

A MONTHLY PUBLICATION FOR THE MEMBERS OF WHITEWATER VALLEY REMC

**Comments from your CEO**



Boyd Huff, CEO

**Capital Credits Returned in December**

The Whitewater Valley Rural Electric Membership

Corporation Board of Directors has authorized the retirement of Capital Credits that were earned between the years 1954-2009. This amount is 100% of total cooperative capital credits for years 1954-1973 and 18% of total cooperative capital credits for years 1974-2009. In March, the Cooperative retired 53% of the total capital credits for 2010 to active and inactive members.

Checks are being mailed to active (current) and inactive members of Whitewater Valley REMC and former members of Fayette-Union County REMC and Wayne County REMC in December. Active accounts due a capital credit distribution of less than \$10 will receive a credit on their electric account. Inactive accounts due a capital credit distribution of less than \$10 will roll over and be added to future year's retirements.

As a member of Whitewater Valley Rural Electric Membership Corporation during these years, you helped provide the funding to build and maintain your electric system. As a not-for-profit cooperative, any funds left over after paying all operating expenses, including the power cost, interest on our debt, and other obligations are assigned to each member in the form of Capital Credits.

As we reported in earlier editions, the board and staff have been working on these Capital Credits retirements. This included a major address verification project during the summer. Over 20,000 letters were mailed to former Fayette-Union County and Wayne County REMC members, as well as former and current members of Whitewater Valley REMC.

The Board is pleased to be able to return a portion of your investment in your electric cooperative with this capital credit retirement.

A Touchstone Energy™ Cooperative

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**Liberty Office Hours:**

7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday  
 Closed Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays

**To Report an Outage or Emergency:**

**Call 1-800-776-0493**

**24 hours a day, 7 days a week**

**Be ready to provide the following information:**

- The name and account number under which your electric service is listed
- Map location number
- Your phone number - *needed to call back or confirm power restoration*
- The type of problem you are experiencing - *flickering lights, complete power outage, etc.*

**We appreciate your call and will work promptly to assist you.**



**WHITEWATER VALLEY**

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**QUESTIONS FOR BOYD**

My question or comment is:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Account No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

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If you have any questions for Boyd, please call **1.800.529.5557** or **765.458.5171**.  
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## Whitewater Valley REMC Community Trust, Inc. Awards

On October 25, 2011 the trustees of the Whitewater Valley REMC Community Trust, Inc. met to distribute grants. 13 local organizations shared \$8,531 in grants for the 4th quarter of 2011. The Hidden Account is 374214. 53 grants were awarded in 2011 for a total of \$32,565.

Applications can be requested from the Whitewater Valley REMC office or downloaded from the REMC website at [www.wvwremc.com](http://www.wvwremc.com).

### The board awarded grants to the following organizations:

*Centerville Elementary Fitness Clubs* - \$350 to purchase rewards for 3-5 grade students completing Fitness Club classes

*Centerville Junior High School* - \$805 for their "Race into Math & Science" Project

*East Central Baseball Boosters Corp.* - \$1000 to help repair fence, backstop, warning tracks and purchase L-screens

*Franklin County Sheriff's Department* - \$576 to help purchase air soft rifles, hand guns, shot guns, B.B.'s and mask for training

*Historic Centerville, Inc.* - \$500 to repair roof, plaster on 3rd floor and paint

*Liberty Elementary School* - \$750 for their "C-Motion" Dance program

*Liberty Lions Club* - \$500 for their "Christmas for Children" program

*Randolph County Sheriff's Department* - \$1,000 towards the purchase of a new K-9 to replace the K-9 that retired

