



Daviess-Martin County

**REMC**

[www.dmremc.com](http://www.dmremc.com)

**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.

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**MONTHLY MEETING**

Tuesday, Oct. 24, 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.”



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**SAVINGS TIP**

Did you know using your dishwasher is more energy efficient than washing a load of dishes by hand? To maximize efficiency, wash full loads in the dishwasher and don't block the arms or other parts that move while the appliance is in use.

— ENERGY.GOV

**co-op news**

# *Electric co-ops grow for the communities they serve*

## OCTOBER IS NATIONAL CO-OP MONTH

October is National Co-op Month, and Daviess-Martin County REMC is joining cooperatives across the U.S. to celebrate. Co-ops come in all shapes and sizes, but they each have a common goal: to provide goods or services for the members of the co-op.

Electric co-ops, including Daviess-Martin County REMC, exist to serve their members. Our priority is to provide affordable, reliable energy to our local communities. Because we are led by you, the members we serve, we can evolve to meet your needs. For example, we live in a more digital world than we ever have before. It's easier to jump online and fill out a form than drive to the office and pick up the form, fill it out and send it back. That's why we have added as many of our forms as we can to our website for member convenience, while also still offering printed forms for those who choose that route.

This October, as we celebrate Co-op Month, we're focusing on the ways “co-ops grow” for their members.

Co-ops grow communities: Co-ops help communities grow by promoting economic empowerment, fostering community engagement and supporting the unique needs of co-op members. “Concern for Community” is one of our core principles — and being community-

focused is essential to everything we do.

Co-ops grow together: Co-ops are all about cooperation, not competition. That's why electric co-ops work together to share lessons learned, successful strategies and better ways to serve our members. We're better when we grow together!

Co-ops grow tomorrow's leaders: Electric co-ops serve as fertile ground for growing tomorrow's leaders through a variety of youth engagement programs. Whether through school demonstrations, community events, Camp Kilowatt or The Indiana Youth Tour, we're committed to providing opportunities for local youth to learn and thrive in our community and beyond.

Co-ops grow for you: At Daviess-Martin County REMC, your satisfaction is our number one goal. It's why we were formed many years ago to fulfill a uniquely local purpose. We've come a long way since then, and your needs continue to evolve. That's why we'll never stop growing for you!



**RYAN DANT**  
*Chief Executive Officer*

## EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARY

An outstanding employee is celebrating an anniversary at DMREMC this month. We thank him for his continued commitment to providing you with the best service possible.



**ALAN SIMS**  
OCT. 25  
19 YEARS

## JOIN US ON OCT. 25!

October is National Co-op Month, and to celebrate, we are hosting our Member Appreciation Day lunch on Wednesday, Oct. 25. Join us anytime from 11 a.m.–2 p.m. at the Daviess-Martin County REMC office. Lunch will be served and handouts will be available to all members. Attending members will also be entered to win one of four \$50 bill credits. We hope to see you there!

# MEMBER APPRECIATION DAY



- ☒ Meet the Daviess-Martin County REMC staff.
- ☒ Enjoy delicious food.
- ☒ Enter to win a \$50 bill credit.
- ☒ Free handout to all attending members.



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**OCT.**  
**25**

**11 a.m.-2 p.m.**





# TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

Daviess-Martin County REMC is attempting to locate former and current members who have unclaimed capital credits. Anyone who was a member in the years 1991 through 1995 may have a capital credit waiting for them to claim.

A list of eligible individuals was published on our website on Sept. 1. Head to [dmremc.com](http://dmremc.com) and scroll down to "Unclaimed Capital Credits" and click "View List" to review the

list for names you may know. On our homepage, you will also find the appropriate forms needed to claim your capital credit. If you are an heir of a past member who we still have an unclaimed capital credit for, you will also find the proper forms here.

The deadline to claim these credits is Oct. 31. After this date, the credit amount will be treated as donated cash and will no longer be eligible to claim.

## FILLING COMMUNITY NEEDS

Shoals Community School Corporation reached out to Daviess-Martin County REMC requesting donations for its "Rox Request" room. Rox Requests are for any student in elementary, middle or high school. Students are given a form to fill out requesting hygiene items they are in need of at home. Their bag is then filled with the items they requested. Daviess-Martin County REMC employees chipped in and filled boxes with hygiene items to donate to the school.



Students receiving Rox Request donations.

## 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 a subsequent issue of Indiana Connection.

**AUGUST WINNER:**  
Kenneth Macy, Shoals, IN

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

1. Cooperatives are democratic organizations controlled by their \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Member Appreciation Day will be held on Oct. 25 from \_\_\_\_\_ a.m. to \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.
3. The deadline to claim capital credits is Oct. \_\_\_\_\_.

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

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

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

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



# cooperative principles

Cooperatives around the world operate according to the same set of core principles and values, adopted by the International Cooperative Alliance. Since October is National Co-op Month, we wanted to highlight the seven cooperative principles.

## 1 | VOLUNTARY AND OPEN MEMBERSHIP

Cooperatives are voluntary organizations, open to all persons able to use their services and willing to accept the responsibilities of membership, without gender, social, racial, political or religious discrimination.

## 2 | DEMOCRATIC MEMBER CONTROL

Cooperatives are democratic organizations controlled by their members, who actively participate in setting policies and making decisions. The elected representatives are accountable to the membership. In primary cooperatives, members have equal voting rights and cooperatives at other levels are organized in a democratic manner.

## 3 | MEMBERS' ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION

Members contribute equitably to, and democratically control, the capital of their cooperative. At least part of that capital remains the common property of the cooperative. Members allocate surpluses for any or all of the following purposes: developing the cooperative; setting up reserves; benefiting members in proportion to their transactions with the cooperative; and supporting other activities approved by the membership.

## 4 | AUTONOMY AND INDEPENDENCE

Cooperatives are autonomous, self-help organizations controlled by their members. If they enter into agreements with other organizations, including governments, or raise capital from external sources, they do so on terms that ensure democratic control as well as their unique identity.

## 5 | EDUCATION, TRAINING AND INFORMATION

Education and training for members, elected representatives, CEOs and employees help them effectively contribute to the development of their cooperatives. Communication about the nature and benefits of cooperatives, particularly with the general public and opinion leaders, helps boost cooperative understanding.

## 6 | COOPERATION AMONG COOPERATIVES

By working together through local, national, regional and international structures, cooperatives improve services, bolster local economies and deal more effectively with social and community needs.

## 7 | CONCERN FOR COMMUNITY

While focusing on member needs, cooperatives work for the sustainable development of their communities through policies accepted by their members.