

POWERLINES

A MONTHLY PUBLICATION FOR THE MEMBERS OF WHITEWATER VALLEY REMC

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The due dates
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As the holiday season approaches and the air turns crisp, we're reminded that this truly is the season of giving. It's a time for gratitude, generosity, and looking out for one another—and at WWVREMC, that's something we take to heart year-round.

You've probably heard us talk about our concern for community. It's not just a nice phrase — it's one of the core principles that make electric cooperatives like ours different from other utilities. We're not just here to keep the lights on (though we're always working hard to do that). We're here to make life better for the people we serve — our members, neighbors, and friends.

Over the years, we've faced challenges together, and our co-op family has stepped up every time. We've come together to support those in need, to keep our community strong, and to build something better for the future. That spirit of generosity is never more evident than during the holiday season.

And, so, now is the perfect time to get involved in Operation Round Up. Our Fall Membership Campaign is in full swing. Thanks to the generosity of members who round up their electric bills to the nearest dollar, we provide real help to nonprofits doing great things for the communities we serve and live in. Every little

bit adds up — and it makes a big difference.

Whether you're signing up for the first time or making an additional donation, your participation means a great deal — and this year, it comes with a special prize drawing at the end of the campaign. Everyone participating in the campaign will be automatically entered to win an electric snow blower!

The campaign runs through December 31, 2025, and the winner will be drawn at the beginning of January. Signing up is easy! You can sign up by phone, in our office, or by selecting the participation option on your bill stub and returning it with your monthly payment. Don't miss out — join the campaign today and be part of something exciting this season.

We're also proud to support local students through the Youth Tour program, which sends some of our community's brightest young people to Washington, D.C., to see democracy in action and dream big about their futures. That's giving in the most meaningful way — by investing in tomorrow's leaders.

Because we care deeply about safety, we also visit schools throughout the communities we serve, holding safety demonstrations and teaching kids of all ages how to stay safe around electricity. We also participate in career day events at surrounding schools to share the many different careers available at a cooperative. We believe knowledge is a gift, and we love sharing it.

You'll also find our employees in the community beyond work — coaching youth sports, volunteering at local events, serving on non-profit boards, and

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Youth Programs for All Ages

WVREMC offers several youth programs each year for local students. Our fun and exciting programs are **free** to students and tailored to all ages, with options for kindergarteners through high school seniors. The following programs are currently available to apply for:



PAGE DAY

Students will explore the Statehouse, step into the role of a lawmaker through a mock bill activity, hear from inspiring government leaders, and connect face-to-face with their state legislators. Students also get an inside look at how laws are made and the role citizens play in the democratic process.

DATE: Jan. 27, 2026 **DEADLINE:** Jan. 9, 2026

FOR WHO? The program is open to high school students who can provide their own transportation to and from the Statehouse.

To apply, visit: www.vremc.com/page-day

CAMP KILOWATT

A fun and unique camp experience for students entering seventh grade. Kids learn about energy while making new friends and enjoying lots of activities and games. This three-day camp includes horseback riding, electric cooperative education, rock climbing, swimming, and much more.

DATES: June 3-6, 2026 **DEADLINE:** Feb. 13, 2026

FOR WHO? Students entering 7th grade

To apply, visit: www.vremc.com/camp-kilowatt

INDIANA YOUTH TOUR

High school juniors, pack your bags! Your electric co-op wants to send you on a weeklong, all-inclusive trip to our capital in D.C. This is a front-row seat to legislators, landmarks and history — shared with students nationwide.

DATES: June 14-21, 2026 **DEADLINE:** Feb. 13, 2026

FOR WHO? Upcoming high school seniors

To apply, visit: www.vremc.com/youth-tour

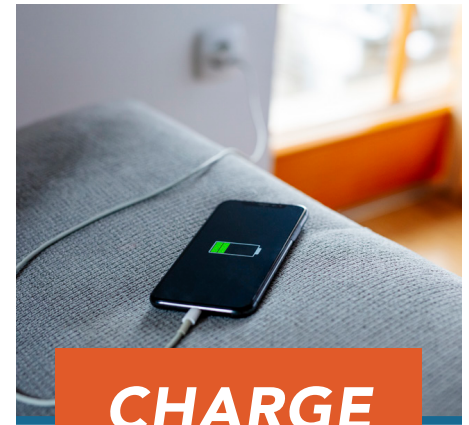
COOPERATIVE STUDENT ART CONTEST

Student artists: Now's the time to pull out those paints, crayons, and colored pencils. Students will be recognized with a cash prize, and an overall winner and honorable mention will be selected from each grade division.

