



Mid-Ohio Energy Cooperative, Inc.

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Memorial Day office closure May 25

Mid-Ohio Energy Cooperative, Inc. will be closed Monday, May 25 in honor of Memorial Day.

Emergency service is available 24 hours a day:

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OFFICE HOURS

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Line Crew	Jared Robinson
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Mid-Ohio Energy Cooperative named 2008 ACRE Electric Cooperative of the Year

Mid-Ohio Energy Cooperative, Inc. has been named the 2008 Action Committee for Rural Electrification (ACRE) Electric Cooperative of the Year by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA).

Mid-Ohio Energy was awarded the “Walking the Wood” statue during the NRECA’s Annual Meeting in February in New Orleans.

In a letter congratulating the cooperative, NRECA CEO Glenn English thanked the cooperative for its outstanding accomplishments in support of ACRE. “Your dedication and commitment to continually find innovative ways to reach your member-owners, has led to impressive growth over the last year,” English wrote. Mid-Ohio Energy was selected as the top ACRE cooperative out of more than 900 co-ops represented by NRECA.

In the past year, Mid-Ohio Energy was able to enroll more than 3.5 percent of its member-owners into the ACRE Co-op Owners for Political Action (COPA) program. The cooperative used a variety of approaches to get members involved in grassroots advocacy. The program’s rollout included a booth at last year’s annual meeting, articles in *Country Living*, a letter sent with capital credit checks and personalized letters to community leaders among the membership. The latest call to action — a letter sent out to members before November’s election — was successful in signing up 25 new members to bring the cooperative’s total to 215 ACRE/COPA members.

English also recognized the commitment of the leadership staff of the cooperative. Mid-Ohio is part of a small group of cooperatives to enroll



John Metcalf, president and CEO of Mid-Ohio Energy Cooperative, displays the ACRE Co-op of the Year Award presented by NRECA Board President Jack Wolfe (right).

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Our Energy, Our Future

We appreciate the support of the members who participated in the "Our Energy, Our Future" campaign at this year's annual meeting. If you didn't attend the meeting, you may be wondering what this campaign is all about.

"Our Energy, Our Future" seeks to persuade Congress to remember the importance of keeping electricity affordable and reliable as we work to meet future climate change goals. During the next 20 years, our nation will require a 30 percent increase in generating capacity just to meet the projected rise in energy consumption. This campaign is a tool to gain the attention of elected officials by sending a collective voice to Washington, D.C. by asking three simple questions:

- How is Congress going to help us meet the future demand for electricity?
- How are they going to help us develop technology to reduce carbon dioxide emissions?

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100 percent of its board and management staff at the President's Club level.

In setting a goal for the ACRE program, English challenged each of the more than 900 electric cooperatives to enroll 1 percent of their membership in ACRE. Mid-Ohio Energy became the first and only cooperative in the country to achieve a 3 percent membership enrollment.

"These are arguably some of the most uncertain times in the history of this country's energy sector. Our members obviously realize changes are on the horizon and look to us to fight on their behalf," Mid-Ohio Energy's President & CEO John Metcalf said. He cited his appreciation to the cooperative's board, staff and employees for their tremendous support and efforts in rolling out the very successful ACRE program.

• How is Congress going to help keep electricity affordable?

The answers to these questions are important to every American. Elected officials need to know that electric cooperatives and their member-owners stand ready to work with them to develop a plan. Congress is considering new climate change policy, which if not done carefully, could cause electric rates to double (or even triple!) in the next 10 years.

To participate in this campaign, simply go to: www.OurEnergy.coop and follow the directions. The site will help you ask members of Congress what they plan to do to secure sufficient electric capacity, technology and affordability.

With so much at stake, we ask you to help us ensure that the federal climate change debate doesn't forget about those who pay the electric bill. If you would like more information, contact either of our offices.

"I am very proud of our membership for the willingness demonstrated to get involved with their co-op! I would encourage all co-ops nationwide to get their members involved in our nation's energy debate before it is too late," Metcalf said.

The Action Committee for Rural Electrification (ACRE) is the political action committee of NRECA. The committee supports candidates and elected officials at the state and national level who support the cooperative model and work on behalf of the member-owners. Just \$25 a year (only \$2.08 per month) makes you part of this voice for electric cooperatives.

If you would like to participate, simply return the completed form below with your next bill payment and we can conveniently add your ACRE contribution to your monthly electric bill.

ACRE Application

Yes! I want to help keep the voice of rural electric cooperatives heard in the state and national political process by participating in Co-op Owners for Political Action®. Please add the following amount to my monthly electric bill:

- ___ Regular COPA Member: \$2.08 per month (\$25 per year)
- ___ Century Club Member: \$8.03 per month (\$100 per year)
- ___ President's Club Member: \$41.60 per month (\$500 per year)*
- ___ Other \$ _____

I affirm that my contribution has been made with non-corporate funds:

Name: _____
Address: _____
Account#: _____ Signature: _____

Return to Mid-Ohio Energy Cooperative, Inc., P.O. Box 224, Kenton, OH 43326-0224

*Federal Election law requires the following information for contributions equal to or exceeding \$200:

Employer: _____ Occupation: _____

Authorization Form

ACRE Co-op Owners
for Political Action®

Mid-Ohio Energy awards scholarships

Mid-Ohio Energy Cooperative, Inc. is pleased to announce the 10 scholarship winners for 2009. The number of qualified applicants speaks highly of our local students and school districts.

