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SERVICE INTERRUPTIONS

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

August Bauer, *President*

Travis Summers, *Secretary*

John Edwards, *Treasurer*

Terry Chapman

Josh Dove

Dean Harrawood

Brandt Schuckman

MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, Feb. 26, 7 p.m.,

Daviss-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."



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Wool dryer balls can absorb extra moisture. These are an efficient alternative to dryer sheets, which can create buildup on the dryer's filter and reduce air circulation.

— U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY



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Committed to a co-op culture for all



Over the years, you've heard how Daviss-Martin County REMC is different — because we're a cooperative. Our

business model sets us apart from other utilities because we adhere to seven guiding cooperative principles that reflect core values of honesty, transparency, equity, inclusiveness and service to the greater good of the community.

Electric cooperatives, including Daviss-Martin County REMC, have a unique and storied place in our country's history. We democratized the American dream by bringing electricity to rural areas when for-profit electric companies determined the effort too costly. Back then, cities were electrified, and rural areas were not, creating the original rural-urban divide. Newly established electric lines helped power economic opportunity in rural areas. Today, that spirit of equity and inclusion is a vital part of our co-op DNA.

When our electric co-op was founded, each member contributed an equal share in order to gain access to electricity that benefited individual families as well as the larger local community. Each member had an equal vote in co-op matters. That sense of equity and inclusion is still how we operate today. Daviss-Martin County REMC was built by and

belongs to the diverse communities and consumer-members we serve. Membership is open to everyone in our service territory, regardless of race, religion, age, disability, gender identity, language, political perspective or socioeconomic status.

By virtue of paying your electric bill each month, you're a member of the co-op, and every member has an equal voice and vote when it comes to co-op governance. This ties back to our guiding principles of equitable economic participation and democratic control of the co-op.

We know members of our community have different needs and perspectives, and we welcome diverse views on all issues under consideration by the co-op. The more viewpoints we hear, the better we are able to reflect the needs of all corners of our community.

While our top priority is providing safe, reliable and affordable energy, we also want to be a catalyst for good in our community. Because we are your *local* electric cooperative, co-op revenues stay right here in our community. In turn, we invest in our diverse community base through scholarship programs, charitable giving, educational programs and more. We strive to make long-term decisions that improve and enrich the communities we serve.

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: Kim Shafer, Odon

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

1. Pick up copies of _____ and _____ at the _____ at the REMC's drive-thru.
2. Visit the REMC's new website at _____.
3. Manage your REMC account anytime, anywhere on your mobile device using the _____ app.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ACCOUNT NO.: _____

PHONE NO.: _____

Fourth quarter Operation Round Up grants awarded

Redeeming Grace Center for Women's Ministries (CWM)

received a \$1,000 grant to help with expenses for a projector and speaker system to be used for conducting presentations to area community members and a first aid kit, fire extinguishers, and smoke detectors for the center.

The **Lawrence County Cancer Patient Services** received a \$950 grant to help with storage unit expenses where equipment and supplies are stored and distributed to patients as needed along with money to be used for postage which has been a big expense for the organization.

The First Choice Solutions (formerly Pregnancy Care Center)

received a \$1,000 grant to help with expenses incurred in the supplies for the publishing of the newsletter, which is critical to the clinic for providing information on current and future available services along with fundraiser and donation announcements.

Barr-Reeve Post-Prom Parents and **Loogootee Post Prom** both received a \$500 grant to help with the expenses of providing an evening of fun in a safe environment following prom.

Southwest Indiana PowerHouse Inc. exists to build relationships with junior high and high school youth in order to share the gospel and provide them with a safe place where they are loved and valued. A \$1,000 grant was awarded for its PH Aid Program where these youth

will perform general outdoor home maintenance for those in need.



RSVP Volunteer Center received a \$1,000 grant to be used toward its food security project, which will provide shelf-stable, easy-to-prepare meals packaged by RSVP volunteers and distributed to seven food pantries in Daviess and Martin counties.

The Blessing Box Ministries Inc. received a \$500 grant for supplies for a food pantry/outreach program for those within the community who are in need. The box is located at 905 W. Broadway, Loogootee, and is open 24/7.

Martin County Historical Society Inc. was granted \$600 to go toward the repair of the ceiling in the veteran's room at the museum.

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Update on 2021

Annual Meeting and Director Elections

The Daviess-Martin County REMC Annual Meeting date is set for April 8. Due to COVID-19, the meeting will not be open to the public. Only board members, board candidates and staff will attend.

A 15-20 minute virtual business meeting will be held to address the legal obligations of the cooperative. **It is vital to our membership's, staff's and directors' health and safety that we not allow membership attendance at this year's annual meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic.**

In place of the usual \$10 attendance bill credit, Daviess-Martin will issue a \$10 voting bill credit to members who vote by mail or electronically in our annual director election. Survey & Ballot Systems will administer our director election this year. Every member will receive a ballot through the mail to complete and mail back to Survey & Ballot Systems. As an alternative, there are instructions in the mailing to quickly and easily vote electronically without the necessity of mailing a ballot. Survey & Ballot Systems has security and processes to prevent duplicate voting.

