



Daviess-Martin County
REMC

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To report an outage or emergency, call
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MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, July 25, 7 p.m.,
Daviess-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

To reduce home energy use in
summer, avoid using your oven and
use a grill instead. Cooking outdoors
eliminates the electricity used to power
the stove and will also avoid raising
the temperature inside your home,
reducing the need for air conditioning
or cooling. You can also avoid using
the oven with tasty no-bake recipes.
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co-op news

WORKING TO serve you



"We're here to serve you."

We've all heard this phrase countless times. These words may sound generic, but to us — your local electric cooperative — they mean everything.

Daviess-Martin County REMC was created to serve our community. Back in the day, neighbors banded together and formed our co-op for the common good. In our case, it was the only way the community could bring electricity to the area where there was none. In doing so, Daviess-Martin County REMC helped the community thrive. That mission-focused heritage is the golden thread that is woven throughout our history.

Today, we are continuing to power the community. While our focus has remained steady on providing reliable energy to our members, today's energy landscape and consumer expectations are far different than they were decades ago. That's why we're adapting, to keep pace with changing technology, evolving needs and new expectations.

Serving as your trusted energy advisor means we want to help you save energy (and money) and provide advice and information on a broad range of energy topics. For example, if you're looking for ways to save energy, check out dmremc.com under "Ways to Save" for energy-saving tips, available rebates and ideas to increase the energy efficiency of your home. Understanding how your home uses energy can help determine the best ways to modify energy use and thereby keep more money in your wallet.

If you're considering a rooftop solar installation, we offer a rooftop solar assessment tool on our website. Investing in a solar system is a major decision, and it's important to fully understand the costs, responsibilities and potential energy savings.

In a similar vein, we recognize that members may be considering electric vehicle options. Daviess-Martin County REMC provides information about EV charging to our members, through our website, so you can make informed decisions about EVs. We can provide a candid assessment of residential and business charging requirements for all types of EVs. No matter what our members drive, we want to help you achieve energy savings. Head to dmremc.com to take advantage of this tool.

So, the next time you hear Daviess-Martin County REMC use the phrase "we're here to serve you," we hope you know that we mean it. Service is deeply ingrained into who we are. We continue to evolve with the times, and in return, we've found additional ways to serve you and provide more options for you to power your life.

We're here whenever you need us. Connect with us online, in person, through the SmartHub app or our social media channels. However you choose to connect, please let us know how we can serve you better.



RYAN DANT
Chief Executive Officer



CAMP KILOWATT WRAP-UP

Every year, Daviess-Martin County REMC sponsors students at the annual Camp Kilowatt. The camp was held June 7-10 at Camp Tecumseh in Brookston, Indiana. This year no students in the Daviess-Martin County REMC service area applied but two Daviess-Martin County REMC employees attended Camp Kilowatt as chaperones.

Camp Kilowatt is offered to students in sixth grade going into seventh grade.

The students' agenda combined traditional outdoor camp activities with environmental education, electrical safety practices and cooperative business education. Camp activities included swimming, zip-lining, horseback riding, campfires and more.

"This was a great way for students to learn about the role of the electric cooperative in their

community. On top of that, they experienced all the fun of camp," said Kristen Padgett, general operations coordinator of Daviess-Martin County REMC.

The Camp Kilowatt program was developed by a committee of electric cooperative employees from Indiana. The camp is funded in part by Indiana's electric cooperatives, Hoosier Energy, Wabash Valley Power Alliance, Indiana Electric Cooperatives (IEC) and other industry partners.

"It's a great experience for everyone involved. The students made memories and friendships that will last a lifetime," said Becca Hollaway, communications specialist at Daviess-Martin County REMC.

Be on the lookout this fall for application information if you are interested in sending your son or daughter to Camp Kilowatt.



TOP: Campers proudly represent Hoosier Energy.

MIDDLE: Becca Hollaway (left) and Kristen Padgett represent DMREMC at Camp Kilowatt as chaperones.

