



What began quite literally as a street corner barbershop act wowing crowds at Florida's biggest theme parks like Walt Disney World and Universal Studios, VoicePlay became known across the country and around the world following their appearance in the finals of NBC's "The Sing-Off."

VoicePlay is unlike any other theatrical experience today, recreating the sounds of an entire musical production with nothing but the human voice. They have created a unique style of a capella that is peppered with loads of humor and on-stage theatrics that must be heard to be believed.

VoicePlay differentiates themselves from other a cappella acts, and other boy-band attractions, in two ways.

According to members of the group, there's more to their shows than just five guys standing there singing at you. They're silly guys having a good time. Their goal

is to have audiences feel involved and engaged, and to have a good time along with them.

And secondly, fans love that they are eclectic. Their energy-packed repertoire is all over the musical map, which comes from their theme-park work and their diverse musical tastes. A VoicePlay set might run a gamut that includes Johnny Cash, Frankie Valley, One Direction, Journey, Disney theme songs, to a segment called "Queen in 5 Minutes."

The result is a show that is both sophisticated enough for a date night and family-friendly enough for parents to haul the kids along.

So mark your calendars and plan to join us for a night of fun on Saturday, September 7, at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum as we host our 2019 Member Appreciation Night and Annual Meeting. More details will be made available in August. [Check out the VoicePlay videos on our Facebook page.](#)

Doug Ferrell takes on new role: Retiree!

Doug Ferrell began his career at Northeastern REMC in May, 1987, as the cooperative's newest Groundman. During the years that followed, he held the positions of Lineman, Engineering Technician, Energy Advisor, and Vice President of Member Services. And on Saturday, June 1, he began his newest job –being a full-time retiree.

So what is retired life going to look like to someone who has spent the last 32 years coming to work for our electric cooperative? Doug reflects on the many paths he has crossed and his plans for an exciting future.

What are your big plans for your long-awaited retirement?

I am going to be Michigan bound! It will be my time to enjoy "Pure Michigan." In addition to our home here, we own a home about 25 miles south of the Mackinaw Bridge in Northern Michigan so I will be doing a lot of fishing and boating this Summer and a lot of snowmobiling next Winter. I'm really excited to be outdoors enjoying it all. I'm also looking forward to spending some quality time with my family. My wife and I will soon be taking a very slow, relaxing trip across the upper peninsula of Michigan. We are looking forward to taking our time and discovering the beauty of that whole area.

You've held a variety of jobs here at Northeastern. Which has been your favorite?

I really liked being an Energy Advisor. I was out meeting our members every day, helping them with their energy problems, and just listening to their stories. And boy, did they have great stories. I wish I would have written down

a lot of what I was told. I could have written a really good book! But I also really love my current position, for a lot of the same reasons.

What is the biggest challenge you had to face during your time here?

Computers. Just technology in general. I used a typewriter in school. We didn't have computers. Or cell phones. The constant learning and all the technology changes have been hard at times, but it sure has made our jobs a lot easier. And so much quicker.

Looking back on your experiences, what advice would you give someone trying to move up within this organization?

Listen! Listen to your members. Listen to your co-workers. Listen to those who did your job before. Everyone has a story to tell or maybe a different way to do things. You can learn a lot if you just listen. And enjoy each other. I have been so fortunate to work with the employees that we have here. Everyone is so well trained and knows their job. And we've had a lot of fun times that I will remember forever.

Doug - Everyone at Northeastern REMC wishes you many years of enjoyment now that you have time to do all the things you love so much. You will be missed. Thank you for all the years you dedicated to serving the members of our co-op. Congratulations!



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Kilowatts & Coffee

With Eric Jung

THERE'S A NEW FACE ON FACEBOOK!

We're pretty excited to announce a new feature being highlighted [on our Facebook page](#). A series of videos called "Kilowatts & Coffee" is being filmed just for you! Every two weeks our CEO Eric Jung will be sitting down to give you the inside scoop on

what's going on at the co-op. And if you like, leave him a comment. Eric looks forward to hearing and getting feedback from you, our members.

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Special thanks to special people



Thank you to everyone who attended our recent Power Hour hosted at 80/20 in Columbia City. We appreciate that you took time to come out and learn about our newest programs and what makes a home more sellable in today's housing market. Thank you to Brandon Ferrell and 80/20 for your part in making this another big success.

