

Reflecting on progress,

..... PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

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MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, Nov. 25, 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."

As we close another year, I would like to take a moment to express my gratitude to you, the members of Daviess-Martin County REMC, for your continued trust and support. Our cooperative was founded on the promise of people coming together to improve the quality of life in their communities, and that promise continues to guide everything we do today.

Each decision, whether it's about delivering reliable electricity, innovating for the future, or advocating for smart energy policies that impact our local community, comes back to one simple question: How will this benefit the members we serve?

This past year has been marked by meaningful progress, both in strengthening our local system and in working at the national level to influence energy policies that directly affect reliability, affordability, and resilience. While the details of federal regulations can feel distant, they shape our daily operations here at home.

Over the past year, electric cooperatives across the country came together for advocacy efforts on the EPA's Power Plant Rule. As originally written, the rule would have forced a rapid shift away from always-available power generation resources, threatening the accessibility of a diverse fuel supply that keeps electricity reliable.

Renewable energy sources are an essential and growing part of our energy future. However, we also recognize that the electricity demand is rising rapidly, and natural gas, coal, and nuclear power remain crucial for ensuring power is available around the clock. As we collaborated and engaged with policymakers, we advocated for a more balanced approach to generating power — one that supports clean energy innovation while acknowledging the role of traditional resources. Our efforts are helping to shape a more workable path forward that better protects reliability and keeps costs in check for Daviess-Martin County REMC members.

Another area of ongoing progress came through advocacy work on federal permitting reform. For too long, outdated rules and lengthy delays have hindered the development of critical infrastructure, including new transmission lines and power generation projects. Modernizing this process is crucial if we are to strengthen the electric grid and keep pace with increasing demand. This year, electric co-ops helped move the needle on permitting reform, advocating for policies that make the process faster, more predictable, and more efficient. Investments we make in infrastructure will reach communities sooner, improving reliability and preparing us for the future.

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We're also seeing progress with bipartisan support for the FEMA Act of 2025, which would expedite the disaster recovery process for electric cooperatives and the communities they serve. Severe storms are a fact of life, and their impact on the electric system can be devastating.

FEMA is a crucial partner for electric co-ops in efforts to restore power after a disaster strikes, but the federal reimbursement process following a major storm is currently slow and full of red tape. If passed, the bill would make FEMA a stronger, more responsive agency to help strengthen rural resilience, protect taxpayer dollars, and ensure essential services are restored as quickly as possible after a natural disaster.

Achievements like these are not just wins in Washington, D.C. — they are wins for Daviess-Martin County REMC members like you.

In addition to advocacy efforts, we are proactively addressing our communities' needs for the future by investing in new technologies and programs that improve service for our members. Through advanced monitoring systems and AI tools that improve daily operations, we are better equipped to identify power delivery issues or challenges before they occur.

As we look ahead to a new year, I see both challenges and opportunities on the horizon. The energy industry is undergoing significant change driven by the increasing demand for more electricity, new tools and technologies, and evolving federal energy policies.

The path forward requires innovative thinking and member-focused solutions. I'm confident that with the dedication of Daviess-Martin County REMC employees and the continued support of our members, we are well-positioned to adapt and meet challenges head-on. Through it all, our promise to you remains steadfast: reliable power for today — and tomorrow.

RYAN DANT
Chief Executive Officer



THE 2026 DIRECTOR

ELECTION TIMELINE

Survey & Ballot Systems (SBS) will manage the 2026 Daviess-Martin County REMC director election. Members may vote by mail-in or online ballot. Results will be announced during the annual membership meeting on Thursday, April 23, 2026.

DIRECTOR DISTRICTS UP FOR ELECTION:

- **DISTRICT 3:** Washington and Veale Townships (Daviess County)
- **DISTRICT 6:** Halbert, Lost River, Rutherford, and Mitcheltree Townships (Martin County)

INCUMBENT DIRECTORS WHOSE TERMS EXPIRE INCLUDE:

- **DISTRICT 3:** Brandt Schuckman
- **DISTRICT 6:** August Bauer

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

Members interested in running must submit a petition of nomination by Monday, Feb. 23, 2026. Petition forms are available at the REMC office.

A photo and a brief biography will be needed for the magazine.

Final candidates will be listed in the Official Annual Meeting Notice, which will be mailed to all members.

EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARY

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

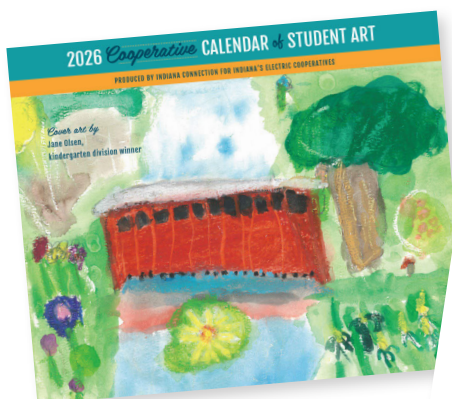


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OFFICE CLOSINGS

The Daviess-Martin County REMC office will be closed on Dec. 25 and 26, and Jan. 1 and 2. We hope you have a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year!



Farmers' Almanacs, pocket calendars, and student art calendars are available at the Daviess-Martin County REMC office.

Pick yours up inside or through the drive-thru!

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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.

OCTOBER WINNER:

Melissa Fields

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

1. Patronage _____ come from margins, or money left over at the end of the year after all operating costs and expenses have been paid.
2. Members interested in running for a position on the board of directors must submit a petition of nomination by Monday, Feb. ____, 2026.
3. The deadline to apply for Camp Kilowatt is _____, 2026.

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.

APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN FOR 2026 YOUTH PROGRAMS

VISIT [DMREMC.COM](https://dmremc.com) AND
CLICK THE "COMMUNITY
AND YOUTH" TAB TO LEARN
MORE ABOUT
REGISTRATION FOR EACH

COOPERATIVE STUDENT ART CONTEST

Indiana Electric Cooperatives invites K-12 students across the state to showcase their creativity in the Cooperative Student Art Contest! Winners will receive cash prizes and have their artwork celebrated across the state. Whether you love painting, drawing, or mixed media, this is your chance to let your imagination shine.

**The submission deadline is
Feb. 27.**

PAGE DAY

PROGRAM DATE: Jan. 27

Page Day with the Indiana Senate provides students with an opportunity to learn about their

state government and the legislative process by which bills become law. Highlights include a Statehouse tour, mock bill activity, speakers, and other educational activities. This program is open to high school students.

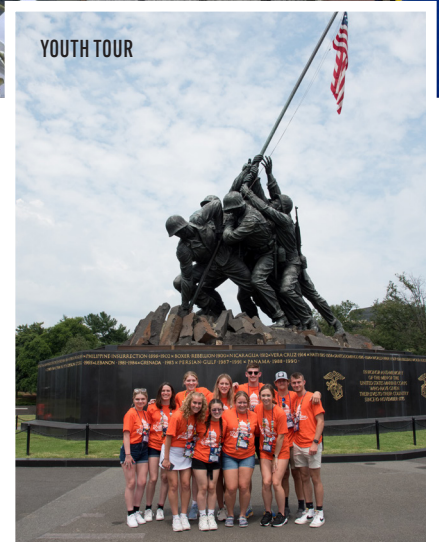
Apply by Jan. 9.

INDIANA YOUTH TOUR TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

PROGRAM DATES: June 14-21

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!

Apply by Feb. 13.



What are capital credits?



One of the benefits of being a DMREMC member is patronage capital credits. Patronage capital credits originate from the margins, or the 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 the amount of electricity the member purchased that year.

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

refunds designated prior year's capital credits to the members who used electricity during the selected years.

This year's patronage capital credits are for years 1997, 1998, and 1999 and will be distributed in December 2025. DMREMC will pay the retired amount by either mailing a check or applying a bill credit to the current member's account.

Even if you move and are no longer a member of the cooperative, the capital credits remain on your account. Please update your mailing address with DMREMC 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 the 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. 11, 2025.

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 2023 and were for the years of 1995 and 1996.

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 the said credits are not duly claimed within sixty (60) days between Dec. 11, 2025, and Feb. 9, 2026, the sum owing by the cooperative to any member shall be treated as donated cash.

REBATE

DEADLINE

APPROACHING

The deadline to submit 2025 rebate applications is Dec. 15.

Head to dmremc.com to view our available rebates and submit

your rebate application before it's too late!

