



Daviness-Martin County

**REMC**

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**OFFICE HOURS**

7:30 a.m.–4 p.m., Monday–Friday

**STREET ADDRESS**

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**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, Jan. 30, 2024

Daviness-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."



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**SAVINGS TIP**

Smart thermostats are Wi-Fi enabled and automatically adjust heating and cooling temperature settings in your home for optimal performance. Smart thermostats learn your temperature preferences and establish a schedule that adjusts to energy-saving settings when you're asleep or away.

— ENERGY.GOV

**co-op news**

# A beginner's guide TO THE electric grid



It powers our homes, offices, hospitals, and schools. We depend on it to keep us warm in the winter and cool in the summer, charge our phones, and binge our favorite TV shows. If the power goes out, even briefly, our lives can be disrupted.

The system that delivers your electricity is often described as the most complex machine in the world, known as the electric grid.

What makes it so complex? We all use different amounts of electricity throughout the day, so the supply and demand for electricity are constantly changing. For example, we typically use more electricity in the mornings when we're starting our day, and in the evenings when we're cooking dinner and using appliances. Severe weather and other factors also impact how much electricity we need.

The challenge for electric providers is to plan for, produce, and purchase enough electricity so it's available exactly when we need it. Too much or too little electricity in one place can cause problems. So, to make sure the whole system stays balanced, the electric grid must adjust in real-time to changes and unforeseen events.

At its core, the electric grid is a network of power lines, transformers, substations, and other infrastructure that span the entire country. But it's not just a singular system. It's divided into three major interconnected grids: the Eastern Interconnection, the Western Interconnection, and the Electric

Reliability Council of Texas. These grids operate independently but are linked to allow electricity to be transferred between regions when backup support is required.

Within the three regions, seven balancing authorities known as independent system operators (ISOs) or regional transmission organizations (RTOs) monitor the grid, signaling to power plants when more electricity is needed to maintain a balanced electrical flow. ISOs and RTOs are like traffic controllers for electricity.

The journey of electricity begins at power plants. Power plants can be thought of as factories that make electricity using various energy sources, like natural gas, solar, wind, and nuclear energy. Across the United States, more than 11,000 power plants deliver electricity to the grid.

Daviness-Martin County REMC receives power from our generation and transmission (G&T) co-op, Hoosier Energy. We work closely with Hoosier Energy to provide electricity at the lowest cost possible. Being part of a G&T benefits members like you by placing ownership and control in the hands of your co-op, prioritizing affordability and reliability, supporting local economic development, and fostering a sense of community.

To get the electricity from power plants to you, we need a transportation system. High-voltage transmission lines act as highways

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for electricity, transporting power over long distances. These lines are supported by massive towers and travel through vast landscapes, connecting power plants to electric substations.

Substations are like pit stops along the highway, where the voltage of electricity is adjusted. They play a crucial role in managing power flow and ensuring that electricity is safe for use in homes and businesses.

Once the electricity is reduced to the proper voltage, it travels through distribution power lines, like the ones you typically see on the side of the road. Distribution lines carry electricity from substations to homes, schools, and businesses. Distribution transformers, which look like metal buckets on the tops of power poles or large green boxes on the ground, further reduce the voltage to levels suitable for household appliances and electronic devices.

After traveling through transformers, electricity reaches you to power everyday life.

We're proud to be your local, trusted energy provider. From the time it's created to the time it's used, electricity travels great distances to be available at the flip of a switch. That makes the electric grid our nation's most complex machine — and one of our nation's greatest achievements.

**RYAN DANT**  
Chief Executive  
Officer



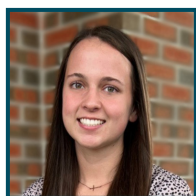
# Christmas cheer

Daviess-Martin County REMC employees and their families attended the Washington city parade on Dec. 2 and the Loogootee city parade on Dec. 3.

# EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES



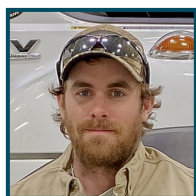
We wanted to take the time to thank each of the following employees for their time at DMREMC. Each one is key to providing you with the best service possible.



