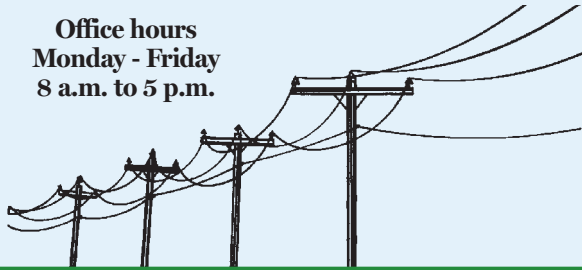


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To report a power outage: 888-256-9858

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!

Neither **Colby Carroll** of rural Napoleon nor **Rebecca Lamb** of rural Liberty Center reported spotting their hidden account number in the June issue of *Country Living*. Had either done so, they would have won half the jackpot and received a check for **\$30**

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 \$80. So read *Country Living*, find your hidden account number, report it and win!

It's just around the corner

Tricounty Rural Electric Cooperative's 76th Annual Meeting of Members

Wednesday, Sept. 18

Delta High School — 605 Taylor St., Delta

- Registration starts at 5:30 p.m.
- Supper served from 6 to 7 p.m.

Business meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

- Two trustees to be elected
- Reports on the operation of your cooperative

Gift to each membership represented in person

- Door prizes
- A good time to visit with your neighbors and friends

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW AND
PLAN ON JOINING US SEPT. 18
FOR YOUR ANNUAL MEETING**

Tricounty and 4-H lamps to camp

FOR MORE THAN 40 YEARS Tricounty has provided area youth attending 4-H Camp Palmer with the materials and guidance to make their own 4-H lamp. The kids are provided a four-leaf clover base, plug, wire, socket, two washers, two nuts, a spindle and a piece of threaded pipe. Following instructions, the campers assemble their lamps using wire strippers, wire cutters, pliers, screw drivers and needle nose pliers. Pictured are some of this year's 4-Hers. ☞



Why am I billed a Facility Charge each month?

THE FACILITY CHARGE is the average cost for your cooperative to have electric service available for your use at your home or business when you want it, 24 hours a day.

It includes the substation equipment and property, underground and overhead lines with poles, transformers and related equipment that delivers the electricity from the substation to your location,

the services and metering, line clearing, property taxes and 24-hour-per-day outage restoration.

Tricounty members have nearly \$16 million invested in the utility plant and will pay more than \$233,000 in property taxes on it in 2013. These fixed costs do not vary based on the amount of kilowatt hours sold and therefore are recovered through the facility charge. ☞

At least once a year we print the Continuity of Service notice listed below. We encourage you to carefully read this notice. While we strive to furnish you with a continuous supply of electricity, it is impossible to guarantee you will have electricity 100 percent of the time. Vehicles hitting poles, high winds, trees falling into the lines, animals and birds contacting the lines, people cutting trees that “fall the wrong way,” lightning and other causes can disrupt power to just a few co-op members or several hundred at one time.

Continuity of service

The cooperative shall use reasonable diligence in furnishing a regular and uninterrupted supply of electric power and energy but does not guarantee uninterrupted service. The cooperative shall not be liable for damages or other losses in case such supply is interrupted, curtailed, reduced, fluctuates, becomes irregular or fails, or if the commencement thereof is delayed by reason of an act of God, public enemy, accidents, labor disputes, orders or acts of civil or military authority, governmental action, loss of power supply, breakdowns or injury to the generator(s), machinery, distribution or transmission line(s) or other facilities of the cooperative, or any other cause beyond its control; provided, however, that in no event shall the cooperative be liable for personal injury, wrongful death, property damage or other losses not caused by or due to the gross negligence or willful and wanton misconduct of the cooperative; and in no event shall the cooperative be liable for consequential damages of any nature whatsoever in case such supply of power and energy should be interrupted, curtailed, reduced, fluctuate, become irregular; and provided further that the failure of the customer to receive electric power and energy because of any of the aforesaid conditions shall not relieve the customer of its obligation to make payments to the cooperative as provided herein for electric service.

Coops change lives in the communities they serve

LOYALTY IS A PRIZED VIRTUE — to country, family, even the schools we attend. We keep those ties strong throughout our lives.

We at Tricounty have loyalties to the members and communities we serve. We have deep connections here because northwest Ohio is our home, and you are our neighbor.

When you signed up for service with Tricounty you became a member, not a customer — because each of our consumer-members owns a portion of the utility. That means we care about improving the quality of life in the areas that we serve.

Tricounty doesn't exist to make profits for distant investors on Wall Street. We exist to provide you with safe, reliable and affordable electric service — and doing so in a way that makes things better for future generations.

Because electric co-ops operate on a not-for-profit basis, we have no need to increase revenues above what it takes to run our business in a financially sound manner. This structure helps keep your electric bills affordable.

