



YOU'RE GETTING MORE MONEY BACK

By Kurt Harris, General Manager/CEO

Last month we announced that JREC's board of directors approved returning over \$248,510 in capital credits to members on the November energy bill. Details on the retirement of capital credits, what these credits are, and how they are returned can be found at jrec.com/capital-credits. Be sure to look for your credit on this month's bill.

More Good News!

Dairyland Power Cooperative, our wholesale power provider, recently notified us that they will be returning \$118,860 in excess margins from the years 2020 and 2021 to our cooperative. Our board has approved returning these margins back to active members based on their patronage for the same years. We anticipate that we will receive this refund in time to get it applied to the bills mailed in December.

Celebration Event Planned

We will be celebrating our 85th anniversary on Friday, November 10. This is the day that Jump River Electric Co-op became incorporated many years ago and the hard work began to bring electric service to our rural communities.

All members are invited to stop by one of our offices to enjoy cake and coffee that will be served from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. that day. We hope you will stop

in and celebrate this milestone with us and share your co-op story. There will be give-a-ways and a prize drawing at each location. The pictures below help us remember the earlier years at the co-op.



THE JOURNEY: What it takes to become a journeyman lineworker

The first step for men and women who want to take this journey is to graduate from a one-year Electric Power Distribution/Lineworker post-secondary school program. The next is to complete the apprenticeship program.

Apprentice lineworkers get regular classroom instruction in safety, electrical theory, circuitry, transformer connections, and more throughout their apprenticeship. They must also work full time as an apprentice for 8,000 hours (includes classroom time), or nearly four years.

Welcome, Zach!

Zach Aune was hired in May as Hayward summer help and this past October became a full-time employee as an apprentice lineworker. Zach

grew up in the Clear Lake area and attended Chippewa Valley Technical College, graduating from the Electric Power Distribution/Lineworker program. He loves being outdoors, fishing, and hanging out with friends and family.

Zach said his love for the outdoors and the opportunity to learn new things drew him to linework. He added, "My experience at Jump River Electric Cooperative has been great and everyone has been very welcoming." He is also looking forward to a long career at the co-op and making great friendships.



Zach Aune

Apprenticeship Completed

Congratulations to Ben Valentin on completing his apprenticeship and becoming a journeyman lineman. Ben has been with the cooperative since 2022 and works out of the Hayward office.

"Both Zach and Ben have proven themselves to be an asset to our line crew. We are very lucky to have them and are looking forward to the many years they will be at the cooperative, serving the members and keeping the lights on," said Kraig Gay, Hayward line superintendent.



Ben Valentin

LOCAL BALLFIELD RECEIVES MUCH-NEEDED FACELIFT

Cooperative Month Kicked-Off with Community Improvement Project

Concern for Community and Cooperation Among Cooperatives are two of seven core principles that guide all co-ops, including Jump River Electric Cooperative (JREC). These principles were put into practice on October 4, when co-op employees and directors from across the state joined together to revitalize the Tony youth ballfield.

This cooperative effort was spearheaded by our wholesale power provider, Dairyland Power Cooperative. It was one of six projects completed throughout Dairyland's 44,500-square mile service area in recognition of National Co-op Month and Dairyland's inaugural Cooperative Day of Service.

Giving back to the community is very important to this cooperative, so when Dairyland announced they were going to hold a Cooperative Day of Service, JREC wanted to be part of this group effort to improve the communities they serve and live within. They looked throughout the community for projects



that would help a lot of people and could be completed in one day. It didn't take long before they found a ballfield in Tony, used by numerous youth ball teams, that was in a great need of repair.

Volunteers gave this ballfield a facelift by removing and replacing old fences and bleachers. Tony Lumber donated the treated lumber for the bleachers and benches, and contributions for the rest of the materials were made from the cooperative and its Federated Youth Foundation as well as Dairyland Power.

The improvements made to this

local ballfield will benefit the numerous youth players from Rusk, Chippewa, and Taylor counties who play on this field as well as the parents and grandparents who sit on the bleachers cheering them on.

Thank you to the many volunteers from Jump River Electric Cooperative, Taylor Electric Cooperative, and Dairyland Power Cooperative and to Tony Lumber for their generous donation. The work performed by these volunteers not only revitalized this ballfield, but made it a safer place for the community to enjoy for years to come.





DID YOU KNOW?



An electric cooperative is probably one of the few businesses that encourages you to use less of their product. Plus, they offer the tools and programs to achieve this goal. Check out the ways to save energy and money at jrec.com/energy-sense-rebates.

With only a few months left in 2023, you may be finishing up an energy-saving home-improvement project before winter sets in or shopping for a new appliance for someone on your special holiday list. Receipts and all necessary paperwork for the rebates must be submitted before December 31, and within three months of purchasing (or installing) the energy efficient item.



