



Daviess-Martin County
REMC

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OFFICE HOURS

7:30 a.m.–4 p.m., Monday–Friday

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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. 27, 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.”



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SAVINGS TIP

Placing heat sources, such as lamps, computers or TVs, near your thermostat can result in false temperature readings, increased energy use and inconsistent cooling/heating. Make sure your thermostat is installed in an area clear of obstructions, electronic devices, direct sunlight and drafts. This optimizes energy efficiency, improves indoor comfort and reduces wear and tear on your cooling/heating system.

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ENERGY SCAMS UNMASKED



Utility scams have long targeted consumers with water, gas, and electricity connections. But in today’s digital world, every swipe and click increases the risk of potential scams.

Scammers are more sophisticated than ever, and they understand our increasing reliance on technology. With their sharpened digital knives, scammers have adapted their tactics to trick unsuspecting consumers through various methods.

Daviess-Martin County REMC wants to help you avoid energy scams, whether a financial loss or a leak of your personal information. This month, I would like to share updates on some of the latest utility scams and tips to help you stay safe from even the craftiest scammers.

RECENT UTILITY SCAMS

Scammers typically disguise themselves physically and digitally as utility employees or representatives to steal consumers’ money or personal information. A common trick is to claim a consumer’s bill is past due and threaten to disconnect service if payment isn’t received immediately. Scammers approach consumers through various means, including phone calls, text messages, emails, and in-person visits. However, the

digital line of attack is increasingly more common.

For example, new capabilities disguising caller ID or “spoofing” can make the phone number you see on caller ID appear from a trusted source. Spoofing makes it easier for scammers to deceive you because it’s more difficult to verify the call immediately. Another recent scam uses fraudulent websites that are identical to a utility payment webpage — and what’s worse, these pages are often promoted on search engines to trick consumers into clicking and making a payment.

Another recent scam involves phone calls, text messages, or emails claiming you overpaid your electric bill and will receive a cash or banking refund. This offer may seem too good to be true, and it is — it’s likely a scam aimed at stealing your personal information.

SPOTTING A SCAM

There are several red flags you can watch for to identify an energy scam. Scammers often use high-pressure tactics to create a sense of urgency, such as claiming that your electricity or other services will be disconnected if you don’t make a payment immediately.

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Additionally, scammers may ask for unusual payment methods such as gift cards or cryptocurrency. If someone pushes for an unusual payment method, it's likely a scam.

You've probably noticed many digital scams, like emails or text messages, include poor grammar, spelling errors, and odd email addresses. These are red flags, so when you see these dodgy forms of communication, consider it a potential scam.

WHAT DAVIESS-MARTIN COUNTY REMC WILL (AND WON'T) DO

Daviess-Martin County REMC will never demand an instant, immediate payment and threaten to disconnect your service without

prior notices or warnings. We strive to resolve challenging situations and work with our members to avoid disconnects.

Daviess-Martin County REMC will never ask for your Social Security number or banking details over the phone or through email. We offer several secure payment options, including in-person, dmremc.com, scheduled payments, and SmartHub.

AVOIDING SCAMS

Whether in person, over the phone, or online, always be suspicious of an unknown individual claiming to be a Daviess-Martin County REMC employee and requesting banking or other personal information.

If you're ever in doubt about a potential energy scam, just give us a call at 812-295-4200 so we can assist. Daviess-Martin County REMC wants to help protect you and our community against utility frauds, and by notifying us about potential scams, you can create the first line of defense. We encourage you to report any potential scams so we can spread the word and prevent others in our community from falling victim.



RYAN DANT
Chief Executive Officer

Loogootee Substation renamed to honor August Bauer

During the April 2024 Annual Meeting, it was announced that the Loogootee Substation would be renamed the August Bauer Hoosier Energy Loogootee Substation. On July 2, the sign was installed at the substation, making the name change official. Bauer, director of District 6, has served on the Daviess-Martin County REMC Board of Directors for 52 years.



PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT:
Daviess-Martin County REMC's Ryan Dant and Hoosier Energy's Bryan Place.

