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# POWERLINES

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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

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The due dates for payment of electric bills are  
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**MARY JO THOMAS**  
CEO

I am happy to announce that construction has officially started at the new WVVREMC headquarters! A groundbreaking ceremony was held on Tuesday, June 27, 2023, to mark the occasion. The property was purchased in 2021 and is located

one and a half miles south of Liberty across from Whitewater Memorial State Park. It was a big day for us, as it was a milestone for the cooperative resulting from a collaborative planning effort that has spanned nearly three years.

The starting point to get us to the groundbreaking came from forming a facilities committee that includes cooperative board members and employees. This group has spent many hours reviewing plans and drawings, discussing and looking for alternative solutions to trim dollars to the most efficient and affordable solution possible.

WVVREMC continually focuses on providing our members with safe, reliable and affordable power. It's our mission and we take that responsibility seriously. Building this new facility is a significant step in honoring our commitment. The project we celebrated is more than the construction of a new building; we

see it as an important next step and resource to serve our members and communities.

Everyone involved in this project understands the long-range effect. We are providing the infrastructure that will serve the next generation of members and the next generation of employees that are vital to the health of the cooperative.

When this project is completed, it will provide office space, warehousing, garage and secure storage to house the cooperative's 28 employees. All cooperative assets and inventory will be in one location with a drive-through for the additional convenience for our members. The new facility will improve the efficiency of maintaining one facility. At the same time, it will provide the security necessary in today's business environment for the infrastructure that WVVREMC owns and maintains. The move will keep us centrally located to continue serving all WVVREMC members in our service area that stretches 70 miles north to south across six counties.

I cannot thank the members of WVVREMC enough for believing in and trusting us. Thank you for supporting this project, sharing our vision, and realizing the importance of this new facility. Our address may be changing, but our commitment to you is not. This is just one more legacy achievement we'll all be able to point out in the years ahead.



# YOUTH power & hope AWARDS

TELL US YOUR STORY AND  
YOU COULD BE A WINNER.

## APPLY NOW!

Up to five qualified candidates will each receive \$500 and be featured in an upcoming issue of Indiana Connection, among other highlights.

Interested? Simply complete the online application. When doing so, provide examples of and information about your community service activities and share any relevant photos if available. Be sure to list references who we may contact for additional information.

Parents, please visit  
**[indianaconnection.org/youthpowerandhope](https://indianaconnection.org/youthpowerandhope)**  
to apply and learn more.

## QUESTIONS?

[info@IndianaConnection.org](mailto:info@IndianaConnection.org)  
or 317.487.2220

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE  
**MONDAY, OCT. 2**

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## DIRECTOR CANDIDATE APPLICATIONS

### *Available on the Web*

WWVREMC members interested in running for a seat on the WWVREMC Board of Directors are encouraged to read the Director Candidate Information Sheet and complete an application. The information sheet and application can be downloaded from the cooperative website.

Members interested in serving on the Nominating Committee can download the Nominating Committee Candidate Information Form. More information on the 2024 district election will be included in upcoming issues of the Powerlines.

**Applications must be received by November 1 for consideration at the 2023 nominating committee meeting.**

# YOU'RE *TEE*-RIFIC

July 29, 2023 marked our 6th annual Shedding Light on Hunger golf tournament. This event is our largest fundraiser for the program and allows us to ease food insecurity for many living in our service territory. We are grateful for the sponsors who helped us make the event such a success. Growing the WWVREMC Shedding Light on Hunger program has been possible because of the support from so many local individuals and businesses.



WWVREMC employees went to work soon after the event putting together lunch bags to deliver to those in need. Please watch our social media platforms as we share how we use the funds to create positive impact in our communities.

## DEADLINE FOR Incentive Program Approaches

The 2023 residential rebate program will end on December 31, 2023. Rebates for equipment installed between January 1 through December 31, 2023, are available. Details are on our website under Energy Solutions, Rebates and Incentives.

Members should submit their requests for rebates on equipment that qualifies under the WWVREMC 2023

incentive program no later than December 31, 2023, to ensure reimbursement. Members can submit two rebates per calendar year. The hidden account number is 418202.

We plan to offer another year of incentives for 2024 but with some changes to the program. WWVREMC will communicate the next round of incentives once the program details have been approved.







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

## NO JULY WINNER

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](http://wwwremc.com).

### Pay-by-Phone

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

### Liberty Office

In person or in the drop box.

### Automatic Withdrawal

Simply request a form and submit it to our office.

### FCN or Franklin County National Bank

In person or in the drop box. Bring payment stub.

### VanillaDirect

Visit [vanilladirect.com](http://vanilladirect.com) for payment locations and details.



**For more information about payment options, please call us:**

765-458-5171 or 1-800-529-5557

## Helpful Information

### 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. Login to your SmartHub account and report your outage.

### 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.



## Go Paperless. Get a \$5 Bill Credit!

We are continuing our promotion for those who sign up for paperless billing.

**SIGN UP BEFORE OCTOBER 2 TO RECEIVE YOUR POWER BILL BY EMAIL AND RECEIVE A ONE-TIME \$5 BILL CREDIT.**

Reduce the number of paper bills being sent to your home by enrolling in our paperless billing notifications. It's free and simple.

## Bill Credit Winners

Our monthly drawing for five \$20 bill credits from all voting members of the 2023 annual meeting continues. Here are the winners.

### SEPTEMBER

**Eric Snyder**, Centerville

**Kim Jenkins**, Centerville

**Spurrier J. Hardwick**, Richmond

**Huntsville Community Center**, Modoc

**Randy Hunnicutt**, Economy



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