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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*.

New metering project underway

A FEW MONTHS BACK, I wrote an article about the new metering system that would be deployed in the Adams REC service territory. Our intent was to start installing the new meters in the last part of April, but due to a delay in one of the main components of the infrastructure, we didn't get underway until mid-June.

General Manager's Report
 by
Bill Swango



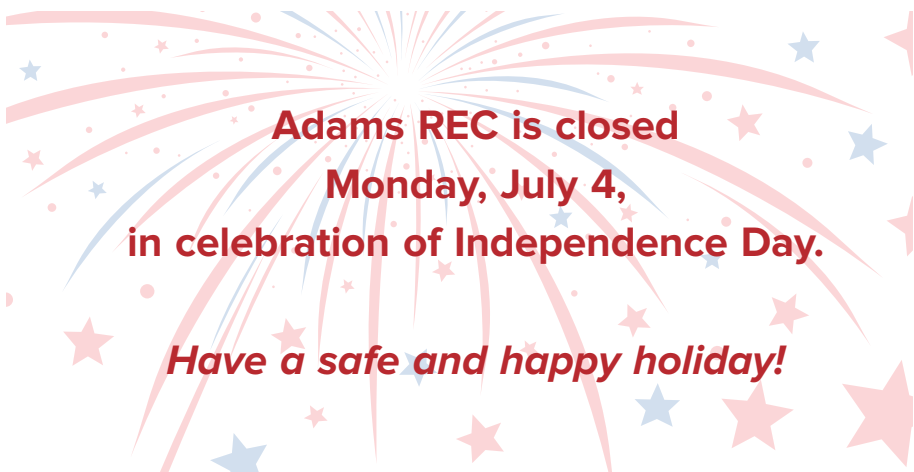
Some of you reading this may already have a new meter, while others who receive their electricity from our Panhandle Substation will be getting theirs in the near future.

The first phase of our deployment will include all of the consumers on our Panhandle Substation, which totals about 1,600 meters. Once finished with Panhandle, we will move on to another substation. These new meters will not only bring in daily readings and, if need be, on-demand readings, but they will also monitor voltage and can alert us if a transformer is overheating.

Today, when we experience an outage, we have to call a consumer or send someone to check meters to make sure the power is on. The new meters have the capability for us to send a signal, called "pinging," and in a matter of seconds we will know if a meter has power. The new metering system will integrate with our outage management system and, in some cases, alert us to a power outage before a member even calls. 3500365500

The new metering system is the final piece of the puzzle in new technologies that we have invested in over the last four years. These investments not only assist us in continuing to provide safe, reliable electricity to your homes and businesses, but also aids in the restoration of outages. When a major storm or weather event hits, the new system will be especially beneficial as a valuable addition to our geographic information mapping system, outage management system, and automatic vehicle location program. All of these pieces together will assist us in quicker restoration times.

Have a safe and fun Fourth of July! ☺



Know your candidates for Adams REC trustee

District No. 3



Jeffrey E. Morgan - Peebles

Jeff is an Adams County native. He attended West Union High School and graduated with a bachelor's degree in natural science from Shawnee State University.

Jeff and his wife, Anita, have four grown children, Daniel, Laura, Emily, and Justin, and have also been blessed with five grandchildren. They have resided in the Peebles area since 1987.

Jeff is very active in Evergreen Baptist Church, where he serves as deacon, song leader, teacher, youth worker, and van driver. He serves on the board of Mt. Hope Bible Camp, works with the Adams County Quiz Rally, and participates in other community activities.

Jeff is a 27-year employee with the U.S. Postal Service. He is very interested in good government and legislation, even running for an open seat in the U.S. Congress in 2005.

In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with family and friends, traveling, fishing, and flying his 1967 Cessna.



