

### dmremc.com

### **CONTACT US**

Toll Free: 800-762-7362

### **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.

### **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, March 25, 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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# ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES BRING unique value

### TO THEIR COMMUNITIES

Electric cooperatives stand out from other types of businesses because we are built and led by the communities we serve. As independent, not-for-profit electric utilities, we are owned and governed by our local members — not outside shareholders or investors. That is a powerful differentiator.

Here are a few ways electric co-ops like Daviess-Martin County REMC bring unique value to the local communities they serve:

- We put people before profits.
- Co-ops are not-for-profit and provide at-cost electric service.

  Any excess revenue is returned to our consumer-members in the form of capital credits, typically as a bill credit or check.
- Community comes first.
- We live and work here, too, and care deeply about our local communities. That's why we engage in development and revitalization projects, sponsor local students for scholarships and youth programs, and give back to local organizations to help our neighbors in need.
- Affordable, reliable power
  is our priority. DaviessMartin County REMC purchases
  electricity from Hoosier Energy,
  our wholesale energy partner.
  Hoosier Energy is a generation

and transmission cooperative formed by a group of electric coops in our state. This cooperative business structure allows us to pool local resources and provide electricity at a lower cost than if we purchased it from outside sources.

As we continue into a new year, we're focused on our members' energy needs — not only for today but for the long haul. We're advocating for smarter energy policies that prioritize reliability and affordability for all. We recognize we must be inclusive of all energy sources, so we work closely with Hoosier Energy to ensure the use of a diverse mix of sources, including coal, natural gas, solar, nuclear, etc., to generate the electricity we provide to our members.

Daviess-Martin County REMC is working to power a brighter future through innovation that meets tomorrow's energy needs.

Reliable, affordable electricity is more important than ever before, and our focus will continue to be in the best interest of the local communities we serve.



### co-op news



Survey & Ballot Systems (SBS) will administer the director election process. On March 21, 2025, SBS will email voting election packets to all Daviess-Martin REMC members with their email addresses on file with DMREMC. The packet will include voting options and instructions.

SBS will also mail election packets via USPS to all Daviess-Martin REMC members on March 21, 2025. The packet will include voting options and instructions. These voting methods allow many more members to participate in the director election.



Each packet will have a unique code, so only one vote can be processed. The election

will be open from March 21 to April 17, 2025. Voting information is secure. Election results will not be disclosed to anyone until they are opened and announced at the virtual Annual Meeting. To ensure complete confidentiality and transparency of the votes, there will be no voting on the night of the virtual Annual Meeting.

SBS will provide a weekly report to DMREMC on account numbers and names of voting members. A \$10 bill credit will be issued to all voting members. An additional \$5 bill credit will be issued to new enrollees of Operation Round Up. (See page 8 for more information about Operation Round Up)

In addition, there will be two drawings during the director election for additional bill credits. All voting members will be included in each drawing. Vote early for more chances to win! Once a member wins, their name will be eliminated from the drawing.

# Martin County Ag Day!

Daviess-Martin County
REMC will be set up again
at Martin County Ag Day!

This year, the event will be held on Saturday, March 15,

from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Martin County Community Building.



### **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.





SFTH MARCH 13



IFANN MARCH 14

## STAY IN THE KNOW

Stay connected by keeping your contact information up to date. Current contact information benefits you in multiple ways.

- ✓ Faster outage reporting and response
- ✓ Timely alerts about planned outages and other important updates
- ✓ Smoother customer service interactions
- ✓ Improved access to member benefits and programs

Ensure your phone number, email address and mailing address are up to date so you can enjoy the benefits of staying connected.

### 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:** 

Luke Graber from Loogootee

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

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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.

### **WHAT IS**

# **Operation Round Up?**

Operation Round Up is an ongoing charitable fundraising program to benefit worthwhile community projects. REMC members who round up their monthly electric bill to the next whole dollar donate those funds.

Each month, members who wish to participate will allow Daviess-Martin County REMC to automatically round up electric bills to the next highest dollar amount. For example, if your bill is \$68.51, your bill will be rounded up to \$69, meaning that month's contribution is 49 cents. If your bill is \$68.90, your bill will be rounded up to \$69, contributing 10 cents. The extra cents will be put into the DMREMC Charitable Trust. Inc. The cost to you will be 99 cents or less per month, averaging about \$6 a year per member. It doesn't sound like much individually, but collectively, it adds up in a hurry.

The Operation Round Up Board meets quarterly to review Operation Round Up applications and administer funds to organizations. This board is separate from the Daviess-Martin County REMC Board of Directors, and members are unpaid.

In the past, these funds have gone towards organizations such as schools, church groups, fire departments, and cancer patient services to help provide needed supplies, equipment, renovations, and more.

Since the program started in March 2004.

\$630,640.05

has been granted to organizations right here in our community.

In 2024 alone.

\$25,184

was awarded!



In 2022, the Shoals Shop received a \$5,000 grant to help build a barn where animals would be raised for agriculture classes.



In 2023, the Martin County 4-H Horse and Pony Club received **\$1,000** to purchase new lights for the riding arena.



In 2024, Washington Catholic Schools received \$1,000 to help cover the start-up costs of The Dolly **Parton's Imagination Library.**