



Daviess-Martin County

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Tuesday, July 28 at 7 p.m.

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Credit card payment (VISA,

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MISSION STATEMENT

"Our mission is to provide safe, reliable electricity and quality services for our members at a reasonable cost."

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Shift timing, see savings

As we settle into the heat of July, our homes naturally use more electricity. Air conditioners run longer, refrigerators work harder, and daily routines — such as cooking dinner to doing laundry — often overlap during the warmest parts of the day. That's also when the demand for electricity across our community is at its highest.

At Daviess-Martin County REMC, our top priority is delivering safe, reliable, and affordable power whenever you need it. That said, during peak energy hours — between 3 p.m. and 9 p.m. — there is added pressure on the grid as homes and businesses use larger amounts of electricity at the same time. On the hottest days, that strain can be significant.

The good news is that small changes at home can make a meaningful difference.

Think of our electric grid like a highway system. During rush hour, traffic is heavy, congestion builds, and everything slows down. But when drivers adjust their schedules, even slightly, it helps ease the bottleneck. The same principle applies to energy use.

By shifting some of your high-energy activities to off-peak hours — like doing laundry later in the evening, running the dishwasher at night, or cooking meals earlier in the day — you're helping spread out demand. That reduces pressure on the grid during those critical peak hours.

Here are a few simple steps you can take to lower energy use during peak hours.

Smart technology can be a valuable partner in saving energy. A programmable or smart thermostat can automatically adjust your home's temperature when demand is highest, helping you stay comfortable while using energy more efficiently.

Even a small adjustment of a few degrees during peak hours can make a difference.

In the kitchen, simple swaps can help, too. Using a slow cooker, air fryer, or outdoor grill instead of the oven keeps your home more comfortable and reduces the need for additional cooling during the warmer parts of the day. And when it comes to laundry, air-drying clothes or spacing out loads can cut down on both energy use and indoor heat.

Don't overlook the power of ceiling fans. They can help you feel several degrees cooler, allowing you to raise your thermostat setting without sacrificing comfort.

These actions may seem small on their own, but together, they add up. When many members make mindful choices about when and how they use electricity, it helps reduce peak demand, eases grid strain, and supports more stable energy costs for our local communities.

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That's the cooperative difference. As a member, you're not just a customer — you're part of a community working together to power our future. Every effort you make contributes to a stronger, more resilient system.

This summer, I encourage you to take a closer look at your daily routines. A few simple shifts can go a long way in keeping your home comfortable, your energy use efficient, and our grid running smoothly — no matter how high the temperatures climb.



Ryan Dant
Chief Executive Officer

Same energy, different impact

The demand for electricity is typically highest in the late afternoon during peak energy hours. You can help lower demand by shifting when energy-intensive activities happen.



Shift appliance use to off-peak hours

Run the dishwasher before you go to bed.

Use the oven earlier or later (during off-peak hours.)

Space out use of major appliances.



Use a programmable or smart thermostat

Automatically adjust the temperature setting during peak hours.

Schedule home cooling cycles for efficiency.



Opt for low-energy alternatives during peak hours

Use small appliances like slow cookers or air fryers — or fire up the grill — instead of the oven.

Air-dry clothes instead of using the dryer.

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.

MAY WINNER:

Steven Turpen

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

1. Peak energy hours occur between ____ p.m. and ____ p.m.
2. The new warehouse facility at Daviess-Martin County REMC features a large wash bay, a full bathroom, and an on-site washer and _____.
3. Before summer vacation, Jarrett Arvin and Jeremy Maddox spoke with a group of _____-grade students.

NAME: _____

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☐ I would like to round my monthly bill up to the next whole dollar for Operation Round Up.

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SUMMER STARTS WITH SAFETY:

Davies-Martin County REMC delivers fun, hands-on power line safety demos

Summer is in full swing, and students from area schools are enjoying their time away from classes. Whether biking or fishing at West Boggs Park or spending time at the municipal pools in Loogootee and Washington, they are likely to encounter electrical infrastructure, which underscores the importance of understanding the real dangers associated with electricity.

That's why, before classes ended for the 2025–2026 school year, Davies-Martin County REMC (DMREMC) was invited to share power line safety information with students at a local elementary school and at an educational camp.

The first stop was Barr-Reeve Community Schools, where journeyman lineman Jarrett Arvin and apprentice lineman Jeremy Maddox spoke with a group of second-grade students about basic power line safety. Both emphasized the importance of staying aware of their surroundings, including what is above and below them, while playing outside.

The tabletop demonstration featured a series of real-world scenarios illustrating what can happen when someone comes into contact with a live power line. Examples included downed poles caused by fallen trees, kites becoming entangled in power lines, and the dangers of digging near underground utilities.

