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**TO REPORT SERVICE
 INTERRUPTIONS, PLEASE CALL**

855-865-2229, (OPTION 1) DAY OR NIGHT.

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

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Unplug AND Connect

with meaningful community programs



Most adults have a vague memory of a time when “checking for messages” meant listening to an answering machine. We carried on with our days without relying on cell phones and

managed just fine. But today, we are more connected than ever through our smartphones and other devices.

Our phones are so much more now — from cameras to calendars to social media connections — and truly disconnecting from them can be tough. But it’s even harder for our kids to unplug because they only know life with these tiny screens. It’s difficult for them to imagine life without computers, gaming devices, tablets or cell phones.

But there’s great value in unplugging for children and adults, even if it’s for just a short period of time. For kids, time away from the screen to be outside with other children allows them to connect with nature and others in a way that a virtual experience simply does not allow. They are able to experience life in the moment and allow their creativity and energy to break free.

Fortunately, we have access to great community programs and organizations like 4-H, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, church camps, etc., that provide children with a safe place to play, learn and grow, while cultivating new skills and interests.

These types of clubs and programs offer kids an opportunity to explore activities and interests outside of school academics. Children can investigate areas they might not otherwise have access to and discover new interests and passions. They often learn new skills and strengthen existing ones. It’s no secret

that the broader the range of experiences and activities children are exposed to, the more likely they are to find their own path and possibly a career. Community programs also foster important leadership development and public speaking skills. Through guided and informal play and activities, children learn problem-solving and interpersonal skills that enable them to resolve conflicts peacefully and improve interpersonal relationships.

Adults can also find meaningful opportunities to spend time with the kids when we all unplug. From board games to craft projects to playing in the park, there are many ways we can unplug for some family fun.

While you and your children are disconnecting, take a moment to identify potential energy savings. Unplug electronics that are not in use to avoid “vampire” energy loss. This is the energy that is drained from technology and electronics even when they are not in use. For example, although it is turned off, your TV is waiting to receive a signal from the remote and your DVR is waiting to record the next show or perform an update.

Let’s encourage youngsters to step away from the screens and join in. To play and be part of an organization that helps them connect with others and find meaningful interactions and explore new activities and interests.

When you do plug back in, Orange County REMC is here to help you save money and energy by connecting you with our energy saving programs and services. While we’d love to see you in person, we’re also just a call or click away at www.myremc.coop.

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 July, August and September.

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

Visa, MasterCard and Discover cards accepted

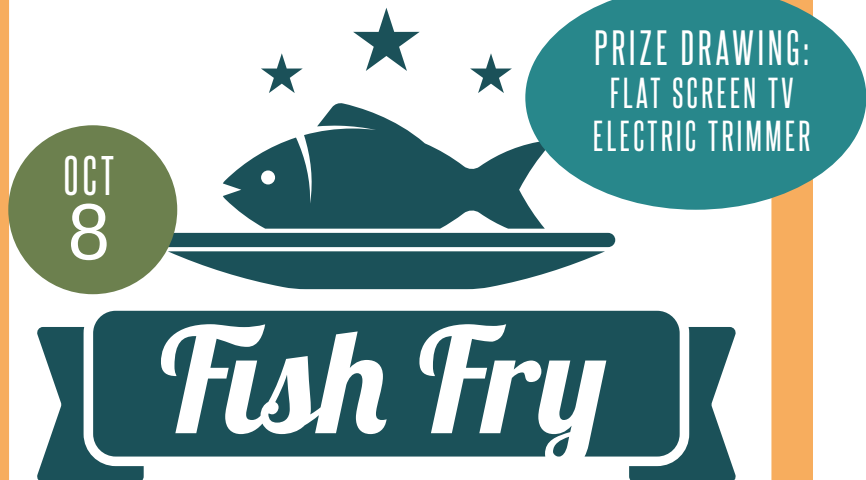
Pay by phone at 833-890-7734.

Visit www.myremc.coop for these services:

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

ORANGE COUNTY REMC

Member Appreciation



JOIN US FOR A FREE LUNCH

Fried Fish • Cole Slaw • Baked Beans • Hush Puppies
Friday Oct. 8, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
REMC Office (7133 N. State Road 337, Orleans)

Pay your bill by phone



**Just call
833-890-7734**

Convenient, secure,
and always available!
Pay with check
or debit/credit card.

Orange County REMC uses this automated system to be compliant with stringent credit card security standards. This helps prevent credit card fraud, while allowing Orange County REMC to continue accepting debit and credit card payments for your convenience.

Local groups receive more than \$12,000 in grants



Orange County REMC's Hannah Carter presents an Operation Round Up grant to Michael Beasley and Troy Beasley of the Orleans Fire Department.

In the most recent meeting of the Operation Round Up board of trustees, six local organizations received grants. Details of the funds awarded are listed below.

Orleans Fire Department received a \$1,735 grant to purchase rope rescue tools.

Orleans Community Schools, OES was awarded \$1,828.80 to help replace classroom books.

West Washington Youth League received a \$5,700 grant to purchase football helmets.

Betterment Committee of Campbellsburg, Festival Fund received a \$1,200 grant to help fund festival entertainment.

Springs Valley Third Grade received a \$545.11 grant to help purchase COVID-19 pod seating.



Hoosier Hills Pact received a \$1,000 grant to help purchase supplies for its summer program.

If you are part of a school group, community organization, fire department, first responder group, 4-H club or other local non-profit and would like to apply for an Operation Round Up grant, go to www.myremc.coop and look under the "News and Events" menu to download an application and grant guidelines.

GRANT TOTALS:

Awarded in July 2021:	\$12,008.91
2021 Year-to-Date:	\$21,508.91
Grand Total since 2003:	\$546,424.26

POLE TESTING

Crews will be conducting pole testing in the Roosevelt and Abydel areas beginning in this month. Please drive carefully in these areas and be aware of extra utility vehicles along roadways.

HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSING

The Orange County REMC office will be closed for Labor Day, Sept. 6, as our employees spend the holiday with friends and family.

SMARTHUB OFFERS CONVENIENT FEATURES FOR ACCOUNT ACCESS AND BILL PAY

Our free Smarthub app makes it simple and convenient to do the following:

- View your bill
- Make secure payments
- Access your electric account
- Check your electric use
- Compare monthly electric bill
- Communicate directly with the co-op
- Notify the REMC of an outage
- Add notifications that you would like to receive by email or text message

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Don't have a tablet or smart phone? No problem. You can use the SmartHub interface from your computer. Just go to www.myremc.coop and click on "SmartHub."



SPECIAL SAVINGS

ETS Fall Check-Up

Don't wait for cold weather to find out your ETS units are not working properly.

\$25 & \$5

Service Call Each Additional Unit

Call (812) 865-2229 ext. 2036 to schedule your ETS check-up.

*Offer valid from **September 1 to October 31**. Service calls scheduled outside of the promotion dates will not be eligible for the special rate and will be subject to the standard charge of \$50.*

Helping Hoosiers live better

2-1-1 is a free and confidential service that helps Hoosiers across Indiana find the local resources they need. Whether you need information about housing, shelters, addiction recovery resources, help with food, water, medical expenses, or utility bill assistance, just call 211, or go online to www.in211.communityos.org.

