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Tuesday, April 23, 7 p.m.,

Davies-Martin County REMC office

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# The commitment of an electric lineworker

## Lineworker Appreciation Day is April 8



National studies consistently rank power line installers and repairers among the most dangerous jobs in the country, and for good reason. Laboring high in the air wearing

heavy equipment and working directly with high voltage creates the perfect storm of a dangerous and unforgiving profession. But electric lineworkers are up to the task. These brave men and women are committed to safety, as well as the challenges of the job.

Davies-Martin County REMC's lineworkers are responsible for keeping power flowing day and night, regardless of national holidays, vacations, birthdays, weddings or other important family milestones. Beyond the years of specialized training and apprenticeships, it takes internal fortitude and a mission-oriented outlook to be a good lineworker. In fact, this service-oriented mentality is a hallmark characteristic of lineworkers. The job requires lineworkers to set aside their personal priorities to better serve their local community.

### FAMILY SUPPORT SYSTEM

To perform their jobs successfully, lineworkers depend on their years of training, experience and each other to get the job done safely.

Equally important is their reliance on a strong support system at home. A lineworker's family understands and supports its loved one's commitment to the greater community during severe storms and power outages.

This means in times of prolonged outages, the family and its lineworker may have minimal communication and not see each other for several days. Without strong family support and understanding, this challenging job would be all the more difficult.

Be sure to read our feature story "Life on the

Line" on page 6 to get an inside look at how the job affects the family of a lineworker.

### COMMUNITY COMMITMENT

In Davies, Martin and Lawrence counties and in communities across the country, electric co-op lineworkers' mission-focused mentality of helping others often extends beyond their commitment to their work at the co-op. Lineworkers are often familiar figures in the community. They can be found coaching youth sports teams, volunteering for local charities, working for volunteer fire departments and serving on local advisory boards.

Davies-Martin REMC lineman Dennis Wilson and his wife, Lisa, are the creators and operators of the Chandelier Barn Market. The popular market, nestled in the beautiful southern Indiana countryside on a real working farm was awarded the Dillon Tourism Award in 2015. The market is a place where you will find unique handmade items, painted furniture, antiques, handmade jewelry, art, upcycled lighting and metal arts, just to name a few. The market opens just two to three times each year and attracts thousands of visitors from around the Midwest.

### THANK YOU

Monday, April 8, is Lineworker Appreciation Day. Given the dedication of Davies Martin REMC's lineworkers, both on and off the job, I encourage you to take a moment and acknowledge the many contributions they make to our local community. One way you can say "thanks" is to visit our Facebook page, and add a comment below one of the #ThankALineworker images, or just use that hashtag to post a comment on your own social media page. And, if you see family members of our linemen in the grocery store or out and about in the town, please offer them a thank you as well.

**BILL SCHMIDT**  
General Manager

# Life on the line

Nathan Albright is one of nine lineworkers for Daviess-Martin REMC. When he leaves for work each morning, his wife, Julia, tells him she loves him and to be careful. These are not just idle words, but a reminder of the dangers he will likely face. Although safety is a priority, dangers are inherent with this job.

“Knowing the dangers of their job does cause me to worry!” Julia Albright said. “They work during the worst weather of every season. I whisper a prayer not only for Nathan’s safety, but for all of the lineworkers to get home safely to their families. I know his coworkers’ wives and kids. We all worry, but we know they watch out for each other.”

Nathan and Julia have been married since 1991 and have two daughters. “My first experience with Nathan working a storm was in 1996 when our oldest daughter was 6 months old,” Julia said. “Nathan wasn’t even on the line crew yet, but a huge snowstorm wiped out power to most of the area. He worked with linemen who came from northern Indiana to help restore power. For most of a week, we only saw him for a few minutes before he crashed into bed, and then for a few minutes before he was off to work again. For three of those days, we were also without power at home. We lived next door to his parents, who made sure we stayed warm during that storm. Since he became a lineman, I have had to learn to be more independent. Several times a year, we are on our own for days at a time. It’s just part of the job.

“Even when the linemen aren’t on call, they often come in to help the ones who are. They put in countless hours each year to make sure the lights stay on for all of us,” she said. “They often miss family events during the time they are on call. We try to work around their



**NATHAN AND JULIA ALBRIGHT**

schedule, but sometimes you just have to make plans and hope they can make it.”

Since becoming a lineman, Nathan has worked some major storms. In September 2005, after Hurricane Katrina, Nathan and fellow lineman Dennis Wilson, went with crews from other Indiana REMCs to Mississippi to help restore power. That took them away from their families for almost two weeks. In November 2005, they traveled to the Evansville area to help restore power after tornadoes caused major damage. Later that month, another tornado outbreak caused major damage to the local system. In 2007, Nathan went to northern Indiana with lineman Gary Potts to help restore power after an ice storm.

Nathan stays busy both on and off the job. He has several hobbies and is also a licensed pilot.

“Nathan really takes pride in his job. And when he’s not working, he rarely takes the time to just relax and rest,” Julia said.

