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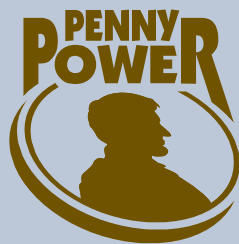
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I'm writing to tell you how pleased we have been with the customer service of your company and its employees. In 2008, I had to call because there was a power surge at our residence. Your workers were here within 20 minutes and were extremely polite, courteous and professional. Today, at about 8 a.m., we had to call for service to our power box and we had people here fixing the problems within 15 minutes. As both my boyfriend and I are emergency workers in Quincy, we often have to wait hours for other utility companies to arrive on the scenes. We have been extremely impressed with the lightning quick arrival of your employees. We are equally impressed with how friendly and willing to solve our issues they have been both times. We're both aware of how quickly people tend to call or email to complain about service or employees so we just wanted you to know how absolutely thrilled we have been with everyone in your company, from receptionists to service people. Please let your employees know they're doing a fantastic job!
Sincerely,
Kenyell Bailey and Keith Reed

(Editor's note: Kenyell's trouble call on August 5 was handled by Journeyman Linemen Mike Olson and Anthony Jarboe.)



Ladies and Gentlemen:
The Board of Directors of Jackson-Lincoln Swimming Complex, Inc. would like to express their sincere thanks for your recent donation in the sum of \$800.
Sincerely,
Chris Scholz, Secretary/Treasurer
Jackson-Lincoln Swimming Complex, Inc.



October is Cooperative Month

In 1752, Benjamin Franklin organized the first cooperative in the United States to insure a group of Philadelphians against the loss of their homes by fire. This mutual society continues today, the oldest cooperative-style service in this country.

Since then, cooperatives have been organized to provide practically everything imaginable – electricity, telephone service, food, health care, day care, credit, farm marketing, insurance and even legal services.

The electric cooperative history dates back to May 11, 1935 when President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued an Executive Order making federal funds available for rural electric service and creating the Rural Electrification Administration (REA).

The early intent was to establish “an orderly program of loans on an interest-bearing, self-liquidating basis” to provide incentive for power companies to extend service to rural areas.

At the time, only about 10 percent of the country's farms had electric service. It soon became evident that existing power companies were not going to use the federal loan program to remedy the lack of rural electrification. There were so few residents per mile of line – power companies said it was not feasible to serve rural areas. The existing companies made it clear that they expected the farmers to bear the cost of constructing electric lines and then deed it back to the power supplier. Keep in mind that this was a time when many didn't have the money for the necessities of life, let alone money for something that could be classified as a luxury.

This was just not acceptable to the hundreds of thousands of rural Americans that needed and wanted electricity. Friends and neighbors banded together, cooperatively, and literally lit up the countryside!

On April 20, 1938, a group of 450 area farmers attended an organizational meeting at the Farm Bureau office in Quincy. All of these people had one hope in common that night, they wanted electricity for their homes and farms. During that momentous evening a group of people were elected to the board of directors of what was to become Adams Electric Cooperative.

Each director was responsible for signing up members and attaining easements in their area. These dedicated, optimistic people had to be troubleshooters – convincing fellow neighbors that electricity and the cooperative would really work. The biggest selling factors for the directors were lights and convenience. Electricity would change the way people lived and worked for the rest of their lives.

On a chilly March day – March 29, 1939, to be exact – a group of about 50 men and women scarcely seemed to notice the cold. History was about to be made at a rural Adams Electric Cooperative substation in Adams County.

In the beginning, Adams Electric Cooperative served a little over 700 Members with 384 miles of line. Today, over 70 years later, Adams Electric Cooperative is over 8,400 members strong and has over 2,211 miles of line.

Adams Electric Cooperative strives to enhance the quality of life while exceeding the expectations of those we serve.

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70th Annual Meeting



by **Jim Thompson PE**
General Manager

The Cooperative celebrated its 70th Annual Meeting with its members on Wednesday, September 9, 2009. We were

blessed with fantastic weather especially compared to the 2008 annual meeting when we had to scramble to find an alternate location to conduct the meeting.

A lot of excitement was in the air due to the recent installation of the wind turbine in southern Adams County. Members were proud and excited about the project. My presentation highlighted the Cooperative's efforts to own more generation assets. It featured the two generation projects we are currently involved with: The state-of-the-art coal-fired Prairie State Generation Facility in southern Illinois and the Pigeon Creek Wind Turbine in southern Adams County.

The president of the board, Rick King, discussed climate legislation and the importance to stay engaged. We recently mailed a letter and postcards to all of our membership on our position on climate change legislation. Please mail your postcards so we have an opportunity to influence the debate.

