



COOPERATIVE SOLUTIONS IN COMPLEX TIMES

Annual tradition brings together members, staff for breakfast, Blue River Band, and business meeting

Winter 2023



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JCREMC Community Fund awards grants to local non-profits

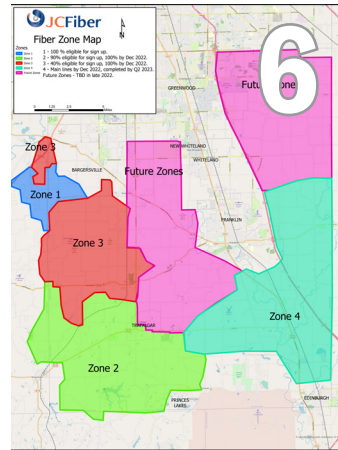
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FOR GREATER GOOD

Community Fund turns cents into change

Needham Elementary School's Special Education department will now be able to provide students with iPad learning systems.

The Physical Education department can continue expanding their Ninja course.

These are just two of 16 projects and programs to receive an Operation Round-Up grant from the JCREMC Community Fund in Fall 2022.

Operation Round-Up grants are made possible by JCREMC members who elect to have their monthly electric bills rounded up to the nearest whole dollar. The rounded amount is placed in the JCREMC Community Fund to provide financial support for charitable causes and non-profit organizations in the communities served by JCREMC. The average amount each participant contributes in a year is \$6.

Local organizations can apply for up to \$5,000 in project-based grant funding each April and October. An independent advisory board oversees the JCREMC Community fund and selects grant recipients. The fund is administered by the Johnson County



JCREMC Community Fund Advisory Board members present a grant check to Needham Elementary Physical Education students and faculty.

Community Foundation.

The next round of applications will be open starting April 1. Learn more and see the list of all previous grant recipients at jcremc.com by clicking *Operation Round-Up* under the *Community* tab.

FALL 2022 GRANT RECIPIENTS

A Senior Retreat Senior Services Fund of Community Foundation of Morgan County

Accessible Deck with Ramp

Amity Community Volunteer Fire Department

Rapid Intervention Team Equipment

Autism Community Connection

My Summer Journey Program

Bluff Creek Christian Church

Mobile Shoe Pantry

Creative Grounds Fine Arts Academy, Inc.

Theater Program Audio Equipment

Franklin Union Needham Township, Johnson County

Joint Action Kare Initiative

Greater Harvest Food Pantry, Inc.

Project EXPAND

Habitat for Humanity of Johnson County

Soup Bowl Fundraiser

Indian Creek High School

Creek Cattle Company Program

Concrete Floor and Watering System

Indiana Phenology Company

Observation Kits

Interchurch Food Pantry of Johnson County, LLC

Food Replenishment Project

Johnson County Historical Society

Training Area with Tables and Chairs

Needham Elementary Physical Education

Ninja Course Equipment

Needham Elementary Special Education

iPad Learning Systems

Resources of Hope, Inc.

Kitchen and Training Room Project

Webb Elementary PTO

Gaga Pit Mat

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Your Electric Cooperative

Annual Meeting

MEMBER REGISTRATION



*Cooperative Solutions
in Complex Times*

ANNUAL MEETING

2023

Franklin Community High School
April 15 | 8 a.m.

THE JCREMC ANNUAL MEETING is April 15, 2023, at Franklin Community High School, 2600 Cumberland Dr., Franklin.

The meeting is a time for JCREMC consumers, directors, and staff to celebrate the previous year and look forward to the future. It's also the time when members vote in the Board of Directors Election.

The 2023 meeting theme, "Cooperative Solutions in Complex Times," represents the cooperative's innovation in serving members in an ever-evolving energy sector, said John Sturm, JCREMC CEO and JCFiber President.

"There has been so much change in the electric industry this year—both in how electricity is produced and used," he said. "At JCREMC, we pride ourselves on being forward-thinking and tackling those changes head-on for the benefit of our members."

