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May 2018 News about your community and your cooperative

MBER INFO

Annual Meeting Preview: Saturday June 2

Notice of Annual Meeting Saturday, June 2 St. Marys Memorial High School 8:15 a.m. registration and breakfast 9:15 a.m. meeting St. Marys High School, at U.S. 33 and State Route 66

Health Fair

Grand Lake Health System will hold a health fair at our June 2 Annual Meeting. They'll offer several free and fee tests, as well as a Drug Take Back Program. For the fee services, please pay Grand Lake Health System at the Annual Meeting.

- Body Mass Index (BMI)
- __Heel Bone Density
- ____Blood Pressure/Pulse Ox
- ___DermaScan
- ____Iron (Anemia Screen \$10)
- __Diabetes Screening
- (AIC) (\$25)
- ___Comprehensive Metabolic (\$25, 8-hour fast)

- _PSA Screening (\$35)
- _Thyroid Screening (\$40) ___Cardio Risk (Lipid Profile;
- \$20, 12-hour fast)
- ____C-Reactive Protein (\$25) ___Vitamin D Deficiency (\$35)



Activities: Full-scale Health Fair; local insulation, energy efficiency, and renewable energy contractors; kids' games.

Free Meal: Breakfast buffet, including cheesy scrambled eggs (with side items including mushrooms, tomatoes, onions, cheese, and green peppers); sausage links; breakfast ham; hash browns; homestyle French toast; fresh fruit; assorted rolls, donuts and muffins: juices: and coffee.

Giveaways: \$3,000 in total cash prizes, plus kids prizes! Must be present to win.

Business: Trustee election results (no voting at the meeting). Also, learn about your co-op's financial and service performance and power industry updates. Take advantage of the opportunity to ask questions of co-op leaders.

R.S.V.P. For Breakfast:

Please complete the breakfast reservation card on the back cover of this month's Ohio Cooperative Living magazine, and mail it to our office or call us by May 30 if you plan to have breakfast!

Drug Take Back Program

During the Annual Meeting, the Auglaize County Sheriff Department will be available to take expired, no-longer used medications as part of the Grand Lake Health/Auglaize County Sheriff "Drug Take Back Program."

Community Calendar

Visit A Local Landmark in May

Delphos Canal Museum (695-7737)

Neil Armstrong Air & Space Museum, Wapakoneta (www.armstrongmuseum.org, 738-8811)

Bicycle Museum of America, New Bremen (www.bicyclemuseum.com, 629-9249)

Fort Recovery State Museum (www.fortrecoverymuseum.com, 375-4649)

Eldora Speedway (www.eldoraspeedway.com, 937-338-3815)

WATCH FOR YOUR TRUSTEE ELECTION BALLOTS

Watch your mail around mid-May for your official

ballot for the trustee elections. You can vote by mail or online!



Patronage Capital & You

Midwest Electric is a not-for-profit organization, owned by our member-consumers. The money to cover dayto-day operating costs of the cooperative comes from the members paying their monthly electric bills. At the end of the year, we subtract operating expenses from the revenue collected, and the remaining balance is called the "margin." The margins left over at the end of the year are allocated, or assigned, to your patronage capital account based on the amount of money you paid for your electric bill each year.

Your patronage account, similar to a bank account, is the accumulation of margins that have been allocated to you each year based on the amount of electricity you purchased. At the end of each year, we make an accounting entry of your allocated patronage into your patronage capital account. From time to time, the board of trustees retires, or pays out, patronage capital based on the financial stability of the cooperative. When we retire patronage, we withdraw the amount from your patronage account and pay it to you in the form of a credit to your electric bill.



N ever connect a standby generator into your home's electrical system. There are only two safe ways to connect a standby generator to your equipment.

Stationary Generator:

An approved generator transfer switch, which keeps your house circuits separate from the electric co-op, should be installed by a professional.

Portable Generator:

Plug appliances directly into the outlet provided on the generator.

Set up and run your generator in a well-ventilated area outside the home. Make sure it's out and away from your garage, doors, windows and vents. The carbon monoxide generated is **deadly.**

Use a heavy-duty extension cord to connect electric appliances to the outlet on the generator.

Start the generator first **before** connecting appliances.

Source: SafeElectricity.org