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and Alli Frazier
outside the White
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OUR EMPLOYEES MAKE THE DIFFERENCE. HERE'S A CUSTOMER REVIEW FOR ANGIE FREEMAN.

ANGIE FREEMAN ROCKS! YOU SHOULD PROBABLY GIVE HER A RAISE FOR PUTTING UP WITH OUR CONSTANT CALLS ASKING WHEN OUR FIBER WOULD BE INSTALLED! MY HUSBAND & I BOTH RUN BUSINESSES FROM OUR HOME & CONSISTENT, RELIABLE, HIGH-SPEED INTERNET ACCESS HAS BEEN LACKING FOR US FOR 15 YEARS! WE ARE SO THRILLED WITH THE SPEED & CONSISTENCY OF OUR NEW SERVICE. THANKS TO NINESTAR FOR SERVING US.

- SHIRLEY M.

HAVE A STORY IDEA?

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CO-OP SHOWS ITS COLORS

I hope this edition of the NineStar Connection finds you well and enjoying a much cooler summer than last year. As most of you know, NineStar Connect is a cooperative, which means we operate by a unique set of principles and we are owned by our member customers. This special business model operates on the belief that a rising tide lifts all ships and we are here for our neighbor in times of need, as we know they will be in turn for us. There are many ways NineStar demonstrates this philosophy.

One such way our cooperative gives back is through our scholarship program. The opportunity to award scholarships to graduating seniors of our members is an added benefit of the cooperative. Last month, we held a reception at our corporate office for 15 seniors and their families. The event offered an opportunity to hear the students' goals and aspirations for the future but also their gratitude for growing up around a cooperative.

PRESIDENT & CEO



TIM HILLS

Another way we as a cooperative collectively give back is through the Operation Round Up program. While this program has been a fixture on the electric side for years, recently it was expanded to include communication customers. To date, more than 90 percent of you have agreed to participate in the program! First off, let me say thank you to everyone who has agreed to participate. I am thrilled to death with these numbers, but it once again confirms my belief in the cooperative spirit that it is alive and well.

I personally participate in the program, and while it seems like small change, and a tiny amount by itself, when it is pooled together with our neighbors, it becomes a tremendous amount that will change lives in our communities. I am excited these funds can now benefit our entire cooperative in areas such as Sulphur Springs, Cadiz and Markleville.

In closing, thank you for being members of NineStar and thank you for embracing and appreciating what it is that makes you and your cooperative special.

