



Daviness-Martin County

REMC

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OFFICE HOURS

7:30 a.m.—4 p.m., Monday–Friday

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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

Travis Summers, *President*

Brandt Schuckman, *Vice President*

Amy Burris, *Secretary*

Josh Dove, *Treasurer*

August Bauer

John Edwards

Terry Chapman

MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, Feb. 28, 7 p.m.,

Daviness-Martin County REMC office

BILL PAYMENT OPTIONS

SmartHub — online bill payment system

Budget billing

Auto bank draft

Drive-thru 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

DO YOU HAVE A HOME OFFICE?

Set equipment like printers and scanners to automatically switch to sleep or energy-saver mode when not in use. In addition to saving energy, the equipment will stay cooler, which will help extend its life.

— U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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Let's face it. Electricity is one of those non-negotiable "must-haves." And you probably have more devices and equipment that require electricity than ever before.

As demand for electricity rises, Daviness-Martin County REMC must deliver an uninterrupted 24/7 power supply — regardless of market conditions or other circumstances.

As you might expect based on your own family's habits, electricity use fluctuates throughout the day due to consumer demand. Daviness-Martin County REMC must be able to provide enough electricity to meet the energy needs of all members during the times of highest energy use, or "peak hours." These peak times are typically in the morning as people start their day and in the evening as people return to their homes.

What you may not know is that electric utilities including Daviness-Martin County REMC typically pay more for electricity — either from a power plant or from another utility with excess power — during those morning and evening "energy rush hours." In addition, the demand for electricity is even higher when it's especially cold outside and heating systems must run longer to warm our homes.

Here's an easy way to think about the "peak times" concept — it's similar to the demand for concert or theater tickets. Costs go up when there is strong demand for tickets (or electricity), and both are subject to the basic economic laws of supply and

demand. When a lot of people want the same thing, it's more expensive. When they don't, it's cheaper — like at a bargain matinee performance, for example.

In general, Daviness-Martin County REMC members have seasonal peak times in the summer from June–August and in the winter around December–February.

During peak periods when the cost to produce and purchase power is higher, we encourage you to take some simple steps to save energy, such as turning your thermostat down a few notches, turning off unnecessary lights, and waiting to use large appliances until off-peak times.

You can also save energy by plugging electronics and equipment such as computers, printers and TVs into a power strip and then turning it off at the switch during peak hours. If you have a programmable thermostat, adjust the settings to sync up with off-peak periods. When we all work together to reduce energy use during periods of high electricity demand, we can relieve pressure on the grid and save a little money along the way.

Reducing peak use impacts the power-supply cost to every co-op member. Since energy costs have risen across the U.S., collectively conserving energy and making small changes can truly make a difference.

Taking simple steps to save energy throughout the day and shifting energy-intensive chores to off-peak hours is a smart choice for you *and* our community.

RYAN DANT

Chief Executive Officer

Save the date

JOIN US FOR OUR 2023 ANNUAL MEETING!

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, AT BARR-REEVE HIGH SCHOOL

REGISTRATION TO BEGIN AT 5:30 P.M. WITH THE MEETING STARTING AT 6:30 P.M.

You'll want to make sure you attend this year's Annual Meeting. We will have kids' activities and large item prize drawings!



ELECTION TO OCCUR AT DMREMC

The directors for the following two districts will be elected as a part of the 2023 Annual Meeting agenda:

- **DISTRICT 3:** Daviess County (Washington and Veale townships)
- **DISTRICT 6:** Martin County (Halbert, Lost River, Rutherford and Mitcheltree townships)

Incumbent directors seeking re-election include: Brandt Schuckman from District 3 and August Bauer from District 6. Directors will be elected for three-year terms.

Any member who resides in these districts and who is interested in becoming a director candidate must complete and submit a petition for nomination by Feb. 27. Please contact the REMC office at your earliest convenience if you have any questions regarding the election process or need any information.

CALLING ALL KIDS:

Enter our Annual Meeting coloring contest

This year, we have decided to host a kids' coloring contest. We have created three age groups with a different picture for each group. The winner of each age group will receive a check for \$25. We do ask that the winner be present at the Annual Meeting for a presentation of the check.

Please head to www.dmremc.com/annual-meeting to download the picture or stop into the DMREMC office and we will print one for you. Pictures must be returned to the DMREMC office (either by dropping off or mailing) by Monday, March 27. Please have your child write his/her name along with his/her age on the back of the coloring page.



