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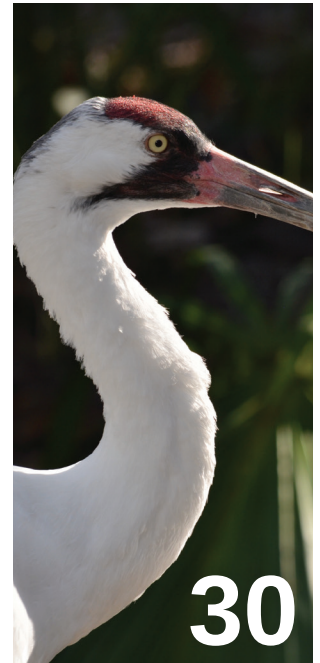
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Tuesday, Nov. 21, 7 p.m.,

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"Our mission is to provide safe, reliable electricity and quality services for our members at a reasonable cost."



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DEADLINE APPROACHING

The deadline to submit 2023 rebate applications is **Dec. 15**. Head to **dmremc.com** to view our available rebates and submit your application before it's too late!

co-op news

Serving *up* savings

The holiday season is just around the corner and soon, festive music will flood the airwaves, sparkling lights and decorations will adorn homes and businesses, and good tidings will abound.

The holidays also bring a frenzy of decorating, cooking and family gatherings, and amid the hectic hustle and bustle, you may receive higher-than-usual energy bills.

Keeping this in mind, I thought this month would be a good time to remind Daviness-Martin County REMC members of a few programs and efficiency tips to help lower your monthly energy use.

Minor improvements will help you save.

Winter months typically bring some of the highest energy bills of the year. Making minor, low-cost improvements, like weatherstripping exterior doors and caulking around old, drafty windows can make a positive impact on energy bills.

Be festive without breaking the bank.

LED holiday lights use 88% less energy than incandescent holiday lights. To put that into perspective, the Department of Energy estimates that with standard holiday decorations, LED lights typically increase energy bills by about \$5 to \$7. But with incandescent lights, energy bills will typically

increase by \$33 or more. For homes that go above and beyond with incandescent holiday lighting (think Clark Griswold), energy bills could increase by as much as \$350. Beyond energy savings, LEDs provide additional benefits, such as being shock-resistant, shatterproof and cool to the touch, making them safer for the home.

You can also lower energy use by conveniently managing holiday lighting. Smart light timers can help you save energy by connecting to a smart phone app or voice assistant to program lights to turn on and off at set times. If you don't use smart home technology, you can still save energy by using traditional timers.

Additional easy ways to save during the holiday season include turning off overhead lights and using your Christmas tree to illuminate your home. If you have a fireplace, remember to close the flue when you're not burning a fire to ensure heat doesn't escape through the chimney.

Cook up energy savings in the kitchen.

If you plan to have family and friends over this holiday season, you can cook up energy savings by using small countertop appliances like microwaves, air fryers and slow cookers when possible, as they use much less energy than the stovetop or oven.

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When using the oven, bake multiple dishes at once for maximum efficiency. After all, it takes as much energy to cook one dish as it does to cook several. Turn the oven off a few minutes before the recipe's end time and allow the residual heat to finish baking the dish. Once the food is done, leave the stove door ajar to allow the residual heat to warm the room. When using the stove top, match the pan size to the burner to maximize the stove top's efficiency.

I hope a few of these tips will be helpful as we approach the holiday season. Remember, we're here to answer any questions you have about managing energy use or your monthly bills. With a little planning upfront, you can find efficient ways to save on everything from holiday décor to your favorite soup recipes.

Your friends at Daviess-Martin REMC hope you have a wonderful holiday season.



RYAN DANT
Chief Executive
Officer



Each year, Daviess-Martin County REMC, Orange County REMC, Southern Indiana Power and Dubois REC host to Cooperative Classic Golf Scramble as a way to thank our key accounts.

This year, the scramble was held on Sept. 14 at Sultan's Run Golf Course in Jasper. Daviess-Martin County REMC's key account teams really showed up this year! Thank you Graber Post Buildings, Grain Processing Corporation, River View Farms and Craney's Body Shop for sending teams to represent your business.

WELCOME, JESSE!

Daviess-Martin County REMC would like to welcome Jesse Swartzentruber to the team as a journeyman lineman!

Jesse is a Daviess County native. Eighteen years ago he moved to Martinsville with the opportunity to become a lineman. He, his wife, and three kids are excited to be back closer to their families. That's part of what drew Jesse to DMREMC, along with working for a family-orientated company. When he's not at work, Jesse likes to spend time hanging out with his family and fishing.



