



# HOT LINES

March 2026



## Midwest Electric, Inc.

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

OFFICE HOURS: Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

419.394.4110  
www.midwestrec.com

## IMPORTANT MEMBER INFO

### Anniversary Celebration

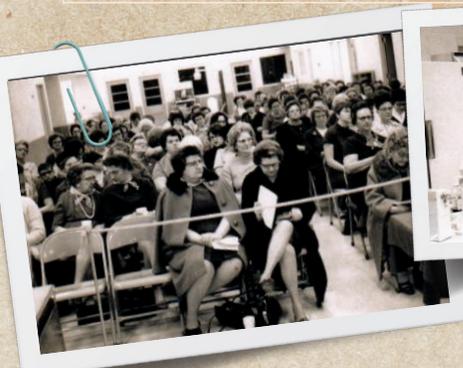


MIDWEST ELECTRIC INC.  
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



### Join us on March 17 Starting at 5 p.m. Moeller Brew Barn

- Each member and their guest will receive a voucher of \$19.36 towards food and drinks to celebrate the year we were founded: 1936. (Up to two vouchers per member.)
- Be entered to win one of several \$90 bill credits!
- Join us for a casual evening with co-op representatives to celebrate 90 years. No formal meeting, just a celebration!
- RSVP by March 13: Call 419-394-4110 or email [info@midwestrec.com](mailto:info@midwestrec.com).



Scan to learn more about our history.



Electricity was once a distant dream for rural west central Ohio, until forward-thinking local residents came together and voted on March 17, 1936 to form what would become Midwest Electric. From its first lines serving farms near St. Marys to today's 1,600 miles of infrastructure, the cooperative grew through member commitment and a shared belief in the power of progress. We have evolved from paper maps and hand tools to advanced grid technology, while remaining rooted in safety, reliability, and affordability. Guided by the cooperative principles and strong community partnerships, Midwest Electric continues to honor its past while investing in a brighter, innovative future—truly built by the communities it serves. Read the full story to explore the milestones, people, and progress that shaped Midwest's legacy and future at [Midwestrec.com/lighting-way-90-years](http://Midwestrec.com/lighting-way-90-years).



# \$1 goes a long way as a Midwest Electric member

## For just \$1, members of Midwest Electric can:

- Work from home for 4 days
- Cook about 18 meals in the air fryer
- Bake food in the oven for 3 hours
- Vacuum their floors for 7 hours

Learn what you can get for \$1 >>  
[midwestrec.com/membershipvalue](http://midwestrec.com/membershipvalue).

# Think it's not that deep?



**Think again. 40% of active diggers don't contact 811 before digging because they think their project is too shallow to require it.**



The truth is, utilities can be buried just inches below the surface. The only way to know for sure is to contact 811 before ANY digging project. Contact 811 before you dig.

[www.oups.org](http://www.oups.org)



## Petition forms available to run for Midwest Electric's board of directors

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. For this year's elections, petitions may be filed by members who reside in:

- District 1 (3-year term): Auglaize & Shelby counties
- District 2 (3-year term): Allen & Putnam counties

Candidates must complete the official petition packet available after March 18 and returned on or before 8 a.m. on May 1.

Call us at 419-394-4110 for a petition packet or to learn more.

**Paul Pfenning**  
Apprentice Lineman

**5 YEARS OF SERVICE**

*Congratulations*



# Community Calendar

- ◆ March 1 **Shipshewana on the Road**, Allen County Fairgrounds, Lima, [allencofair.com/events-calendar](http://allencofair.com/events-calendar)
- ◆ March 1 **Celtic Angels Ireland**, Niswonger PAC, Van Wert, [vanwertlive.com/events](http://vanwertlive.com/events)
- ◆ March 5-8 **Mamma Mia!, Elida HS Musical**, Elida, [elida.booktix.com](http://elida.booktix.com)
- ◆ March 7-8 **Tri State Gun Show**, Allen County Fairgrounds, Lima, [allencofair.com/events-calendar](http://allencofair.com/events-calendar)
- ◆ March 7 **Lima Symphony Orchestra – The American Songbook**, Veterans Memorial Civic Center, Lima, [limasymphony.com](http://limasymphony.com)
- ◆ March 8 **Spring Forward Cabin Fever Hike**, Heritage Trails Park District, Saint Marys, [htparks.org/2026-spring-forward-cabin-fever-hike](http://htparks.org/2026-spring-forward-cabin-fever-hike)
- ◆ March 13 **Mad Maudlin Celtic Band**, Grand Opera House, Saint Marys, [grandoperahouselive.com/events](http://grandoperahouselive.com/events)
- ◆ March 14-15 **Moon City Swap Meet**, Auglaize County Fairgrounds, Wapakoneta, [auglaizecountyfair.org/event-schedule](http://auglaizecountyfair.org/event-schedule)
- ◆ March 15 **Mamma Mania ABBA Tribute Band**, Niswonger PAC, Van Wert, [vanwertlive.com/events](http://vanwertlive.com/events)
- ◆ March 15 **St Patrick's Day 5k Run/Walk**, Saint Henry Legion, Saint Henry, [facebook.com/share/1BjMTm8zB](http://facebook.com/share/1BjMTm8zB)
- ◆ March 15 **Honky Tonk Chicks**, James Dicke Auditorium, New Bremen, [lockonearts.org/tickets](http://lockonearts.org/tickets)
- ◆ March 21 **Reverse Raffel**, Mercer County Fairgrounds, Celina, [mercercountyohiofair.com/events](http://mercercountyohiofair.com/events)
- ◆ March 28 **The Delphos Derby Annual Dinner**, The Delphos Eagles, Delphos, [delphoschamber.com/news-events](http://delphoschamber.com/news-events)
- ◆ March 28 **Reverse Raffle**, Van Wert Fairgrounds, Van Wert, [vanwertcountyfair.com/events-on-the-grounds](http://vanwertcountyfair.com/events-on-the-grounds)
- ◆ March 31 **The Music Man**, Veterans Memorial Civic Center, Lima, [limasymphony.com](http://limasymphony.com)