

# HOT LINES



Midwest Electric, Inc.

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

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April 2021

News about your community and cooperative

## IMPORTANT MEMBER INFO

### MARCH BILL INCLUDES YOUR 2020 PATRONAGE ALLOCATION

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

Look for that amount on your enclosed electric bill.

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. Last December, the cooperative returned nearly \$1.5 million in patronage capital to

members based on margins and kWh sales from 2004.

Our margins, or money left after all expenses have been paid, are allocated to each member based on the total amount each member paid for electricity for the year.

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 2020 is payable at a future date. Please give us a call if you have any questions.



## ANNUAL MEETING

\*Tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 5

St Marys Memorial High School,  
2250 State Route 66, St. Marys

\*Our Annual Meeting is tentatively scheduled in-person right now. We will make a final decision by the end of March (too late for this publication), based on the COVID-19 circumstances. We cannot wait to be reunited with our members!

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Office Hours: Monday - Friday 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM  
Phone: (419) 394-4110  
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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  
03/09/2021

**Account Number** 666666666

Customer Name: JOE A SMITH

Statement Date: 02/21/2021

Email: [redacted]

Phone #: (555) 555-5555

Cell Phone #: (555) 555-5554

**Service Address:** \*      **Service Description:** HOME- HOUSE

Account	Meter No.	Services From	To	Days	Readings Previous	Present	Meter Multiplier	kWh Usage	Rate	Substation
666666666	63045658	01/15/21	02/15/21	31	32074	33079	1.0	1005	10	Moulton

**Usage History**

COMPARISONS	KWH	DAYS	AVG KWH	AVG TEMP
Current Month	1005	31	32	24
Previous Month	1428	31	46	32
Previous Month	1428	31	46	31

**Activity Since Last Billing**

Previous Balance	172.00
Payments - Thank You	172.00 CR
Balance Forward	0.00
Current Charges	132.00
<b>Total Amount Due By 03/09/2021</b>	<b>132.00</b>

**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
<b>Total Current Charges</b>		<b>132.00</b>

\*Ohio Kwh Electricity Tax Included above \$4.67.

Your 2020 Patronage Capital Allocation is \$115.65



# LINEWORKERS BRING THE LIGHT.

## Lineworker Appreciation Day

On April 12, remember to  
#ThankALineworker.

**WHO? WE NEED YOU!**

**MEMBER SURVEYS STARTING SOON!**

Surveys will be both by phone and email. If you are contacted, please take a few minutes to share your thoughts. Your feedback helps us improve!




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## You could run for the board of directors!

### Petition forms now being accepted

Do you want to give back to your community? Three of the eight seats on the Midwest Electric board of directors are up for election. Members will vote by mail and online, with results announced at the annual meeting June 5.

Any member residing in a district up for election may become a candidate by obtaining a petition form from the co-op office and obtaining at least 15 valid signatures of members from that district.

The following districts are up for election:

- **District 2 (3-year term): Allen and Putnam counties**
- **District 3 (3-year term): Van Wert County**
- **District 4 (3-year term): Mercer and Darke counties**

Official petition forms must be filed in the co-op's office by 8 a.m. on May 5. Call 800-962-3830 for more information, a petition form, or a copy of the Code of Regulations. Visit [midwestrec.com](http://midwestrec.com) and click the "My Co-op" tab to learn more.

## MIDWEST ELECTRIC MEMBERS

*enjoyed power available*

**99.95%** of the time in 2020

## Community Calendar

**NOTE: Because of COVID-19, events may be canceled. Seek updated information before traveling.**

- ◆ April 1-30 **April Showers Cabin Fever Hike**, enjoy the sights and sounds of spring along the Miami Erie Canal towpath; start at Noble Township Hall north of St. Marys. Sponsored by United Way of Auglaize County and Heritage Trails Park District. For details, email [info@htparks.org](mailto:info@htparks.org) or call 781-816-PARK.
- ◆ April 5 **HUGE Garage Sale**, free will donations, runs through April 9 at 6 pm, Saint Henry American Legion. See Facebook for details.
- ◆ April 9 & 23 **Chair Yoga with Carla Niblick**, open to the senior community for donation; held in Community Room at Vancrest St. Marys on the 2nd and 4th Friday of every month (1035 Hager St, St Marys). Contact: 419-394-3308
- ◆ April 10 **Noble Township Hog Roast**, St. Marys, 4:30 pm, may be in person or carry out. Community Building; kids' games, cake wheel, raffles, 50/50, auction. Call 419-953-6452 for details and an update.
- ◆ April 24 **MOM2MOM SALE**, Wayne Street UMC, St. Marys, benefits Family Life Center of Auglaize County; admission fee is \$1; Booth space for rent is 2 tables for \$25. To reserve a spot, email [Alison@flcac.com](mailto:Alison@flcac.com) or call 419-300-9756.
- ◆ April 24 **St Henry Stag Night**, Romer's Catering, doors open at 5:30 pm, dinner at 6 pm; guest speakers include Jim Lachey, Bob Hoying and more; 50/50 raffle and auctions to benefit new community center. For tickets, call 419-852-8041.
- ◆ April 30 **Sunny Sweeney**, acoustic show at Rhythm & Brews in Wapakoneta, 7 pm to midnight; purchase tickets at 419-739-7833