



Daviess-Martin County

REMC

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OFFICE HOURS

7:30 a.m.–4 p.m., Monday–Friday

STREET ADDRESS

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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.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Brandt Schuckman, *President*

Joshua Dove, *Vice President*

John Edwards, *Secretary*

Terry Chapman, *Treasurer*

August Bauer

Amy Burris

Travis Summers

MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, Feb. 24, 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: 855-951-3760

MISSION STATEMENT

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

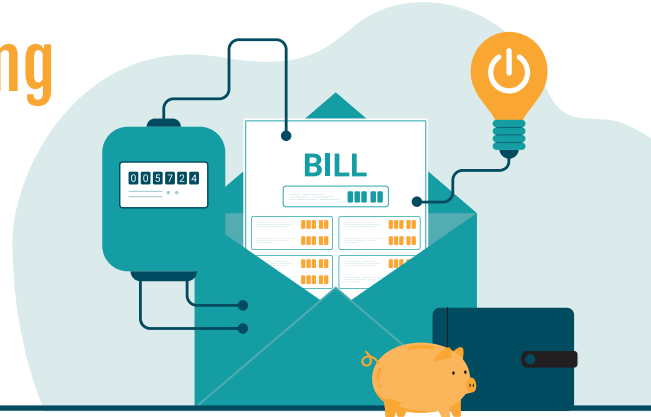


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co-op news

Understanding factors that impact your energy bills



February brings some of the coldest weather of the year, and as our home heating systems work harder and longer to keep us warm, we typically see higher energy bills.

A few key factors affect electricity prices, but there are ways you can meaningfully impact home energy savings.

When you receive your monthly bill from Daviess-Martin County REMC, you're provided with a summary of how much electricity you used during the billing cycle. You can even see how electricity use may have spiked on days when you used more electricity, such as a particularly chilly day or when relatives were staying with you.

However, you might be surprised to learn that external factors beyond your monthly energy consumption can impact the cost of electricity.

Fuel prices

Daviess-Martin County REMC purchases electricity from our power generation partner, Hoosier Energy, at a wholesale cost, and then we deliver that power to our local communities. The cost of generating and transmitting electricity from our generation partner accounts for a significant portion of the cost to provide electric service to local homes and businesses — and the cost of fuels that are used to generate that electricity, such as natural gas and coal, fluctuate based on supply and demand. While these fluctuations can impact the cost of electricity, we

work closely with Hoosier Energy to plan ahead and help stabilize electricity prices for our members.

Extreme weather

While we can't control the weather, we can review weather patterns and forecasts to prepare for times of extreme cold or heat when we know the demand for electricity will increase. But when temperatures become extremely cold and the demand for electricity spikes, the price of electricity can also increase.

Infrastructure and equipment

To cover the costs associated with providing electricity to your home or business, Daviess-Martin County REMC members pay a monthly service charge. This flat monthly fee ensures the cost of equipment, materials, labor and daily operations are covered for all members in Daviess-Martin County REMC's service territory. To ensure the reliable service you expect and deserve, we must maintain the local grid, including power lines, substations, and other essential equipment.

Energy policy and regulations

Federal energy policies and regulations can have a profound impact on electricity costs. As energy generation shifts to using more renewable sources and stricter regulations for traditional, always-available fuel sources, such as natural gas and coal plants, costly upgrades and technologies must be constructed and deployed.

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These additional costs are ultimately passed to consumers.

U.S. power consumption is expected to double by 2050. Across the country, electric cooperatives are working with members of Congress to advocate for smart energy policies that reliably power our local communities.

You have control

While many of these external factors that impact electricity costs are out of our control, we all have the power to manage our energy use at home. The most effective way to lower use is thermostat management. Since heating and cooling account for a major portion of home energy use, adjusting the thermostat to the lowest comfortable setting can help you save energy and money. Remember to service your heating and cooling system annually and replace dirty filters as needed.

You can also reduce energy use by taking advantage of off-peak periods when the electricity demand is lower. Reserve energy-intensive chores for off-peak times, such as early in the morning or later in the evening, to save energy. Be sure to seal air leaks around windows, doors, and other areas where gaps are possible. This will help your heating and cooling system work less and improve the overall comfort of your home.

Daviess-Martin County REMC is your local energy partner, and we're here to help. Visit dmremc.com to learn about our efficiency programs designed to help you save. As always, we will continue working diligently to provide you with reliable power at an affordable cost.



RYAN DANT
Chief Executive Officer



Election to occur at DMREMC

The directors for the following two districts will be elected as a part of the 2025 "Live-Streamed, Virtual" Annual Meeting agenda:

DISTRICT 1: Daviess County (Elmore, Madison, Steele, and Bogard Townships)

DISTRICT 4: Daviess County (Harrison and Reeve Townships)

Incumbent directors seeking re-election include Joshua Dove from

District 1 and Terry Chapman from District 4. Directors will be elected for three-year terms.

