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# POWERLINES

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## SEPTEMBER DUE DATES

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

      
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Member Experience  
Manager & Brand  
Ambassador

As we celebrate National Farm Safety Week this September, it's an important reminder of safety in agriculture. We are deeply thankful for our farmers' hard work, dedication, and resilience. Your commitment feeds our

communities and sustains our way of life.

Farming is one of the most rewarding yet dangerous jobs in the world. Among the hazards are overhead power lines, which pose a significant risk to operators of tall or extendable equipment.

Every year, dozens of farmers are injured or killed when tractors or tall equipment come into contact with power lines. Tractor-related incidents — including overturns, runovers, entanglements, and collisions — claim around 250 lives annually in the U.S.

Raised loader arms, augers, and other tall attachments can easily reach overhead lines. Without direct contact, electricity can arc, jumping from the line to the equipment. If your tractor touches a power line, the entire machine can become energized, creating a deadly hazard.

If this occurs, stay inside the cab unless there is an immediate fire. Call 911 and warn others to stay away, as the ground around your equipment may also be energized. Stepping out could create a path for electricity to travel through your body, resulting in electrocution.

If a fire forces you to evacuate, jump clear — never touch the machine and the ground at the same time. Land with both feet together and shuffle away, keeping your feet close together to minimize risk.

Always identify overhead lines before starting work to prevent accidents and maintain at least 10 feet of clearance. Lower the augers, arms, and attachments before moving. Use a spotter when working near powerlines and install Rollover Protective Structures (ROPS), which can reduce fatalities by over 70%. Stay alert, as fatigue and distractions can increase the risk of accidents.

Electricity may be invisible, but its dangers are very real. You can protect yourself and your farm by staying aware and following essential protocols. Always respect the power of electricity. At WWVREMC, we prioritize your well-being and are committed to sharing important information for the agricultural community. Stay tuned for more tips, including an upcoming farm safety video and billboard messages. Stay alert out there!

## YOUTH power & hope AWARDS

### SHINING A LIGHT ON YOUNG COMMUNITY LEADERS

**Know a middle schooler who's making a difference?**

The Youth Power and Hope Awards recognize outstanding young leaders who serve their community.

Up to five winners will each receive \$500 and be featured in an upcoming issue of Indiana Connection.

Encourage your child to apply today! Simply complete the online application and share details about their community service.

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

#### QUESTIONS?

[youth@indianaec.org](mailto:youth@indianaec.org)  
or 317-487-2235

*Applicants must have a parent or guardian who is a member of an Indiana electric cooperative.*

**APPLICATIONS ARE DUE  
FRIDAY, OCT. 3**

**INDIANA**  
CONNECTION

**IEC**  
INDIANA ELECTRIC  
COOPERATIVES



## SHEDDING LIGHT ON HUNGER Golf Tournament *recap*

On July 26, we proudly hosted our 9th annual Shedding Light on Hunger Golf Tournament at the Liberty County Club, raising \$8,100. This event wouldn't have been possible without the generosity of our vendors, local businesses, participants, and dedicated WWVREMC volunteers — thank you for making it a success!

After the tournament, WWVREMC employees quickly packed lunch bags filled with food to pass out to students attending the Live in Liberty Back to School Bash on July 30. A sincere thank you goes to everyone who sponsored lunch bags this year. And congratulations to Michelle Williams, the lucky winner of our \$100 Amazon gift card drawing for lunch bag sponsors!

The Shedding Light on Hunger initiative reflects one of our core cooperative principles: Concern for Community. Launched in 2012, the program began as a food collection and distribution effort to help keep local food pantries stocked. We started our annual charity golf outing a few years after the launch. All funds given to nonprofits are entirely through employee contributions, partner donations, and our annual charity golf tournament proceeds. The golf tournament is our biggest fundraiser to help shed light on hunger in the communities we serve.

If you know of an organization in our service area that includes parts of Dearborn, Fayette, Franklin, Randolph, Union, and Wayne counties and could benefit from this program's funds, we encourage them to submit a request at [wwwremc.com/shedding-light-on-hunger](http://wwwremc.com/shedding-light-on-hunger).





