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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

August Bauer, President Brandt Schuckman, Vice President Travis Summers, Secretary John Edwards, Treasurer Amy Burris Terry Chapman Josh Dove

MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, Dec. 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."

_{Gav}ing Tip

HEADING OUT OF TOWN FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON?

Remember to unplug electronics that draw a phantom energy load. Some gadgets like TVs, phone chargers, gaming consoles and toothbrush chargers use energy when plugged into an outlet even when they're not in use. — U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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Co-op programs help you during the holiday season — and beyond



"The holidays." I love everything about this time of year. Just the thought of the holiday season brings a smile to my face and evokes a sense of

comfort and nostalgia. Recalling family gatherings and traditions warms my heart and fills my senses.

It's a time of reflection. I'm grateful for my own family as well as my coop family. At Daviess-Martin County REMC, we're driven by a sense of mission and purpose. Our team feels a strong connection to our community and our members because we live here, too.

While many of our community-focused programs and activities ramp up this time of year, we have several programs and services in place to help our members year-round. I'd like to remind you about some of these offerings in hopes you'll find them beneficial.

We hope you'll take advantage of SmartHub, an app that empowers you to monitor, manage and pay your energy bill conveniently through your phone. We also offer energy efficiency programs to save you money and energy. Many rebates are available to save on water heaters, heat pumps, electric lawn equipment, and more. Find out more at www.dmremc.com and click on "Ways to Save."

Our Operation Round Up program is the accumulation and disbursement of funds for charitable purposes in Daviess, Martin and Lawrence counties. By simply opting-in to "round up" your energy bills to the next whole dollar amount, you can help others right here in our community. Through members' generous donations over the last 17 years, we've been able to give over \$556,000 to those in need. If you'd like to participate in our Operation Round Up program, please visit the "Operation Round Up" tab on our website, www. dmremc.com.

In addition to helping members save today, we're focusing on the future. Daviess-Martin County REMC's power provider, Hoosier Energy REC, has been able to adjust its fuel mix by utilizing more renewables. Today, 7% of its fuel mix is comprised of renewable energy sources, the majority of which is wind and solar. The renewable energy target is to provide 10% of member system energy requirements through renewable energy resources by 2025.

But the most important investment we make is in our local youth. Daviess-Martin County REMC supports various school activities, local 4-H, conducts safety demonstrations and more. Each year, through our Youth Tour program, we send high school seniors-to-be to Washington, D.C., for a week-long immersion to experience democracy in action.

At the heart of all of these programs is you — the members we proudly serve. Looking back, I'm grateful for so many wonderful community partners and for the positive impact we can continue to make.

This holiday season, I wish you and your loved ones peace, joy and prosperity. Speaking on behalf of our team at Daviess-Martin County REMC. I know the future will be be bright because of you.

JANE BAHLER-HURT

General Manager



APPLY FOR YOUTH PROGRAMS

CAMP Kilowatt

JUNE 8-11

A fun, powerful

and unique camp experience designed for students entering seventh grade in 2022. Horseback riding, canoeing, zip lining, trying out archery, swimming, learning about electrical safety and bucket truck rides.

APPLY: Apply by Feb. 23 at CampKilowatt.org.

INDIANA YOUTH TOUR TO WASHINGTON, D.C.



Daviess-Martin County REMC wants to

send you on a weeklong, all-inclusive trip of a lifetime to Washington, D.C. Monuments, museums, legislators, friends, trip of a lifetime, history. *Must be a high school junior to apply*.

APPLY: Apply by Feb. 23 at IndianaYouthTour.org.

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COOPERATIVE CALENDAR OF STUDENT ART CONTEST

Pull out those paints, crayons and colored pencils, and enter your artwork in the Cooperative Calendar of Student Art contest by March 18. Indiana public, private or homeschooled students in kindergarten through 12th grade during the 2021-22 school year are eligible to enter the contest.



Artwork will be judged on artistic merit, originality, creativity, how well the assigned month is depicted, and suitability for a wall calendar. Artwork can be landscapes, portraits, still lifes, etc., as long as the monthly theme is somehow portrayed.

APPLY: A complete set of rules and required entry forms are available at **IndianaConnection.org/For-Youth/Art-Contest**. Artwork must be received by March 18.

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.

OCTOBER WINNER: Donna Deffendoll

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

- 1. The Daviess-Martin County REMC Annual Meeting date has been set for Monday, April
- 2. Camp ______ is a fun experience designed for students entering seventh grade in 2022.
- 3. Save energy by unplugging electronics that draw a

______ energy load, such as TVs, phone chargers and gaming consoles.

NAME:

ADDRESS:

ACCOUNT NO.:

PHONE NO.:

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2022 ANNUAL MEETING AND DIRECTOR ELECTION

The Daviess-Martin County REMC Annual Meeting date has been set for Monday, April 4.

Director districts up for election are as follows:

District 1: Daviess County (Elmore, Madison, Steele and Bogard townships)

District 4: Daviess County (Harrison and Reeve townships)

In accordance with DMREMC bylaws, members interested in running for a position on the REMC board should submit a petition to the REMC no later than Feb. 18. Interested parties should contact the REMC office during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. for petition details and to request an informational packet.

In lieu of a petition, incumbent board members may file a written notice at the office of the cooperative not less than fortyfive (45) days before the annual meeting of the members of the cooperative stating his or her intention to seek a seat on the board of directors.

The 2022 director election will be administered through Survey Ballot Systems (SBS). Every REMC member will receive a voting packet through the mail from SBS. REMC members can complete the ballot and mail it to SBS. Or, REMC members can vote electronically. Instructions on voting options will be provided in the voting packet by SBS. SBS has security in place to prevent more than one vote per member.

The official notice of the annual meeting will be provided in the mailing from Survey Ballot Systems along with director candidate information.





SEASON'S GREETINGS!

Daviess-Martin County REMC will be closed on the following dates as our employees spend time with their families over the holidays. We would like to wish all of our members a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

OFFICE CLOSINGS

- Christmas: Dec. 24, 27
- New Year's: Dec. 31, Jan. 3