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HOW THE UNITED STATES CAN TAME RECESSIONS, REDUCE INEQUALITY, AND PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT

- BY E.G. NADEAU

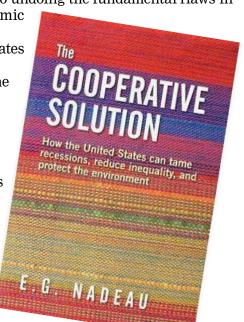
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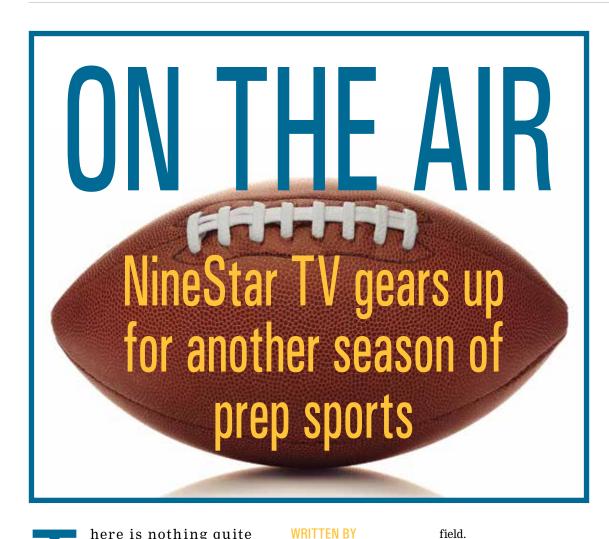


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here is nothing quite like the Friday Night Lights and no matter if members plan to catch all of the action as it

JULIE YOUNG

happens or want to relive the excitement the following day, they can count on NineStar Connect and GCTV to bring them plenty of sacks, tackles and touchdowns this season on Channel 9. Thanks to a little help from some young friends.

"What a lot of our viewers do not realize is that these football games and other local events are produced and broadcast by the television crew at Greenfield-Central High School (GCHS)," said John Painter, video producer at NineStar. "These kids turn out some very professional work and we can't help being proud of the job they do."

Although it is still a bit of a well-known secret, NineStar's partnership with GCHS actually began in January 2014 when the co-op offered the fledgling program a financial boost in order to keep it afloat. They saw the

collaboration with the high school as an economical way of promoting education, showcasing local sports and creating some communitybased original programming, while giving students practical experience in the broadcast field.

GCHS television teacher Bill McKenna saw the value in having NineStar as a partner and immediately jumped at the chance. Not only does the opportunity give students the chance to do things they wouldn't ordinarily get to do at the high school level, but it also gives them a chance to grow in an ever-evolving

"Every year we have been able to do more than the year before and that's pretty exciting," McKenna said. "We have been doing more programming, getting more kids involved on the production end, and we have gone to filming in HD and bringing some games live. The next step will be to start streaming on the app so that people all over the state can see it."

McKenna said although students are still learning their craft, they do have the opportunity to film, edit and create graphics for their own football, basketball and baseball games and occasionally go on shoots beyond the school building. They have shot footage at Lucas Oil Stadium, the Indiana State Fairgrounds and other large venues throughout the viewing area.

'They really got excited when they got to go down to Lucas and see the professional press room and what they think of as the glamorous side of the field," he said.

Make no mistake though, GCTV is a lot more sophisticated than a simple closed circuit set up at school that only teaches them the basics. This has a built in membership in several counties and the stakes are high. They understand that they are expected to hit a certain professional standard in their work and that there are consequences when they fall short.

"John Painter always reminds them that there are people watching at home who are only too happy to provide feedback when something goes wrong, he said. "They really respond to the pressure though and it brings out the best in them. They are a committed group of kids who are doing a fabulous job."

One of those students is Cooper Hanson, a GCHS senior who has been part of the television crew for the last two years and has parlayed his participation in the school program into a full-fledged internship with NineStar. He said while he enjoys covering the local sports scene, shooting on location throughout Hancock County and the surrounding areas and being part of the GCTV crew, he was eager to take his experience further.

"Thanks to this opportunity, I have the chance to produce a wide variety of shows on a consistent basis and I know it is an experience that will benefit me when I go to college next year," he said.

Although there are only a handful of kids who are part of the television crew, Hanson said he encourages kids to get involved because it is the kind of hands-on experience that you cannot get anywhere else.

