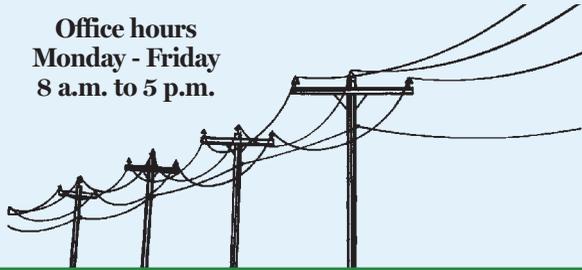


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To report a power outage: 888-256-9858

Your call will be answered by the Cooperative Response Center. Give them the name on your account, service address and a telephone number where you can be reached.

They will dispatch a line crew to restore service.

Be sure to check your fuse or breaker system before reporting a power outage.

Jackpot news!

Four account numbers were in the April issue of *Country Living*. **Ehrhardt Gunther** of rural Swanton, **Dennis McDonald** of rural Holgate and **Roy Scherzer** of rural Swanton reported finding their numbers. They each received a check for \$35. **Terry Behnfeltd** of rural Malinta would have won the same amount if he had reported finding his account number.

Your account number is on your bill statement. Disregard the zeros at the left in the number, but consider any zeros at the right in the number when converting your number to words.

The hidden account numbers always are in the local pages of the magazine. The jackpot now stands at \$60. So read *Country Living*, find your hidden account number, report it and win!

Fathers Day June 16, 2013

Following are famous inspirational and humorous quotes to enjoy:

“A father is someone who carries pictures in his wallet where his money used to be.” – *unknown*

“A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society.” – *Billy Graham*

“It is easier for a father to have children than for children to have a real father.” – *Pope John XXIII*

“One night a father overheard his son pray: Dear God, make me the kind of man my Daddy is. Later that night, the Father prayed, Dear God, make me the kind of man my son wants me to be.” – *anonymous*

“I don’t know who my grandfather was; I am much more concerned to know what his grandson will be.” – *Abraham Lincoln*

“By the time a man realizes that maybe his father was right, he usually has a son who thinks he’s wrong.” – *Charles Wadsworth*

“The greatest gift I ever had came from God; I call him Dad!” – *unknown*

“My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person, he believed in me.” – *Jim Valvano*

“Dad - Ask him when Mom says no.” – *unknown*

“The older I get, the smarter my father seems to get.” – *Tim Russert*

“When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years.” – *Mark Twain*

A Father’s Love

*A father is respected because
He gives his children leadership...
Appreciated because
He gives his children care...
Valued because
He gives his children time...
Loved because
He gives his children the one thing
They treasure most – himself.*

Tricounty wishes all fathers, a Happy Fathers Day!

2013 Annual meeting will be at Delta High School

PLANS ARE UNDERWAY for Tricounty's 76th annual meeting of members which will be held Wed., Sept. 18 at Delta High School, located at 605 Taylor St., Delta.

Registration will open at 5:30 p.m. with a delicious dinner beginning at 6 pm. the business meeting will be called to order at 7 p.m. and conclude with a door prize drawing.

This is a great opportunity to visit with your neighbors and friends, elect two trustees to represent you on the board and hear reports on the operation of your cooperative. A gift will be provided for each membership represented in person We look forward to seeing you Sept. 18.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

September 2013

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Electrical safety vacation checklist

Summer vacations are hard to pull off these days, so it's important that trip-takers have peace of mind while away. Fires can start when lightning storms strike electronics or small appliances; burglaries tend to increase because folks aren't at home.

The electrical safety checklist below will help you decrease the risk of problems occurring while on vacation:

- Turn off all electrical appliances, including toaster ovens, stoves and curling irons.
- Unplug television sets and computers — these items are especially susceptible to lightning and power surges.
- Use a timer on indoor lights. Look for one that can be set to a random pattern rather than regular times throughout the day.
- Install motion-detecting lights outdoors.
- Set the thermostat to 80 degrees in the summer and 55 degrees in the winter if you plan to leave for an extended period of time.
- Give your house key to a neighbor and make sure he or she has a phone number where you can be reached.

Source: National Sheriffs' Association

2013 Tricounty Scholarship Winners

TRICOUNTY BOARD OF TRUSTEES presented scholarship awards at its April meeting.

Steve Hoffman, president of the Board, was proud to distribute \$3,600 in scholarships. Scholarships are one of the several ways Tricounty supports the community in which they serve.

The 2013 winners were Anderson Okuley, Tyler Reiser and Adam Prigge of Patrick Henry High

School, Hannah Black of Toledo Christian High School, Spencer Weichers of Liberty Center High School and Victoria Repko of Miller City High School. Nine One Six Six Zero Zero Nine

Hannah Black, of rural Swanton, also represented Tricounty in the Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives statewide competition held in Columbus in April.



Earning scholarships from Tricounty were (from left) Adam Prigge, Victoria Repko, Tyler Reiser, Hannah Black, Spencer Wiechers and Anderson Okuley.

