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OFFICE HOURS

7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
Closed Saturday, Sunday and major holidays

STAFF

Chief Executive Officer:
Brian L. Sparks

Manager of Office and Administrative Services:
Laura Johnson

Manager of Marketing and Customer Relations:
Jill Gilmore

Manager of Operations and Engineering:
Shane Smith

Manager of Energy Services:
Darla Truelove

Superintendent:
Bob Wilson

Assistant Superintendent:
Dan Raines

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- District 1 Jack Knust
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- District 5 Secretary Roger Shake
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- District 7 Treasurer Bill Watkins
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SERVICE INTERRUPTIONS

To report service interruptions, call:
812-384-4446 or 800-489-7362
(day or night)

Please have your location number ready when reporting outages.

Routine questions answered during regular business hours.

OUR MISSION...

"To provide our members with electricity and quality, efficient services, while maintaining a financially healthy and rate competitive position in the industry through teamwork, mutual respect and an on-going commitment to our members."

CEO'S COMMENTS

Timing is everything when it comes to using electricity

You know the drill. You get off work. You drive home. As soon as you get in the door, you throw some laundry in the washing machine, turn on the dishwasher and start preheating the oven for dinner.

We all have chores to do. And most of us tend to do our chores at the same time. When many consumers use their washing machines, dryers, dishwashers, water heaters and other large appliances at once, it greatly increases demand for electricity. That creates a challenge for your electric co-op.

Sometimes the demand for energy is so great that additional – and more expensive – power plants must be called on to meet the increased need for electricity. That drives up power costs, which explains why electricity is more pricey during those high-demand times of day and during certain times of the year.

You may have already seen changes in electric rates based on when you use electricity. One reason is because electricity demand is highest during the hottest summer and coldest winter months. The energy used to cool and heat homes and businesses, along with running all those appliances, results in peak electricity use.

If you want to help lower costs, wait to turn on the washing machine or dishwasher until



Brian Sparks
UDWI REMC CEO

after 8 p.m. or do those chores on the weekend. Those dirty dishes and socks aren't going anywhere.

Adjusting our thermostats a few degrees, using fans in the summer, and wearing sweaters in the winter will help you save on your energy bill and lower demand as well.

There are many ways you can make your home or business more energy efficient. You can contact one of our member services representatives for help. Or, you can check out **TogetherWeSave.com** for tips, a home efficiency

tour, videos and more. You can also go to the Facebook page "Team Up To Power Down" (Facebook.com/TeamUpToPowerDown) for ways to save energy and money.

While individual efforts can help each of us lower our power bills, the energy-saving steps you take can impact the big picture. If we all use electricity wisely, we cut down on the overall demand for power. That benefits us in the long run by delaying the day when new, more expensive power plants have to be built.

Making more efficient use of power saves money and has a positive impact on the environment. Working together, everyone wins.

Let's Team Up To Power Down, especially when electricity demand is high. And remember, timing is everything when it comes to using power.



Old refrigerators can be expensive to operate!

Recycle that old fridge in your garage or basement that's only wasting energy and costing you money each month on your electric bill.

We'll pick up your old fridge and recycle it – free of charge! Call 877-395-5535 to arrange pick up.

You'll save energy and get a \$30 check!

Contact UDWI REMC for more information at 812-384-4446 or 800-489-7362.

It's Great to Get Away!



If you like to travel, then anytime is a great time to plan a getaway. Whether you're preparing for a trip or you're already on the way.

While on vacation, use your Co-op Connections Card for discounts at nationally known retailers! Find the list at connections.coop.

For discounts at local retailers, please visit our website at udwiremc.com for a listing of local business participants.

UDWI Scholarship winners announced

District 1

Miranda Ingram

Clay City Junior-Senior High School

Director: Jack Knust

District 2

Keith Milhoan

Eastern Greene High School

Director: James Weimer

District 3

Joshua Flick

Bedford North Lawrence High School

Director: James Jackson

District 4

Morgan Smiley

North Daviess High School

Director: David Stone

District 5

No applicants this year

Director: Roger Shake

District 6

No applicants this year

Director: Ronald Thompson

District 7

Melissa Machado

Bloomington High School North

Director: William Watkins

District 8

Ariel Fuller

Bloomfield High School

Director: Jack Benham

Roger Davis Scholarship

Jacqueline Moore

Northview High School

District 1 – Director Jack Knust

Roger Davis Scholarship

Evan Rush

Bloomfield High School

District 8 – Director Jack Benham

Community Fund awards grants for June

Members of an electric cooperative are part of a spirit of cooperation spanning decades. In the early years of UDWI REMC, that spirit of cooperation rallied friends, neighbors, and families to bring electricity to the countryside.

Today, that same spirit of cooperation believes that if we all work together, we can accomplish great things. That spirit makes it possible for the UDWI Community Fund to continue to support worthwhile local organizations.

Many thanks to our contributing members for their commitment to making a difference where they live.

If you have questions about the community fund or want to sign up to contribute, please call our office. We would be happy to speak with you about it.

June recipients

- Greene County Ambulance Service
- Linton Church League Softball Association
- Eastern Greene School's Bucket Fillers Program
- Greene County Sexual Assault Task Force
- Greene County 4-H Horse and Pony Ridge Riders
- Lawrence County Police Department, K-9 Division
- Scotland School Memorial Park
- Centerpoint Volunteer Fire Department
- Wabash Valley Red Cross
- Greene Academy
- Scotland Historical Society
- Family Life Center
- Four Rivers Resource Services
- Kids Count Preschool
- Greene County Alliance – Kids' Health and Safety Fair/ National Night Out



Energy saving ideas for your laundry

Here are some quick suggestions, courtesy of UDWI REMC, to help you save energy costs when doing your laundry.

