support of community organizations, events and activities."

The following Thursday, February 17th, the Perry County Chamber of Commerce chose PSC as its "Large Business of the Year" award recipient. Greg

Wathen, Perry County Development Corporation's Executive Director, introduced PSC and noted their efforts in communications has "quickenened the pace of information transfer throughout Perry County. Their dedication to the communities they serve stands as a positive example for all large companies who say it can't be done in a small rural community. They have been innovators, partners and have exhibited a willingness to invest when others said no. In other words, they have been good friends to Perry County."

Co-op members Andy and Sara Sommer of Sommer Heating & Cooling and David & Michelle Lynch of Lynch



Surveying also were recognized as "Small Business of the Year" and "Entrepreneur of the Year" respectively.

Jim Dauby, PSC's President/CEO, was very appreciative of the Chamber awards and noted "its nice to see the hard work of our employees and our love for the communities we serve is making an impact.

Regional Cooperatives Launch Joint New Business

Three regional cooperatives, Dubois Rural Electric Cooperative (REC), Perry-Spencer Rural Telephone Cooperative d/b/a PSC and Southern Indiana Rural Electric Cooperative, recently announced the forming of a new company named Cooperatives ONE, LLC. This new entity does not replace any one of the cooperatives but will be a new, fourth business the other three will jointly manage and support.

"The creation of this new partnership," explains Don Book, CEO of Dubois REC, "allows for the sharing of talent and resources

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to efficiently provide additional services to our customers in Southwest Indiana."

Mike Hammack, the CEO of Southern Indiana REC agrees, "The new venture gives us the opportunity to work together to offer additional products and services to all our customers we could not offer alone. It lets us spread the risk and the rewards."

Jim Dauby, President/CEO of PSC adds, "The primary formation of Cooperatives ONE was to create future opportunities for all three companies. Building lasting, strategic partnerships will play a vital role in all our futures."

All three businesses are cooperative utilities

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Fruit Pizza

1 roll sugar cookie dough

Bake 10 minutes at 350 degrees.

8 oz. cream cheese
1/2 tsp. vanilla

1/3 cup sugar
Fruit (strawberries, kiwi, banana, etc.)

Mix cream cheese, sugar and vanilla. Pour over baked cookie dough. Arrange fruit on top of mixture. Chill and serve.

Contributed by Mary Kay Shearn

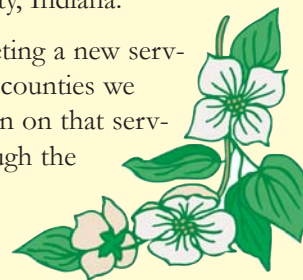
where the members of the cooperatives are also the owners of the companies. Cooperatives ONE will be a Limited Liability Company (LLC). Utility cooperatives were created across the United States in the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s so residents of rural areas could band together to have electricity and telephones.

Dubois REC serves almost 13,000 electrical accounts in Dubois and Crawford counties, and parts of Orange, Perry, Pike and Martin counties. Dubois REC manages about 1,600 miles of electric lines and has its headquarters in Jasper, Indiana.

PSC serves over 7,000 telephone access lines, 6,000 long distance customers and 11,000 Internet customers in the counties of Perry, Spencer, Dubois, Pike, Warrick and Crawford. It is headquartered in Saint Meinrad, Indiana.

Southern Indiana REC serves about 8,500 electrical accounts primarily in Perry and Spencer counties, plus small areas of Dubois and Warrick counties. The cooperative has 1,500 miles of electric lines and has its office in Tell City, Indiana.

Cooperatives ONE will begin marketing a new service this summer to the public in the counties we serve and beyond. More information on that service will be available this Spring through the mail, local newspapers and the Cooperatives ONE website – www.cooperativesone.com.



Focus On . . . Jerry & Violet Beard



Violet and Jerry Beard retired December 31st after more than 21 years of employment. The Beards began working for PSC in September of 1983. The staff and members of the Board of Directors honored Jerry and Violet in January with a reception and several gifts. With their retirement, they now have more time to dedicate to farming and beekeeping. Jerry enjoys hunting, fishing and working with the bees. Violet is looking forward to spending more time quilting, making afghans, gardening and collecting stamps for disabled veterans. They both enjoy playing euchre and double-deck pinochle. All of us at PSC wish Jerry and Violet the best in their retirement



The pictures to the right are of the Beards working with the bees and processing honey. Jerry is shown robbing the bees of their honey and in another picture, placing the comb in the honey extractor. Violet is running the honey out of the extractor and into the processing kettle.

