

# HOT LINES



Midwest Electric, Inc.

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

October 2019

News about your community and cooperative

419.394.4110 | 1.800.962.3830  
www.midwestrec.com

## IMPORTANT MEMBER INFO

# JOIN US FOR FREE FOOD NOV. 6 - 7

For all members:



### MEMBER APPRECIATION DAYS NOV. 6 AND 7

We'll be offering free food, free giveaways, and free advice from Energy Advisor Dave Waltermire. Cash prizes are also up for grabs, with four \$50 cash prizes given away each day. One entry allowed per member each day and you can only win once.

Lunch on both days (sandwiches, drinks, soups, and sides) will be from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Snacks, doughnuts, and more will be served from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., so stop by whenever you can!

### OTHER ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- High-voltage electric safety demonstrations  
- Nov. 6 at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.; Nov. 7 at 12:30 p.m.
- Sign up for ACRE Co-op Owners for Political Action® and get four LED bulbs (while supplies last)
- Four \$50 drawings each day, plus door prizes and giveaways

For members of our political action group:

### BUFFET BREAKFAST NOV. 6



Join us from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. for a delicious breakfast buffet and to hear from Dorothy Pelanda, director of the Ohio Department of Agriculture, for a timely discussion on trade, environmental issues, and other matters affecting Ohio agriculture. You don't want to miss this update!



*You must be a member of ACRE Co-op Owners for Political Action® to attend. If you aren't already a member, you can sign up at the event or do so beforehand by calling us Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 800-962-3830. Your contribution of \$2.08 per month helps us support candidates who fight for reliable and affordable electricity.*

**\*Both events will take place at Midwest Electric's office: 06029 County Road 33A, east of St. Marys.**



*Thank you*  
for the  
**HIGH MARKS**

71 Municipal Utilities	70 Investor- Owned Utilities	91 Midwest Electric
------------------------------	---------------------------------------	---------------------------

2019

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

Member satisfaction data from 2019 ACSI Utility Sector Report

*You answered the call when we asked for feedback!*

We are humbled by your comments and high score of 91 this year on the American Customer Satisfaction Index surveys. Thanks to everyone who participated so we can learn how to better serve you and our community.

Our not-for-profit cooperative business model makes all the difference.

**How can we improve this score?**

Email [mberry@midwestrec.com](mailto:mberry@midwestrec.com) or call CEO Matt Berry at 1-800-962-3830.

# ARE YOU MARRIED?

Consider switching to a joint  
co-op membership

Call us to hear the pros  
& cons, legalities, and  
how it impacts patronage  
capital accounts.

Learn more and find the forms online at  
[midwestrec.com/married-consider-joint-membership](http://midwestrec.com/married-consider-joint-membership)

## HARVEST SAFETY TIPS FOR FARMWORKERS

- **Maintain a 10-foot clearance** around all utility equipment in all directions.
- **Use a spotter and deployed flags** to maintain safe distances from power lines and other equipment when doing field work.
- **If your equipment makes contact with an energized or downed power line, contact us immediately** by phone and remain inside the vehicle until the power line is de-energized. In case of smoke or fire, exit the cab by making a solid jump out of the cab, without touching it at the same time, and hop away to safety.
- **Consider equipment and cargo extensions of your vehicle.** Lumber, hay, tree limbs, irrigation pipe and even bulk materials can conduct electricity, so keep them out of contact with electrical equipment.

Source: Safe Electricity

## Community Calendar

- ◆ Oct. 4-6 **45th Annual Minster Oktoberfest**, live entertainment, Minster, <https://www.minsteroktoberfest.com/>
- ◆ Oct. 5 **Lincoln Ridge Farms Fall Mums & Pumpkin Festival**, Lincoln Ridge Farms, Convoy, 419-749-4224
- ◆ Oct. 5-6 **Tri-State Gun Collectors Show**, Allen County Fairgrounds, Lima
- ◆ Oct. 6 **Active Shooter Defense Class**, Midwest Shooting Center, Cridersville, 419-645-6286
- ◆ Oct. 12 **Catapult**, Niswonger Performing Arts, Van Wert, 419-238-6722
- ◆ Oct. 13 **Catapult**, Lock One Community Arts, New Bremen, 567-356-2048, <https://lockone.org/events/>
- ◆ Oct. 12 **Brother Believe Me**, Mc Sober's Saloon, Coldwater, 419-678-2602
- ◆ Oct. 18-20 **A Doublewide Texas Christmas**, Vantage Career Center, Van Wert, 419-605-6708
- ◆ Oct. 19 **Very Good Comedy Show**, Moon City Event Center, Wapakoneta, <https://verygoodcomedyshow.com/>
- ◆ Oct. 19 **Bring a Can & Lose Yours 5k (Costume)**, West Ohio Food Bank, Faurot Park, Lima (Facebook @BringACanLoseYours5k)
- ◆ Oct. 20 **Nature Walk & Fall Fest**, 12-5 pm, live music, Civil War reenactors and activities, Memorial Park, St. Marys, 419-394-3303
- ◆ Oct. 20 **One of a Kind Auction**, Fort Recovery State Museum
- ◆ Oct. 24 **Beautiful: The Carole King Musical**, Veterans Civic Center, Lima, <https://www.limaciviccenter.com/shows-events>