

HOT LINES

March 2024

News about your community and cooperative



Midwest Electric, Inc.

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

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IMPORTANT MEMBER INFO

BOARD ELECTIONS RUN FOR THE BOARD

Any member residing in a district up for election may become a candidate by obtaining a petition form from the co-op's office and obtaining at least 15 valid signatures of members who reside within that district. For this year's elections, petitions may be filed by members who reside in:

District 2 (3-year term): Allen and Putnam counties

District 3 (3-year term): Van Wert County

District 4 (3-year term): Mercer and Darke counties

Candidates must complete the official petition packet and turn it in to the co-op's office after March 14 and no later than 8 a.m. on May 3. Call us at 800-962-3830 for a petition packet or to learn more.

Community Calendar

- ♦ Mar. 1 **NERF Night**, PBS building at Mercer County Fairgrounds, Celina
- ♦ Mar. 2 **Tri-State Gun Show**, Allen County Fairgrounds, Lima,
- ♦ Mar. 3 **On Your Feet! Story of Gloria Estefan**, Niswonger, Van Wert
- ♦ Mar. 3 **Get the Led Out, Tribute to Led Zeppelin**, VMCC, Lima
- ♦ Mar. 9 **Watercolor Craft & Sip, Paint your pet**, TipBacks, Wapakoneta
- ♦ Mar. 9 **Dueling Pianos**, Romer's Catering, St Henry
- ♦ Mar. 9 **Spring Mom-2-Mom Sale**, Van Wert County Fairgrounds, Van Wert
- ♦ Mar. 9 **Joyful, Joyful Lima Symphony Orchestra**, VMCC, Lima
- ♦ Mar. 10 **Designer Purse Bingo**, Celina Eagles Lodge, Celina
- ♦ Mar. 16 **Lima Irish Parade 2024**, Downtown, Lima
- ♦ Mar. 17 **St Patrick's Day Celebration**, St Henry American Legion, St Henry
- ♦ Mar. 22-23 **Wapak Knife Show**, Knights of Columbus, Wapakoneta
- ♦ Mar. 23 **Jay Leno**, Niswonger PAC, Van Wert
- ♦ Mar. 23 **Easter Eggstravaganza**, Wapakoneta Church of the Nazarene
- ♦ Mar. 23 **GACBS BluesFest 2024**, Veterans Memorial Civic Center, Lima
- ♦ Mar. 23 **8th Reverse Raffle**, Van Wert County Fairgrounds, Van Wert
- ♦ Mar. 29 **Foghat**, Niswonger PAC, Van Wert

TREE SEEDLING reimbursements from Midwest Electric

Midwest Electric has a special offer to help you plant trees in the right place this spring. We will reimburse you for buying a tree seedling packet from your local Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD).

- Reimbursements are limited to the first 300 members; limit \$15 reimbursement. Purchase must be from the SWCD to be reimbursed.
- The reimbursement will be in the form of an electric bill credit. You must send us your receipt or proof of purchase to receive the reimbursement.

Instructions:

Contact your local SWCD. Typically, they require an order form that can be mailed or downloaded from their websites, along with your payment when your order is placed. Deadlines are usually in early March.

- **Auglaize County SWCD, 419-738-4016**
- **Mercer County SWCD, 419-586-3289**
- **Van Wert County SWCD, 419-238-9591**
- **Darke County SWCD, 937-548-1715**
- **Shelby County SWCD, 937-492-6520**
- **Putnam County SWCD, 419-523-5159**

Seedling delivery is normally mid-April. SWCD typically send out a postcard with the pickup time and location.



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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