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#### **OFFICE HOURS**

7:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday

#### STREET ADDRESS

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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

Tuesday, May 28, 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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# GROW YOUR SUMMER ENERGY SAVINGS



One of my favorite things about summer is the opportunity for fresh, homegrown food, whether shopping at the local farmers market or sharing the abundance of garden tomatoes with a neighbor. It's amazing how just a few seeds, some fertilizer, and water can turn into a bounty.

When I think about energy efficiency, I think about that bounty of food and how, with just a few simple actions, you can use less electricity and reap the rewards of energy savings.

You don't need to be a farmer or botanist to know that plants need water — just like you don't have to be a lineworker or engineer to know that adjusting the thermostat or turning off lights can reduce your monthly electric bill. If you read Daviess-Martin County REMC's publications regularly and follow us on Facebook, you know there are a lot of things you can do at home to save electricity and money.

Summer months bring some of the highest energy bills of the year. But why? Cooling your home accounts for a large portion of your monthly energy use, and the hotter it gets, the harder (and longer) your air conditioner works to keep you cool.

I would also like to share a few ways we're here to help you save — not only during the dog days of summer but throughout the year.

One of the great things about being part of Daviess-Martin County REMC is that we're locally owned by you, our members. So, instead of making profits, we can focus on helping our community. That's why we've

developed incentives and programs to help you keep your money in your wallet.

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## SAVE MONEY WITH THESE EASY INCENTIVES:

- Rebates Daviess-Martin
   County REMC offers three ways to give you money back for efficient equipment you purchase, like heat pumps and water heaters. Many of our rebates can be claimed by simply filling out a form. Find a list of all our rebates at dmremc.com.
- Take control of your use Use SmartHub to track your energy use. You can even get alerts when your use spikes to make changes in real time.
- Ways to pay If you're having difficulty paying the higher bills that come with increased use in the summer, contact us to learn about our budget billing program.

Most people don't know everything about electricity, so we're here to help. There are no investors making profits here. Just knowledgeable people with local jobs, working for our neighbors to ensure electricity is available when you need it. Contact us, and we can work with you to find more ways to save energy — and money.





**Daviess-Martin County** REMC's Annual Meeting was held virtually on April 11 at the Daviess-Martin County REMC office.

The meeting was recorded live and streamed through the Daviess-Martin County REMC Facebook page at 6:30 p.m. The recording was later added to YouTube and dmremc.com for future viewing. A video produced by Hoosier Energy Rural Electric Cooperative Inc., entitled Cooperative Resilience, was added to the recorded video.

All members who submitted a mail-in or electronic ballot for the director election received a \$10 electric bill credit. In addition. voting members were entered into bill credit drawings on March 22 and April 3.

Board member John Edwards gave the invocation.

The National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance were led by board member August Bauer.

Secretary Amy Burris gave the secretary's report.

During the meeting, it was announced that the Loogootee substation would now be named the August Bauer Hoosier Energy Loogootee Substation. Bauer, director of District 6, has served on the board of directors for 52 years. The new nameplate for the substation was presented to Bauer. The plate will soon be installed at the substation.

Rob Powell, director of systems operations, gave the CEO report.

Attorney Chris Goffinet explained the legal report and the director nomination process. He reported that no new nominations were received by petition for those districts with expiring terms. He stated that incumbents for those districts, Amy Burris, District 2 (Van Buren and Barr townships in Daviess County), Travis Summers, District 5 (Perry and Center townships in Martin County), and John Edwards, District 7 (Marion and Spice Valley townships in Lawrence 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 Burris, Summers, and Edwards would serve three-year terms for Districts 2, 5, and 7, respectively.



# EMPLOYEE Anniversary

We wanted to take the time to thank the following employee for their time at DMREMC. They are key to providing you with the best service possible.

NATHAN ALBRIGHT MAY 2 30 YEARS



ROB POWELL MAY 20 22 YEARS



KRISTEN
PADGETT
MAY 23
2 YEARS





# ACT 1

Pictured from left: Spencer Tomlinson and Rob Powell

Daviess-Martin County REMC is pleased to announce that we have been awarded a \$50,000 grant/prize from the Rural & Municipal Utility Cybersecurity (RMUC) Advanced Cybersecurity Technology (ACT) 1 - Phase I program.

The program is managed by the Dept. of Energy's Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security and Emergency Response (CESER). Over 900 REMCs nationwide were eligible to compete for the 55 awarded grants/prizes.

Rob Powell, director of systems operations, and Spencer Tomlinson, technology/ cybersecurity manager, spent several months completing the detailed application.

DMREMC will further enhance our cybersecurity platform with these funds and will begin applications for additional resources in Phase II.

## 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

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.

FEBRUARY WINNER:

Mary Kerns

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

Daviess-Martin County REMC offers three ways to give you money back for equipment you purchase.
2. Burris, Summers, and Edwards will all serve year terms in their respective districts.
3. The Daviess-Martin County REMC office will be closed Monday, May 27 for Day.
NAME:
ADDRESS:
ACCOUNT NO.:
I would like to round my monthly
bill up to the next whole dollar for Operation Round Up.

## co-op news

# **1ST QUARTER**



# **Operation Round Up**

## FIRST CHOICE SOLUTIONS

First Choice Solutions received a \$584 grant to purchase new storage containers and baby wipes. The totes will be used to store extra baby and maternity clothes. Clothing and wipes are a few of the items First Choice Solutions supplies to new and expecting parents.

### LOOGOOTEE WEST MAIN ST. CHURCH

The Loogootee West Main St. Church was awarded a \$500 grant to purchase more shelving for their food pantry, which serves about 279 families from Martin County each month.

## WASHINGTON **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS** ARCHERY TEAMS

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The Washington Catholic Schools Archery Team was presented with a \$500 grant to fund competition fees, equipment such as bows and arrows, and team t-shirts for the middle/high school team.

## WASHINGTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL POST PROM

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Washington Catholic High School Post Prom received a \$500 grant to cover the cost of competition and raffle prizes at the post prom being held at Champion Lanes.

## **ODON WINKELPLECK** PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Odon Winkelpleck Public Library received a \$1,000 grant to cover the cost of the six-week summer reading program the library is hosting. The funds will be used to purchase books, prizes, crafts, and items for outdoor activities for all participants.

## LAWRENCE **COUNTY CANCER** PATIENT SERVICES

Lawrence County Cancer Patient Services was awarded an \$800 grant to purchase "companion chairs," a type of wheelchair that is lighter and easier to use than standard wheelchairs.

## WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL POST PROM, INC.

Washington High School Post Prom, Inc. received a \$500 grant to help cover the cost of providing a fun, memorable, drug- and alcoholfree, safe atmosphere for teens after prom.



Pictured from left: Denny Smith, FCS director of fundraising; Becca Hollaway, DMREMC communications specialist; and Rebecca Moeller, FCS executive director



Leslie Rodgers, Becca Hollaway, Martha Greene, Don Greene, Teresa Bault, Mark Bault



Max Voges, Sara Voges, WC Director of Marketing, Becca Hollaway, and Everett Haag



Jenna Sergesketter, Jessica Sergesketter and Becca Hollaway



Susan Graber and Becca Hollaway



Brenda Mckam and Becca Hollaway



Becca Hollaway and Lorrie Williams, Treasurer