



Daviess-Martin County

REMC

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Tuesday, Oct. 27 at 7 p.m.

Daviess-Martin County REMC office

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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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Local voices shape local solutions

When you hear the word “cooperative,” what comes to mind? As your local electric co-op, we hope you think of Daviess-Martin County REMC.

Regardless of the services offered, all cooperatives have one thing in common: they’re led by the people they serve, and that simple idea makes a meaningful difference.

Cooperatives come in all shapes and sizes, each created to meet a specific need. Credit unions help members save and borrow money. Producer cooperatives, like Ocean Spray and Land O’Lakes, help farmers bring their products to market. Retail cooperatives, like REI and ACE Hardware, are owned by their shoppers or a membership of store owners, while housing cooperatives give residents a voice in managing their communities. And utility cooperatives — like Daviess-Martin County REMC — provide reliable electricity to the communities we serve.

Unlike many businesses that answer to outside investors or shareholders, cooperatives are built for their members. Our goal isn’t simply to earn a profit — it’s to provide value, meet unique local needs, and strengthen the communities we each call home.

That’s exactly what makes Daviess-Martin County REMC different.

Our story began in 1939, when neighbors came together to

bring electricity to an area that other utilities wouldn’t serve. While a lot has changed since then, our purpose has remained the same. We’re still here to provide power and make decisions with our community’s best interests in mind.

Being locally owned means we have the flexibility to focus on what matters most to the communities we serve. That’s why no two electric cooperatives are exactly alike. Every community has different needs, and every cooperative reflects those priorities.

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For some co-ops, that means expanding programs that help members save energy and money. Others may focus on supporting economic development, investing in new technology, or creating new opportunities for local students. In fact, in 2026, Daviess-Martin County REMC was honored to send nine middle school students to Camp Kilowatt for four fun-filled days of learning about electricity generation and transmission.

You will also find the co-op difference in the little things. It's the lineworkers restoring power after a storm, the employees answering your questions when you call, the team members volunteering at community events, and the board members who help guide decisions for the future.

We're your neighbor and local energy partner, and we're committed to serving this community for generations to come.

This National Co-op Month, we invite you to join us in celebrating the cooperative difference, because this co-op belongs to you. Your membership is what makes our mission possible and keeps us focused on serving the people and communities that matter most.

Ryan Dant

Chief Executive Officer



Daviess-Martin County REMC takes fifth overall at 2026 IEC Lineman Rodeo

The 2026 Indiana Electric Cooperatives (IEC) Lineman Rodeo was held Aug. 20-21 and featured more than 113 linemen and 28 teams from across the state. Both days were packed with high-energy, nonstop action as competitors took on challenges that showcased their skills, stamina, and precision.

Team challenges on the first day of the event included various tasks, such as a Three-Phase Dead-End Changeout, which required competitors to replace three insulators. Other tasks included Cross-Arm Changeout, Team Hurtman Rescue, and a mystery challenge.

The Daviess-Martin County REMC team included Jarrett Arvin, Grant Horton, and Mitch Werner. While it was anything but easy, the team brought home some hardware. Daviess-Martin County REMC finished fifth overall among a strong field of competitors, capping off an excellent first day of competition.

Day two of the event was equally exciting, with four Daviess-Martin County REMC linemen competing in the individual challenges. Competitors included Line Superintendent Nathan Albright, along with Jarrett Arvin, Dwain Jolliff, and Mitch Werner. Each competitor represented Daviess-Martin County REMC

well and put their skills to the test against some of the best linemen in the state.

"These men did a fantastic job, and we are pleased to have them on our team," said Ryan Dant, CEO of Daviess-Martin County REMC. "We are proud of the skills and knowledge demonstrated not only at the rodeo, but also in their work at our co-op day in and day out."

The rodeo is held annually at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds in Danville, Indiana. In addition to watching the competition, spectators could browse a variety of booths, sample local favorites from local food trucks, and learn more about linework from longtime industry professionals.

With another rodeo now in the books, linemen across the state will have another opportunity to put their skills to the test when the event returns in 2027.



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.

