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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Eugene Roberts, District 1
- Randy Roberts, District 2
- Danny Easterday, District 3
- Rodney Hager, District 4
- Ben Lindsey, District 5
- Brian Hawkins, District 6
- George Key, District 7

REMC SENIOR STAFF

- Matthew C. Deaton, *General Manager/CEO*
- Marcy Bennett, *Office Manager*
- Misty Tincher, *Accountant*
- Mark Belcher, *Member Services Manager*
- Billy Chastain, *Electric Operations Manager*
- Charlie Rollins, *Fiber Operations Manager*



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Volunteering to make an impact



With the holiday season upon us and the new year just around the corner, I can't help but reflect on the gratitude I feel for our community.

I think most will agree this has been a year like no other — certainly in my lifetime. And while we've seen our share of challenges, I am heartened by the ways in which we have all pulled together to make our community stronger.

Because we are a co-op, volunteerism and giving back are a part of who we are. Several of our lineworkers are volunteer firefighters and first responders, putting their lives at risk to help others. Many of our co-op employees coach youth sports, lead church youth groups, assist in school productions or serve on local boards.

Orange County REMC offers employees flexibility in their schedules to accommodate these volunteer opportunities. We look at co-op volunteerism as an investment in our community by enabling our employees to donate their time and expertise to help groups that are doing so much for our community.

I look at volunteerism as the gift that keeps on giving. While it's difficult to quantify the impact that volunteers have, I do know they make a tremendous difference in our community and make our corner

of the world a better place. Many organizations depend on volunteers to fulfill their mission. Volunteers fill in gaps and spread joy and compassion through their efforts. Even assisting with the smallest tasks can make a big impact in the lives of people, animals or an organization in need. Often a big commitment or special skills are not needed, just someone who cares.

I hope you'll consider volunteering. Give an organization or cause that you care about the gift of your compassion, time and talent. In addition to the organization and the community benefitting from your efforts, you will receive a gift as well. Not only will you enjoy the satisfaction of knowing you are helping a good cause, you will likely make new friends, expand your social network, strengthen existing skills or learn a new one.

Volunteering may provide additional dimension and purpose to your life. In the process, you will be a role model for your family because your commitment will offer a powerful lesson to your children. It will show them first-hand how one person can make a big difference and strengthen the community in which they live.

At the end of the day, the gift of volunteerism is a gift that will continue giving all year long. So, this holiday season, consider starting a new tradition — give the gift of time.

MATTHEW C. DEATON
 General Manager/CEO

The Orange County REMC office will close at 4:00 p.m. on Dec.4 for an employee Christmas party.

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Rate Schedule

How to compute your monthly electric bill:

Use this information to figure your bill for electric use in October, November and December.

Rate Schedule for Standard Service

Standard Service Consumer Charge.....	\$26
Standard Service Energy Charge....	\$0.1124
Wholesale Power Cost Tracker ..	\$0.0032734
Total bill x Indiana sales tax	7%

Example for 1,200 kWh

Standard Service Consumer Charge.....	\$26
1,200 kWh @ \$0.1124	\$134.88
Wholesale Power Cost Tracker	
1,200 kWh @ \$0.0032734.....	\$3.93
Total	\$164.81
Indiana sales tax	\$11.54
Total bill	\$176.34

Rate Schedule for Time-of-Use Service

Time-of-Use Consumer Charge.....	\$30.90
Energy Charge On-Peak	\$0.1671
<small>(On-Peak: 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., Monday–Friday, EST)</small>	
Energy Charge Off-Peak.....	\$0.0691
Wholesale Power Cost Tracker .	\$0.0032734
Total bill x Indiana sales tax, 7%	

Example for 300 kWh (On-Peak) and 900 kWh (Off-Peak)

Time-of-Use Consumer Charge.....	\$30.90
Energy Charge On-Peak	
300 kWh @ \$0.1671	\$50.13
Energy Charge Off-Peak	
900 kWh @ \$0.0691	\$62.19
Wholesale Power Cost Tracker	
1,200 kWh @ \$0.0032734	\$3.93
Total	\$147.15
Indiana sales tax	\$10.30
Total bill	\$157.45

