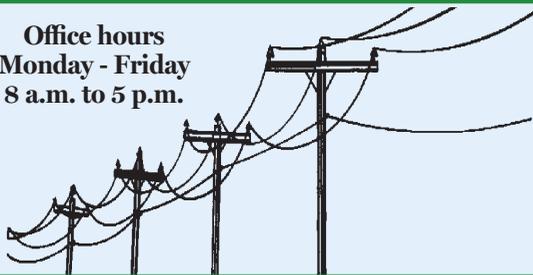


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To report a power outage: 888-256-9858

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 **Gene Albright** of rural Liberty Center nor **William Powell** of rural Leipsic reported spotting his hidden account number in the June issue of *Country Living*. Had either done so, he would have won half the jackpot and received a check for \$25.

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

The hidden account numbers always are in Tricounty's local pages of the magazine. The jackpot now stands at \$70. So read *Country Living*, find your hidden account number, report it and win!

Tricounty sponsors local student on trip to Washington, D.C.

Kristen Bishop of Malinta was among 40 high school winners from Ohio and West Virginia who visited Washington, D.C., June 13-19 as part of the Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives' Youth Tour.

The weeklong trip included a stop in Gettysburg, Pa., and visits to the U.S. Capitol and other historic sites.

Bishop was awarded the tour in a scholastic competition sponsored by Tricounty. She joined about 1,600 of her peers who represented electric cooperatives from 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.

Kristen is the daughter of Scott and Kathy Bishop and attends Patrick Henry High School. ☺



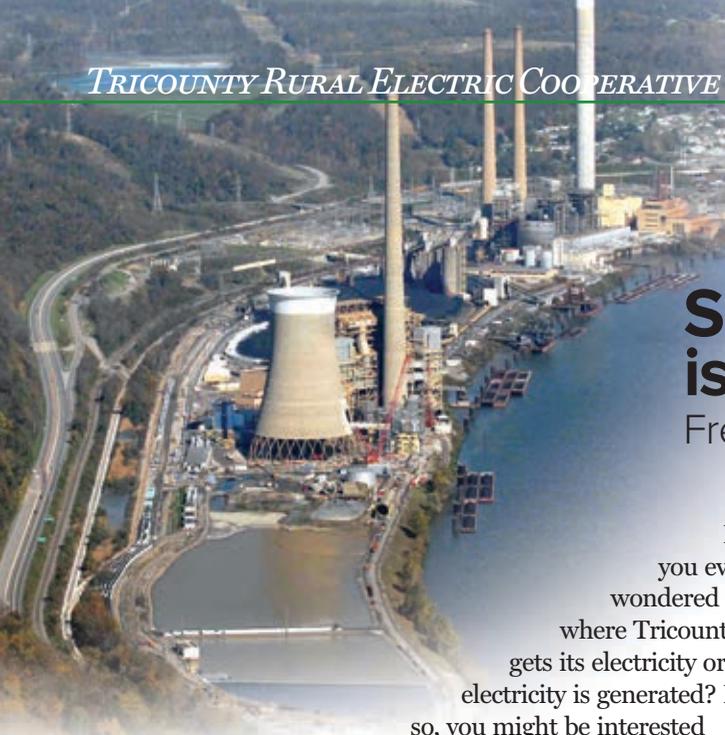
Brubaker earns national credential



Kenneth J. Brubaker

Ken Brubaker, representing District VI on the Tricounty Board of Trustees, has completed requirements for the Credentialed Cooperative Director certificate from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

Today's electric utility environment imposes new demands on electric cooperative trustees, particularly increased knowledge of changes in the electric utility business, governance skills and working knowledge of cooperative principles. Brubaker was required to complete and demonstrate understanding of the competencies contained in five core courses, which included Director Duties and Liabilities, Understanding the Electric Business, Board Roles and Relationships, Strategic Planning and Financial Decision Making. He was elected to the board of trustees in 2011.



See how electricity is produced

Free tour of your power plant is Sept. 10

Have you ever wondered where Tricounty gets its electricity or how electricity is generated? If

so, you might be interested in taking a tour of the Buckeye Power Cardinal Generating Station.

Tricounty members will get an opportunity to tour Cardinal Unit 3, located along the Ohio River near Brilliant, Ohio, and witness the generation of the electric energy used in the homes, businesses and industries served by Ohio's electric cooperatives. The tour is free and will take place Wednesday, Sept. 10.

This year, Tricounty is sharing a chartered bus for the one-day trip with North Western and Paulding Putnam electric cooperatives. Tricounty Electric has 15 seats available on a first-come, first-served basis for any co-op member who has not previously toured the plant.

The tour will be conducted by employees of Buckeye Power, the generation and transmission cooperative owned by Tricounty and the 23 other electric cooperatives serving Ohio. You will view how coal is used to produce steam, which powers the turbine generators. Six Eight Seven Two Zero Zero Eight.