Daviess-Martin County REMC is extremely appreciative of the long hours and the high level of dedication our lineworkers put in each year to keep the power on for our members. We also owe each of their families a debt of thanks as well.

## Your chance to win!

Each month, 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 the following monthly issue of Indiana Connection.

### FEBRUARY WINNER:

Ronald and Ida Wagler, Loogootee

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

1. Monday, \_\_\_\_\_, is Lineworker Appreciation Day.
2. Daviess-Martin County REMC will elect \_\_\_\_\_ directors at the annual meeting on April 11.
3. New this year, the annual meeting will be held in the gymnasium at \_\_\_\_\_.

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## Daviess-Martin County REMC

2019 Annual Meeting: Thursday, April 11

Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.

**NEW LOCATION: North Daviess High School gymnasium**

*Celebrating 80 years of service to its members*

*See you there!*

## NOTICE

### DAVIESS-MARTIN COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION

### 2019 ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the annual membership meeting of Daviess-Martin County REMC will be held Thursday, April 11, at the North Daviess High School gymnasium, Elnora, Indiana, at 7 p.m. to take action on the following items:

- The election of two directors for the cooperative to serve a term of three years as follows:

**District I: Daviess County (Elmore, Madison, Steele and Bogard townships):** Steve Streepy

**District IV: Daviess County (Harrison and Reeve townships):** Terry Chapman

- Passing upon reports for the previous fiscal year
- Transacting such other business as may come before the meeting

Since the membership of the cooperative is joint, either husband or wife may vote.

Respectfully,

August Bauer, board secretary  
Daviess-Martin County REMC

## ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

### 5:30 – 7 P.M.: REGISTRATION

- Registration gifts: \$10 electric bill credit, power bank, light bulb
- Food: Brats, hot dogs, potato salad, cake and drinks
- Entertainment: The Trey Knepp Band (country music)

### 7 P.M.: BUSINESS MEETING

- Invocation: John Edwards, director
- Presentation of the colors: Washington High School NJROTC
- National anthem followed by the Pledge of Allegiance: August Bauer, secretary
- Call to order: Terry Chapman, president
- Board secretary report: August Bauer, secretary
- Introduction of directors
- Approval of 2018 annual meeting minutes: Terry Chapman
- Passing upon reports for the previous fiscal year: Terry Chapman
- Legal report/petitioning results/director election: Brian Garrison, attorney
- Report of manager: Bill Schmidt, general manager
- Shortcut to Tragedy: Chuck Tiemann, safety and risk management instructor at Indiana Electric Cooperatives
- Prize drawings

# Director candidates

## DISTRICT 1: ELMORE, MADISON, STEELE AND BOGARD TOWNSHIPS IN DAVIESS COUNTY

**STEVE STREEPY** is a lifetime resident of Daviess County. A graduate of North Daviess High School and Ivy Tech, he has owned and operated the Elnora Body Shop Inc. for the past 46 years. He is an active supporter of various school and community events.

Streepy has served on the REMC board since 1989 and has held all offices of the board. He received the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Credentialed Cooperative Director certificate and the Board Leadership Certificate in 2003.

Streepy served on the Indiana Electric Cooperatives' board from 1999 through 2015 and held all offices on that board.

Streepy and his wife, Jan, have two children and five granddaughters. He enjoys spending time with his family. The Streepys are members of Redemption Christian Church.



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## DISTRICT 4: HARRISON AND REEVE TOWNSHIPS IN DAVIESS COUNTY

**TERRY CHAPMAN** is a lifelong resident of Harrison Township in Washington. Chapman is a 1974 graduate of Indiana State University with a bachelor's degree in industrial management. He is employed as a shop manager at Loughmiller Machine Tool and Design in Loogootee.

Chapman has served on the REMC's board of directors since 1992 and currently holds the office of president of the board and has held all other offices on the board in the past. He currently serves as Daviess-Martin County REMC's director on the Indiana Electric Cooperatives board of directors. Chapman also served on the Southeast Daviess Fire District board of directors.

He and his wife, Anna Lou, are the owners of RE/MAX Real Estate Merchandisers in Washington. They have one daughter, a son-in-law and one granddaughter. Chapman enjoys raising cattle and grain on the family farm and spending time with his family. The Chapmans attend Bethany Christian Church.



## NEWS FOR YOU!

### Check Facebook for updates

Don't forget that Daviess-Martin County REMC uses its Facebook page to inform you on extended outages. It's another way for us to keep you informed.

Please call us with your outages, however. We do not monitor our Facebook page 24/7. Thank you!

### Festival guides now available

Free copies of the 2019 Indiana Festival Guide are available at the Daviess-Martin County REMC office. Whether you are looking for a weekend getaway for two or a Fourth of July celebration fit for the whole family, the one place you can find them both, and everything in between is in the 2019 Indiana Festival Guide.

### Second quarter power tracker change

Reflected on bills received beginning in May, Daviess-Martin County REMC non-industrial power tariff members will see a change in the power tracker adjustment effective April 1 from 10 cents per 1,000 kWh used to a negative (\$1.03) per 1,000 kWh used.