



**FREE
ADMISSION
FOR NREMC
MEMBERS**

We're heading back to the dairy farm for Member Appreciation Night!

FREE ADMISSION • FREE FOOD • FREE ACTIVITIES • EXTENDED HOURS

Join us for our third annual Member Appreciation Night at Kuehnert Dairy Farm! Make many memories with your family, enjoying all the attractions. **Northeastern REMC members will have the entire fall festival to themselves during this special members-only event Thursday, Oct. 17, from Noon to 8 p.m. Come early to beat the crowd!**

Members' immediate families will get free admission where they can enjoy all 30+ attractions on the farm. This includes many different children's activities like obstacle courses, climbing walls, a corn pit, a giant haystack, a corn maze, and more! Be sure to go on a hayride for a farm tour to learn more about the dairy cows that call this farm home.

EXTENDED HOURS

Thursday, Oct. 17

Noon to 8 p.m.

Find full details and register your family at nremc.com/farm.



Northeastern REMC artists win big

Area students take 8 of 14 prizes in state art contest

The 27th annual Cooperative Calendar of Student Art Contest winners were recently announced, with Northeastern REMC area students being awarded eight of the 14 top prizes. Cassidy Skinner, a high school junior from South Whitley, was named Artist of the Year for her lifelike scratchboard art of a dog. Skinner also won both first place and honorable mention for the 11th grade category.

The art contest is open to any Indiana K-12 student. The artwork was judged on artistic merit, originality, creativity, and suitability for a wall calendar. The art contest is open to any Indiana K-12 student. Approximately 2,500 pieces of artwork were entered in this year's competition.

The winners of the art contest will have their work featured in the 2025 wall calendar, which will be available at Northeastern REMC in November. A first-place artist was selected for each grade, K-12, and each will receive \$200. Their artwork will illustrate the cover and the 12 months of the calendar. Thirteen additional artists earned an honorable mention award and \$75. These works will appear in a special section of the calendar. A complete list of the contest winners is below.

11th Grade Winner



**Cassidy Skinner
South Whitley**

Third Grade Winner



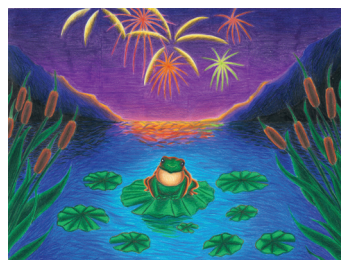
**Caroline Buck
Fort Wayne**

Fourth Grade Winner



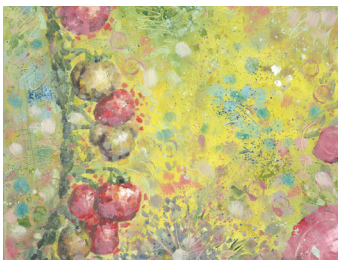
**Adelyn Luckey
Columbia City**

Seventh Grade Winner



**Zoe Bubp
Fort Wayne**

Eighth Grade Winner



**Cooper Baird
Fort Wayne**

10th Grade Winner



**Alena Hindbaugh
South Whitley**

12th Grade Winner



**Justine Ocken
South Whitley**

Cooperative Calendar of Student Art Contest Winners

Kindergarten:
Kora Gehlhausen, Birdseye

First Grade:
Rowyn Mellencamp, Seymour

Second Grade:
Eva Harrison, Greensburg

**Third Grade:
Caroline Buck, Fort Wayne**

**Fourth Grade:
Adelyn Luckey, Columbia City**

Fifth Grade:
Flynn Cissell, Borden

Sixth Grade:
Lena Goller, Shoals

**Seventh Grade:
Zoe Bubp, Fort Wayne**

**Eighth Grade:
Cooper Baird, Fort Wayne**

Ninth Grade:
Isabelle Ferguson, Worthington

**10th Grade:
Alena Hindbaugh, South Whitley**

**11th Grade:
Cassidy Skinner, South Whitley
(Best in Show)**

**12th Grade:
Justine Ocken, South Whitley**

Honorable mention winners: Mason Malicki (Columbia City), Ella Stein (Fort Wayne), Braydon Snider (Fort Wayne), Ellianna Heintz (Fort Wayne), Cassidy Skinner (South Whitley), and Katelyn Cripe, (South Whitley)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SEPT. 7!

