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NineStar Connect honors 17 talented students.

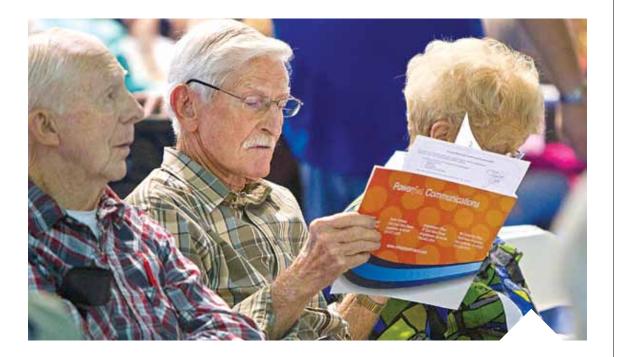




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OUR EMPLOYEES MAKE THE DIFFERENCE. HERE'S A **CUSTOMER REVIEW FOR OUR** MULTIMEDIA INSTALLER

WE WANTED TO DROP A NOTE AND TELL YOU **HOW PROFESSIONAL AND** PERSONABLE THE INSTALLER PERRY WILSON WAS. HE DID AN EXCELLENT JOB AND DESERVES A PAT ON THE BACK. THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HELP. WHAT A RELIEF TO NOT HAVE TO DEPEND ON DIAL-UP. **BOB & RUTH**

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Contact David Spencer at dspencer@ninestarconnect.com or Rachel Anderson at randers on @nine star connect.com

COVER STORY

Fiber is the future, and NineStar Connect aims to give as many of its customers access to this stateof-the-art infrastructure as soon as possible. Learn about the latest community that will benefit.

LEARNING THE ROPES

them earned a pole position.

NEW OFFICERS

new officers recently. Meet your new chairman (in print, at least) and see the other officers who will be serving with him.

NIneStar invites its members to tons of fun on us. Read about the summer family movie series.

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Your NineStar Connect board of directors elected

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Our NineStar

MEETING

Connect annual meeting was a big success. See a photo spread on the event, and to read about the results of the survey we conducted

> there. PAGES 10-11

BIG THANKS TO ALL INVOLVED IN MEETING

'd like to take a moment and thank evervone who took time out of their busy schedules to attend our 59th annual meeting and celebration in April. It was a wonderful night with good food, entertainment, prizes and fellowship shared by so many of our members and friends.

The evening was also a perfect opportunity to

pause and reflect on where our cooperative has been and where we are heading. One very exciting direction our cooperative is heading this summer is the fiber deployment to Blue River Township (Hancock County). During the next several months, you will see contractors and NineStar Connect employees preparing and deploying state of the art fiber optics, which will allow you access to advanced telecommunications such as unlimited

voice, digital television and the fastest broadband possible.

In the coming months, you will receive mailings concerning our progress and when you can expect to be connected to fiber optics. It is important to respond to these mailings! Our company will need to place a drop on your property for service. During the construction phase, your drop will be free, but after construction has passed this will no longer be the case

We are very excited to bring fiber optics to Blue River Township, and we hope you are just as excited. Offering advanced telecommunication services to our electric-only customers was one of the visions born from the idea of a hybrid cooperative. It is truly an amazing feeling to see that vision become reality