Rate Schedule for Security Lighting

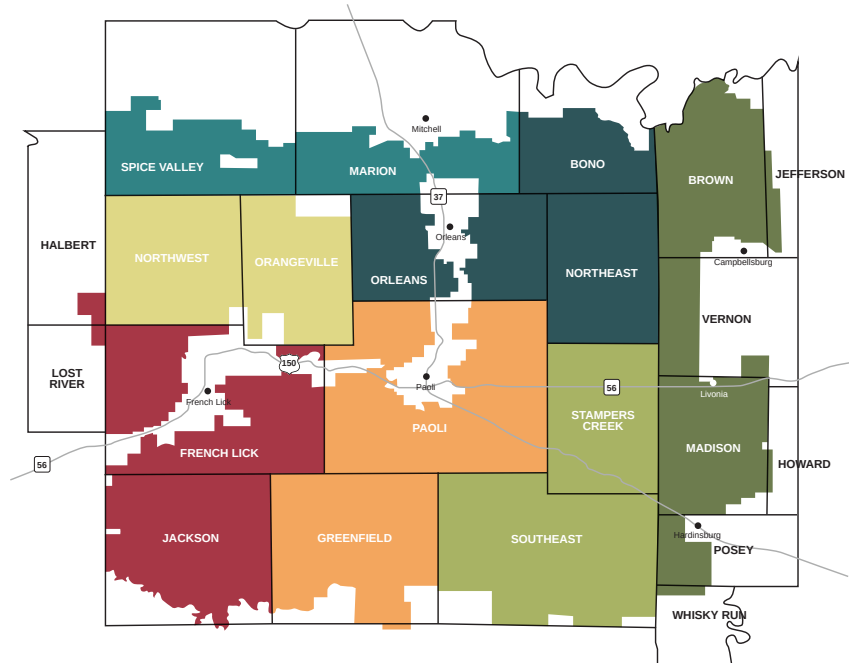
Security Lighting: 100 W HPS	\$9.82
Security Lighting: 40 W LED.....	\$9.82

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2021 Timeline for REMC director election

All REMC members who register and attend the Annual Meeting can vote for directors to serve the districts that are up for election in that calendar year. The information below details when deadlines occur in the election process. Incumbent directors whose terms expire in 2021:

- Danny Easterday, District 3
- Brian Hawkins, District 6

- Letters of intent due by Feb. 4, 2021
- Incumbent list will be posted by Feb. 19, 2021
- Incumbent names published in the March issue of Indiana Connection magazine
- Petitions of nominations due by April 20, 2021
- Nominations by the board (absent incumbents seeking re-elections or petitioners) by April 20, 2021
- Full slate of candidates posted and mailed by May 14, 2021. All candidate biographies published in the May or June issue of Indiana Connection
- Election at annual meeting on June 4, 2021

ENERGY EFFICIENT TIPS FOR HOLIDAY COOKING



Use smaller kitchen appliances, like slow cookers, toaster ovens and convection ovens when possible. These smaller appliances use less energy than a full-size oven.

Ah, the kitchen. It's undeniably one of the most-loved rooms in our homes. It's where we gather with family and friends for our favorite meals and memories. But like most of us, you probably aren't thinking about saving energy when you're planning that perfect dish. Here are four ways you can save energy in the kitchen with minimal effort.

When possible, cook with smaller appliances. Using smaller kitchen appliances, like slow cookers, toaster ovens and convection ovens is more energy efficient than using your large stove or oven. According to the Department of Energy, a toaster or convection oven uses one-third to one-half as much energy as a full-sized oven.

