



Daviess-Martin County

REMC

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OFFICE HOURS

7:30 a.m.—4 p.m., Monday–Friday

STREET ADDRESS

12628 E. 75 N, Loogootee, IN 47553

MAILING ADDRESS

P.O. Box 430, Loogootee, IN 47553

SERVICE INTERRUPTIONS

To report an outage or emergency, call 812-295-4200 or 800-762-7362 day or night.

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MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, Aug. 22, 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: 1-888-222-0624

MISSION STATEMENT

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

SAVINGS TIP

Did you know ceiling fans can make a room feel 4 degrees cooler? To save energy through ceiling fan use, remember to raise your thermostat a few degrees while fans are turned on. Remember, ceiling fans cool people, not spaces. Be sure to turn them off when you leave the room.

— ENERGY.GOV

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co-op news

Factors that impact electricity prices



I was recently asked about what impacts electricity prices. We talked about how the daily cost of living seems to have increased across the board.

Just as inflation has impacted everything from the price of gasoline to the price of eggs, costs for the fuels required to produce electricity have also risen. This is a timely topic, so I wanted to help explain some of the factors that impact electricity prices (and energy bills) in this month's issue of Indiana Connection.

While there is no short answer, there are a few key elements that impact electricity prices and rates. Some of these Daviess-Martin County REMC can manage, some of them you can impact and other factors are beyond our control. So, let me break it down.

There are three primary parts to your monthly electric bill: a customer charge, an energy consumption/kWh charge and a Power Cost Tracker (PCT). To understand your total energy costs and what impacts your bill, let's unpack one piece at a time.

The first is a fixed monthly customer charge, which covers the costs associated with providing electricity to your home. This includes equipment, materials, labor and operating costs necessary to serve each meter in Daviess-Martin County REMC's service territory, regardless of the amount of energy used. In order to ensure the reliable service you expect and deserve, we must maintain the local system, including power lines, substations and other necessary equipment. Like many other businesses, we've experienced supply chain issues and steep cost increases for some of our basic equipment. Because we are a not-for-profit cooperative, some of these expenses must be passed on to our members. I should note that the customer charge is the same for everyone, based on rate type, and the costs are shared equally across the membership.

Another component of your monthly bill is the kWh charge, which covers how much energy you consume. You've likely noticed the amount of energy you use can vary from month to month and is typically impacted by extreme temperatures. When temperatures soar or dip, your cooling and heating equipment runs longer, which increases your home energy use. Regardless, energy consumption is an area that you have some control over, and you can lower your monthly bill by actively reducing energy use. Your thermostat is a great place to start, so be sure to keep it close to 78 degrees Fahrenheit during the summer months.

The last component of your bill is the PCT, which is the same amount for all co-op members. The PCT recently increased because of higher fuel prices, which means the power that Daviess-Martin County REMC purchases from our wholesale provider is more expensive. The PCT covers mostly fuel cost fluctuations without having to continually restructure electricity rates.

I hope this information sheds light on some of the factors that impact electricity prices. While we can't control the weather or the rising costs of fuels, please know Daviess-Martin County REMC is doing everything possible to keep internal costs down.

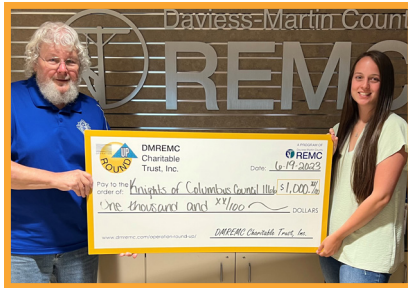
We're here to help you, too. Contact us if you have questions about your energy bill or for advice on how to save energy at home by calling 812-295-4200 or by logging into SmartHub to see more information about your use.



RYAN DANT
Chief Executive Officer

Operation Round Up

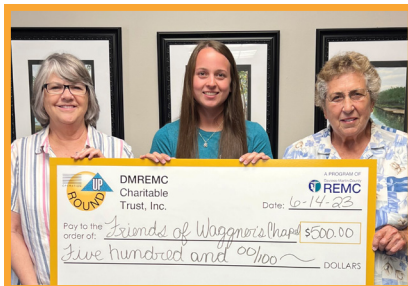
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QUARTER
UPDATE



From left: Greg Stanley and Becca Hollaway

Knights of Columbus Council 1166

Knights of Columbus Council 1166 of Bedford received a **\$1,000** grant to aid in efforts made by the 46th Annual Tootsie Roll Drive. The focus of the 2023 drive is to raise funds to provide Lawrence County Independent Schools with tools and resources needed to support students with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities.