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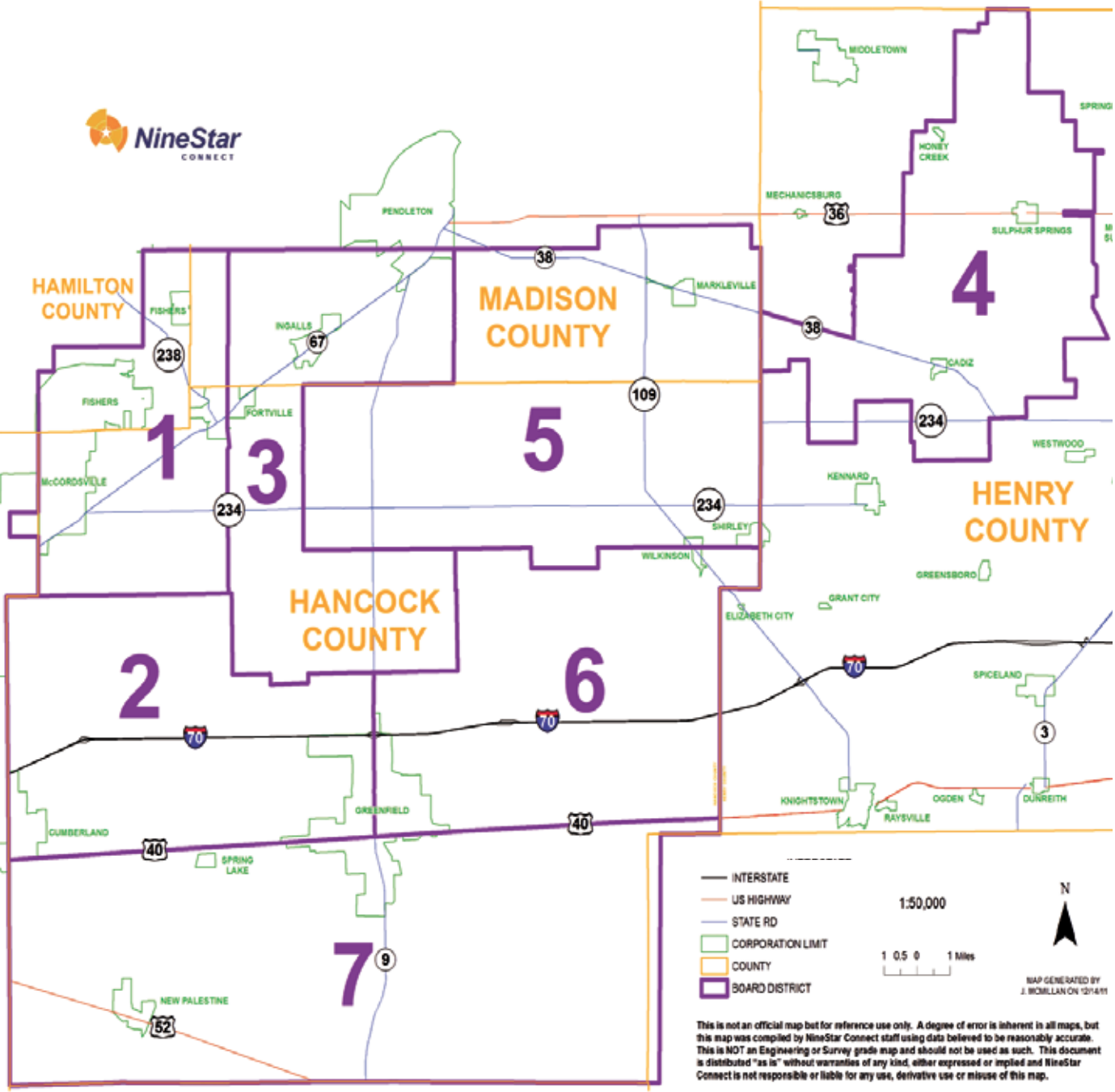
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Brenda Kidder (left) and Alli Frazier (next to Kidder) pose with other Indiana Electric Cooperative students and U.S. Rep. Susan Brooks in Washington, D.C.

INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCE

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ALLI FRAZIER
AND BRENDA KIDDER REFLECT ON
THEIR TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

Greenfield-Central High School senior Alli Fraizer said touring the nation’s capital, as a representative of NineStar Connect, was the trip of a lifetime and one she will never forget.

“I can’t thank Ninestar enough for giving me this opportunity,” she said. “I made memories and friendships that I will cherish forever. It was the best experience I have ever had.”

WRITTEN BY
**JULIE
YOUNG**

Fraizer and Pendleton Heights High School senior Brenda Kidder, 17, were among the 77 delegates from around the state chosen to participate in the Indiana Electric Cooperative’s annual Youth Tour of Washington, D.C.



Two students from each cooperative were selected based on his or her class rank, cumulative GPA, scholastic record and SAT/ACT scores. Frazier said one of her favorite parts of the trip was the stop at the Flight 93 National Memorial in Shanksville, Pa. She said unlike other significant moments in history, such as Pearl Harbor, the Kennedy assassination or the Space Shuttle Challenger explosion, 9/11 is one that she lived through first hand. “It sent chills down my spine to stand in the same place where the plane crashed on such an infamous day,” she said. Kidder said she enjoyed seeing the battlefields of Gettysburg, the museum and enjoyed the



Brenda Kidder and Alli Frazier toured Washington, D.C., posing together at many of the sights.