This year, you have two ways to plug into your co-op update:

Attend the annual business meeting in person

OR

Watch the *new* Behind the Lines Update online



BEHIND THE LINES

NREMC UPDATE

Saturday, Sept. 7 at 10 a.m.
Join us in the community room

Saturday, Sept. 7 at 10 a.m.
nremc.com/update

There's still time to vote in this year's Board of Directors election



INCUMBENT

Douglas Schrader
⚡ District 2



Tim Kumer
⚡ District 2



INCUMBENT

Ingrid Tippmann Nicholson
⚡ District 3



Cari Juillerat
⚡ District 3



Dustin Auer
⚡ District 4



Wesley Wolfe
⚡ District 4

You have a voice when it's time to make decisions that affect your family's electricity. Voting can be done online, by mail, or in person at the annual meeting and in the NREMC lobby. **Although Board members are elected from districts, they represent the NREMC membership as a whole.** This is why when members vote annually, they can cast their vote for all districts up for election.

Vote now at nremc.com/election.

Don't forget to vote!

You could win a \$100 bill credit by voting!



Online voting ends on Sept. 5

You're automatically entered when you cast your vote online or mail in your ballot.



WATCH CANDIDATE VIDEOS

Learn more about each candidate by viewing their video at nremc.com/election.





MOVING JUST GOT EASIER!

Complete the process at your convenience, 24/7.

Learn more at nremc.com/startstop.

Moving your home or business can feel a little overwhelming with numerous steps to consider. We have streamlined the process of starting and stopping your electric service, making it easier than ever for both residential and commercial members.

Our new online form guides you through each step of the process so you can cross one important task off your moving checklist with ease.

We are committed to making your move as smooth as possible. If you have any questions about starting or stopping your electric service, please reach out to our member service team.

SPOTLIGHT

QUICK INFO FOR MEMBERS

Community Projects

Every October, electric cooperatives like NREMC participate in Cooperative Community Day to improve the quality of life in our communities. We're currently accepting project requests. If you know of a nonprofit organization with a project to be completed or a specific need in the community, please email marketing@nremc.com.

Don't be left in the dark!

Did you know we post updates about power outages on our Facebook page? While we strive for the reliability our members have come to expect, sometimes storms or vehicle accidents will cause interruptions in service. Be sure to follow us at facebook.com/nremc.

Our lobby will be closed on **Labor Day**
Monday, Sept. 2.

Don't forget that you can always access your account online 24/7 at nremc.com or call us at any time.

OPERATION ROUNDUP
small change that changes lives

Share this link: nremc.com/funding.

Do you know a local nonprofit organization that could use a little help? Many of our members round up their electric bill to help local nonprofit organizations in our community, and we're looking for worthy causes right here in northern Indiana to support! Share this link with an organization you support and have them apply now for Operation Round Up funding. Learn more at nremc.com/funding.

Want to enroll in Operation Round Up? Go to nremc.com/roundup.

Join us in South Whitley for Friday night lights

We'll be at Whitko Jr./Sr. High School on Friday, Sept. 27 for the football game between Lewis Cass and Whitko. Stop by our tent before the game to get a \$5 concessions voucher and a free gift.



NREMC MEMBERS CAN GET A
\$5
CONCESSIONS VOUCHER

Contact Us

memberservices@nremc.com

260-625-3700
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OUTSMART A SCAMMER

Don't fall for a utility scam. Here's what to do.

Someone calls claiming to be from Northeastern REMC and says your power will be cut off if you don't pay immediately using a gift card. **This is a scam.** Scammers want you to think you have no time to confirm what they're saying. They will also suggest payment methods that are not trackable, such as reloadable gift cards. What should you do immediately? **Hang up and call us.**

It's also essential to make sure you're actually calling Northeastern REMC. Scammers are now using search engines, like Google, to trick people into calling them instead of the co-op. Please verify that the phone number you are calling is Northeastern REMC. Program it into your phone now!



ADD US TO YOUR CONTACTS: 260-625-3700

What to do if you paid the scammer

Scammers often ask you to pay in ways that make it tough to get your money back. No matter how you paid a scammer, the sooner you act, the better.



CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD

Contact the company or bank that issued the credit card or debit card. Tell them it was a fraudulent charge.



BANK ACCOUNT TRANSFER

Contact your bank and tell them you did not authorize this debit or withdrawal.



MONEY TRANSFER APP

Report the transaction in the app. If the app is linked to a card, report the fraud to your credit card company.



PERSONAL INFORMATION

Go to [identitytheft.gov](https://www.identitytheft.gov) to see what steps to take, including how to monitor your credit.



DID YOU KNOW?

Third-party payment sites may make your payment late.



While third-party payment sites and apps may seem convenient, their payments are not always immediate. DOXO, MoneyGram, and other online payment services may not make the payment immediately on your behalf, resulting in late fees and even disconnected electric service. Plus, those services will also charge you user fees.

For a secure and convenient payment experience, we recommend making your online payments directly through our website, [nremc.com](https://www.nremc.com), or by using the SmartHub app. You can also sign up for automatic payments so your payment is never late.

Sign up at [nremc.com/autopay](https://www.nremc.com/autopay).

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Go to nremc.com/election to cast your vote.

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