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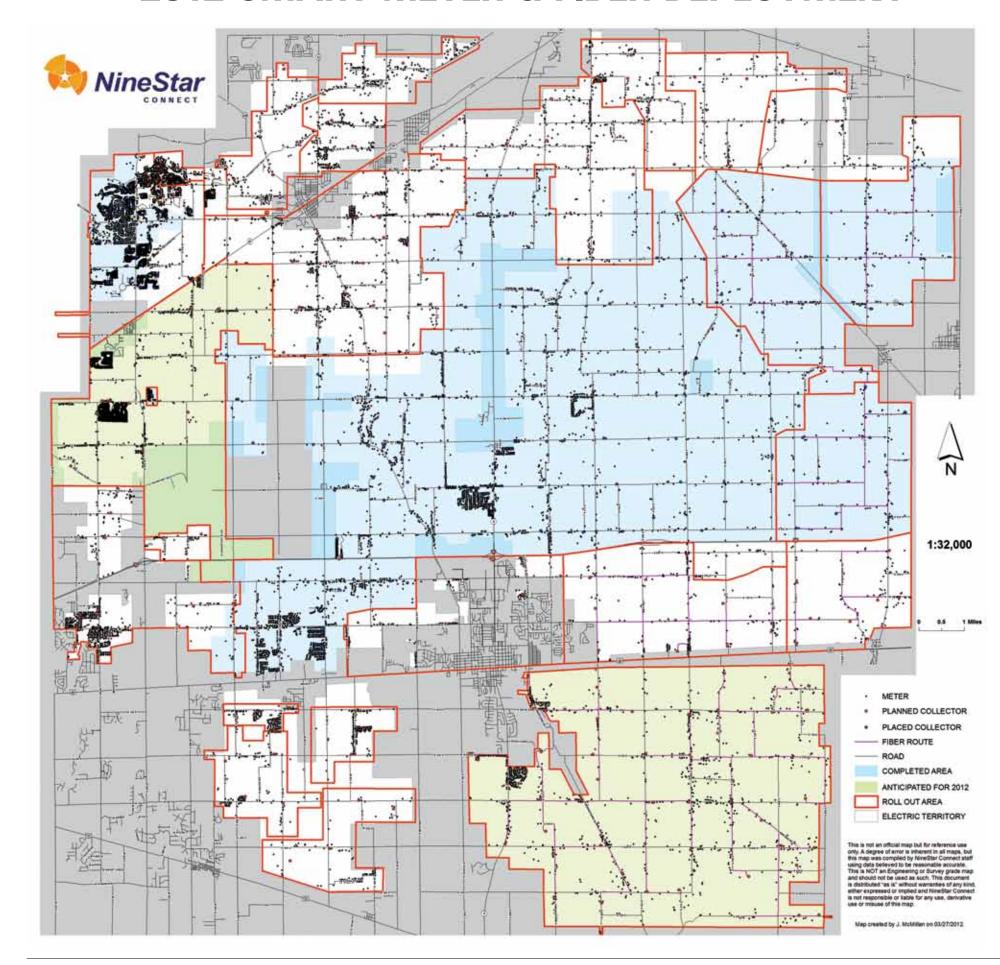
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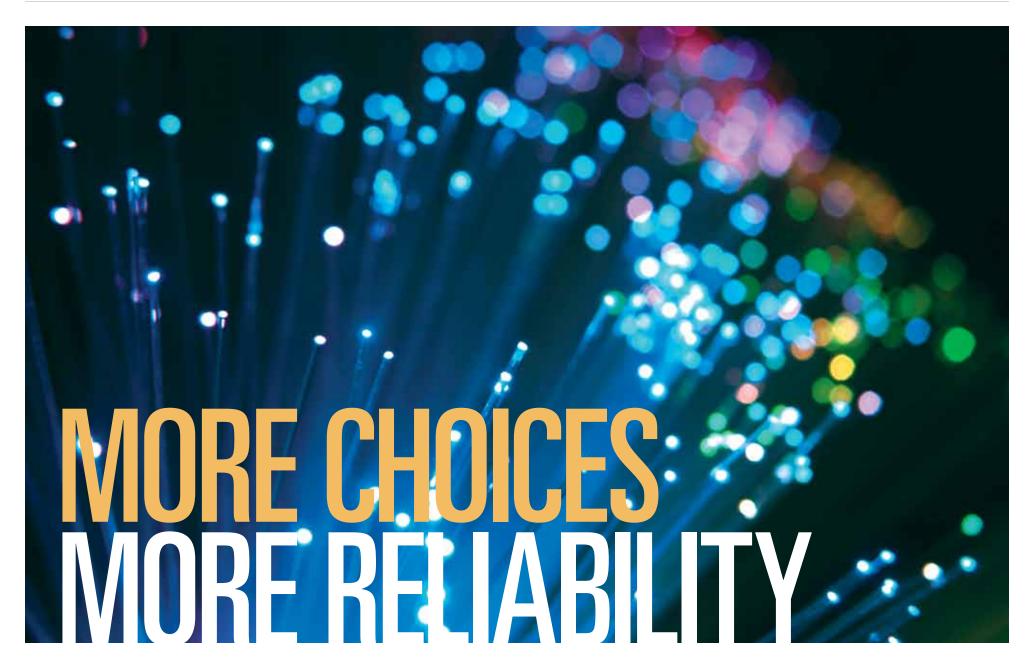
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2012 SMART METER & FIBER DEPLOYMENT



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NINESTAR BRINGS FIBER OPTIC TECHNOLOGY TO BLUE RIVER TOWNSHIP THIS SUMMER ineStar's announcement heralding the upcoming deployment of fiber optic technology to the Blue River Township area in Eastern Hancock County is welcome news for residents who are eager for better and more reliable bundles that will give them quality video, high-speed internet and phone

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service in one convenient and economical package. Jim Cherry a member of NineStar's board of directors said Blue River Township

is one of the most underserved areas of the community, and while many companies have promised this level of service improvement, NineStar is willing to deliver.