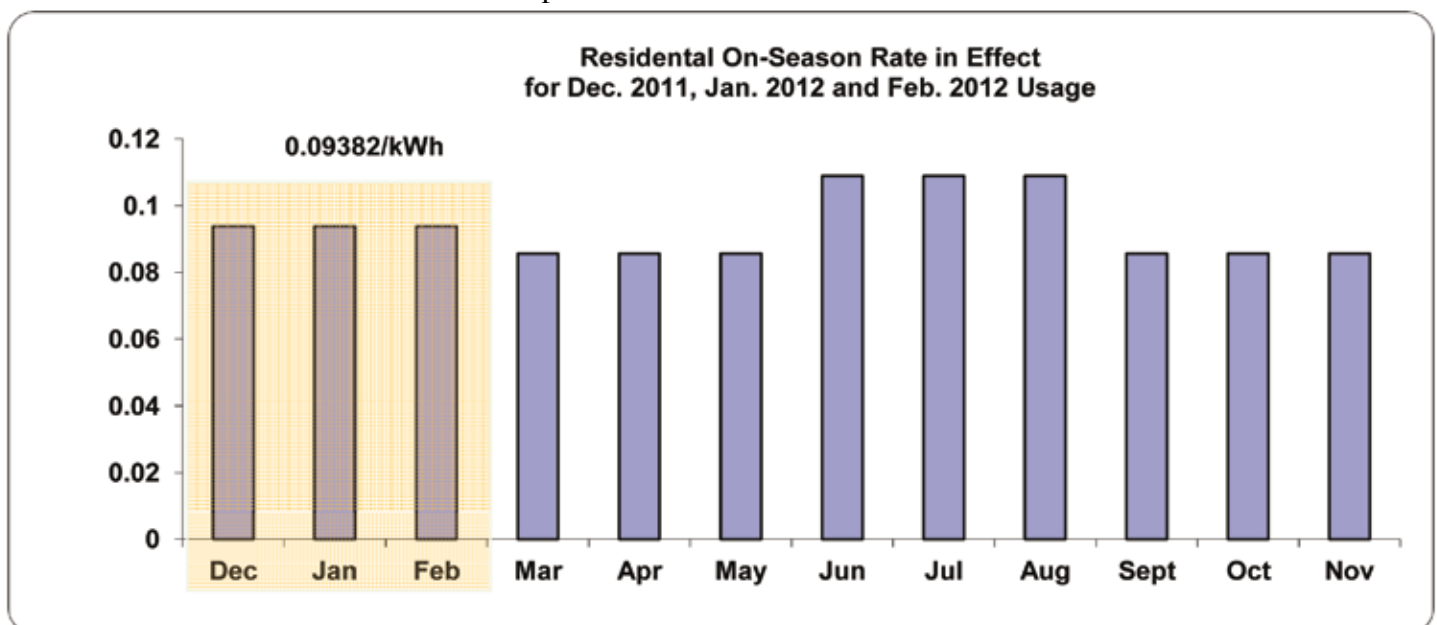
*Randolph Southern FFA* - \$1,000 to purchase a Grain Rescue Tube

*Richmond Art Museum* - \$300 for their "Phantoscope Film Festival", a competition for high school students

*Wayne County Soil & Water Conservation District* - \$750 to help fund Conservation Days

*Whitewater Valley Land Trust, Inc.* - \$500 to help purchase land for their migratory bird habitat mitigation

*Winchester Area Chamber of Commerce* - \$500 to help fund a series of educational leadership classes for young professionals



## Wholesale Electricity Costs

As we've communicated to you through our Team Up To Power Down Campaign, rising fuel and material costs, new environmental regulations and investments in power plants and transmission facilities are all impacting the cost of electricity across the country.

Hoosier Energy, the wholesale power supplier for Whitewater Valley REMC and 17 Indiana and Illinois electric cooperatives, implemented a general rate increase of \$1 per megawatt-hour or approximately 1.5% on Oct. 1, 2011. Changes in wholesale power costs flow through to Whitewater Valley REMC customer's through the Wholesale Power Adjustment (WPA). You may have noticed that increase on your November bill. This increase was driven by major capital investments in power plants

to comply with environmental requirements. Hoosier Energy's average wholesale rate to member cooperatives for 2011 is projected to be about 3% higher than in 2010.

In 2012 more increases are expected mainly due to environmental compliance and variable production costs. This projection is based on numerous assumptions and estimates which are variable and uncertain. However, future increases are a

possibility and we want you to be informed.

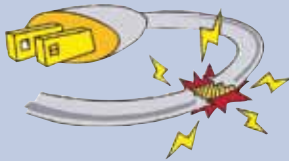
Information on how your electric cooperative is holding down the cost of electricity can be found at Facebook.com/TeamUpToPowerDown. There you'll also find easy-to-follow energy tips and videos that will help you better manage your electric bills, as well as more information about why power costs are on the rise.

