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**OFFICE HOURS**

7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m., Monday – Friday

**STREET ADDRESS**

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**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.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

August Bauer, *President*

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**MONTHLY MEETING**

Tuesday, Oct. 26, 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."

*Savings  
Tip*

**SAVE ENERGY AND MONEY**

Shut the door on wasted  
energy by weather stripping  
and sealing all exterior doors. If  
you have an old exterior door,  
consider replacing it with a  
newer, energy efficient model.

— U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY



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# IT'S A MATTER OF (CO-OP!) PRINCIPLES



ACE Hardware,  
State Farm, REI,  
Land O'Lakes  
and Daviess-  
Martin County  
REMC all have  
something in  
common: we're  
all cooperatives.

We may be in different industries,  
but we all share a passion for  
serving our members and helping  
our communities to thrive. In  
fact, all cooperatives adhere to  
the same set of seven principles  
that reflect our core values of  
honesty, transparency, equity,  
inclusiveness and service to the  
greater community good. October  
is National Co-op Month, so this  
is the perfect time to reflect on  
these principles that have stood  
the test of time but also provide a  
framework for the future. Let's take  
a look at the first three cooperative  
principles.

## VOLUNTARY AND OPEN MEMBERSHIP

Just like all co-ops, DMREMC  
was created out of necessity —  
to meet a need that would have  
been otherwise unmet in our  
community. So in 1939, a group  
of neighbors banded together and  
organized our electric co-op so  
everyone in our community could  
benefit. For a modest membership  
fee to the co-op, any farmer could  
get electricity brought to his farm.  
Neighbors came together to tackle  
a problem that they all had but  
couldn't solve alone. They worked  
together for the benefit of the  
whole community, and the newly  
established electric lines helped  
power economic opportunity in  
our community.

While this history may be  
forgotten, key parts of that heritage  
remain — the focus on our mission  
and serving the greater good.  
In this, we include everyone to

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**Community born.  
Community led.  
Focused on YOU.**

October is  
National Co-op Month!

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.

**AUGUST WINNER:** Larry Seals, Loogootee

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

1. Participate in trivia on Daviess-Martin County REMC's \_\_\_\_\_ page  
Oct. 25–28.
2. Bring the yellow ticket on pages 7 and 8 to the REMC \_\_\_\_\_ -  
\_\_\_\_\_ to redeem a goodie bag and enter to win gift certificates.
3. Children under the age of \_\_\_\_\_ should not trick or treat without adult supervision.

NAME:

ADDRESS:

ACCOUNT NO.:

PHONE NO.:

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improve the quality of life and economic opportunity for the entire community. Membership is open to everyone in our service territory, regardless of race, religion, age, disability, gender identity, language, political perspective or socioeconomic status.

DEMOCRATIC MEMBER CONTROL

Our co-op is well suited to meet the needs of our members because we are locally governed. Each member gets a voice and a vote in how the co-op is run, and each voice and vote are equal. Most of DMREMC's leadership team and employees live right here in the community. Our board of directors, who helps set long-term priorities for the co-op, also live locally on co-op lines. These board members have been elected by neighbors just like you. We know our members have a valuable perspective, and that's why we are continually seeking your input and encourage you to weigh in on important co-op issues and participate in co-op elections.

MEMBERS' ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION

As a utility, our mission is to provide safe, reliable and affordable energy to our members. But as a co-op, we are also motivated by service to the community, rather than profits. Members contribute equitably to, and democratically control, the capital of DMREMC.

Because we are guided by seven cooperative principles, it's not just about dollars — it's about opportunity for all and being fair when engaging with our members. The cooperative way is a values-based business model.

DMREMC is a reflection of our local community and its evolving needs. We view our role as a catalyst for good and making our corner of the world a better place, with the seventh co-op principle, "concern for community."

JANE BAHLER-HURT

General Manager



# JOIN US FOR OUR MEMBER APPRECIATION EVENT OCT. 25–28

Follow Daviess-Martin County REMC on Facebook for co-op trivia during the week of Oct. 25–28. Comment on each day's trivia question and be put into a drawing for a \$25 bill credit. Voting on each trivia question will end at midnight and winner will be drawn the following day and contacted.

Visit the REMC drive-through and fill out and cut out yellow ticket to redeem goodie bag and be put into drawings for gift certificates to local businesses.




**One FREE  
Member Gift!**

**Redeem gift at REMC drive-through window.**

## Unclaimed CAPITAL CREDITS



It pays to be a co-op member!  
*Do we owe you money?*

One of the benefits of being a member is patronage capital credits. Patronage capital credits come from margins, or money left over at the end of the year after all operating costs and expenses have been paid. These margins are allocated to each member's capital credit account based on how much electricity the member purchased that year.

Each year the board of directors determines if the cooperative is financially able to pay prior years' capital credits back to the members. When so approved, the cooperative refunds designated prior year's capital credits to the members who used electricity during the designated years.

Even if you move and are no longer a member of the cooperative, the capital credits remain in your account. Be sure to update your mailing address with Daviess-Martin County REMC if you move so we can send future capital credit checks to the correct address.

There is an extensive amount of unclaimed capital credits and the REMC is taking steps to distribute capital credits to individuals who were members of the cooperative for the years specified as 2011 through 2019.

Interested individuals should review the unclaimed capital credits list and call the REMC office during normal weekday business hours at 1-800-762-

7362 to gather details on the owner's name and amount of owner's interest. A request for retirement of capital credits will need to be filled out in the claim form link.

If said credits are not duly claimed within **sixty (60) days between Sept. 1 – Oct. 31, 2021**, the sum owing by the cooperative to any member shall be treated as donated cash. Current active members will receive a bill credit for unclaimed prior years retirement amounts after the 60-day period.

Visit the homepage at [www.dmremc.com](http://www.dmremc.com), to see if your name is on the unclaimed capital credits list.

## co-op news

LEARN MORE ABOUT  
THE MEMBER APPRECIATION EVENT ON PAGE 7.

Fill out to redeem gift and be put  
into a drawing for gift certificates to  
local businesses.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



### Don't be spooked by electricity when decorating this Halloween

*It's fun to make your home look spooky at Halloween, and many enjoy decorating for trick-or-treaters just as much as they enjoy decking the halls for Christmas.*

Make sure that all decorations used outdoors are marked for "outdoor use."

Don't put decorations on or around electrical equipment such as transformer boxes or power poles.

Any electrical decoration used outside should be plugged into an outlet with a ground-fault circuit interrupter (GFCI).

# HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS



### WALK SAFELY

Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.

Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible.



### TRICK OR TREAT WITH AN ADULT

Children under the age of 12 should not be alone at night without adult supervision.



### KEEP COSTUMES CREATIVE AND SAFE

Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors. Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them be seen by drivers.



### DRIVE EXTRA SAFELY ON HALLOWEEN

Drive slowly, anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic and turn your headlights on earlier in the day to spot children from greater distances.