Mower safety guidelines

KEEP THE FOLLOWING ITEMS in mind to make sure a relaxing afternoon with the lawn doesn't turn into something more serious:

Before starting mower

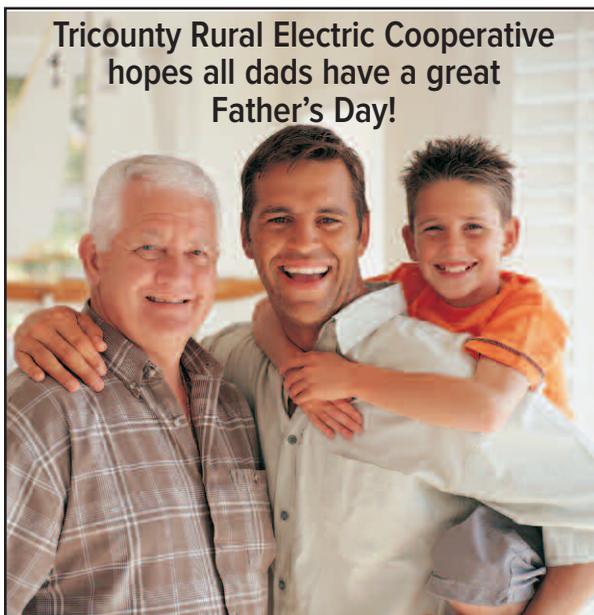
- Put on close-fitting clothes and sturdy, nonslip shoes. Four Four Nine Zero Zero Five
- If the lawn is wet — wait!
- Go over the lawn carefully to pick up stones, wire, toys, dog bones — anything the mower blade might pick up and throw.
- If your electric mower isn't labeled "double insulated," never plug it into anything but a grounded (3-prong) outlet.
- Adjust cutting height before starting mower.

While you mow

- Never run mower over gravel, stones or hard, immovable objects like pipes, rocks or sidewalk edges.

- Mow advancing forward whenever possible so you can see where you're going.
- Keep electric mower cord out of the cutting path.
- Stay clear of the blade housing and the discharge chute.
- Never point the discharge chute at others.
- Turn off the mower before you leave it — even for a moment. ☹

Source: University of Arkansas Extension



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\$SAVE!

Don't let summer heat burn your budget. When home, set your thermostat to 78°.

Going out for the day?

By turning your thermostat up 10°–15° when you're out of the house, you can cut your electric bill by up to 15 percent. That's a savings of up to 1 percent for every degree you raise your thermostat (based on eight hours).



Source: EnergySavers.gov

Round-the-clock appliances

BY MAGEN HOWARD

IN 2013, NEW APPLIANCES don't just cook your food and keep it cold, wash your clothes and dishes, or offer a few hours of entertainment. These machines boast myriad functions that make our lives easier — but in doing so also consume more energy.

While appliances have become more energy efficient as technology has evolved and federal standards tightened, few ever truly shut down anymore. And as Americans add more and more electronic devices to their households — 25 on average, according to the Consumer Electronics Association — much more energy is consumed.

Take a phone charger as an example. Leaving it plugged in without a phone attached doesn't mean

it's not drawing power — in fact, it uses 0.26 watts of electricity even when a phone isn't connected, and 2.24 watts when the handset is charging.

Of course, that 0.26 watts by itself might not be a big issue. But if most of your electronic devices are doing that, it can add up to as much as 10 percent of your bill, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

Take a look around your house — how many cords are plugged in? Of those, how many are actually attached to a device? You might be surprised at how much electricity your family consumes, even when you don't realize it.

Cable boxes are a big culprit of 24/7 energy use. Leaving your cable box plugged in for a year and never turning it off adds, on average, \$17.83 to your electric bill. Toss in a DVR function and that total jumps to \$43.46, DOE reports.

And electronics aren't the only problem. Basic “white goods” appliances like clothes washers and dryers, refrigerators, and dishwashers are so savvy that you can set them to come on late at night, when the wholesale power your co-op must buy costs less — helping your co-op keep power affordable for you and your neighbors. Here again, the bigger you go with a new appliance, the more energy it will use.

Electric bills don't have to be held hostage by 24-hour-a-day energy use. For starters, use a power strip to turn several electronics on or off at once. For a bigger investment, look into “smart” power strips. They allow you to cut power to certain appliances — say, your TV — while letting power flow to your cable box because it takes time to reboot after being unplugged.

If you're in the market for a new appliance, look for an ENERGY STAR® model. It generally consumes less power all around and uses less standby energy. ☞

Sources: U.S. Department of Energy, Consumer Electronics Association

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GE's new dishwasher with exclusive Wash Zones allows consumers to run a cycle on just the top or bottom rack so favorite items are clean and sanitized when they want them. But consumers must remember to use these energy-saving settings to see savings on their electric bill.

Source: GE