"I have learned so much about the broadcast industry through my work with NineStar and the school television program much more than I ever could have

on my own," he said. "I know I definitely want to stay in this field. Every aspect of it is so interesting."

McKenna said Hanson's enthusiasm is echoed in other members of the crew who are proud to bring their viewers the best programming they can. As they gear up for another season on the high school gridiron, they know they are part of a special club that gives them practical application and a real sense of accomplishment thanks to a telecommunications co-op who believes in them.

"NineStar really is the life blood of this program," McKenna said. "They gave us the channel to broadcast our shows and they have really stepped in and taken these kids under their wing. They are always looking for ways to partner with the community and this collaboration has been a huge success for us.

Painter said NineStar appreciates what the students do for them as well. He said students on the crew not only have to maintain their grades, but a fair number of them also hold down part-time jobs throughout the school year and still find the time to cover the football game or other event. Hanson, for example, runs Cross Country and Track, but still manages to make time to work on air and behind the scenes on the TV crew while completing his internship with NineStar.

"These kids are the total package and what they bring to the table is amazing," he said. "For them, being part of the TV crew is not just an extracurricular or a fun high school 'job.' It's a stepping stone in to the evolving world of broadcast communication and may be the first step into a future career."

DATE	HOME FIELD	VISITORS	TIME
August 19	Greenfield Central vs.	Eastern Hancock	2:00
August 26	New Palestine vs.	Richmond	2:00
September 2	Greenfield Central vs.	Mt. Vernon	2:00
September 9	Pendleton vs.	Greenfield	2:00
September 16	Eastern Hancock vs.	Knightstown	2:00
September 23	Shenandoah vs.	Knightstown	2:00
September 30	Pendleton Heights vs.	Delta	2:00
October 7	Shenandoah vs.	Eastern Hancock	2:00
October 14	Mt. Vernon vs.	Yorktown	2:00

LONGTIME NINESTAR EMPLOYEE DEBBIE ROBERTS PASSES AWAY

early loved NineStar employee Debbie Roberts passed away on August 17, 2017 after a brief illness. The longtime employee graduated from Greenfield-Central High School on Friday, May 28, 1970, and the following Monday, she arrived in the billing department of the Hancock County REMC, and stayed for the next 47 years.

In 2015, Debbie was recognized by the Indiana Electric Cooperatives for her many years of service. At the time, she was quoted as saying, "I am pleased that I have been part of



this wonderful company with good people for 45 years. I really do love my job!" And it However, the one constant through the showed. Her role involved daily interaction with customers and helping solve their issues. That same spirit was evident with how she worked on various projects at

NineStar and gave back to the community. "Debbie's passing has left a hole in the hearts of all NineStar employees and retirees. It frankly is difficult to imagine this place without her friendly smile, warm hello and ever present candy dish tempting all of us to stop by her desk for a quick treat. All of us who were privileged enough to have worked with Debbie and call her

> our friend will sorely miss her," stated NineStar Connect President & CEO Michael Burrow. It is estimated that Debbie has processed at least 4,568,940 statements throughout her career. The way she did her job evolved over the years with changing technologies but Debbie kept up

with all the changes without complaint. years was Debbie. She came to work each day with the same kind demeanor, loveable spirit and smile. All of which will be missed at NineStar.



MEG SCHLETER



s the new school year begins again, we want to highlight one student that has stood out in NineStar history for her remarkable dedication and contribution to her community. Meg Schleter, daughter of Kurt and Peggy Schleter, graduated from Mt. Vernon High School this past year and will be entering Purdue University as a freshman this fall. Meg's name may sound familiar to some as she not only was one of our fifteen NineStar Scholarship winners but she also was the recipient of The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) scholarship. The FRS Scholarship is in cooperation with NTCA - The Rural Broadband Association and NineStar Connect (a member of NTCA). This is a national scholarship in which only 30 scholarships of \$2,500 are awarded each spring. In 2012, Meg also tried her luck at the Youth Power and Hope Awards program. This program, sponsored by Indiana Statewide Association, honors students in fifth through eighth grade who are leaders in their communities and whose parents live on electric cooperative lines in Indiana. At the time, Schleter was only in the eighth grade at Mt. Vernon Middle School. Only a small number of five students win this honor each year, which Meg made NineStar proud with winning for her outstanding community service activities

Meg organized a skate night to raise money for the Riley Hospital for Children and partnered with two friends to help win a grant that funded 20 backpacks full of healthy food for needy families. Schleter's passion through helping was founded on wanting to find

a cure for diabetes. Meg and her Mom are both diabetic and where chosen as the "faces of diabetes" by the American Diabetes Association and helped to promote the state of Indiana's "We Can Stop Diabetes" license plate.