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:

Perry and Diane Graber from Loogootee

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

1. New capabilities disguising caller ID or " _____ " can make the phone number you see on caller ID appear to be from a trusted source.
2. The 2024 Member Appreciation Day will be held on October _____.
3. Daviess-Martin County REMC is celebrating _____ years of service.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ACCOUNT NO.: _____

PHONE NO.: _____

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

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
3 YEARS**



JARRETT ARVIN

**AUG. 15
2 YEARS**



SUE GRABER

**AUG. 5
39 YEARS**



The Daviess-Martin County REMC office will be closed on Sept. 2. Happy Labor Day!

Save the date



Daviess-Martin County REMC will host its Member Appreciation Day on Wednesday, Oct. 16, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. This year, we will be celebrating 85 years of service! Stay tuned for more updates and our big plans!



SECOND QUARTER Operation Round Up



BETHANY CHRISTIAN CHURCH "NIGHT TO SHINE"

The Bethany Christian Church received a \$1,500 grant to help cover the costs associated with the "Night to Shine" prom, an unforgettable prom experience for people with special needs.

Pictured left to right: Janae Burkhardt, Night to Shine coordinator, and Becca Hollaway, DMREMC communications specialist

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 1166

The Knights of Columbus Council 1166 was awarded a \$1,000 grant for the 47th Annual Tootsie Roll Drive. One focus area for the 2024 Tootsie Roll Drive is to provide Springville Community Academy with the resources needed to implement a Life Skills Cooking Class and Coffee Cart. Tailored for students in grades 4-8, this project will provide a unique hands-on learning experience that will blend practical culinary skills with entrepreneurship.

Becca Hollaway and Greg Stanly, Tootsie Roll Drive chairman



DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY-WC SCHOOLS

Washington Catholic Schools received a \$1,000 grant to help cover the start-up costs of The Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Through this program, children will be mailed a book every month from birth to age 5 at no cost to the family.

Ashley Crane, teacher and Dolly Parton's Imagination Library coordinator; Sara Voges, director of marketing; and Becca Hollaway

RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM OF DAVIESS COUNTY, INDIANA, INC.

The RSVP of Daviess County was awarded a \$1,000 grant to assist in the Comfort Care Projects. The three areas addressed include making teddy bears for children who go to the emergency room or have surgery at Daviess Community Hospital, making lap blankets for residents in care facilities in Daviess and Martin Counties, and "Sending Smiles," a paper-craft flower arrangement project for patients at Daviess Community Hospital.

Emily Ramsey, executive director; Jennifer Johns, volunteer coordinator; and Becca Hollaway



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SPURS & SADDLES

Spurs & Saddles (Daviess County 4-H Association) received a \$1,200 grant to assist in purchasing a portable PA system for announcing at shows and practices. Spurs & Saddles is a 4-H program that aims to teach kids about responsibility, leadership, integrity, and hard work through proper animal husbandry, quality horsemanship, and club participation.

Pictured left to right: Aria Show, vice president; Lancy Shaw, club leader; and Becca Hollaway

DAVIESS COUNTY PARTNERSHIP, INC.

The Daviess County Partnership, Inc. was awarded a \$1,000 grant for the 2024 Jubilee Christmas, an assistance program for families in Daviess County who have children ages birth through 15. The Jubilee Christmas will be held again for families to pick out gifts for their children aged birth through 10. Children ages 11-15 will be taken shopping for clothes, shoes, and personal hygiene items and accompanied by an adult. Families also receive a \$50 voucher for food or personal/cleaning supplies.

Quinn and Lex Hunsaker; Vicki Murello, Jubilee Coordinator; Becca Hollaway; and Sherry Davis, executive director



SHOALS COMMUNITY SCHOOL -SHOALS FABRICATION LAB

The Shoals Community School–Shoals Fabrication Lab was awarded a \$1,500 grant to purchase new equipment, such as laser engraver filters, 3D printers, drones, and CAD equipment, for the fabrication programs in the elementary, middle, and high schools.

Becca Hollaway and Troy Zollars, Shoals High School Principal

MARTIN COUNTY CANCER PATIENT SERVICES

The Martin County Cancer Patient Services received a \$1,200 grant to cover the costs of purchasing needed office equipment to maintain the proper and required records for their ongoing services. The MCCPS assists people with cancer who reside in Martin County so that no one faces cancer alone. Currently, the MCCPS supports over 35 patients.

Becca Hollaway; Robin Hart, board member; and Rheadawn Street, president