Any member who resides in these districts and who is interested in becoming a director candidate must complete and submit a petition for nomination by **Feb. 21, 2025**. Please contact the REMC office if you have any questions regarding the election process or need any information.



Time is running out

Daviess-Martin County REMC is still attempting to locate several former and current members who have unclaimed capital credits. Anyone who was a member from 1993 through 1995 may have a capital credit waiting for them to claim.

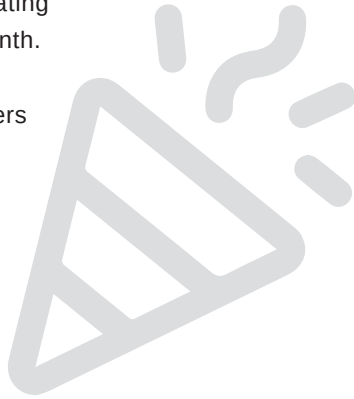
A list of eligible individuals was published on our website on Dec. 13, 2024. Head to dmremc.com, scroll down to "Unclaimed Capital Credits," and

click "View List" to review the list for names you may know. You will also find the appropriate forms to claim your capital credit on our homepage. If you are an heir to a past member who still has an unclaimed capital credit, you will also find the proper forms here.

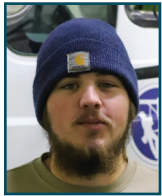
The deadline to claim these credits is Feb. 13, 2025. After this date, the credit amount will be treated as donated cash and will no longer be eligible for claim.

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.



**LOGAN
WHEELOCK**
FEB. 12
1 YEAR



**GRANT
HORTON**
FEB. 1
3 YEARS



**FARAN
LOCKENOUR**
FEB. 22
4 YEARS

Youth programs DEADLINES APPROACHING

Cooperative Calendar of Student Art

ARTWORK SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Feb. 28

Camp Kilowatt

Visit dmremc.com/camp-kilowatt to learn more.

DEADLINE TO APPLY: March 3

**JUNE
4-7**

Indiana Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.

Visit dmremc.com/indiana-youth-tour to learn more.

DEADLINE TO APPLY: March 3

**JUNE
15-22**



co-op news

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.

NOVEMBER WINNER:

Tarry and Debra Bratton from Loogootee

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

1. U.S. power consumption is expected to _____ by 2050.
2. The deadline to claim capital credits is Feb. ____, 2025.
3. Any member interested in becoming a director candidate must complete and submit a petition for nomination by Feb. ____, 2025.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ACCOUNT NO.: _____

PHONE NO.: _____

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



FOURTH QUARTER Operation Round Up

Old Union of Reeve Township Cemetery

The Old Union of Reeve Township Cemetery was awarded a \$1,000 grant to help cover the cost of mowing each summer.

Barr-Reeve Post Prom Parents

The Barr-Reeve Post Prom Parents received a \$500 grant to cover expenses related to the 2025 Barr-Reeve Post Prom, such as space rental and food trucks.

Odon Winkelpleck Public Library

The Odon Winkelpleck Public Library received a \$1,000 grant to provide lifesaving skills training, like CPR and First Aid, to community members at no cost.

Pictured left to right: Library Director Susan Graber and Daviess-Martin County REMC Communications Specialist Becca Hollaway

First Choice Solutions

First Choice Solutions was granted \$1,500 for Essential Material Aid Support for clients. These materials include diapers and baby wipes.

Pictured left to right: Susan Spaulding, material aide lead volunteer; Rebecca Moeller, executive director; and Hollaway

Shoals Post Prom

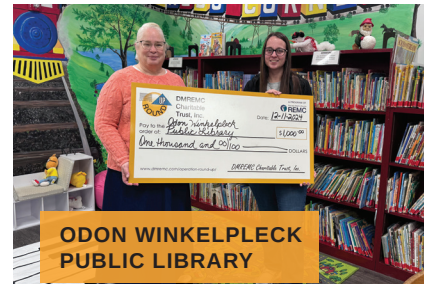
The Shoals Post Prom was awarded a \$500 grant to help cover the cost of prizes for students at this year's post-prom event.

Pictured left to right: Parent volunteers Ashley Clouse and Ashley Bearden, and Hollaway

Loogootee Pickleball, Inc.

The Loogootee Pickleball, Inc. was awarded a \$1,000 grant to provide a shade structure between the existing courts.

Loogootee Pickleball, Inc. Board Members: left to right Roseanne Hogan, secretary; Marina Bouvy, vice president; Sharon Sutton; Bill Boyd, treasurer; and Hollaway



ODON WINKELPLECK PUBLIC LIBRARY



FIRST CHOICE SOLUTIONS



SHOALS POST PROM



LOOGOOTEE PICKLEBALL, INC.

Happy Valentine's Day

