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#### SERVICE INTERRUPTIONS

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#### MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, May 27, 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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When summer heats up, our electric bills tend to increase as air conditioners work overtime, driving up home energy consumption. Daviess-Martin County REMC is your local not-for-profit electricity provider, and we are committed to helping you beat the heat without breaking the bank.

As temperatures rise over the next few months, we want to inform you about a range of energy-saving offerings designed specifically for our members. These programs and services can help you manage your summer energy consumption and costs.

## **Budget billing**

When you sign up for Daviess-Martin County REMC's budget billing plan, your energy bill is calculated by averaging your previous 12 months of use. With budget billing, your monthly energy costs are easier to budget and manage, especially during seasonal fluctuations when bills increase based on the weather. Budget billing is a great option for anyone with a fixed income or highly variable seasonal needs.

## Rebate program

When you make upgrades or purchases to reduce home energy use, those smart decisions should

be rewarded. Daviess-Martin
County REMC offers rebates on
energy-efficient appliances, heating
and cooling equipment, and more.
Visit dmremc.com to learn about our
rebate program and how you can
receive cash back for making smart
energy choices.

## You have the power

Small actions combined can have a significant impact on summer energy bills. The best way to lower energy use during summer months is to raise the thermostat to the highest comfortable setting. Ceiling fans can also help you feel cooler, but remember to turn them off when you leave the room. On warm summer nights, fire up the grill to keep additional heat out of the kitchen. Remember to change air filters often so your cooling system doesn't have to work harder than necessary.

Don't let energy bills ruin your summer fun. Daviess-Martin County REMC is here to help you manage your energy use.





If you drive the same route to work every day, odds are you don't give the road itself a lot of thought. It's always there until it's not. What do you do if you suddenly come upon a big orange "road closed" sign with barricades? You stop, think about an alternative route, and take it.

Consider overhead power lines much the same way as a closed road. Power lines are always perched tightly to their poles, serving their purpose until they're not. When they are suddenly somewhere they're not supposed to be, consider it an orange barricade — a warning sign to stop and reconsider your plans.

Power lines can fall during strong winds. Utility poles can topple, or trees and broken limbs can fall and take power lines down. Vehicles that crash into poles can also bring power lines to the ground. When you see a power line out of place, Daviess-Martin County REMC reminds you never to touch or approach it. The result could be deadly! The best course of action is to steer clear and call for assistance.

"The overhead power lines that run along the county roads generally carry 7,200 volts of electricity," said Dennis Wilson, director of operations at Daviess-Martin County REMC. "Fatalities can occur when someone makes contact with a live wire of only a couple hundred volts."

#### HERE ARE SOME HELPFUL SAFETY TIPS FROM YOUR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE TO STAY SAFE **AROUND DOWNED POWER LINES:**

- If you see a downed power line, move away from it. Keep a distance of 35 feet, as the ground around downed power lines may be energized.
- Don't touch anything touching downed power lines.
- Assume all downed power lines are live. They don't have to be arcing, sparking, or humming. They can be as quiet as they usually are.
- If you see someone in direct or indirect contact with a downed line, do not touch him or her. You could become energized as well. Call 911 for assistance.
- · Never attempt to move a downed power line or anything else in contact with it, even with an object such as a broom or a tree branch. Non-conductive materials like wood or cloth can conduct electricity if even slightly wet.
- Don't step in water near downed lines.
- Never drive over a downed power line.
- · Don't attempt to cut or remove trees and limbs from powerlines, the line could still have tension in it.

Source: Electrical Safety Foundation International

## co-op news

## EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES

The following employees are celebrating an anniversary at DMREMC this month. We thank them for their continued commitment to providing our members with the best service possible.



NATHAN ALBRIGHT MAY 2 31 YEARS



ROB POWELL MAY 20 23 YEARS



KRISTEN PADGETT MAY 23 3 YEARS



This spring and summer, Daviess-Martin REMC will begin replacing meters in the Loogootee and Shoals areas. It is standard practice to replace and test meters to confirm accuracy. After this region is complete, other areas of our territory will follow.



## 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.

**JANUARY WINNER:** Judy Wagler of Odon

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

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NAME:
ADDRESS:
ACCOUNT 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

## FIRST QUARTER -

# **Operation Round U**

### **Lawrence County Cancer Patient Services**

Lawrence County Cancer Patient Services was awarded a \$250 grant to pay the rent on the storage building where donated and purchased supplies are stored until a patient needs them.

Pictured left to right: Joelle Rose and DMREMC General Operations Coordinator Kristen Padgett

## Martin County Fire & Rescue (Civil Defense)

The Martin County Fire & Rescue (Civil Defense) received a \$600 grant to add a weather station to the department. The station will allow accurate and up-to-date information to be sent to the National Weather Service.

Pictured left to right: Jay Martin, Cory Brassine, Andy Ringwald, and DMREMC Communications Specialist Becca Hollaway

## **Daviess County Family YMCA**

The Daviess County Family YMCA was awarded a \$1,000 grant to enhance the Child Watch space and acquire additional items and furniture tailored to the age groups served. Child Watch is a complimentary babysitting service offered by the Daviess County Family YMCA for members, while non-members can access it for \$5 per child.

Pictured left to right: Becca Hollaway, Miranda Mandabach, and Haley Allen

### **Martin County Cancer Patient Services**

The Martin County Cancer Patient Services received a \$1,000 grant to continue providing ongoing transportation services to cancer patients.

Pictured left to right: Martin County Cancer Patient Services board member Linda Knight, Becca Hollaway, and board member Rheadawn Street

## Washington **Catholic Post Prom**

The Washington Catholic Post Prom was awarded a \$500 grant to provide prizes and competitions for the students at the 2025 post prom.

Front row, left to right: Audrey Thombleson, Mariana Becerra, Angela Sontiago, and Lane Myers. Back row: Becca Hollaway. Not pictured: Lexi Gootee

## **Mitchell Royal Family** Kids Camp #344

The Mitchell Royal Family Kids Camp #344 received a \$3,000 grant. This week-long Christian camp serves foster children ages 6-12 in Martin, Lawrence, Monroe, and Orange Counties. The grant will cover the camp's operating expenses.

Left to right: Planning Committee Member Brianne Whitman, Activities Director Sydney Pridemore, and Becca Hollaway











