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MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, May 26 at 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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REDUCING THE RISK OF WILDFIRES

Gone are the days when wildfires were primarily confined to the western United States. Rising temperatures, prolonged drought, and shifting weather patterns are creating dangerous conditions in places that historically experienced few major fires. Today, more than 30 states face elevated wildfire risk. The reality is clear: wildfire risk is no longer regional — it’s national. And it demands action from all of us.

At Daviess-Martin County REMC, protecting our members and the communities we serve is our highest priority. As we recognize National Wildfire Awareness Month in May, I want you to know that wildfire mitigation is not seasonal work for us. It is a year-round commitment embedded in how we operate and invest in our local system.

One of the most important ways we reduce wildfire threats is through our comprehensive vegetation management program. Overgrown trees and power lines are a dangerous combination, particularly during dry and windy conditions. Throughout the year, Daviess-Martin County REMC crews — along with our trusted local contractors — proactively trim and remove vegetation that could come into contact with power lines and other critical infrastructure. This work requires careful planning, coordination with property owners, and ongoing inspection. While it may not always be visible, it is one of the most effective tools we have

to prevent fire ignition and maintain reliable electricity.

In addition to boots on the ground, Daviess-Martin County REMC is leveraging advanced technology to strengthen our system. Advanced imaging tools and system analytics allow us to detect abnormal conditions and respond quickly. When needed, we can also use drones to inspect miles of line in a matter of minutes. By investing in these modern technologies, we are shifting from reactive repairs to proactive prevention — identifying risks early and addressing them before they become emergencies.

Wildfire mitigation also requires thoughtful public policy. Managing electric infrastructure in and around public lands can present unique challenges. That is why we support practical, commonsense solutions such as the Fix Our Forests Act, which would streamline the ability of electric cooperatives and other utilities to maintain power lines on federal lands and reduce

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hazardous “fuel” buildup. Policies that promote responsible land management are an essential part of a comprehensive wildfire prevention strategy.

While we are committed to doing our part, wildfire prevention is a shared responsibility. There are important steps each of us can take to protect our homes and neighborhoods.

Properly extinguish fires by dousing them with water, stirring the ashes, and ensuring they are cool to the touch before leaving the area. Avoid outdoor burning on windy or excessively dry days. Maintain a defensible space around your home by clearing dry leaves, dead branches, and other flammable debris. Use lawn equipment carefully, particularly during hot conditions, and always check local regulations for burn bans or restrictions.

Wildfires are becoming more complex and more widespread, but through proactive system management, smart investments, sound policy, and community partnership, we can reduce risks and strengthen resilience.

At Daviess-Martin County REMC, we take this responsibility seriously. Our members depend on us not only for reliable power, but for leadership in safeguarding the communities we call home.

RYAN DANT
Chief Executive Officer



Enhance safety at home and work during National Electrical Safety Month

May is National Electrical Safety Month, a reminder that while electricity makes life easier, it also poses serious risks. Understanding electrical hazards and following basic safety practices can help reduce the risk of injury or death in both the home and the workplace.

At home, residents are encouraged to avoid overloaded outlets, use extension cords only temporarily, and rely on qualified electricians for electrical work. Keeping cords in good condition and out of high-traffic areas can also help prevent hazards.

Workplace electrical hazards are also a concern. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports an average of 150 workplace electrical

fatalities each year, with many occurring in jobs that are not electrical in nature. This highlights the importance of electrical safety awareness for all workers, not just those in electrical occupations.

This month is an opportunity to focus on awareness and proactive action to help create safer environments for everyone.

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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.

MARCH WINNER:
Marvin Lengacher

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

1. More than ___ states face elevated wildfire risk.
2. The Daviess-Martin County REMC office will be closed on May ___.
3. May is National _____ Safety Month.

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.

Employee Anniversaries

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



NATHAN ALBRIGHT
May 2 | 32 Years



ROB POWELL
May 20 | 24 Years



KRISTEN PADGETT
May 23 | 4 Years

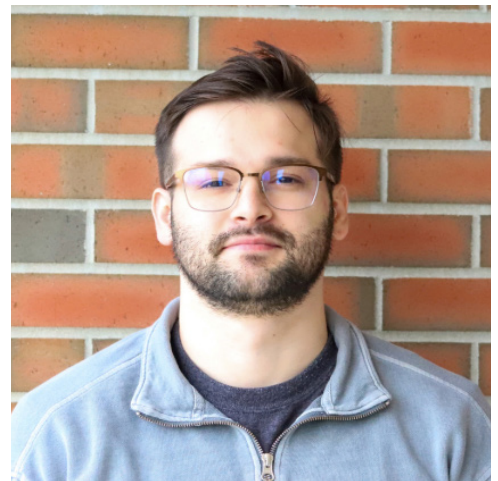
The Daviess-Martin County REMC office will be closed on Monday, May 25.

Happy Memorial Day!



Welcome to the team!

Please join us in welcoming Trevor Fullerton to the Daviess-Martin County REMC team. He is joining us as a Technology/ Cybersecurity Specialist.



FIRST QUARTER

Operation Roundup

THANK YOU TO ALL DAVIESS-MARTIN COUNTY REMC MEMBERS WHO PARTICIPATE IN OPERATION ROUND UP.

1 Lawrence County Cancer Patient Services was awarded a \$1,056 grant to cover the yearly rental of their storage unit, where donated and purchased items are stored until a patient needs them.

2 Hatchet Robotics Booster Association Inc. was granted \$1,000 to support the Washington High School Robotics Team's participation in regional and national robotics competitions.

3 Washington High School Post Prom was awarded \$500 to help cover the costs of hosting the 2026 Post Prom, a safe and fun experience for teens after prom.

4 Martin County 4-H Horse and Pony Club received \$1,686 to help cover costs associated with upgrading their current arena and barn to provide a safer facility for 4-H members.

5 Washington Catholic Post Prom received \$500 to help cover the cost of renting Urban Air in Evansville for the 2026 Post Prom.

6 Family Life Services of Washington (First Choice Solutions) was awarded \$2,741 to provide material support for parents who need necessities for their infants after choosing life. These items include diapers, formula, clothes, and more.



FROM LEFT, Lawrence County Cancer Patient Services Board Member Brenda Mckain and DMREMC Director of Operations Denny Wilson



FROM LEFT, Kristen Padgett, Daimyn Strickland, Joseph Buyd, and Gabriel Smith



FROM LEFT, Nathan Sporn, Zack Allen, Kristen Padgett, and Bradley Mayhorn



FROM LEFT, Front: Selene Wright, Elizabeth Jones, Lily Phillips, Lola Wright, and Magnus Wright. **Middle:** Kristen Padgett, Kimber Padgett, Bailey Esch, Ivy Phillips, Audrey Clark, and Candace Clark. **Back:** Jill Phillips, Aubrie Holt, Autumn Ray, Phoebe Jones, and Calvin Burch



FROM LEFT, Sean Flynn, class secretary, Alex Lopez Cruz, class vice president, Kristen Padgett, DMREMC Benefits Specialist, Macey McCracken, class president, Donovan Wollen, class treasurer, Kaden Wonce, class chaplain



FROM LEFT, Susan Spaulding, Rebecca Moeller, Peggy Pinkham, and Kristen Padgett