

# The CIRCUIT

Ark Valley Electric Cooperative



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April 2017

## Storm Season be Prepared

In the event of a power outage, be prepared by keeping the following items in an easy-to-find emergency supply kit:

Water - Three day supply, one gallon per person per day.

Tools - Flashlight, extra batteries, manual can opener, battery-powered or hand-crank radio, NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert.

First Aid Kit and Prescriptions: First aid supplies, hand sanitizer and at least one week's supply of prescriptions and medications for the family.

Learn more at: [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)

Source: American Red Cross, Federal Emergency Management Agency.



## Annual Meeting



The 78th Annual Meeting of the Membership is Tuesday, April 11th, at 6:30

p.m. at the Kansas State Fair. We hope to see you there!

## Drawing Winner

**David G. Anderson** is the winner of our \$25.00 readership drawing.

To claim your prize, please contact Ark Valley by April 28, 2017 & give us the account number from your electric bill.

## Lineman Appreciation Day April 10th

America's electric cooperatives have designated the second Monday of April as National Lineman Appreciation Day.

On April 10, 2017, Ark Valley will honor the dedicated linemen who often work in challenging conditions to keep the lights on. Seven lineworkers maintain over 2,000 miles of line covering 9 counties in Ark Valley's service territory.



This is a day in which we recognize the people who often work in brutal weather conditions to ensure we all have safe and reliable power. In fact, linemen are often first responders during storms and other catastrophic events, working to make

the scene safe for other public safety officers. In addition to aiding members in our local service territory, lineworkers are always willing and eager to volunteer when a neighboring community, county, or state is in need after a major outage occurs.

We hope you will join us in thanking our linemen for the work they do. You can do this by sending a note of thanks or a card to our linemen. Also, blank Thank You cards will be available in the office during the month of April for members to use, or you can visit our Facebook page at Ark Valley Electric Cooperative to show your appreciation.



## Easter Fun Facts

- \* Americans spend \$1.9 billion on Easter candy. That's the second biggest candy holiday after Halloween.
- \* Americans eat about 16 million jellybeans every Easter.
- \* Americans buy more than 700 million Peeps during the holiday.
- \* 76% of Americans think the ears of a chocolate bunny should be the first eaten.
- \* The customary act of painting eggs is known as Pysanka.

## Congratulations to Ryan Maehs

Ark Valley would like to congratulate **Ryan Maehs** for successfully completing the Power Line Design and Staking Certification. He earned the certification by meeting the requirements of the four course program which consisted of 84 hours of instruction.



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# Unclaimed December 2016 Capital Credit Checks

Below is a partial list of members whose capital credit checks were returned due to improper addresses. If you are able to get in touch with these individuals or their family members, please have them call Ark Valley's office at 888-297-9212.

