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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
John Edwards, *President*
August Bauer, *Vice President*
Steve Streepy, *Secretary*
Terry Chapman, *Treasurer*
Dean Harrawood
Dale Marchino
Travis Summers

MONTHLY MEETING
Tuesday, May 22, 7 p.m.,
Davies-Martin County REMC office

BILL PAYMENT OPTIONS
Online bill payment
Budget billing
Auto bank draft
Drive-through window
Night depository
Credit card payment (VISA,
Discover and MasterCard accepted)
Pay-by-phone

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

*Savings
Tip*

Stream efficiently!

When streaming online content, use the smallest device that makes sense for the number of people watching. Avoid streaming on game consoles, which use 10 times more power than streaming through a tablet or laptop.

— U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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**May is National
Electrical Safety Month**

plug into safety

#ElectricalSafetyMonth

Safety: our top priority all year



Each May, we do a special spotlight on safety, but in reality, safety is always our paramount concern. Electricity — like so many other things we take for

granted in our everyday lives — can be a dangerous commodity if we let it.

The safety of our employees who work with electricity every day, as well as our members and the general public, all require us to give thought to the varying levels of safety and what could go wrong under certain circumstances. On the next two pages, you will see some safety tips that might make you rethink how you are using your electricity. We hope that you will please take a few minutes to reflect on safety and use safety practices in your daily routine.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you see something that doesn't look safe or if have a question about your electric lines.

Thanks for your help, and as always, be safe!

78th annual meeting a success

On the evening of April 5, more than 560 members along with their families met at Shoals High School for dinner, snacks, some fellowship and, of course, to conduct the annual business meeting for Davies-Martin County REMC. The event included the normal fare of drinks, brats, hot dogs and popcorn, as well as the presentations by our directors, officers, REMC attorney and me, the general manager.

What was a little different this year was that we had three directors up for election with two of them being challenged. The election was close with the results being the re-election of Dean Harrawood in District 2; Travis Summers in District 5 and John Edwards in District 7. We want to thank our member-challengers — Amy Burriss and Joe Hayworth — for expressing their interest in helping to govern our co-op.

We also want to thank everyone who came to our annual meeting, and we hope those in attendance had a good experience and found it informative. See you next year!

DAVE SUTTER
General Manager



the ABCs of ELECTRICAL SAFETY

Because May is Electrical Safety Month, we thought it was important to review how to stay safe around electricity — letter by letter.



A Appliance Cords

Appliance cords should be out of the way and not under furniture legs or rugs.



B Beware

Beware of places that have “Danger: High Voltage” signs and other warnings on or near them.



C Clean

Keep your workshop and garage clean and dry. Sparks from power tools can ignite wood scraps, sawdust and solvents.



D Downed Power Lines

If you see a power line that has fallen to the ground, stay away from it. Immediately call your electric cooperative.



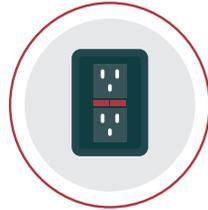
E Extension Cords

They should only be used on a temporary basis and not as permanent household wiring.



F Frayed Wires

They're dangerous! The wires should be repaired at once by a licensed electrician or, better yet, replaced.



G Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCIs)

Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters shut off power in time to prevent serious shock. Test monthly.



H Hit the Ground

Although you should seek shelter if you're caught outside in a lightning storm, if there's no place in sight, hit the ground. Drop to your knees and bend forward with your hands on your knees. Don't lie flat on the ground.



I Insulators

Don't throw anything at electrical insulators.



J Jump

If a car you're in hits a power line, stay inside the car unless the car catches fire. If it does, jump clear from the car without touching metal and the ground at the same time. Shuffle away keeping feet on the ground.



K Kites

Never fly kites near overhead power lines.



L Ladders

Make sure ladders, antennas and other metal things don't come in contact with electric lines.



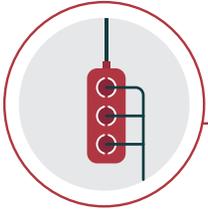
M Metal

Metal conducts electricity. Don't insert a metal object into an appliance without disconnecting it.



N Nine-One-One (911)

Call this number immediately if you see someone who has been shocked or if there is a fire.



O Overload

Avoid overloading outlets and never force a plug into an outlet if it doesn't fit.



P Plugs

Don't pull them from outlets by the cord. Use the gripping area provided on the plugs.



Q Quickly

Act quickly if you see someone who has been shocked. Don't touch the person if he/she is still in contact with the power source. Unplug the equipment first, then call 911 and the electric cooperative.



R Respect

Respect the power of electricity.



S Swimming Pool

If it's storming outside, it's no time to be swimming. Get out of the pool.



T Trees

Don't climb them if they are near power lines.



U Unplug

Unplug small electrical appliances if you're not using them.



V Vandalism

Vandalizing power lines or equipment can not only knock out power to homes and businesses, it can also kill or severely injure you.



W Water

Water and electricity don't mix. Don't leave appliances plugged in where they might come into contact with water. If a plugged-in appliance falls into the water, never reach in to pull it out, even if it is turned off. Unplug it first.



X Extinguishers

Make sure your home is equipped with a Class "C" fire extinguisher and smoke detectors. Test them regularly to make sure they work.



Y Youngsters

Keep an eye out for the youngsters in your home. Put protective covers on outlets within toddlers' reach.

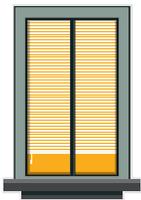


Z Zap

You don't want to get zapped! That's why it's important to be safe around electricity.

Summer Energy-Saving Tips

Costs associated with cooling your home can make up a large portion of your summer electric bills. Stay cool and save money with these energy efficiency tips!



NO-COST TIPS

Close blinds and drapes during the day to keep heat out.



Set your thermostat to 78 degrees when you are home. Set it to a higher temperature when you're away.



Turn off lights and ceiling fans when you leave a room.



LOW-COST TIPS

Plant trees and shrubs to shade the exterior of your home.



Replace disposable air filters (or clean permanent filters) once a month to maximize efficiency.



Use solar lighting to brighten up your outdoor space. Solar lights are easy to install, low maintenance and provide free electricity.

YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!

Each month, Daviess-Martin County REMC asks our readers three questions. The answers can be found in the articles of Electric Consumer. 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 payments 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 monthly issue of **Electric Consumer**.

JANUARY WINNER:

Lloyd Resler, Loogootee

FEBRUARY WINNER:

Georgia Dumond, Richmond

**FOR BILLS DATED APRIL 5,
PAID BY APRIL 20**

1. Make sure your home is equipped with a _____ fire extinguisher and smoke detectors.
2. On the evening of April 5, more than _____ members, along with their families, met at Shoals High School for the DMREMC Annual Meeting.
3. _____ and electricity don't mix.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ACCOUNT NO.: _____

PHONE NO.: _____