



Daviess-Martin County
REMC

dmremc.com

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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

Brandt Schuckman, *President*

Joshua Dove, *Vice President*

John Edwards, *Secretary*

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Travis Summers

MONTHLY MEETING

Thursday, Dec. 19, 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: 855-951-3760

MISSION STATEMENT

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



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co-op news

Giving back

..... is the cooperative way



The holiday season brings a spirit of generosity and compassion. It's a time to reflect on our many blessings and uplift those in need. While this is certainly a special time of year, cooperatives like Daviess-Martin County REMC are deeply rooted in giving back to their local communities year-round.

Our mission is reliable power. Our purpose is people — the members we're proud to serve. As a Daviess-Martin County REMC member, you help us power that purpose. Daviess-Martin County REMC's Operation Roundup program is made possible through members' participation in "rounding up" electric bills to the next dollar amount. Your generous contributions help support local charitable organizations and community services.

Another way Daviess-Martin County REMC gives back is by investing in tomorrow's leaders. Through presentations at elementary schools, Camp Kilowatt, and the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour program, we aim to empower students for a brighter future. When we invest in our local youth, we strengthen the fabric of our community.

As a not-for-profit electric cooperative, we believe in giving credit where credit is due — to the members who shape our co-op. One way we do this is through capital credits. Because Daviess-Martin County REMC operates at cost, we give cash back to our members rather than outside investors or shareholders.

Here's how capital credits work

Daviess-Martin County REMC members use the electricity we provide and pay their monthly bills, and we track their business with the co-op over time. Daviess-Martin County REMC pays all operating expenses throughout the year, and if any operating revenue is left over, we allocate it as capital credits. When financial conditions permit, the co-op's board of directors votes to pay capital credits back to the members. Daviess-Martin County REMC sends you a check or applies a credit to your energy bill.

Since 1969, Daviess-Martin County REMC has returned \$15,168,000 to our local members.

Capital credits are just one of the many benefits of co-op membership. Giving back to our local members instead of outside parties is one of the many aspects that set cooperatives apart from other types of businesses.

Our members guide every decision we make and are why our co-op exists. To us, you're more than a customer. This holiday season, we hope you're proud to be part of a community-focused co-op that puts people before profits.

From your friends at Daviess-Martin County REMC, we hope you have a bright, blessed holiday season.



RYAN DANT
*Chief Executive
Officer*

What are capital credits?



One of the benefits of being a DMREMC member is patronage capital credits. Patronage capital credits come from margins, or money left over at the end of the year after all operating costs and expenses have been paid. These margins are allocated to each member's capital credit account based on how much electricity the member purchased that year.

Each year, the board of directors determines whether the cooperative is financially able to pay prior years' capital credits back to the members. When so approved, the cooperative refunds the designated prior year's capital credits to the members

who used electricity during the selected years.

This year's patronage capital credits are for 1996 and 1997 and will be distributed in Dec. 2024. Daviess-Martin County REMC will pay the retired amount by either mailing a check or applying a bill credit to the current member's account.

The capital credits remain on your account even if you move and are no longer a cooperative member. Please update your mailing address with Daviess-Martin County REMC for future capital credit checks.

UNCLAIMED CAPITAL CREDITS

Pursuant to the law of the State of Indiana (I.C. 8-1-13-11) and the Bylaws and Policy of Daviess-Martin County REMC, the notice of unclaimed capital credits is being made, and DMREMC is taking steps to remind current and former members of the prior distribution of capital credits. This list will be posted on the Daviess-Martin County REMC website homepage (dmremc.com) starting Dec. 13, 2024.

Active and former members must claim any cash retirement or capital credits within two (2) years after payment has been made available to such person. This year's unclaimed credits were released in 2022 and were for the years of 1993, 1994, and 1995.

Interested individuals should review the Unclaimed Capital Credits list and call the DMREMC office during regular business hours at 812-295-4200 to gather details on the amount owed to the individual. A request for retirement of capital credits can be filled out from the Claim Form link on our website.

Once claimed, members will receive a bill credit or check for unclaimed prior years' retirement amounts within the 60-day period. If said credits are not duly claimed within sixty (60) days between Dec. 13, 2024, and Feb. 13, 2025, the sum owing by the cooperative to any member shall be treated as donated cash.



