

The CIRCUIT

Ark Valley Electric Cooperative



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June 2015

Holiday Office Closing

In observance of Independence Day, the Ark Valley office will be closed on Friday, July 3rd. If you experience an outage, please call 888-297-9212.



Summer Line Crew Hours

Ark Valley's line crews will begin working summer hours once the temperature exceeds 100 degrees.

Each year, during this period, the line department will begin work at 7 a.m., continuing until 3:30 p.m. We change the schedule in an effort to complete most of the day's work before the major heat of the day arrives. The office will remain open and operating on the normal 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday schedule.

The after-hour emergency telephone numbers are not affected by this in any way. If you need assistance, please give us a call at 620-662-6661 or 888-297-9212.



Summer Rate in Effect

Just a reminder...summer rates begin with your **June usage**, which will show on the bill you receive next month.

Drawing Winner

LARRY DAVISSON is the winner of our \$25.00 readership drawing.

Larry, to claim your prize, please contact Ark Valley by June 30, 2015 & give us the account number from your electric bill.

Stop Summer Energy Drains

Summer vacation can be a recipe for high electric bills if kids are home all day and a swimming pool is in use. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) estimates that 9 percent of Americans' household energy costs are dedicated to air conditioning alone, so try these tips to keep costs down when the temperature rises.

Avoid 'phantom' load

Get your family in the habit of turning electronics on and off via power strips as they move from one activity to the next. As electronics and appliances become more technologically savvy, they often draw power even while turned off. A good indicator of this—called "phantom load"—is to check the device for a light that stays on all the time.

Air-conditioning units

More people in the house plus doors hanging open from the last trip to play outside plus high temperatures equals an air-conditioning unit that has to work harder to keep the house cool. Be sure to adjust settings to maximize efficiency, such as using the "auto" function instead of keeping the fan running all the time.

Also, set your thermostat as high as you can while maintaining your comfort level—the smaller the difference between indoor air and the great outdoors, the lower your cooling costs will be.



Adjust your pool pump

Each pool is equipped with an energy guzzler: the pump. The bigger the pump, the higher the power bill. Make sure your pool uses the smallest pump possible. New products like variable-speed pumps offer a good way to save.

Greater savings can come from decreasing pump operation time, no matter the pump size. Keep drains clear of debris, or your pump will work harder to circulate water. Also, find a proper balance for backwashing the filter. Too much backwashing—the process of filtering and disposing of dirty water—wastes water, while too little strains the pump. Make sure your pool isn't draining energy dollars needlessly by adjusting pump time and investing a little legwork.

Board Meeting Highlights

The Board of Trustees for the Ark Valley Electric Cooperative Association held its regular meeting for the month of April on April 27, 2015.

During the meeting, Trustees received a presentation from Operations Manager, Jim Sherry, about the windstorm restoration efforts. On April 2, 2015, a large windstorm ripped through Ark Valley's service territory causing thousands of dollars worth of damage. To aid in the recovery, 34 linemen from three rural electric cooperatives helped restore power to Ark Valley members. In doing so, 192 poles that had been snapped by the gale force winds had to be replaced. Unfortunately, one Ark Valley lineman was injured during the recovery when sustaining a head injury, but he is now fully recovered and back at work.

The Board also discussed the new distribution generation. The Cooperative purchased a turnkey distribution generator that will be located by the Arlington substation. The large diesel generator will operate during peak summer load hours to help shave Ark Valley's coincidental demand. By doing so, it will save the Cooperative money on its wholesale power bill.



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Unclaimed December 2014 Capital Credit Checks

Below is a 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.

Althaus, Karen	Deweese, Mike	Kaufman, Chris	Pries, Patricia
Arkla Energy Resources	Diggs, William	Kelley, Troy	Production TXO
Barragan, Tracy	Donelson, Jim	Kerschen, Linda	Rayl, Betty
Baughman, Wayne	Ebeling, Bill	Kilgariff, Douglas	Raymond, Leigh
Bazil, Carl	Ensz, Paul W	Kinderknecht, Mark	Regier, Delbert
Beat, Brian	Enterprise Tag	Knipe, Marsha	Reimer, Margaret
Beeney, Gene	Epley, Larry	Kring, Jeffery W.	Richmond, Alice
Benevento, Kristine	Estate Unlimited Realtors	Laforce, Mark	Roberts, Jeff
Berg, Christopher	Fairbanks, Paul	Macgrath, Peter R	Roubideaux, Christopher
Beshears, Michael E	Fassbinder, Joe	Maclaren, Casey	Schaff, William H
Boese, W	Ford, Lori	Manning, Weldon	Schmidt, Otto
Bolton, Robert R	Fowler, Carol	Mayfield, Susan	Seipel, Jim
Bowland, Stephen	Freeman, Jerry	McElhaney, Sharon	Shipman, Lloyd
Boyd, Casey D	Friesen, Richard D	McMurphy, Donnie	Smith, Eric
Bratton, Wayne	Gagnebin, Ronald	Meyer, Jeff	Smith, Karla
Bright, Donette	Gee, Randall L	Miller, Craig	Steglitz, Jeff
Brister, Jody	Gilmore Tank Service	Miller, Donald J	Stevens Contractors, Inc
Brooks, Ron	Grinage, Ron	Miller, R E (Beth)	Stubby, Kimberly
Brubaker, Daniel	Hain, Judy T	Miller, Vernal	Sturtevant, Kendra
Burdett, Paul (Trust)	Hallwood Petroleum Inc	Miller, Woodrow	Travis, Robert
Byrd, Bert	Ham, Quinten	Milner, Barbara	Ullom, Keith L
Cable, Amos	Harroald, Randy	Moffett, Kathryn M	Vagts, David
Campbell, Charles	Heckel, Gene A	Mohr, Wes	Wedel, Rod
Capital Resources Co	Higginbotham, Scott	Morgan Real Estate	Welch, Mildred
Carroll, James D	Hoffman, Vicky	Motz, Karen	Wendling, Michael J
Claffin, Mike	Howell, Ray	Nightingale, Phil	Whithorn, Mike
Cody, Glenn E	Howser, Karol	Norland, Cecil	Whitley, Virginia
Countryman, Gary	Hudson, Bernard	Norman, Vareo	Yoder, Joseph J
Cowel, Janeen	Jaske, Teresa	Orler, Pam	
Denison, Patricia	Johnson, Jerry	Preisser, Karen	

Happy Father's Day

*Don't forget to celebrate
Dad this Father's Day on
Sunday, June 21st.*



No Hassles, No Stamps, No Worries...

Forget the hassle of trying to manage your utility bill along with the many other bills you receive each month. Save a stamp. Never worry about whether you paid your electric bill or not. Sound good?... Enroll in Ark Valley's Automatic Bank Draft Plan today, and you will be surprised at how easy and convenient paying your monthly electric bill will be. All you have to do is fill out a short form and mail it, along with a voided check or deposit slip, to our office. The form can be downloaded from our website, www.arkvalley.com, or a copy can be picked up at our office located on 10th Street in South Hutchinson. Get started today.

Stay Clear!
A downed power line may not be a dead line.
It could cause serious injury or death.

If someone is injured by contact with a power line, call 911 and keep others away until help arrives.

If a power line falls across or near your vehicle while you are in it, stay inside until help arrives. If you must exit, jump clear so that no part of your body is touching the car when you land. **KEEP BOTH FEET TOGETHER**, and shuffle or hop at least 30 feet away from the vehicle.

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