- Wash laundry in cold water instead of hot. Hot water only needs to be used for very dirty loads.
- Wash and dry only full loads. The machine uses about the same amount of water whether you wash a full load or just one item.
- Separate your laundry into loads of slow and fast drying clothes.
- Don't add wet items to a load in the dryer that has already been started.

- Clean the lint filter after every load.
- Check your outside dryer exhaust vent. Make sure it opens and closes freely. If it doesn't close tightly, outside air is getting into your house through the dryer, and you will need to replace the exhaust vent.
- Dry clothes outside in good weather.
- Use the moisture sensor feature on your dryer (if there is one).
- Buy ENERGY STAR®-rated washers. Qualified washers use about half the water and electricity of standard washers.

Prepare your children for a safe school year

Parents – take a few minutes to sit down with your child and go over this checklist to prepare him/her for a safe school year.

- Be sure your child knows his/her phone number and address, your work number, the number of another trusted adult and how to use 911 for emergencies. Make sure your child has enough change to make a phone call.
- Plan a walking route to school or the bus stop. Choose the most direct way with the fewest street crossings and use intersections with crossing guards. Test the route with your child. Tell him/

her to stay away from parks, vacant lots, fields and other places where there are not many people.

- Teach children – whether biking, walking or riding the bus to school – to obey all traffic signals, signs, traffic officers and safety patrols. Remind them to be extra careful in bad weather.

When car pooling, drop off and pick up children as close to school as possible. Do not leave until they have entered the schoolyard or building.

If your child is home alone after school:

- Set up rules for locking doors and windows and answering the door or telephone.

- Make sure he/she checks in with you or a neighbor immediately after school.

• Agree on rules for inviting friends over and for going to a friend's house when no adult is home.

• If you have a teenage driver, make sure he/she knows the rules of the road and how to stay safe around electricity and power lines.

Visit safeelectricity.org for tips on staying safe in your automobile around electricity.

Have a safe and happy school year!

CO-OP NOTES

Rate schedule

Schedule "R" – residential service

Rate Schedule (as of April 1)

Consumer charge.....\$32 per month

June, July, Aug.\$0.12 per kWh

Dec., Jan., Feb.\$0.11 per kWh

March, April, May, Sept., Oct., Nov.

.....\$0.08769 per kWh

The above rates are subject to a Purchased Power Cost Adjustment Tracking Factor, in accordance with the order of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, approved Dec. 17, 1976, in Cause No. 34614, and fuel adjustment clause.

Budget billing

Our BUDGET BILLING PLAN allows you to budget your payments over the course of the year to improve your financial planning. With our BUDGET BILLING PLAN, you know each month exactly how much your electric bill is going to be.

The monthly billing amount is determined by averaging the kilowatt-hours used for the previous 12 months, and the payment is figured using the current rates. The member agrees to pay the budgeted amount each month for 11 months. However, actual use is recorded on each month's billing statement to allow the member to track his or her use throughout the year. In the 12th month, the member either pays the difference in what was actually used, or receives a refund if there is an overpayment.

The BUDGET BILLING PLAN is offered to members who have had electric service with the co-op for at least one year.

Applications for BUDGET BILLING are available throughout the year; however, members can only join the program from April 1 through Sept. 15. June is the first billing month of the program, with May being the 12th, or settlement, month.

For more information about UDWI's BUDGET BILLING PLAN call 384-4446 or 800-489-7362.

Payment options:



We accept Mastercard, Visa, Discover, and American Express credit and debit cards for payment.

Pay your electric bill online with just the click of the mouse. 1. Go to www.udwiremc.com 2. Click a) Log in or b) create a new account **Be sure to provide a valid e-mail address 3. Go to the Pay Your Bill option. (The amount of your bill will be displayed). 4. You will be asked to provide your credit card information—**including expiration date.** 5. Click on the Submit button. 6. You will receive an e-mail confirmation (to the address you provided) once your payment is processed.

If you are interested in paying your electric bill online, please call 812-384-4446 or 800-489-7362 to verify your password before logging on.



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EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



Dave Patterson

Dear REMC,

We at INDOT would like to recognize the outstanding efforts put forth on this project by your employee, Dave Patterson. From the very first meeting held in the I-69 office in Washington, he has been very cooperative and aggressive in completing the relocations in an efficient and timely manner. There were several changes in the original relocation plans, and Dave handled them in an expedient and professional way.

Sincerely,

Samuel Sarvis, Deputy Commissioner, Major Program Management
Indiana Department of Transportation

WORK ANNIVERSARIES



Bob Bradford
Aug. 25
14 years



Stephen Campbell
Aug. 17
19 years



Mike Crays
Aug. 25
14 years



Melissa Dayhoff
Aug. 15
6 years



Amanda Graves
Aug. 27
10 years



Gary Swinney
Aug. 22
34 years

Thank You

Have you received outstanding service from an employee at UDWI REMC? If so, let us know. Your comment could determine our next *Employee of the Month*. Send a note to: UDWI REMC, c/o CEO Brian L. Sparks, P.O. Box 427, Bloomfield, IN 47424 or via e-mail at remc@udwiremc.com.



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to help keep your energy costs
affordable.