



## We're heading back to the dairy farm for **two** member appreciation nights!

**FREE ADMISSION • FREE FOOD • FREE ACTIVITIES • UPGRADED PARKING • SHORTER LINES**

After such a successful member appreciation night last year at Kuehnert Dairy Farm, we decided to have another! Join us and make many memories with your family, enjoying all the attractions at Kuehnert Dairy Farm. **Northeastern REMC members will have the entire fall festival to themselves during this special members-only event on Wednesday, October 18, and Thursday, October 19, from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

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

Scan the code to learn what's new for this year's event and to register your family.



**NEW TWO-NIGHT EVENT**

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and Thursday, October 19**

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Find full details and register  
your family at [nremc.com/farm](http://nremc.com/farm).





Above: Katie DeForest accepts a check from Operation Round Up participants.



**Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry**



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
FOOD PANTRY



## NREMC members give \$5,600 to local organizations through Operation Round Up

Each month, more than 1,300 Northeastern members like you choose to round up their electric bills to the next whole dollar to help nonprofit organizations in our communities as part of Operation Round Up. Recently, funding was awarded to the following organizations:

### **Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry**

Funding will help pay for processing donated livestock to provide meals to local hunger-relief agencies in the NREMC service area. Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry makes a positive impact on the quality of life for Hoosiers by providing nutritious meat to hunger-relief agencies within Indiana — one pound at a time.

### **Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church Food Pantry**

Funds will be used to purchase food for distribution from the food pantry and vouchers to allow clients to shop at the Community Harvest Food Bank in Fort Wayne. This food pantry, in Columbia City, is open from noon - 2 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays.

### **RespectTeam**

The funding will help teachers step outside the traditional classroom routine to get students to the root of conversations about mental health, healthy and unhealthy relationships, trauma, respect, character building, and more. RespectTeam programs will help educate, empower, and encourage youth to recognize their value and worth.

### **BABE of Whitley County**

Funding will be used to improve the learning area used for various classes for parents. Attendance has increased in these classes and requires more accommodations. Additionally, there is a need for a mom's group-study book. The remaining funds will be allocated for this need. BABE of Whitley County encourages preventative care and childhood development by providing incentives and a community for families.

### **Homebound Meals**

This donation will go to the subsidized meal-delivery program, feeding some of the most vulnerable in our community. Homebound Meals delivers medically tailored meals to clients who, due to age, illness, or disability, cannot provide adequate meals for themselves. This support allows many people to remain in their own homes. For others, it is short-term assistance when a medical problem occurs and they cannot prepare meals.

Enroll in Operation Round Up to help us make an even more significant impact right here in our community. The average monthly donation is only 50¢ per member. Your small change can change lives!

Learn more and sign up at [nremc.com/roundup](https://nremc.com/roundup).



# 2023 ANNUAL MEETING LIVE

NORTHEASTERN REMC

## REMINDER

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Join our livestream at 10:00 a.m. for this year's annual business meeting.

[NREMC.COM/LIVE](https://nremc.com/live)

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## Meter history continued

By the late 1980s, meter technicians used a small handheld device to input members' meter readings. At the end of the day, the devices would be plugged into a computer at the office to send the information to our billing department.

In 1999, NREMC started testing wireless meters with members in Allen County. This enabled meters to communicate using radio towers at our substations. By 2009, all of NREMC's meters had this technology; we use a more evolved method today.

Did you find this interesting and want to learn more about NREMC's history? Check out our Facebook page for Flashback Fridays.

