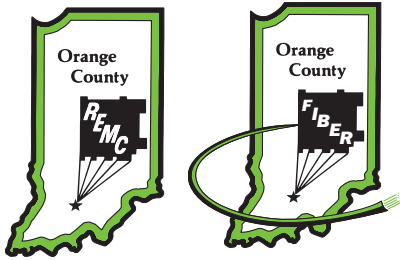


# We love our *community*



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

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Have the phone number associated with your account ready when reporting outages. Please limit after hours calls to emergencies and outage situations.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- Eugene Roberts, District 1
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- 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*
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“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, What are you doing for others?”

This quote from Martin Luther King Jr. reflects the special bond and obligation

that ties Orange County REMC to the community we serve. With Valentine’s Day approaching, we can’t think of a better time to express how much we love this community and serving you, the members of the co-op.

We know when we helped to bring electricity to rural Indiana many years ago, the quality of life improved for all. Through the years, other issues needed to be tackled, like access to high-speed internet, and we have been at the forefront of helping to address some of those issues. We want to help meet the long-term needs of our community to ensure it continues to thrive – because just like you, we live here too.

While our top priority is to provide safe, reliable and affordable energy to you, equally important is our mission to enrich the lives of the consumer-members (that’s you!) that we serve. This focus to benefit the larger community is central to the way we operate as a cooperative. Orange County REMC knows that electricity and access to high-speed internet are critical needs for modern-day life, but it takes more than poles, power lines and fiber optics to make a community.

Over time, our co-op has evolved to meet the changing needs of our community, thereby improving the quality of life for everyone. And that can mean many different things.

It can mean programs for Orange County REMC’s youth, such as Touchstone Energy Camp (for middle schoolers) or the Indiana Youth Tour, where we take our community’s brightest high school students to Washington, D.C. for a week-long immersion to experience democracy in action. It also means facilitating the distribution of more than \$500,000 to our community through Operation Round Up, a program that helps local groups and organizations fund worthwhile projects. (You can see more details about these great programs on the following pages.)

Over the last eight decades, our community-focused programs and other giving projects have built and made repairs to community buildings, funded equipment for fire departments, purchased educational supplies for schools, and so much more – and we couldn’t do any of this without you, our members.

We all benefit from these programs because of you and your neighbors. You empower Orange County REMC through your membership and through your participation in and support of these programs.

As a local business, we are proud to power your life and bring good things to our community. While the larger environment in which we operate is constantly changing, fueled by evolving technology and consumer desires for more options, one thing remains the same. By working together, I’m certain that we can continue to do good things for our community.

**MATTHEW C. DEATON**  
 General Manager/CEO

# co-op news

## Rate Schedule

### How to compute your monthly electric bill:

Use this information to figure your bill for electric use in January, February and March.

#### 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

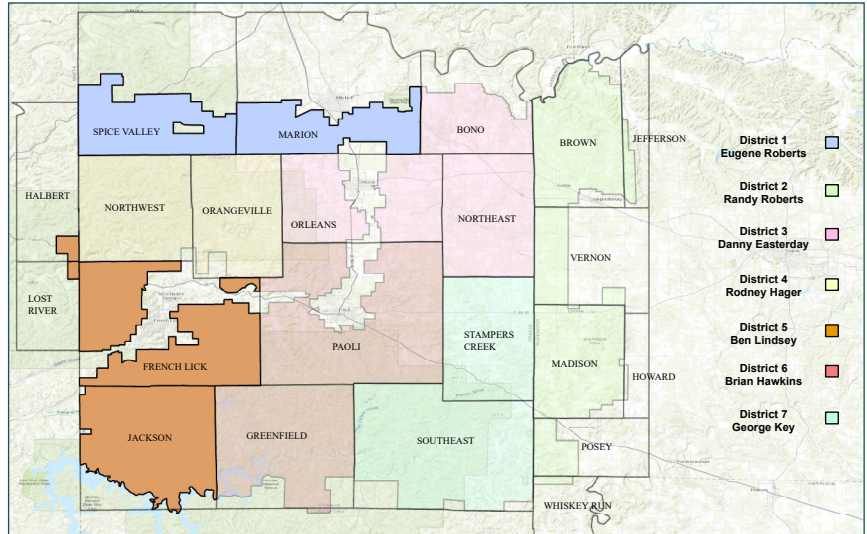
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|------------------------------------|--------|
| Security Lighting: 100 W HPS ..... | \$9.82 |
| Security Lighting: 40 W LED.....   | \$9.82 |

Visa, MasterCard and Discover cards accepted

Pay by phone at 833-890-7734.

Visit [www.myremc.coop](http://www.myremc.coop) for these services:

- Pay online
- Pre-pay your bill
- Sign up for recurring monthly payment



## 2020 director election timeline

Eugene Roberts, District 1, and Ben Lindsey, District 5, are incumbents whose terms expire in 2020.

