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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:**

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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## Annual Meeting time

Saturday, Aug 13, is the date for this year's Annual Meeting of the Membership of Adams Rural Electric. This will mark the first year that the annual meeting will be held in August as opposed to October. This will be the second year for the meeting to be held at the Red Barn Convention Center near Winchester. I'm sure that if you attended

last year's meeting, you will agree that it was a wonderful venue for the meeting.

The format of the meeting will remain the same with the registration beginning at 5:15 pm, dinner at 5:45 pm and the business meeting to begin at 7 p.m. Entertainment will be provided during the meal time.

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. 5 to be valid. Members will be voting 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.

Historically about 2 percent of Adams' members attend the Annual Meeting to vote on matters of the cooperative. With the change to mail in ballots in 2010, the percentage of members voting increased to around 11 percent. By participating in the voting process you are letting your voice be heard.

I also wanted to inform the members of Adams REC that Buckeye Power will have a wholesale rate increase beginning in the month of July. This will begin affecting you, as a consumer, around the middle of August. The rate increase will average \$0.00548 per kilowatt-hour. The rate increase from Buckeye Power is due to continuing efforts to meet environmental regulations and the securing of long-range generation needs for the cooperatives in Ohio. The increase from Buckeye Power will show on the member's bill in the Generation & Transmission Charge and the Generation & Transmission Cost Adjustment.

Electricity is still a great value! At the current rate for electricity you get about 9 kilowatt-hours for \$1. With \$1 you can get a sweet tea or double cheeseburger, or \$1 will power a 100-watt light bulb and allow you to read in the dark for 90 hours.

See you at the meeting!

**General  
Manager's  
Report**

*by*  
**Bill Swango**



# Know your candidates .....

## — DISTRICT 2 —



**William Wylie**, 4879 St. Rte. 770, Seaman, Ohio 45679

Bill and his wife, Vira, have been married 43 years and are the parents of three children: Anita and husband, Chris, who have four children; Tony and his wife, Konnie, who have three children; and Brian, who is deceased.

Wylie owns and operates a 215-acre farm that has been in the family for four generations. He raises corn, wheat, soybeans, hay and beef cattle. He also owns and has operated an auto body repair shop for more than 33 years. For 15 years Bill drove a school bus for the Adams County Schools. He currently serves as clerk for the Tranquility Cemetery Association.

He has served on the Adams REC Board of Trustees for the past three years since being elected to office in October 2008. Wylie has completed and passed the necessary NRECA courses required to become a Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD).



**John Smiley**, 115 Smiley Rd., Seaman, Ohio 45679

John is a farmer in Scott Township in Adams County. He and his wife, Debbie, live on the oldest family farm in the state of Ohio, dating back to 1772. John has three children, two daughters and one son: Sherry and

husband, Nathan; Nancy and husband, Andy; and James and wife, Tara. He also has seven grandchildren.

John is a North Adams high school graduate and he drove a school bus for seven years. He is also a previous Scott Township trustee.

John owns 600 acres that he farms with son, James, as well as grounds rented on other farms. They raise Charolais cattle, corn, wheat, soybeans and hay. His hobbies include restoring old John Deere tractors, going to tractor shows and county fairs.



**Samuel Bolender**, 253 Watt Young Rd., Seaman, Ohio 45679

Sam and his wife, Dianna, have been married for 38 years. They have one daughter, one son and two grandsons.

He has been employed by the Manchester Local School District for seven years and was previously employed by the Ohio Valley Schools for nine years. Sam has served as a Scott Township trustee for the past 13 years. He has been a licensed

auctioneer for 22 years and has owned Sam Bolender Auction Service for 10 years.

Sam has many other interests: hunter education instructor for 22 years; Seaman Fall Festival Board for 17 years; Tranquility Cemetery Association for 10 years; he helped form the Ohio State Coon Hunters Association in 1988; is a past president of the Adams County Coon Hunters Association, as well as, past president of several state and national coon hunting organizations; and is an indefinitely licensed Master of Hounds and Bench Show Judge for the United Kennel Club..

## — DISTRICT 6 —



**Donald C. McCarty Sr.**, 1445 Malone Rd., West Union, Ohio 45693

McCarty and his wife, Janice, own and operate a farm southeast of West Union. They have been married for 40 years and have five children: Serpell, Donald Jr., Rachel, Daniel and Rebekah. They also are proud of their

nine grandchildren.

Donald was a rural mail carrier for almost 36 years before retiring. He is a member and First Elder of Beasley Fork Christian Union Church.

Donald has served on the Adams REC Board of Trustees for the last three years and has completed and passed the necessary NRECA courses to become a Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD). He is now working toward the Board Leadership Certificate.