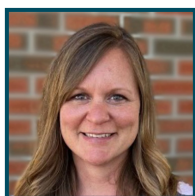
**BECCA HOLLAWAY**  
JAN. 4  
TWO YEARS



**THERESA SHOWALTER**  
JAN. 5  
37 YEARS



**TYLER BOSTOCK**  
JAN. 8  
SIX YEARS



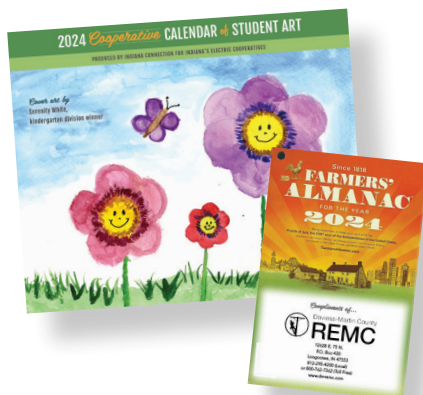
**ERICA WORLAND**  
JAN. 17  
TWO YEARS



**CAREY WADE**  
JAN. 31  
TWO YEARS

## PICK UP YOUR FREE RESOURCES

The Daviess-Martin County REMC office has 2024 pocket calendars, Cooperative Calendars of Student Art, festival guides, and Farmers' Almanacs available for pickup in the office or drive-thru.



## 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 a subsequent issue of *Indiana Connection*.

### AUGUST WINNER:

Nelson Knepp of Washington

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

1. The Daviess-Martin County REMC 2024 Annual Meeting will be \_\_\_\_\_ hosted from the Daviess-Martin County REMC office.
2. Daviess-Martin County REMC receives power from our generation and transmission (G&T) co-op, \_\_\_\_\_.
3. To learn more about available rebates, visit the "\_\_\_\_\_" tab on our website.

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ACCOUNT NO.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE NO.:** \_\_\_\_\_

# DAVIESS-MARTIN REMC

## ANNUAL MEETING AND DIRECTOR NOMINATION PROCESS

The 2024 Daviess-Martin County REMC Annual Meeting has been set for Thursday, April 11, 2024. This meeting will be virtually hosted from the Daviess-Martin County REMC office. This means we will not be holding an in-person Annual Meeting this year. Instead, the meeting will be recorded and posted to the REMC website, [dmremc.com](http://dmremc.com), and the Daviess-Martin County REMC Facebook page. Members will still be asked to vote in the election and receive bill credits in return.

### BUSINESS MEETING ACTION ITEMS WILL INCLUDE:

- The election of three directors for the Cooperative to serve a three-year term. Districts up for election include District 2 (Van Buren and Barr townships in Daviess County), District 5 (Perry and Center townships in Martin County), and District 7 (Marion and Spice Valley townships in Lawrence County).
- Approval of reports for the previous fiscal year.

- Transacting such other business as may come before the meeting.

In accordance with DMREMC By Laws, nominations for members to become a director on the REMC Board shall be made by petition. Valid nominating petitions must be submitted to the REMC no later than Monday, Feb. 12, 2024. Interested parties should contact the REMC office during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m., for petition details and to request an informational packet.

## Power up your SAVINGS!

### Make the most of 2024 electric rebates from DMREMC

Jump into a new year and take advantage of Daviess-Martin County REMC's 2024 electric rebates. Enjoy savings on electric outdoor equipment, water heaters, an upgrade for your HVAC unit, or just some TLC for your HVAC system.

Visit [dmremc.com/residential-rebates](http://dmremc.com/residential-rebates) to learn how you can apply and save!

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# 2024 YOUTH PROGRAMS

## Camp Kilowatt

JUNE 5-8, 2024

Daviess-Martin County REMC will sponsor five current sixth-grade students.

Visit [dmremc.com/camp-kilowatt](https://dmremc.com/camp-kilowatt) to learn more.

DEADLINE TO APPLY: MARCH 1, 2024

## Cooperative Calendar of Student Art

Visit [dmremc.com/calendar-art-contest](https://dmremc.com/calendar-art-contest) to learn more.

ARTWORK SUBMISSION DEADLINE:  
MARCH 29, 2024

## Indiana Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.

JUNE 16-23, 2024

Daviess-Martin County REMC will sponsor two current high school students.

Visit [dmremc.com/Indiana-youth-tour](https://dmremc.com/Indiana-youth-tour) to learn more.

DEADLINE TO APPLY: MARCH 1, 2024



Camp Kilowatt



Youth Tour