"We had the towers for a while, but they didn't work as well as we had hoped, and now we know fiber is the answer," he said.
"Our goal is to blanket all of Blue River Township with this capability and allow our customers to get their video, phone and Internet service though us in a bundled package that is often cheaper than having separate providers."

SIMPLIFY YOUR LIFE

Mary Gibble, executive director of the Hancock County Community Foundation said she is very excited about what this fiber optic technology will mean for her family. Through the years, her dial-up Internet service was provided to her rural home via land line, wireless broadband and now through a satellite service, all of which have been

slow or unreliable. With a college student and a high school student still at home and as many as four computers running at a time, she knows the future is in fiber optics connectivity.

"We need technology that will be dependable and consistent," she said. "Sometimes I bring work home with me and I am involved in the Chamber and other philanthropic endeavors, so it's critical that I stay connected. I also like the idea that with NineStar, we will be able to consolidate providers and pay one monthly bill. The more streamlining you can do, the more efficient your life becomes."

Tammy Bearhope works from home, handling as many as 140 insurance claims at any one time. Her reliance on high-speed internet service is a part of her very livelihood, and with NineStar's



bundled package, she said it will make a big difference in her ability to keep up with her work and save on some of her business expenses.

"If I don't have high-speed Internet, then I am out of a job," she said. "I have been so frustrated at the amount of companies that advertise their services and then can't provide them to our area. We pay so many different providers that it will be great to finally just pay one and simplify things a little bit, knowing we are getting the services that we need."

STAYING CONNECTED

David Negilski said he too is optimistic about NineStar's plans and hopes an additional provider in the area will help keep costs competitive for residents who want high-speed, bundled options without paying a fortune for them.

game in the market right now, and I like to see a little competition," he said, noting that for he and his wife, it's all about connectivity. The two are on the computer daily, keeping up with family via e-mail, scanning the headlines or scouring the web for the best deals. "I was so disappointed when there wasn't an Internet option with Central Indiana Power,

Doug Daily, a civil engineer who works in Indianapolis, said there is a real need in the area for faster capability beyond the Verizon Air Card that he uses now.

so this is really good news for us."

"I use my cell phone for everything, and right now there is one tower in the area for access, but the trees get in the way," he said. "We have limited options right now, so there is a definitely a need."

MAKING THE GRADE

One area that will benefit the most from the upgrade is education. Debbie Spangler with Community School Corp. of Eastern Hancock County's IT department said there is a big divide between students who have access to Internet service on a regular basis and those who don't. Students in grades 8-12 use Netbooks for many of their assignments, but without a home connection, they often have to go to a neighbor's house, stay after school or be driven to the library.

"It's limiting," Spangler said, noting that NineStar's announcement will be a huge benefit to families and staff in the corporation. "Our students need their resources in their homes and they need access to them 24/7."

EHSC Superintendent Randy
Harris agreed the improvements
will benefit the corporation in
many ways. Teachers who want to
use a more technology-based curriculum have struggled knowing
that many of their students simply
do not have access to the Internet
in their homes. He said the availability of this connectivity will
help teachers breathe a sigh of relief and concentrate on other areas
that require their attention.

In addition, EHSC has adopted

Larry Knight and Ryan Bewley oversee

oversee construction of fiber network in Blue River Township. online registration forms and has embraced more rapid forms of communication with the community, which makes connectivity even more critical in the instan-

taneous world we live in.

"We still send some things out via snail mail, but when we want to let parents know something quickly, we'll send an e-mail or a text or a Tweet, but if the parents and the community do not have access to that, then they are really at a disadvantage." he said.

EVERY CUSTOMER MATTERS

Cherry said NineStar is determined to keep its finger on the pulse of the way its customers live their lives. He said every customer is important and at NineStar they are committed to bringing this service to every home in the community.

"We know that life is short and everyone is moving faster. With this technology, we'll get you there whether you are doing homework, running a business, sending an email or Skyping with your grand-children three states away."

