

# HOT LINES



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News about your community and cooperative

## IMPORTANT MEMBER INFO

### JOIN US AT THE POLLS NOV. 6

Our number one priority is providing our consumer-members with safe, reliable, and affordable electricity. But doing this job requires a lot more than stringing and maintaining power lines throughout our service territory. It requires political engagement. That's why we're participating in a national program of America's electric cooperatives called Co-ops Vote.


Co-ops Vote encourages all co-op members to participate in national, state, and local elections while educating elected officials about the important local role played by electric co-ops.

Elected officials and decision-makers across the political spectrum trust us because of the work

the electric co-op family has put into political engagement. When we all get involved, we can make things happen politically.

Midwest Electric has one of the strongest grassroots political action programs among America's 900 electric cooperatives. Nearly 700 of you belong to Co-op Owners for Political Action. And many more send emails to legislators when we all for action.

You can participate by registering to vote and committing to cast your ballot on Nov. 6. If you're interested in getting more involved, just give us a call or visit [www.vote.coop](http://www.vote.coop) to learn more about the upcoming elections. We'll see you at the polls!



**CO-OPS**  
**VOTE**  
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[WWW.VOTE.COOP](http://WWW.VOTE.COOP)

### Look out for our feature in Ohio Cooperative Living!

Dandelion School House is an original one-room school house and vintage boutique selling farm house decor. This piece of history is owned by a Midwest Electric member who allows her imagination to take her business to a new level. Read the story on our website and see the kids' names scratched on the school walls in our video on our Facebook page: [www.Facebook.com/MidwestElectric](http://www.Facebook.com/MidwestElectric).




**#WHOPOWERSYOU**  
**INSPIRED BY A MEMBER OF YOUR CO-OP COMMUNITY?**  
**YOUR NOMINEE COULD WIN UP TO \$5,000**  
Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives  
The power of human connections®

There's still time to nominate a local volunteer for our Who Powers You Contest. Share the positive stories of people you know who are making a difference in our community. Your nominee could win up to \$5,000.

Run in partnership with Touchstone Energy Cooperatives, #WhoPowersYou is a nationwide contest to promote volunteerism. Deadline to enter is Nov. 4. Winners will be announced in December.

**ENTER AT [WWW.WHOPOWERSYOU.COM](http://WWW.WHOPOWERSYOU.COM).**







# Reaching **HIGHER** with a new bucket truck

Midwest Electric recently purchased a new bucket truck to improve power reliability efforts. This helps linemen more effectively complete service orders and provide more manpower when restoring electricity after an outage.

With a 50-foot reach, the new Ford F750 Chassis truck joins Midwest's fleet of five bucket trucks driven by our nine first-class linemen, two apprentice linemen, and single equipment operator.

"Bucket trucks are in integral tool used by our linemen to build our distribution system, maintain our distribution system, and restore power after an outage," said Manager of Engineering and Operations Paul Rogers. "We are excited about our extended capabilities to better serve our members with this new truck."



## POLE TESTING & TRANSFORMER INSPECTIONS



**WHO:** Epic Utilities Services (contractor)  
**WHEN:** Sept. - Dec. 2018  
**WHERE:** Rockford & Elida areas  
**WHY:** Safety & electric reliability

All 30,000+ of our poles are tested on a 10-year cycle for sturdiness and reliability. It's one reason why our members enjoy power available 99.97% of the time.

## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Got holiday leftovers? When possible, use the microwave to reheat food. Microwaves use as much as 80 percent less energy than a standard oven.

Source: [energy.gov](http://energy.gov)

# Local Events Near You

- ◆ Nov. 2-3
- ◆ Nov. 3
- ◆ Nov. 3-4
- ◆ Nov. 6
- ◆ Nov. 9
- ◆ Nov. 11
- ◆ Nov. 17
- ◆ Nov. 22-23
- ◆ Nov. 24
- ◆ All November

**Holiday Vendor Market**, Auglaize County Fairgrounds, [www.rustic-farmhouse.com](http://www.rustic-farmhouse.com)

**Tri-State Gun Show**, Allen County Fairgrounds, [www.tristategunshow.org](http://www.tristategunshow.org)

**Corn Maze**, Suter's Produce, [www.suterproduce.com](http://www.suterproduce.com)

**Election Day:** Head to your polling location!

**Amy Grant**, [www.npacvw.org](http://www.npacvw.org), [www.visitvanwert.org](http://www.visitvanwert.org)

**Veterans Day:** Remember our men and women for their service in the U.S. military!

**4-H Holiday Craft Show**, Van Wert County Fairgrounds in Jr. Fair Building, [www.visitvanwert.org](http://www.visitvanwert.org)

**Office closed for Thanksgiving:** Take a moment to reflect on what you're grateful for!

**Bluffton Blaze of Lights Festival**, Downtown Bluffton, [www.explorebluffton.com](http://www.explorebluffton.com)

**Escape Wapak:** One mission, one hour, one escape — [www.escapewapak.com](http://www.escapewapak.com)