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# HOT LINES

June 2026



Midwest Electric, Inc.

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

OFFICE HOURS: Mon.–Fri. (Oct.–April) 7:30 a.m.–4 p.m.  
Mon.–Thur. (May–Sept.) 6:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

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## IMPORTANT MEMBER INFO



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# SAVING ENERGY DURING PEAK TIMES BENEFITS EVERYONE

Conserving electricity during peak energy use times not only lowers your monthly bill — it can benefit our entire community.

“Peak times” refer to periods of the day when the demand for electricity is highest. Think early mornings when people are getting ready for work or school and evenings when families return home, cook dinner, and unwind with electronics. When everyone uses energy at once, it adds pressure on the electric grid.

It’s basic supply and demand. When demand increases, price increases. By controlling your demand during the high-use periods, you help control the price.

Midwest Electric and Buckeye Power Inc., our wholesale power provider, work around the clock to ensure that electricity flows to your home whenever you need it. Behind the scenes, an enormous and intricate system is at work — one of the most complex machines in the world: the U.S. power grid. The grid is made up of three major interconnections that span the country, each managing supply and demand through regional authorities to keep the lights on and our economy running smoothly.

Electricity comes from a diverse mix of sources — hydropower, natural gas, coal, solar, wind, and more. Some power plants can respond quickly to spikes in demand, while others are less flexible. Once energy is generated, it travels through high-voltage transmission lines to local utilities, like Midwest Electric, which then deliver it to your home or business through distribution power lines.

**When electricity demand surges during peak times, it’s more expensive to generate or purchase power.** If supply can’t keep up, the risk of outages increases. That’s why using less energy during peak hours is more important than ever. It not only eases strain on the grid but also helps you save money.

**So how can you “beat the peak”?** Start by adjusting your thermostat a few degrees closer to the outside temperature during peak hours. Smart thermostats can automate this for you. Delay using energy-hungry appliances like ovens, clothes washers and dryers, and dishwashers until later in the evening.

Small actions taken by many households can lead to big results. When we all work together to reduce energy use during peak times, we protect our power grid, help control costs and ensure reliable electricity for our communities.

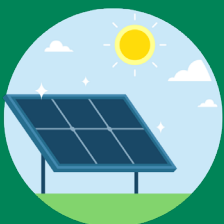
**YOU CAN HELP US**

# BEAT THE PEAK

LIKE & SHARE TO WIN A \$25 BILL CREDIT!

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**Be sure to follow us on social media for your chance to win a \$25 bill credit when we issue a peak alert!**



## Considering installing solar? Call us FIRST!

While we don’t sell renewable systems, our team can guide you through the process and help you get started. Solar is a significant investment that depends on your home and energy use, so the first step is an energy audit to improve efficiency and reduce how much system you’ll need. In many cases, upgrades like insulation and LED lighting offer quicker savings. Visit our solar resources at [www.midwestrec.com/renewable-energy](http://www.midwestrec.com/renewable-energy) to learn more and explore your options.

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# Annual meeting

## June 4 at 5:30 p.m.

Call 419-394-4110 or email [info@midwestrec.com](mailto:info@midwestrec.com)  
by June 1 to RSVP

ST. MARYS MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL - 2250 STATE ROUTE 66, ST. MARYS

- Dinner from Graze On catering (5:30 p.m.)
- Tethered hot-air balloon rides (weather permitting)
- Kids' activities (Bounce houses, pony rides, Kona Ice, ice cream from The B Hive, and more!)
- **Annual Meeting 6:30 p.m.** (\$2,000 in cash prizes!)

Streamed live on  
 YouTube & 



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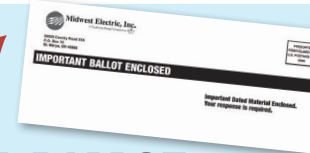
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Our Annual Meeting has long been a time to come together, connect and celebrate our cooperative. These photos take us back to earlier days — with guest speakers, entertainment and members gathering to be part of something bigger than themselves. It's a tradition rooted in community and the cooperative spirit.