The doors open at 8 a.m. for the traditional breakfast and voting. The Blue River Band will provide entertainment at 9 a.m., followed by the Business Meeting at 10 a.m. Sturm and members of the board will give updates on the cooperative's financial standing, new programs, rates, and JCFiber construction.

Activity bags will be provided for children to take into the Performing Arts Center during the Business Meeting. Families can also elect to sit in overflow seating in the cafeteria where the meeting will be live-streamed.

Districts 1 and 4 are up for election in 2023.

Registration cards and election information, including candidate bios, will be mailed to all members in March. Attendees should bring their registration cards to the meeting.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

Read full candidate bios at jcremc.com under the *Annual Meeting* tab.

UNCONTESTED



DISTRICT 1
Glenn McAlpin
(Incumbent)

CONTESTED



DISTRICT 4
James Meredith
(Incumbent)



DISTRICT 4
Greg Fennig

GRAND PRIZE CASH DRAWINGS

Each attending membership will receive a free gift and coin purse with \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, or \$100 inside. Attendees will also be entered into the Grand Prize drawing* for these prizes:

\$2,000 (one winner)

\$1,000 (one winner)

\$500 (one winner)

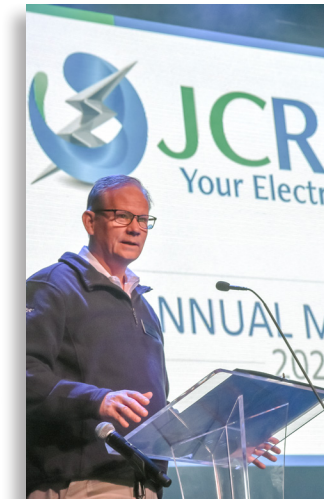
\$250 (two winners)

*Must be present to win.

BLUE RIVER BAND

Blue River Band will entertain guests at the 2023 JCREMC Annual Meeting. The local favorite country band is known throughout the Midwest for their fun, high-energy performances and great music.

Lead vocalist Chuck Crull founded Blue River Band in 1994. Since then, the group has played all over the Midwest, and opened for many national acts. Learn more at brbrocks.com.



ON THE AGENDA

8-10 AM

Registration
Breakfast
Voting Open

9 AM

Blue River Band

10 AM

Business Meeting



Falling rates, growing reach



JCFiber simplifies broadband plan offerings, lowers monthly rates

JCFiber will lower broadband rates beginning March 1. The rates decreases will apply to all new and existing JCFiber customers.

The price decrease comes on the heels of the JCREMC broadband subsidiary simplifying monthly plans.

New plans are *Standard* (150 Mbps), *Plus* (500 Mbps), and *Premium* (1 Gbps). The monthly price for *Standard* will decrease from \$84.95 to \$79.95, *Plus* will decrease from \$109.95 to \$99.95. *Premium* will decrease from \$129.95 to \$114.95. These prices are all-inclusive, with no hidden fees, taxes, or other charges.

Current Customers

Current customers on the discontinued 300 Mb and 600 Mb plans will automatically be upgraded to the next higher speed at no additional cost. Current customers

STANDARD
150 Mb
\$79.95/mo.

PLUS
500 Mb
\$99.95/mo.

PREMIUM
1 Gb
\$114.95/mo.

on the 75 Mb package will be grandfathered in at the current rate, and can call 317-736-6174 to upgrade. The new lower rates will automatically be applied to all other customer accounts.

Affordable Connectivity Program

JCFiber participates in the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) from the Federal Communications Commission. Eligible households can receive a \$30 per month discount toward internet services.

ACP participants are eligible (but not required) to choose JCFiber's Basic 75 Mb service package, which is \$64.95 per month before the \$30 per month ACP credit is applied.

