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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

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Extreme weather and your electric bill

General
 Manager's
 Report



by
 Bill Swango

I am amazed at times with the number of calls we receive from consumers asking why their bills are high when we have had extreme weather. It happens in both winter and summer. This summer, for example, 20 of the 31 days in July were at or above 90 degrees and the average daily high was 91.5 degrees for the month. Not only was it hot, but the weather was also extremely humid.

Electric use rises when weather is extreme. When it is hot, like July, your air conditioning units work overtime keeping up with cooling your home or business. The same can be said about extreme cold weather when the temperatures dip into the teens and near zero.

If you look at your historical electric use, you will see that the heating and cooling seasons are when you, as the consumer, use the most electric. The more extreme the weather, the higher the bill becomes. At home I know that if the weather has been hotter or colder than the previous month, when I receive my electric bill I can expect it to be higher

According to EnergySavers.gov, space heating and cooling account for about 56 percent of the energy use in a typical home. In extreme weather, where your heating or cooling system had to operate twice as much, that would mean that heating and cooling could amount for as much as 72 percent of your entire electric use.

As an example, let's take a look at a bill that would normally be \$200. Using the data from EnergySavers.gov, \$112 (56 percent) would be for heating or cooling and \$88 would be for other energy uses. Now suppose your heating and cooling system had to work double-time because of extreme weather. Your bill could now be \$312, with \$224 (72 percent) attributed to heating and cooling. I'm sure that some months your heating and cooling isn't 56 percent of your use, but on the other hand there are, no doubt, months that it exceeds 56 percent.

The point I'm trying to get across is that in extreme weather there is a potential for a dramatic increase in your electric bill, due to an increase in use, not because of an increase in rates or a sudden fault with your meter.

Next time you get a high bill, think about the weather before you call. You can search for weather information at www.erh.noaa.gov. Under Climate click Regional, then click on the State of Ohio, then Local Data Records and then Local Climatological Data and then you can choose the month you would like to see.

We at Adams REC continue to strive to bring you safe electricity at the most affordable rates possible.

71st Annual Meeting

BY ALICE L. BAIRD

More than 500 members and guests attended the 71st Adams Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc., Annual Meeting of the Members on Aug. 13. The meeting was held at the Red Barn Convention Center near Winchester.

Bill Swango, general manager, announced the start of dinner and child care and Rev. Jeff May gave the invocation. The catered meal was prepared and served by Prather's IGA. Dinner music was provided by the Cantrell Family; members of the Fairview Community Church provided child care for the evening, with pizza provided by Snappy Tomato Pizza, Seaman; and a Health Fair presented by Adams County Regional Medical Center employees.

There were a couple of additions to our displays this year. Photos of our first-place scholarship win-



Katie Little performs the National Anthem.

ners and our Youth Tour participant were displayed, as well as newspaper clippings of some of the Adams County Fair exhibits that were supported by Adams REC. Also, we had on display the Energy Wall, which provided a wealth of information for saving energy and money. It appeared to be a hit with the members.

Charles Newman, president of the board of trustees, called the meeting to order, Katie Little did a beautiful job of performing the National Anthem, the Pledge of Allegiance to the

flag was recited and it was time to get down to business.

President Newman presented a President's Report in which he related that he feels honored to have served as chairman of the board of trustees for the past year. He spoke of serving on the board with past board members Gary Kennedy, Ed McDowell, Donald Holton, Larry Hill, Marlin Miller and Ray Grooms and the enormous amount of wisdom and experience they had accumulated from which he could draw.

Charles also commented that in his six years serving on the board in the midst of hard economic times, he has been impressed with the management, office staff and outside employees of Adams REC for getting more out of less and making do with basic necessities to get the job done while keeping electric rates as affordable as possi-



Newly elected trustee Samuel Bolender and re-elected trustees Charles Newman and Donald McCarty.



Members enjoying a meal catered by Prather's IGA.

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Bill Swango, general manager, gave the Manager's Report. He spoke of reductions in operating costs, due to implementation of cost-cutting measures, that have helped Adams REC reduce long-term debt, make substantial repairs made necessary by the 2009 ice storm, and meet all financial requirements to its lenders in 2010. He also noted that it looks very promising for having a capital credit retirement in 2011.

Erika Ackley, manager of Finance and Administration, followed with a report of the financial status of the cooperative. Ackley spoke of the increase in sales, revenue and new connects in 2010 as compared to



Chris Koenig discussing the Energy Wall with a member.

