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#### 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.

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Travis Summers, *President*

Brandt Schuckman, *Vice President*

Amy Burris, *Secretary*

Josh Dove, *Treasurer*

August Bauer

John Edwards

Terry Chapman

#### MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, Nov. 29, 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*

#### ARE YOUR AIR VENTS BLOCKED?

Make sure all air vents are unobstructed from furniture, drapes or other items to ensure sufficient circulation throughout your home.

If necessary, purchase a vent extender, which can be placed over a vent to redirect air flow from underneath furniture.

— U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY



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## co-op news

# Small change can change lives



The holiday season is finally here.

Some call it the most wonderful time of the year. That's because we associate it with family traditions and gathering with

friends and loved ones. It's a time of giving and spreading joy.

But giving back reminds me of the many good things we have right here in our community and why it's so important to spread the good as far as we can, especially to the most vulnerable in our local area. I'm also reminded of how wonderful our community is and what a big impact we can have when we work together.

When you are a member of Daviess-Martin County REMC, you help us spread the good throughout the year. Through our Operation Round Up program, your donations help local families and individuals in need by providing grants to various community groups and organizations. Members can opt-in or opt-out of Operation Round Up at any time, it is completely voluntary.

When you "round up" your monthly bill from Daviess-Martin County REMC and donate to this fund, you're making a big difference in many lives in our local communities. You are helping to meet immediate and critical needs.

Over the years, Operation Round Up and other community-focused programs and giving projects have helped improve community parks; helped purchase fire department equipment; supported local food banks; and assisted with programs for

young people, handicapped, mentally challenged, the elderly and so much more.

You've likely heard our employees say that the cooperative principle "concern for community" is part of Daviess-Martin County REMC's DNA. It defines who we are as an organization. When we first brought electricity to this community in 1939, the quality of life improved. But other things also need to be addressed and through the years, this co-op has been at the forefront of bringing improvements to the quality of life in this community. It's why we created Operation Round Up.

Since 2004, with your help, we've given \$570,786 back to local families and individuals through this program. And across the country, more than 350 electric co-ops have an Operation Round Up program, and together, we've raised millions for local communities. This shows that small donations from electric co-ops like ours, over time, can collectively make a big impact.

As a local cooperative, we have a stake in this community. It's why we support many local organizations. We hope you will think of Daviess-Martin County REMC as more than your energy provider, but also as a catalyst for good in our community.

I hope all our members have a joyous holiday season. May it be merry and bright!

**RYAN DANT**

General Manager



# UPCOMING YOUTH PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES *for 2023*

CAMP  
KILOWATT

Visit [dmremc.com](https://dmremc.com) and view our “Community and Youth” tab to learn more about registration for each youth program.

## COOPERATIVE CALENDAR OF STUDENT ART CONTEST

Indiana Electric Cooperatives' Cooperative Calendar of Student Art Contest is open to all K-12 students who want to create an illustration for the student art calendar. A first-place artist will be selected for each grade, and the winners will each receive a \$200 prize. In addition, the artwork from each grade division winner will illustrate the cover and all 12 months of the calendar.

Submission deadline: March 24



## CAMP KILOWATT

**Date: June 7-10**

Camp Kilowatt is a fun and unique experience for sixth grade students going into seventh grade. Camp includes electricity generation and transmission education, horseback riding, bucket truck rides, zipline and so much more!

Apply by March 1.

## INDIANA YOUTH TOUR TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

**Date: June 11-18**

Daviess-Martin County REMC will be sponsoring youth to attend the 2023 Indiana Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. Highlights of the seven-day trip includes visits to historic monuments and museums, meetings on Capitol Hill with Indiana's congressional delegations, the opportunity to make lifelong friends and so much more!

Apply by March 1.



*Congratulations!*

The Daviess-Martin County REMC staff congratulates **Bob Murphy** (left) for completing the HEATS Apprenticeship program to earn his title of journeyman lineman and **Erica Worland** (right), director of finance and accounting, on the completion of Hoosier Energy's Member Service Representative program.