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Their walking tour led them past the White House as well as the Einstein Memorial, and they had the opportunity to tour the U.S. Capitol Building, where they ate lunch and met with eight of the 11 men and women who represent Indiana in the House and Senate. “Touring the Capitol building was one of my favorite parts of the whole trip,” Kidder said. “We got to see some of the behind-the-scenes stuff and meet with our local representatives in a way that you wouldn’t ordinarily if you were just on vacation with mom and

dad.” The Smithsonian Institute also proved to be an exciting adventure for the girls. Although Frazier has traveled to the D.C. area several times in the past, seeing the museums was a new experience for Kidder, who took pictures of the dinosaurs for her brother in the Museum of Natural History and spent a lot of time at the aquarium area because of her interest in marine biology. “Even though I plan to major in occupational therapy in college, marine biology is a passion and a hobby of mine, so I was grateful to experience the exhibit the Smithsonian had to offer,” she said. Frazier, too, enjoyed the infamous institute, especially the Air and Space Museum, but she was moved more by the tour’s visit to the World War II memorial, where they met up with a group of veterans who were seeing the memorial as part of an Honor Flight trip. “That was really special,” Frazier said, noting that the Honor Flight Organization is committed to helping provide every veteran the chance to see their memorial. They give top priority to veterans who have served in World War II and those with terminal illnesses, and transitions to other campaigns based on chronological order. “We took the time to talk with them and thank them for their service and they seemed really happy to talk with us about their experiences and answer all of our questions. Some of them even had tears in their eyes.” Both girls said the trip was well worth it and they would recommend that any Indiana junior whose parents or guardians are members in good standing with an electric co-op should apply for this experience. Fraizer said when her tennis coach (and Director of Marketing for NineStar Connect) David Spencer suggested she turn in an application, she hesitated, but is now grateful that he suggested it. “He said that it had been a while since a student from Greenfield-Central had been chosen, and that’s what prompted me to do it, but I plan on telling everyone in the junior class to apply. It was a deeply personal experience and an opportunity unlike any other,” she said.



NINESTAR SPOTLIGHTS SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

On June 24, at the NineStar Connect corporate offices, the company hosted a reception for all of its 2013 scholarship recipients. These students won their scholarships based on a drawing conducted at the annual meeting in April. In attendance were NineStar corporate officers as well as the board of directors for the company. Students and their parents enjoyed cookies and punch and also had the opportunity to share with the group their future educational plans. NineStar wishes all of this year's scholarship recipients the best of luck as they embark on the next chapter in their lives.

COMMUNITY EVENT

NINESTAR SUPPORTS MORRISTOWN DERBY DAYS

The weekend of July 26-27 saw NineStar involved in the annual Morristown Derby Days celebration. In addition to having a booth manned by customer service representatives and a vehicle in the parade, the company also fielded a derby car in the adult race. NineStar's own Rusty Hansen drove the No. 9 car in Friday night's race. While the car was eliminated after two heats, a good time was had by the close to 20 employees of the company who showed up to cheer Rusty on!



Ross Ferson, Director of Network Operations at NineStar, shows Lynn Hodges and Bob Winsel, from Ralls Technologies, the central office located at NineStar North campus. The guests were visiting recently to learn how NineStar deploys advanced communication services.

RALLS TECHNOLOGIES VISITS NINESTAR

Last month, NineStar hosted executives from Ralls Technologies, a subsidiary of Ralls County Electric Cooperative, located in New London, Mo. Lynn Hodges, Chief Operating Officer and Bob Winsel, System Administrator spent two days at NineStar visiting with key NineStar personnel and touring the campus to learn more about the company and how it deploys broadband, digital television and unlimited voice. Currently, Ralls Technologies offers multiple services including Internet over Ralls County Electric Cooperative's infrastructure. Lynn stated that the visit resulted in a greater knowledge in how services are deployed and he is thankful for NineStar's Hoosier hospitality.

GREATER ENERGY SAVINGS, BY DESIGN

The Power Moves energy efficiency programs brought to you by NineStar Connect have been saving homeowners and business owners energy and money for several years. We are excited to introduce a new Power Moves program – the Business New Construction Program. A new building for your business is an opportunity to make a real difference to you bottom line and to your community. Power Moves and NineStar Connect bring new ways to save on new construction and major renovation projects for business. Install energy efficient equipment and get your money back. Then start saving every month. Get in touch with NineStar Connect as soon as your design team has been assembled. We can help connect you with established incentives or create a custom incentive that meets the specific needs of the project.

