



Daviess-Martin County
REMC

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MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, Aug. 26, 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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Three smart home technologies to help you save energy

Smart technologies make our homes more comfortable, convenient, and energy efficient. By connecting to your home Wi-Fi network, smart devices can automate everyday tasks like lighting, heating, cooling, and home security. They can even communicate with other smart devices in the home.

While not all smart home products are specifically designed with energy savings in mind, several smart technologies can help you lower your home energy use. Here are the top three smart home devices to help you save:

Smart thermostats

Smart or not, your thermostat is the most effective tool for controlling energy use, as heating and cooling typically account for the largest portion of energy bills. Smart thermostats allow you to adjust the indoor temperature through an app, giving you complete control from anywhere on the go. Many smart thermostats include learning capabilities and will adjust the thermostat based on previous behavior and patterns.

According to the Department of Energy, smart thermostats can reduce heating and cooling bills by more than 8% annually. With models as low as \$65, they typically pay for themselves in one year.

Smart lighting

Smart LED bulbs use less electricity than traditional bulbs and can be scheduled or turned on or off remotely through a smartphone app. They are available in a range of shapes,

brightness levels, colors, and more, so shop for the products that best suit your home lighting needs.

Many smart bulbs include motion sensors that turn on or off based on room activity, further optimizing home energy use. If you're new to smart lighting, try a home starter kit. Prices for kits range from \$70 to \$300-plus, depending on how many bulbs you need.

Smart plugs

Smart plugs are inexpensive gadgets that can help you save energy. Many electronic devices consume power even when turned off, known as "phantom load", which can take a toll on your energy bills. Smart plugs are simply plugged into an electrical outlet and connected to your Wi-Fi network. When set up, the smart plug can cut or return power to non-smart devices, like coffee makers, phone chargers, and other items that draw phantom load.

Many smart plugs can be paired with popular smart hubs, like Alexa or Google Nest, or controlled through the plug's associated app. They are simple to use, and a set of four can be purchased for as little as \$25.

If you're looking for new ways to save energy, try these budget-friendly, convenient smart home technologies.



RYAN DANT
*Chief Executive
Officer*



Electrifying fun in Washington

Daviess-Martin County REMC sponsored one student, Camden Yake, on the 2025 Indiana Youth Tour, which took place June 15 to 22. Youth Tour provides young Hoosiers with the opportunity to visit the nation's capital, learn about government, experience American history, and gain a better understanding of their electric cooperative and government.

A delegation of 61 Indiana students representing Indiana electric cooperatives were on the trip, convening with students from across the country in Washington for the weeklong experience.

Students participating in the trip visited the Flight 93 Memorial, Gettysburg Battlefield, Arlington National Cemetery, National Museum of the Marine Corps, and Smithsonian Museums. The delegation also toured the National Mall memorials, met friends from across the country, and much more.

Indiana Youth Tour students also participated in a youth rally hosted by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) and spent a day on Capitol Hill, where they met with Indiana's congressional delegation to ask questions and share their thoughts on a variety of timely issues.



CAMDEN YAKE



EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES

We wanted to thank the following employees for their time at DMREMC. Each one is key to providing you with the best service possible.



**SPENCER
TOMLINSON**
AUG. 2
4 YEARS



**SUE
GRABER**
AUG. 5
40 YEARS



**JARRETT
ARVIN**
AUG. 15
3 YEARS

SAVE *the* DATE

Daviess-Martin County
REMC will host our
Annual Member
Appreciation Day on
Thursday, Oct. 16.

Stay tuned for more
information!



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.

APRIL WINNER:

Bruce and Rhonda Hupp of Loogootee

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

1. According to the Department of Energy, smart thermostats can reduce heating and cooling bills by more than ____% annually.
2. The average contribution to Operation Round Up is just \$____ per year.
3. Member Appreciation Day will be held on October ____, 2025.

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.

Small change, big impact: How Operation Round Up supports our communities



Daviess-Martin County REMC believes in the power of community and the power of spare change. That is why we are proud to offer Operation Round Up, a simple yet impactful program that helps fund local organizations making a real difference.

What Is Operation Round Up?

Through the DMREMC Charitable Trust, Inc., members can choose to have their monthly electric bills rounded up to the next dollar. The average contribution is just \$6 per year, with a maximum of \$12 annually — but those few cents add up to big support for our neighbors.

How it works

The extra change from participating members is pooled into a community fund. A volunteer board of directors meets quarterly to review grant applications from local nonprofits and community groups.

How you can join

If you are not already participating, we invite you to join this meaningful cause. Signing up is easy:

- Visit dmremc.com to opt in online.
- Fill out the coupon in our monthly magazine and return it to our office.

- Stop by our office in person. We would love to see you!

Thank you for making a difference

To those already rounding up — thank you! Your generosity is helping to build stronger, more resilient communities right here at home.

Upcoming grant deadline

The next round of grant applications is due by 4 p.m. on Aug. 29. The review meeting will be held on Sept. 10. Applications can be downloaded from our website.

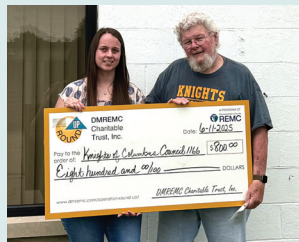
Recent grant recipients

Here is how your contributions have recently helped:



Left to right: Emma Yoder, Remi, Kristin Ferguson — Leader, Becca Hollaway, Hannah Yoder, and Oscar

Daviess County 4-H Dog Club “Underdogs” received \$2,000 to help install artificial turf for a dog agility and training facility.



DMREMC Communications Specialist Becca Hollaway (left) and Greg Stanley

Knights of Columbus Council 1166 received \$800 to help support its annual Tootsie Roll Drive for citizens with intellectual and developmental disabilities.



Front row, left to right: Claire Firestone, Lincoln Firestone, Violet Callahan, and Hezekia Callahan. Back row: League Board President Roger Callahan and Becca Hollaway

Frank Roberts Youth League, Inc. received \$2,000 to help support improvements to the Odon Park ballfields.



Left to right: Susan Spaulding, Material Aide Lead; Rebecca Moeller, Executive Director; and Becca Hollaway

Family Life Services of Washington, Inc., dba First Choice Solutions received \$500 to purchase diapers and wipes to help meet clients in need.

The Odon Park ballfields have served the community for over 50 years. In 2025, 372 children participated in the recreational league.