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MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, Sept. 28, 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."



SAVE ON YOUR ENERGY BILL

Energy used for cooling and heating your home makes up the largest portion of your monthly energy bills. By combining regular equipment maintenance and upgrades with recommended insulation, air sealing and thermostat settings, you can save about 30% on your energy bills.

— U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

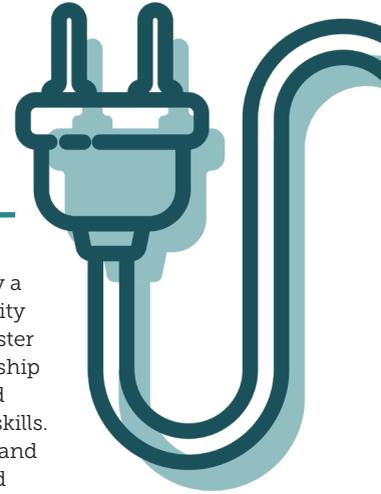


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UNPLUG

WITH MEANINGFUL COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



Most adults have a vague memory of a time when "checking for messages" meant listening to an answering machine. We carried on with our

days without relying on cell phones and managed just fine. But today, we are more connected than ever through our smart phones and other devices.

Our phones are so much more now — from cameras to calendars to social media connections — and truly disconnecting from them can be tough. But it's even harder for our kids to unplug because they only know life with these tiny screens. It's difficult for them to imagine life without computers, gaming devices, tablets or cell phones.

But there's great value in unplugging for children and adults, even if it's for just a short period of time. For kids, time away from the screen to be outside with other children allows them to connect with nature and others in a way that a virtual experience simply does not allow. They are able to experience life in the moment and allow their creativity and energy to break free.

Fortunately, we have access to great community programs and organizations like 4-H, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, etc., that provide children with a safe place to play, learn and grow, while cultivating new skills and interests.

These types of clubs and programs offer kids an opportunity to explore activities and interests outside of school academics. Children can investigate areas they might not otherwise have access to and discover new interests and passions. They often learn new skills and strengthen existing ones. It's no secret that the broader the range of experiences and activities children are exposed to, the more likely they are

to find their own path and possibly a career. Community programs also foster important leadership development and public speaking skills. Through guided and informal play and activities, children learn problem-solving and interpersonal skills that enable them to resolve conflicts peacefully and improve interpersonal relationships.

Adults can also find meaningful opportunities to spend time with the kids when we all unplug. From board games to craft projects to playing in the park, there are many ways we can unplug for some family fun.

While you and your children are disconnecting, take a moment to identify potential energy savings. Unplug electronics that are not in use to avoid "vampire" energy loss. This is the energy that is drained from technology and electronics even when they are not in use. For example, although it is turned off, your TV is waiting to receive a signal from the remote and your DVR is waiting to record the next show or perform an update.

Let's encourage youngsters to step away from the screens and join in. Encourage them to play and be part of an organization that helps them connect with others and find meaningful interactions and explore new activities and interests.

When you do plug back in, Davies-Martin County REMC is here to help you save money and energy by connecting you with our energy saving programs and services. While we'd love to see you in person, we're also just a call or click away at www.dmremc.com

JANE BAHLER-HURT
General Manager

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.

JULY WINNER: Rudy Jones, Shoals

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

1. Energy used for cooling and heating your home makes up the _____ portion of your monthly energy bills.
2. Outdated wiring and overloaded _____ are the most common causes of electrical fires.
3. Save the date for the Member Appreciation Day on Oct. _____.

NAME:

ADDRESS:

ACCOUNT NO.:

PHONE NO.:

WELCOMING SPENCER TOMLINSON

Spencer Tomlinson started at DMREMC in August as the IT systems and cybersecurity specialist. An Indiana native, Spencer comes from Franklin, Indiana, and is a 2021 graduate from IUPUI. He holds a bachelor's degree in computer information technology with concentration in information security from the Purdue School of Engineering and Technology. Tomlinson was involved in the IUPUI Cybersecurity Club as the club leader and was a student researcher for the IT Living Lab and Industrial Assessment Center at IUPUI. As a student researcher, he did risk assessments, IT auditing and multiple projects in security education, training and awareness.



Tomlinson enhanced his skills with a year and half long internship at Simon Property Group where he was involved in the information services and cybersecurity teams. Outside of work, Tomlinson enjoys spending time outdoors, working on different at-home projects, 3D printing and coding.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS MEMBER APPRECIATION EVENT



OCT. 25-28

CO-OP TRIVIA • GIVEAWAYS • MEMBER GIFTS

Check October's magazine for more information.

Pictured from left: Jane Bahler-Hurt, REMC general manager; Brian Walker, GPC maintenance manager; John Heffernan, GPC E & I superintendent; John Dudenhoeffer, GPC plant manager; and Jackie McGlin, REMC communications specialist.



CHECK TO SUPPORT

plant's expansion

For its committed use of energy-efficient equipment, Daviess-Martin County REMC presented the Washington, Indiana, plant of Grain Processing Corporation (GPC) with a \$50,000 incentive check through the Commercial and Industrial Rebate Program. The check was presented on July 22.

The Washington plant is also the selected site for the new multimillion

dollar MALTRIN® maltodextrins capacity expansion, the largest development at the plant since operations started in 1999.

Operating seven days a week, GPC not only manages, but also brings in new construction projects to their area. In return, this advancement is projected to bring dozens of job opportunities to Daviess County communities.

As GPC works through the construction process, energy-efficient equipment is its priority. GPC anticipates utilizing variable frequency drives in its new processes, which are designed to control the speeds of electric motors. Controlling these speeds will reduce its energy costs up to 50% on applications when full speed of the motor is not required.



4 COMMON CULPRITS OF ELECTRICAL FIRES

Outdated wiring and overloaded circuits are the most common causes of electrical fires.

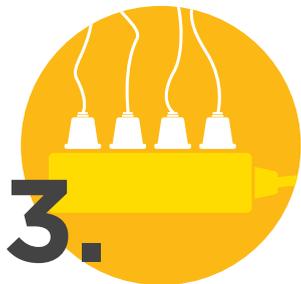
Check the following areas of your home to ensure your home's electrical safety is up to par.



Electrical outlets: Faulty electrical outlets are a leading cause of home fires. As outlets age, so do the wires behind them that you can't see. Any loose, damaged or warm-to-the-touch outlets should be repaired or replaced.



Electrical wiring: Outdated wiring is another common cause of electrical fires. Frequently tripped breakers, flickering lights and burning smells are clear warning signs. If your home is more than 20 years old, it may not be able to handle today's increased power load. If you suspect your home's wiring is outdated, leave this one to the pros and contact a qualified electrician.



Overloaded cords and outlets: Extension cords are not permanent solutions. If your big-screen TV, home theater system and other electronics are plugged into one extension cord, it's time to call an electrician and install additional outlets.



Old appliances: Older appliances are more likely to have loose or damaged wiring, which means they're more likely to catch fire. Check older appliances for damage and determine if it's time to upgrade or replace. Also check to ensure you're using appliance-grade outlets. A qualified electrician can help with installation.