Thank you Meg for being such an inspiration to so many! We wish her nothing but the best in her bright future and look for her to continue to do great things.



PICTURED: YOUNG MEG WITH JOSH BLEILL (PURPLE HEART RECIPIENT AND INDIANAPOLIS COLTS COMMUNITY SPOKESPERSON) AT THE 2012 YOUTH POWER AND HOPE AWARDS DINNER & CEREMONY.





NineStar scholarship recipients. The event, held at the NineStar corporate offices in Greenfield, was a celebration of the students' academic accomplishments. The recipients were awarded their scholarships based on a drawing at the annual meeting held in March. 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 the students received their checks for \$1,000. The graduating seniors from seven different high schools 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.

ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE SPONSORS STUDENTS AT TOUCHSTONE ENERGY CAMP

ineStar Connect sponsored two students and a chaperone at the annual Touchstone Energy Camp. The camp was held June 7-10, 2017, at Camp Tecumseh in Brookston, Indiana. Students entering seventh grade this fall were eligible to attend and were selected by their local cooperative to participate in the three-day program. The students' agenda combined traditional outdoor camp activities with environmental education, electrical safety practices and cooperative business education.

"This is a great way for students to learn about the role of the electric cooperative in their community. On top of that, they get to experience all the fun of camp," said Samantha Beauchamp, NineStar's Business Sales Representative and Camp Counselor/Chaperone.

Representing NineStar at Touchstone Energy Camp were:

- · Jaeden Peters of Greenfield
- Tanner Tryon of Greenfield
- Samantha Beauchamp (NineStar Counselor/Chaperone)
 The Touchstone Energy Camp program was developed by a committee of electric cooperative employees from Indiana. The camp is funded in part by Indiana's electric cooperatives, Hoosier Energy, Wabash Valley Power, Indiana Electric Cooperatives and other industry partners.





EDELWEISS VOLUNTEERS

crew of eight NineStar employees spent a summer afternoon at the Edelweiss Equine-Assisted Therapy Center, Inc., working on and crossing off several of their "To Do" items. These included: spraying the arena and playground for weeds, fixing the wheel on the tractor trailer, fixing the wheel on the pull cart, fixing the door on the storage shed, fixing the horse gate, repairing the visitors' benches out by the arena, bringing hay down from the loft, fixing the refrigerator and transporting all leftover garage sale items to the Hancock Hope House Thrift Shop. It was a hot afternoon but everyone was great and ALL projects were finished!!





PICTURED: DARYA JACKSON, GEORGE PLISINSKI, JUSTIN MESSER, SHANE OSBORNE, ERIC WALTER, BOBBY STAMPS AND PERRY WILSON.

MORRISTOWN DERBY DAYS

n July 28th, NineStar participated in the 70th Annual Morristown Derby Days. One of the traditions of the Derby Days is their highly competitive soap box derby race held on Friday night of their festival. NineStar competed again

this year with two teams: Team Burrow, derby car driven by Emily Burrow (daughter of President & CEO, Mike Burrow) and Team Plisinski, derby car driven by Joyce Plisinski (wife of Telecom Operations Manager, George Plisinski).

NineStar placed 2nd and 4th in the race. We couldn't be prouder of our two teams. The drivers along with the pit crews worked hard on the cars and the engineering of making them go as fast as possible. Next year is our year to bring home the winner's trophy!!



PICTURED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: GARY JACKSON, JAMIE BELL, ALAN MARTIN, JOYCE PLISINSKI, EMILY BURROW, RYAN BEWLEY AND JENNIFER MCMILLAN.

President's Message

teve Long is President and CEO of Hancock Regional Hospital. I'm proud to call him my good friend so everything else I might write about him in this column will likely come across as biased. And it probably is.