M. Dale Grooms - Peebles

Dale was born and raised in the Peebles area and has lived in Meigs Township all his life. Dale was a Meigs Township trustee for 24 years and is a retired equipment operator for Adams Rural Electric. He worked for Adams REC for 28 years and has served on the Adams REC board for 18 years.

Dale and his wife, Glenna, have two children, Jon and Joy. They also have seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Dale and Glenna attend the Peebles Church of Christ, where Dales serves as a deacon.

Dale and Glenna own a farm at Fawcett. They also have Grooms Glen Park, where they have Draft Horse Field Days the first week of October every year. Dale has worked with draft horses for more than 40 years and enjoys going to shows.

District No. 4



Charley Conschafsky, Otway

Charley was born in Portsmouth, Ohio, and attended Northwest School. In August, he and his wife, Donna (Bach), will be married 39 years. Charley and Donna have one daughter, Vanessa, and three grandchildren, Lauren, Garrison, and Easton.

Charley is employed by Taylor Lumber Company.



William Seaman - Otway

Bill was born and raised in the Scioto County area and has lived there all his life. He was a building contractor for 32 years, building homes and commercial structures. Bill was the supervisor of buildings and grounds for the Northwest School District for 13 years and has been enjoying retirement for seven years.

Bill and his wife, Stella, have four children, sons Robbie, Michael, and Brian and daughter, Teresa. He is also very proud of his grandchildren and enjoys them very much.

Bill enjoys gardening, camping, and traveling. He has served on the Adams REC board for 35 years and has completed and passed all of the required National Rural Electric Cooperative Association courses necessary to earn both the Credentialed Cooperative Director certificate and the Board Leadership Certificate.

District No. 7



David Abbott, Manchester

David has been a lifelong resident of Adams County (Bentonville). He and his wife, Heather, have been married for 14 years. They have two daughters, Kylie, 13, and Ashlyn, 9. Both girls attend Manchester Local School District and are very active in school, sports, and 4-H.

David is currently employed as a full time custodian and groundskeeper at Manchester Local School District (MLSD). He also farms on the side. Before being employed at MLSD, he was employed for 14 years at Cherry Fork Farm Supply.

David is currently serving his third term as a Sprigg township trustee.



John Wickerham, West Union

John was raised on a farm near Peebles. He graduated from Peebles High school and The Ohio State University. He and his wife, Carol (Wamsley), have been married for 52 years. They have three sons, Bill, Dan and wife, Jenny (McCarty), and Mark and wife, Dara (Maddox). They have six grandchildren, Noah, Josie, Jacob, Elijah, Makenna, and Mary Grace.

John has served on the Adams REC board for three years and has completed and passed all of the required National Rural Electric Cooperative Association courses necessary to earn the Credentialed Cooperative Director certificate.

John is retired from working in retail and service-related occupations, as well as seven years of teaching at Southern Hills Vocational School. He served seven years in the Ohio National Guard.

John is an actively involved member of the West Union Church of Christ and presently serves as trustee of the Adams County Historical Society.

Annual Meeting time

BY ALICE L. BAIRD

Saturday, Aug. 27, is the date for this year's Annual Meeting of the Membership of Adams Rural Electric, which will be held during the day at the Adams County Fairgrounds in West Union. Registration will begin at 10:30 a.m., and festivities will get underway around 11. Tickets will be distributed for the meal at registration. **Meal tickets will be limited to two adults plus children.** The meal will be provided from 11 to 1, so everyone will not have to eat at the same time. The format of the meeting will remain the same beginning at 1 p.m. in the Administration building.

Trustee election ballots will be mailed in mid-July. When you receive your voting ballots, be sure to mark them and return them in the pre-addressed envelope. Ballots must be postmarked by Aug. 19, 2016, to be valid. Members will vote for one candidate in each of the three districts that are to be elected. **We cannot accept the ballots at our office;** they must be sent in the pre-addressed envelope to a local CPA (Certified Public Accountant). The CPA will make sure all ballots are valid by checking for any duplication and making sure the ballots include the member's signature. He will then be present at the Annual Meeting to announce the results of the voting. By participating in the voting process, you are letting your voice be heard.