- Lighting**
Start with the right design to ensure appropriate light levels and reduce energy costs. Earn Power Moves incentives of up to \$400 per 1,000 square feet of efficient lighting and \$15 per sensor.
- Compact fluorescent lamps
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 - Lighting occupancy sensors
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 - Qualified LED lighting

- HVAC**
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- Packaged – and split-air conditioning systems
 - Air-source heat pumps
 - Ground-source heat pumps
 - High-performance economizers
 - HVAC variable-frequency drivers
 - Packaged terminal heat pumps
 - Other heating and air-conditioning systems

Refrigeration
Cut your refrigeration costs with energy-efficient refrigerators, freezers, ice machines and more. Power Moves incentives of up to \$150 per unit take the chill out of the investment. Our team of design professionals will work with you and your design and construction team to create a custom rebate. Talk to us, whatever your energy goals – from a more efficient chiller to cutting-edge integrated design. Our Business New Construction Program offers rebates for equipment that saves energy each month. Its good business, and that's nothing new. Contact Darrin Couch of NineStar Connect at 317-326-3131 to find out more about designing for maximum savings.

ENERGY OPTIONS

THIRD QUARTER MEMBER SERVICES SEMINAR

Renewable Energy Products – What makes sense?

There is a great deal of talk these days about renewable or alternative sources of energy, and much of the talk focuses on claims of the money that can be saved by installing renewable energy products. For anyone interested in renewable energy products, such as those that use solar or wind energy to produce electricity, NineStar Connect will be hosting a “Making Sense of Renewable Energy Products” workshop from 8–10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 17.

This intent of this seminar is to help people who are interested in renewable energy products make informed buying decisions and develop realistic expectations regarding the return on investment, installation expenses and maintenance expenses associated with solar and wind generator installations. NineStar Connect personnel will present information related to the company’s interconnection policies, including metering, purchased power and safety standards. Featured speaker and Certified Energy Manager Mark Frost will present “Solar 101” and discuss the ins and outs of renewables for residential energy production.

The seminar also will feature product samples as well as vendors, who will be on hand to answer questions and showcase their equipment. Plan to come for doughnuts and coffee at 8 a.m. Seating will be limited to the first 100 people who register by calling Brad or Darrin at 317-326-3131.

SPACE AVAILABLE

CONFERENCE CENTER AVAILABLE

Needing a place to conduct a business meeting? What about a birthday party for your close friend? Searching and searching for the perfect spot for your upcoming wedding reception? Let NineStar Connect help you! NineStar Connect Conference Center is available for public events. Our state-of-the-art conference center holds up to 100 people and has various room setups that fit your needs. From banquet style to classroom style, we can make sure your event is a success!

Also available if needed are double video screens and a speaker podium with microphone for easy communication in larger groups. An accessible kitchen area is also present; however, catered food must be brought in, as preparation of food is not permissible.

If you are interested in holding your next occasion at our conference center (South Campus: 2243 E. Main St., Greenfield), please log onto www.ninestarconnect.com under “Our Community.” There is an appointment locator for easy-to-use calendar availability.

EMPLOYEE PROFILE

NINESTAR CONNECT MARKETING RECEIVES TELECHOICE AWARD



David Spencer and Christa Riggs recently traveled to Orlando, Fla. where they accepted an award for their marketing creativity. The award, presented by NTCA – The Rural Broadband Association, is part of the annual TeleChoice Marketing Awards. NineStar received the award for the NineStar Connection newsletter. The competition was fierce in that 10 newsletters were submitted for consideration by companies across the United States. The awards are anonymously judged by public relations and marketing professionals.

NTCA – The Rural Broadband Association, is the premiere non-profit association representing more than 560 small and rural telephone cooperatives and commercial companies across America.

The association offers an array of member services, including a highly effective government affairs program, expert legal and industry representation, a broad range of educational services, a comprehensive assortment of regular and special publications, and public relations programs.

MEMBER BENEFITS

COOP CONNECTIONS CARD MAKES PROGRESS

Thank you to those who have faithfully used your NineStar Connect’s Coop Connections Card. Every month, we receive a spreadsheet of the savings people have received in our territory regarding the Healthy Savings portion of the card. This number continues to rise as far as how many members are using it and how much they are saving. We are thrilled to see this number increase!