JUNE 22-29

COME VISIT NINESTAR AT THE HANCOCK COUNTY FAIR

he Hancock County 4-H fair is scheduled for June 22 through June 29 at the Hancock County 4-H Fairgrounds. Stop by the NineStar Connect booth to see new products and services for your home. This year, the featured products are the Water-Heater Lease Program and Power Guard surge suppression program.

Stop by our booth and receive a 4-foot yardstick while supplies last.

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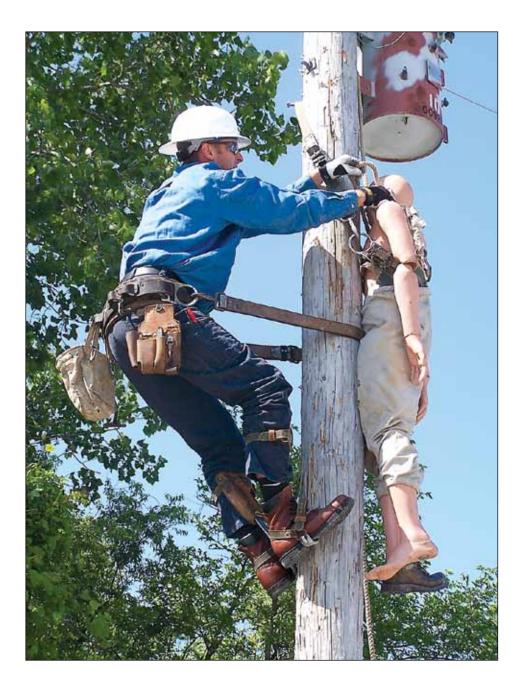
NINESTAR SPEAKER'S BUREAU AVAILABLE

id you know that NineStar Connect has a speaker's bureau and would be happy to present a program for your civic group? Recently, David Spencer, Director of Marketing at NineStar, spoke at Cracker Barrel for the Greenfield Sunrise Rotary Club.

His discussion
centered on the
company post-merger as
well as the 2012 construction schedule
for smart meter and fiber to the home
deployment.

If you would be interested in having NineStar speak at your group's meeting, please call 317-326-3131 and ask for the marketing department.

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NINESTAR GIVES BUCKET TRUCK RESCUE TRAINING TO WORKERS

(Above) Director of Operations Jamie Bell works to free a practice dummy atop a pole during bucket

ucket truck rescue training is advanced training preparing all outside employees on how to rescue those who may be put at risk to injury due to working with live wires. These dangerous situations can occur during normal business hours as well as after hours in all types of weather conditions. The techniques learned in this training will better prepare all employees in

the case of emergency situations. The training is offered once a year by Indiana Statewide and the course is taught by Mr. Roger Winning.

This year in addition to the normal linemen employees the outside communications employees were also trained. This continues the cross training that has taken place in many of the departments at NineStar since the merger.

NINESTAR NAMES WINNERS

he 2012 Scholarship Program provided 17 scholarships for children of NineStar Connect members. The students had to be a 2012 graduating high school senior, and have a seven (7) semester minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent at the time of application. For more information call (317) 326-3131 or (765) 533-4303



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Photo provided of Distinguished grad: Tom Seng (right), 2012 Outstanding Graduate Alumnus, accepts his award from Dean Mahyar Izadi of in EIU's Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences.

FORMER CIP **CEO TOM SENG HONORED BY EIU**

he graduate school and the Graduate Alumni Advisory Board at Eastern Illinois University honored Tom Seng with a 2012 Outstanding Graduate Alumni Award in April.

The awards were established in 2005 to recognize exceptional professional and personal achievement by an Eastern alumnus of a graduate program. Alumni are nominated by graduate programs, and the selections are reviewed and chosen by the Graduate Alumni Advisory Board.

Seng was nominated by the graduate program in business administration. He earned a master of business administration in 1987 in addition to a master of science in zoology in 1970.

Alumni were invited back to campus for a series of events that included breakfast with the provost of the university, a reunion and luncheon with their home departments, and an evening dinner and awards ceremony in the Doudna Fine Arts Center on EIU's campus.

Along with Seng, 11 other alumni were honored at this year's event.

Seng was CEO of Central Indiana Power from December 1993 until it merged with Hancock Telecom in January of 2011. He and his wife Carol reside in Greenfield and have two grown children and four grandchildren.

