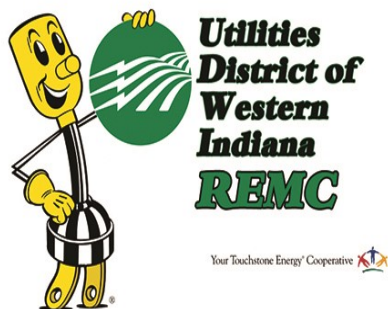


News from Your Co-op

November 2021



Did you know?

UDWI offers members the capability to request tree trimming service online!

To submit a request, visit:

<https://www.udwiremc.com/form/tree-trimming-service-request>



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Energy Assistance Resources

The winter season is upon us and with that comes the cold temperatures and increased energy consumption. UDWI wants our members to be aware of the Energy Assistance Programs (EAP) offered in their areas to help reduce the financial strain many will face this season.

Due to the pandemic our country is facing, there is additional funding under the American Rescue Plan, otherwise known as ARP. According to information from the PACE office, "The ARP benefit will be a supplemental benefit to the regular assistance a client will receive. The ARP funds may be used to address past due and disconnect balances".

There may be several households who may have not needed the services in the past or have not been made aware of the program at all. We encourage *all* UDWI members to contact their local energy assistance offices to see if they qualify for assistance, especially those with significant past due balances.

In most cases, the income guidelines, how to apply, as well as many other details on other services and programs can be found on the website of your local energy assistance office.

Below are the offices and counties they serve:



Lawrence and Martin Counties:

Hoosier Uplands Economic Development Corporation



Daviess, Greene, Knox, and Sullivan Counties:

Pace Community Action Agency



Monroe and Owen Counties:

South Central Community Action Program



Clay, Putnam, and Vigo Counties:

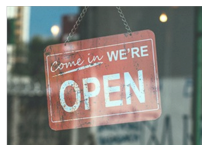
Western Indiana Community Action Agency

You may also visit the

'Energy Assistance Programs' page on our website for a link to your local energy assistance office or contact UDWI with any questions.

Our member service representatives are ready to help Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

OFFICE INFORMATION



The UDWI REMC office lobby is open for all business. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Visitors should follow the traffic pattern set in place. Let's help keep everyone safe & healthy!



Our office will be closed the following days:
Veterans Day—November 11th
Thanksgiving — November 25th & November 26th
Christmas — December 22nd, 23rd, & 24th
New Year's — December 31st
We wish you safe and happy holidays!

PLACE space heaters on a flat, level surface, away from high-traffic areas.

PLUG a space heater directly into an outlet and avoid using an extension cord.

DO NOT USE a space heater if the plug is broken or the cord is frayed, worn or damaged.

NEVER LEAVE space heaters on unattended.

Space Heater Safety

As we approach colder months, please make sure to use caution and safety when using a space heater. Follow these tips to keep you, your family, and your home safe.

Smithville & UDWI REMC Partnership Update

Phase 3 of the Fiber to Home project is continuing on-schedule with Phase 4 set to begin January 2022. All phases are expected to be complete by the end of 2022. Smithville continues to take orders and install fiber to the homes of Phases 1 & 2. Also, Smithville is offering early sign-ups to members in the Stanford Project area. Interested members can request to be added to the list when it reaches their area by calling (800) 742-4084 or visiting <https://www.smithville.com/>.



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT — Rick Mumma

How long have you worked at UDWI REMC? 7 years

Current position: Work Order Analyst

What is your favorite part of working at the co-op? It's close to home!

Proud moments at work: The level of teamwork during outages/storms

What are your hobbies? Playing poker and spending time with family

Random fact about you: I was born in Honolulu, Hawaii

Favorite Food & Drink: Any breakfast food and Diet Coke



Meet
Rick

Qualifications for UDWI REMC Board of Directors

To be eligible to become a director of the REMC, a person must meet the following qualifications:

1. Must be a member of the cooperative;
2. Must be a bona fide resident in the district which he/she is to represent;
3. Must not be in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise or business selling electric energy or supplies to the REMC, or a business primarily engaged in selling electrical or plumbing appliances, fixtures or supplies to members of the cooperative;
4. Must not be a close relative of an incumbent director or an employee of the REMC.

Three candidates will be elected at the 2022 annual meeting. **Districts 3 and 6 are up for election.** Candidates will be elected to serve a three-year term.

Interested candidates must contact the UDWI office to receive a candidate packet.

Completed packets must be turned in on or before **Wednesday, January 19, 2022.**

September 2021 Community Fund Grant Recipients

The following organizations were awarded grants from the UDWI REMC Community Fund. Thank you to those members who contributed to this worthwhile program!

- ♦ Carnegie Heritage & Arts Center of Greene County, Inc.
- ♦ Erin's Purpose
- ♦ God's Hands In Action
- ♦ Greene County Ambulance Service
- ♦ Lawrence County Cancer Patient Services
- ♦ People & Animal Learning Services (PALS)
- ♦ Spencer Pride, Inc.
- ♦ Stone City Alliance for Recovery and Hope, Inc.
- ♦ White River Valley Middle School Drama Club

Applications are currently being accepted for the December 2021 quarterly meeting.



UDWI REMC was founded to serve the electric energy needs of its members by adhering to the 7 Cooperative Principles. The 2021 Annual Meeting of the Members focused on these principles and how UDWI has prioritized them throughout the past year. Upcoming newsletters will highlight one of the principles and outline what the co-op is doing to serve its members.

Autonomy and Independence | Cooperatives are autonomous, self-help organizations controlled by their members. If they enter into agreements with other organizations, including governments, or raise capital from external sources, they do so on terms that ensure democratic control as well as their unique identity.

Examples of UDWI's partnerships include:

- Smithville Broadband Partnership
- Berry Plastics
- Varentec
- Cooperation with our governmental and regulatory partners (County/State government, IDEM, MISO)
- Pursuing partnerships with other REMC's and organizations on broadband

Meter testing continues

UDWI REMC meter technicians will be performing routine meter tests in our entire service territory over the next few years.

Each employee will be driving a white utility van with our logo placard. Be sure to identify these items before approaching any vehicle that may be in your area. Report suspicious behavior to your local law enforcement office.

"Like" us on Facebook to stay up to date on current testing locations.