As part of this voting change, Survey & Ballot Systems is able to inform Daviess-Martin REMC of which members have voted, but not how they have voted. Our attorney will open the voting results at the virtual Annual Meeting. Election results also

do not identify how individual members voted. Daviess-Martin will find out the results of the election on the night of the virtual Annual Meeting, and it will be posted on our website and on Facebook.

Casting your vote by mail or electronically before the Annual Meeting ensures your ballot isn't handled by co-op staff. It also ensures that you will get a \$10 voting credit and enters you into weekly energy certificate drawings during the mail-in and electronic voting period.

The voting period should last approximately three weeks.

Members may bring the top one-third of the mail-in ballot to the cooperative office drive-through to claim their door prize. Members should remove the top portion of the ballot before mailing it to Survey & Ballot Systems or voting using their online system. No ballots will be accepted at the cooperative. Ballots should be submitted directly to Survey & Ballot Systems. This is to ensure the security and transparency of each member vote.

Business meeting action items will include:

- The election of three directors for the cooperative to serve a term of three years. Districts up for election include District 2 (Van Buren and Barr townships in Daviess County), District

5 (Perry and Center townships in Martin County) and District 7 (Marion and Spice Valley townships in Lawrence County).

- Approval of reports for the previous fiscal year.
- Transacting such other business as may come before the meeting.

Incumbent board members who have filed written notice stating their intention to seek a seat on the board of directors are as follows:

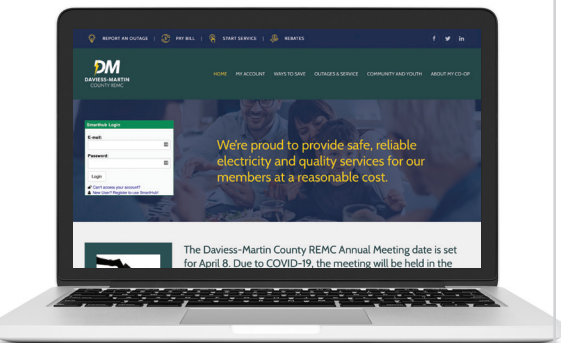
- **District 2:** Dean Harrawood
- **District 5:** Travis Summers
- **District 7:** John Edwards

In accordance with DMREMC bylaws, nominations for members to become a director on the REMC board shall be made by petition. **Valid nominating petitions must be submitted to the REMC no later than Feb. 22. A candidate bio (limited to 150-200 words), along with a recent picture, should be submitted when returning the petition. Petition forms are available by contacting the REMC office.**

Director candidates will be listed on the Official Notice of the Annual Meeting mailed to the membership. Candidate bios will be mailed in a voting packet to members.



co-op news



New website!

VISIT DMREMC.COM

Daviess-Martin County REMC is excited to launch its new website. If you haven't already, zip over to www.dmremc.com to check out the new and improved site!

With a modern look, responsive design, and convenient, easy-to-navigate menus, you will find what you need no matter which device you're using. Plus, check out features like direct login to your SmartHub account right on the homepage.

It's just one of the many ways we are working to improve your member experience.

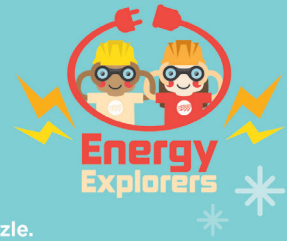
2021 Farmers' Almanacs and calendars are in!

Pick up copies through the REMC drive-thru.

WINTER ENERGY-SAVINGS WORD SEARCH

This winter, you can pitch in at home to help save energy!

Read the energy-saving tips below, then find and circle the bolded words in the puzzle.



WORD BANK:

- Open curtains and blinds during the day to allow **sunlight** in to warm your home.
- Instead of turning up the thermostat, add more layers of **clothing** to keep your body warm.
- If you have a **fireplace**, ask an adult to close the flue when a fire is not burning.
- Unplug **chargers** when they're not in use. They consume energy even when they're not charging phones and other devices.
- Ask an adult to check the **air filter** for your home's heating and cooling system. Filters should be replaced regularly to help the system run more efficiently.
- Always turn off **lights** when you leave a room.

COVID SIDELINES SUMMERTIME YOUTH PROGRAMS

Regrettably, we've come to the conclusion that we cannot safely host the 2021 Indiana Youth Tour or Touchstone Energy Camp. The health and safety of our students and chaperones are always our priority. There are too many uncertainties for us to be able to plan quality trips for summertime's Indiana Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., and Touchstone Energy Camp.

However, we encourage all public, private and homeschooled students to enter their best artwork for the 2022 Cooperative Calendar of Student Art contest. An entry form and a complete set of rules is at indianaconnection.org/for-youth/art-contest. Artwork must be received at the Indianapolis office of Indiana Connection magazine by March 19.