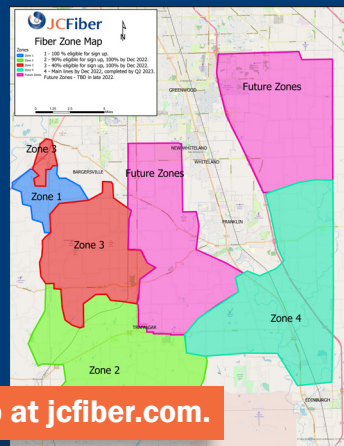
Check whether your household is eligible to sign up for JCFiber service at jcfiber.com. You can also check availability in the myJCREMC mobile app.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

JCFiber continues to close the digital divide in Johnson County and surrounding areas.

The company's 4-year expansion is more than halfway complete with all residents in Zone 1 eligible to sign up for service. Approximately 85 percent of residents in Zone 2, 75 percent in Zone 3, and 10 percent in Zone 4 can now sign up. Postcards are sent to eligible addresses when service becomes available.

Zone 5 will be announced this summer. Learn more at jcfiber.com.



See the map at jcfiber.com.

LOCAL STUDENT HONORED FOR SERVICE

Local student Holland Beck was recently recognized as a recipient of Indiana Electric Cooperatives' Youth Power and Hope Awards.

Holland, a 7th grader at Franklin Community Middle School, is heavily involved in her local community.

At school last year, Holland participated in a Young Entrepreneur class. After learning how to use a 3D printer in that class, she made over 100 articulated animal figures along with still figures such as castles and vases. She then sold the items, with the proceeds going to help a local animal shelter.

In addition, she is an active volunteer for Ascension St. Vincent Hospital where she has contributed her time to several events that raise

funds for the hospital and its Peyton Manning Children's Hospital.

As she mentioned in her award entry, her volunteer work has allowed her to "make a positive impact in areas that involve younger people."

Holland is the daughter of JCREMC members Christopher and Maureen Beck.

Indiana Electric Cooperatives has recognized young Hoosiers through the Youth Power and Hope Awards since 2009. The program

honors a select group of students in grades 5 through 8 who are making an impact on their communities. Learn more at indianaconnection.org/youthpowerandhope.



Holland Beck (right) delivers supplies to the Animal Shelter of Johnson County.

This is a modified excerpt from an article that originally ran in *Indiana Connection* magazine. Read the full story at indianaconnection.org.

ARE YOU ENTERING 7TH GRADE IN 2023?
CAMP KILOWATT
CAMP TECUMSEH / BROOKSTON, IND
EST. 2003
JUNE 7-10, 2023
APPLY NOW!

Energize your student's summer at Camp Kilowatt! This fun, powerful and unique camp experience is designed for students entering 7th grade in 2023. Apply by March 1.

campkilowatt.org

You must be a junior to apply!
INDIANA YOUTH TOUR '23
WASHINGTON, D.C.
June 11-18, 2023
MONUMENTS, MUSEUMS, LEGISLATORS, FRIENDS, HISTORY. TRIP OF A LIFETIME.
APPLY NOW!

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Have a high school junior who would enjoy a trip to Gettysburg Battlefield, visiting Smithsonian Museums and meeting new friends? Apply for Youth Tour 2023 by March 1.

indianayouthtour.org

INVEST ONCE, SAVE TWICE

JCREMC offers rebates for energy efficiency upgrades

JCREMC offers rebates for equipment and home improvements that enhance energy efficiency and help consumers lower their monthly electric bills.

These rebates apply to certain heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) equipment purchases and tune-ups, attic insulation and duct sealing, smart thermostats, variable-speed pool pumps, and electric outdoor equipment.

Rebates on energy-efficient equipment and home efficiency upgrades mean consumers can save money on initial costs, and again on monthly electric bills.

For a limited time, JCREMC also offers a rebate for the installation of 240-volt electric vehicle charging outlets and free programmable EV chargers for qualifying members.

Learn more about JCREMC's rebates and see the full terms and conditions on our website at jcremc.com/savings/rebates.

Residential

REBATES

- ✓ Home Upgrades
- ✓ Outdoor Equipment
- ✓ HVAC
- ✓ Thermostats
- ✓ EV Charging
- ✓ Pool Pumps