- Posting of incumbent list Feb. 21, 2020
- Names published in the March issue of Indiana Connection magazine
- Petitions of nominations due by April 22, 2020
- Nominations by the board (absent incumbents seeking re-elections or petitioners) by April 22, 2020
- Full slate of candidates posted and mailed by May 14, 2020. All candidate biographies published in the May or June issue of Indiana Connection
- Election at annual meeting on June 5, 2020

# Save the date!

## 2020 Orange County REMC ANNUAL MEETING

# JUNE 5

## Paoli Jr./Sr.High School

4:30 p.m. Registration Opens

4:30-6:30 p.m. Catered Meal

4:30-8 p.m. Children's Activities

7 p.m. Business Meeting



**ORANGE COUNTY REMC CONTINUOUSLY LOOKS FOR WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY.**

That's why each year we assist our young members in their pursuit of higher education by awarding scholarships to our graduating seniors. There are six \$750 scholarships available.

- APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS**
- » The parents or legal guardians of the applicant must be a cooperative member.
  - » The parents or legal guardians of the applicant must be participating in Operation Round Up.
  - » Applicant must be a 2020 graduating senior and have maintained a cumulative grade point average of a C or higher, submitting a current high school transcript with application.
  - » Applicant must submit application and transcript to cooperative no later than Feb. 14.
  - » Recipient must be eligible to enroll as a full time student in the fall of 2020. Proof of enrollment must be presented to cooperative.

**HOW TO APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP:**

Visit [myremc.coop](http://myremc.coop) to download an application and learn more.

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**DEADLINE IS FEB. 14**



# Students:

## Apply now for your chance to experience these great programs!

### YOUTH TOUR TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

Students who will be high school seniors in the fall of 2020 can apply for this trip of a lifetime to our nation's capital. The Indiana delegation will meet in Indianapolis on June 18, travel to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and the Flight 93 9/11 Memorial; then head to Washington, D.C., for a week of sight seeing and tours. Students will return to Indianapolis on June 25.



### TOUCHSTONE ENERGY CAMP

Students who will be entering 7th grade in the fall of 2020 can apply for a chance to attend Touchstone Energy Camp at Camp Tecumseh, June 3-6. Students will experience zip lining, swimming, horseback riding, and archery, along with learning about electric safety and the electric co-ops play in our communities.

Deadline to apply for all student programs is Feb. 14.

Look under "News and Events" at [www.myremc.coop](http://www.myremc.coop) for more information and links to on-line applications.

## co-op news

# Winter SAFETY TIPS

It's no surprise that winter months bring increased potential for fire risks and electrical safety hazards. This makes sense because during the coldest months, consumers are using additional electrical devices and appliances, like space heaters, electric blankets and portable generators.

The National Fire Protection Association estimates that 47,700 home fires occur each year in the U.S. due to electrical failure or malfunction. These fires result in 418 deaths, 1,570 injuries and \$1.4 billion in property damage annually. This winter, safeguard your loved ones and your home with these electrical safety tips from the Electrical Safety Foundation International.

### Don't overload outlets

Overloaded outlets are a major cause of residential fires. Avoid using extension cords or multi-outlet converters for appliance connections—they should be plugged directly into a wall outlet. If you're relying heavily on extension cords in general, you may need additional outlets to address your needs. Contact a qualified electrician to inspect your home and add new outlets.

### Never leave space heaters unattended

If you're using a space heater, turn it off before leaving the room. Make sure heaters are placed at least three feet away from flammable items. It should also be noted that space heaters take a toll on your energy bills. If you're using them throughout your home, it may be time to upgrade your home heating system.

### Inspect heating pads and electric blankets

These items cause nearly 500 fires every year. Electric blankets that are more than 10 years old create additional risks for a fire hazard. Inspect your electric blankets and heating pads – look for dark, charred or frayed spots, and make sure the electrical cord is not damaged. Do not place any items on top of a heating pad or electric blanket, and never fold them when in use.

WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU!

## Grants to community pass

# \$500,000

November 2019 marked a new milestone for the Operation Round Up® program, as this series of grants brought the total to \$500,831 given back to our community since the program started.



When the program began in October 2002, I was confident our members would join us in this effort, since it is such an easy way to give back to our community.

The average enrolled Orange County REMC member contributes \$6 per year to the program. This small change can change the lives of many members of our community. We have seen so many lives affected positively by the use of these funds, as grants are awarded to community programs, schools, and local organizations that affect many, many individuals.

The Operation Round Up board of directors is made up of Orange County REMC members who donate

their time to review the applications submitted each quarter, to see if the request will benefit our community. I've worked with some

amazing people who have served on this board throughout the years. Each one of them is dedicated to seeing that the funding is awarded to worthwhile causes that make a great impact on our community.

I'm proud to be part of this organization. If you are not participating in the Operation Round Up program, or would like to donate extra toward the program, please contact our office. More information about Operation Round Up can also be found in the "News and Events" section of [www.myremc.coop](http://www.myremc.coop).

### STACY SLATEN

Billing Analyst and Operation Round Up Coordinator

## Operation Round Up Grants for 3rd Quarter 2019

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Melton Public Library                                     | \$1,626.98 |
| Orange County Cancer Patient Services, Inc.               | \$1,000    |
| Orange County Publishing's Great Spelling Bee             | \$1,300    |
| Orange County Rehabilitative and development Servie, Inc. | \$1,184.95 |
| Orleans Jr./Sr. High School                               | \$500      |