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Tuesday, Oct. 27, 7 p.m.,

Davies-Martin County REMC office

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Budget billing

Auto bank draft

Drive-through window

Night depository

Credit card payment (VISA, Discover and MasterCard accepted)

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

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



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With proper equipment maintenance and upgrades like additional insulation and air sealing, you can save about 30% on your energy bill.

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# Power on: October is National Co-op Month



As an electric cooperative, our top priority is always to provide reliable, affordable energy to you, the consumer-

members we serve. Because we are a co-op, our mission is to enrich the lives of our members and serve the long-term interests of our local community — and this mission has never been more critical than in recent months. One of the seven principles that guides all co-ops is “concern for community.” To me, this principle is the essential DNA of Davies-Martin County REMC, and it sets us apart from other electric utilities.

October is National Co-op Month, and electric cooperatives across the country are highlighting the

many ways we “Power On.” Keeping this theme in mind, I recognize the essential role we play in serving a special community like ours.

Who would have fathomed in March that the COVID-19 virus would test our community and our nation?

The changing circumstances due to the pandemic have created both challenges and opportunities. Over the past several months, we’ve all been challenged to operate differently, and Davies-Martin County REMC has stepped up to help our members and strengthen the safety net for our more vulnerable neighbors.

As an essential service, and to ensure reliability of your power supply, we modified our operations to safeguard business continuity. Our line crews

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Then. Now. Always.  
We're proud to power your life.  
**October is National Co-op Month.**

**#PowerOn**

## co-op news

# 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:** Charles and Rose Ball, Mitchell

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

1. Members who participate in \_\_\_\_\_ Round Up allow their monthly electric bills to be "rounded up" to the next dollar to help groups in need.
2. October is National \_\_\_\_\_ Month.
3. Daviess-Martin County REMC was built to help the community in \_\_\_\_\_.

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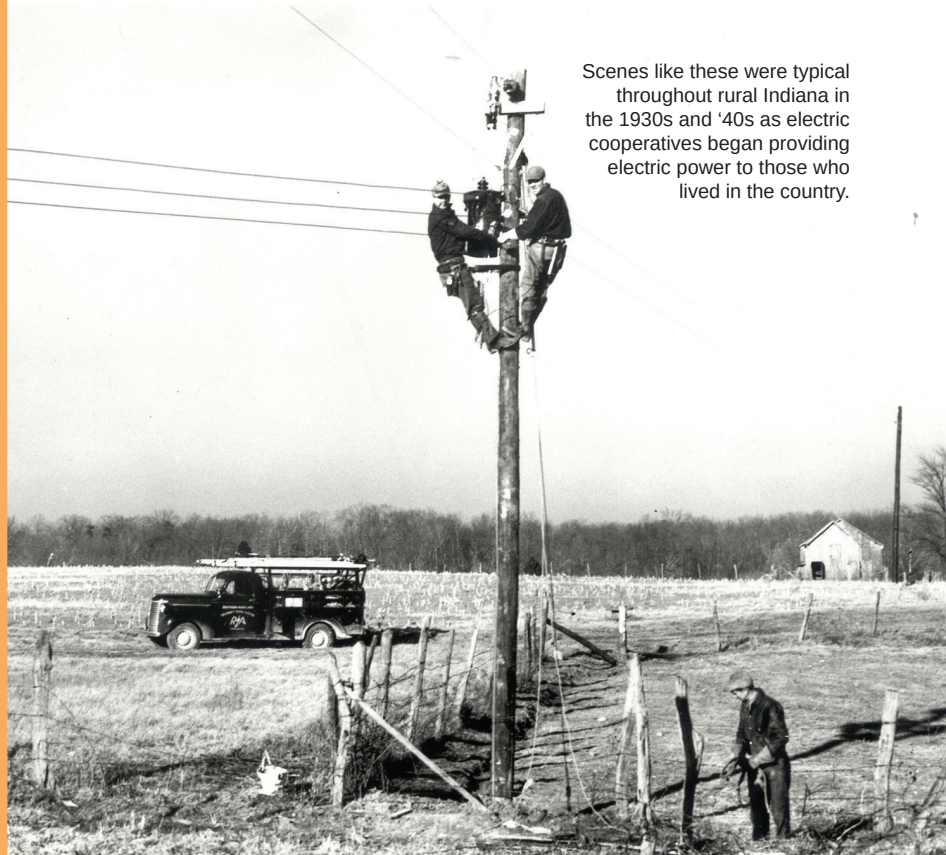
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Scenes like these were typical throughout rural Indiana in the 1930s and '40s as electric cooperatives began providing electric power to those who lived in the country.

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and other employees began working on staggered schedules to maintain separation. Some staff worked remotely. In the office, we limited and modified meetings and gatherings to allow for safe separation. We also adjusted our walk-in office availability and in-person service calls to ensure the health and safety of our employees and our valued members. For the health and safety of everyone, we think these measures were the prudent course of action for the times.

For our members impacted by COVID-19 who needed help with their electric bills, we waived late fees and worked with those hardest hit to make special payment arrangements.

I tell you about all of these efforts not to boast about Daviess-Martin County REMC but to explain how much we care about this community — because we live here too.

