



Daviess-Martin County

# REMC

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#### CONTACT US

Toll Free: 800-762-7362

#### OFFICE HOURS

7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m., Monday – Friday

#### STREET ADDRESS

12628 E 75 N, Loogootee, IN 47553

#### MAILING ADDRESS

P.O. Box 430, Loogootee, IN 47553

#### 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, June 28, 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.”



### DOES YOUR ATTIC HAVE ENOUGH INSULATION?

If your attic insulation is level with or below your floor joists (meaning you can easily see your joists), you should add more. If you can't see any of the floor joists because the insulation is well above them, you likely have enough insulation. Attic insulation should be evenly distributed with no low spots. Make sure the areas along the eaves are adequately covered.

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# SAFETY TIPS FOR BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER THE STORM



Storm season is in full swing. Many summer storms have the potential to produce tornadoes — they can happen anytime, anywhere,

and can bring winds over 200 miles per hour.

In April, a video of NBC Washington chief meteorologist Doug Kammerer went viral. During a live broadcast, Kammerer called his teenage son to warn him of a tornado that was headed straight for their home. Knowing the kids were likely playing video games and not paying attention to the weather, he told them to head straight to the basement. Kammerer debated if he should call his family on-air, but he knew it was the right thing to do. Luckily, the kids made it safely through the storm.

As adults, we understand the importance of storm safety, but younger children and teens may not realize the dangers storms pose. That's why it's so important to talk to your family and have a storm plan in place. Here are a several tips you can share with your loved ones.

## BEFORE THE STORM

- Talk to your family about what to do in the event of a severe storm or tornado. Point out the safest location to shelter, like a small, interior, windowless room on the lowest level of your home. Discuss the dangers of severe thunderstorms; lightning can strike 10 miles outside of a storm. Remember: when you hear thunder roar, head indoors.
- Make a storm kit. It doesn't have to be elaborate — having a few items on hand is better than nothing at all. Try to include items like water, non-perishable foods, a manual can opener, a first-aid kit, flashlights and extra batteries, prescriptions, baby supplies and pet supplies. Keep all the items in one place for easy access if the power goes out.

## DURING THE STORM

- Pay attention to local weather alerts — either on the TV, your smartphone or weather radio — and understand the types of alerts. A thunderstorm or tornado watch means these events are possible and you should be prepared; a warning means a thunderstorm or tornado has been spotted in your area and it's time to take action.

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- If you find yourself in the path of a tornado, head to your safe place to shelter, and protect yourself by covering your head with your arms or materials like blankets and pillows.
- If you're driving during a severe storm or tornado, do not try to outrun it. Pull over and cover your body with a coat or blanket if possible.

### AFTER THE STORM

- If the power is out, conserve your phone battery as much as possible, limiting calls and texts to let others know you are safe or for emergencies only.
- Stay off the roads if trees, power lines or utility poles are down. Lines and equipment could still be energized, posing life-threatening risks to anyone who gets too close.
- Wear appropriate gear if you're cleaning up storm debris on your property. Thick-soled shoes, long pants and work gloves will help protect you from sharp or dangerous debris left behind.

Summer is a time for many fun-filled activities, but the season can also bring severe, dangerous weather. Talk to your loved ones about storm safety so that everyone is prepared and knows exactly what to do when a storm strikes.

### JANE BAHLER-HURT

General Manager

# The Power of Operation Round Up Combined with New Entity

It started as a simple idea over 30 years ago at one co-op in South Carolina. Just round up the co-op member's electric bill to the next dollar, and then use it for community relief efforts. Today, hundreds of electric co-ops throughout the country, including Daviess-Martin County REMC, use this idea to help members and organizations in the local community.

Daviess-Martin County REMC has expanded upon the Operation Round Up idea by forming a 501c3 organization, DMREMC Charitable Trust, Inc. to replace Daviess-Martin REMC Community Fund, Inc. DMREMC Charitable Trust, Inc. will not only gather donations from the Operation Round Up program to meet charitable needs within the counties we serve; but now may take advantage of other sources of funds, such as:

- CoBank's Sharing Success program in which CoBank matches funds up to \$10,000 per year to donate to area 501c3 organizations. CoBank, also a cooperative, is one of the largest private providers of credit to the rural economy.
- Amazon Smile, in which members may choose "DMREMC Charitable Trust, Inc." from Amazon's list of charitable

organizations, and have a donation made to DMREMC Charitable Trust for every purchase they make. The donation is done as a percentage of the total purchase and costs participants nothing.

