



Co-op Chronicle

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The Greene County Literacy Coalition — dedicated to improving literacy and education within the southern Indiana region — was selected as last quarter’s feature organization by the UDWI REMC Community Fund Committee. In September, the Coalition received a \$1,280 grant, which it plans to use to expand its literacy programs, support tutor training, and enhance community initiatives.

Founded in 1988, the Coalition’s mission is to improve literacy in the area and help residents with access to essential educational resources and opportunities. Since its beginning, the Coalition has continued to develop programs to raise awareness about illiteracy in Greene County and across the nation.

The organization recruits, trains, and matches volunteer tutors with students, or learners, seeking to improve their reading and literacy skills. Subjects offered include reading and writing, basic math, and English as a second language. Additionally, each program taught is personalized to an individual, allowing them to advance at their own pace.

“As part of our initiative to create environments where all students can thrive, we strive to complement and expand the work happening in classrooms,” said Lexie Hamil-Arnold, Greene County Literacy Coalition Coordinator. She continues, “We understand that not everyone learns at the same pace. As such, we hope to be a supportive resource for teachers and students in our community, providing additional tools, materials, and opportunities outside of the classroom— and even beyond the classroom as we promote literacy and learning for community members of all ages.”

In the last several years, the Greene County Literacy Coalition’s efforts have helped hundreds of local residents improve their literacy skills, advance in their careers, and become more self-sufficient through continued education. Even so, the organization knows there is still work to be done. According to the National Literacy Institute, 43 million people are still categorized as illiterate in the United States, with 54% of adults having literacy skills below a 6th-grade level.

“To continue our mission and create new opportunities for our community members, collaboration among local organizations is vital,” stated Lexie Hamil-Arnold when asked about how the UDWI REMC Community Fund Inc. grant could help the organization. She continued, “By working together, we’re able to align our efforts, maximize resources, and ensure that critical resources reach those who need them— creating lasting, positive change.”

The donation from UDWI REMC’s Community Fund will assist The Coalition in expanding its literacy programs, supporting tutor training, and providing essential learning materials to help more Greene County residents improve their reading and language skills.

Those looking to get involved with the Greene County Literacy Coalition can volunteer as tutors or participate in one of the multiple Language Learning Community sessions that happen throughout the year. These sessions encourage learners to practice reading, writing, listening, and speaking in both the English and Spanish language. Additionally, the Coalition's “Wine and Cheese in the Stacks” fundraiser is planned for April 2026, (official date to be determined) and is currently seeking volunteers to lead English and Spanish Language Learning Community sessions across Greene County. To learn more, visit the Bloomfield Library website at <https://bloomfield.lib.in.us/about-literacy.html>.

Read the full story on the UDWI website under “News”

Office Information



The UDWI REMC office will be closed multiple days throughout the holiday season.

Veterans Day - Nov. 11

Thanksgiving - Nov. 27 - 28

Christmas - Dec. 24 - 25

New Year’s Day - Jan. 1, 2025



COMMUNITY FUND:

The UDWI REMC Community Fund, Inc. is a non-profit organization that provides members with an avenue to make a difference in their communities. The program allows members to round up their energy bills to the next whole dollar to create the funds. Then, the community fund board awards the amount collected to local organizations.

Interested in giving back to your community?
Call our office to enroll in the round-up program!



Community Fund, Inc. September Recipients:



Center Point & Community Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.

Crossroads Ranch, Inc.

Greene County General Hospital Foundation, Inc.

Greene County Humane Society, Inc.

Greene County Literacy Coalition

Greene County Long Term Recovery Group

Health First Greene County / Food as Medicine Program

Lawrence County Cancer Patient Services

Lyons Community Food Pantry

Monroe County Humane Association

PACE Community Action Agency

Stone City Alliance for Recovery & Hope, Inc.

Worthington Lions Club

Member Programs

Prepaid Metering:

Prepaid Metering allows interested members to pay for electricity as you go. A few advantages include no monthly bills, no deposit required, no late payment fees, and the ability to see daily energy use.

Find out more at <https://www.udwiremc.com/my-services/your-services/prepaid-metering/>

UDWI REMC App:

Download today in the IOS App Store or Google Play Store.

Easily view your electric usage, pay your bill online, enroll in autopay, and even report outages, all on the UDWI REMC App!

Board Petitions & Qualifications

As a member-owned cooperative, UDWI REMC is governed by a board of directors that represent the membership in individual districts, being member's voices in setting the cooperative policies, bylaws, and regulations. Directors are elected by the membership at the annual meeting and serve on the board for three-year terms.

At the 2026 annual meeting, board positions for **districts 1, 5, and 7 will be up for election.**

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

*If you are interested in being a UDWI REMC Board Member candidate, you must contact the UDWI office to receive a petition packet. **Completed petition packets must be turned in by January 22, 2026.***

Meter Testing Continues:

UDWI meter technicians continue with routine meter tests in our entire service territory. Employees 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.

