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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*.

Changes at the 2016 Annual Meeting

THE 2016 ANNUAL MEETING of the Membership of Adams Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc., is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 27. As I stated in my March *Country Living* article, we are moving the location of the meeting this year. Not only will the location be different, but the format of the day's activities will also be different.

The meeting will be held at the Adams County Fairgrounds, and it will be held during the day. The gate will open at 10:30 a.m. with activities beginning at 11 a.m. The business meeting will be held at 1 p.m.

Food will be served by JT's Stovetop Barbecue Company of West Union. There will be bounce houses for the kids to enjoy. South Central Power Company, a fellow Ohio cooperative based in Lancaster, will provide electrical line safety demonstrations, and there also will be entertainment. The cooperative will have some of its equipment on display, and there will be other displays for viewing.

Tickets will be provided at registration for the meal. Meal tickets will be limited to two adults plus children. Members will go through a line to get their food; it will not be catered to tables. The meal will be provided from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. so everyone will not have to eat at the same time. You may want to watch an electrical safety demonstration or check out some of the other displays before you eat. Activities will conclude by 1 p.m. at the start of the business meeting, with the exception of the bounce houses. Door prizes will be drawn at various times prior to the business meeting, with no drawings after the meeting.

This will be a new direction for the Annual Meeting, and we know that we may experience some bumps in the road. We will do our best to see that the meeting is an enjoyable and informative experience, and if there are issues that arise, we ask that you be patient with us. There is always a learning curve when you do things differently. Any changes or additional information will be provided in the August issue of *Country Living*.

We hope to attract some members who have never attended an annual meeting before. And for those that have attended before, we hope they will enjoy the changes. ☺



Natalie Wagner and Garrett Stanfield receive statewide scholarship awards

BY ALICE L. BAIRD

Congratulations to Adams REC first-place scholarship winners **Natalie Wagner** and **Garrett Stanfield**. After being chosen for scholarships from Adams, Natalie and Garrett traveled to Ohio's Electric Cooperatives in Columbus on April 14, where more than 40 students representing 24 electric cooperatives in Ohio competed for \$34,000 in scholarship awards.

I am so pleased to announce that Natalie, the daughter of Pete and Janet Wagner of Russellville, won a third-place \$1,900 scholarship. Garrett, the son of Harvey and Greta Stanfield of Manchester, won a fifth-place \$1,700 scholarship.

Congratulations to you both! You are very deserving of these awards. I have no doubt that you will be successful in whatever path you choose.

Ohio's Electric Cooperatives is the statewide service organization for Adams REC and 24 other cooperatives serving Ohio.



Natalie Wagner



Garrett Stanfield

Capital credits retirements

Capital credits refunded to the estates of Adams Rural Electric Co-op members for April 2016 totaled \$22,731.68. Estates paid in 2016 to date total \$74,031.61.

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

Non-Discrimination Statement

Adams Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc., is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call 866-632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

- (1) Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) Fax 202-690-7442; or
- (3) E-mail: program.intake@usda.gov

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Avoid setting your thermostat at a colder setting than normal when you turn on your air conditioner. It will not cool your home any faster and could result in excessive cooling and unnecessary expense.

Source: energy.gov

**Happy Father's Day,
June 21!**



This-n-That

BY ALICE L. BAIRD

The calendar says summer is here! I say “the calendar says” because our weather has been so unpredictable for the past few months. We had a mostly mild winter with a few really cold spells. Spring showed up bringing abnormally cold temperatures and a late snow storm where the snow was more like Styrofoam balls than snowflakes. So what will the summer hold? I don’t know, but I hope it is hot, but not too hot, with just enough rain to keep the grass green and the flowers blooming.

My month of June will begin with a trip to Florida for my grandson’s high school graduation! Yay! It’s a long trip, but I am excited.

Ohio has more in common with sunny Florida that you may realize, and I don’t mean just the snowbirds that travel south for the winter. Just like in Ohio, a very large part of Florida is powered by electric cooperatives. I checked a couple of websites, and guess what? They look about the same as ours — same Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives logos, same seven cooperative principles.

Similarly, I was in a church down in Kentucky a few weeks ago, and in the back of the seat were fans. I took one out, and there it was: an electric cooperative logo. 3500343101

Almost anywhere you go in our great nation, you will find that at some point, the rural people in time past decided that if they were going to have electricity, they would have to take the initiative to get it. When the investor-owned, for-profit electric companies deemed it unprofitable to provide service to the rural areas, the people rose up to get it themselves, and not just in Adams REC service territory. You may find it interesting to know that electric cooperatives provide electric distribution in 47 states. I think that’s a pretty good network of people looking out for people.

Reminders

Take time on Flag Day, June 14, to think about the American flag and what it has stood for throughout the

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.

history of our nation.

Happy Father’s Day to all of you fathers on June 19! If you are fortunate enough to have your father with you still, take time to honor him on this day and every day.

The 2016 Adams REC Annual Meeting is right around the corner. Mark your calendar for Aug. 27 at the Adams County Fairgrounds and make plans to attend.

If you need information concerning the youth programs, calendar of events, or capital credits, or have any other questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at 937-544-2305 or aliceb@adamsrec.com.



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*Contact the office to sign up for Direct Payment from your bank. If you have any questions, you may call the office at 937-544-2305.

CALENDAR OF 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, visit 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.**

July

- 4 Fourth of July Celebration and Lion's Club Parade.** West Union. 9 a.m. line up; parade starts at 10 a.m. next to Olde Wayside Inn.
- 9 Mid West Dream Center "Dream Ride Bike Ride" fundraiser.** 11 am. **Contact Mike Farrell at 937-368-0535.**
- 10-16 125th Annual Adams County Fair.** Adams County Fairgrounds in West Union. **Contact Darlene Anderson at 937-205-7141 or visit adamscountyfairground.org.**
- 11 Adams County Historical Society Meeting.** 7 p.m. at the Heritage Center. **Contact Lynne Newman at 937-587-3358.**
- 29-30 Manchester River Days.** Manchester. Celebrate the founding of one of Ohio's oldest villages. Entertainment: fishing tournament, car show, carriage rides, and a 5K run/walk. **For entertainment information, contact 937-549-3691. For general information, contact 937-779-0172 or 937-892-0182.**
- 30 Adams County Genealogy Society Reunion.** 12-4 p.m. at the Heritage Center in West Union. **Contact the Adams County Genealogy Society at 937-544-8522 on Thursdays and Saturdays.**
- 31 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.**
- 31 Darkness to Light/Stewards of Children Program D2L.** Stewards of Children is an informative, educational, eye-opening two-hour program that provides participants with steps to protect children from sexual abuse, bring awareness to this epidemic, and promote changes and attitudes to nurture and protect children from abuse. Ohio Family & Children First, Ohio Children's Trust Fund, and Kimberly Newman, victim advocate at the Adams County Prosecutor's Office, are partnering and have a grant to provide this training free to individuals, agencies, and organizations through July 2016. **Contact Kimberly Newman at 937-544-8789.**