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The due dates for
payment of electric bills
are **January 19** and **26**.



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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

2023 Strategic Goals and Initiatives



MARY JO THOMAS
CEO

Last November, I gave members an update on the cooperative's progress for the current strategic initiatives. I also promised to share new goals and initiatives from the board's planning

session in August once those were finalized. The board approved the following goals and objectives during the last quarter of 2022. This allowed for budget items to be approved to support the action items.

- Demand side management/operational technology
- New headquarters facility planning and design
- Rate planning for emerging energy projects
- Work plan to support the distribution system

- Succession/human resources development plans

We will use this strategy as a road map to work towards fulfilling our purpose and mission and achieving the vision of our cooperative. Mapping out a strategic plan creates a clear set of steps necessary for the cooperative to reach its goals. Those steps include allocating resources, executing initiatives, monitoring progress and adapting to change. The plan must be fluid and revisited as strategic changes in the WWVREMC environment occur. Our staff develops detailed projects for each initiative or goal. Start dates, projected end dates and status updates are worked into each initiative to provide accountability and meaningful solutions to benefit members.

Everyone here at WWVREMC is looking forward to this new year and seeing how we can serve you — the members — to your highest satisfaction.

INDIANA CONNECTION



Cooperative CALENDAR of STUDENT ART



ART CONTEST



You could
win \$200
ENTER YOUR BEST ARTWORK
Fill the pages of the 2024 calendar!

ELIGIBILITY

Indiana public, private or home-schooled students in kindergarten through 12th grade during the 2022-23 school year are eligible to enter the contest.

DETAILS AND DEADLINE

A complete set of rules and required entry forms are available at indianaconnection.org/for-youth/art-contest. Artwork must be received by March 24, 2023.

Questions? Contact Indiana Connection, 317.487.2220 or info@indianaconnection.org.



WAEITY SELECTED FOR PROJECT INDIANA 2023 TRIP

WWVREMC Apprentice Lineman Robert Waelty will be a member of the Project Indiana 2023 crew.

LOCATION

Peña Roja, Guatemala

TIMELINE AND TRAVEL DETAILS

The Indiana crew will fly out of Indianapolis on March 30. Once in Guatemala City, the team will travel approximately 12 hours by automobile (trucks and/or vans) to the project site.

Once in the village, the project crew will stay in the village school, where electricity is already available. The village residents are constructing restroom and shower facilities in advance of the crew's arrival.

PROJECT DETAILS

This is a line extension off a build completed by the Arkansas electric cooperatives a few years ago. The project will extend electricity to 26 additional homes using approximately 30 poles and about 3.75 total miles of line. The project begins at an elevation of approximately

11,000 ft. The home at the end of the line is atop a mountain peak at roughly 12,000 ft. At this point, crews do not anticipate wiring the inside of each home.

CREW MEMBERS

A 14-member crew has been selected to complete this project. The crew will contain a mix of Project Indiana veterans and individuals new to international electrification projects. Crew members were selected based on the skillsets necessary to efficiently complete the build.

Waelty is the third WWVREMC line crew member to participate in Project Indiana. In 2017, Operations Manager Derrick Mullins traveled to El Zapotillo. In 2019, Line Foreman Clay Smith traveled to the village of San Jacinto. We are proud to have employees step up to volunteer for worthy projects like Project Indiana.

READY FOR MORE?

Please follow us on social media for trip updates and visit projectindiana.org.

Employee News

Josh Walton joined WWVREMC in November 2022 as an operation production assistant. Josh grew up in Liberty, Indiana, where he graduated from high school and currently resides with his wife Erica and son Nathaniel.

A few of Josh's hobbies include quads, dirt bikes, cars, trucks, fabricating and family time.

WELCOME TO THE TEAM, JOSH.



You must be a junior to apply!

Applications are due March 1, 2023.

Ready to pack your bags?

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2023**

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APPLICATIONS ARE DUE
MARCH 1, 2023!



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**OFFICE
CLOSING**

The WWVREMC
office will be
closed January
16th for employee
training.



Congratulations to
PRISCILLA ROBINSON
from Liberty who won
our October National
Cooperative Month
prize drawing.



Each month we hide an account number in the Powerlines. Did you find it?

JOSEPH C. PAVEY WINS!

Joseph C. Pavey, Liberty, found his hidden account number in the November 2022 newsletter and won a \$25 bill credit. Keep reading your Powerlines each month because the next hidden account number could be yours!

Payment Options

US Mail

Whitewater Valley REMC, P.O. Box 350
Liberty, IN 47353

SmartHub

Log-on at wwwremc.com.

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Call 844-827-4759. Set up your PIN. Follow prompts.

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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.



WHITEWATER VALLEY REMC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

As a cooperative, we are committed to the communities we serve and want to provide WWVREMC members the opportunity to develop their skills and continue learning by assisting their efforts to further their education with scholarships. A scholarship program has been established to help those members, or dependents of members, desiring to further their education.

WWVREMC will be selecting ten students from eligible applicants to

receive \$750 scholarships! Winners will be announced during the annual meeting held in April. **Applications must be submitted to the WWVREMC office no later than 4:30 p.m. on March 9, 2023.** Scholarship funds will be dispersed to the school for those drawn upon proof of enrollment to the college or trade school.

Visit wwwremc.com/scholarships to learn more and apply.

Bill Credit Winners

Our monthly drawing for five \$20 bill credits from all voting members of the 2022 annual meeting continues. Here are the winners.

JANUARY

Sharon Bryant, Connersville

John Hartley, Liberty

Knoll Acres, Inc., Liberty

Gary Barrett, Liberty

Larry T. Wood, Connersville



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