Ahrens Messing Realty	Danks, Kathy	Hauschild, Viola	Mattox, Vance
Algrim, Kirk D	Davenport, Mike	Headings, Stan	McCrary, Phil
Almon, Mary	Davies, Norwood	Heine, Mike	McGuire, Julie
Althaus-Mohr, Karen	Dealy, James	Henson, Elvin	McLaurine, Bill
Alvarez, Jazarine	Deemer, Alvin L	Hernandez, Rhonda	Meier, Mark A
Anderson, Vicki	Dewitt, Jason	Hobson, Thomas	Mellott, Bob
Argent Energy US Holding LLC	Dick, Candice O	Hornbaker, Ray	Merz, Bob
Baker, William	Drake, Jeffrey	Hunt, Earla J	Meyer, Joell
Ball, Gaylon	Edmonds, Loren	Huxman, Dale	Miller, Cecil
Barringer, Nathan	Eidem, Aaron	J P Family Farms Inc	Miller, Jeff
Behnke M J Inc	Empire Exploration Inc	Johnson, Dean K	Miller, O R
Bell, Ryan	Enron Gas Products	Jones, Melanie	Moore, Otis
Bennett, Samuel	Evans, Brianna	Jordan, Don A	Moore, Rhonda
Berg, Jason	Ewing, Jay Trust	Jordan, Fred	Morrison, Christy L
Bollig, Joe	Ewing, Mary Lou	Kanopolis Crushed Rock	Morse, Dana
Bontrager, Eric	Field, Mike	Karcher, Shane	Moutray, Tonya
Borger, W F	Flickinger, Troy	Kavanaugh, Earla	Mulder, Loren
Boswell, Mary	Fort, William B	Keast, Sally J	Myers, Doug
Bough, Jason	Friesen, Leonard	Keazer, Noreen	Navadel, Helen
Bowman, Florence	Gilley, Ernest	Keeling, Louis	Nelson, Annette
Bradford, Leon	Glendenning, C E	Keener, David	Nichols, Tim
Branum, Marion	Goertzen, Lance	Keller, Victor	Nor Am Gas Transmission
Brinegar, Bob	Goheen, William J	Kelley Farms	Oehlert, Chris
Brown, Tena	Graber Opal R Living Trust	Kemp, Beverly	Oehlert, Gary
Burton, Booker	Grafton, Norman L	Ketchum, Todd	Orth, William
Carroll, Steve	Greenham, Dorothy	King, Ron	Packard, Lynn
Cheek, Randy	Griffin, Greg	Kingman Country Club	Page, James L
Christenson, Anthony	Groote, Anthony	Klassen, E T	Pankratz, Scott
Clark Penny, Irene	Groose, Wilbur H	Knopp, Grant	Parker, Leland C
Clayton, David F	Grosse, Wilbur H	Lakin, Lake	Paulsen, Kim
Cline, Julius	Gustus, Jody	Lawrence, Jerry	Perrett, Steve
Collier, Gail	Gwynn, Kivalina	Leader, Dennis	Pifer, Bob
Colvard, Meryl	Hall, Anita	Lesslie, Timothy	Rainsberger, Lisa
Cooper, Connie	Hamilton, Glen	Luttgeharm, Clint	Reece, Gregory
Cotton C K Inc	Hammer, Rich	Maas, Harold	Reed, Michael
Crow, Troy L	Haney, Shelley	Manges, Julia M	Reed, Rick
Curry, Lisa	Hansen, Dale	Marcum, Helen	
D & J Farms	Harris, Loren	Martin, Dale	
	Hassiepen, Richard R	Martin, Joe	

## Board Meeting Highlights

The Board of Trustees for the Ark Valley Electric Cooperative Association held its regular meeting for the month of February on February 27, 2017.

At the meeting, the Board allocated \$1,465,698.99 million in margins to Cooperative members for 2016. The margins are credited to each Ark Valley account, based on each customer's individual usage, in the form of capital credits. The capital credits will be paid out to the members in future years. Currently, Ark Valley has a 20-year rotation on paying capital credits.

The Board also reviewed and approved the implementation of a four (4)-year construction work plan. The plan totals \$4,568,700, however, some of the included construction projects were carried over from the previous four (4)-year construction work plan. The intended projects are designed to improve customer service and reliability throughout the Cooperative's service territory.

In anticipation of the 2017 Annual Meeting of Members, Ark Valley staff reviewed the plans underway to hold the meeting on April 11, 2017 at the Sunflower North Building on the Kansas State Fairgrounds. Once again, Ray's Country Cooking will cater the meal and the sound system will be provided by dB Extreme. The Board Chairman appointed Trustee Judy Kinsler as parliamentarian of the 2017 Annual Meeting. Also, Trustees Budd Fountain, Joe Seiwert, and Steve Schweizer were appointed to the Credentials Committee.

The Ark Valley Electric Cooperative Association, Inc. is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, found online at [http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint\\_filing\\_cust.html](http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html), or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax (202) 690-7442 or email at [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).