OFFICE CLOSINGS

The Daviess-Martin County REMC office will be closed for **Veterans Day** on Nov. 10 and for **Thanksgiving** on Nov. 23-24.

CO-OP CYBER SECURITY

You will soon see this cyber certificate badge on our website and social media sites. DMREMC recently completed all criteria of NRECA's Rural Cooperative Cybersecurity Capabilities (RC3) program.

This program is voluntary and a major achievement for co-ops to advance the cybersecurity of our nation's electricity grid.

PICTURED: Spencer Tomlinson, I.T. Systems/Cybersecurity Specialist and Rob Powell, Director of Systems Operations.



EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES

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.



**ASHLEY
WHITE**
NOV. 14
1 YEAR



**DWAIN
JOLLIFF**
NOV. 23
3 YEARS



**MITCH
WERNER**
NOV. 28
1 YEAR

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:
Robert Brown

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

1. LED holiday lights use ____% less energy than incandescent holiday lights.
2. The deadline to submit rebate applications is _____.
3. The Daviess-Martin County REMC office will be closed Nov. __ and __ for Thanksgiving.

NAME: _____

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ACCOUNT NO.: _____

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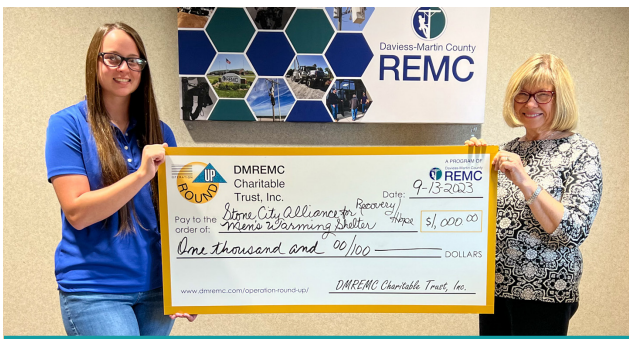
Operation Round Up

THIRD QUARTER GRANTS AWARDED



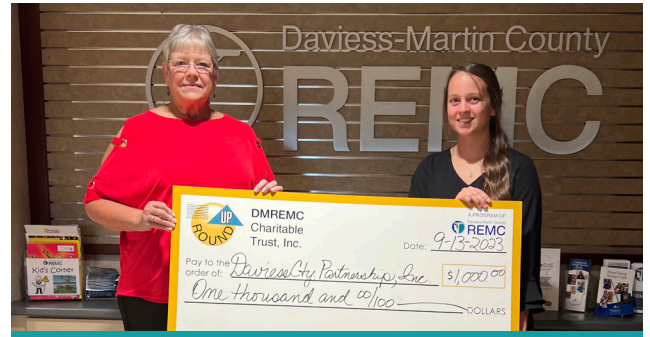
DMREMC Communications Specialist Becca Hollaway, Martin County 4-H Horse and Pony Club Leader Candace Clark and Martin County Director & Education Educator Dena Held

The **Martin County 4-H Horse and Pony Club** received a **\$1,000** grant to purchase new arena lights. The club leaders are working to build a strong program with a safe arena for 4-H'ers to use before, during, and after the county fair. Lights will allow later practice times and more opportunities to use the arena.



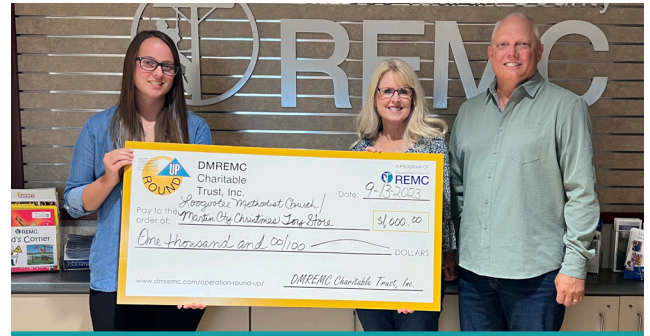
Becca Hollaway and Stone City Alliance for Recovery and Hope, Inc. Treasurer Linda Smith

The **Stone City Alliance for Recovery and Hope, Inc.** was awarded a **\$1,000** grant to purchase 60 new chairs for its dining area. With the merging with Supporting People in Need (SPIN) in November 2022, the dining area has seen increased attendance. Since Nov. 1 of that year, 4,146 breakfasts have been served through the program.