## FLY DRONES WITH CAUTION TO AVOID ELECTRICAL ISSUES

**Don't fly drones anywhere near power lines** or electrical substations.

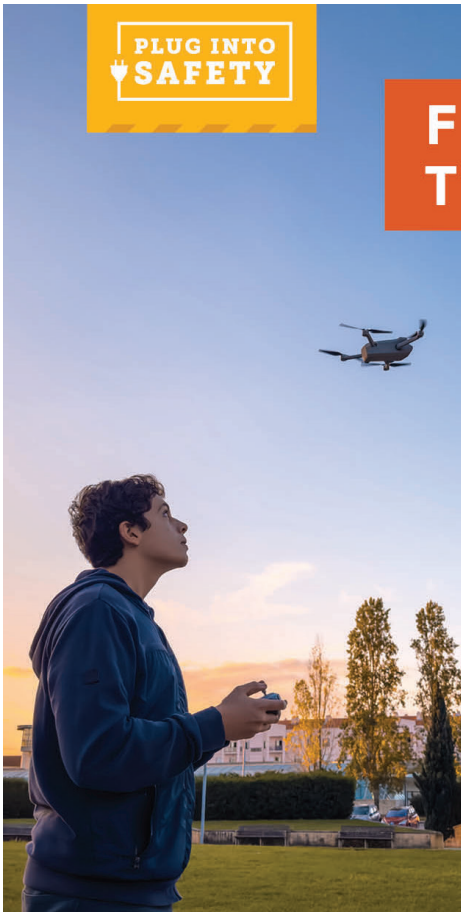
If your drone gets caught in power lines or crashes into a utility pole or substation, **never attempt to retrieve it yourself**. Entering a substation is criminal trespassing and is an electrocution danger. Call the electric cooperative or other utility for help.

**Don't touch a downed line** or anything it has fallen on, such as a fence or a tree limb.

**Keep a safe distance from downed lines** and tell others to do the same.

**Call 911** to notify emergency personnel and the utility immediately if you see downed power lines.

**Follow federal or state guidelines** for registering your drone or getting business approval.



## FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS: NORTHEASTERN HIGH SCHOOL

ON SEPTEMBER 5, WE BROUGHT ENERGY,  
EXCITEMENT, AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT!



We gathered for a tailgate in the parking lot before the big game, celebrating local pride and supporting student athletics. As part of our commitment to the community, we were proud to announce a \$1,000 donation to the Athletic Boosters.

But that's not all – we also handed out free giveaways to make the night even more memorable: 200 \$5 concession stand vouchers and T-shirts!

To be eligible for these great gifts, all we asked was that they follow us on Facebook! It's the best way to stay in the loop about what's happening with our co-op and help students learn more about all the fun and free youth programs we offer.

Thanks to everyone who joined us under the lights at Northeastern High School. We made it a memorable night! Stay tuned – we could be heading to your school next!

#### HIDDEN ACCOUNT NUMBER

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

## NO JULY WINNER

Keep reading your Powerlines each month. The next hidden account number could be yours!

## PAYMENT OPTIONS

#### U.S. Mail

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

#### SmartHub

Log on at [www.vremc.com](http://www.vremc.com).

#### Pay-by-Phone

Call 855-940-3859. 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.

#### Franklin County National Bank (FCN)

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

New location is 1201 S. State Road 101,  
Liberty, IN 47353

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.

Log in 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.



## BILL CREDIT WINNERS

Our monthly drawing for five \$20 bill credits from all voting members of the 2025 annual meeting continues. Here are the winners.

#### SEPTEMBER

Dennis L. Brack, Liberty  
Derrick Mote, Union City  
Sara J. Moyer, Greens Fork  
Lyle Rosenberger, Brookville  
Don Hohman, Connersville

## energy efficiency TIP OF THE MONTH

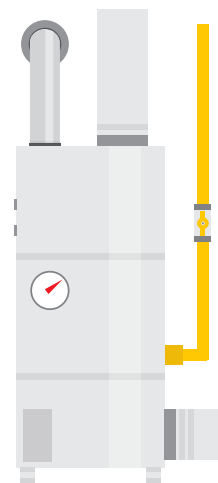
Shoulder months, typically occurring between September and November in the fall, offer a great opportunity to reduce home energy consumption as the need for extensive heating or cooling is reduced. Look for simple ways to boost indoor comfort without running your heating and cooling system. Use ceiling fans and open windows on breezy days to ventilate your home. On cooler days, add a layer of clothing and avoid running the heat.

## SCHEDULE YOUR ANNUAL HEATING SYSTEM MAINTENANCE TODAY!

Fall is the ideal time to schedule your home's heating system check-up. HVAC technicians tend to have more availability before the winter rush, making it easier to book service and address any needed repairs. A certified technician can clean filters, inspect for leaks, and ensure your system is running efficiently—keeping your home warm and comfortable as temperatures drop.

Don't forget: We're offering HVAC tune-up rebates – 50% off the qualifying cost, up to a maximum refund of \$50. This rebate is valid through December 2025.

Apply now at [www.vremc.com/hvac-tune-rebate](http://www.vremc.com/hvac-tune-rebate).



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