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MEETING



STATEWIDE IT MEETING

The IT section meeting of the Indiana Statewide Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives (Statewide) recently conducted a two-day meeting at NineStar Connect. The meeting brought together IT managers and personnel from many of the association members to discuss new technologies and issues within the industry, During the meeting, NineStar's Shira Dankmer and Doug Watson led sessions about protecting company networks and demonstrated how a virtual server works. Statewide works with more than 2,000 electric cooperative employees and directors who provide reliable, safe and affordable energy and related services to more than 500,000 households and businesses in 89 of Indiana's 92 counties.

EVENT



Bryan Smith (left) and Tim Hills take part in the May 16 NineStar Connect blood drive.

NINESTAR HOSTS BLOOD DRIVE

n May 16, NineStar Connect was proud to partner with the Indiana Blood Center for its bi-annual blood drive. The event, held at the NineStar Connect north & south campuses, saw 18 employees take part. According to the blood center, because of the time and effort taken by these employees, 54 patients will receive this lifesaving donation. NineStar Connect plans to hold its next blood drive Oct. 19 starting at 10 a.m. and ending at 2 p.m. at both locations. The event is open to the public, and all NineStar members are invited to attend.

APRIL NINESTAR BOARD MEETING

DIRECTOR DIST. 3



STEPHEN VAIL

represents District 3 (A) and has been on the board since 1999. He is currently Executive Director of the Hancock County Hope House.

DIRECTOR DIST. 6



HAYES

represents District 6 (B) and has been on the board since 1997. He recently retired from Ray-

DIRECTOR DIST. 5



MARK **EVANS**

represents District 5 (B) and has been on the board since 2008. He currently works for Regions

COMPANY OFFICER REORGANIZATION

BOARD MEETS, ANNOUNCES ELECTED OFFICERS

t the April NineStar Connect board meeting the directors held their annual company officer reorganization. The following directors were elected to officer positions for the 2012 year. These individuals include: Steve Vail (Chairman), Phil Hayes (Vice Chairman), and Mark Evans (Secretary/Treasurer).

Steve began serving on the Central Indiana Power Board in April 1999. Steve served the CIP Board in the role of Secretary/ Treasurer before serving as Board Chair 2007-2009. Steve became a director of the new NineStar Connect in January 2011 with the merger of Central Indiana Power and Hancock Telecom.

Steve and his wife, Shelley, have resided in Hancock County their entire lives and have a 28-year history of being members of the now NineStar Connect. Their oldest son. Kyle, resides in California while their daughter, Alyse, lives in Indianapolis. Youngest son, Keegan, will be a junior at Indiana University this fall. Steve is a Mt. Vernon High School graduate and received his Bachelor of Science degree from Purdue University in the areas of finance and economics. In May

2009, Steve received a Master of Arts degree from Ball State University with a focus on organizational development. In May 2011, after a 19-year career at Hancock Regional Hospital, Steve started his own consulting company. The ETL Group. Steve specializes in helping companies and organizations focus on improving efficiencies within their business operations utilizing Lean/ Six Sigma methodologies. Besides his consulting work, Steve also serves as the Executive Director of the Hancock Hope House. The Hope House is a shelter serving homeless men, women and children of Han-

cock. Shelby and Rush counties. Steve has been active in serving his community through many local organizations. He is currently an active member of the Rotary Club of Greenfield. He also serves as a committee member of the Hancock Redevelopment Commission and is

a member of the Mohawk United Methodist Church. In his spare time, Steve enjoys hiking, biking and playing an occasional round of

Steve looks forward to his role as Chairman of the NineStar Connect Board. "Within the intersections of the telecommunications and electric utility industries, we have tremendous opportunities to continue delivering a high level of value to our members while at the same time creating new and innovative ways of expanding services to them. Our employees have always been the strength of our organization, and their dedication and commitment to our future will help ensure our success in this exciting new future."

Steve recently read the book "The Art of Possibility" which talks about challenging oneself to draw a different framework around the circumstances that all of us face each day in our personal and professional lives. Through looking at the possibilities within these new frameworks, extraordinary accomplishments can become an everyday experience. "We see those possibilities in front of us as a company, and I am blessed to be in a position to serve our members in acting on and achieving those goals."

FRESH BROCCOLI SALAD

This salad has bite and crunch and sweetness. Broccoli, crumbled bacon, raisins and nuts, with a smattering of red onion tossed in a mayonnaise based dressing.

