

Midwest Energy, Inc. Current Comments

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Midwest Energy Supports Local Community Initiatives Serving Our Communities Through Education, Outreach, Opportunities

As a customer-owned cooperative, Midwest Energy is committed to strengthening the communities we serve. Over the past few months, our employees have participated in scholarship presentations, Touch-a-Truck events, and other community activities. Learn more about some of these events below. If you are interested in having Midwest Energy attend your event, please reach out to us at 1-800-222-3121.

HirePaths “Cool Careers” Filming



Midwest Energy recently partnered with HirePaths to highlight the rewarding careers available in the utility industry. Nolan Hoffman, Communications & Relay Technician, joined local high school student Jack S. to showcase what a career in communications and relay technology looks like.

HirePaths is a Kansas nonprofit dedicated to connecting students with high-demand career opportunities across the state. After participating in the HirePaths career fairs for several years, Midwest Energy was invited to be featured in the “Cool Careers” video series. The video will be released on YouTube this fall.

Electric and Gas Safety Demonstration



Brian Dreiling, Manager of Energy Services, presented to a group of fourth-grade students about electric and natural gas safety during one of Midwest Energy's interactive safety demonstrations. Each year, hundreds of students participate in these hands-on demonstrations.

Career Fair at Holyrood Elementary



Benn Kirmer, Lineman Serviceman, and Chris Traylor, Line Foreman, demonstrated how lineworkers safely use insulated tools on energized power lines.



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2026 Annual Meeting Scheduled for October 19

Midwest Energy's Annual Meeting will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 19, at the Hilton Garden Inn, 221 W. 43rd St., Hays, Kan.

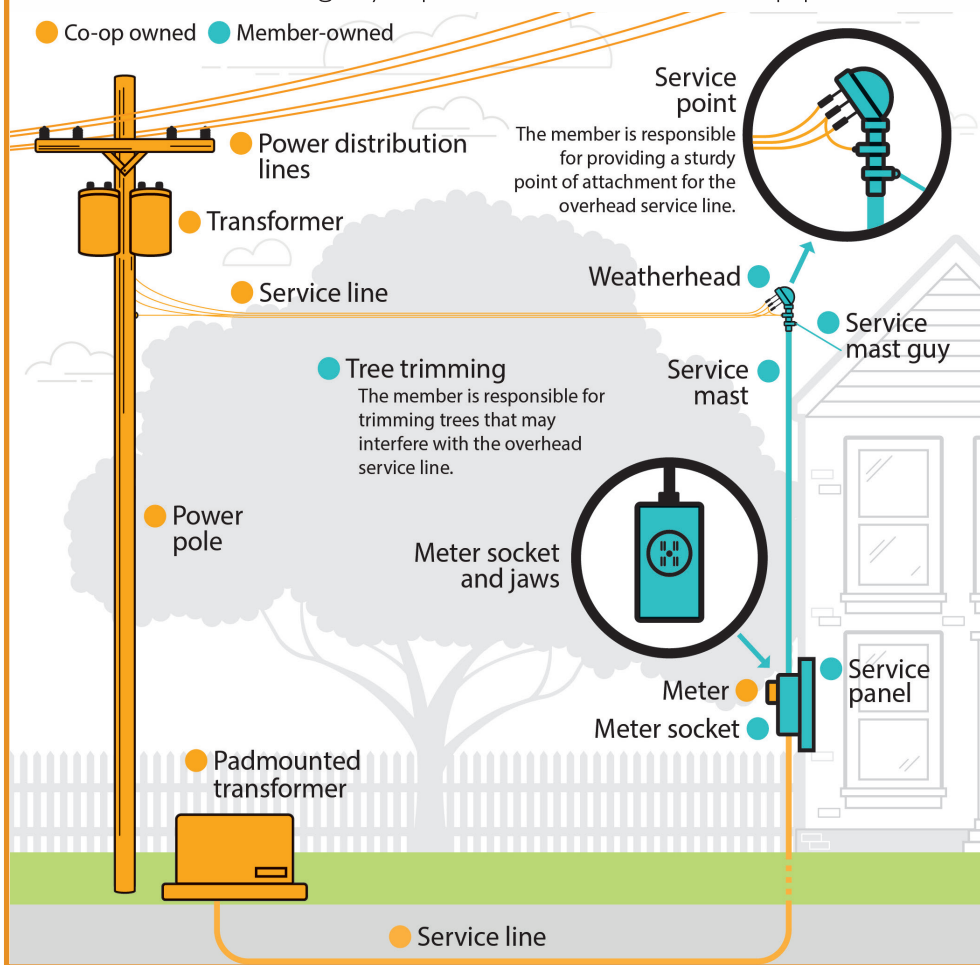
During the Annual Meeting, Board officers and our CEO will share updates on Midwest Energy's financial and operational

status. Youth Tour students will give a short presentation. Board of Director election results will be announced at the meeting, which will last approximately one hour. More than a dozen great door prizes will be awarded. All members are encouraged to attend.

Who Owns It? Customer and Utility-Owned Equipment

When storms bring down equipment, questions often arise about who is responsible for fixing what. This graphic depicts equipment owned by Midwest (in gold) and the member (in blue).

If a storm damages any equipment owned by the co-op, we are responsible for repairs. If damages occur to any member-owned equipment, the member is responsible for repairs. Always hire a licensed electrician when making any repairs to member-owned equipment.



CURRENT COMMENTS IS GETTING A FRESH NEW LOOK!

For more than a decade, **Current Comments** has featured the same graphics, fonts, and layouts our readers have come to know. But that is about to change!

This is the final month of our current design. Starting in September, **Current Comments** will debut a fresh new look along with new content designed to better inform and engage our readers. From energy-saving ideas and scam prevention tips to seasonal advice and other helpful articles, this refreshed version of **Current Comments** is shaping up to be our best yet.

Keep an eye out next month for the grand reveal. We can't wait to share what is new!

COMING SOON

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

August heat can put your air conditioner to the test, making it a great time to check your system's air filter. A dirty, clogged filter restricts airflow, forcing your cooling system to work harder than necessary to keep your home comfortable. That extra strain can reduce efficiency, increase energy use and contribute to unnecessary wear and tear on equipment. Inspect your filter monthly during periods of heavy air conditioner use and replace it if it appears dirty. A clean filter supports efficient operation and can even enhance indoor air quality—helping you stay cool and comfortable during the hottest days of summer.

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