



Daviness-Martin County

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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*

Brandt Schuckman, *Vice President*

Travis Summers, *Secretary*

John Edwards, *Treasurer*

Amy Burris

Terry Chapman

Josh Dove

MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, May 24, 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

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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PRIORITIZE SAFETY

year-round



At Daviness-Martin County REMC, we recognize Electrical Safety Month every May, but we also know the importance of practicing safety year-round. From

our co-op crews to you, the consumer-members we serve, we recognize that everyone has a part to play in prioritizing safety.

According to the Electrical Safety Foundation International, thousands of people in the U.S. are critically injured or electrocuted as a result of electrical fires and accidents in their own homes. Many of these accidents are preventable. Electricity is a necessity, and it powers our daily lives. But we know first-hand how dangerous electricity can be because we work with it 365 days a year.

To me, safety is more than a catchphrase. As general manager, it's my responsibility to keep co-op employees safe. Additionally, we want to help keep you and all members of our community safe. That's why you'll see Daviness-Martin County REMC hosting safety demonstrations at community events and in schools throughout the year to demonstrate the dangers of electricity. We discuss emergency scenarios, such as what to do in a car accident involving a

utility pole and downed power lines. We caution students on the dangers of pad-mounted transformers and overloading circuits with too many electronic devices.

Electricity is an integral part of modern life. Given the prevalence of electrical devices, tools and appliances, I'd like to pass along a few practical electrical safety tips.

Frayed wires pose a serious safety hazard.

Power cords can become damaged or frayed from age, heavy use or excessive current flow through the wiring. If cords become frayed or cut, replace them, as they could cause a shock when handled.

Avoid overloading circuits.

Circuits can only cope with a limited amount of electricity. Overload happens when you draw more electricity than a circuit can safely handle — by having too many devices running on one circuit.

Label circuit breakers to understand the circuits in your home.

Contact a qualified electrician if your home is more than 40 years old and you need to install multiple large appliances that consume large amounts of electricity.

Use extension cords properly.

Never plug an extension cord into another extension cord. If you "daisy

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chain" them together, it could lead to overheating, creating a potential fire hazard. Don't exceed the wattage of the cord. Doing so also creates a risk of overloading the cord and creating a fire hazard. Extension cords should not be used as permanent solutions. If you need additional outlets, contact a licensed electrician to help.

I encourage you to talk with your kids about playing it safe and smart around electricity. Help them be aware of overhead power lines near where they play outdoors.

Our top priority is providing an uninterrupted energy supply 24/7, 365 days per year. But equally important is keeping our community safe around electricity.

Contact Daviess-Martin County REMC for additional electrical safety tips or if you would like us to provide a safety demonstration at your school or upcoming community event.

JANE BAHLER-HURT
General Manager



ANNUAL MEETING *in review*

Daviess-Martin County REMC's annual meeting was held April 4 at North Daviess High School. There were approximately 200 people in attendance.

Attendees received a screwdriver/flashlight tool and a chance for a prize drawing for electric bill credits. A video produced by Hoosier Energy Rural Electric Cooperative Inc., entitled *Powering Possibility*, was shown prior to the business meeting as members arrived.

Registered members who had submitted a mail-in or electronic ballot for the director election received a \$10 electric bill credit. In addition, voting members were entered into bill credit drawings during the March 7–31 director election period.

Hot dogs, popcorn and drinks were provided by the North Daviess High School Beta Club students and sponsors. The Washington High School NJROTC provided the Presentation of Colors. The National

Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Board Chairman August Bauer.

The invocation was given by Board Treasurer John Edwards and Board Secretary Travis Summers followed with the secretary's report.

The legal report and director nomination process was given by corporate attorney Chris Goffinet. He reported no new nominations were received by petition for those districts where terms were expiring. He stated incumbents for those districts, Joshua Dove, District 1 (*Elmore, Madison, Steele and Bogard townships in Daviess County*) and Terry Chapman, District 4 (*Harrison and Reeve townships also in Daviess County*), in a timely fashion filed a written notice at the office of the corporation stating their intention to seek a seat on the board of directors. Goffinet verified the election results provided by Survey & Ballot Systems which handled the election process. He stated that Dove and Chapman

DAVIESS-MARTIN COUNTY REMC'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Front row from left: Amy Burris, John Edwards and August Bauer

Back row from left: Travis Summers, Josh Dove, Terry Chapman and Brandt Schuckman



would serve three-year terms for Districts 1 and 4 respectively.

The election was followed by a message from General Manager Jane Bahler-Hurt.

It was announced that Jeffrey W. Riker received the final \$250 bill

credit for voting. Prize drawings for attending the annual meeting concluded the evening. Winners included Leon and Carol Wagler, \$250 bill credit; L & D Custom Woodworking, \$500 bill credit; and Darvin and Lorissa Stoll, \$1,000 bill credit.



The directors and employees wish all our members and their families a safe holiday.

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.

MARCH WINNER: No winner

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

1. Approximately _____ people attended the Daviess-Martin County REMC annual meeting on April 4.
2. Never plug an _____ into an _____ extension cord.
3. If power cords become frayed or cut, _____ them.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ACCOUNT NO.: _____

PHONE NO.: _____

Plant Trees Safely

Before you dig, call 811 to locate buried utility lines.

LOW TREE ZONE

Avoid planting within 20 ft. of power lines. If planting is unavoidable, only plant shrubs and small trees that reach a mature height of 15 ft. or less.

MEDIUM TREE ZONE

Plant medium trees (under 40 ft. when mature) at least 25 ft. away from power lines.

LARGE TREE ZONE

Plant large trees (over 40 ft. when mature) at least 50 ft. away from power lines.

Over 40 ft.



OPERATION ROUND UP

2022 FIRST QUARTER GRANT AWARDED



The funds granted to the **Southwest Indiana Chapter of the American Red Cross** will be used locally for disaster services; military families with emergency services, referrals, and mental health programming; emergency training services; and biomedical services.

Pictured are Daviess-Martin County REMC employee Theresa Showalter and Southwest Indiana Chapter of the American Red Cross Board Director Beth Herbertz.