AUGUST WINNER: Knepp's Wood Specialties

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1. The story of Daviess-Martin County REMC began in the year ____, when neighbors came together to bring electricity to an area where other utilities wouldn't.
2. Mitch Werner completed his final skills assessment as an apprentice under the supervision of DMREMC management and ____.
3. The 2026 Indiana Electric Cooperatives (IEC) Lineman Rodeo was held Aug. 20-21 and featured ____ teams from across the state.

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TOP Jarrett Arvin, Grant Horton, and Mitch Werner proudly hold their fifth place trophy.

MIDDLE LEFT Dwain Jolliff, bottom, takes part in the Lineman Memorial, a demonstration to honor fallen linemen.

MIDDLE RIGHT Nathan Albright reaches for a tool during an event at the Lineman Rodo.

BOTTOM Jarrett Arvin uses his entire body to help his teammates lift a heavy piece of equipment.

Werner completes final step in apprenticeship

Daviess-Martin County REMC (DMREMC) is proud to announce that Mitch Werner has completed the final step in his apprenticeship program. Since joining the cooperative, Werner has proven himself to be a dedicated and skilled lineman who consistently brings a strong work ethic and positive attitude to the job.

A third-generation lineman, Werner grew up in Dubois County, learning the trade from his father, Matt, who has worked for Dubois REC for more than two decades. His grandfather, Eugene, also followed the same path. Mitch joined DMREMC on Nov. 28, 2022, as a first-year apprentice and has spent the past four years working toward becoming a journeyman lineman.

Building a career

Along with several hours of classroom training, Werner has gained extensive hands-on experience throughout his apprenticeship. While serving members in our area, he has also gone above and beyond, assisting other cooperatives when needed. In January 2025, Werner joined our Line Foreman, Luke Emberton, in assisting Southern Indiana Power after a winter storm left 4,300 of its members without power.

Werner's contributions to the surrounding community don't stop there.

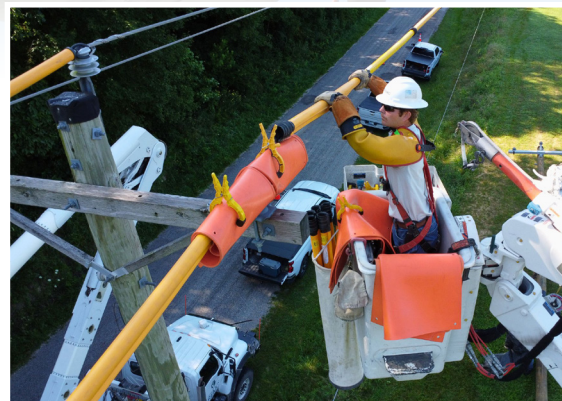
He has also shared his experience and knowledge at a variety of educational events. In 2025, he participated in the Washington Touch a Truck event, where he showcased the cooperative's bucket trucks and helped young community members learn more about the equipment lineworkers use each day. Werner has also taken part in several live-line demonstrations at area schools and organizations.

The finish line

On July 23, 2026, Werner completed his final skills assessment as an apprentice under the supervision of DMREMC management and Hoosier Energy. To earn the title of journeyman lineman, he was required to demonstrate that he could safely perform energized distribution work while following current rubber glove procedures. As part of the evaluation, he successfully completed a three-phase pole replacement.

Once Werner completes his required 8,000 hours of fieldwork on Nov. 1, 2026, he will officially become a

journeyman lineman. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Werner on this accomplishment and look forward to watching him continue to grow and thrive at DMREMC.



New employees

Please join us in welcoming Cody Pestow and Jackson Allbright to Daviess-Martin County REMC!



Cody Pestow

Pestow is a fourth-year lineman apprentice and lives just outside of Washington. When he's not working, you can usually find him racing dirt bikes or spending time with his fiancée.



Jackson Allbright

Allbright is a third-year lineman apprentice and resides in Shoals. Outside of work, he enjoys spending time with his family, hunting, and fishing. He is also happily engaged.



MEMBER APPRECIATION



THURSDAY, OCT. 8
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.



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