Students remained highly engaged throughout the presentation, especially when viewing live electrical arcing safely performed by DMREMC-trained professionals.

The following week, journeyman linemen Dwain Joliff and Tyler Bostock visited a group of young men during the Ebenezer Boys Camp at Camp Illiana. These students had spent part of their time at camp learning basic electrical concepts, which were reinforced through the safety demonstration.

The campers asked many thoughtful questions, creating a highly engaging learning environment for everyone involved. Questions ranged from utility location procedures to what it takes to pursue a career as a lineman.

By connecting real-world demonstrations with hands-on learning, DMREMC continues to reinforce the importance of electrical safety and help students build awareness that can last well beyond the summer months.



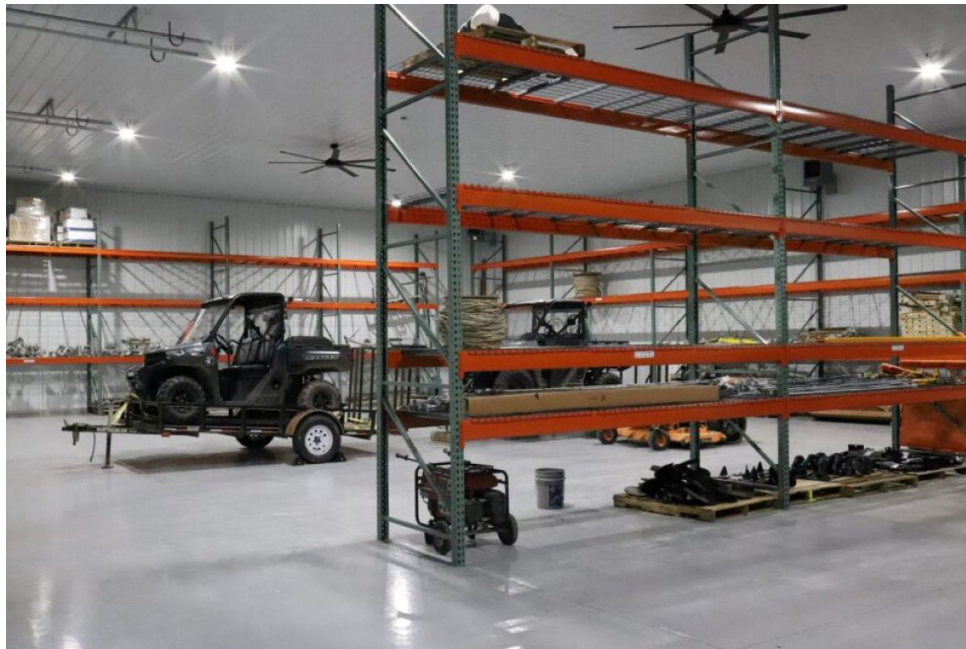
DMREMC celebrates completion of new warehouse after tornado recovery

Following months of hard work and recovery efforts, Daviess-Martin County REMC (DMREMC) is proud to announce the completion of its new warehouse facility and the official move-in.

In the spring of 2025, a tornado swept through the Loogootee area, leaving behind a trail of destruction that heavily impacted DMREMC headquarters. While the primary office building sustained only minor damage, the cooperative's warehouse was destroyed.

At 5 a.m. on March 15, 2025, crews arrived to find the building collapsed, with critical equipment buried beneath the rubble. Throughout the day, employees worked to recover salvageable supplies and materials needed to respond to the storm's aftermath.

The storm caused significant damage across the service territory, with more than 105 utility poles impacted and approximately 1,200 members without power. With assistance from Southeastern REMC, Hendricks Power Cooperative, and WIN Energy, DMREMC crews restored power to all affected members within days.



Once restoration efforts were complete, attention shifted toward rebuilding. DMREMC partnered with engineers and contractors to design and construct a new warehouse facility that would better serve the cooperative's long-term operational needs.

During construction, equipment and supplies were temporarily stored in cargo trailers and storage containers. Despite the limited space, crews continued daily operations while construction progressed.

In May, employees officially began moving into the new warehouse. Unlike its predecessor, this upgraded facility features a large wash bay, a full bathroom, and an on-site washer and dryer, providing additional functionality and improved working conditions for employees.

The completion of the new facility marks a significant milestone in DMREMC's recovery efforts and reflects the cooperative's continued commitment to serving its members and communities.

Employee anniversaries

We're proud to recognize the following employees for their years of service at Daviess-Martin County REMC. Their dedication is essential to delivering reliable, high-quality service to our members.



DENNIS WILSON

July 23 | 36 Years



CALEB MILLER

July 29 | 2 Years