Secretary-Treasurer Cindy Carither, Becca Hollaway and President Mary Lou Billings

Friends of Waggoner's Chapel, Inc.

Friends of Waggoner's Chapel was awarded a **\$500** grant to be used toward the restoration of the historic Waggoner's Chapel in Lost River.



Becca Hollaway, Loogootee Pickleball VP Marina Bouvy, President Terri Smith, committee member Sharon Sutton, Treasurer Bill Boyd, committee member Barbra Boyd and committee member Chris Hogan

Loogootee Pickleball

Loogootee Pickleball received a **\$1,000** grant to be used in the efforts of building four new pickleball courts.



Captain Logan Dant, Captain Ethan Mathies and his son Brooks, VP of Ladies Auxiliary Carrie Arvin, Lieutenant Cole Lawrence, Ladies Auxiliary President Jacki Dant, Becca Hollaway and Fire Chief Eric Thomas

Loogootee Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary

The Loogootee Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary was awarded a **\$1,000** grant to buy new radios for all Loogootee volunteer firefighters.



Treasurer Susan Spaulding, Vice President Debbie Bickley, Becca Hollaway, Director Kim Conder and President Danielle Hoffman

Borrowed Hearts Daviess County Inc.

Borrowed Hearts Daviess County Inc. received a **\$1,000** grant to purchase supplies needed for foster families along with new office equipment.



Medical and Safety Officer Cory Brassine, Becca Hollaway and Assistant Director Martin County EMA Andy Ringwald

Martin County Fire/Rescue (Civil Defense)

The Martin County Fire/Rescue (Civil Defense) was awarded a **\$1,000** grant to provide training for tornado recovery efforts for a county-wide disaster response group.

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. Members with automatic payment accounts will be entered in the contest as well. Copies will not be accepted, and coupons are not available at the office! Winners will be notified and their names will be published in the following issue of Indiana Connection.

JUNE WINNER:
George Peel of Washington

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



Fire Chief Steven Ford and his son Jackson and Becca Hollaway

Odon Fire Department/Community Fire and Rescue

The Odon Fire Department/Community Fire and Rescue received a **\$1,000** grant to aid in the purchase of a new rescue truck.

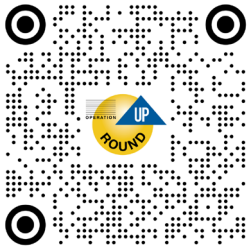


CEO Hope Flores and Becca Hollaway

Community Foundation Partnership, Inc.

The Community Foundation Partnership was awarded a **\$1,000** grant to purchase supplies that will be used in the "Leave a Legacy" campaign to share the stories of those awarded grants in Lawrence and Martin Counties.

Opt in to Operation Round Up



For approximately \$6 a year you can help out your local community! Scan the QR code to sign up for Operation Round Up. Once you are signed up, we will round your monthly electric bill up to the next whole dollar, and all funds from this are put into a fund to be dispersed quarterly to qualifying organizations.

1. The three primary parts of your electric bill are: _____, _____ and _____.
2. If I sign up for Operation Round Up, I will contribute approximately _____ annually to organizations in my community!
3. Every _____ minutes an underground utility is damaged somewhere in the United States because someone decided to dig without first calling 811.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ACCOUNT NO.: _____

PHONE NO.: _____

EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES



The following employees are celebrating an anniversary at DMREMC this month. We thank them for their continued commitment to providing our members with the best service possible.

**SPENCER
TOMLINSON**

AUG. 2
2 YEARS



**SUE
GRABER**

AUG. 5
38 YEARS



UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFO

Help us help you.

If you have had a change in any of your contact information, please notify us of these changes. You can do this anytime on our website, dmremc.com, or by calling in during business hours at **812-295-4200**.



OFFICE CLOSURE

The office will be closed Monday, Sept. 4, for Labor Day.



811 DAY REMINDS
HOOSIERS TO

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

AUG. 11 IS JUST ONE DAY A YEAR, BUT INDIANA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES HOPES THE 8/11 DATE ON THE CALENDAR WILL SERVE AS A NATURAL REMINDER FOR RESIDENTS TO CALL 811 ANY DAY OF THE YEAR BEFORE A DIGGING PROJECT.

EVERY SIX MINUTES ... an underground utility line is damaged somewhere in the United States because someone decided to dig without first calling 811.

Striking a single line can cause injury, repair costs, fines and inconvenient outages. Every digging project, no matter how large or small, warrants a call to 811. Installing a mailbox, building a deck, planting a tree and laying a patio are all examples of digging projects that need a call to 811 before starting.