INGREDIENTS

- 2 heads fresh broccoli
- 1 red onion
- 1/2 pound bacon
- 3/4 cup raisins
- 3/4 cup sliced almonds 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 2 tablespoons white wine vinegar

DIRECTIONS

Place bacon in a deep skillet and cook over medium high heat until evenly brown Cool and crumble

Cut the broccoli into bite-size pieces and cut the onion into thin bite-size slices. Combine with the bacon, raisins, your favorite nuts and mix well.

To prepare the dressing, mix the mayonnaise, sugar and vinegar together until smooth. Stir into the salad, let chill

GRILLED VEGETABLE NAPOLEONS

Substitute or add other vegetables as you wish. Some nice additions might be new potatoes or red peppers. Although the stacks are attractive and easy to serve, you may also arrange the grilled vegetables and cheese in a casserole.

- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1 large eggplant, cut in 12 slices (1/3inch thick) 3 medium zucchinis, cut in 24 slices
- (1/4-inch thick) 3 large tomatoes, cut in 6 slices (1/3-
- inch thick) 3 medium red onions, cut in 12 slices (1/3-inch thick)
- 3/4 cup ricotta cheese
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 teaspoons fresh thyme, chopped 1/2 lb. mozzarella cheese, sliced 1/4inch thick
- 6 sprigs fresh rosemary

Preheat barbecue and set on low. Brush vegetables with olive oil, season with salt and pepper, and grill slowly until tender, turning once. Transfer the vegetables to a tray, arranging them in a single layer, and cover tightly with plastic wrap. The vegetables may be grilled a day in advance, and refrigerated after cooling. Bring the vegetables back to room temperature before proceeding.

Stir together the ricotta, thyme.

ASSEMBLY

salt, and pepper in a small bowl. Place one slice of eggplant on a lightly oiled grill sheet or foil pan. Spread 1 tablespoon of the ricotta mixture over the eggplant. Cover with 2 slices of zucchini, 1 slice of onion, 1 slice of mozzarella, 1 slice of tomato, and 2 slices of zucchini. Spread 1 tablespoon of the ricotta mixture over the onion, and top with another slice of eggplant. Repeat this procedure with the remaining vegetables to make 5 more stacks.

Insert a wooden skewer through the centre of each stack to create a hole from top to bottom. Remove the bottom leaves from each

rosemary sprig, leaving one inch of leaves on the top. Insert 1 sprig into the center hole in each nanoleon, and return to the barbecue.

on low, or until mozzarella is melted and vegetables are warmed

Heat for about 10 minutes

PEACH AND

This is a great way to use up fresh peaches that are ripening too fast. The berries add a hint of tart to the sweet peaches. Easy to make and looks great.

INGREDIENTS

4 cups fresh peaches - peeled. pitted and sliced

1 cup fresh raspberries

- 3/4 cup white sugar
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 2 (9 inch) pie crusts 2 tablespoons butter, softened
- and cut into pieces

1 tablespoon coarse granulated

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C).

Place peaches and berries in a colander for about 15 minutes to drain any excess fluid, then transfer to a large bowl. Gently toss with sugar, flour, and cinnamon. Transfer to a pie crust. Dot with butter, and top with remaining crust. Cut vents in top crust, and sprinkle with

Bake 45 minutes in the preheated oven, until crust is golden brown.

PIZZA DOUGH, A KITCHEN STAPLE

izza is among the most popular foods for adults and children alike. Since it was first enjoyed hundreds of years ago, billions of slices of pizza have been eaten worldwide. Americans alone eat approximately 350 slices per second.

While popular toppings in North America include pepperoni, mushrooms and sausage, in countries like India, pickled ginger and minced mutton are eaten on pizza. In Japan, squid and Mayo Jaga are common.

However pizza is enjoyed, it's one of the few foods that transcends generations. It can be both gourmet fare and quick finger food depending on the venue. Furthermore, pizza can be made and enjoyed at

One of the secrets of 11/4 cups lukewarm milk good pizza is the dough. 21/4 teaspoons active dry While some people shy away from yeast doughs 2 tablespoons olive oil at home, with a little 1 teaspoon sugar know-how home chefs

EASY DOUGH

Milk replaces water in this

recipe to add flavor to the

substitute with water

pose white flour

dough. If milk isn't available

4 cups bread or all-pur-

1/4 cup additional milk just like the professionals. Aspiring pizza

pros or just people who love their pizza can try their hands at this recipe for delicious pizza dough, which can be customized with toppings and flavors as desired.

