

A MONTHLY PUBLICATION FOR THE MEMBERS OF WHITEWATER VALLEY REMC

Comments from your CEO



Boyd Huff, CEO

Keeping Our Balance

It's essential that we have dependable electricity today, while keeping the environment bright for the next generation. Keeping the right mix of traditional and renewable energy resources can be quite a challenge in today's changing world, but it's one we are carefully balancing.

Today, about 3 percent of our power comes from renewable resources. These "green" resources include wind, hydropower and landfill methane generation. Our power supplier has several more renewable energy projects that they're working on that could more than double our renewable energy.

While using renewable energy is an important part of our future, it's only one of several efforts that are important to providing reliable, affordable electricity. A diverse mix of power generation is necessary to meet the energy needs in Indiana.

While wind and solar power provide supply options in some regions of the country, renewable resources cannot begin to provide enough electricity to meet all our power needs.

That's where you come in. By joining the Team Up To Power Down effort, you'll learn more about renewable energy and other current issues in the electric utility industry. You'll also find simple measures to help you manage how and when you use electricity. Your participation may help you reduce electricity use and even your power bill. Taking the right energy efficiency steps also can help lower overall demand for power on the coldest and hottest days, delaying the need for building additional power plants.

The first step to getting involved with Team Up To Power Down is to go to www.facebook.com/TeamUpToPowerDown and click "Like."



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.



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My question or comment is:

Name: _____

Account No.: _____

Phone () _____

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You may also e-mail Boyd Huff at bhuff@wvwremc.com

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The Team Up To Power Down program is another way we've worked to keep electricity more reliable and affordable. We're using technology and innovative solutions to control costs. As a cooperative we're working each day with our

power supplier to help bring you electricity more efficiently.

By adding renewable energy resources that are comparable in costs with traditional generation options, we'll keep electricity

reliable and affordable – so you can count on it today and in the future. With your help, we'll improve the environment and level the demand for power. That keeps things bright for us all.

Leadership Focus of Indiana Youth Tour!

High school juniors have a chance to join other Indiana youth on a

trip of a lifetime. Applications are now available for the 2012 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. The trip begins on June 13 in Indianapolis and ends on June 21.

The Indiana delegation will include approximately 75 students from throughout the state, each selected by his/her local cooperative. In 2011, over 1,550 students from around the country were in Washington for the conference.

Whitewater Valley REMC is pleased to be able to provide this opportunity for local students. It's a great trip and a wonderful chance to see the sights, make new friends and learn how everyone, even young people, can be a leader and make a difference in the world.

The Indiana delegation will meet in Indianapolis on Wednesday, June 13 to get acquainted and hear from Indiana legislative leaders during a kick-off dinner featuring Senator Dan Coats and Indiana Speaker of the House Brian Bosma. Before heading east, students will visit the Hoosier Training Center in Franklin, Ind., where they will participate in hands-on learning sessions simulating an electric lineman's job, observe a pole-top rescue, learn about electric safety during a live wire demonstration presented by Kankakee Valley REMC, and much more.

New for this year, students and chaperones will make a stop at the Flight 93 National Memorial in Shanksville, PA, on their way to

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Find the Hidden Account Number!

No one found the hidden account number from December. Keep reading your *Powerlines* each month or browsing our website – the next hidden account number could be yours!

January Due Dates

During January the due dates for payment of your electric bills are January 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.wvwremc.com

Liberty Office: In person or in the drop box

Automatic Withdrawal: Simply request a form or download at www.wvwremc.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.

January CFL Winners

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

January winners are:

Darrell Hofer, Cedar Grove
Newman Johnson, Lynn
Richard Rice, Modoc
Josh Sanders, Brookville
Steve Sherwood, Connersville

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.wvwremc.com and click on the Touchstone Energy Home Energy Audit link.



Gettysburg where they will visit the battlefield and museum. The hidden account number is 785001. The caravan will arrive in Washington, D.C. on Saturday afternoon to begin a full schedule of sight-seeing, visits to the National Memorials – including the new Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial – a collection of museums, such as the Newseum and the National Archives, plus a night cruise on the Potomac River and a trip back in history at Medieval Times®. Students will also have an opportunity to compete for a \$1,000 scholarship and the Youth Leadership Council.

Over 1,500 students – representing 44 states – will participate in the “Youth Tour Rally” on Monday morning where they will share their thoughts and opinions on a variety of timely issues. This will prepare them for a busy Tuesday on Capitol Hill, when students visit with representatives of Indiana’s Congressional delegation. Leadership lessons will be intertwined with the itinerary throughout the week.

Indiana’s electric cooperatives have hosted the Youth Tour since 1960, providing hundreds of young Hoosiers the opportunity to visit our nation’s capitol and learn about the federal government and the cooperative utility industry. For more information about the 2011 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., or to receive an application, contact Sandy Cason at 765-310-3003 or visit our website www.wvvremc.com.



