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MONTHLY MEETING Tuesday, Jan. 24, 7 p.m., Daviess-Martin County REMC office

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MISSION STATEMENT

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GET INVOLVED! Join us at the annual meeting



One of my favorite events is coming up on April 13, when Daviess – Martin County REMC will host our annual meeting for you, the members we proudly serve.

I look forward to this event because it's a great opportunity for me and our employees to talk with our members and hear what's on their minds.

We hope you'll join us for the annual meeting, which will take place at Barr-Reeve High School. If you do attend, we would like to thank you in advance for getting involved because your participation means so much to us.

During the annual meeting, we'll share a few brief business updates. We plan to have kid's activities, food and prizes, too.

Spending time with you and hearing your take on our community's energy future is so important to us. In fact, it's essential, because everything we do is shaped by the members of our community. As I'm sure you know, the energy industry is in the midst of massive change. Consumer needs and changing technology impact nearly every aspect of how we manage and deliver energy to local homes, schools and businesses.

As we navigate major changes in the coming years, we need to hear from you and your neighbors to inform our planning as we strive to meet the long-term needs of all Daviess-Martin County REMC members.

YOUR ELECTRIC BILL IS AN INVESTMENT IN OUR COMMUNITY

Our board of directors is comprised of seven members who live and work right here in our local service area, so they are in the best position to know where community investments are most needed.

This local input means those closest to the community know its needs and priorities and help direct where co-op dollars are spent. Every year, we invest funds to make updates to our local system, which helps maintain reliability and grid resilience. Think of it this way: Every time you pay your electric bill, you're actually investing in your community because all the money we take in stays here in the local community. By making these investments in our local system, we can ensure you have reliable power for everyday life.

Most consumers likely don't equate active involvement with their electric company with helping their community. But Daviess-Martin County REMC is not an ordinary utility company. We're a co-op, and our business model is meant to serve the members and the community in which it operates.

Our core purpose and mission is to provide safe, reliable electricity and quality services for our members at a reasonable cost. But as a co-op, we're also motivated by service to our community, rather than profits. We hope you'll exercise the benefits of your co-op membership and join us for the annual meeting April 13. We look forward to seeing you!

RYAN DANT Chief Executive Officer

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DAVIESS-MARTIN County Remc Annual Meeting And Director Nomination

Mark your calendar for the April 13 Daviess-Martin County REMC annual meeting. Plans are being made to hold the meeting at Barr-Reeve High School.

Business meeting action items will include:

- The election of two directors for the cooperative to serve a term of three years. Districts up for election include District 3 (Washington and Veale townships in Daviess County), and District
 6 (Halbert, Lost River, Rutherford and Mitcheltree townships in Martin County).
- Approval of reports for the previous fiscal year.
- Other business that may arise during the meeting.

In accordance with DMREMC bylaws, nominations for members to become a director on the REMC board shall be made by petition. Valid nominating petitions must be submitted to the REMC no later than Feb. 27. 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.

New faces at the co-op

When you come into the Daviess-Martin County REMC office you're likely to see a new face up front.

We would like everyone to join us in welcoming Ashley White as a member services representative. White graduated from Zion's



ASHLEY WHITE

Hill Baptist School in Linton. After graduation, she became certified in surface mining and in 2013 started working for Peabody Energy doing reclaim work. She then moved to Bear Run Coal Mine in Carlisle in 2017 where she operated heavy equipment and drove coal trucks. During that time, she also became a member of the surface mining energy team and became a certified emergency medical responder. Now, White lives north of Bloomfield with her fiancé, three kids and two chocolate labs. She loves canning and hunting, and is an aspiring blacksmith with hopes of running her own smithy one day.

We also have a new face on our line crew. **Mitch Werner** joined us as a firstyear apprentice. Werner attended the North American



MITCH WERNER

Lineman Training Center and worked at Duke Energy for a year before joining us at Daviess-Martin County REMC. Werner comes from a long line of linemen; his dad and grandpa were both linemen, and he said that is what made him want to be a lineman. He decided to go to Daviess-Martin County REMC because he has always wanted to work for a distribution co-op. He looks forward to getting to make contributions in the community and helping other people. In his spare time, Werner likes to hunt, fish and play baseball.

APPLY FOR 2023 REBATES

Daviess-Martin County REMC offers a variety of rebate options. Members with qualifying equipment could receive a residential rebate for water heaters, geothermal heat pumps and air source, ductless mini-split or dual fuel heat pumps. We also offer HVAC tune-up, electric lawn equipment and commercial rebates. *Visit www.dmremc.com under the "Ways To Save" tab to download your application and learn more.*



Pictured: DMREMC directors (from left) Terry Chapman, August Bauer and John Edwards

RECOGNIZING SERVICE

On Dec. 5, Daviess-Martin County REMC directors Terry Chapman, August Bauer and John Edwards were recognized by Indiana Electric Cooperatives for their years of service on the local co-op board of directors. Terry Chapman has served 30 years, August Bauer has served 50 years, and John Edwards has served 25 years. We thank each of our members on our board of directors for their dedication to Daviess-Martin County REMC and all its members.

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Pick up free resources

Pocket calendars, Cooperative Calendars of Student Art, festival guides and Farmers' Almanacs are still available at the Daviess-Martin County REMC office.

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. (Delinguent 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: Mike Smith from Loogootee

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

- 1. Save the date for Daviess-Martin County REMC's annual meeting on April _____.
- Insulate your electric water heater by purchasing a pre-cut jacket or blanket for about \$ ____.
- 3. The ______ app allows you to make payments in a secure environment.

NAME:

ADDRESS:

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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.

BECCA HOLLAWAY JAN. 4 1 YEAR



THERESA SHOWALTER JAN. 5 36 YEARS

TYLER BOSTOCK JAN. 8 5 YEARS



ERICA WORLAND JAN. 17 1 YEAR



CAREY WADE JAN. 31 1 YEAR





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