



Daviness-Martin County

REMC

www.dmremc.com

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, April 26, 7 p.m.,

Daviness-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

STREAM EFFICIENTLY

Streaming on game consoles uses 10 times more power than streaming through a tablet or laptop. Streaming content with electronic equipment that has earned the ENERGY STAR® rating will use 25% to 30% less energy than standard equipment.

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CEO NOTE

THE POWER BEHIND YOUR POWER

Lineworker Appreciation Day is April 11

You've likely noticed Daviness-Martin County REMC's crews out and about, working on power lines and other electrical equipment in our community. It's no secret that a lineworker's job is tough — but it's a job that's essential and must be done, often in challenging conditions. This month, as we celebrate Lineworker Appreciation Day on April 11, I thought I'd share some interesting facts about electric lineworkers with you.



The work can be heavy, in more ways than one. Did you know the equipment and tools that a lineworker carries while climbing a utility pole can weigh

up to 50 pounds? That's the same as carrying six gallons of water. Speaking of utility poles, lineworkers are required to climb poles ranging anywhere from 30 to 120 feet tall. Needless to say, if you have a fear of heights, this likely isn't the career path for you.

Lineworkers must be committed to their careers — because it's not just a job, it's a lifestyle. The long hours and ever-present danger can truly take a toll. In fact, being a lineworker is listed in the top 10 most dangerous jobs in the U.S.

Lineworkers often work non-traditional hours, outdoors in difficult conditions. While the job does not require a college degree, it does require technical skills, years of training and hands-on learning. Did you know that

to become a journeyman lineworker, it can take more than 7,000 hours of training (or about four years)? That's because working with high-voltage equipment requires specialized skills, experience and an ongoing mental toughness. Shortcuts are not an option, and there is no room for error in this line of work.

Despite the many challenges, Daviness-Martin County REMC's lineworkers are committed to powering our local community. During severe weather events that bring major power outages, lineworkers are among the first ones called. They must be ready to leave the comfort of their homes and families unexpectedly, and they don't return until the job is done, often days later. That's why the lineworker's family is also dedicated to service. Family members understand the importance of the job to the community.

Nationwide, there are approximately 120,000 electric lineworkers. Here in southern Indiana, Daviness-Martin County REMC has 11 lineworkers

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who are responsible for keeping power flowing 24/7, 365 days a year. To do this, they maintain 1,410 miles of power lines across two counties. In addition to the highly visible tasks lineworkers perform, their job today goes far beyond climbing utility poles to repair a wire. Today's lineworkers are information experts who can pinpoint power outages from miles away. Line crews now use laptops, tablets, drones and other technologies to map outages, survey damage and troubleshoot problems.

Being a lineworker may not seem like a glamorous job, but it is absolutely essential to the life of our community. Without the exceptional dedication and

commitment of these hardworking men and women, we simply would not have the reliable electricity that we need for everyday life.

So, the next time you see a lineworker, please thank him or her for the work he or she does to keep power flowing, regardless of the time of day or weather conditions. After all,

lineworkers are the power behind your power. Please join us as we recognize them on April 11, and follow "#ThankALineworker" on social media to see how others are recognizing lineworkers.

JANE BAHLER-HURT
General Manager



WATCH OUT

April 11-15 is Work Zone Awareness Week.

With warmer weather approaching, there will be more work zones in the area.

Friendly reminder: If you see first responders, utility crews or other emergency personnel on the side of the road, please slow down or move over when possible.

**HAVE YOU RECENTLY UPDATED
YOUR PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL ADDRESS?**


To make an update, call the Davie-Martin County REMC office or report the change on SmartHub.

Equalize

YOUR MONTHLY BILL WITH BUDGET BILLING

Billing amounts are determined by estimating your 12 months' electric use. The member will be billed an amount determined by the co-op based on past kWh use. If the member does not have a sufficient kWh history, the REMC will determine a fixed amount on the consumer's projected use. The member agrees to pay the fixed amount each month for 11 months. The 12th month (May of each year), the member either pays the difference in what was actually used, or receives a refund if he or she has overpaid by \$50 or more.

Sign up today by calling the Daviess-Martin County REMC office or complete and return the form below.



O: 812.295.4200 / 800.762.7362 F: 812.295.4216 A: PO Box 430 / 12628 E 75 N Loogootee, IN 47553 W: www.dmrmc.com

FIXED BUDGET BILLING CONTRACT

Member: Name
 Address
 Address 2

Date

FIXED BUDGET AMOUNT: \$ ACCOUNT:

Please read the following information about our fixed budget-billing plan and sign both copies on the line marked for the member. Keep one copy for your records and return a signed copy to our office. This will serve, as a fixed billing contract and your account will be in this status as soon as we receive a signed copy from you.

HOW IT WORKS

The member will be billed an amount determined by the co-op based on past kWh usage. If the member does not have sufficient kWh history, the REMC will determine a fixed amount on the consumers projected usage. The member agrees to pay the fixed amount each month for 11 months. The 12th month (May of each year), the member either pays the difference in what was actually used, or receives a refund if he or she has overpaid by \$50.00 or more. Credit amounts under \$50.00 will be credit to your account.

TERMS

1. The account must be paid in full before the member is billed on the fixed amount.
2. Payment must be made in the exact amount of the fixed amount by the 26th of each month.
3. Payment must be in our office by the 26th of each month.
4. The payment must be in our office by the 26th of each month or a 5% penalty will be charged.
5. An insufficient funds check will terminate this contract.

Note: Failure to comply with the above terms will automatically remove the account from the plan.

Senior Billing & Members Services Rep.

Member –

Member –

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.

FEBRUARY WINNER: Naomi Edwards, Shoals

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

1. Access your account anywhere with _____ .
2. If you see utility crews on the side of the road, please slow down or _____ when possible.
3. Lineworker Appreciation Day is April _____ .

NAME:

ADDRESS:

ACCOUNT NO.:

PHONE NO.:

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Access your account anywhere with SmartHub

With SmartHub, the power of data is in your hands through convenient account management and detailed electric use information. SmartHub is a mobile and web application that delivers accurate, timely account information and allows you to make payments in a secure environment, right from your mobile device or computer.

The two-way communication available with SmartHub allows you to notify us of account and service issues, such as outages, while providing us a way to inform you of special offers, programs, events and more.

Download the SmartHub app on your mobile device or create an online account on your browser by visiting dmremc.smarthub.coop.



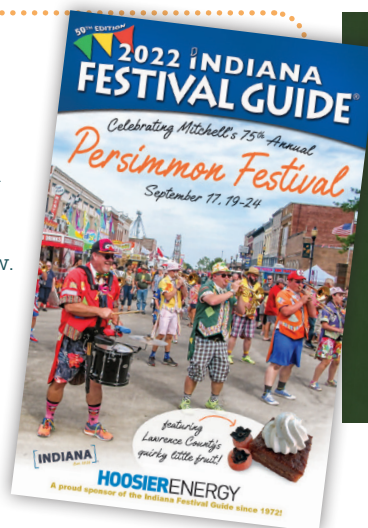
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TO OPEN SMARTHUB
OR DOWNLOAD THE
APP FROM YOUR
DEVICE'S APP STORE



FESTIVAL GUIDE AVAILABLE

Free copies of the 2022 Indiana Festival Guide are available at the Daviess-Martin County REMC office drive-thru window.

If you are looking for a weekend getaway or a weekday celebration, the Indiana Festival Guide offers countless family fun activities across all of Indiana.



Wishing you a very
**Hoppy
Easter**



The Daviess-Martin County Office will be closed April 15 in observance of Good Friday. Have a happy Easter weekend!