It was great to see the number of children at the annual meeting. These young children are the future of our Cooperative. The inflatable obstacle course, shaved ice, face painting, and pony rides along with the other attractions made for a favorable experience for the kids. My seven-year-

old daughter's smile was a testament to the fun.

If you have never been to the Cooperative's Annual Meeting, please mark it on your calendar for next year. It is always the first Wednesday following Labor Day weekend which will be September 8, 2010. We make it a family atmosphere so everyone can have a great time. Besides the children's activities, we offered great music from the Bordenkirchers and a variety of vendor displays. During the business meeting, four grand prizes of \$250 in free electricity were drawn along with over forty other vendor provided prizes!

The annual meeting is a time to bring people together to share ideas, vote on directors and other programs and to listen to what is happening with your Cooperative.

We consider the annual meeting a very important event in which the members have the opportunity to vote on the people who represent them on the Board of Directors. The elected directors are members just like you with local interests in mind.

During the business portion of the annual meeting, one incumbent director and two new directors were elected to serve three year terms. The three directors are incumbent Jim Benz – District #7, and new directors Roger Busen – District #8 and Rebecca Barlow – District #9 (the first female since 1938).

Overall, it was a successful annual meeting and very well attended. If anyone has any suggestions on how we can improve the annual meeting, please send me an email at jthompsn@adams.net or call me at 1-800-232-4797.



A BIG Thank You to all of our vendors who donated door prizes!

70th Annual Meeting

held September 9

shaved ice and entertainment by the Bordenkirchers.

Children were entertained by face painting, pony rides, the ever-popular inflatable obstacle course and a ring toss. All activities were free of charge.

The Penny Power program has contributed more than \$136,000 to area groups and organizations in Adams, Brown and Schuyler Counties. A grant was awarded to The Greater West Central Public Library in Augusta during the meeting. The library's board president Julie Wise accepted a check for \$1,000 to purchase reading materials for young people between ages 0-18.

Manager of Marketing/Member Services Bill Stalder introduced the 2009 Youth to Washington winners, Sarah Sprague and Hilary Wiltler. Sarah and Hilary thanked members for their opportunity to go to Washington, D.C.

This year marked the 50th Anniversary of the Youth Tour. Stalder named the former winners in attendance and asked them to stand and be recognized. Special recognition was given to Betty (Lefringhouse) Sitler and Arlene "Suzanne" (Phillips) Christner who were two of the four winners of the first trip in 1959.

Board President Rick King discussed cap and trade legislation currently under debate in the U.S. Senate. He stressed that any legislation

must be fair, affordable and achievable. He urged members to participate in the Our Energy, Our Future campaign and return the recently mailed postcards to legislators urging law makers to keep electric rates affordable.

General Manager Jim Thompson talked about the importance of the Cooperative owning generation assets. He showed a video of the Prairie State Generation Facility currently under construction, which the Cooperative will own 12.9 MW. The first of two generators is scheduled to go online in August 2011.

Manager Thompson announced the arrival of the Pigeon Creek Wind Turbine in Adams County and showed slides of the construction process. The Cooperative hopes to have the wind turbine commissioned and in operation by early fall. A second wind turbine is planned for Brown County.

During the meeting, members re-elected Jim Benz of Quincy, to serve on the Board of Directors for District #7. Roger Busen of Timewell was elected for District #8 to replace Ed Wagner who moved off Cooperative lines. Becky Barlow was elected to District #9 to replace retiring director Mike Tenhouse. Wagner and Tenhouse were recognized for their dedication to Adams Electric.

The Cooperative gave away over 40 door prizes from our generous vendors. Four grand prize drawings of \$250 in free electricity were awarded from Adams Electric. The lucky winners were Paul Cramer of Payson, Ira Kackley of Coatsburg, Alvin Ohnemus of Payson, and David Brown of Quincy.

We would like to thank all those who attended. Being a member of a Cooperative means you OWN the Cooperative. We're here to please you. We hope you enjoyed your evening and maybe even took home a door prize. Please join us again next year!

Note: For those who arrived toward the end of registration and did not receive your free door prize, your flashlight can be picked up at the Cooperative office in November. Quantities are limited.

The Cooperative celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the Youth to Washington Program. Twelve of the 120 former winners joined us for the commemoration. Front row (l-r): Brenda (Vaughn) Boyd - 1972, Ann (Deters) Vogel - 1968, Arlene (Phillips) Christner - 1959, Betty (Lefringhouse) Sitler - 1959, Hilary Wiltler - 2009, and Sarah Sprague - 2009. Back row (l-r): Ellen (Deters) Waters - 1967, Gerri (Deters) Buss - 1978, Karen (Dietrich) Kite - 1985, Julie (Croxtton) Hainline - 2001, Shawn Dickerman - 1988, and Tim Sheely - 1996.



