

ADAMS



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:

Pay online at 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

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

Clean coal technology? It's not an oxymoron and already helps co-ops

About 90 percent of your electricity is generated from burning coal. This has contributed greatly to keeping your electric rates affordable throughout the years. Coal is abundant and relatively inexpensive.

But coal-fired power plants can be sources of pollution. The world saw this fact illustrated during the Beijing Olympic Games last year. China has little or no pollution control on its coal-burning power plants and is constructing new fossil fuel generation units as quickly as it can. Its citizens were seen throughout the Olympics wearing masks to avoid breathing in pollutants from the hazy, smog-laden air.

Things are different in this part of the world. Our investment in environmental controls began in the 1970s, long before the current emphasis on climate change and global warming. Buckeye Power, the generation-and-transmission cooperative that provides wholesale electricity to the 25 distribution cooperatives serving Ohio, owns two units at the Cardinal Generating Station on the Ohio River. It began installing pollution control equipment back in the 1970s and continued these efforts as new technology became available. By 2012, the base load generation owned or controlled by Buckeye Power will have full emission control capability for removal and reduction of particulate matter, nitrogen oxide (NO_x), sulfur dioxide (SO₂) and mercury.

Ohio electric cooperatives are helping clean up the air we breathe. That's a good thing, even if we pay higher wholesale rates for our electricity than we did in the 1970s and '80s. Today, about 15 percent of your electric bill is related to environmental investments. Here is what we've accomplished:

Precipitators — About 14 percent of the coal that is burned to make electricity is not consumed and remains as particles of clay, rock and minerals known as ash, similar to the ash left when you've built a campfire. About 80 percent of this nonburnable material is light enough to float out of the boiler along with hot gases. It's called fly ash. Electrostatic precipitators at the Cardinal plant prevent fly ash from being discharged into the atmosphere. These precipitators remove more than 99.5 percent of the fly ash produced by burning coal. The other 20 percent of the ash pro-

General Manager's Report

by
Bill Swango



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Election procedure

As a member of Adams Rural Electric Cooperative, you are part owner of the cooperative. The Cooperative Principle of "one member, one vote" allows you to express your ownership interest by attending and voting at the Annual Meeting. This year's Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 17.

Following is information on the nominating and election of Trustees:

General powers

The entire business and affairs of the cooperative shall be managed by a board of nine (9) Trustees which shall exercise all of the powers of the cooperative except such as are, by law, the Articles of Incorporation or the Code of Regulations conferred upon or reserved to the members.

Election and tenure of office

The service territory of the cooperative is divided into nine districts; one board member represents each district. Board members shall be elected for three-year terms by secret ballot at the Annual Meeting of the Members, with three Trustees elected

each year. No person shall be eligible to become or remain a Trustee who is not a member and bona fide resident in the district within the service area of the cooperative which they are to represent.

Nomination

It shall be the duty of the Board to appoint, not less than 30 days nor more than 90 days before the date of the meeting of the members at which members of the Board are to be elected, a committee on nominations consisting of not less than five nor more than 11 members who shall be selected so as to ensure equitable representation on the committee to the geographic areas constituting the service area of the cooperative.

Nominations shall include at least two candidates from each district for a Board member representing such district, which is to be filled at the next Annual Meeting of the Members.

Any 25 or more members may make other nominations by petition not less than 15 days prior to the meeting of the members.

Please contact us if you have any questions about the election process of your cooperative.

Nondiscrimination Statement

Adams Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. is the recipient of federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). The USDA prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, or because all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotope, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at 202-720-2600 (voice and TDD).

The person who is responsible for coordinating this organization's nondiscrimination compliance effort is Bill Swango, general manager. Any individual or specific class of individuals, who feels that this organization has subjected them to discrimination, may obtain further information about the statutes and regulations listed above from this organization. To file a complaint of discrimination, write to USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, or call toll free 866-632-9992 (voice) or 800-877-8339 (TDD) or 866-377-8642 (relay voice users). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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.

Clean coal technology?

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duced, which falls to the bottom of the boilers, is called bottom ash. It's stored in ponds and sold as an ingredient in road construction material, cinder blocks or for snow and ice control on highways.

SCRs — Late in 2001, Buckeye began to install selective catalytic reduction (SCR) technology at Cardinal units 2 and 3 in order to reduce emissions of NO_x. The SCRs reduce NO_x in flue gas by 90 percent when they are in operation.

FGDs — The most recent environmental project at Cardinal is the addition of a flue gas desulfurization (FGD) system. The FGD scrubs approximately 98 percent of SO₂ produced during the generation process. By utilizing FGD and SCR systems in series at Cardinal, mercury also is effectively removed from the flue gas.

Almost 30 years of environmental investment by Buckeye Power and Ohio's electric cooperatives proves through reduced emissions that "clean coal" power plant operation can be achieved. It requires vision, commitment, technology and willingness to pay a little more for electricity today to make a better world tomorrow.

Coal is too important a fuel resource for us to abandon.

This-n-that

by ALICE BAIRD

Scholarship winners

Kayla Shipley and Tyler Sheeley were our first-place winners of scholarship awards of \$1,000 each from Adams Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. They traveled to Columbus on May 11 to compete with

students from other Ohio cooperatives for a chance to win additional scholarships up to \$2,625. Students were judged on their scholastic record, personal achievement, a personal interview and cooperative knowledge.