DEADLINE: Feb. 27, 2026

WHO CAN ENTER: Indiana public, private, or home-schooled students in kindergarten through 12th grade during the 2025-26 school year.

To apply, visit: www.vremc.com/student-art-contest



**CHARGE
AHEAD
with safety**

Purchase and use devices that have been **reviewed by a qualified testing laboratory**.

Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.

Use **only** the charging cord that came with the device.

Do not charge a device under your pillow, on your bed, or on a couch.

Do not keep charging the device or the battery after it is fully charged.

Store batteries **away from direct heat** or anything that can catch fire.

Stop using a battery or device if you notice a strange odor, too much heat, a change in shape, leaking, or odd noises.

Do not put lithium-ion batteries in the trash. Always recycle the batteries or electric devices at a specified recycling location.

**PLUG INTO
SAFETY**

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partnering with our chamber of commerce to keep our local economy strong. Because when you're part of a co-op, giving back isn't a requirement — it's just what you do.

While the holiday season is a festive time, we understand these can be challenging times for many. If you need advice on saving energy to reduce your energy bills, want to explore payment plan options like budget billing, or simply have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. We're here to help, not just during the holiday season but all year long.

At WWVREMC, we believe concern for community is more than a value — it's the heart of who we are. And during this season of giving, we're especially grateful to be part of such a caring, generous community.

From all of us at WWVREMC, we wish you and your loved ones a joyful, safe, and bright holiday season.

Help Us Design SmartHub!

In September, we launched a fun new initiative to highlight the beauty of our community right on our SmartHub login screen!

Do you have a favorite photo of Indiana's countryside, a charming seasonal scene, or a snapshot that captures the spirit of our region? We want to feature your photo on SmartHub!

What We're Looking For:

- Seasonal landscapes, local landmarks, or anything that reflects the heart of our community.
- Horizontal photos
- A short caption or story behind the photo is welcome!

How to Submit:

Send your photo to info@wwvremc.com with your name and the date it was taken. We'll select photos to rotate on the SmartHub login page and credit the members who submitted them.

We want to recognize the October and November winners: Tammy Drudy for her 'Reflections of Whitewater Lake' photo and Janet Sparks for her beautiful sunset photo, which she captured as she and her husband cruised country roads on their motorcycle.

Let's continue celebrating the places we call home and the people who make them special. Your photo could be the next one to greet thousands of members when they log in!

October photo taken by Tammy Drudy



November photo taken by Janet Sparks



OPERATION ROUND UP® FALL CAMPAIGN

Don't forget, last month kicked off our fall campaign. Now is the perfect time to sign up for a chance to win an electric snow blower!

Anyone who signs up between October and December will be automatically entered for a chance to win. Whether you're a new member signing up for the first time or if you are already enrolled to participate but choose to contribute again by making a one-time extra donation (minimum of \$10), you're eligible! The hidden account number is 16904. The campaign ends December 31, 2025, and the winner will be drawn in early January 2026.

Don't miss out — join today and help make a difference in your community with just a few cents!

**Yes! I want
to help our
community.**

**Sign me up for
Operation Round-Up®**



NAME

ADDRESS

PHONE NUMBER

ACCOUNT NUMBER

- ☐ New participant, round up my monthly bill.
- ☐ In addition to my round up, I want to contribute \$_____ each month to Operation Round Up. (fill in the additional dollar amount to be added to monthly electric bill)
- ☐ I want to make a one-time contribution. My check is enclosed. (minimum \$10 donation)

Send your completed form to Whitewater Valley REMC, P.O. Box 349, Liberty, IN 47353.

HIDDEN ACCOUNT NUMBER

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

LYNN A. SHEETS WINS!

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.

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 for payment locations and details.

For more information about payment options, please call us:

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



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.

NOVEMBER

Shelley Chapman, Liberty
Gregory L Haynes, Hagerstown
Mary J Rummel, Economy
Shanon Rigsby, Liberty
Rudy Toschlog, Centerville



Our office will be closed
Thursday, November 27,
and Friday, November 28,
in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

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.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR HEATING SEASON

If you are experiencing challenges with winter heating expenses, assistance is available. Indiana Community Action Association and the SIEOC EAP Program are some resources you can explore.

Visit www.vremc.com/energy-assistance-program for information about these programs, eligibility requirements, local county agencies, and the application process.



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