

HOT LINES



Midwest Electric, Inc.

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

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News about your community and cooperative

IMPORTANT MEMBER INFO

MARCH BILL INCLUDES YOUR 2021 PATRONAGE ALLOCATION

How much of Midwest Electric's margins from last year will YOU receive?

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 (see sample below, circled in red).

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.

Patronage capital represents tangible proof of your equity ownership in your cooperative. A portion of your electric payments is used by the cooperative as working capital and invested in the cooperative's electric distribution system. After a period of time, the investment is returned to you.

The amount allocated to you from 2021 is payable at a future date.

Please give us a call if you have any questions.

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06029 COUNTY ROAD 33A
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Message from Midwest Electric
Planning any digging projects this spring? Avoid expensive and dangerous mistakes, and call 8-1-1 first, to have underground lines located.

Autopay Amount
\$132.00
Paid By Bank Draft 03/09/2022

Account Number 666666666
Customer Name: JOE A SMITH
Statement Date: 02/21/2021
Email:
Phone #: (555) 555-5555
Cell Phone #: (555) 555-5554

Service Address: HOME - HOUSE
Account: 666666666 Meter No. 666666666 Services: 1/15/22 - 2/15/22 Days: 31 Previous Readings: 32074 Present Readings: 33078 Meter Multiplier: 1.0 kWh Usage: 1005 Rate: 10 Substation: Moulton

Usage History
Previous kWh: 1428 Current kWh: 1428 Temp High: 32 Temp Low: 24

Activity Since Last Billing
Previous Balance: 172.00
Payments - Thank You: 172.00 CR
Balance Forward: 0.00
Current Charges: 132.00
Total Amount Due By 03/09/2022: 132.00

Detail of Charges
Energy Charge*: 750 kWh @ 0.08280 62.10
Energy Charge*: 255 kWh @ 0.07280 18.56
Power Cost Adjustment: 1,005 kWh @ 0.01789 17.98
Service Charge: 35.00
Community Connection - Roundup: 0.36
Load Control Credit: 2.00 CR
Total Current Charges: 132.00

COMPARISONS

	KWH	DAYS	AVG KWH	AVG TEMP
Current Month	1005	31	32	24
Previous Month	1428	31	46	32
12 Months	1318	31	43	31

Your 2021 Patronage Allocation is \$115.65.

The Value of Electricity to Members

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



Make coffee for 10 hours



Watch TV for 113 hours



Vacuum your house for 9 hours



Toast bread for 7 hours

3 reasons why your Midwest Electric membership is valuable:

- No rate increase in 12 years**
Midwest Electric has been proud to maintain the same rates since August 2010 (at an average of only \$6 per day), marking 12 years of value and stability for our members.
- Timely restoration efforts**
Our lineworker crews work round-the-clock to restore power when you need it most. Midwest Electric also provides real-time outage notifications through SmartHub to keep you informed of restoration efforts.
- Unmatched power reliability**
We invest over \$2 – 3 million every year in upgrades to our electric system and use the most effective power restoration technology, resulting in a 99.98% rate of power availability for members.

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



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SAVE
THE
DATE

ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, June 4 • St. Marys Memorial High School

8:15 a.m.
Registration, FREE breakfast
buffet, and activities begin

9:15 a.m.
Business meeting — lasts
only 45 minutes!

• \$2,000 in cash prizes

- \$1,000 scholarship drawing; must be present
- Energy efficiency booths
- Health fair & co-op updates
- Board election results
- Kids' activities/bounce land

BOARD ELECTIONS

WE WANT YOU!

In 2022, petition forms are available to run for board districts 1, 3, and 4. Any member residing in a district up for election may become a candidate by obtaining a petition form from the co-op office with at least 15 valid signatures of members who reside within that district.

District 1 (3-year term): Auglaize and Shelby counties

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

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

The board meets monthly to review the financial and operating performance of your cooperative and direct long-term planning and whether to change electric rates. Candidates commit to strive to do what is in the best long-term interests of the cooperative.

Interested? Candidates must complete the official petition form and file it in our office by 8 a.m. May 2. Call us at 800-962-3830 for details.

Community Calendar

- ◆ April 9 **Grand Opera Choruses**, Veterans Memorial Civic Center, 7:30 pm, features the Lima Symphony Chorus, 419-222-5701 or renee@limasympphony.com
- ◆ April 9 **Annual hog roast fundraiser**, Noble Community Park, 419-953-6452
- ◆ April 15 **Good Friday**, office closed
- ◆ April 16 **Estreme Tour**, Allen County Fairgrounds
- ◆ April 14 **Acrylic Painting with Debby Gregory**, Auglaize Mercer Center, 6-8 pm, learn advanced and basic techniques with this talented artist who has exhibited all over the state, price is \$75, www.myartsplace.com
- ◆ April 23 **Very Good Comedy Show**, Moon City Music Center, www.mooncityeventcenter.com
- ◆ April 23 **GACBS Blues Festival 2022**, Veterans Memorial Civic Center, 419-224-1552
- ◆ April 23 **Very Good Comedy Show**, Moon City Music and Events Center, Wapakoneta, featuring comedians from New York City, 7:30 pm, \$20 admission or table for 6 is \$108, www.mooncityeventcenter.com
- ◆ April 24 **Michael Bolton**, Niswonger Performing Arts Center, Van Wert, www.Etix.com
- ◆ April 26 **Jersey Boys**, Veterans Memorial Civic Center, 419-224-1552
- ◆ April 29 **Madagascar The Musical**, Niswonger Performing Arts Center, Van Wert, www.Etix.com

FARMERS:

Make safety a priority during spring planting

- To prevent electrocution, make sure equipment (including planter arms and sprayers) safely clear overhead power lines.
- Keep a safe distance from power poles, lines, and guy wires when working the land. If your equipment comes in contact, **DO NOT** try to fix it yourself. Call your co-op immediately.
- Grain bins: Power lines should be at least 18 ft above the highest point on any grain bin; contact us if you have concerns.
- Install waterproof and dustproof electrical boxes and outlets at your farm.



- **Did you know?** If a standby generator is used on a single-phase system, it must be connected to the farm's wiring system through a double pole, double-throw switch. The switch disconnects the farm's electrical system from our co-op lines during an outage and prevents backfeed — keeping linemen safe from electrocution.

Digging into an outdoor project?

Before you dig, dial 811 or visit www.call811.com to protect underground utilities. Careless digging poses a threat to people, pipelines, and underground facilities. Contact 811 first and help keep our community safe.