While some things have changed over the years, the purpose remains the same: keeping our members informed, involved and at the heart of everything we do.

## Don't Forget!



### RETURN YOUR MAILED BALLOT OR VOTE ONLINE BY JUNE 1.

As a member, you're allowed to vote for all districts. You may vote by mail with the ballot and return envelope that will be sent to you. Alternately, you may vote online at [www.midwestrec.com](http://www.midwestrec.com).

Do NOT mail your ballot to our St. Marys office.

## Community Calendar

- June 4 **Midwest Electric Annual Meeting**, St. Marys High School, 5:30 p.m., [midwestrec.com/annual-meeting-co-op-board](http://midwestrec.com/annual-meeting-co-op-board)
- June 5-6 **Van Wert Peony Festival**, Fountain Park, Van Wert, [vwpeonyfestival.com](http://vwpeonyfestival.com)
- June 5-6 **Buckeye Farm Show**, Auglaize County Fairgrounds, Wapakoneta, [auglaizecountyfair.org/event-schedule](http://auglaizecountyfair.org/event-schedule)
- June 5, 12, 19 **Feel Good Fridays**, Fountain Park, Van Wert, [vanwertlive.com/events](http://vanwertlive.com/events)
- June 5, 12, 19 **Party in Park Concert Series**, Heritage Park, Wapakoneta, [wapakoneta.com/community-calendar](http://wapakoneta.com/community-calendar)
- June 6, 13, 20, 27 **Celina Farmer's Market**, Mercer County Fairgrounds, Celina, [celinafarmersmarket.com](http://celinafarmersmarket.com)
- June 7, 14, 28 **Celina Summer Concert Series**, Celina Amphitheatre, Celina, [facebook.com/celinaconcertseries](http://facebook.com/celinaconcertseries)
- June 16 **Coldwater Taste of Town**, Coldwater Memorial Park, June 16, [facebook.com/events/2965190043815000](http://facebook.com/events/2965190043815000)
- June 18-20 **Spencerville Summerfest**, Downtown Spencerville, [spencervillesummerfest.com](http://spencervillesummerfest.com)
- June 18 **St. Marys Annual Golf Outing**, Northmoor Golf Course, Celina, [stmarysohio.org/events-calendar](http://stmarysohio.org/events-calendar)
- June 18-28 **7 Brides for 7 Brothers**, Grand Opera House, St. Marys, [crescentplayers.org/events](http://crescentplayers.org/events)
- June 18 **Fort Recovery Taste of the Town**, Downtown Fort Recovery, [facebook.com/tasteoffortrecovery/](http://facebook.com/tasteoffortrecovery/)
- June 19-21 **Fort Recovery Harvest Jubilee**, Ambassador Park, [facebook.com/FortRecoveryJubilee/events](http://facebook.com/FortRecoveryJubilee/events)
- June 19 **91st Anniversary Race**, Limaland Motorsports Park, Lima, [limaland.com/schedules](http://limaland.com/schedules)
- June 19-20 **Freedom Truck Meet**, Van Wert County Fairgrounds, [vanwertcountyfair.com/events-on-the-grounds](http://vanwertcountyfair.com/events-on-the-grounds)
- June 26-27 **American Flat Track**, Allen County Fairgrounds, Lima, [americanflattrack.com/events](http://americanflattrack.com/events)
- June 26-28 **Maria Stein Country Fest**, [facebook.com/mscountryfest](http://facebook.com/mscountryfest)
- June 27 **The Band Perry**, Niswonger PAC, Van Wert, [vanwertlive.com/events/detail/the-band-perry](http://vanwertlive.com/events/detail/the-band-perry)
- June 28 **Lima Symphony Orchestra Once Upon a Time: Movie Magic Family Concert**, Pangle Pavilion, Lima [limasympphony.com/familyconcert](http://limasympphony.com/familyconcert)