In the girls' division, the first-place award was won by Taylor Beale, daughter of Thomas and Susan Beale of Belle Center. Taylor will graduate from Upper Scioto Valley High School and plans to attend Ohio Northern University with a major in pharmacy.

Katie Copp, daughter of Dave and Brenda Copp of Mt. Victory, won the second-place award. Katie will graduate from Ridgemont High School and has been accepted to The Ohio State University to study animal science/pre-veterinary medicine.

Anne Miller, daughter of Dave and Kathleen Miller of Caledonia, won the third-place award. Anne will graduate from River Valley High School and plans to attend Miami University to pursue a degree in international business.

Shawna Hite, daughter of Gary and Terri Hite of Marion, and Samantha Smith, daughter of Jaymee and Yevonne Smith of Kenton, were the fourth-place winners. Shawna will graduate from homeschool and has been accepted at multiple colleges and plans to major in English and public relations. Samantha will graduate from Ridgemont High School and will attend The Ohio State University's Lima branch this fall.

In the boys' division, first place was awarded to Zachary Dunn, son of Charles and Laurie Dunn of Harrod. Zachary will graduate from Allen East High School and will attend Ohio Northern University to study chemistry with an emphasis on education.



*Taylor Beale
1st Place*



*Katie Copp
2nd Place*



*Anne Miller
3rd Place*



*Samantha Smith
4th Place*



*Shawna Hite
4th Place*



*Zachary Dunn
1st Place*



*Travis King
2nd Place*



*David Williams
3rd Place*



*Jacob Shaw
4th Place*



*Dustin Scott
4th Place*

Travis King, son of Tom and Cheryl King of Kenton, won the second-place scholarship. Travis will graduate from Kenton High School in June and plans to attend Purdue University and obtain a degree in engineering.

David Williams, son of Scott and Shelly Williams of LaRue, won the third-place award. David attends Elgin High School, where he will graduate in June and plans to attend Wright State University and study environmental science.

Dustin Scott, son of David and Lori Scott of Belle Center, and Jacob Shaw, son of Alan and Lisa Shaw of Harrod, were granted the fourth-place scholarships. Dustin will graduate from Ridgemont High School and plans to attend Ohio Northern University and major in electrical engineering. Jacob attends Upper Scioto Valley High School and will graduate in June and plans to attend The Ohio State University and major in finance.

Scholarship judges

Judging for Mid-Ohio Energy Cooperative, Inc. scholarships took place March 21. Five boys and five girls were selected as finalists based upon school activities, academic achievements and community service.

Placement of the awards was based upon interviews with the judges who consider the students' school activities, academics and community service. The students also were scored on poise, personality and appearance. All finalists received a monetary scholarship.

The first-place winner in each division will represent Mid-Ohio Energy Cooperative at the statewide scholarship competition conducted by the Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives in May. The quality of youth



(From left) Lyn Davis, Sharlene Kline and Jim Traveline

applying for scholarships made determining the winners a difficult and rewarding experience for the judges.

Mid-Ohio Energy Cooperative, Inc. expresses sincere gratitude for the outstanding effort of the judges and wishes the very best for all scholarship applicants.

Look for your Co-op Connections card coming to your mail box

In the next issue of *Country Living* magazine we will list all of the local participating businesses, along with the national discounts. You also can go online to our Web site (www.midohioenergy.com) and find the list of participating businesses under the Co-op Connections icon on the home page.

The Co-op Connections™ member benefit program allows you to receive great discounts from businesses in your community. Co-op members can now use their Co-op Connections cards at more than 56,000 national and regional pharmacy chain stores, including CVS, Walgreens, Wal-Mart, Target and many more,



with savings of 10 to 60 percent on prescriptions. Present your card with your prescription at a participating pharmacy to receive your discount.

Search online (www.rxpricequotes.com) and (www.locateproviders.com) OR call 800-800-7616 to find the discounted price for your prescription and participating locations.

This is just one more way you benefit from being a cooperative member. As a Touchstone Energy cooperative, we always are "Looking out for you." Be looking for your card early this month!

Online Bill Payment has arrived!

Mid-Ohio Energy is pleased to offer a quick and easy option for members to pay monthly electric bills. The convenience of viewing and paying online now is available through our secure bill payment Web site. Members also will be able to view bills from the last 12 months (where data is available).

To access the site, just visit

www.midohioenergy.com and click the "Online Bill Payment" link. The link will direct you to our secure Web site where you will be asked to enter your account number and password. Your account number can be found on your bill. Use the temporary password provided by Mid-Ohio Energy. After logging in, you will be prompted to create a new password of your own. Payments can be made using VISA or MasterCard.

If you need assistance, please contact our offices or use the "Contact Support" function located on the bill payment Web site.

New members for February 2009

Julie Andrews	Timothy Phelan
Dustin Bayles	Alan B. Rhoads
Anthony D. Brown	Ed W. Rogers
Jerry L. Buyer	Chasity A. Rowe
Christopher Cellar	Craig Schlosser
Kevin A. Chesser	Paul E. Sherman
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Richard G. Davis II	Tri-County Tower Service
Sarah Escandon	Brian Waterer
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Diane Kelbley	Williams Excavating
Joel D. Kritzler	Williams Farms
Gerald Lehman	Williams Family
Carson L. Manning III	Limit Part
Wendi Mounts	Lisa Williams
Raymond M. Orich	Torey Wood