Report of the Nominating Committee

A meeting of the nominating committee, appointed by the board of trustees, was held at the Adams Rural Electric Cooperative office in West Union, on Monday, April 25, 2016, at 7 p.m. Members of the committee present were Wendell Cole, Ed Scott, Brian Grooms, Gaylen Richard, Roger Davis, and Roger Rhonemus. One of the nominees who had previously agreed to run could not; therefore, another meeting of the nominating committee was held on May 24, 2016, at 7 p.m. All members of the committee were present.

As a result of both committee meetings, the following members were placed into nomination for:

District No. 3 – M. Dale Grooms and Jeffrey E. Morgan
District No. 4 – William Seaman and Charley Conschafsky
District No. 7 – John Wickerham and David Abbott

All nominees were contacted and agreed to run and accept the position if elected.

Voting will take place by mail, with the election results announced at the Annual Meeting of the Membership on Saturday, Aug. 27, at the Adams County Fairgrounds, West Union.

Official Notice

76th Annual Meeting of Adams Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.

This is your official notice of the Annual Meeting of Members of Adams Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. at the Adams County Fairgrounds, West Union, Ohio, on Saturday, August 27, 2016, from 1 p.m. to approximately 3 p.m. for the purposes listed below. Registration will begin at 10:30 a.m., with food and entertainment until 1 p.m.

1. Reading of the notice of the meeting and proof of the due publication or mailing thereof.
2. Reading of the unapproved minutes of previous meeting of the members and the taking of necessary action thereof.
3. Presentation and consideration of the reports of the officers, board members, and committees.
4. Results of the election of board members.
The three terms that expire this year, with the candidates for election, are:
District No. 3 – M. Dale Grooms and Jeffrey E. Morgan
District No. 4 – William (Bill) Seaman and Charley Conschafsky
District No. 7 – John Wickerham and David Abbott
5. Unfinished business.
6. New business.
7. To conduct such other business as may properly come before the annual meeting of the members.
8. Adjournment.

— Kenneth McCann, Secretary

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July

- 4 **Fourth of July Celebration and Lion's Club Parade.** West Union. 9 a.m. lineup; parade starts at 10 a.m. next to Olde Wayside Inn.
- 9 **Mid-West Dream Center "Dream Ride Bike Ride" fundraiser.** 11 a.m. **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.**

August

- 6 **Moe Bandy performs at the 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.
- 12 **Perseid Meteor Shower Viewing.** 10 p.m.-2 a.m. We hope to take count of how many meteors we see and what direction they are moving. There will be a guided tour through the sky. There is no cost, but we ask that you register **by calling 1-937-587-3953 to learn more visit us at www.serpentmound.org.**
- 20 **Archaeology Day at Serpent Mound.** Explore Ohio's ancient Native American legacies through archaeological presentations and many displays of artifacts left behind by our native cultures.
Contact Serpent Mound at 1-800-752-2757 or visit www.arcofappalachia.org > Events.
- 20 **20th Annual Marine Corps League 5K Race and Walk.** **Contact Danny Blanton at 937-217-3516.**
- 20 **Mid West Dream Center "Quarter Raffle" fundraiser.** Doors open at 4 p.m.; raffle at 5 p.m.
Contact Rhonda Burton at 513-218-9759.
- 20 **Connie Smith performs at the 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**
- 26-28 **Winchester Caramel Festival.** Fun for the whole family! Some of the events we have planned are a descendants' recognition, queen's contest, liberty band, car show, and parade.
Contact Patsy Roberts at 937-403-1315.

Capital credits retirements

Capital credits refunded to the estates of Adams Rural Electric Co-op members for May 2016 totaled \$19,479.31. Estates paid in 2016 to date total \$93,510.94.

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