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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](http://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*.

## Overhead vs. under-ground power lines:

What's the difference?



THERE ARE TWO METHODS of installing the power lines that carry electricity to your home: overhead and underground. Adams Rural Electric Cooperative members sometimes ask why we use one versus the other, or why all power lines are not installed using the underground construction method. These are great questions, and the answer is that each method has its place.

Overhead line construction starts with the setting of utility poles. Poles can be set in nearly any type of terrain, even rocky ones. In the case of heavy rock, special equipment is used to auger out the hole. If placement occurs in boggy or wet terrain, many techniques are available to set poles securely. Once the poles are in place, wires can be strung and then equipment — like transformers, fuses, and reclosers — is installed. Power can then flow.

Underground line construction requires digging a trench that is deep enough to keep the lines well away from surface activities. Where the terrain is extremely rocky, underground lines may not be an option. Next, wires are laid in the trench directly or placed in conduits for protection. The trench is filled in, and the surface is restored to its original condition. Pad-mount transformers and additional equipment are installed as needed. Then the system is ready to deliver electricity.

Let's take a look at some the advantages and disadvantages of each construction method.

### Overhead construction: pros

- Lower cost; quicker construction; easier to spot damage and faults; less expensive to repair and upgrade; can be built anywhere; any voltage can be placed overhead

### Overhead construction: cons

- Susceptible to wind, ice, and snow; more vulnerable to damage from trees and vegetation, which requires right-of-way trimming; vulnerable to blinks when animals and branches contact lines; susceptible to damage from vehicle collisions; less attractive

### Underground construction: pros

- Not vulnerable to damage from tree branches; no right-of-way trimming required; less susceptible to damage from vehicle collisions; not impacted by wind, ice, and snow; less vulnerable to blinks when animals and branches contact lines

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## OFFICIAL NOTICE

Certification of Active Duty Deployment  
Adams Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.

The cooperative will not disconnect electric service to the residential premises of any residential member who is deployed on active duty for nonpayment for electricity provided to the residential premises.

Upon return of the residential member from active duty, the cooperative will offer the residential member a period equal to at least the period of deployment on active duty to pay any arrearages incurred during the period of deployment. If the period the cooperative offers the residential member for repayment presents a hardship, the member may request a longer period to repay the arrearages. No late payment fees or interest will be charged to the residential member during the period of deployment or the repayment period.

“Active duty” means active duty pursuant to an executive order of the president of the United States, an act of the congress of the United States, or section 5919.29 or 5923.21 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The residential member must resume the timely payment of all charges for electric service provided by the cooperative after the return from active duty deployment.

In order to avoid disconnection of electric service for nonpayment for electric service during a period of active duty deployment, a completed Certification of Active Duty Deployment form must be submitted to the cooperative. Certification of Active Duty Deployment forms are available from the cooperative upon request.

## This-n-That

BY ALICE L. BAIRD

### Annual Meeting

The 76th annual meeting of the Members of Adams Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc., has come and gone. I hope everyone enjoyed the meeting. I will try to have highlights in the October issue of *Country Living*.

### Reminders

If your billing information has changed, you can show changes on the back of your bill stub or give us a call. It is very important that we have your correct mailing address so that your bill and other correspondence gets to you. A correct phone number allows us to reach you with important information, 3500663100 which is especially important if your account is close to disconnection.

Remember, the office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 5, in observance of Labor Day. If you experience an outage, call 937-544-2305 or 1-800-283-1846.

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

### Outage reminder

If you experience a power outage, please do not attempt to notify the office by Facebook or e-mail. Facebook and e-mail are not continuously monitored, especially in the evenings or on weekends. This type of communication could delay restoration time. **Please call the office at 937-544-2305 or 1-800-283-1846 to report a power outage.**

### Capital credits retirements

Capital credits refunded to the estates of Adams Rural Electric Co-op members for July 2016 totaled \$10,679.03. Estates paid in 2016 to date total \$106,380.11.

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

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**NO ENVELOPES!**

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\*Pay online at [www.adamsrec.com](http://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.



**The office is closed**

**Monday, Sept. 5,**

**in recognition of Labor Day.**

**Have a safe and happy holiday!**

**Emergency service is available 24 hours a day by calling 937-544-2305 and 1-800-283-1846.**



## Overhead vs. underground power lines:

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### Underground construction: cons

- More expensive to build; susceptible to flooding; difficult to locate faults; expensive to repair; fed by overhead lines at some point, making the lines vulnerable to outages and interruptions; limitations on voltages that can be buried underground; can be vulnerable to dig-ins

Determining whether power lines should be overhead or underground boils down to what is best for the situation. Underground lines might be ideal in situations where there is a desire to keep the poles and wires out of sight, such as a residential neighborhood, park, or historical area.