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NAME: _____
TELEPHONE NO.: _____
Please return all entries by April 17, 2005

- “Think Spring!”**
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|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| April Fools Day | April showers | chocolate bunny |
| daffodils | Easter eggs | first robin |
| graduation | hiacynths | lawn mower |
| lilies | May flowers | plant a garden |
| St. Patrick's Day | taxes due | tulips |

Word Search Drawing Winners from the Winter 2004 edition

These names were randomly drawn from the returned entries.

- Mark Bruggeman • Ray Edwards, Jr. • Lanette Meyer • Dana Faust • Millie Jones**

Each winner received a 30 Minute PSC Long Distance Calling Card.

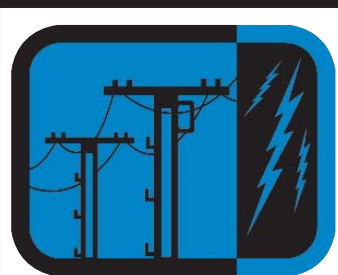
Harpenau & Rogier Receive Award



In January, the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association (NTCA) notified PSC's President/CEO, Jim Dauby, that board members Marvin Rogier (left) and Hubert Harpenau were each to receive the Excellence in Leadership (EIL) certificate.

Excellence in Leadership (EIL) awards are for NTCA member directors, managers and other telco employees who demonstrate outstanding commitment to telecommunications and leadership education.

Both board members will be receiving a plaque for their efforts. Congratulations to Hubert and Marvin.



Lightning strikes somewhere on earth about 100 times every second!

Protect YOUR Wiring and Equipment

Use a surge protector with telephone jacks and sign up for

PSC's Inside Wire Maintenance

For as little as **\$1 per month**, per line, PSC's Inside Wire Maintenance Plan provides protection for the telephone jacks and wiring inside your home of office.

Getting to Know...Michelle Pund



Michelle works for PSC as the receptionist, answering the phone and assisting callers by transferring them to the person or department they need to reach. Michelle assists walk-in customers with payments and questions. She also assists in filing and entering daily payments.

A graduate of Perry Central High School, Michelle worked as a manager for Maurices in Tell City for 6 years before coming to PSC. She likes meeting and talking with customers and thinks PSC is a great family-oriented company for which to work. She especially enjoys the times when the employees get together as a team and appreciates the way they are there for each other.

Michelle is married to David Pund and they have a daughter Rosa Marie who is one year old. She enjoys spending time with her daughter, Rosa, and visiting with her niece and nephew. She also enjoys scrapbooking and baking. Michelle is a member of the St. Marks Church where she teaches religion class.

Directory Cover Photo Contest!

Attention area photo fanatics! PSC is having a photo contest. The winning photo will be featured on the 2006 PSC Regional Directory. The winner will receive \$100. All entries should convey the beauty, spirit and/or character of the three county area. The picture should appeal to the majority of our customers. If the picture features a recognizable individual or individuals, the individual(s) must sign a release before the picture can be used.



Guidelines and Rules

- Entrants must be a PSC customer (telephone, Internet and/or long distance).
- Photos must be received by PSC no later than June 30, 2005.

- Mail entries to: PSC
Attn: Photo Contest
P.O. Box 126
St. Meinrad, IN 47577

- Limit of three (3) entries per person. Entry information (below) is required for each entry.
- Prints must be in excellent condition, at least 3" X 5" and no larger than 8.5" X 11".
- Digital photos must have a resolution of 1600 X 1200 pixels or greater.
- All photos become the property of PSC.

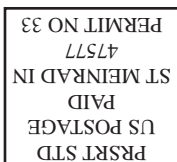
If it is determined that there is not an entry suitable for the directory cover, PSC reserves the right to obtain a picture from other sources.

Winner will be selected by a committee of PSC employees.

Entry Information (required for each entry):

Name, Address, Phone Number,

Photo image description: where photo was taken and any other information, describing the setting.



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