

News & Views

Our mission: To provide reliable, competitively priced utility services to our customers and the community.

March/April 2017

It's annual business meeting time

It will soon be time for the Johnson County REMC annual business meeting. Please join us on Saturday, April 22, 2017 for the annual meeting of our membership. There will be prizes, food, and wonderful entertainment.

The theme of the meeting is "Our Challenges, The Opportunities, Your Value." In this era of rapidly changing technology, there are challenges ahead that will impact the way we do business. With these challenges, there are opportunities to improve our business and bring even more value to your membership.

The annual meeting event is held in accordance with Johnson County REMC bylaws and is your opportunity as a member to be involved with your cooperative and vote. Candidates for board director this year are Glenn McAlpin, District 1 and Jamie Meredith, District 4.

We will once again serve our traditional hot breakfast and offer the ever popular coin holder drawing with a chance to win \$5, \$10, \$20 or \$50 cash. Prizes include three chances to

win a \$100 bill, two chances to win an iPad, and an opportunity to win the grand prize John Deere lawn tractor. We are also thrilled to welcome for your entertainment, chart-topping singer Marty Raybon and Full Circle.

Registration notices will be mailed on April 3. Please bring the registration notice with you to the meeting to be eligible to register, receive an attendance gift, vote and enter the prize drawing.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting in April!

Location: Franklin Community High School
Address: 2600 Cumberland Drive, Franklin
Date: Saturday, April 22, 2017
Time: 8 am-10 am Breakfast & Activities
Entertainment: 9 am-10 am
Business Meeting: 10 am

About Marty Raybon

Marty Raybon is an American music artist who has produced a remarkable list of career accomplishments including; multiple number one singles, top selling albums, CMA, ACM, IBMA, and Grammy Awards, along with scores of other accolades. He is known for his role as the lead singer of the band Shenandoah, a role which he held from 1985 to 1997 until he rejoined the band in 2014. Among his contemporaries, he is considered to possess one of the purest natural country voices in the business.



You are a member, not just a customer That's the co-op difference

At cooperatives like Johnson County REMC, membership means more than just the right to buy electricity. Cooperatives of all types are founded on seven principles that provide guidance and strategic direction. Membership also gives you rights as an owner.

Brett Fairbairn is the director of the Center for the Study of Cooperatives at the University of Saskatchewan in Canada. He makes the case that member relations are not just a part of what cooperatives do, it is the fundamental core of the business.

Three strategic concepts that cooperatives adhere to include:

Economic linkage

Johnson County REMC is connected to you. There is a business relationship that serves you (the member) and the cooperative. Since cooperatives are solely owned by people in the community, there is a mutual interest to ensure that both the co-op and the member prosper.

Transparency

As an owner of the co-op, you have a right to know how it operates and how decisions are

made that directly impact you. If the cooperative is transparent and combines this trait with integrity and fairness, it promotes trust with all members.

Cognition

Cognition is best defined as how your co-op thinks. It includes the current and historical identity, the mission and the sense of shared values with cooperative members. Research, education, and training are critical functions that Johnson County REMC conducts on an ongoing basis to ensure that we always have the best information to make the right decisions.

The cooperative business model is a great one and it is up to people who work at the co-op, people who serve on the board and people who are members like you to ensure that the principles and values are strong.

Johnson County REMC strives to be thought of as a member-owned cooperative that gives you the best value of any utility. When we succeed, our community thrives, and you will always be a member - not just a customer.

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A solid investment in your electric cooperative

As a member of Johnson County REMC, you make an investment in your cooperative every time you pay the electricity bill. This collective investment in the co-op benefits you and the community immediately and over time. So what is this monthly investment, and how do you benefit from it?

The facility charge is a monthly investment that helps us cover the expenses of maintaining the overall electric system. Combatting cyber security threats and maintaining poles, wires and cooperative equipment takes strategic planning and significant resources. The facility charge ensures that all equipment operates properly and our staff is trained and prepared, so the lights turn on and stay on.

Regardless of how much electricity a particular household uses, the cost of delivering

power to that house is similar. As a not-for-profit electric cooperative, we believe the operational costs should be spread fairly and equitably across all of our members. That is why every member pays the facility charge each month to cover basic operational costs. All members are charged the same amount for the cost of operation since all members benefit from the same service. In essence, this gives each co-op member an equal share in our co-op's operation.

Your monthly investment ensures you have access to safe, reliable and affordable electricity when you need it. We appreciate and value the investment that you make in the co-op every time you pay your bill, and we strive to use that investment wisely for the benefit of all cooperative members.