Steve left his home state of Iowa and came to town back in July 2014 to fill the very big shoes left by Bobby Keen (also a friend of mine) when he retired after many years at the helm of our local county hospital. By all accounts, Steve has filled those shoes, worn them out, and is now on his second pair. He's just that kind of guy.

I wish everyone in the community knew Steve like I know him. He has a quick and very dry wit and will often turn the tables on you and be gone before you ever figure out what he has done. Oh, and did I mention that he builds and races drag race cars as a hobby in his spare time?

Professionally, Steve is laser-focused on community health – not just in quality health care delivery but equally important to him, in the prevention of health issues with his healthy community initiative. Can you imagine any corporate executive creating a program to reduce the number of times you actually use the services of his company? It is indeed a rare occurrence when a leader puts aside his own self-interests for the greater good of a community, but that's what Steve does.

Steve rolled into town with the heart of a servant-leader. Aside from his professional emphasis on the community's health, he has quickly become a recognized leader in local economic development endeavors, as well as many local philanthropic and community service efforts. He's always looking for ways to make our community better.

Over the last three years, NineStar and the hospital have developed a friendly rivalry when it comes to

competing against one another in local charity events. It all started when yours truly beat Steve in a bowling match to benefit the hospital foundation. It was televised on NineStar's local access Channel 9. I made sure it was re-run several times.

As our competition has increased, I've been known to tell my NineStar teams: "It doesn't matter if you win the whole event, just beat the hospital." I also take the position that if the hospital doesn't enter a team in a particular charity event, then NineStar has beat the hospital, which seems totally logical when I send Steve a text declaring yet another victory.

Lately, Mr. Long has escalated our little sociable rivalry to a new level. County Commissioner and professional race driver Brad Armstrong drove for Team NineStar last year in the Boys & Girls Club go-kart fundraiser when we beat the hospital (never mind the hospital's flat tire during the race – a win is a win). This year, Steve convinced Brad to leave NineStar and drive for the hospital team instead. I found out when I received a late-night text from Steve asking if I was ready to forfeit the

race. Really Steve?! He can be a little scheming when it comes to a "friendly" competition.

Is there a method to Steve Long's madness? You bet there is! He's a homer in the truest sense – always focusing on supporting our local community and its non-profit service organizations while having extreme amounts of fun doing so. His impish grin innocently hides his wily ways!



Recently other local businesses have started taking notice of this growing competition between NineStar and the hospital and want to participate in some of these charity events to have fun themselves (as well as perhaps see to what extremes we might go to beat one another). In the end, that's a win for everyone involved in organizations that support our local communities. With Steve Long in our community, we're all winners.

NINESTAR WINS RACE & BENEFITS LOCAL CHARITIES

The NineStar Racing
Team was back in action
recently at New Castle
Motorsports Park. The event,
held to benefit the Hancock
County Boys & Girls Club, as
well as the Hope House, takes
place annually. After close to
two hours of racing when the
checkered flagged dropped





NineStar was declared the winner and crowned champion! NineStar's primary car, which came in 1st was piloted by Indy Car legend Mark Dismore, Brandon Tweedy, Tyson Cardon, and NineStar's own Jamie Bell. Once again NineStar got the best of their friendly rival, Hancock Regional Hospital, who they also beat in the 2016 event.



ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE SENDS YOUTH TO VISIT WASHINGTON, D.C.

inestar Connect sponsored one student and one chaperone on the Indiana Youth Tour June 8-15. Youth Tour provides young Hoosiers the opportunity to visit the nation's capital, learn about government, experience American history and gain a better understanding about their electric cooperative and government.

According to David Spencer, Director of Marketing & Public Relations of NineStar, a delegation of 107 Indiana students, representing 37 Indiana electric cooperatives, experienced the trip. More than 1,800 students from 46 states traveled to Washington for the week-long experience.

The following represented NineStar on the Indiana Youth Tour:

- Chris Waldon of Eastern Hancock High School
- Eric Truitt (NineStar Lineman and Chaperone)

NineStar was pleased to provide this opportunity for our local youth," Spencer said. "It's a great trip and a wonderful chance to see the sites, make new friends and learn how everyone, even young people, can make a difference in the political process."

Students who participated in the trip visited the Flight 93 Memorial, the Gettysburg Battlefield, Arlington National Cemetery, the Smithsonian museums, the National Mall memorials, and the National Museum



of the Marine Corps; and took a night cruise on the Potomac River, along with much more.

