



# HOT LINES

February 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](http://www.midwestrec.com)

## IMPORTANT MEMBER INFO

# PLUGGED INTO HISTORY



Learn about the history of your electric cooperative as we celebrate 90 years of service!

- Incorporated March 17, 1936, in Lima.
- Originally Western Farm Bureau Electric Cooperative
  - Split off in late 1936, early 1937.
  - Part became Midwest Electric Cooperative (St. Marys), and part became United Rural Electric Cooperative (Kenton; now Mid-Ohio Energy Cooperative).
- Our first substation, in 1937, had only a 300 kVa transformer
  - It served hundreds of homes and farms and was located near St. Marys. It served members from Wapak to Ft. Recovery. (Today, this size of a transformer could serve the equivalent of 30 homes).

Be sure to follow us on Facebook to see more photos and history facts.



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 of members who reside within that district. 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.

## HELP US FIND THESE PEOPLE

Midwest Electric is trying to locate past members who may be entitled to unclaimed patronage cash back paid in December 2021. This searchable list is available on our website at [www.midwestrec.com](http://www.midwestrec.com). If you recognize a name on the list, notify the person. If the person is deceased, let one of their relatives know about the unclaimed check. The person, relative, or guardian must contact our office for the check to be issued. After proper notification, any unclaimed funds from December 2021 will be reassigned to current members following the guidelines established in the cooperative's Code of Regulations.

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## Community Calendar

- ◆ February 5 **Theresa Caputo: The Experience**, Lima Civic Center, [limaciviccenter.com](http://limaciviccenter.com)
- ◆ February 7 – 9 **Tri State Gun Show**, Allen County Fairgrounds, [allencofair.com](http://allencofair.com)
- ◆ February 8 **Super Bowl Soup Sunday**, Zion United Methodist Church, Delphos, 10:30am – 12:00pm, (\$9.00 per person)
- ◆ February 14 **Dueling Pianos Valentines Dinner Date Night**, Romer's Celina, [romerscatering.com](http://romerscatering.com)
- ◆ February 15 **45th Annual Motorcycle Swap Meet**, Allen County Fairgrounds, [allencofair.com](http://allencofair.com)
- ◆ February 15 **Dean Z The Ultimate Elvis**, Niswonger Performing Arts Center, [vanwertlive.com](http://vanwertlive.com)
- ◆ February 21 **THAT ARENA ROCK SHOW with Special Guest Brothers in Law**, BMI Event Center, Versailles, [bmieventcenter.com](http://bmieventcenter.com)
- ◆ February 27 **The Simon & Garfunkel Story**, Lima Civic Center, 7:30pm, [limaciviccenter.com](http://limaciviccenter.com)
- ◆ February 28 **Shipshewana on the Road**, Allen County Fairgrounds, [allencofair.com](http://allencofair.com)
- ◆ February 28 **Spring Mom-2-Mom Sale**, Van Wert County Fairgrounds, [vanwertcountyfair.com](http://vanwertcountyfair.com)

# The Value of Your Midwest Electric Membership

## 3 REASONS WHY your Midwest Electric Membership is valuable:



### AT-COST ELECTRICITY

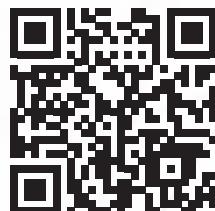
Midwest Electric is dedicated to providing our members with reliable electricity at stable rates. As a member, you can power your life for just \$7 a day! That's a great value.

### TIMELY RESTORATION EFFORTS

Our linemen work round-the-clock to restore power when you and your family need it most. Midwest Electric also provides real-time text notifications to keep you informed during outages.

### EXCEPTIONAL POWER AVAILABILITY

We invest about \$3 million every year in upgrades to our electric system and use the most effective power restoration technology, resulting in a 99.9% rate of power availability for members.



Learn more about how your cooperative serves you at:

[www.midwestrec.com/membershipvalue](http://www.midwestrec.com/membershipvalue)



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As a **Midwest member**, for only **\$1**, you could:

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