



Co-op Chronicle

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UDWI REMC Annual Meeting

UDWI REMC held its 90th annual meeting on April 22 at the cooperative’s headquarters and renewed its Board of Directors with officers David Kirling (District 1), Todd Carpenter (District 5) and Melinda Hendrix (District 7) running unopposed. The seven-member board consists of Melinda Hendrix (President), W. Edward Cullison (Vice President), Michael Williams (Treasurer), Shawn Dugan (Secretary), Todd Carpenter, David Kirkling, and Terry McDaniel.



David Kirkling
District 1



Todd Carpenter
District 5



Melinda Hendrix
President, District 7

UDWI Community Fund Supports Lawrence County Cancer Patient Services



Lawrence County Cancer Patient Services is making a meaningful impact in the lives of local residents by helping ensure access to lifesaving cancer care. As a recent recipient of a UDWI REMC Community Fund grant totaling \$500, Lawrence County Cancer Patient Services will continue to empower those facing a cancer diagnosis so that they have the resources to seek second opinions and specialized treatment options at leading medical centers.

Lawrence County Cancer Patient Services originated following a generous donation from an anonymous donor who, upon her passing, left funds specifically designated to assist cancer patients within the community. Initially, a group of volunteers serving on the board of the Lawrence County chapter of the American Cancer Society (ACS) was asked to administer these funds independently to benefit local individuals. After the Lawrence County chapter of ACS was disbanded, the former board members founded an independent nonprofit organization, continuing their mission of giving resources to local cancer patients in southern Indiana.

Ultimately, the Lawrence County Cancer Patient Services expanded its efforts through active fundraising, increasing volunteer involvement, and building community partnerships with local businesses, educational institutions, healthcare providers, and individual donors. In addition, the organization focuses on expanding patients' access to specialized care and providing hands-on support that helps patients safely navigate daily life during treatment.

“With the current barriers for treatment options, some patients can’t even afford to get treatment,” said Teena Ligman, Patient Coordinator for Lawrence County Cancer Patient Services. “We step in to remove those barriers and support them however we can. From transportation to basic needs, we do whatever it takes to help patients stay on track with their treatment and recovery.”

Read the full story on the [UDWI REMC Website](#)



The UDWI REMC office will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

Memorial Day - May 25
Independence Day - July 3

UNDERSTANDING YOUR BILL

PCA TRACKER

The PCA tracker is a charge from our power supplier, Hoosier Energy, that can go up or down based on the cost of energy. When energy costs increase, the PCA goes up to help cover those costs. When energy costs decrease, the PCA goes down, which can lower your bill.

WHAT IS A kWh?

A kilowatt-hour (kWh) shows how much electricity you use over time by measuring how much power an item uses (watts) and how long you use it. For example, 1 kWh is about the same as:

- running a dishwasher (1,000 watts) for 1 hour
- watching a 50" LED TV (50 watts) for 20 hours
- cooking in the oven (2,000 watts) for 30 minutes

The more you use these items, the more kWh you use—and that's what shows up on your bill.

BASE SERVICE CHARGE

This is a fixed monthly cost that covers the delivery of power to your home. It includes things like power lines, substations, and poles, as well as keeping that equipment working safely and reliably. This cost does not change based on how much electricity you use.

REMINDER: RATE INCREASE

Earlier this year, UDWI REMC announced a **2% increase in residential rates in 2026** followed by a 1% increase in 2027 and 2028—a total 4% increase over the next three years. The 2% increase went into effect on April 1 and UDWI members can expect to see it on their May bill statements. With the increase in rates, **members' electric bills will increase approximately \$3 for every 1000 kWh used.**

SAVE THE DATE

UDWI's 2026 Member Appreciation Day will be Saturday, June 6th from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

We invite all members to join us for a day of games, drawings for prizes & more!

Food and refreshments will be provided. Visit our [Facebook page](#) for more details and RSVP if you plan to stop by.

UDWI REMC Community Fund

Please join us in congratulating the most recent Community Fund grant recipients!

Autism Rocks and Rolls Corporation

Camp Invention (Lincoln Elementary)

Community Kitchen

God's Hands In Action

Healthy Hearts WRV

Lawrence County Cancer Patient Services

Linton-Stockton School Corporation

Open Arms Christian Ministries, Inc

Scotland Community Church Missions Fund (Food Pantry)

South Central Community Action Program (SCCAP)

St. Vincent de Paul Society (Bloomington)

Want to give back to local not-for-profit organizations?

Call our office to enroll in the round-up program!



Meter Testing



UDWI meter technicians continue with routine meter tests in our entire service territory and will do so over the next few years. 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.