1. Preheat oven to 450 F.

can begin making pizza

- 2. Prepare the dough "starter." In a large liquid measuring cup, add the 11/4 cups warm milk, 1 teaspoon sugar and the yeast Stir and set aside for 5 minutes. Allow the starter to foam up, which is called proofing.
- 3. In a large mixing bowl, add the flour and make a well in the center of the flour. Add the salt. Mix to combine well.
- 4. Mix the starter with the remaining milk, olive oil and the flour in the mixing bowl until combined and a little sticky.
- 5. Either turn out the dough onto a floured surface and knead by hand for 8 minutes to get a smooth, elastic, rubbery dough ball, or use a stand mixer with a dough hook to knead.
- 6. Put the kneaded dough in a bowl and drizzle with some olive oil. Cover the dough with a damp towel or plastic wrap. Allow to rise around an hour, or until it doubles in size. The rate of rising will depend on the temperature in the house and the potency of the yeast.
- 7. Sprinkle cornmeal on the bottom of the pizza pan. Deflate the dough and press into the pan. Stretch and flatten as necessary.
- 8. Top with sauce, cheese and favorite toppings. Bake for about 12 to 15 minutes, or until the bottom of the pizza looks slightly browned

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(Below) NineStar Connect employee Bryan Smith leads the discussion at the smart meter workshop during the 2012 annual meeting. In addition to smart meters, there also was a workshop on electric rates. These two new educational workshops were new to the annual meeting this year and were very well attended by members.



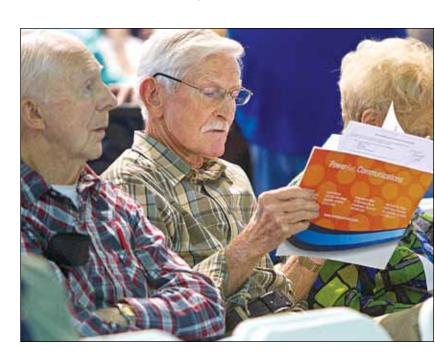


President and CEO Tim Hills delivers his annual state of the cooperative message during the official meeting. Hills highlighted the new cooperative's accomplishments since the merger, through which Hancock Telecom and Central Indiana Power came together to form NineStar Connect.

ANNUAL MEETING

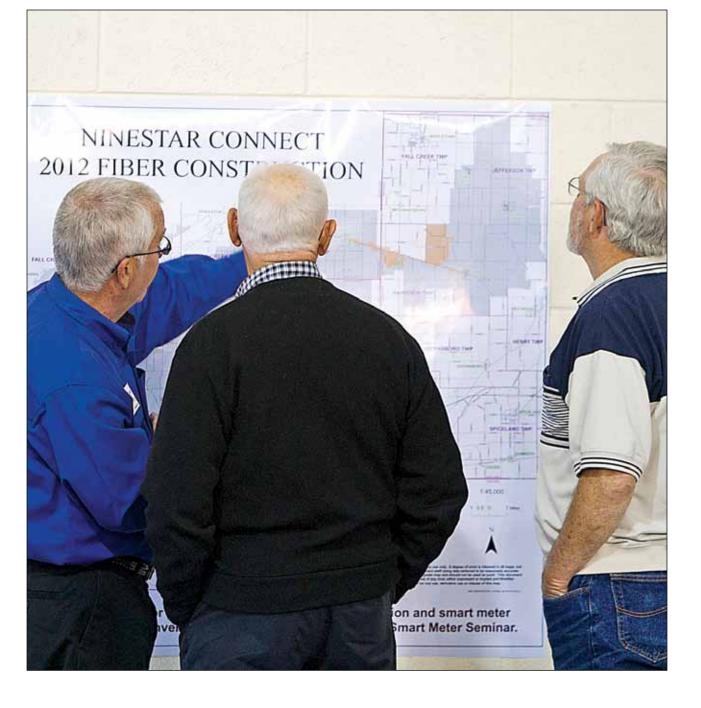
NINESTAR CONNECT HOSTS MORE THAN 1,000 FOR 59TH PRESENTATION

A NineStar Connect member takes time after dinner and before the official meeting starts to read the 2012 NineStar Connect Annual Report.





NineStar Connect employee Angie Freeman assists a member with his registration. In all, close to 1,000 guests attended the 2012 annual meeting at Greenfield-Central High School.





(Above) NineStar Connect employee Dave McCord, who works in the engineering department, assists two members with questions concerning the 2012 fiber construction. Once again, the company will be busy deploying fiber in several areas including McCordsville and Blue River Township in Hancock County.