Kayla is the daughter of Robbie and Gay Lynn Shipley of Winchester. She attended North Adams

High School and participated in the Post Secondary Option Program at Shawnee State University. Kayla plans to continue her studies at Shawnee State University in pursuit of a career in health sciences and physical therapy.

Tyler is the son of Jonathan and Karen Sheeley of West Union. He attended West Union High School and plans to attend the University of Toledo working toward a degree in pharmacy.

Kayla and Tyler are both wonderful young adults and they have represented your cooperative well. I would like to congratulate them both on a job well done. I expect they will achieve great things as they endeavor to reach their life goals.

Water heater warranty

Marathon® water heaters have a limited lifetime warranty on the tank. Component parts (elements, vacuum valves, thermostats etc.) have a six-year warranty period from the date of manufacture. You can view the warranty at www.marathonheaters.com

Adams Rural Electric Cooperative no longer sells water heaters. At the present time we continue to carry replacement water heaters, as well as compo-

nent parts. There is no charge for water heater parts replaced during the six-year warranty period with the return of the old part. After the six-year warranty, you must purchase any replacement parts.

If you have purchased a Marathon water heater from Adams Rural Electric Cooperative, it is important for you to understand that the warranty is not with Adams Rural Electric, but with Marathon.

Happy 4th

Just a reminder that in observance of the 4th of July, the Adams REC office will be closed on Friday, July 3. I want to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. Be proud of who you are and of our nation. America has her faults, but she is still the best.

It is in your best interest to keep Adams Rural Electric updated on your mailing

address and current phone number. There is space allotted on your bill stub to enter any changes to your address or phone number. 1410001403

If you need information concerning the youth programs, Calendar of Events, capital credits or any other questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at the office. Just ask for Alice.



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*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.

*Call the office to sign up for Direct Payment from your bank account.

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

**Adams Rural Electric wishes
all of our members a safe and
happy 4th of July!
We will be closed on
Friday, July 3.**

Your Touchstone Energy® Partner



Protect yourself from lightning

by CHRIS GRAMMES

According to the National Weather Service, lightning kills an average of 62 people each year in the United States. In 2008, 27 people died from a "bolt out of the blue." The majority of these fatalities occurred outside, but caution must be taken indoors as well.

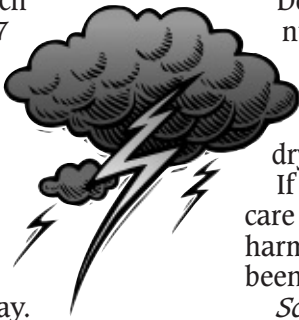
Follow these tips to keep you and your family safe from lightning this summer:

Seek shelter immediately if you hear thunder; lightning is not far away.

Find shelter in a substantial building or in a fully enclosed vehicle with the windows rolled up.

Do not seek shelter under trees, picnic or rain structures, or in open-frame vehicles. Avoid objects like electric wires or metal fences.

If you cannot find shelter in a building or closed-frame vehicle, keep your feet together and crouch on the ground using the "lightning crouch:" feet together, squat low, tuck head and cover ears.



If you are inside, do not plug or unplug anything during an electrical storm.

Do not use corded telephones—phone use is the number-one cause of indoor lightning injuries in the United States. Avoid contact with other electrical equipment like computers.

Avoid contact with water, pipes, washers or dryers.

If a person is struck by lightning, call 911 and care for the victim immediately. You cannot be harmed by touching the victim after he or she has been struck by lightning.

Sources: National Weather Service; Safe Electricity.org

Capital credits

Capital credits refunded to the estates of Adams Rural Electric Co-op members for May 2009 totaled \$16,296.10. Estates paid in 2009 total 48,451.48.

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

Adams County area calendar of events

JULY

- 4 **Fourth of July Celebration** Lions' Parade and Celebration in West Union — 9 a.m. line up. Starts at 10 a.m. next to Wayside Inn. Contact: Jud Paul 937-544-1464.
- 11 **Reptile Day** — Noon-5 p.m., Serpent Mound, Peebles. Contact: Keith Bengston 937-587-2796.
- 11 **The Red Barn Gospel Bluegrass Festival** at Red Barn Convention Center in Winchester. Festivities begin at 1 p.m. For ticket pricing and information, call 1-800-823-9197, ext. 121.
- 19-25 **118th Annual Adams County Fair** — Adams County Fairgrounds, West Union. Contact: Connie McDonald 937-217-1522.
- 24, 25 **Indian Artifact Show** — Fri., noon-10 p.m., and Sat., 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Riverbarn, Manchester. Contact: Steve Lewis (days) 937-549-4093 or Mike Evans (evenings) 937-549-1877.
- 25 **Adams County Genealogy Society Annual Reunion** — noon-4 p.m., Heritage Center, West Union. Contact: ACGS, 937-544-8522 (Thursdays or Saturdays, 12-4).
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Aug. 2 **Kinfolk Landing Days** — Manchester. Contact: Jane Wilson 937-549-4074.

AUGUST

- 8 **Travis Ralston 3rd Annual Memorial Scholarship Motorcycle Ride** — 10:30 a.m., Wrightsville. Contact: Eugenia Grooms or Beth Bilyeu 937-549-4078.
- 15 **1st Cowboy Copas Outdoor Concert** at the Red Barn Convention Center in Winchester. Concert starts at 6 p.m. Tickets \$10. Contact Lynne Newman at 937-587-3358.
- 15 **13th Annual Marine Corps League 5-K Race and Walk** — 8:30 a.m., West Union Elementary. Contact: Dan Blanton 937-544-6031.