We've seen other local businesses rising to meet similar challenges during this time, because that's what communities do. While the challenges caused by COVID-19 have been daunting, I'm heartened to see how everyone is pulling together.

In 1939, Daviess-Martin County REMC was built by the community to serve the community, and that's what we'll continue to do — Power On.

**JANE BAHLER-HURT**  
General Manager

# Rounding up to support our community

**D**aviess-Martin County REMC is proud to have a program in place that can easily get funds to local groups and organizations that have a big impact on our community. This program is called Daviess-Martin REMC Community Fund, Inc. also known as Operation Round Up.

DMREMC members who participate in Operation Round Up allow their monthly electric bills to be “rounded up” to the next dollar. That spare change is placed in a community fund, overseen by a volunteer board of directors.

This volunteer board meets each quarter to review the requests for grants. Local community groups, non-profits, fire departments, school programs and similar organizations can apply.

In the most recent round of grants, **Martin County Christmas Toy Store** received a \$1,500 grant to help with its annual community-sponsored event. Last year, the Toy Store provided gifts for 157 families with 431 children receiving gifts.

The **Elmore Community Association** received a \$1,500 grant to help with facility expenses due to the COVID-19 pandemic limiting its normal sources of funding because of cancellations of events.

The **Martin County Humane Society** received a \$1,500 grant to help with

providing the animal shelter with spay/neuter and wellness services to the region.

**Washington Township Volunteer Fire Department** received a \$1,500 grant to help with the expenses of purchasing new nozzles and appliances that allow for more efficient use of water resources.

The **Men’s Warming Shelter/St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church** received a \$650 grant to purchase bath towels and wash cloths. The facility is currently serving approximately 19 homeless men each night, and they are required to shower daily during their stay.

The **Daviess County Sheriff’s Office Explorer Post 314**, a training program that educates young adults on the purpose, mission and objectives of law enforcement agencies, received a grant of \$1,000.

**Daviess County Partnership Inc.** received a \$1,500 grant to help with its annual Jubilee Christmas program, which last year helped serve 135 families with 353 children, birth to age 15, in Daviess County that needed a little extra assistance at Christmas time.

If you are already participating in Operation Round Up and donating a few extra cents each month to help our communities, Daviess-Martin County REMC thanks you!

If you are not participating, please consider joining this great cause. To do so, please call the REMC office and let us know you would like to start participating in Operation Round Up.



**APPLY FOR A GRANT**

If your group or organization could benefit from a grant, submit an application before 4 p.m. on Nov. 30.

Applications can be downloaded from our website, [www.dmremc.com](http://www.dmremc.com).

## FOURTH QUARTER TRACKER CHANGE

Reflected on bills received beginning in November, Daviess-Martin County REMC non-industrial power tariff members will see a change in the power tracker adjustment effective Oct. 1 from a credit of 10 cents per 1,000 kWh used to a credit of \$1.57 cents per 1,000 kWh used.



# What co-ops are all about

You might be surprised by the number of co-ops around you. Co-ops have been formed to sell produce and electricity, offer financial and banking services, provide housing and health care, and so much more.

So, where did the bright idea for co-ops come from? It's a matter of principles (seven to be exact!). The modern movement traces its roots to a store started by weavers in the town of Rochdale (pronounced "Rotch-dale") in northern England in 1844. The group was guided by a set of principles drawn up by one of its members, Charles Howarth. When introduced in the United States by the National Grange in 1874, these "Rochdale Principles"

fueled a cooperative explosion.

Although stated in many ways, the Rochdale Principles require that a cooperative must be open for anyone to join. Every member retains one voice, one vote. Electric co-ops hold member business meeting annually, allowing members to elect fellow consumers to guide the co-op and have a say in how their utility is run.


There also have to be real member benefits. For example, members of electric cooperatives often get money back (called capital credits or patronage refunds) when the co-op is in good financial shape.


Education remains another big focus. Electric


cooperatives provide safety information in schools, share ideas on how to make your home more energy efficient to keep electric bills affordable, and make sure elected officials and opinion leaders know about the co-op business model. Because there is strength in numbers, co-ops tend to stick together when tackling regional and national issues.


Perhaps most important of all, co-ops are independent and community-focused, not tied to the purse strings of far-flung investors. Co-ops help drive local economic development, fund scholarships, support local charities, and work to make life better in the areas they serve — the heart of the cooperative difference.



 The first successful U.S. cooperative was organized in 1752 when Benjamin Franklin formed the Philadelphia Contributionship for the Insurance of Houses from Loss by Fire — the nation's oldest continuing cooperative.

 Electric cooperatives began because it was not cost-effective for investor-owned utilities to string power lines into rural areas in the 1930s.

 Indiana Electric Cooperatives, the statewide service association for electric cooperatives throughout Indiana (and publisher of Indiana Connection), was incorporated in 1935 and was the first organization of its kind in the country. The first electric cooperative in Indiana was Boone REMC headquartered in Lebanon, Indiana.

 Electric cooperatives in Indiana serve 1.3 million Hoosier homes, farms and businesses in 89 of the state's 92 counties.