



National Cooperative Month celebrated by community projects



NREMC joins statewide effort to tackle 40 service projects on Community Day

During Co-Op Month, we participated in Co-Op Community Day. This initiative, which saw nearly 40 unique projects across Indiana, exemplifies how electric cooperatives leverage their resources and skills to address specific community needs and create a lasting impact.

NREMC employees from various departments contributed their expertise to several local projects.

Humane Society of Whitley County: In collaboration with Purdue Extension Master Gardeners, NREMC staff tackled fall maintenance, cutting back overgrown areas and tidying the property line.

Faith Christian Academy, Columbia City: The preschool playground received an upgrade, including a new swing set, rock area, fresh mulch, and a roofed structure for outdoor toy storage.

LC Nature Park, Roanoke: An NREMC crew is scheduled to install an Osprey nest tower to support local wildlife conservation efforts.

Our commitment to the community goes beyond providing reliable electricity. Co-Op Community Day allows us to roll up our sleeves and make a real difference in the areas we serve. Neighboring electric cooperatives also participated in Co-Op Community Day. Kosciusko REMC delivered meals to people who are homebound. Noble REMC worked on projects at three local nonprofit day care facilities.

Visit our website to learn more about community events or to submit a community service project request.

Learn more at nremc.com/communityday.



More than 3,000 members attend member event at Kuehnert Dairy Farm

Last month, we returned to Kuehnert Dairy Farm for a member appreciation event! Northeastern members had the entire fall festival to themselves for this special members-only event from noon to 8 p.m. Kids of all ages conquered the sprawling corn maze, tackled obstacle courses, scaled climbing walls, and dove into the beloved corn pit. The giant haystack proved to be another crowd favorite.

Adults enjoyed a scenic hayride tour while discovering fascinating insights about the farm's dairy operations and dairy cows. We're deeply grateful to Kuehnert's dedicated staff for extending their hours to allow us to have at this private event for our members.

To those who joined us for this memorable day – thank you for making it special. We hope you had as much fun as we did at this fun family event.

"We had so much fun!" - Angie M.

"Thank you, NREMC, for the Membership Appreciation Day at Kuehnert Dairy today and the free money/tickets to spend!!! A beautiful sunny afternoon was spent enjoying every activity." - Gayle W.

"The grandchildren loved it!" - Tammy F.

It was a beautiful day, and our kids got to do things and eat things they typically don't get because we bypass spending too much money with so many kids. Thank you so much, REMC!! - Janelle A.



During our member appreciation event, we had 104 members enroll in Operation Round Up. That means **close to 1,500 members** are now rounding up their electric bills each month to help local nonprofits in our community! Thank you for making a difference!

You, too, can help local nonprofits in our community! Go to nremc.com/roundup to learn more.

'Tis the season for capital credits

One of the best things about being a co-op member is that you are not simply a customer but rather a member-owner. Your financial contribution (paying the bill) keeps your lights on but also helps run the co-op that powers more than 30,000 people in this community. A portion of that financial contribution is returned to you each year in the form of capital credits. As a member-owner, you receive capital credits each year based on your length of membership and energy usage. Starting on Nov. 26, check your credit amount at nremc.com/credits, or find it on your November or December bill.



Look for your capital credits on your November or December electric bill.



DID YOU KNOW?

NREMC has an agrivoltaics program

What is it? Agrivoltaics combines agriculture + photovoltaics.

At NREMC, we're taking an innovative approach to solar energy that goes beyond power generation. Our agrivoltaics program combines solar panels with agricultural activities, creating dual-purpose land use that benefits our entire community.

The concept is simple but powerful: The space beneath and around our solar panels remains productive agricultural land. Sheep graze between panels, naturally maintaining vegetation while fertilizing the soil. Local beekeepers can establish hives, supporting crucial pollinator populations – including endangered monarch butterflies – while creating additional income opportunities. Some crops even thrive under panels, as

the partial shade reduces water stress and creates ideal growing conditions.

This initiative aligns perfectly with our cooperative principles that focus on education and concern for our community. By implementing agrivoltaics at our solar sites, we're not just managing energy costs; we're supporting local agriculture, enhancing environmental sustainability, and strengthening our local food systems.

Learn more about our newest solar site, Quarry Solar, and how we're combining agriculture and solar technology by visiting nremc.com/quarry.

Celebrating the people behind your power

As 2024 comes to an end, we'd like to acknowledge the employee milestones we've celebrated this year.



Randy Brommer 35 Years Nate Buckles 30 Years Jim Eitsert 30 Years Steve Weber 30 Years Pete Bauer 10 Years



Trae Arnold 5 Years Zac Bireley 5 Years Jay Conley 5 Years Ethan DeWeitt 5 Years Richard Foutz 5 Years



Trevor Fries 5 Years Christy Phend 5 Years Jamie Shumaker 5 Years Aaron Wilcoxson 5 Years

Board of Directors retirements

With appreciation, we announce the retirement of two members from our Board of Directors. Tom Western, representing District 4, and Joe Kruyer, from District 6, have dedicated years of service to the members of NREMC. Both Tom and Joe have served our community and committed themselves to growth in their roles, which is evident through their achievements while on the board. Both have earned National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Credentialed Cooperative Director and Board Leadership certificates. These certifications underscore their commitment to excellence in cooperative governance and leadership.



Please join us in thanking Tom and Joe for their insightful decision-making, which has guided our cooperative through changing times, and their strong advocacy for the needs and interests of our members.

Holiday Closings

Our lobby will be closed on the following days:

Thanksgiving
November 28 & 29

Christmas
December 24 & 25

New Year's Day
January 1

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

Is your debit or credit card expiring soon?

Remember to log in to update your debit or credit card information if your card is expiring soon. We would never want your payment to be declined due to an expired payment method. This is also an excellent time to make sure your contact information is up to date.

Log in to your account at nremc.com to make changes to your account.

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ELECTRICAL SAFETY TIPS FOR HUNTERS

Be aware of what's out there even in remote areas

Hunting season brings outdoors people of all skill levels and experience to rural Indiana, often to unfamiliar areas. While most hunters follow safe hunting practices, we want to remind hunters of the importance of always being aware of their surroundings and watching for electric power lines in the air and electrical equipment on the ground.

Skilled hunters understand the potential hazards of discharging a firearm. Though rare, both accidental and intentional damage to electrical equipment has occurred. Such damage can be costly and potentially dangerous if it causes fires.

We've put together some helpful tips and things you may not know about electrical safety when hunting. Be sure to read the box on the right for more.

We encourage all members to enjoy the great outdoors, but electrical equipment is even in remote areas and is sometimes hard to see. Please be aware of what's out there.

TIPS FOR SAFE HUNTING

- **Never shoot toward power lines, poles, or substations - stray bullets can cause delayed equipment damage and outages.**
- **Alert hunters on your property about power line locations.**
- **Stay alert in wooded areas where power lines may be less visible.**
- **Don't attach hunting equipment or deer stands to utility poles or towers. Energized lines and equipment on the poles can conduct electricity to anyone who comes in contact with them.**



A successful hunt starts with choosing a safe location

Many hunting accidents involving power lines occur during blind or tree stand setup in low-light conditions. Before dawn, when many hunters head out to prepare their positions, power lines can be nearly invisible against the dark sky. Always scout your location in daylight first, and mark the presence of any power lines. Be sure to maintain a safe distance of at least 30 feet from lines when placing elevated hunting equipment.

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