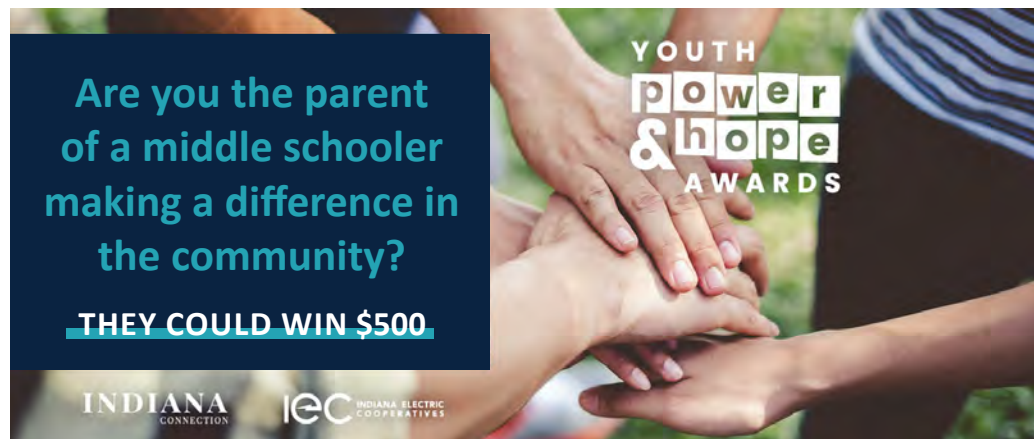


## Tim Mishler and a legacy of service

With great sadness, we share that longtime employee Tim Mishler has passed away. At 72, Tim spent more than half his life serving our members and employees at Northeastern REMC.



He worked as an electrician and a valued member of our engineering team until he passed away last week. As our longest-tenured employee, Tim leaves quite a legacy of service and will be missed. Most of our current employees have never known Northeastern REMC without Tim, and his absence will loom large over so many. We send our condolences to his family and thank them for sharing Tim with us for the past 47 years.



The Youth Power and Hope Awards program honors Indiana students in fifth through eighth grades who are leaders in their communities.

Up to five qualified candidates will be selected to receive \$500. Past award recipients include students who have initiated a coat drive for the people with low incomes, supported patients at Riley Hospital for Children, worked with disabled children, volunteered at a local animal shelter, raised money for the American Cancer Society, and more.

Applicants will be asked to provide examples and information about their community service activities, share relevant photos, and list references who may be contacted for additional information. **The deadline for entries is Monday, October 2.**

Learn more by going to [nremc.com/youthpower](https://nremc.com/youthpower).



### Have you updated your contact information?

Could we reach you if we need to? Next time you log in to your online account, please review your contact information to ensure we can reach you about your account.

### 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](mailto:marketing@nremc.com).

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# METER FAQs

**Most homeowners know meters are attached to their homes, but have you ever wanted to know more about them?**

Here are some common questions and answers about your meter.

**Can I disconnect (or pull) my meter when making home renovations?** It is extremely dangerous for anyone to disconnect or “pull” their own meter. Meter tampering can result in electric shock, is illegal and will cost you hundreds of dollars in charges and fees. If you need it disconnected, contact us, and we will have one of our trained meter technicians do this for you.

**Do I own the meter as a homeowner?** NREMC installs and owns the electric meter on the outside of your home. It is illegal to tamper with an electrical meter, and it's dangerous. Remember never to attempt to fix, alter, or tamper with an electrical meter. If you notice your meter has been damaged, call us immediately and keep your distance until we arrive.

**Why don't I see people (meter readers) reading my meter anymore?** Technology advancements have made collecting meter information even easier! Most NREMC meters communicate remotely with boxes installed on nearby electrical poles. This eliminates the need for a person to read each meter, and it also allows us to connect services remotely as well.

**How do I know if my meter is accurate?** Meters are tested extensively before being placed and used for your home. Meters have a very long life span, some up to 20 years, before they need to be replaced. NREMC will service your meter when needed.

**What does the meter number mean?**

Each electric meter is given a unique number so your power consumption can be identified and billed correctly. Other identifying numbers help us locate your meter and what lines and poles run to it.

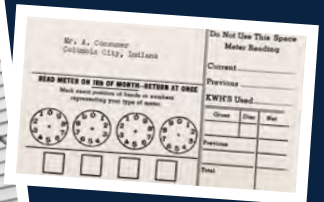
**Can meters withstand really cold, hard winters?**

Yes. Meters are made for any weather, including heavy snow or ice.



## DID YOU KNOW?

**Meters have a history as long as electricity.**



Electric meters have come a long way since Thomas Edison's first meter patent in 1881. In those days, meters weighed a strip of copper at the beginning and end of the billing cycle to determine how much electricity passed through. By the end of the 19th century, a counting mechanism was added to make meter reading easier.

Meters continued to evolve over the years. It was in the mid-1930s that manufacturers introduced a standard design, making installation a lot easier for every electric company.

Electronic technologies reached metering in the first analog and digital integrated circuits in the 1970s. This made it easier for NREMC members to record their meter readings on their bills each month.

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