The Indiana Youth Tour students also participated in a youth rally, during which they shared their thoughts and opinions on a variety of timely issues. The youth rally prepared the students for a day on Capitol Hill, where they met with Indiana's congressional delegation.



NINESTAR HANDS OUT BACKPACKS

ineStar employees are at it again! This time, it's the Accounting Department that spent some time at J.B. Stephens Elementary School helping fill backpacks with the necessary school supplies for students and families who otherwise might not be able to afford the yearly purchase.

The event, which is sponsored by the United Way of Central Indiana, brings in some 40,000 school supplies and about \$5,000 to buy even more – for students at Hancock County schools. This drive began back in 2003 and has received more than 350,000 school supplies over the years.

Monica Sexton, an accountant with NineStar, arranged for the employees in her department to take part in this effort because they could participate as a team. "It worked out great! And it's fun and rewarding when you know you are helping children."



PICTURED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: KELLEE JOHNSON, ROSE GERARD, JENNIFER ROACH, TAYLOR SEXTON, MONICA SEXTON, JIM PROPER, RYAN FOX, DIANNA HAWKINS, SKYLAR SEXTON, ALISHA LOVE, AUSTIN KORD AND JANELL KINDER.

FRENZY ANIMAL RESCUE

group of NineStar employees spent most of their work day volunteering their time and efforts at the Frenzy Animal Rescue, located at 37 W Mill St. in New Palestine. The animal rescue diligently works at saving and finding homes for countless stray dogs. The rescue can hold up to as many as 30 animals at a time.

The owners of Frenzy Animal Rescue, Gary and Betty Wilkins, operate the business on their own but need help now and then with heavy lifting and various maintenance tasks. NineStar employees added piping around the fence, cleaned and put kennels together, spread gravel where needed and spent quality time petting and holding a sweet litter of puppies that are looking for their forever homes.

Employees of NineStar are given 10 "community service" hours each year to help contribute to the community for which it serves. Shira Dankner, NineStar Operations Manager, organized the work day. "It is rare that a company is going to let their employees come out and help during the work day," Dankner said, "It's better than just giving money to a cause in the community because here we know what we're doing is helping the animals."







NineStar will once again be helping the community with various projects during the fourth annual Cooperative Service Day. This year's Cooperative Service Day is taking place on Friday, October 13th. Last year, NineStar assisted with nine different community projects that

included constructing storage shelves, cleaning bleachers, landscaping and building ramps. The Frenzy Animal Rescue also benefited from last year's Coop Service Day as several NineStar employees helped them with cleaning out pens and painting a room.

SAVE WITH A SWITCH

THE POWERSHIFT PROGRAM CAN HELP YOU SAVE BY REDUCING ENERGY USE

undreds of Indiana residents save money by asking NineStar Connect to install a simple switch that reduces energy use when energy demand and costs surge.

The switch also helps members and everyone else in their community save even more all year long by adjusting energy consumption during specific times. When you add up the more than 25,000 switches members within Wabash Valley's service territory have add to their air conditioners, water heaters, irrigation systems, pool pumps and even entire homes, it adds to 53 megawatts of energy. That is a significant amount of power that Wabash Valley Power doesn't have to build or buy.

Today, the typical American family spends 20 percent of its budget on energy. As energy demand increases, such as during peak times each day when people are home and appliances are on, energy costs also rise dramatically. PowerShift, available from NineStar Connect, can help you shift your energy use to lower cost times of the day.

SAVE"Co-ops are committed to helping their local members to reduce their costs as much as possible," said Andrew Horstman, manager of load response for Wabash Valley Power, which manages PowerShift for co-ops in Indiana, Illinois and Missouri. "PowerShift is one way that they are able to do that."

NineStar Connect, through a local approved vendor, installs a switch on your appliance. When energy demand is at its peak and most expensive, appliances are switched off for short amounts of time to reduce use, helping you save energy when it matters most.

"It's a simple tool that helps keep our energy costs down, which leads to lower costs for thousands of families and businesses," Horstman said. "It's something that everyone can do to lower overall energy demand and keep us from needing to run or build a power plant."

PowerShift is designed to minimize disruption. The switches will not turn off appliances on weekends or holidays, and they do not harm appliances or collect data. They are simply designed to receive a signal to turn appliances on and off.