Additionally, we apologize that not more local discounts have been posted to the site and we understand the need for this. We have some prospects on the horizon and they should be posted soon; however, we are pleased to announce that Strike Force Lanes in Greenfield has been added. Please log onto



www.ninestarconnect.com or www.connections.coop to check out the latest deals. As a reminder, you will start to see more local offers to help you save money and in turn help local businesses achieve more customer visits. It is 100 percent free advertising and as a member, you receive the discounts that you deserve. We think this

program is a great way to help make this a win-win solution for everyone!

If you or your business is interested in promoting an offer on www.connections.coop for NineStar members, please contact Christa Riggs at criggs@ninestarconnect.com or 317-323-2132.

We have more in the works, so please don’t hesitate to keep checking the site for more values and offers that will save you money!



SCHOOL LUNCH BAGEL SANDWICH

This sandwich mixes the goodness of bagels with the crunch of dill pickles. I came up with this sandwich for my son, who loves bagels and cream cheese, but I felt his favorite needed something extra to really make it a lunch. This is kid-tested good, and you can alter the veggies according to what your child likes.

Prep Time: 10 Min
Cook Time: 5 Min
Ready In: 15 Min

Original Recipe Yield 1 sandwich

INGREDIENTS

- 1 tablespoon herb and garlic flavored cream cheese
- 1 multigrain bagel, split and toasted
- 2 thin slices Cheddar cheese
- 2 slices dill pickle
- 1/4 cup shredded carrot
- 1 leaf lettuce

DIRECTIONS

Spread the cream cheese on the toasted bagel. Layer the Cheddar cheese, pickle slices, carrot, and lettuce onto one half of the bagel, then top with the remaining bagel half. Cut the sandwich in half and wrap with plastic wrap or aluminum foil. Place the sandwich in a lunch bag with an ice pack.

Prep Time: 5 Min
Cook Time: 10 Min
Ready In: 25 Min

Original Recipe Yield 1 hot dog

INGREDIENTS

- 1 all-beef hot dog
- 1 hot dog bun
- 1 packet ketchup
- 1 packet prepared yellow mustard
- 2 tablespoons shredded Cheddar cheese

DIRECTIONS

Prepare your child’s lunch box



LUNCH BOX HOT DOGS

When the kids need a break from sandwiches, why not send them with a hot hot dog to warm their bellies before going out to play?

Preheat your child’s insulated beverage container by filling with boiling water. Let stand for 15 to 20 minutes. I put the kettle on when I get up and let it heat while the kids get ready for school. Right before they leave, dump out that water and replace with more boiling water. The preheating keeps it hot for a longer time. Place a hot dog into the water and close the lid.

When your child is ready for lunch, they can take the hot hot dog out of the container and place it on the bun. Top with ketchup, mustard and cheese to make a hot lunch from home.

by packing the hot dog bun, ketchup, mustard and Cheddar cheese.

PEANUT BUTTER CUP COOKIES

Prep Time: 25 Min
Cook Time: 10 Min
Ready In: 1 Hr 35 Min

Original Recipe Yield 40 cookies

INGREDIENTS

- 1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 egg, beaten

1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 tablespoons milk
40 miniature chocolate-covered peanut butter cups, unwrapped

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Sift together the flour, salt and baking soda; set aside.

Cream together the butter, sugar, peanut butter and brown sugar until fluffy. Beat in the egg, vanilla and milk. Add the flour mixture; mix well. Shape into 40 balls and place each into an ungreased mini muffin pan.

Bake at 375 degrees for about 8 minutes. Remove from oven and immediately press a mini peanut butter cup into each ball. Cool and carefully remove from pan.

HEALTHY PACKED LUNCH HOW-TO

Confrontations focusing on diet between children and parents have been around seemingly since the beginning of time. Many children start off as cooperative eaters, anxious to try different types of foods. As they get older, the number of foods they’re apt to eat diminishes, which can make choosing healthy items for lunches and dinners more difficult. It also can make packing lunches for school more challenging.