JREC YOUTH WINS WECA ESSAY CONTEST

Rowan attends Winter High School and was one of the three students sponsored by JREC to attend this year's Youth Leadership Conference (YLC) (photo inset). Following the YLC, he participated in both the JREC and Wisconsin Energy Cooperative Association's (WECA) statewide essay contest. His essay was on the importance of electrical safety and how it plays a prominent role within our cooperative and for our employees and members.

Not only did this essay win him JREC's \$100 first place prize, but he also placed first in the statewide contest and will receive a \$1,000 scholarship from WECA. You can read his essay at jrec.com/news and it will be featured in a future issue of this magazine. Congratulations, Rowan! #SafetyFirst

Christmas Wish Program

Help spread holiday cheer!

The Christmas Wish program, now in its 27th year, is all about spreading holiday cheer while helping those in need. Our cooperative, along with Touchstone Energy, other north central Wisconsin co-ops, WIGM 1490 AM, and WKEB 99.3 FM are sponsoring this program.

If you know someone who could use a boost this holiday season, make a wish on their behalf by contacting WIGM/WKEB Radio at PO Box 59, Medford, WI 54451; (715) 748-2752 by fax; or www.K99WIGM.com. Please include the name, address, and phone number of the individual you are making a wish for, and the wish you would like granted. The promotions and wishes that are granted are for recipients residing within the service territory of one of the sponsoring cooperatives and within the broadcast area of WKEB/WIGM radio.

Requests are being taken until December 18, 2023.

If you'd like to become part of this 27-year tradition, contact the radio station at 715-748-2566. They gladly accept donations for the Christmas Wish Program.

DUAL FUEL HEAT TO BE TESTED

November 15, beginning at 7 a.m.

As the heating season fast approaches, it's time to test the residential electric heating systems on the dual fuel program to ensure the control device and the backup heating system is functioning properly. The test will begin at 7 a.m., with restoration of all electric heat by 11 p.m. If your electric heat remains on during the test or if you experience other problems, please contact our office at 715-532-5524.

Reducing your consumption between these same hours during the coldest winter days will help reduce the number of peak alerts and dual-fuel electric heat interruptions. This also helps JREC save on our wholesale power bill, allowing us to pass these savings on to you.

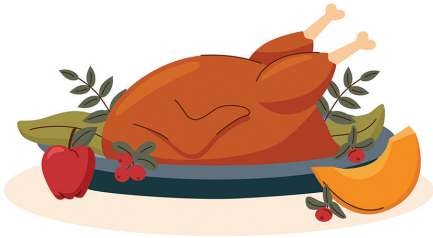
Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram as peak alert notifications are posted there. You can also tune in to the following stations to hear peak alert messages as they occur.

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WLDY 93.1 FM

WRLS 92.3 FM
WIAL I-94 FM

WECL 92.9 FM
WAXX 104.5 FM

Make 13 your lucky number this Thanksgiving!



That's right, you could be one of 13 members whose name is drawn for our traditional Lucky 13 turkey drawing. Each day during the weekdays of November 6 – 22, a name will be drawn to win a turkey—just in time for Thanksgiving dinner. Please enter; this could be your year!

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____
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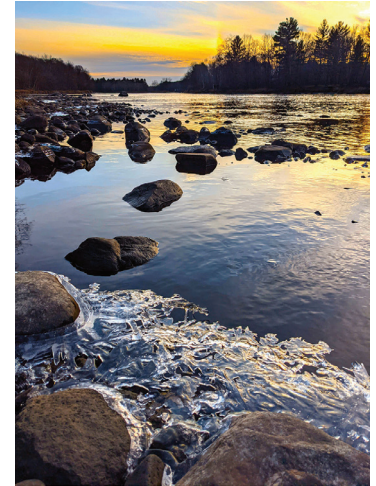
Two entries per family, one winner per household.

FALL PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS
 Beauty everywhere you look!

It was not an easy task picking the top three photo contest winners as each participant sent pictures that truly displayed the beauty that is all around us. You will find these and other submitted photos within the 2024 co-op calendar that will be available at each office at the end of the year. Be sure to stop at the office in December and pick one up.



First Place – Pat Nehring of Hayward
 Parsley-Snacking
 Black Swallowtail Caterpillars



Second Place – Amy Krumenauer of Ladysmith
 Icy Morning



Third Place – Guy Franzese of Hayward
 The View at Teal Lake

Veterans Day ★ *November 11*

We remember the missing, celebrate the living, and recognize the past and present who defend our country and our freedom. Thank you for your service!



Happy Thanksgiving
 from all of us at JREC

Offices will be closed
 November 23 & 24

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