Overhead systems work well when appearance is not a major concern. Examples include extremely long line distances across country, where the voltages are higher than the limitations set for underground lines.

The ultimate mix of underground and overhead construction used by Adams provides you, our members, with the highest possible quality of service at the lowest possible price. Cost, appearance, reliability, maintenance, and future upgrades will drive which is the better approach. ☺

## 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.**

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## September

- 1 Adams County Junior Fair Beef Barbecue.** Evening meal from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Ohio Valley Career & Tech Center in West Union. **Contact Corbett Phipps at 937-544-2088.**
- 3 19th Annual Amish School Benefit Cookout.** Miller's Bakery & Furniture, 960 Wheat Ridge Road. **Contact Miller's at 937-544-8524.**
- 9-11 40th Annual Bentonville Harvest Festival.** **Contact Sue Naylor at 937-549-3360.**
- 9-11 15th Annual Rarden Whitetail Deer Festival.** Rarden Community Park, State Route 73, Rarden. **For more information, visit [www.rardendeerfest.com](http://www.rardendeerfest.com).**
- 15-18 47th Annual Peebles Old Timers Days.** Festival starts at 6 p.m. Thursday in downtown Peebles. **Contact Heather James at 937-483-8224.**
- 15-18 Serpent Mound Open House.** Parking fee waived for Adams County residents.
- 17 Walk to End Alzheimer's.** Adams County Fairgrounds. Registration at 9 a.m. One-mile walk at 10 a.m. **For more information, to donate, or to register, visit [www.alz.org/cincinnati](http://www.alz.org/cincinnati) or call 1-800-272-3900 or 513-721-4284, ext. 127.**
- 21-24 103rd Anniversary Seaman Fall Festival.** One of Ohio's oldest community festivals. **Contact Doris Bailey at 937-386-2083.**
- 23 Autumn Equinox Drumming.** 8 p.m. to midnight. Free and open to the public. Please dress accordingly and bring your own flashlight, chair, drum, and refreshments for the evening's drumming under the stars. **For more information, visit [www.serpentmound.org](http://www.serpentmound.org).**
- 24 Adams County Marathon, Half-Marathon, and 5K Race.** 8 a.m. Run the Amish country: Race will begin and end at Miller's Bakery & Furniture. Amish children will be handing out water in front of their four schools along the course. All participants will receive a T-shirt and an awesome goody bag. All participants completing the course will receive a unique Amish finisher medal. **Register at [www.runwiththeamish.com](http://www.runwiththeamish.com) or download and mail in a registration form.**
- 24 "Breakfast Cruise In" fundraiser for Midwest Dream Center.** 8 a.m. **Contact Rhonda Burton at 513-218-9759.**
- 25 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.**
- 30 Wheat Ridge Amish School Benefit Auction and Supper.** Supper starts at 4 p.m. and auction at 5 p.m. at Ridge Way Lumber on Wheat Ridge. **Call 937-544-7566.**
- 30- Adams County Heritage Days.** Friday evening and Saturday in Tranquility at the John T. Wilson

## October

- 1 Homestead.** 92 Old St. Rt. 32, Peebles. Relive an era of time gone by and learn about historical events of the time. **Contact the Wilson Homestead at 937-386-0143 or visit [www.johntwilsonhomestead.com](http://www.johntwilsonhomestead.com).**
- 1 Annual Old Fashion Draft Horse, Mule, and Pony Field Days.** Glen-Dale Park, 2915 Fawcett Road, 6 miles south of Peebles. **Contact Dale Grooms at 937-544-3123.**
- 1 39th Annual Miller's Anniversary Customer Appreciation Day and Cookout.** Miller Bakery & Furniture on Wheat Ridge Road. **Contact Miller's at 937-544-8524.**
- 1-2 Caraway's Fall Pumpkin Days.** Caraway Farms, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Fun for the entire family! Dozens of local vendors, entertainment, kids games, and our famous cow train! **Call 937-544-7292.**
- 7-9 Wheat Ridge Olde Thyme Herb Fair & Harvest Celebration.** **Contact Kim Erwin at 937-544-8252.**
- 7-9 Adams County Trade Days.** Adams County Fairgrounds. **Contact Darlene Anderson at 937-205-7141.**
- 9 14th annual Jack Roush Day at the Riverbarn.** Named after Manchester's own hometown racing legend Jack Roush. This is a day of festivities that features hundreds of classic cars. If you are a muscle car fan plan on spending the day with us. **Contact Buster at 937-549-3628 or Ray at 937-544-3154.**
- 22 Aaron Tippin 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](http://www.redbarnconventioncenter.com/upcoming-events).**
- 30 Page One-Room School House Event.** 2-4 p.m. at the corner of Page School Road off of Vaughn Ridge Road. Program is "Halloween." **Contact Mary Fulton at 937-587-2043.**