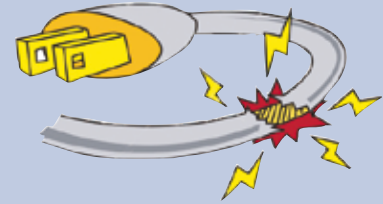
Energy Efficiency
Tip of the Month

Switch to energy-saving halogen incandescent lightbulbs to cut lighting energy use by 25 percent. These bulbs last three times longer than traditional incandescent bulbs and can easily be dimmed. Want to save more? Compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) and light-emitting diodes (LEDs) cut lighting energy use by at least 75 percent. Learn more at energysavers.gov.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy

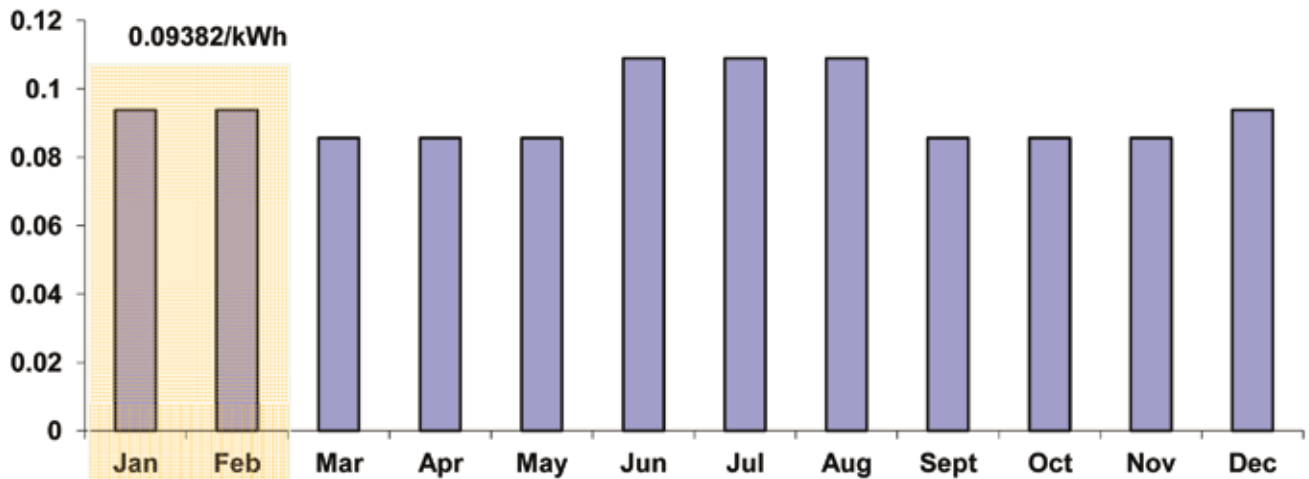
For Your Information
OUTAGES BY CAUSE

October 2011



Cause	Outages	
	#	%
Material/Equip Failure	17	25.37
Decay	14	20.90
Animals	12	17.91
Trees	9	13.43
Member	7	10.45
Construction/Maint	2	2.99
Other	2	2.99
Unknown	2	2.99
Lightning/Weather	1	1.49
Power Supplier	1	1.49
Total	67	100

Residential On-Season Rate in Effect for January and February Usage



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.

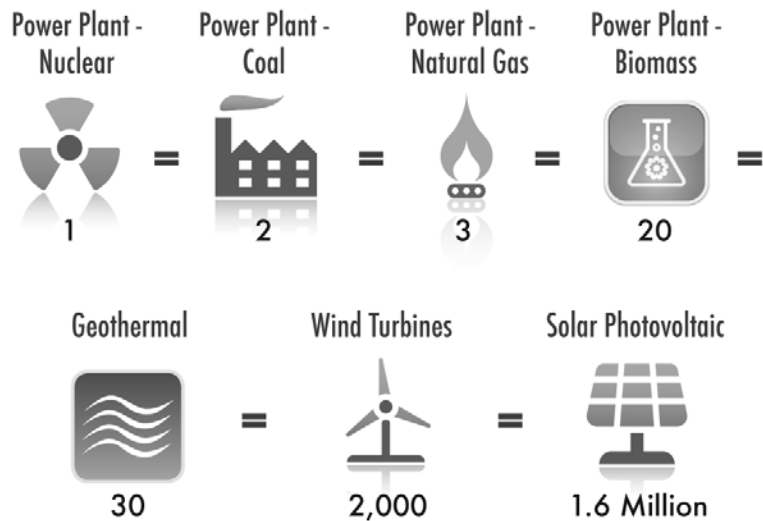
Entries are then judged and winners from each grade selected. Those winners then represent the specific month in the "2013 Cooperative Calendar of Student Art."

Details, tips, and an entry form for the 2013 Calendar Art Contest can be found on the *Electric Consumer* website at www.electricconsumer.org.

did you know?

About 3 percent of our power comes from renewable resources – wind, hydropower and landfill methane generation. While renewable energy is important, it cannot begin to provide enough electricity to meet all our power needs. Here's a look at how many renewable "plants" are needed to power a city.

How many plants does it take to power a city with 1 million homes?
(BASED ON AVERAGE ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD CONSUMPTION OF 12,000 KILOWATT HOURS)



source: EPRI

Join the Team Up to Power Down effort on Facebook and discover ways to reduce electricity use and lower demand for power. That will delay the need for additional power plants and have a positive impact on the environment.

**TEAM UP
TO POWER DOWN.**
Together We Save.



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