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SERVICE INTERRUPTIONS

To report an outage or emergency, call 812-295-4200 or 800-762-7362 day or night.

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MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, Dec. 22, 7 p.m.,
Davies-Martin County REMC office

BILL PAYMENT OPTIONS

- SmartHub — online bill payment system
- Budget billing
- Auto bank draft
- Drive-through window
- Night depository
- Credit card payment (VISA, Discover and MasterCard accepted)
- Pay-by-phone: 1-888-222-0624

MISSION STATEMENT

"Our mission is to provide safe, reliable electricity and quality services for our members at a reasonable cost."



LOWER ENERGY BILLS THIS WINTER

Small actions like turning down your thermostat, replacing old bulbs with LEDs and washing clothes in cold water can help you save.

— U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY



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GIVING BACK *is the co-op way*



As some of you might know, cooperatives across the globe adhere to the same seven cooperative

principles that guide all of our decisions — from how we run the co-op, to how we engage with our local communities. Concern for community is the seventh principle, and it is one that all employees of Davies-Martin County REMC value year-round. But during the holiday season, concern for community seems especially important.

We at Davies-Martin County REMC give back through helping in the community and giving monetary donations to a number of different programs and organizations throughout our footprint. Our members help us give back, too. Through

the Operation Round Up program, members can round up their energy bills to the next dollar amount, and the extra change goes toward helping those in need, right here in our community.

There are many ways you can give back to the community that go beyond dollar donations. Take some time to go through your closets and find clothes that no longer fit or have lost their use. Bag those items up and take them to your local Salvation Army, Goodwill or church clothing drive. Volunteer for a local food or toy drive, deliver meals to the sick and the elderly or simply make a meal for a neighbor in need.

No matter how great or small the act, every time we give back, we strengthen our community. So, take the time to give back this holiday season. You'll be glad you did.

JANE BAHLER-HURT
General Manager



YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!

In each magazine issue, Daviess-Martin County REMC asks our readers three questions. The answers can be found in the articles of Indiana Connection. Clip the coupon below along the dotted line. Fill it out and return it to our office with your monthly payment before the 20th of the month. (Delinquent members are not eligible.)

Each month, a winner will be drawn from the entries submitted. Make sure you bring or mail in your most recent coupon, as the coupons are dated monthly. Members with automatic payment accounts will be entered in the contest as well. Copies will not be accepted, and coupons are not available at the office! Winners will be notified and their names will be published in the following monthly issue of Indiana Connection.

MONTHLY WINNERS: Kelby Wagler, Loogootee

For bills dated the 5th of the month and paid by the 20th.

1. Replacing old lightbulbs with _____ can lower your energy bill.
2. Keep a winter storm preparedness kit fully stocked with supplies for _____ days.
3. Once a refrigerator reaches temperatures higher than _____ F, foods can become unsafe to eat.

NAME:

ADDRESS:

ACCOUNT NO.:

PHONE NO.:

CHRISTMAS COOKIES

recipe

INGREDIENTS

- ½ cup softened butter
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- ½ cup packed brown sugar
- ⅓ cup peanut butter
- 1 egg
- ½ T. vanilla extract
- 1¾ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 t. baking soda
- Nonpareil Christmas sprinkles
- Peppermint Hershey's Kisses

INSTRUCTIONS

- Preheat your oven to 350 F.
- Line a baking sheet with a piece of parchment paper.
- In a large mixing bowl, beat softened butter with sugars.
- Now mix in peanut butter, egg and vanilla.
- Then mix in flour and baking soda.
- Mix in a few tablespoons of sprinkles.
- Scoop out dough with a tablespoon and roll it into a ball.
- Bake for 10 minutes. Cookies will appear underdone and soft.
- Allow the cookies to cool on the baking sheet for about 5 minutes.
- Press a Hershey's Kiss into the center and immediately put the cookie sheet into the freezer for 5 minutes.



ARE YOU PREPARED FOR

winter storms?

Prepare for prolonged outages, dangers during winter storms

Indiana weather can be unpredictable, especially during the winter months. That's why you should prepare for dangerous situations before a storm hits.

It is especially important to develop a plan for prolonged power outages during these harsh months. Heavy snows, freezing rain and ice storms can all create electrical hazards.

Being safe around electricity is something you should focus on year-round. Indiana winters can bring a whole slew of dangerous hazards, especially where power lines are concerned.

Snow and ice often accumulate on power lines. The added weight may cause lines to snap off the poles or cause the poles to break. That can bring power lines into contact with the ground, trees, homes, vehicles and other objects. If people or pets come in contact with a live power line, they can suffer serious injury or even death.

Due to these dangerous conditions, many residents may be confined to their homes for days at a time. That's why it is important to have a plan in place, especially during these prolonged outages. To better prepare you and your family for a power outage, your electric co-op recommends members keep a storm preparedness kit fully stocked with enough supplies for three days. The basic supplies in this kit should include:

- Bottled water
- Non-perishable food
- Emergency blankets
- First aid kit/medicine
- Flashlight
- Battery-operated or hand-crank radio
- Extra batteries
- Toiletries

Visit goiec.org/3muM9Ae for more tips from the American Red Cross about how to build an emergency kit.

Now that your family is prepared for a prolonged outage, what should you do if the lights do go out?

Keep warm air in and cool air out by not opening doors to unused rooms. Do not open doors to the outdoors unless necessary.

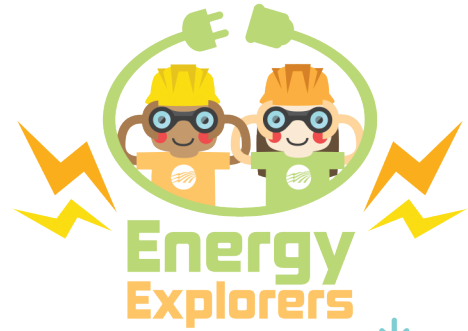
Food safety is also important when there is a prolonged outage. Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible, and eat perishable food first. If you know a winter storm is coming, stock up on ice so you can keep things in coolers to keep them from going bad if an outage lasts longer than a day. Once the refrigerator reaches temperatures higher than 40 degrees Fahrenheit, foods can become unsafe to eat.

To protect your home's electrical equipment during an outage, turn off and unplug all unnecessary electronics or appliances. This will keep equipment from being damaged by surges or spikes when the power returns.

WINTER WONDERLAND WORD SEARCH

Can you find all the words associated with winter in the puzzle below?

Use the word bank to check your work.



Energy Explorers



WINTER ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP:

Instead of turning up the heat in your home, wear an extra layer of clothing or get cozy under your favorite blanket!

WORD BANK:

- snowflake
- mittens
- scarf
- snowball
- chilly
- icicles
- cocoa
- earmuffs
- fireplace
- blanket