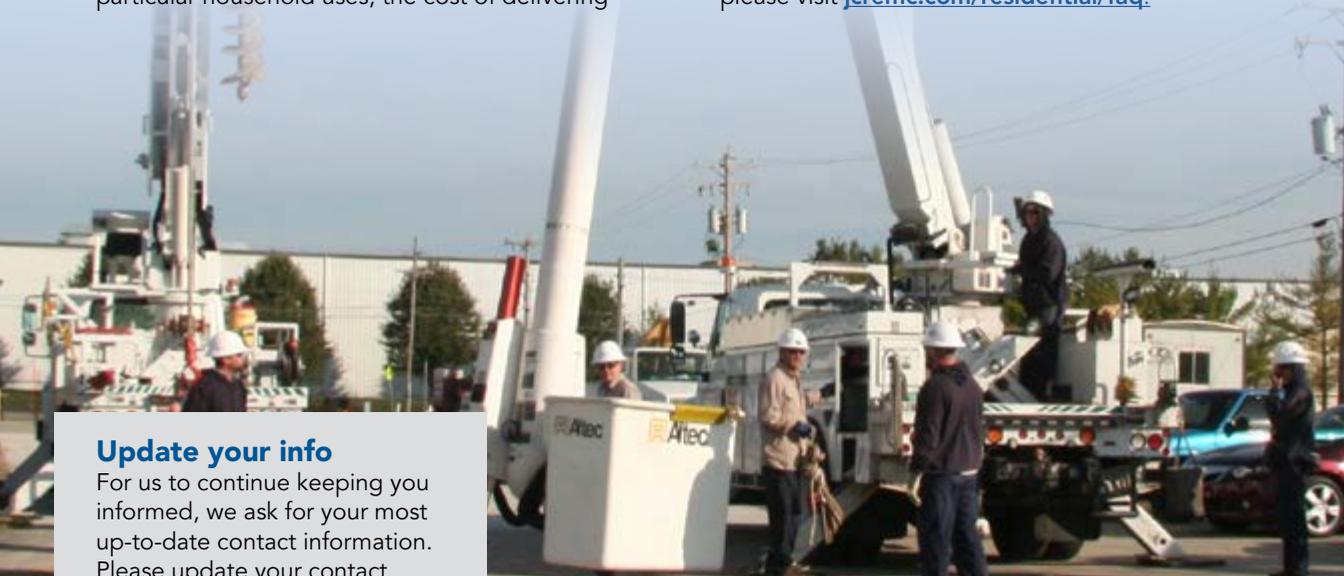
To learn more about the facility charge, please visit jcremc.com/residential/faq.

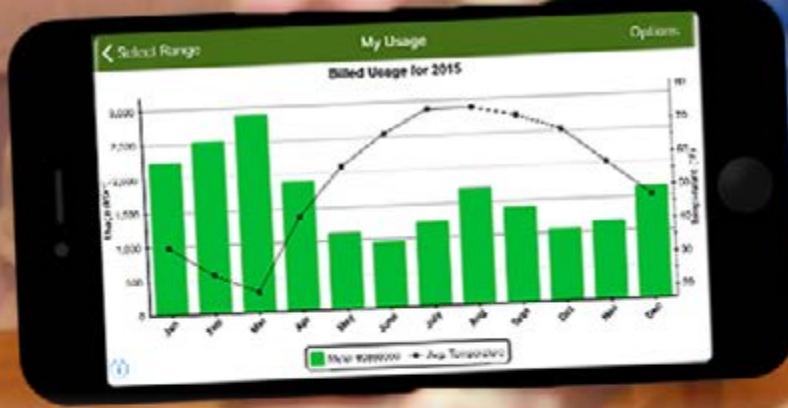
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For us to continue keeping you informed, we ask for your most up-to-date contact information. Please update your contact information by calling our office at 317-736-6174. Your contact information is held in strict confidence and we do not sell or share your information.

Tip of the Month

Warmer weather is on the way! Use energy efficient window treatments or coverings, like blinds, shades, and films, to reduce solar heat gain in your home. These devices not only improve the look of your home, they also reduce energy costs.





Find ways to save

As a member of Johnson County REMC, you are in a unique position to find ways to save on your monthly bill. Because we are a not-for-profit organization, our goal is to provide safe, reliable power at the most affordable price for our members.

It's common sense that if you use less electricity, your bill will be lower. But there's more to it than that. Johnson County REMC purchases electricity from a local generation cooperative. When electricity use is high, we pay peak demand charges for the electricity we purchase. By incorporating energy conservation methods and by looking for ways to reduce or change electricity use, you can help reduce the demand for electricity. As a cooperative, we pass these savings directly on to you. Let's take a look at some of the ways you can save.

Basic energy efficiency practices, like caulking around windows and doors, turning off lights when you leave the room and using a programmable thermostat are great ways to start saving.

Monitor your energy consumption with SmartHub mobile app. By using this free service, you can keep tabs on when your energy use is high, what appliances use the most electricity and other details about your energy consumption. This information is available at your fingertips and will help you make informed decisions on how to save energy.

When you use electricity is just as important as how much you use. Typically, most households use larger amounts of electricity in the mornings and evenings – when most people are either getting ready for their day or returning home. Johnson County REMC offers a Residential and Farm Service Time-of-Use Schedule rate (RTOU) for more information go to <http://jcremc.com/residential/rates> or watch the video: What is RTOU under <http://jcremc.com/community-outreach/multimedia>.

Johnson County REMC is proud to educate and assist our members in electricity conservation and use. To find out more about incentives, rates and tips visit jcremc.com.

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