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Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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Pay stations

Failure to receive your electric bill in no way relieves you, the member, from paying it. If you do not receive your bill, contact the office before the due date and we will issue another.

For the convenience of Adams REC members, we have established several ways to pay your bill:

- online at www.adamsrec.com.
- by phone at 1-800-809-6352.
- directly from your bank account.

Pay at these collection points:

The First State Bank
 Georgetown, Hillsboro, Manchester,
 Peebles, Ripley, Seaman, West Union
 and Winchester

The National Bank of Adams County
 218 N. Market St., West Union

Hidden account number credit

Find your account number in the Adams REC local pages (the four center pages of this magazine), then call our office and you will receive a \$20 credit on your electric bill. You must call by the end of the month in which your account number appears. Your call affirms permission to publish your name as a winner in an upcoming issue of *Country Living*.

Electrical safety in and around the home

MAY IS NATIONAL ELECTRICAL SAFETY MONTH, and that makes it an excellent time to give your home an electrical safety checkup! Electrical safety is a vital part of keeping your home safe. We become so accustomed to flipping switches, turning on appliances, and using electricity so frequently that sometimes we forget about how dangerous it can be.

Here are some of the things inside and outside your home to inspect and be aware of:

- **Examine electrical cords for fraying and exposed wiring. Pay particular attention to connections behind furniture because they may be pushed tightly against electrical outlets, which severely bends the cord at the plug.**
- **Use extension cords only when fixed wiring is not feasible. Never allow extension cords to become kinked, knotted, abraded, or cut. Place extension cords so that they do not present a tripping or slipping hazard.**
- **Check switches and outlets to make sure they are all working. If they aren't working properly, it could indicate an unsafe wiring condition.**
- **Outlets and switches should also be checked for discoloration or to see if they are warm to the touch. These conditions could also represent unsafe wiring.**
- **Use only the recommended wattage for lightbulbs in lamps and lighting fixtures. Wattages that are higher than recommended can overheat the lamp or fixture.**
- **Circuit breakers or fuses in your electrical panel should be sized appropriately. Recurring tripped breakers or blown fuses could be a sign of overloaded circuits.**
- **Have a qualified electrician do all outside electrical work.**
- **To prevent electrical shock, make sure all of your outside electrical receptacles are GFCIs, or ground fault circuit interrupters.**
- **Use lighting and power tools that are made for outdoor use. Keep electric tools away from children.**
- **When using a ladder outdoors, keep the ladder at least 10 feet away from power lines.**
- **Never touch anyone or anything in contact with a downed wire. Power lines may be live, so stay a safe distance away.**



General Manager's Report
 by
 Bill Swango

Find more safety tips at www.esfi.org, the Electrical Safety Foundation International, or www.nfpa.org, the National Fire Protection Association. ☞

Outage reminder

If you experience an outage, please call the office at 937-544-2305 or 1-800-283-1846. If you post on Facebook, or e-mail your outage information, it could prolong the restoration time. E-mails and Facebook are not continuously monitored, especially in the evenings or on weekends.

Capital credits retirements

Capital credits refunded to the estates of Adams Rural Electric Co-op members for March 2016 totaled \$17,856.24. Estates paid in 2016 to date total \$51,299.93.

In case of the death of a member of Adams Rural Electric, contact Alice Baird at 937-544-2305 or 1-800-283-1846.

Happy Mothers Day



from
Adams
Rural Electric
Cooperative!



Adams Rural Electric Cooperative
will be closed **Monday, May 30**,
in observance of **Memorial Day**.
For emergency, call **937-544-2305** or **800-283-1846**.

AUTHORIZATION FORM-DIRECT PAYMENT ONLY

Please complete and return this form to:

Adams Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.
PO Box 247
West Union, OH 45693

Customer Information:

Name (as shown on bill) _____

Adams Rural Electric Account Number _____

Telephone Number _____

Service Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Direct Payment Plan

I authorize Adams Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. to instruct my financial institution to make my payments to them from the account listed below. I understand that I control my payments, and if at any time I decide to discontinue this payment service, I will notify Adams Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. in writing.

Signature _____ Date _____

Financial Institution Name _____

Type of Account [] Checking [] Savings Account Number _____

Financial Institution Routing/Transit Number _____

Please enclose a voided check so that we can record the correct financial information.

Note: Consumer must notify Adams Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc in writing within 60 days to cancel the direct payment plan.

This-n-That

BY ALICE L. BAIRD

New fixed budget year begins in July

Adams REC offers a Fixed Budget Billing Plan to our consumers. If your account has 12 months of billing history and your balance is zero, you may sign up for Fixed Budget Billing.

The primary purpose of the plan is to pay the same amount on your bill each month with a settlement month. The June billing is considered the settlement month, or end of budget year, in which case the account must be paid in full based on the actual kilowatts used during the year. If a credit exists on your account at the time of settlement, it will be applied to your next bill. The budget amount will be adjusted annually with the July billing to reflect the prior 12 months' use. You will be notified of the new budget amount on your June bill.

You may sign up for the plan at any time during the year, but to gain the full benefit of budget billing for the year, June is the most opportune time to sign up because the new fixed budget year begins in July.

Please remember that the Fixed Budget Billing Plan amount is due in full each month. Failure to pay the full Fixed Budget Billing Plan amount may result in termination of the agreement. If you would like to be set

up on the Fixed Budget Billing Plan, please contact the billing department at 937-544-2305. The account must be paid in full before the budget can be established.