We take our jobs seriously, but we also take our community roles seriously, too. That's why we offer scholarships to college-bound students and send a high school student to Washington, D.C., every summer to learn about history and government.

Three Seven Nine Two One Zero Zero

We don't participate in these activities simply because it's nice to do, or even the right thing to do. We do it because we remain loyal to our members, our neighbors, our home — and a mission to make life better in the areas we serve. ☞

Students visit Washington, D.C., and area sites

KARIGAN BLUE OF HAMLER was among 40 high school winners from throughout Ohio and West Virginia who visited Washington, D.C. and other points of interest June 14-20 as part of Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives, Inc.'s Youth Tour to the nation's capital. Eight Five Nine Zero Zero One

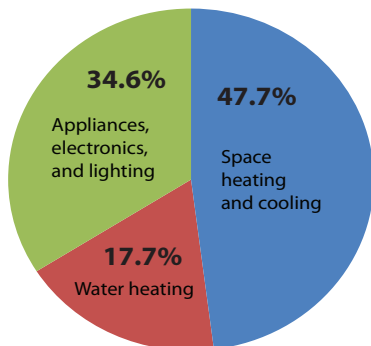
The week-long trip included a visit to the U.S. Capitol and other areas of historical significance. Karigan was awarded the tour in a scholastic competition sponsored by Tricounty. The Patrick Henry High School junior joined about 1,600 other rural youths representing 43 states. As part of their tour

of the nation's capital, students met with members of their Congressional delegation, visited Arlington National Cemetery and attended a performance at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts

Karigan is the daughter of Bruce and Karren Blue. ☞

How Americans use energy

New data from the U.S. Energy Information Administration shows that heating and cooling still accounts for the largest amount of electricity consumption in American homes. But as we use more and more electronic gadgets, that segment is closing the gap.



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration



Watch for signs of heat illnesses

WITH THE ONSET OF summer comes lots of fun outdoor activities — whether you're lying by the pool or playing on a baseball field. Keep heat stress at bay — no matter your sun-soaked activity of choice — by knowing how to prevent heat-related illnesses and recognize the symptoms in yourself and others.

Heat stroke

The most serious of heat illnesses, heat stroke, can be deadly and swift. Your body temperature could rise to 106 degrees Fahrenheit or more in as little as 10 to 15 minutes. Heat stroke happens when your body temperature rises rapidly but cannot sweat quickly enough to cool itself. Symptoms include hot, dry skin or the opposite — profuse sweating, hallucinations, chills, throbbing headache, confusion or dizziness, and slurred speech.

If you see someone with the symptoms of heat stroke, immediately call 911 and move the person to a shady area. Try misting the person with cold water, soaking his or her clothes, or fanning the body.

Heat exhaustion

Heat exhaustion is the result of heavy sweating — extreme loss of salt and water. People prone to heat exhaustion include the elderly, those with high blood pressure or people who work in hot conditions. Besides excessive sweating, symptoms include extreme weakness or fatigue, dizziness and confusion, nausea, clammy skin, muscle cramps, and shallow, rapid breathing.

If a person suffers from heat exhaustion, move him or her to a shaded or air-conditioned area. The victim should drink cool — non-alcoholic — beverages and take a cool shower or bath.

Heat syncope

Sun-bathers may be prone to heat syncope, which is dizziness or fainting after lying (or standing) for long periods of time. Dehydration can contribute to an episode of heat syncope, so keep that water bottle handy when you head to the beach.

If you feel dizzy after lying for a long time, sit or lie back down in a cool place and sip on a cool beverage — water, sports drinks or clear juice.

Heat cramps

Folks who work or play sports outside in the heat may suffer from heat cramps, which result from low salt levels after heavy sweating. Stay alert if you feel cramping because it could be a symptom of heat exhaustion. Heat cramps usually are felt in the arms, legs or abdomen.

If you feel them, stop what you're doing, sit in a cool place and drink clear juice or a sports beverage. Take it easy for a few hours after you no longer feel the cramps — if you return to your activity, the condition could transition to heat exhaustion or heat stroke. If you have heart problems, are on a low-sodium diet, or the cramps do not go away in an hour, call a doctor.

Heat rash

Heavy sweating can cause a heat rash during hot, humid weather. It looks like a red cluster of pimples or small blisters that usually pop up on the neck or chest, groin and in the crook of your elbow. You can't do much to treat heat rash besides keep the area dry and use baby powder to alleviate discomfort.☞

Source: U.S. Centers for Disease Control



Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month

When shopping for a new appliance, consider lifetime operation costs as well as the up-front purchase price. Refrigerators last an average of 12 years, clothes washers about 11 and dishwashers about 10. Check the Energy Guide label for the appliance's estimated yearly operating cost, and look for ENERGY STAR units, which usually exceed minimum federal standards for efficiency and quality. To learn more, visit EnergySavers.gov.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy