

HOT LINES



Midwest Electric, Inc.

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

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News about your community and cooperative

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IMPORTANT MEMBER INFO

MARCH BILL INCLUDES YOUR 2023 PATRONAGE ALLOCATION



Your electric bill this month lists the amount allocated to your patronage capital account based on last year's margins. The information will appear under your usage history on your bill.

As a Midwest Electric member, you have a share in the earnings of your not-for-profit electric cooperative. Your cooperative's electric rates are set to bring in enough money to pay operating costs, make payments on any loans, and provide an emergency reserve. Revenues in excess of the cost of doing business are returned to members like you as patronage capital.

Patronage capital payments typically occur in December, if the cooperative's financial standing is sufficient. Last December, the cooperative returned more than \$2 million in patronage capital to members based on margins and kilowatt-hour sales from 2007.

That's the Cooperative Difference: Being a member of a not-for-profit, member-owned co-op PAYS off!

CELEBRATING OUR LINEWORKERS



In April we set the second Monday of the month aside to "thank a lineworker." If you see a lineworker, please pause to say "thank you" to the power behind your power. Let them know you appreciate the hard work they do to keep the lights on.

Community Calendar

- ◆ April 5-8 **The Ring of Fire Fest**, Auglaize County Fairgrounds
419-738-2515
- ◆ April 6-8 **Eclipse Festival**, Mercer County Fairgrounds, 419-586-3239
- ◆ April 6 **Solar Smash Bash**, Greater Lima Region Park & Amphitheater
419-222-6045
- ◆ April 10 **Celtic Woman 20**, Lima Civic Center, 419-224-1552
- ◆ April 10 **Veterans Breakfast**, Wapakoneta Manor 1010 Lincoln Avenue,
419-738-2911
- ◆ April 11 **Women in Business Luncheon**, The City Club, 419-222-6045
- ◆ April 13 **Noble Hog Roast**, St. Marys River Rd 419-953-6452
- ◆ April 18 **Jesus Christ Superstar**, Lima Civic Center, 419-224-1552
- ◆ April 18 **Whose Live Anway?** Niswonger Performing Arts Center
419-238-6722
- ◆ April 20 **Travis Tritt**, Niswonger Performing Arts Center, 419-238-6722

Save the date for the 2024 ANNUAL MEETING

THURSDAY, JUNE 6 • Starts at 5:30 p.m.

St. Marys Memorial High School
2250 State Route 66, St. Marys
Touchstone Energy
Cooperatives

New Time and Day
5:30 p.m. - Dinner Buffet
6:45 p.m. - Meeting

- Bounce houses
- Touchstone Hot Air Balloon (weather dependent)
- Learn more on Facebook or at Midwestrec.com
- Energy displays
- Kona Ice



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WE ARE MEMBER-DRIVEN



Being a member of Midwest Electric means so much more than paying your electric bill each month. As a member, you are also an owner of the co-op and have the power to help influence the future of Midwest Electric. Because we work for you, we take your feedback seriously while striving to maintain your trust and best interests.

3 valuable ways we serve you:

1. Dedicated to our communities

Midwest Electric's Community Connection Fund donated **\$60,000** to local charities last year, thanks to **90%** of members who rounded up their electric bills. Safety is our priority. We provided **1,300** individuals electric safety demonstrations last year.

2. Superior power reliability

Our linemen work around the clock to provide you with reliable power. Calls are answered live by our friendly, helpful member service representatives. We strive to keep you informed with real-time outage and peak alert notifications via text.

3. At-cost, stable rates

As a not-for-profit, we provide stable, competitive rates. We offer rebates and energy audits to help you save, and our peak load management program helps keep rates low.



AS A MIDWEST MEMBER, FOR ONLY \$1, YOU COULD:

Cook with an air fryer for
6 hours

Use a vacuum for
10 hours

Watch TV for
83 hours

Run a ceiling fan for
110 hours

Learn more about how your cooperative serves you at www.midwestrec.com