APPLY FOR *youth programs*



COOPERATIVE CALENDAR OF STUDENT ART

Visit dmremc.com/calendar-art-contest to learn more.

Deadline to apply: March 24



CAMP KILOWATT

JUNE 7-10

Visit dmremc.com/camp-kilowatt to learn more.

Deadline to apply: March 1



INDIANA YOUTH TOUR TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

JUNE 11-18

Visit dmremc.com/indiana-youth-tour to learn more.

Deadline to apply: March 1

YOUR CHANCE TO WIN \$50!

In each issue of the magazine, 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.

NOVEMBER WINNER:

Donyan Riley from Washington, Indiana

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

1. Join us for the 2023 Annual Meeting at _____ High School.
2. Return completed coloring pages to the DMREMC office by Monday, March _____.
3. Directors will be elected for Districts _____ and _____ at the Annual Meeting on April 13.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ACCOUNT NO.: _____

PHONE NO.: _____

co-op news

CONGRATULATIONS!

The following employees are celebrating anniversaries at DMREMC this month. We thank them for their continued commitment to providing you with the best service possible.

**GRANT
HORTON**

FEB. 1
1 YEAR



**FARAN
LOCKENOUR**

FEB. 22
2 YEARS



Congratulations, Jordan!

On Jan. 7, Jordan Kaiser graduated from the REAP program, a four-year program that professionally trains apprentice lineworkers from across Indiana.

Graduates completed 612 hours of classroom study and 8,000 hours of on-the-job training. Students also completed four additional classes through Ivy Tech Community College to earn an Associate of Applied Science degree.



TERRI BOUCHIE

Welcome, Terri!

BOUCHIE JOINS DMREMC TEAM

Terri Bouchie joined us in December as a member services representative.

Terri Bouchie grew up all over the U.S., but graduated from high school in Southaven, Mississippi. After much moving around, she settled down in Washington, Indiana, where she met her husband, Corey. They have been married for over 15 years. They have two sons who are very involved in sports. They also have two boxers and a blue tick hound that complete their family.

Before joining us at DMREMC, Bouchie worked both construction and other office jobs. She also owned her own antique shop for more than seven years. Her main hobby? Spending time with her kids and watching them do what they love.

Operation Round Up grants awarded



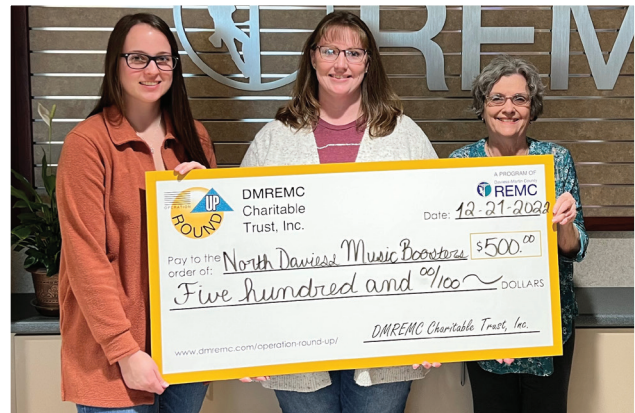
ODON WINKPLECK PUBLIC LIBRARY received a \$3,000 grant to aid in the funding of new hardware and software to provide mobile printing options to the community.

Pictured above, from left: DMREMC's Communications Specialist Becca Hollaway and Susan Graber

NORTH DAVIESS MUSIC

BOOSTERS received a \$500 grant to purchase headset microphones and batteries along with other musical supplies for music programs that the music department needs.

Pictured below, from left: Becca Hollaway, North Daviess Music Boosters President Kristen Saladin and Treasurer Linda Smith



RSVP VOLUNTEER CENTER received a \$1,170 grant to fund the "Little Elves Workshop" for children enrolled in PACE Headstart in Washington and Odon. The project is an early financial literacy program which teaches the concept of earning, saving and spending. Students earn "Santa Bucks" by completing good work at school and can use that money to purchase items in the RSVP store as holiday gifts.

Pictured above, from left: RSVP Volunteer Center Executive Director Kim Hertz and Becca Hollaway



NEW BEGINNINGS SATURDAY

LUNCH PROGRAM received a \$1,000 grant to aid in buying supplies for Saturday lunches. Each Saturday, a group of volunteers assembles and delivers around 360 lunches to children in Martin County. The goal is to fill the gap between Friday free lunch at school until they return to school on Monday mornings.

Pictured above, from left: Becca Hollaway, New Beginnings Saturday Lunch Program Director Shirley Canell and New Beginnings Pastor Ernest Canell