### Flash Your Card and Save

Remember to use your Co-op Connections Card when shopping this holiday season. The list of local businesses keeps growing. All of the nationwide discounts available to Whitewater Valley REMC members can be found on our Web site at [wvremc.com](http://wvremc.com). Simply click on the Co-op Connections Card and search for participating businesses.

### For Your Information OUTAGES BY CAUSE

September 2011



Cause	Outages	
	#	%
Trees	23	20.54
Material/Equip Failure	19	16.96
Animals	17	15.18
Lightning/Weather	16	14.29
Decay	13	11.61
Unknown	10	8.93
Member	5	4.46
Vehicles/Public Activity	4	3.57
Power Supplier	3	2.68
Construction/Maint	2	1.79
<b>Total</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>100</b>

## Energize Your Summer Touchstone Energy® Camp

Imagine starting your 6<sup>th</sup> grader's summer vacation learning about electricity, trying cool activities, playing fun games and making new friends! Touchstone Energy® Camp is a three-day adventure they will never forget!

A variety of programs and activities will be offered including electric safety, horseback riding, bucket truck rides, swimming, rock climbing, and more!

For more information on how to apply and eligibility guidelines contact Sandy Cason at 1-800-529-5557. Applications are due by January 28, 2012.



# June 6-9, 2012



## 2013 Cooperative Calendar Art Contest Begins

Whitewater Valley REMC and the Electric Consumer are pleased to announce the 2013 Calendar Art Contest.

The contest, in its 15th year, provides young Hoosier artists a unique opportunity to develop and showcase their talent. Electric Consumer — the statewide publication for Indiana's electric cooperatives — sponsors the program, which is open to all kindergarten through 12th grade Indiana students.

From now until March 23, 2012, students are invited to submit original artwork reflective of the calendar month for which their grade level is assigned. For example, high school seniors would submit artwork for the month of December.

Entries are then judged and winners from each grade selected. Those winners then represent the specific month in the "2013 Cooperative Calendar of Student Art."

Details, tips, and an entry form for the 2013 Calendar Art Contest can be found on the Electric Consumer website at [www.electricconsumer.org](http://www.electricconsumer.org) (the second hidden account number is 333201).



Our office will be closed  
for the following holidays:

**Christmas**  
Dec. 23 & 26

**New Years**  
Dec. 30 & Jan. 2

### December CFL Winners

Congratulations to the following members! They each won a complete home CFL package from the cooperative.

**December winners are:**

Robert Allred, Modoc  
Jeannette Quisenberry, Richmond  
Sonja Reinhardt, West Harrison  
Robert Revalee, Connersville  
Dorothy Study, Bath

Each month we randomly select five members to receive a complete home CFL package (while supplies last).

In addition to the drawings each month, the cooperative is giving away free CFL bulbs at the cooperative office in Liberty. There is a limit of six free bulbs per member.

For more information on CFL's and other energy saving ideas go to [www.wwwremc.com](http://www.wwwremc.com) and click on the Touchstone Energy Home Energy Audit link.



### Find the Hidden Account Number!

Since we missed publishing a hidden account number in the November issue, you have two chances to win this month. Keep reading your *Powerlines* each month or browsing our website – the next hidden account number could be yours!

#### December Due Dates

During December the due dates for payment of your electric bills are December 19th and 26th.

Remember, we recommend that you allow five business days for the mail to reach the payment processing center. That way, you'll never run the risk of being late.

#### Payment Options

**US Mail:** Send your payment to:  
Whitewater Valley REMC  
P.O. Box 3199  
Martinsville, IN 46151-3168

**Internet:** Log-on at [www.wwwremc.com](http://www.wwwremc.com)

**Liberty Office:** In person or in the drop box

**Automatic Withdrawal:** Simply request a form or download at [www.wwwremc.com](http://www.wwwremc.com) and submit it to our office

**FCN or Franklin County National Bank:** In person or in the drop box (Please bring your payment stub with you)

**First Merchants Bank both Richmond Locations:** In person or in the drop box (Please bring your payment stub with you)

If you would like more information about payment options, call 765-458-5171 or 1-800-529-5557.