Buckeye Power recently completed more than \$1 billion in upgrades to make Cardinal Station one of the cleanest coal-fired power plants in the world. The clouds you see from the tall stacks? Thanks to those

new protections, it's nearly 100 percent steam.

Traveling by air-conditioned bus with restroom facilities, we will leave the Tricounty office at 7:30 a.m. and return around 9:30 p.m. Tricounty will treat you to lunch prior to our arrival at Brilliant. You will be responsible for your own supper during the "sandwich stop" on the way back.



Since the power plant can be a potentially hazardous area, tour participants must be at least 12 years old, unless specifically authorized. There will be a lot of walking, descending several flights of stairs and going through some hot and dusty areas. Members with health concerns or who require assistance with walking should not take the tour.

To reserve a seat, please call our office at 419-256-7900. The deadline for reservations is Aug. 22.

Should you have any questions or like more information, please call Deb Stuller at 419-256-7900. ☎

The EPA has proposed a rule to reduce carbon emissions 30 percent by 2030, which would reduce or even eliminate coal as a fuel source for generating electricity. Even with the \$1 billion investment in environmental controls that Ohio's electric cooperatives have made in its Cardinal Station to make it one of the cleanest coal-fired power plants in the world, electric co-op members could see price hikes of \$40 a month or more. You'll hear more about it at the tour, but if you can't make it, tell the EPA that Ohio can't afford higher electric rates for regulations that will do little to reduce global carbon dioxide emissions by visiting www.Action.coop and sending an electronic message, or simply tear out the card in this issue of *Country Living*, fill it out and drop it in the mail. Every voice counts in the fight for affordable, reliable electricity.

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EXPLORING THE UNIQUE BENEFITS OF COOPERATIVE MEMBERSHIP

Cooperative connections result in better service

Consumers reap the benefits of a vast national network while maintaining local control

BY ADAM SCHWARTZ

TRICOUNTY IS CONNECTED to a state and national network of electric cooperatives.

Here in Ohio, we're a member of Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives, Inc., an association that provides various support services to 23 electric co-ops in our state and one in West Virginia. We do this to keep in close contact with our "sister" utilities and to stay up to date on how to best serve you. They are there to assist with safety training and with legislative issues affecting us in Columbus and in Washington, D.C., and when we have a severe outage, we can call on them to help get your electricity back on as soon as possible. This is one of the ways we live up to our seven cooperative principles, which includes "cooperation among cooperatives." One One One Six Zero Zero Six.

Tricounty is also a member of Buckeye Power, Inc., which produces the electricity that we buy at the wholesale level and enables us to provide safe, reliable and efficient power to you at the lowest possible cost. Buckeye Power is also a cooperative, and we hold a seat on the organization's board of trustees to represent your interests.

On the national level, Tricounty is also a member of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), which unites electric cooperatives in the 47 states we serve. NRECA provides important benefits such as representing our interests on the federal level. NRECA also provides health and retirement benefits to our employees, as well as training for board members and employees.

NRECA is a member of both the National Cooperative Business Association (www.ncba.coop) and the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) (www.ica.coop), which is made up of a wide range of cooperative businesses, including those in agriculture, banking (credit unions), health care, housing, purchasing and many others in more than 80 countries. Many of these businesses represent some of the best-known global brands in the world.

Member-owners like you at Tricounty have a role to play in all of these areas, but it is participation that is critically important. We strive to have members actively participate in our governance through voting or running for our board of directors.

Back in the early days of Tricounty, we never could have existed without the active participation of all of our members. While technology and reliability

have improved, we still need you to be involved. In many ways, it is more important than ever that you feel like you belong to our co-op.

Margaret Mead, the cultural anthropologist, once said, "Never doubt the ability of a small group of people to change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." Tricounty is connected to a world full of people who believe in the cooperative principles and values, and we need you to be connected to us by more than just the electric line. So, get involved. Come to our annual meeting in September, and make your voice heard. ☺

Adam Schwartz is the founder of The Cooperative Way, a consulting firm that helps co-ops succeed. He is an author, speaker and member-owner of the CDS Consulting Co-op. You can follow him on Twitter @adamcooperative.

2014 Annual Meeting to be at Patrick Henry High School

Plans are underway for Tricounty's 77th annual meeting of members on Wednesday, Sept. 17, at Patrick Henry High School, on State Route 18, just east of Hamler.

Registration will open at 5:30 p.m. with a delicious dinner beginning at 6 p.m. The business meeting will be called to order at 7 p.m. and will 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 Tricounty 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. 17.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

September 2014

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What: 2014 Annual Meeting

Where: Patrick Henry High School, State Route 18, east of Hamler

When: Wednesday, Sept. 17

Who: All Tricounty members are invited to attend!

Tricounty helps 4-H campers build lamps

For over 40 years, Tricounty has provided area youth attending 4-H Camp Palmer with the materials and guidance to make their own lamp. Pictured are this year's campers from Fulton (upper) and Henry (lower) counties and their finished lamps.