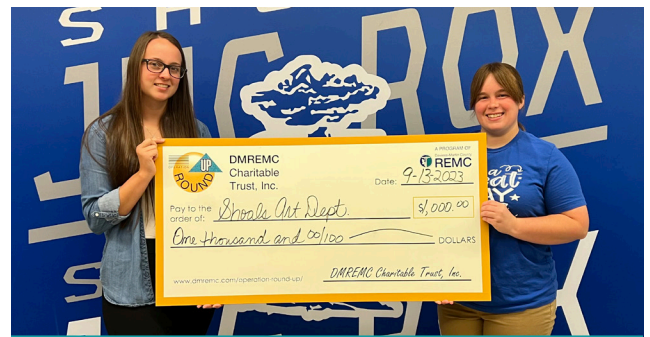
Sherry Davies and Becca Hollaway

Daviess County Partnership, Inc. was granted a **\$1,000** grant to assist Jubilee Christmas with purchasing needed items for this year's Christmas Store.



Becca Hollaway and Martin County Toy Store co-chairs Pam Loughmiller and Curt Johnson

The **Martin County Christmas Store** received a **\$1,000** grant to purchase toys for the toy store held on the second Saturday in December at the Loggotee Methodist Church.



Becca Hollaway and Shoals art teacher Reva Troutman

The **Shoals Art Department** will use its **\$1,000** grant to purchase art supplies and sponsor students' participation in the Jug Rox Make-A-Difference Day.



Lisa and Dennis Wilson
All photos by Nostalgic by Kara Lee

'A magical experience for all'

Discover unique and handmade finds at Lisa and Dennis Wilson's Chandelier Barn Market

Lisa Wilson describes the Chandelier Barn Market as a fairy-tale event.

"Have you ever had a dream in your head that you can see but are not sure what it would look like put together in real life?" said Wilson, who owns Chandelier Barn Market, LLC, with her husband, Dennis, who has worked at Daviess-Martin County REMC for over 30 years and is currently the director of operations. "That is what Chandelier Barn Market is. You feel the love, joy, excitement — and most of all, the creativity of humans."

The Chandelier Barn Market (Chandelierbarnmarket.com) is a marketplace show in southern Indiana that includes barns full of handmade items, furniture, antiques, jewelry, art and more. Attendees can also enjoy live entertainment and food.

CBM hosts three shows a year: a spring, fall and Christmas event. The Wilsons celebrated the market's 10th anniversary Sept. 15-16 this fall. The show "was a huge success," Wilson said.

The duo's first show began with a desire to bring a family-oriented, unique event to Daviess County, Wilson explained. "The first thing I did was hang a chandelier in the old barn on our family farm, and that's when it became 'Chandelier Barn Market,'" she said. The initial market drew more than 2,000 people to the farm, and over time, attendance reached upward of 7,000.

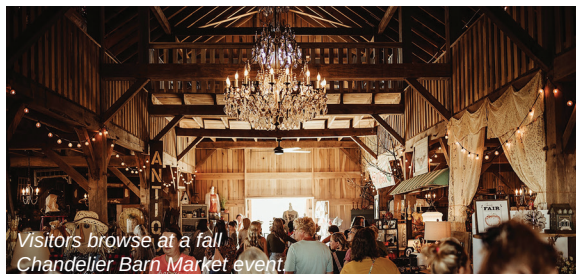
"That is when we decided we needed to move off the farm and go somewhere local and open our store," Wilson said. Since moving to their current location at Montgomery's Gasthof Amish Village, the Wilsons have continued to offer three shows a year, and the newly renovated barn is also used to host weddings and events. They have also opened a retail shop named Chandelier Barn, featuring curated items from across the country.

Wilson said that her favorite aspect of the work is meeting people from all over the world, and she also enjoys seeing the character and work ethic of the vendors — including their passion and their smiles.

The market boasts more than 100 vendors, ranging across art and craft disciplines, and Wilson is also a creative herself. "When CBM was born, I had a small jewelry business called Altered Elements, and my jewelry was featured in two local shops," she said. "I still love collecting antiques and one-of-a-kind finds. I love the thrill of the hunt."

Chandelier Barn Market's next show is Nov. 10-11, and Wilson hopes that attendance continues to grow. "It truly is a magical experience for all."

-Jenna Williams



Visitors browse at a fall Chandelier Barn Market event.



Holiday items on display at the Chandelier Barn shop.