

May 2025

Newsletter



Photos taken during MCTC's 31st Annual Meeting, circa 1981.



Celebrating 75 Years: Annual Meeting & Member Appreciation Night

Join us as we commemorate 75 years of service at our 75th Annual Meeting & Member Appreciation Night on Thursday, September 4 at Spoon River Valley High School. It's our way of thanking you, our valued members, for being part of our journey.

Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. | Business meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

Keep an eye on your mailbox—your exclusive member invitation will arrive in August!



Help Shape the Future: Become a Board Member

For 75 years, Mid Century has thrived thanks to the leadership of dedicated board members. If you're passionate about serving your Cooperative, consider joining our Board of Directors.

How to Get Nominated

There are two ways to become a candidate for the Board:

Nominating Committee Selection:

The Nominating Committee will select candidates for each district with expiring terms. This year's meeting will take place at our Fairview office on June 16, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. A list of committee members will be posted in our lobby, on midcentury.com, and on our social media pages.

Petition Selection:

A group of at least 15 members can nominate a candidate by submitting a petition. Petitions must be received at our Fairview office by close of business at

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least 30 days before the Annual Meeting. Late submissions will not be considered.

The Role of the Nominating Committee

Per Mid Century’s Bylaws, the Nominating Committee plays a vital role in selecting board candidates for the election at the Annual Meeting. The committee consists of 5 to 11 members, with at least one member representing each district up for election.

The Board will appoint the 2025 Nominating Committee during its May 29, 2025, meeting. You can find the list of committee members on our website, social media, or by contacting our office at 309-778-8611 or info@midcentury.com following the 29th.

For the upcoming election, the 2025 Nominating Committee will seek candidates for 3-year terms in the following districts:

- **District 2:** Ellisville, Marietta, and Smithfield Exchanges (Sheila Blout, incumbent)
- **District 6:** LaFayette Exchange (Tonya Pike, incumbent (term expired))

Nominations will be finalized at the June 16 meeting, with candidate information posted online the following business day. Members may also contact our office for details.

We look forward to celebrating 75 years with you!

2025 Copper to Fiber Project Update

Progress continues on the Cooperative’s copper-to-fiber upgrade, bringing faster, more reliable internet to our members.

Central Cable began construction in early March, laying 26 miles of mainline fiber in the rural Marietta exchange. This expansion will provide fiber connectivity to 65 additional members later this year. In the rural Smithfield exchange, 38 miles of mainline fiber are being constructed, setting the stage for 73 more members to transition to fiber service.

As mainline construction wraps up, our internal construction crew will follow by installing fiber drops to individual locations in the rural Marietta and Smithfield exchanges throughout the summer. Fiber installations are expected to begin in late 2025 and will continue into 2026.

Meanwhile, our contractor, Schwanke’s, is installing 40 fiber drops in the Table Grove exchange, bringing us one step closer to making this exchange 100% fiber.

We appreciate your patience and look forward to delivering the speed and reliability of fiber internet to more members soon! Stay tuned for updates—and be sure to attend our Annual Meeting in September, where we’ll share additional details on future fiber projects.

Your Board of Directors

- Ray McCausland - District 1 • Sheila Blout - District 2
- Donna Cecil - District 3 • Michael Gray - District 4
- Randy Hellyer - District 5 • Tonya Pike - District 6
- Daniel Lundeen - District 7