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MONTHLY MEETING Tuesday, Nov. 24, 7 p.m., Daviess-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."

KEEP COLD AIR OUT TO SAVE ENERGY

Seal air leaks around pipes and any gaps around chimneys and unfinished spaces behind cupboards and closets.

- U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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GIVING BACK TO OUR community



Over the years, you've probably heard or read about Daviess-Martin County REMC's concern for our community. This is one of the

core principles that sets cooperatives apart from other types of utilities and businesses. We've always taken this mission and responsibility to heart. It's who we are as a co-op.

Over the past few months, like so many of you, we've risen to meet new challenges and strengthen the safety net for our community, particularly for those who are most vulnerable. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we've made numerous adjustments to programs and operations to maintain business continuity while staying focused on the bigger mission of helping our consumer-members during this turbulent time.

Now, with the holidays fast approaching, these recent events have made me pause and think about the role we play in our community. While our purpose is to provide safe and reliable energy to you, the members we serve, we have a greater mission — to be a catalyst for good. You're probably aware of our Operation Round Up program, where we take donations from generous members like you who have "rounded up" the amount due on their electric bill to help our local organizations and groups with funding or our Youth Tour program, where we take our community's brightest young people to Washington, D.C., for a week-long immersion to experience democracy in action.

We also have a strong commitment to safety — not just for our employees, but for our community as well. We visit schools to teach children of all ages how to stay safe around electricity.

Daviess-Martin County REMC invests in the economic development of the community through an active role in our local chambers of commerce. We've made our community room and additional office space available for community meetings and events.

We know that our core job is to keep the lights on, but our passion is our community because we live and work here too, and we want to make it a better place for all.

If there's anything we can do to help you — whether providing energysaving advice to help lower your monthly bill or discuss payment plan options during these difficult times please reach out to us.

Concern for community is the heart and soul of who we are. And no matter what the future brings, you can count on your electric co-op to care about you.

JANE BAHLER-HURT General Manager

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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: Rose Bradley, Loogootee

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

- 1. Veterans Day was originally known as _____ Day.
- LEDs purchased through dmremc.com include a
 ______ - year warranty.
- Use your dishwasher efficiently by only running loads.

NAME:

ADDRESS:

ACCOUNT NO.:

PHONE NO.:

Updates coming to online lighting store

At the end of the year, Daviess-Martin County REMC will be updating its Team Up Online Lighting Store incentive program to meet the changing member needs and industry trends.

As part of an effort to introduce new incentives in the future, a decision has been made to discontinue the current member rebate on the online Team Up Lighting Store, effective Dec. 31, 2020. Members may still order ENERGY STAR-qualified lighting with free shipping from the online Team Up store, but rebates will no longer be applied to a member's order after the first of the year.

LEDs continue to be the leading fixture type for efficiency and cost savings in the industry. The benefit of continuing to order your lighting fixtures through Daviess-Martin County REMC's online store is a guaranteed fiveyear warranty on fixtures, as well as peace of mind that your lightbulbs are produced to the highest standards.

If you are interested in taking advantage of the limited time offer for rebates on online lighting purchases, please visit www.dmremc.com by Dec. 31 and look for the "Discount LED Bulbs" link under "Member Services" and "Energy Savings."

Daviess-Martin County REMC looks forward to introducing new incentive programs in the future and working closely with our membership to explore extended opportunities for energy savings.

HAPPY Thanksgiving

This month, as we celebrate Thanksgiving, Daviess-Martin County REMC's office will be closed Nov. 26 and 27.





Honoring all who served

An act approved on May 13, 1938, designated Nov. 11 as a legal holiday dedicated to the cause of world peace. Known as Armistice Day, this was a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I, but in 1954, after World War II and the Korean conflict, Congress amended the act and renamed it Veterans Day. The day honors America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.



Four ways to save energy in the kitchen

Ah, the kitchen. It's undeniably one of the most-loved rooms in our homes. It's where we gather with family and friends for our favorite meals and memories. But like most of us, you probably aren't thinking about saving energy when you're planning that perfect dish. Here are four ways you can save energy in the kitchen with minimal effort.

WHEN POSSIBLE, COOK WITH SMALLER APPLIANCES. Using

smaller kitchen appliances, like slow cookers, toaster ovens and convection ovens is more energy efficient than using your large stove or oven. According to the Department of Energy, a toaster or convection oven uses one-third to one-half as much energy as a full-sized oven.

UNPLUG APPLIANCES THAT DRAW PHANTOM ENERGY LOAD.

Halloween may be over, but it's possible you have energy vampires in your kitchen — these are the appliances that draw energy even when they're not in use, like coffee makers, microwaves and toaster ovens. The Department of Energy has estimated that one home's energy vampires left plugged in year-round can add up to \$100-\$200 in wasted energy costs. Unplug them when they're not in use, or better yet, use a power strip for convenient control.

HELP LARGE APPLIANCES WORK

LESS. There are small ways you can help your larger kitchen appliances run more efficiently. For example, keep range-top burners clean from spills and fallen foods so they'll reflect heat better. When it's time to put leftovers in the refrigerator, make sure the food is covered and allow it to cool down first. That way, the fridge doesn't have to work harder to cool warm food.

USE YOUR DISHWASHER

EFFICIENTLY. Only run full loads, and avoid using the "rinse hold" function on your machine for just a few dirty dishes; it uses 3-7 gallons of hot water each use. You can also save energy by letting your dishes air dry. If your dishwasher doesn't have an automatic air-dry switch, simply turn it off after the final rinse and prop the door open so the dishes will dry faster.

FALL SAFETY TIPS

Daviess-Martin County REMC reminds you to keep electrical safety in mind as the cooler fall weather moves many activities back indoors. The following safety tips will help you stay safe during the change of seasons:

- Safely store warm weather tools like lawn mowers and trimmers. Check cold weather tools, such as leaf and snow blowers, along with their power cords, for unusual wear and tear. Repair or replace worn tools or parts right away.
- Unplug and safely store battery chargers that won't be in use again until spring.
- Use only weatherproof electrical devices for outside activities. Protect outdoor electrical devices from moisture. Make sure electrical equipment that has been wet is inspected and reconditioned by a certified repair dealer.
- Keep dry leaves swept away from outdoor lighting, outlets and power cords.





CALENDAR of STUDENT ART







win \$20

ENTER YOUR BEST ARTWORK

ELIGIBILITY

Indiana public, private or home-schooled students in kindergarten through 12th grade during the 2020-21 school year are eligible to enter the contest.

DETAILS AND DEADLINE

A complete set of rules and required entry forms are available at **indianaconnection.org/for-youth/artcontest.** Artwork must be received by March 19, 2021.

PRIZES

A first-place artist will be selected for each grade, K-12, and will receive \$200. The artwork of each grade level winner will also illustrate either the cover or a month of the calendar. Additional artists will earn honorable mention awards and will receive \$75. Their artwork will appear in a special section of the calendar. An "artist of the year" will be selected from among the first place winners and will receive an additional \$100.

Questions? Contact Indiana Connection, 317.487.2220 or info@indianaconnection.org.