"Using energy efficiency helps lower everyone's cost, from families and business owners to local co-ops and even the energy producer," Horstman said. "It costs more for increased infrastructure to meet higher demand. The PowerShift program, as well as the POWER MOVES programs, which offer incentives to make homes and businesses more energy efficient, help us to minimize those potential demand surges and help our members keep their costs low."

This program is available to you now! Contact NineStar Connect's energy advisor, Matt Strahl at 317-326-3131 and ask how you can participate in PowerShift and other POWER MOVES programs.

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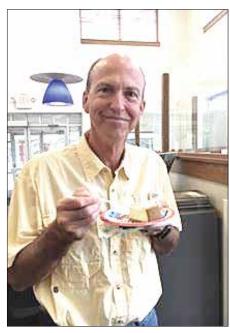
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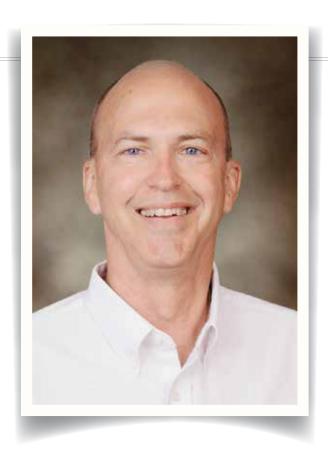


NINESTAR'S BRAD HENDERSON RETIRES

fter 32 years of service, Brad Henderson hung up his NineStar hat Friday, June 29th and stepped into a well-deserved retirement. Brad started his tenure in 1979, working at Central Indiana Power. His first job with the company was Member Services representative. After a short stint in Florida. Brad moved back to Indiana and started to work for, then, Hancock Telecom. While at the phone cooperative, Brad served as Manager of Customer Care. After the merger into what is now Nine-Star Connect, Brad worked in various roles, including his final



role as Special Project Manager. In his retirement, Brad is looking forward to his next adventure, which will involve working with Nick Vujicic, and his "Life Without Limbs" non-profit organization and ministry. In addition, Brad plans to travel and spend time with his wife Robin, their four grown children and their spouses and his grandkids. While working the past several decades, Brad has acquired a wealth of knowledge which will be missed by the organization. We wish Brad nothing but the best and a big Congratulations to him on his retirement.



NINESTAR NERD NIGHT MHP GRAND PRIX — PENNSY TRAIL ART &

n July 27th, The NineStar Nerds held another Nerd's Night Out, this time featuring information on "Malware and Scams" along with "Wireless in your Home". Dinner was catered by Mozzi's Pizza and those who brought in a pet toy or pet treats to donate to the Frenzy Animal Rescue, located in New Palestine, were entered into a drawing to win either a \$50 or \$100 Visa Gift Card. With a full room of attendees, we hope all that came enjoyed the night and learned a lot!







MHP GRAND PRIX — **MUSIC FESTIVAL**

NineStar team of five participated in the 1st Annual MHP Grand Prix that was held at this year's Pennsy Trail Art Fair & Music Festival benefiting Mental Health Partners of Hancock County. The Grand Prix is an adult big wheel race that was held during the festival.

The NineStar team consisted of Alisha Love, Jennifer Roach, Monica Sexton, Taylor Sexton and Skylar Sexton. Although they came up short in this year's race, there were a lot of laughs, competitiveness and spin-outs as they brought back their childhood days of riding the big wheel. NineStar Connect was also a key sponsor to this year's festival.





NINESTAR TO BE FEATURED IN NATIONAL VIDEO

ational Information Solutions Cooperative (NISC) recently spent three days in July at NineStar Connect filming people, places and projects at the cooperative. The footage will be turned into a video that will be used by NISC to showcase Nine-Star across the country. Not only will the video be used on their website and social media marketing but it will also be seen at the general session of the **NISC Member Information** Conference in September. The conference, held in St. Louis, Missouri will have over 1,500 attendees. "We were extremely honored that NISC selected NineStar as a featured member in their upcoming video. This opportunity for NineStar demonstrates our continued leadership in the utility industry." said Regina Bever, Director of Administration at NineStar Connect. NISC is an information technology company that develops and supports software for Member-Owners who are primarily utility cooperatives and telecommunications companies across the nation. In NineStar's case, NISC is used as the cooperative's billing system.