Pictured (l-r): Directors Jim Benz, Roger Busen, and Rebecca Barlow

What a beautiful night for an Annual Meeting...and what a wonderful crowd! It was great to see so many new faces. Adams Electric Cooperative's 70th Annual Meeting was held Wednesday, September 9th in Camp Point. We registered 735 members and their families (about 1,900 plates of food).

New this year was an energy efficiency booth from Prairie Power, Inc., our generation and transmission cooperative of Jacksonville. The booth was operated by PPI's Director of Administrative Services Greg Nieman and Manager of Marketing and Economic Development Aaron Ridenour. Greg and Aaron used the booth to demonstrate energy efficiency as it relates to insulation and infiltration and the importance of a tightly sealed home environment.

Parents created child I.D. emergency kits at the Illinois Child Identification Program booth, organized by Marvin Johnson, an IL CHIP representative.

The Cooperative invited 12 new vendors for a total of 36 displayers and demonstrators. In addition, families enjoyed popcorn from the Lions Club, free



Tenhouse

Retires after 21 years of service

Long-time director Mike Tenhouse retired from Adams Electric Cooperative's Board of Directors at the 2009 Annual Meeting. Mike has served as director for District #9 for 21 years. He served as secretary of the board from September 1990 to September 1995. He served as vice president from September 1999 to September 2003, then as president from September 2003 to September 2006.

Mike also served as Adams Electric Cooperative's alternate director on the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperative's board of directors from 1999-2009.

Mike received his B.S. degree from Western Illinois University and his Masters degree from University of Illinois.

Mike lives in rural Coatsburg with his wife, Diane. Mike is employed by John Wood Community College as Coordinator of the Agri Business Management Program and is partner in a family cattle and grain operation. His wife, Diane, is a kindergarten teacher at Central Elementary in Camp Point. They have two children, Jacob and Jordan.

Tenhouse's leadership was recognized at the 2009 Annual Meeting with the presentation of a plaque, honoring him for his dedication to the Cooperative. The employees and directors of Adams Electric Cooperative appreciate all of his time and effort. Mike's expertise and knowledge will be missed.



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October 9th & 10th
10 a.m. - 9p.m.



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Shrubs and trees can enhance the appearance of a home while providing shade in the summer and protection from cold, icy winds in the winter.

Before planting trees, contact Adams Electric for a free brochure called *Lines, Limbs and the Landscape*. A successful landscaping design requires careful thought. See *Figure 1* to see how an overhead electric line should fit near shrubs and trees. Always allow proper separation of shrubs and trees from overhead electric lines.

Some plants prefer certain locations and certain soil types. For more information and recommendations, please consult your local library, city forester, county horticulturist, or your local nursery specialist.

A properly designed landscape offers many benefits beyond enhancing the appearance of your property including safe, reliable electric service.

Planting shrubs and trees over underground lines is not recommended because of future maintenance that will be required on these

lines. An 8-foot-wide strip centered directly over an underground line is sufficient space for future maintenance needs.