Considering school lunches must compete with far less healthy yet widely available alternatives, parents will need to be creative in their creation of homemade lunches. Here are some ideas to get you started.

Purchase a new lunch container. There are many different new and innovative lunch containers that can make separating school lunches easy. Few kids want to dig into a brown paper sack and pull out something that has been so squashed it’s unrecognizable.

Have your child make a list of his or her favorite foods. Once the list has been made, see how you can make the foods healthier. For example, if chicken nuggets make the list, prepare your own nuggets with white meat chunks that are baked, not fried.

Get creative. Children may not be inclined to eat loose pieces of fruit. But if the fruit is stuck on skewers or served with a low-fat dipping sauce or caramel, it may look more appealing.

Hide healthy foods within others. There are entire recipe books that teach you how to mix fruits and vegetables into desserts to increase nutritive value. Everything from spinach to tofu to beets has been included in items like cake, cookies and brownies. So if kids are reticent to dig into their greens, try a clever hiding method.

Cut foods into fun shapes. Kids may be more inclined to eat a turkey and cheese sandwich if it’s cut into star shapes or their favorite cartoon characters.

Don’t let the time of day dictate what you serve. As long as kids are eating healthy items, it doesn’t matter when they eat them.

There are many different ways to improve homemade lunches for the better.

HOMEMADE APPLESAUCE

Original Recipe Yield 4 servings

INGREDIENTS

- 4 apples - peeled, cored and chopped
- 3/4 cup water
- 1/4 cup white sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

DIRECTIONS

In a saucepan, combine apples, water, sugar, and cinnamon. Cover, and cook over medium heat for 15 to 20 minutes, or until apples are soft. Allow to cool, then mash with a fork or potato masher.

NEWS

NINESTAR HELPS WITH SCHOOL WORK

It's hard to believe that it's back-to-school time; parents and children alike are hustling around to get school supplies and all the things needed to prepare for this upcoming school year. We, here at NineStar Connect, want to help make your school year as enjoyable and stress free as possible. With services such as our adorable NineStar Nerds, our innovative fiber optics, our home security and other state-of-the-art conveniences, NineStar can help you achieve success this year and for years to come.

These days, most school assignments are done on a computer, and there are several things that can go wrong with a computer that the average person doesn't know how to fix. Leave the stress to us! Our NineStar Nerds provide many network/PC installation and repair services using highly qualified technicians. With just one call, we can be at your doorstep relieving the anxiety of missing that important homework project.

Additionally, with our blazing fast internet speeds, you don't have to worry about tapping your fingers on the desk waiting for your files to download. And because fiber is directly linked to your home, no need to worry about others slowing down that connection. Each time you log on, your Internet connectivity will be so quick and reliable, you won't believe your eyes!

Procrastinator? Planning on working an all-nighter? We can't fail to mention our 24/7 call center. Any hour of the day or night, we can be reached if you are having a problem with our services.

Finally, as most of us are working parents, we might not be able to be there right when our children get home from school. Let us free your worries. With our dependable home security system, we can help you feel better about your children being safe until you arrive home.

NineStar Connect knows that education, safety and reliability are all important. These three characteristics are key to building a child's future. We might not be able to do the homework for your children, but we can certainly help make it easier for them! Please call our offices at 317-326-3131 today!



BEING THE JUDGE



CHARGED ATMOSPHERE

NINESTAR TAKES PART IN 4-H ELECTRIC PROJECT JUDGING

Judging for this year's Hancock County 4-H Electric Projects took place June 18. This year, more than 70 projects were judged in five divisions. Volunteer judges from Boone County REMC, Decatur County REMC and Rush/Shelby Energy were on hand to provide their expertise in judging the project's this year. Throughout Indiana, the 4-H Electric Program is supported by many electric cooperative employees as well as the Indiana Statewide Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives. The countless hours of support from these groups continues to make the 4-H Electric Program a great success. Through this program, experts are able to share their knowledge of electricity and electric safety with hundreds of participants in the 4-H Youth Program. NineStar Connect is a proud supporter of the 4-H Youth Program and provides leadership for the 4-H Electric Projects both in Hancock County and on the state 4-H Electric Program committee.