**Joe Daniels**, 3225 Ginger Ridge, Manchester, Ohio 45144

Joe has lived most of his married life in Adams County. He and his wife, Burma, live on a small farm on Ginger Ridge Rd. They have two children; Dennis Joe and wife, Lou Anne, of Winchester; and Teresa and husband,

Doug Shelton, of Manchester. They have seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Joe has been a Sprigg Township trustee for 18 years. He retired from the Ohio Valley School system after serving as a bus driver for 21 years and a janitor for six years.

Joe enjoys gardening, working on old tractors and spending time with his family. He is a member of the Bentonville Church of Christ in Christian Union.

## — DISTRICT 9 —



**Charles L. Newman**, 163 Old St.

Rte. 32, Peebles, Ohio 45660

Charles is a full-time farmer. He and his wife, Kimberly, live near Tranquility and have four children: Katie, Alex, Paige and Nolan. Katie and Alex are students at The Ohio State University; while Paige and Nolan are students at North Adams.

Charles serves as the Scott Township fiscal officer and attends the Peebles Church of Christ.

He has served on the Adams REC Board of Trustees for five years and in that time has completed and passed all the required NRECA courses necessary to receive both the Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) certificate and the Board Leadership certificate.



**Samuel S. Kimmerly Sr.**, 348 Brandi Lane, Peebles, Ohio 45660  
Kimmerly is a native of Adams County. He is currently retired and lives in the Unity area with his wife, Jewel, and son, John.

Samuel is a graduate of West Union High School and attended Southern State Community College. He served in the military from 1971 to 1991.

He is a life member of the Marine Corps League, the D.A.V and the V.F.W. of Manchester. He is a member of the Adams County Honor Guard and the Seaman American legion.

## 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, 2011 at 7 p.m. Members of the committee present were: Frank Nance, Ed Scott, Milford Brown, Richard Dryden and Roger Davis.

The following members were placed into nomination for:

- District No. 2 – William Wylie and John Smiley**
- District No. 6 – Donald McCarty and Joseph A. Daniels**
- District No. 9 – Charles Newman and Samuel Kimmerly**

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

**NOTE: District 2 – Samuel Bolender was nominated by petition to run for the position in District 2.**

Voting will take place by mail with the election results announced at the Annual Meeting of the Membership on Saturday, Aug. 13, 2011, at the Red Barn Convention Center, 2223 Russellville Rd., Winchester, Ohio.

## Official Notice

### 71st 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 Red Barn Convention Center, Winchester, Ohio on Saturday, August 13, 2011 from 7 p.m. to approximately 9 p.m. for the purposes listed below. Registration will begin at 5:15 p.m., with dinner being served at 5:45 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. 2 – William Wylie, John Smiley & Samuel Bolender**
- District No. 6 – Donald McCarty and Joseph Daniels**
- District No. 9 – Charles Newman and Samuel Kimmerly**

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

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

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

## Alaina Holbrook and Tyler McMahan compete for scholarship funds

BY ALICE L. BAIRD

Alaina Holbrook of North Adams High School and Tyler McMahan of Western High School were Adams REC's first-place winners of scholarship awards of \$1,000 each. They traveled to Columbus on May 9 to compete with students from other Ohio cooperatives for a chance to win additional scholarships of up to \$2,810! Although neither Tyler nor Alaina received a scholarship from OREC, they represented Adams REC very well and we are proud to have a part in promoting the success of these two exceptional students.

Alaina is the daughter of Doug and Angie Holbrook of Seaman, and is a graduate of North Adams High School; as well as, the recipient of an associate's degree of science from Southern State Community College. Tyler is the son of Matthew and Susan Davis of Peebles, and is a graduate of Western High School. Tyler was also enrolled in the post-secondary program and attended the Ohio University Chillicothe Campus.



### 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 the month in which your account number appears.

### Annual Meeting coming up

The 71st Annual Meeting of the Members of Adams Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. will be held on Saturday, Aug. 13, at the Red Barn Convention Center, 2223 Russellville Rd, Winchester.

Remember that Aug. 5 is the deadline for ballots to be post-marked. This is the second year for Adams REC members to cast their votes by mail. You will be voting for three trustees. You will find their biographies and pictures within these local pages. Your ballots must be signed by the member whose name is on the account. Duplicate or unsigned ballots will be rejected. Ballots must be mailed to the CPA in the pre-addressed envelope that is enclosed with your ballots. No ballots can be received at the cooperative office.

### Adams County Fair

Adams Rural Electric will once again have a booth at the Adams County Fair which will take place July 17 through July 23. Stop by and say, "Hi." Best wishes to all those who have projects and livestock to be shown and judged. Your hard work is appreciated.

### Happy 4th

I want to wish everyone a safe and happy July 4th. Be proud of who you are and of our nation. America has her faults, but she is still the best. Remember that the Adams REC office will be closed on Monday, July 4, so that our employees can spend the holiday with their families. Should an emergency arise, call the outage number at 1-800-283-1846.

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

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### Capital credits

Capital credits refunded to the estates of Adams Rural Electric Co-op members for May 2011 totaled \$8,290.05. Estates paid in 2011 total \$39,610.84.

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

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