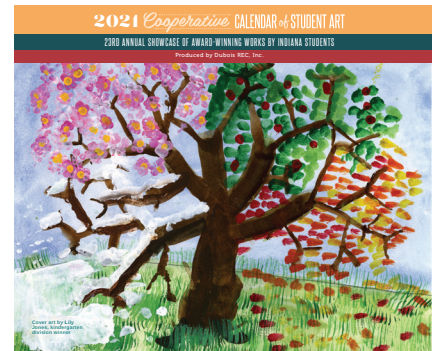
Unplug appliances that draw phantom energy load. Halloween may be long over, but it's possible you have energy vampires in your kitchen — these are the appliances that draw energy even when they're not in use, like coffee makers, microwaves and toaster ovens. The Department of Energy has estimated that one home's energy vampires left plugged in year-round can add up to \$100-\$200 in wasted energy costs. Unplug them when they're not in use, or better yet, use a power strip for convenient control.

Help large appliances work less. There are small ways you can help your larger kitchen appliances run more efficiently. For example, keep range-top burners clean from spills and fallen foods so they'll reflect heat better. When it's time to put leftovers in the refrigerator, make sure the food is covered and allow it to cool down first. That way, the fridge doesn't have to work harder to cool warm food.

Use your dishwasher efficiently. Only run full loads, and avoid using the "rinse hold" function on your machine for just a few dirty dishes; it uses 3-7 gallons of hot water each use. You can also save energy by letting your dishes air dry. If your dishwasher doesn't have an automatic air-dry switch, simply turn it off after the final rinse and prop the door open so the dishes will dry faster.

Bonus tip: The best way to save energy is to not use it. Try a tasty, no-bake dessert recipe. Your sweet tooth (and energy bill!) will thank you.

By slightly adjusting a few of your habits in the kitchen, you'll be well on your way to energy savings. Contact us to learn about additional ways you can save energy and money at home.



Calendars and Farmers' Almanacs

Stop by the REMC office and pick up your free copy of the 2021 Farmers' Almanac and the 2021 Cooperative Calendar of Student Art.

2021 Rebate Program

If you're thinking about an energy efficient upgrade to your home or business, visit www.myremc.coop to get information about the 2021 Rebate Program.

Scholarships

There are six \$750 scholarships available each year; one scholarship for a graduating senior per school. (Paoli, Springs Valley, Orleans, Mitchell, Crawford and West Washington). Deadline to apply is Feb. 19. Look under "News and Events" at www.myremc.coop for more information and a link to the application.

Mark Your Calendar

The REMC will be closed on the following dates as our employees spend time over the holidays with their families:

Christmas Holiday, Dec. 24-25
New Year's Day, Jan. 1

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Smart Communication with SmartHub

Have you ever had questions about Orange County REMC bill? Do you ever wonder how much electricity you use, and when? If you've ever had questions about your account, our innovative web and mobile app, SmartHub, can help provide some answers.

SmartHub is available through the Orange County REMC website and as a mobile app through the Apple App Store (iOS devices) or Google Play Marketplace (Android devices). SmartHub provides many features that can help you understand your account or get a hold of us in a hurry.

Through SmartHub, you'll be able to view detailed electric use information that will provide insight to help you better understand your bill. You'll be able to put yourself in the driver's seat of your Orange County REMC account.



You'll also receive important news and information about Orange County REMC through the app. Any important news or alerts you need to know, you'll receive immediately. You can also contact us with any issues regarding your service.

Take control of your account and make interacting with Orange County REMC easy with SmartHub.

Smart Management. Smart Life. SmartHub.

New Faces AT THE CO-OP

Michael Holt has been recently hired as a Fiber Technician for the Orange County Fiber team. He earned his degree in telecommunications from Lincoln Trails College. He and his wife Joy have a son, Tristian and a daughter Leona.



Michael Holt
Fiber Technician

Daniel Houchin is the new director representing District 1 of the Orange County REMC territory. District 1 includes all of Spice Valley Township and all of Marion Township, as well as the part of Lawrence County served by the cooperative. Houchin filled the seat left vacant by the passing of longtime director Eugene Roberts.

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