Reminders

Happy Mother's Day to all of you moms on May 8! If you are fortunate enough to have your mother with you still, take time to honor her on this day and every day. 3500669500

Adams REC will be closed on May 30 in observance of Memorial Day. Remember, if you experience an outage, call 937-544-2305 or 1-800-283-1846 to report it. Do not post on Facebook or e-mail it to us, as those will not be monitored continuously, and it could delay restoration time.

If you would like to have your event posted in the Calendar of Events, please notify me at least two months in advance. Please, do not submit personal events or business advertisements.

If you need information concerning the scholarship program, Calendar of Events, capital credits, or any other questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at the office. Just ask for Alice.

WE MADE PAYING YOUR BILL EASIER

3 ways to pay with:

NO ENVELOPES!

NO STAMPS!

NO DRIVING!

ONLINE AT OUR WEBSITE

BY PHONE

DIRECT PAYMENT

FROM YOUR BANK ACCOUNT

*Pay online at www.adamsrec.com; just click on the "Pay Your Bill" link and follow the instructions. You can pay by credit/debit card or from your checking/savings account.

*Pay by phone with our payment hotline. Dial 1-800-809-6352 and follow the directions. You can pay by credit/debit card or from your checking/savings account.

*Sign up for Direct Payment today. Fill out the authorization form found in these local pages. Return the form to Adams REC, P.O. Box 247, West Union, OH 45693. Be sure to include a voided check from your bank account and to allow one month to start. If you have any questions, you may call the office at 937-544-2305.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATIONS AVAILABLE

Residential consumers of Adams Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc., who are facing termination of service due to nonpayment of their account can apply for a **30-day Medical Certification** in order to retain electric service.

Prior to termination, the consumer must provide proper certification from a health care professional, which includes a licensed physician, physician assistant, clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse practitioner, or certified nurse midwife. The health care professional must complete a form provided by Adams REC stating that termination of electric service would be **especially dangerous or life threatening** to the health of a permanent resident of the premises. The consumer must also enter into an **extended payment plan** with the cooperative and make all payments due under the plan on time.

The cooperative will accept no more than two renewal certifications regarding the health of any resident, for a total maximum certification period of 90 days within any 12-month period.

For additional information, please feel free to call the office.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May

- 6 **Wheat Ridge Amish School Benefit Auction & Supper.** Supper starts at 4 p.m. and auction at 5 p.m. Located at Ridge Way Lumber on Wheat Ridge Road. **Contact 937-544-7566.**
- 6-8 **Grand Opening - Gallery 32 Arts & Crafts Fair.** 2586 Burnt Cabin Road. Celebrate our Craft Fair on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Please visit our web store at www.gallery32antiques.com to see all that we offer! **Contact 513-767-1974.**
- 6-8 **Adams County Trade Days.** Adams County Fairgrounds. **Contact Darlene Anderson at 937-205-7141.**
- 7-8 **Free fishing weekend.** Throughout Ohio, but it's a good time to sample the fishing locally at Adams Lake and Ohio Brush Creek & Ohio River.
- 14 **Ohio Brush Creek Sweep.** Interested participants must contact Bill Wickerham at Adams County Soil & Water. **Contact Bill Wickerham at 937-544-1010.**
- 21 **Scioto Brush Creek Sweep.** Interested participants must contact Bill Wickerham at Adams County Soil & Water. **Contact Bill Wickerham at 937-544-1010.**
- 21 **John Conlee.** Performance at the Red Barn Convention Center. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m., and the concert is at 7. **Contact 1-800-823-9197, ext. 121, or visit www.redbarnconventioncenter.com/upcoming-events.**

June

- 11 **Jacksonville Reunion and Picnic.** Starting at noon at Jacksonville on Old State Route 41. **Contact Lynne Newman at 937-587-3358.**
- 11 **Mid-West Dream Center Ice Cream Social Cruise In Fundraiser.** 4-7 p.m. at 2556 Moores Road, Seaman. **Contact Rhonda Burton at 513-218-9759.**
- 17-19 **Summer Solstice Celebration at Soaring Eagle Retreat.** Celebrate the first day of summer. Enjoy vendors, educational booths, and listen to free lectures about the cultures that left evidence of themselves behind. End the day with a guided hike around the serpent effigy. **Visit serpentmound.org for a complete schedule.**
- 18 **Feast of the Setting Sun Summer Solstice Supper & Festivities.** Serpent Mound. Park gates close at 10 p.m., catered dinner by pre-registration. **Visit www.arcofappalachia.org/events/solstice.html for more information.**
- 18 **Car Show at Red Barn Pavilion.** Registration: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Car show: 1-5 p.m. Classes: before 1989, after 1989. Top 3 overall. Motorcycle, truck and car trophies awarded, dash plaques to first 50 entries. Come out for a fun family event! **Contact 1-800-823-9197, ext. 121.**
- 18 **The Van-Dells performance.** Red Barn Convention Center. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. and the concert at 7. **Contact 1-800-823-9197, ext. 121, or visit www.redbarnconventioncenter.com/upcoming-events.**
- 25 **Return of the Snakes to Serpent Mound.** Dozens of native species of snakes and other reptiles will be displayed. Live demonstrations for the children and natural history presentations for all levels of reptile enthusiasts. **Contact Serpent Mound at 1-800-752-2757 or visit www.arcofappalachia.org > Events.**
- 25 **Mark Chesnutt performance.** Red Barn Convention Center. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. and the concert at 7 p.m. **Contact 1-800-823-9197, ext. 121, or visit www.redbarnconventioncenter.com/upcoming-events.**
- 26 **Page One-Room School House Event.** 2-4 p.m. at the corner of Page School Road off of Vaughn Ridge Road. Program to be announced. **Contact Mary Fulton at 937-587-2043.**