(Left) A mother and her young daughter take some time after their meal to examine the contents of the give-away bag. While the mother is examining the annual report, her daughter is fascinated with the solar powered flashlight that was this year's main giveaway.

MEETING SURVEY FEEDBACK

ach year at the annual meeting NineStar Connect includes surveys in the giveaway bags each voting member receives. These completed surveys are collected after the meeting and are compiled. The results are shared with the Membership Committee of NineStar Connect and the feedback is used to plan the next year's annual meeting. In all, more than 250 completed surveys were received after the meeting. A sampling of the feedback is below.

- More than 95 percent of respondents indicated that the day and time of the meeting (Friday evening) was preferred
- 81 percent of respondents indicated that high school entertainment was their preference for future entertainment
- 81 percent indicated they preferred to have the entertainment before rather than during the official business meeting
- 81 percent indicated they preferred a sit down meal to sandwiches or no food at all
- An overwhelming majority, or 90 percent, prefer cash prizes over gifts during the door prize drawing

A special thanks to all members who took the time to complete their survey. The board's Membership Committee will be using the feedback to plan and make future annual meetings more enjoyable. We look forward to seeing you again in 2013!

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NINESTAR HOME SAFETY TIPS

W ith schools out on summer break and graduation in the rear view mirror, many people are turning their attention to summer vacations. While it is great to get away with friends and family there is still worry leaving behind personal property and processions. Below are some tips to help bring peace of mind while you are away.

- Temperature and flood monitoring from NineStar Security can alert you to emergencies
- Let your close neighbors know you are leaving so they can keep an eye out
- Keep a light on inside of the house
- Have your neighbor park their care in your driveway to give the appearance someone is home
- Make arrangements to have your mail and newspapers gathered so they do not pile up
- For more tips Call Matt Layton at 326-SAFE

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NINESTAR CONNECT SPONSORS FAMILY FILM FESTIVAL

nce again, NineStar Connect is proud to partner with Greenfield's Legacy Cinema to sponsor this year's Family Film Festival. In all, eight family friendly movies will be shown at no charge throughout the summer. All shows take place on Wednesday and show times are set for 10 a.m. A complete listing of movies and the dates they will be shown can be found here.

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JUNE 6, 10 A.M.

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ZOOKEEPER

JUNE 20, 10 A.M.

THE SMURFS

JUNE 27, 10 A.M.

HAPPY FEET TWO

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JULY 11, 10 A.M.

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JULY 18, 10 A.M.

ARTHUR CHRISTMAS

JULY 25, 10 A.M.















ANNUAL CONCERT SERIES LINE-UP

ineStar salutes its customer, Greenfield Banking Company, on their continued sponsorship of the Entertainment on the Plaza.

This year's series is marked by a lineup of newcomers who organizers say are sure to delight concert-goers Friday evenings from June 1 – July 20, 2012, starting 7 p.m.

All concerts are free to the public and last until around 8:15 p.m. with no intermission. The Hancock County Courthouse Lawn and City Plaza set the scene in a non-commerical setting. The concert series has been a summer staple for the past 26 years.

Audience members are asked to bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. There are no rain site or rain dates set for this event series.

JUNE 1: RADIO NIGHTS

Website unavailable at time of print Melodies from 40's, 50's & 60's

JUNE 8: TWILITE NITES DANCE ORCHESTRA

www.myspace.com/ twilitenitesdanceorchestra Variety of tunes from Big Band Era

JUNE 15: BLUETOWN BLUEGRASS BAND

www.bluetownbluegrassband.com 5-piece Bluegrass Band

JUNE 22: WRIGHT BROTHERS

www.wrightbrothersband.com Blend of Country and Rock

JUNE 29: COOL CITY SWING BAND

www.coolcityswingband.com Mix of Swing, Latin, Rock & Pop

JULY 6: INDIANAPOLIS MUNICIPAL BAND

www.indianapolismunicipalband.org 70 - 80 piece band performing patriotic-themed program

JULY 13: HAYWIRE

www.haywirelive.com High-energy, upbeat country music

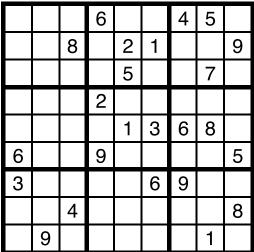
JULY 20: CIRCLE CITY SOUND

www.circlecitysound.org Harmony of Men's Barbershop

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 ninstarconnect.com for last edition's puzzle solution.



Level: Intermediate