Viewers excited about return of Crooked Lake's most popular residents

Spring arrived in Whitley County and with it came Mom and Dad Osprey, returning to their summer home high above beautiful Crooked Lake. And it didn't take too long before eggs appeared in their nest again. Another generation of Ospreys will soon be flying high above Whitley County!

In early March, when the temperature hovered around 10 degrees and the ground was frozen solid enabling one of our heavy bucket trucks to make its way across the yard, we assisted local volunteers by taking them up in a bucket to repair recording equipment and install additional microphones and cameras on the nesting platform.

For live cam viewing of the nesting pair, go to [YouTube and type in Timothy Dygert Channel](#). Like last year you'll be able to watch the eggs hatch, mom and dad taking care of and feeding their babies, and the babies eventually leaving the nest for the first time.



SPOTLIGHT

Tree trimming continues

Tree trimming and brush clearing will continue throughout Perry Township over the next couple months. This helps minimize contact with power lines, which results in better service reliability.

Holiday closings

Our office will be closed Monday, May 27 and Thursday, July 4. Most transactions can be taken care of using SmartHub on our website or mobile app. We hope you enjoy happy and safe holidays.

Free is a good thing!

Would you like to make your home more comfortable and save money every month on your electric bill? It's easy to do... just call in to schedule a free whole-house energy use consultation performed by our Certified Energy Advisor, Jeanne Hasty. She can be contacted at 625-3700, ext. 403, or j_hasty@nremc.com.

Our Vision

Service, Satisfaction and Safety - Second to None!

Our Mission

To meet our members' on-going need for reliable energy service at a good value while meriting trust and confidence.

Scholarship winners both heading to Indiana Wesleyan

Congratulations to high school seniors Kaitlin Frank of Whitko High School and Bryce Ginder of Carroll High School for being named Northeastern REMC's 2019 scholarship winners. Each will receive \$1,000 to help offset their college expenses. Kaitlin is the daughter of Joel and Stacy Frank. Bryce is the son of Dan and Kim Ginder. Coincidentally, both students plan to attend Indiana Wesleyan University in the Fall.



Kaitlin is the vice president of the National Honor Society, a CORE leader with Youth for Christ, a six-year peer leader for Peacekeepers, a four-year officer in student government, a member of the art club for four years, a representative for Whitley County Youth Leadership, Kosciusko Youth Leadership Academy and Whitley County Leadership. Kaitlin has been involved

with Whitley County 4-H since fourth grade.



In addition to being a two-year member of the National Honor Society, Bryce earned Carroll High School's Eric Wedge Leadership Award, is a member of the IHSA Leadership Council and is a Sources of Strength student leader. Bryce is also a part of Summit City Sluggers, which teaches special needs children the game of baseball. Bryce

earned a varsity letter in baseball, a sport that he will continue playing in college. He also interns with Fort Wayne's historical preservation foundation, ARCH.

Congratulations Kaitlin and Bryce...and to everyone in the Class of 2019. Good luck as you enter this next exciting phase in your lives!

\$200 in rebates... what's not to love about that?

In addition to offering our members Nest thermostats at a reduced price and a \$50 rebate when you sign up for our Rush Hour Rewards program, we will now give you up to \$150 to cover the cost of having your new Nest thermostat professionally installed. So, why would you even want to bother trying to install it yourself?

Nest thermostats are designed for easy installation; however, NREMC suggests using a professional. Better yet, use a recommended local Nest Pro Installer. A Nest Pro Installer can handle installation from start to finish, get everything set up for you in the app, and answer all of your questions about how it works and what you can do

to be as energy efficient as possible.

An added benefit of using a Nest Pro Installer is that the warranty on your thermostat will be extended at no charge. Once the installation is complete and enrollment in our Rush Hours Reward rebate program is verified, an installation credit of up to \$150 will show up on your electric bill.



For a list of local Nest Pro Installers to call and more details about our program and special members-only thermostat pricing, contact [Energy Advisor Jeanne Hasty](mailto:j_hasty@nremc.com) at 625-3700, x 403, or j_hasty@nremc.com. You can also check out the Nest page of our website at nremc.com.



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