



Daviess-Martin County  
**REMC**

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**OFFICE HOURS**

7:30 a.m.–4 p.m., Monday–Friday

**STREET ADDRESS**

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**MAILING ADDRESS**

P.O. Box 430, Loogootee, IN 47553

**SERVICE INTERRUPTIONS**

To report an outage or emergency, call  
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**MONTHLY MEETING**

Tuesday, Oct. 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: 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

# Powered by purpose

In October, electric cooperatives across the country take time to celebrate National Co-op Month and reflect on the unique advantages of being part of a cooperative. It's also the perfect time to thank you — the members who make it all possible. For us, it's not just a celebration. It's a chance to reaffirm the values that guide everything we do.

As the CEO of Daviess-Martin County REMC, I see purpose in action every single day. Unlike investor-owned utilities, our co-op doesn't exist to make profits for distant shareholders. We exist to serve you — our members, our neighbors, and our communities. That purpose is what sets us apart. It's why we were founded, and it's what continues to drive every decision we make.

At its core, being a cooperative means we are member-owned and locally controlled. That's not just a tagline; it's the very heart of our business model. Members have a voice in how our co-op operates. You elect board members who live right here in our service area and understand the unique challenges and opportunities our communities face. Decisions aren't made in corporate boardrooms hundreds of miles away; they're made here at home, by people who care about the same things you do.

This local accountability means we can stay focused on what matters most: delivering reliable, affordable electricity and providing real value to the people we serve.

We do that by investing in essential infrastructure upgrades and technologies that strengthen our local grid and improve electric service. We work hard to manage costs and keep rates as low as possible — because we know how much rising prices affect families and small businesses in our area. And when

storms hit or outages occur, Daviess-Martin County REMC crews are here and ready to respond quickly, because we live here too.

But our commitment doesn't end at the power lines.

Co-ops were built to meet community needs, and that purpose extends well beyond delivering electricity. Whether we're supporting local schools, sponsoring youth programs, or partnering with volunteer organizations, we are always looking for ways to improve the quality of life in the places we serve. Community support isn't an afterthought — it's part of our mission.

We're also planning for the future. As electricity demand grows due to new technologies and economic development, electric co-ops are working to ensure we continue to meet those needs with a balanced, reliable energy mix. We know our members care about affordability and dependability, and we're committed to delivering both.

That's the power of the cooperative difference. That's what it means to be powered by purpose.

This National Co-op Month, I encourage you to take pride in your cooperative membership. You're not just a customer—you're an owner, a stakeholder, and a vital part of a larger effort to keep our community strong, connected, and energized.

Thank you for the trust you place in us. We're proud to be your local electric cooperative.



**RYAN DANT**  
*Chief Executive  
Officer*

# Success AT THE 2025 Indiana Electric Cooperative Lineman Rodeo

On Aug. 21 and 22, a few Daviess-Martin County REMC linemen competed in the Indiana Electric Cooperative Lineman Rodeo, held in Danville. The two-day event showcased the skills and safety training of electric cooperative lineworkers.

Daviess-Martin County REMC sent five linemen to the state competition. The linemen competed in events that tested skills such as pole climbing, hurt man rescue, and safely changing electric line hardware. A total of 35 teams and 131 individuals from 26 Indiana electric cooperatives participated in this year's event.

## THE FOLLOWING LINEMEN REPRESENTED DAVIESS-MARTIN COUNTY REMC AT THE RODEO:

- **Jarrett Arvin**, who won first place in Apprentice Skill Climb and Apprentice Overall
- **Nathan Albright**
- **Luke Emberton**
- **Dwain Jolliff**
- **Mitch Werner**



TOP: Nathan Albright

MIDDLE, LEFT TO RIGHT:  
Dwain Jolliff, Nathan  
Albright, Jarrett Arvin,  
and Luke Emberton  
(Not pictured:  
Mitch Werner)

BOTTOM: Jarrett Arvin  
stands with his first  
place Apprentice  
Overall trophy.



Jordan Kaiser performs  
a pole top rescue.



## THE COUNTDOWN TO **Member Appreciation Day**

**All Daviess–Martin County REMC members  
are invited to the office on Thursday,  
Oct. 16, for Member Appreciation Day!**

Doors will open at 11 a.m., and lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Weather permitting, we will have linemen performing pole-top rescue throughout the day and bouncy houses for the kids. Members will receive a t-shirt, an extension cord, and the chance to win door prizes!

Door prizes include an electric pressure washer, Blackstone grill, weather radio, bill credits, and more!

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### 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.

#### **JUNE WINNER:**

Ed and Sue Theroff of Washington

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

1. October is National \_\_\_\_\_ Month.
2. The doors open at \_\_\_\_\_ for Member Appreciation Day on Oct. 16.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Daviess–Martin County REMC linemen competed in the Indiana Electric Cooperative Lineman Rodeo.

**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.

# THE *Cooperative Principles*

Cooperatives worldwide operate according to the same set of core principles and values adopted by the International Cooperative Alliance. Since October is National Co-op Month, we wanted to highlight the seven cooperative principles.

### 1. Voluntary and Open Membership

Cooperatives are voluntary organizations, open to all persons able to use their services and willing to accept the responsibilities of membership, without gender, social, racial, political, or religious discrimination.

### 2. Democratic Member Control

Cooperatives are democratic organizations controlled by their members, who actively participate in setting policies and making decisions. The elected representative's area is accountable to the membership. In primary cooperatives, members have equal voting rights, and cooperatives at other levels are organized in a democratic manner.

### 3. Members' Economic Participation

Members contribute equitably to, and democratically control, the capital of their cooperative. At least part of that capital remains the common property of the cooperative. Members allocate surpluses for any or all of the following purposes: developing the cooperative, setting up reserves, benefiting members

in proportion to their transactions with the cooperative, and supporting other activities approved by the membership.

### 4. Autonomy and Independence

Cooperatives are autonomous, self-help organizations controlled by their members. If they enter into agreements with other organizations, including governments, or raise capital from external sources, they do so on terms that ensure democratic control, as well as their unique identity.

### 5. Education, Training, and Information

Education and training for members, elected representatives, CEOs, and employees help them effectively contribute to the development of their cooperatives. Communications about the nature and benefits of cooperatives, particularly with the general public and opinion leaders, help boost cooperative understanding.

### 6. Cooperation Among Cooperatives

By working together through local, national, regional and international structures, cooperatives improve services, bolster local economies and deal more effectively with social and community needs.

### 7. Concern for Community

While focusing on member needs, cooperatives work for the sustainable development of their communities through policies accepted by their members.

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## Cooperative STUDENT ART CONTEST



You could  
*win* **\$200**  
ENTER YOUR BEST ARTWORK

### ELIGIBILITY

Indiana public, private or home-schooled students in kindergarten through 12th grade during the 2025-26 school year are eligible to enter the contest.

### DETAILS AND DEADLINE

A complete set of rules and required entry forms are available at [indianaconnection.org/for-youth/art-contest](https://indianaconnection.org/for-youth/art-contest). Artwork must be received by Feb. 27, 2026.

### QUESTIONS?

Contact Karlee Gable,  
317-408-7903 or [youth@indianaec.org](mailto:youth@indianaec.org).

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