2009. She also spoke of the increasing cost to purchase power from Buckeye Power, the rising cost of distributing electricity and the increased number of debt write-offs and cases of meter tampering.

David Berger, vice president of Finance, Buckeye Power and OREC, spoke about the increases in the rates for electricity supply due to rising costs of basic commodities and the substantial upgrades at Buckeye Power's Cardinal Plant, as well as the threat to rates caused by pending regulations by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Paige Newman, our 2011 Youth Tour participant spoke enthusiastically of the events she participated in during her trip to Washington, D.C., and thanked Adams Rural Electric for making it possible.

Several employees and board members were recognized and received awards for their years of service. Employees receiving awards were Charlotte Willett and David McChesney for 30 years of service; Rex Chapman, John Hayslip, David Kirker and Gary Tolle for 15 years of service; Alice Baird for 10 years of service; and Kimberly Smith for five years of service. Trustees recognized were William Seaman for 30 years of service; Charles Grimes for 10

years of service; and Blanchard Campbell and Kenneth McCann for five years of service.

Jeff Newman, CPA, announced the results of the voting. The election of trustees resulted in the re-election of two trustees, Donald McCarty, District 6 and Charles Newman, District 9; and the election of Samuel Bolender, District 2.

Chris Koenig, cooperative employee, called out the prize-winning numbers for the many door prizes that were given away. This year's winner of the grand prize, a 32" LG-flat screen TV, was Wayne Daniels. Congratulations to all the winners!

I would like to thank everyone who had a part in this year's annual meeting: the employees, the caterers, the child care providers, the hospital employees, the entertainment, and you, our members, thank you for making the 2011 Adams Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc., Annual Meeting of the Members a success!

As always, 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.



Children enjoying a game of Twister during child care provided by Fairview Community Church.



Grand prize winner Wayne Daniels and co-op employee Chris Koenig.

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.

Capital credits

Capital credits refunded to the estates of Adams Rural Electric Co-op members for August 2011 totaled \$15,373.94. Estates paid in 2011 total \$67,896.32.

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

WE MADE PAYING YOUR BILL EASIER
3 ways to pay with:

NO ENVELOPES!

NO STAMPS!

NO DRIVING!

- ONLINE AT OUR WEBSITE
- BY PHONE
- DIRECT PAYMENT

FROM YOUR BANK ACCOUNT

*Pay online at 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.

*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.

Adams County area calendar of events

October

- 1** **34th Annual Miller's Anniversary Customer Appreciation Day** at Miller Bakery & Furniture on Wheat Ridge Road.
Contact Miller's at 937-544-8524.
- 1-2** **10th Annual Old Fashion Draft Horse, Mule and Pony Field Days** at Glen-Dale Park, 2915 Fawcett Road, six miles south of Peebles.
Contact Dale Grooms at 937-544-3123.
- 1-2** **Caraway's Fall Pumpkin Days** at Caraway Farms at 8450 Blue Creek Road in Blue Creek.
Contact Angela at 937-544-7292.
- 7-9** **Wheat Ridge Olde Thyme Herb Fair & Harvest Celebration** on Tater Ridge Road.
Contact Kim Erwin at 937-544-8252.
- 7-9** **Appalachian Mountain Artisans Festival** hosted by Hilltop Designs in Winchester.
For information, call 937-695-5545.
- 15-16** **Adams County Civil War Days** at the historical John T. Wilson Home in Tranquility.
Contact the Adams County Travel & Visitors Bureau or johnwilsonhomestead.com.
- 15** **Horse Drawn Hayride Day** at Good Seed Farm in Peebles from noon to 4 p.m.
Contact 937-587-7021 or goodseedfarm.com.
- 16** **Jack Roush Day** from noon to 5 p.m. in Manchester.
Contact Buster Ruark at 937-549-3628.
- 30** **Page One-Room Schoolhouse** event off Vaughn Ridge Road. From 2 to 4 p.m.
Contact Mary Fulton at 937-587-2043.

November

- 11** **Veterans Day Parade** starts at 11 a.m. in West Union.
Contact Sam Kimmerly at 937-386-0293.
- 25** **Miller's Christmas Tree Farm** — Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., until Dec. 24.
Located at 1600 Eckmansville Road. Contact Miller's at 937-544-2220.