



Daviness-Martin County

**REMC**

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**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**

Wednesday, May 24, 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**

Place thermostats in the center of the home, away from air vents, plumbing pipes and exterior doors. Avoid placing items like lamps and televisions near your thermostat. Avoid installing thermostats in rooms that tend to feel warmer or colder than the rest of the home. Do not place furniture in front of the thermostat, which can block air flow and result in inaccurate readings.

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**co-op news**

**MAY IS** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★  
**Military Appreciation Month**



Service. Mission. Country. You likely identified immediately (and correctly) that these three words describe our nation's veterans.

They also succinctly describe a core co-op ethos.

While veterans are innately motivated to serve, in a similar vein, electric co-ops are guided by foundational principles that put their community first. After all, electric co-ops were founded to bring electricity to rural areas where there was none. In doing so, they powered local economies and helped them to thrive. I believe this close connection to an essential mission is why there are so many veterans in the utility industry and why they are such a great fit for electric co-ops.

Today's veterans are highly skilled because everyone who joins the military is either trained in a tech career field or exposed to advanced technology during their years of service. Many veterans have skills in advanced disciplines such as engineering, electronics or mechanics, which are all beneficial for the utility industry. Daviness-Martin County REMC is proud to have one employee, Dwain Jolliff, and two board members, August Bauer and Terry Chapman, who are veterans, and we're especially grateful for their contributions to the co-op and to our community.

**LEADERSHIP AND TEAMBUILDING SKILLS**

Our veteran colleagues joined the co-op equipped with training in leadership and teamwork. That's because while on active duty within their units, service members work closely together

because they know their lives depend on each other's actions. This fosters a high level of self-discipline, a sense of personal responsibility and a passion for excellence.

The utility industry is increasingly complex and undergoing profound transformation. While there is the traditional engineering and vegetation management aspect of the industry, it now also encompasses technology, cybersecurity and the electrification of the transportation sector and other areas of the economy. Veterans are adept at responding to changing conditions and learning and adapting to new technologies, which is essential in our evolving industry.

**MISSION-ORIENTED OUTLOOK**

Working for an electric co-op is more than a job. There is a clear mission in the work — to help our consumer-members and the community. When you work so closely with the community, you can't help but feel a sense of commitment and responsibility to our members. It's similar to the sense of duty and responsibility that veterans experience in the military. They feel deep, personal responsibility and commitment to their co-op team members and to the members we serve. Veterans are trustworthy and goal oriented, wanting to do right for their co-op and their community.

May is Military Appreciation Month, and I hope you'll join me in recognizing the sacrifices veterans have made to our great country — and the many contributions they continue to make to our wonderful community. Veterans, we salute you!

**RYAN DANT**

Chief Executive Officer



## ANNUAL MEETING *in review*

Daviess-Martin County REMC's annual meeting was held April 13 at Barr-Reeve High School. There were approximately 400 people in attendance.

Attendees received either a hat or a vegetable peeler and a chance for larger prizes. These prizes included a Pit Boss grill, an Orca cooler, flatscreen TVs, bill credits and children's bicycles. A video produced by Hoosier Energy Rural Electric Cooperative Inc., entitled Complex Issues/Cooperative Solutions, was shown prior to the business meeting as members arrived.

All members who submitted a mail-in or electronic ballot received a \$10 electric bill credit. In addition, voting members were entered into bill credit drawings on March 24 and April 5.

Hot dogs, walking tacos and drinks were prepared and served by Barr-Reeve's culinary arts class. The Washington High School NJROTC provided the presentation of colors. The National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Board Member August Bauer.

The invocation was given by Board Member John Edwards. Announcements of the kids coloring contest winners was presented by Communications Specialist Becca Hollaway, followed by the secretary's report, given by Board Secretary Amy Burris.

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, Brandt Schuckman, District 3 (Washington and Veale townships in Daviess County) and August Bauer, District 6 (Halbert, Lost River, Rutherford and Mitcheltree townships in Martin 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. Goffinet stated that Schuckman and Bauer would serve three-year terms for Districts 3 and 6, respectively.

This year's meeting also included guest speaker Chad Bauer, who

spoke about the loss of his son to a fentanyl overdose. Daviess-Martin County REMC was happy to also have Bauer speak at Barr-Reeve, North Daviess, Loogootee and Shoals schools on April 13 and 14 to educate students on the risks of fentanyl use.

During the meeting, kids were dismissed to a classroom where they watched a live-line safety demo presented by DMREMC linemen Alan Sims and Bob Murphy. Angela Dabney from Hoosier Energy also brought recycling activities for kids to complete and was assisted by Barr-Reeve Beta students.

The meeting wrapped up with the attendance-only prize drawings. Micha Knepp and Mya Murphy were winners of the children's bicycles. Sandra Hettle and Marlin and Lana Knepp both won a flat screen TV, Marvin Wagler won the Orca cooler, Marlin and Marth Wagler were the winners of the cornhole boards made by Shoals Shop Class and Fred Knepp won the Pit Boss grill. There were also three bill credits for \$250 given away, and those winners were Thomas Summers, Taylor Debra and Naomi Peoples.





### DAVIESS-MARTIN COUNTY REMC'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Front row from left: Travis Summers, Brandt Schuckman and Josh Dove  
Back row from left: August Bauer, John Edwards, Amy Burris and Terry Chapman

## 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.

**NATHAN ALBRIGHT**

**MAY 2**  
29 YEARS



**ROB POWELL**

**MAY 20**  
21 YEARS



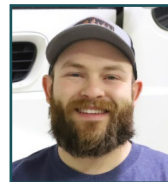
**KRISTEN BADGETT**

**MAY 23**  
1 YEAR



## WELCOME, SETH!

Daviess-Martin County REMC would like to welcome Seth Kell to the team as a meter tech!



The Greenfield, Indiana native joins us with quite the array of experience in electrical work. Seth has always worked in the electrical field, whether it was high voltage power or low voltage power and electronics. He also has many years of basic and advanced electrical and electronics training, as well as a mastery of programmable logic controllers and motor controls.

Seth is an avid outdoorsman and waterfowl hunter.



## Festival guides available

Free copies of the 2023 Indiana Festival Guide are available at the Daviess-Martin County REMC office. You can pick one up through the drive-thru window or by coming inside.

The office will be closed Monday, May 29, for Memorial Day.

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

## 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.

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

1. Daviess-Martin County REMC employs \_\_\_\_\_ veteran and has two veterans on its board of directors.
2. If a storm damages any equipment owned by the co-op, who is responsible for the repairs?
3. The two main accidents that cause outages are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ACCOUNT NO.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE NO.:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Who Owns What?

## Electric Co-op Owned Equipment vs Member-Owned Equipment

This graphic depicts equipment owned by the co-op (in gold) and the member (in blue). If a storm damages any equipment owned by the co-op, we are responsible for repairs. If a storm damages any member-owned equipment, the member is responsible for repairs. Members should hire a licensed electrician when making any repairs to member-owned equipment.