- Corporate credit card points.
- Fund-raising events.

In creating DMREMC Charitable Trust, Inc., the co-op is expanding the potential funds for donation throughout the year to other 501c3 and non-profit organizations within the counties we serve. "Counties served" instead of "the co-op service territory" are specified because most non-profit organizations which serve the needs of our members, are located in town. Generally, the co-op lines do not serve the towns within our service territory.

All co-ops adhere to the seven cooperative principles, including "Concern for Community." DMREMC Charitable Trust, Inc. is the perfect embodiment of this core principle. The average co-op participant in Operation Round Up donates \$6 with a maximum possible contribution of \$11.88 per year. This may not seem like a large amount, but when combined with matching funds provided by cooperative industry banks, donations from such

organizations as Amazon Smile, money from corporate credit card points, and possible fundraising events, it adds up to make a significant impact to charitable needs within the counties that the co-op serves.

We hope members who are currently participating in Operation Round Up will continue their support. In addition, should any members who have not participated in the program in the past wish to

participate going forward, please contact the Daviess-Martin County REMC office.

DMREMC Charitable Trust is governed by a board of volunteer directors that is different from the board of directors for the electric co-op. This ensures that the decisions are made in the best interest of the community. Donations from the trust will be listed periodically in Indiana Connection magazine.

## 5 STEPS FOR SAFE DIGGING

Working on an outdoor project? Careless digging poses a threat to people, pipelines and underground facilities. Always call 8-1-1 first.

### 1. NOTIFY

Call 8-1-1 or make a request online two to three days before your work begins. The operator will notify the utilities affected by your project.

### 2. WAIT

Wait two to three days for affected utilities to respond to your request. They will send a locator to mark any underground utility lines.

### 3. CONFIRM

Confirm that all affected utilities have responded to your request by comparing the marks to the list of utilities the 8-1-1 call center notified.

### 4. RESPECT

Respect the markers provided by the affected utilities. The markers are your guide for the duration of your project.

### 5. DIG CAREFULLY

If you can't avoid digging near the markers (within 18-24 inches on all sides, depending on state laws), consider moving your project location.



## 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.

**APRIL WINNER:**  
CHARLES BROSMER FROM FRENCH LICK

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

1. Remember: when you hear \_\_\_\_\_ roar, head indoors.
2. In her spare time, Rebecca Hollaway can usually be found working with \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Always call \_\_\_\_ or make a request online two to three days before your outdoor digging project begins.

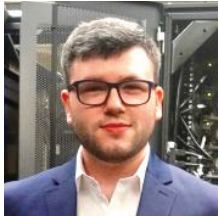
**NAME:**

**ADDRESS:**

**ACCOUNT NO.:**

**PHONE NO.:**

# Welcome New Employees *to* Daviess-Martin County REMC



**SPENCER  
TOMLINSON**

Spencer Tomlinson started at DMREMC in August of last year working as IT systems and cybersecurity specialist. He is a 2021 graduate of the IUPUI School of Engineering and Technology with a degree in bachelors of science CIT-information security.

The Indiana native relocated to Jasper from Franklin when he joined DMREMC. Tomlinson enjoys applying his skills to further the development and security of DMREMC's Information Systems while learning the electric cooperative industry.



**REBECCA  
HOLLAWAY**

Rebecca Hollaway joined DMREMC in January as the communications specialist. She is a recent graduate of the University of Indianapolis with a bachelors degree in marketing. Hollaway joined us as a part time employee while she worked on finishing her degree and moved to full time after graduation last month. As a Loogootee native, she is excited to get to move back home and work in the community she grew up in.

In her spare time, she can usually be found working with horses. She is an avid barrel racer and spends most of her time traveling to barrel races and training.



**ERICA  
WORLAND**

Erica Worland also began at DMREMC in January as the director of finance and accounting. She has a bachelor's degree in business administration from Indiana State University along with a master's degree in business administration from the University of Southern Indiana. Prior to starting at DMREMC Worland worked at WIN Energy REMC for 11 years in member services and dispatch and also as accounting coordinator and accountant.

Worland's family has grown as she just recently welcomed her first baby girl into her family in April.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE *county fair!*

**DAVIESS  
COUNTY  
FAIR:**  
June 21-25

**LAWRENCE  
COUNTY  
FAIR:**  
July 9-16

**DAVIESS  
COUNTY  
4-H FAIR:**  
July 11-22

**MARTIN  
COUNTY  
4-H FAIR:**  
July 15 -19