Donate supplies to our furry friends

Each year, Daviess-Martin County REMC is committed to helping fulfill our community's needs at various organizations. This year, we are asking for your help in providing supplies for our friends at the local animal shelters. Through the month of December, bring any pet supplies (food, soaps, training pads, collars, leashes, treats, etc.) you would like to donate to the Daviess-Martin County REMC office. When you drop your donation off, we will enter you for the chance at one of four \$50 bill credits. We will draw for our winners on Jan. 2.

EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARY

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



**TERI
BOUCHIE**
**DEC. 19
2 YEARS**



OFFICE

CLOSURES

The Daviess-Martin County REMC office will be closed on **Dec. 24, 25, and 31 and Jan. 1.**

We hope you have a Merry Christmas and a blessed New 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. 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.

SEPTEMBER WINNER:

Richard Hopkins from Loogootee

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

1. Daviess-Martin County REMC has returned \$_____ to members since 1969 through capital credits.
2. The Daviess-Martin County REMC office is collecting old burnt-out _____ lights throughout December.
3. Through the month of December, Daviess-Martin County REMC is collecting _____ supplies for local animal shelters.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ACCOUNT NO.: _____

PHONE NO.: _____

☐ I would like to round my monthly bill up to the next whole dollar for Operation Round Up.

☐ I am already signed up for Operation Round Up.



co-op news

Upcoming youth programs

FOR 2025

Visit dmremc.com and click the “Community and Youth” tab to learn more about registration for each youth program.

Cooperative Calendar of Student Art Contest

Indiana Electric Cooperatives’ Cooperative Calendar of Student Art Contest is open to all K-12 students who want to create an illustration for the student art calendar. A first-place artist will be selected for each grade, and the winners will each receive a \$200 prize. In addition, the artwork from each divisional winner will illustrate the cover and all 12 months of the calendar.

The submission deadline is Feb. 28, 2025.

Indiana Page Day

PROGRAM DATE: Jan. 28, 2025

Page Day with the Indiana Senate gives high school students an opportunity to learn about their state government and how bills become law. Highlights include a Statehouse tour, a mock bill activity, speakers, and other educational activities.

Apply by Jan. 7, 2025.

Camp Kilowatt

PROGRAM DATES: June 4-7, 2025

Camp Kilowatt is a fun and unique experience for sixth-grade students entering seventh grade. It includes electricity generation and transmission education, horseback riding, bucket truck rides, ziplining, and so much more! Daviess-Martin County REMC will sponsor five students to attend!

Apply by March 3, 2025.

Indiana Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.

PROGRAM DATES: June 15-22, 2025

The Indiana Youth Tour is a seven-day trip to our nation’s capital for juniors going into their senior year. Highlights of the trip include visits to historic monuments and museums, meetings on Capitol Hill with Indiana’s congressional delegates, the opportunity to make lifelong friends, and so much more! Daviess-Martin County REMC will sponsor two students to attend.

Apply by March 3, 2025.

2025 DIRECTOR ELECTION TIMELINE

Survey & Ballot Systems will manage the 2025 Daviess-Martin County REMC director election. Members will have the option to vote by either a mail-in ballot or an online ballot. Election results will be announced at the annual membership meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 22, 2025.

Director districts up for election in 2025:

- **DISTRICT 1:** Daviess County (Elmore, Madison, Steele, and Bogard Townships)
- **DISTRICT 4:** Daviess County (Harrison and Reeve Townships)

Incumbent directors whose terms expire include:

- **DISTRICT 1:** Joshua Dove
- **DISTRICT 4:** Terry Chapman

Named incumbents’ intention to seek a seat on the board of directors will be announced in the February issue of the Indiana Connection.

If you are interested in pursuing a seat on the board and live in one of these two districts, please contact the REMC office for information on the petition process.

Petitions for nomination, along with a photo and a brief biography, are due no later than Friday, Feb. 21, 2025. Petition forms can be obtained from the REMC office.

Director candidates will be listed on the Official Notice of the Annual Meeting mailed to the membership.