



MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

FINDING THAT NEEDLE IN A HAYSTACK

I'm sure you have heard the old saying that when something is hard to find it is like "looking for a needle in a haystack." Sometimes, that's the way our linemen feel when they try to find the cause of an outage or flickering lights. It's easy to find that tree on the line or broken poles, but when it comes to a busted phase or a cracked insulator, it can be a time-consuming endeavor.

Electric lines are composed of strands of wire twisted together, and sometimes, due to age, weather, etc., one of the wires will break, untwist, and hang down, touching the neutral line. This causes a fault and the

power goes out or, if the wind is blowing, it could cause the lights to flicker each time the untwisted strand hits the neutral one. From ground level those strands, which are no bigger than an eighth of an inch, can be almost impossible to see.

The same can be said for a cracked insulator. An insulator, usually made of porcelain, insulates the electric lines from the poles where they are attached. Lightning strikes, among other things, can cause an insulator to crack and lose its insulation ability. Again, very difficult to see from the ground, and very time-consuming to go from pole to pole. So that needle you are trying to find could be that busted phase or a cracked insulator. 420003808

All electric utilities have protection devices on the lines that cause the power to go off when a fault occurs. We call these devices sectionalizers. Sectionalizers usually consist of a circuit recloser or a cutout fuse. A recloser will operate three times if a fault occurs and then, if the fault doesn't clear, power will go completely off. A cutout fuse will blow whenever a fault occurs and the power will go completely off. So, in order to try to find where the problem is, our linemen will hang devices on the line called fault finders. For these fault finders to work, they have to energize the line momentarily. Then the fault finders can point the linemen toward the right direction of the fault. Even with the use of the fault finders, it can take a lot of time to find the fault, especially if the line is long or the terrain is difficult.

I am including a picture of a small snake and a bird that caused an outage a couple of years ago. I am assuming that the bird was carrying the small snake and decided to land on the top of one of our poles. The snake went over the hot phase and the bird landed on the top of the pole, therefore creating a fault. Very difficult to see from the ground. That was the last thing they remember!



Bill Swango
GENERAL MANAGER





Ronald Lynch retires after 29 years of service

Adams Rural Electric trustees, management, staff, and employees celebrated the retirement of Ronald Lynch, along with members of his family, on July 20, which was also his birthday. Ronald was presented with a gift by General Manager Bill Swango and Board President Stephen Huff. With delicious food, an awesome cake, and a lot of friendly chatter, everyone appeared to have a good time.

Ronald began his career at Adams on May 30, 1989, as coordinator of engineering services. He retired from Adams after 29 years



of service. He is ready to jump into this next chapter of his life, with plans for golfing with the grandchildren, rooting for UK, and of course, lots of “honey-do” jobs for his wife, Nadine. His shirt said it best: “Retired; Under New Management; See Wife for Details.”

We wish Ronald the best, and trust that he will enjoy a healthy and happy retirement.

Capital credits retirements

Capital credits refunded to the estates of Adams Rural Electric Co-op members for July 2018 totaled \$5,180.87. Estates paid in 2018 to date total \$78,659.59.

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.

Please update your address and phone number

Name _____

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Mail to: Adams Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.
P.O. Box 247
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Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Turn off kitchen, bath, and other exhaust fans within 20 minutes after you're done cooking or bathing. When replacing exhaust fans, consider installing high-efficiency, low-noise models.

Source: energy.gov





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.



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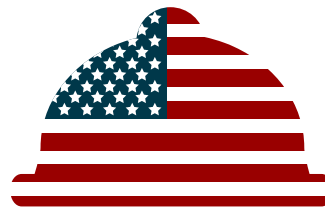
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NO ENVELOPES! NO STAMPS! NO DRIVING!



LABOR DAY

Our office will be closed on Sept. 3 in observance of Labor Day.

In case of emergency, call 937-544-2305 or 1-800-283-1846

PLEASE CALL IN YOUR OUTAGES



Do not use email or Facebook!

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



ADAMS RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE LOCAL PAGES

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

- 1 **21st Annual Amish School Benefit Cookout.** 9 a.m.–3 p.m. at Miller’s Bakery & Furniture, at 960 Wheat Ridge Road, West Union. 937-544-8524
- 6 **Adams County Junior Fair Beef Barbecue.** 4:30–7:00 p.m. at the Ohio Valley Career & Tech Center in West Union. Tickets available at: OSU Extension Adams County, 937-544-2339; your local 4-H Club or FFA Chapter; or at the door. Corbett Phipps at 937-205-0842 or 937-544-2088
- 6–9 **42nd Bentonville Harvest Festival.** Sue Naylor at 937-549-3360
- 8 **Janie Fricke** will perform at The Red Barn Convention Center. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. Concert is at 7 p.m. Contact 1-800-823-9197 ext. 121
- 9/8–10/8 **Erwin Farms Corn Maze.** 1365 Coon Hill Rd. Fri., Sat. & Sun. from 10 a.m.–6 p.m. 513-515-0084
- 13–16 **51st Annual Peebles Old Timers Days Festival.** Starts at 6 p.m. Thursday in downtown Peebles. Grand Parade 3 p.m. on Sunday. Marie Palmer at 937-587-3749
- 15 **Forgotten Way Farm and Corn Maze.** 4675 Eckmansville Rd. Open Saturdays & Sundays 2 p.m.–dark. 937-386-4048
- 19–22 **105th Anniversary — Seaman Fall Festival.** Doris Bailey at 937-386-2083
- 19–22 **7th Annual Skinny Fest Bluegrass Festival.** 1266 Hamilton Rd., Lynx. Free. Check our website at www.skinnyfest.net and Facebook for updates!
- 22 **Bill Anderson** will perform at The Red Barn Convention Center. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. Concert is at 7 p.m. Contact 1-800-823-9197 ext. 121
- 28 **Wheat Ridge Amish School Benefit Auction & Grilled Chicken BBQ Supper.** 4–7 p.m. at Ridge Way Lumber, 3735 Wheat Ridge Rd. 937-544-7566
- 28–29 **Adams County Heritage Days.** 9 a.m.–5 p.m. at the John T. Wilson Homestead located at 92 Old St. Rte. 32, Peebles. 937-386-0143 or johntwilsonhomestead.org
- 29–30 **Old Fashion Draft Horse, Mule & Pony Field Days and Antique Tractor Show.** Glen-Dale Park, 2915 Fawcett Rd., 6 miles south of Peebles. 937-587-3293
- 29 **16th Annual Jack Roush Day.** At the Riverbarn, 7023 U.S. 52. Buster at 937-779-2782



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