GREAT CUSTOMER SERVICE JUST GOT BETTER. NINESTAR CONNECT'S TECH SUPPORT CALL CENTER IS OPEN AROUND THE CLOCK. 317-326-HELP NINESTARCONNECT.COM

The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion projects came from the Advanced Division projects this year. Adam Shanahan won Grand Champion with his Word Clock, and Alexis McMahan won Reserve Grand Champion with her Solar Powered I-pod charger. Other winners by Division were:

Division I: Rachel McCartney, Champion; Kaden Schutt, Reserve Champion

Division II: Sommer Studebaker, Champion; Nathan Hummel, Reserve Champion

Division III: Logan Overman, Champion; Matthew Paarlberg, Reserve Champion

Division IV: Katie Gunn, Champion; Maddie Mills-Craig, Reserve Champion

A new project this year was the Farm Model Project. This project allows participants to construct a model farm scene utilizing a wide variety of materials, including toy tractors, soil, grass and other items. NineStar Connect provided a special award to participants for adding utility distribution equipment in their models, such as power poles, wires and transformers. A winner was selected from each division. This year's winners were Ryan Kihlstrum in Division I and Luke Horner in Division II. The two winners were awarded a NineStar Connect toy bucket truck to congratulate them on their efforts.

Congratulations to all of this year's participants!

ROYAL PAIGE



NINESTAR CONTINUES TRADITION OF SPONSORING QUEEN CONTEST

For many years, NineStar Connect has been a proud sponsor of Hancock County's 4-H Fair Queen Pageant; and this year was no different. At the conclusion of a wonderful evening Paige Carroll, a 10-year 4-H'er was selected the 2013 Fair Queen. She is an 18 year-old Mt. Vernon High School graduate who plans to attend Ball State University this fall to major in business management.

Paige was selected from a field of 25 girls who are all 4-H members who answered a series of questions from a panel of judges before the night of the crowning. The evening of the event, all the contestants then walked down

the runway with their business attire followed by their formal wear. With a mountain of nerves, the anticipation of calling the name of this year's queen is always an exciting moment for the participants and spectators alike.

Along with Carroll, the evening's other favorites were runner-up, Princess Lindsey Werking and the Queen's Court: Gabrielle Guerra, Samantha Gulden and Morgan McKinney (who also won the peer vote of Miss Congeniality).

Congratulations to all the winners and good luck to Paige as she competes at this year's Indiana State Fair.

4 - H FAIR

NINESTAR BOOTH MEASURES UP

A big thank you to all of those who visited our booth at the Hancock County fair. This year, we incorporated the help of our Customer Service Representatives to help answer questions and enroll those wanting to sign up for NineStar services. We were pleased with the number of people who stopped by to look at what we had to offer and to grab one of our handy yardsticks!



Additionally, every evening we were lucky to have the Queen or a member(s) of her court to take pictures with passersby. The photos were taken and uploaded to our website where they could be downloaded or shared with family and friends. It was a lot of fun for all and gave a meaningful token to commemorate this year's county fair.

If people have questions that weren't answered at the fair, they should not hesitate to give us a call at 317-326-3131. We would be more than happy to assist you. Thanks again, and we will see you next year!



A CRAFT BEER TASTING EVENT

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NINESTAR PRESENTS AWARD AT WILL VAWTER ART SHOW

The 2013 Will Vawter Art Show and Competition kicked off June 28 with a well-attended reception at the Creative Arts & Event Center in downtown Greenfield. Thirty-eight central Indiana artists submitted more than 100 art pieces created in oil, watercolor, acrylic, pastel and other media. NineStar Connect was proud to present the People's Choice Award to Greenfield resident Barb Anton for her work "Into The Shade." Pictured to Barb's left is NineStar Marketing Coordinator Christa Riggs who presented the award. This painting and all of the other Vawter competition paintings will be on display on the main floor of the Creative Arts and Events Center, in the Walker Room and a new gallery located to its north.

SUDOKU

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes.
See ninestarconnect.com Facebook page for last edition's solution.

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9	8		2				6	
	7				1		4	
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