BOTTOM: Students enjoy camp activities with their new friends.

EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARY

The following employee is celebrating an anniversary at DMREMC this month. We thank him for his continued commitment to providing our members with the best service possible.

DENNIS WILSON
JULY 23
33 YEARS



WELCOME, NATHAN!

Daviess-Martin County REMC would like to welcome Nathan Kellams to the team as a staking technician!



Kellams lives in West Baden Springs with his wife, two daughters and the family dog. Previously, he worked at BRCJ Land Surveying for nine years. He also has a degree in construction management from Ivy Tech Evansville. He enjoys deer hunting, spending time outdoors and time with family.

REBATE APPLICATIONS ARE NOW ONLINE!



Applying for your residential, HVAC tune-up or electric lawn equipment rebate just got easier! Daviess-Martin County REMC now offers an online application process for all available rebates. Visit dmremc.com to find the rebate and application you're looking for, but don't worry, you can still print an application and send it to the office if you wish to do so!

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.

MAY WINNER:

Marvin Graber of Loogootee

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

1. If you are interested in rooftop solar, Daviess-Martin County REMC offers a rooftop solar _____ tool on our website.
2. Camp Kilowatt is offered to students going into the _____ grade.
3. Every degree you lower your air conditioner, raises your energy consumption by _____ percent.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ACCOUNT NO.: _____

PHONE NO.: _____

COOL OFF

YOUR ELECTRIC BILL THIS SUMMER

For most members, the two biggest causes of high energy use are cooling and heating. While you have choices other than electricity for heating, electricity is the source for cooling. When you look at your electric bill this summer, you can be sure the costs of cooling will drive up your bill.

What can you do to keep your summer bills under control?

Your temperature setting has an enormous effect. If you have central air conditioning, set your thermostat in the range of 75-78 degrees, if possible. Every degree lower raises your air conditioner's energy consumption by 5 to 8 percent.

Also, make sure routine maintenance is performed on your air conditioner. If your air conditioner is getting older, you may want to consider replacing your air conditioner with a more efficient one. Be sure to size your air conditioner appropriately. While we normally think "bigger is better," that is not the case with an air conditioner. An oversized central AC will cycle on and off too often, wasting energy and impeding its ability to control humidity. Also consider a unit with a high SEER (seasonal

energy efficiency ratio) rating. The higher the SEER, the more efficient the air conditioner.

Here are some other ideas to reduce your summer bill:

- Install drapes, curtains, shades, awnings or window films on your south and west facing windows to block out the sun's rays.
- Seal air leaks around your home.
- Check air ducts for leaks. This will not only reduce energy use, but will also increase your comfort level.
- Replace furnace filters. Dirty air filters will block air flow and increase energy costs.
- Use the exhaust fans in your bathrooms sparingly. In just one hour they can remove a houseful of cooled air.
- Use fans to supplement room or central air conditioning. They do not lower air temperatures, but the breeze they produce makes it feel cooler. Fans use much less energy and generate less heat.
- Lights, televisions, computers and appliances not only use electricity, they generate heat. Keep them turned off when they are not needed.



Hit a pole? **STAY IN YOUR CAR!**

STEPPING OUT OF THE CAR IMMEDIATELY AFTER STRIKING A UTILITY POLE MAY KILL YOU. HERE'S WHY:

Power lines can fall. When a pole is struck, power lines and hardware can break loose from their insulated perches atop the pole.

Fallen power lines can still be energized. Even touching the ground, power lines can still be carrying 7,200 volts or more. They may not spark or buzz.

Fallen power lines are hard to see. When knocked down and twisted with tall grass or trees as a background, especially at night, power lines are almost impossible to see.

Electricity seeks all paths to the ground. If you get out of the car and touch a live power line and the ground, you become that path. That amount of electricity passing through you can kill you instantly.

Call 911. Tell them you hit a pole and wait. Tell passersby to stay back. First responders will see if power lines are down, and if so, will call and wait on the utility's responders to arrive before they can even approach the car.

