

# ADAMS



## Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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West Union, OH 45693  
Phone: 937-544-2305  
Toll-free 1-800-283-1846

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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:

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

Pay by phone at 1-800-809-6352.

Pay directly from your bank account.

Pay at these collection points:

The 5/3 Bank of Southern Ohio  
Manchester, Peebles, West Union

The First State Bank of Adams County  
Manchester, Seaman, Winchester,  
Peebles and West Union

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

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## No rate increase planned for Adams REC

I hope everyone had a blessed holiday season. It seems that it was not long ago that we were preparing for the Y2K event and now we are one decade away. It's hard to believe that it's 2010 already.

We are hoping for a better January this year than last as far as weather goes. Last year, an ice storm hit the last week of January. Our employees and numerous others worked tirelessly to restore power to our consumers. We were 10 days restoring power to the last consumer. That storm took its toll on the cooperative and its members. This year we would settle for just average January weather with no ice storm.

Barring another ice storm this year or some other unforeseen happening, Adams REC has no plans on increasing rates for 2010. Buckeye Power will have a rate increase in July for power that we purchase from it. As you are aware, each month your generation and transmission cost adjustment fluctuates depending on what the power costs Adams REC for that particular month.

The economy still is having a big impact on the cooperative. As I write this article, we have only installed 56 new services for the year. During the period between 1998 and 2008 the cooperative averaged 213 new connects per year. However, since 2006 there has been a steady decline. We connected 153 new services in 2006, 118 in 2007 and 99 in 2008. We will finish the year connecting approximately 65. There appears to be no sign of this trend turning around in the very near future.

You may ask why this affects the cooperative. Just like any other business, we plan and expect a certain amount of growth to cover increases in costs, especially those associated with the day-to-day operations of the cooperative. When we don't get that growth, the amount to cover those increases in expenses has to come from somewhere else. We expect the level of growth for 2010 to be similar to 2009; however, we feel the plans that we have put in place will ensure that the cooperative meets its 2010 financial obligations to its lenders without further burdening our members with a rate increase.

As always, our goal at Adams Rural Electric Cooperative is to strive to continue to provide safe, affordable electricity to our member-owners.

### General Manager's Report

by  
Bill Swango



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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.

**AUTHORIZATION FORM — DIRECT PAYMENT ONLY**

Please complete and return this form to: **Adams Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
P.O. 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

Happy New Year! It is hard to comprehend that it is 2010. Last year seemed to go by so quickly. They say that's because of age, but I have heard some young people remarking that time is passing swiftly. There's always so much to do at the beginning of each year. For me, and I hope I am not the only one, one of my biggest challenges in the next few weeks will be making sure that I write 2010 instead of 2009. I always seem to have a little trouble with that change.

I hope your new year brings much peace, joy, love and happiness.

## Adams Rural Electric offers scholarships

Adams Rural Electric Cooperative will again be offering scholarships to graduating seniors from this area who have made the choice to continue their education. To be eligible to apply for a scholarship, the student's parent or guardian must be a member of the cooperative; the student must have all basic credits for college or proper vocational or technical school; the student must have a current career grade-point average of "B" (3.5 on a 4-point scale) or better; and the student must be accepted to an accredited college or proper vocational/technical school. Adams will award two first-place scholarships of \$1,000 each. We will also present two second-place scholarships of \$500 each. The deadline for submission of the applications to the office is March 11.

The first-place winners will then be eligible to compete in the Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives, Inc. Scholarship Program, with a chance to win a scholarship for an amount up to \$2,755! You can find more information with rules and regulations within these local pages.

## Capital credits

Capital Credits refunded to the estates of Adams Rural Electric Co-op members for November 2009 totaled \$11,918.60. Estates paid in 2009 total \$125,281.76.

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

## Hidden account number credit

Find **your** account number in the 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 each month in which your account number appears.

## Reminder of payment options

Adams REC provides several ways to pay your bill. To pay your bill without the hassle of using stamps, envelopes or driving, you can pay online, by phone or directly from your bank account. And as always you can still pay your bill by mail, in person at the office, in the drop box or at the following pay stations: the 5/3 Bank in Manchester, Peebles and West Union; the First State Bank in Manchester, Seaman, Winchester, Peebles and West Union; and the National Bank in West Union. You can find more payment information within these local pages. 1820850017

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

If you need information concerning the youth programs or capital credits, or have any other questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at the office by phone at 937-544-2305 or e-mail at [aliceb@adamsrec.com](mailto:aliceb@adamsrec.com).

**WE MADE PAYING YOUR BILL EASIER**  
**3 ways to pay with:**  
**NO ENVELOPES!**  
**NO STAMPS!**  
**NO DRIVING!**

- ONLINE AT OUR WEB SITE
- BY PHONE
- DIRECT PAYMENT FROM YOUR BANK ACCOUNT

\*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 begin.

If you have any questions, you may call the office at 937-544-2305.

# HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

**Are your parents members of an electric cooperative?**

**You could win a college, vocational or technical school scholarship of**

# \$2,755\*

**Contact your electric cooperative for details on how you can enter**

**\*First place for each division, boys' and girls'**

**Second place: .....\$1,925**

**Third place: .....\$1,650**

**Fourth place: .....\$1,540**

**Fifth place:.....\$1,430**

**Sixth place: .....\$1,320**

**Seventh place: .....\$1,200**

**Here are the rules for the Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives, Inc., scholarship competition**

1. Applicants must be a son, daughter or legal ward of an Ohio rural electric distribution cooperative member living on the lines and receiving service at the time of the statewide competition.
2. All applications must be submitted (typed) on forms obtainable on request from your participating local electric cooperative office or at buckeyepower.com.
3. All applications must be submitted to the office of that cooperative by its deadline date.
4. Applicants must have all basic credits for college or proper\*\* vocational or technical school entrance. They must have a current career grade-point average of "B+" (3.5 on a 4-point scale) or better and must be accepted, then enrolled (when they receive the award), in the accredited college or proper\*\* vocational or technical school of their choice.
5. Any applicant who has received a full-tuition scholarship to the school of his/her choice is not eligible for a scholarship from OREC.
6. All scholarships must be accepted in the first academic year after proof of enrollment is received by OREC.
7. Each electric cooperative is eligible to nominate two candidates (one in each division) to participate in the statewide competition.

**For information, contact:**

**Alice Baird**

**937-544-2305**

**Applications must be received in the office no later than March 11.**

\*\*Proper vocational or technical schools must educate beyond high school and credits earned must be transferable to a state-accredited college.