## 2023 DIRECTOR ELECTION TIMELINE

The 2023 Daviess-Martin County REMC director election will be handled by Survey & Ballot Systems (SBS). Once again, members will have the option to vote by either a mail-in ballot or an online ballot. Election results will be announced at the annual membership meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 13, 2023.

### DIRECTOR DISTRICTS UP FOR ELECTION IN 2023:

- District 3: Daviess County (Washington and Veale townships)
- District 6: Martin County (Halbert, Lost River, Rutherford and Mitchelltree townships)

### INCUMBENT DIRECTORS WHOSE TERMS EXPIRE INCLUDE:

- District 3: Brandt Schuckman
- District 6: August Bauer

Named incumbents' intention to seek a seat on the board of directors will be announced in the February issue of the Indiana Connection.

If you are interested in pursuing a seat on the board and live in either of these two districts, please contact the REMC office for information on the petition process.

Petitions of nomination are due no later than Monday, Feb. 27, 2023, along with a photo and a brief biography.

Director candidates will be listed on the Official Notice of the annual meeting mailed to the membership.

## YOUR CHANCE TO WIN \$50!

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:**  
Delmar Ray Wagler

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

1. Since 2004, your co-op has given \$\_\_\_\_\_ back through Operation Round Up.
2. Learn more about your co-op's youth programs at [www.\\_\\_\\_\\_\\_](http://www._____).
3. Interested in becoming a director? Petitions of nomination are due no later than Feb. \_\_\_\_.

**NAME:**

**ADDRESS:**

**ACCOUNT NO.:**

**PHONE NO.:**

# Concern for community

**Y**our electric co-op operates according to seven principles adopted by the International Cooperative Alliance. One of those principles is “concern for community.” We put that into action as a way to celebrate National Co-op Month in October. The Indiana Electric

Cooperative Community Day is an opportunity for Indiana’s electric cooperatives to make a positive impact in their communities.

This year, Daviess-Martin County REMC employees volunteered at the Martin County 4-H grounds. Employees spent the day cleaning up

the grounds by removing old birds’ nests from security lights, pulling weeds and cleaning up storage areas.

We are a proud supporter of our area 4-H programs and are excited to see all the youth projects in next year’s fairs! .....



**LEFT:** Erica Worland, director of finance and accounting, helps with clean-up from a past carnival and game night.

**BELOW:** Theresa Showalter, administrative and benefits specialist, also helps with clean-up.



**RIGHT:** Faran Lockenour, manager of purchasing and services, helping 4-H Council Member John Lindsey clean out barn storage areas.



**BELOW:** Tyler Bostock, journeyman lineman, clears birds’ nests and changes lightbulbs.



**OFFICE  
CLOSINGS**

***Happy Holidays from Daviess-Martin County REMC!***

The office will be closed:

- Dec. 23 and 26 due to the Christmas holiday
- Dec. 30 and Jan. 2 due to New Year’s holiday

If you experience an outage during this time, please report through SmartHub or by calling 800-762-7362.



Approximately 300 members attended this year's Member Appreciation Day event.

# Thank you, DMREMC MEMBERS!

On Oct. 20, Daviess-Martin County REMC invited members to join us at the Daviess-Martin County REMC office for Member Appreciation Day.

Due to the COVID pandemic, we were not able to hold the event in person for the last two years. We were very excited to be able to gather with our members in person this year.

With this being our first post-COVID appreciation day, we weren't sure how attendance would be. We were blown away by our approximately 300 attending members.

It was a great day filled with prizes and food for our members. We handed out T-shirts and lightbulbs and served BBQ pulled pork, hot dogs, chips and cookies. Four lucky members also won \$50 bill credits.

Attending members were entered to win a \$50 bill credit by REMC employee Theresa Showalter.



Attendees enjoyed a free dinner of BBQ pulled pork, hot dogs, chips and cookies served by REMC linemen.