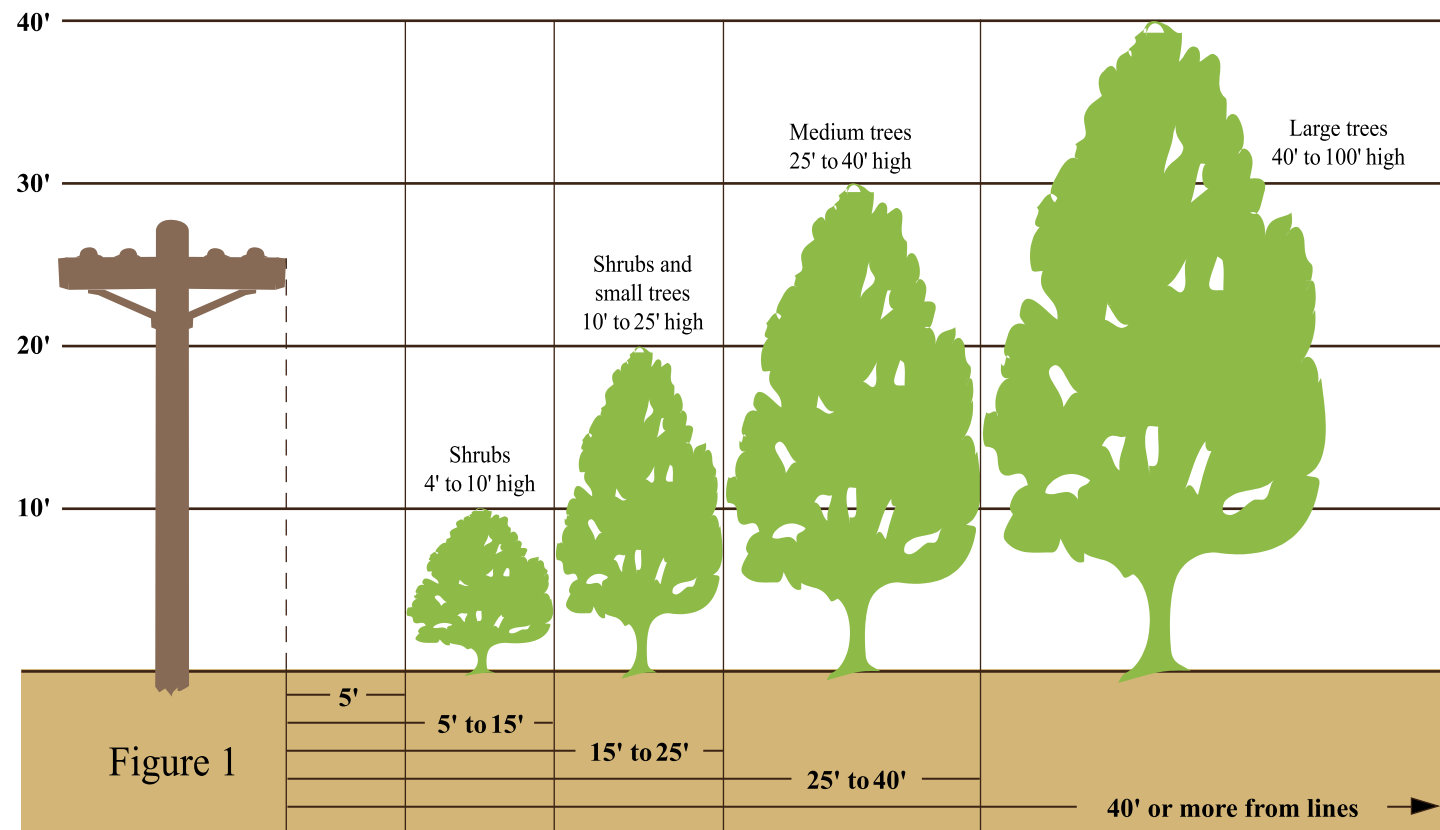
Remember to call JULIE by dialing 811 before you begin any landscaping or other digging projects.

Very Important!

Call the Cooperative before you trim or cut down any trees or limbs near electric lines.

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Pigeon Creek Wind Turbine

*The First Utility-Scale Wind Turbine
in Adams County Has Arrived*

South of Quincy Regional Airport, along 1700E (Plainville Blacktop), Adams Electric Cooperative's new 900kW Pigeon Creek Wind Turbine reaches into the sky. The new landmark is 246 feet tall (335 feet counting the blade).

The turbine was manufactured by Emergya Wind Technologies (EWT), located in the Netherlands. The blades were made in Denmark, the tower was manufactured in Mexico, the generator came from China and the convertor was made in the United States (Texas). The parts arrived in Payson, Illinois, by semis and were assembled on site using two massive cranes.

Each blade weighs about 3,000 pounds and attaches to a 20,000 pound hub. The hub is attached to a generator weighing 69,000 pounds.

Instead of using an enormous gearbox, the Co-op's new turbine is a direct drive unit, meaning the three 89-foot blades will drive the generator. The blades will start producing electricity in winds as light as six miles per hour and reach full capacity in winds starting at 31 miles per hour.

Left: The larger of the two cranes lifted the 69,000 pound generator to the top of the wind turbine's tower.

Below: The blades were attached to the hub on the ground, a process that took several hours. Once the blade assembly was complete, straps were attached to the top two blades, lifted by the crane and attached to the generator. The man at the top of the tower, an independent contractor, had to climb over the generator and release the straps from the crane.



Once commissioned, power from the turbine will be distributed to co-op members in the surrounding area. It will supply approximately 2.5 million kilowatt-hours of electricity per year. That is enough power for about 200-300 homes.

Illinois is ranked 16th in wind energy potential with most of the state being classified as fair or marginal. The areas listed as "good potential" include south-east of Quincy, the Bloomington area, north of Peoria, the Mattoon area and between Sterling and Aurora.

The Cooperative hired Tom Wind of Wind Utility Consulting to analyze our territory's wind potential and the economic feasibility of the project. Locations within two to three miles of Adams Electric's substations were studied. After all studies were completed, the Cooperative found several sites with wind potential. The site for the Pigeon Creek Wind Turbine is leased from James and Joan Koetters.

The installed cost of the wind turbine will be approximately \$2 million. The Cooperative secured \$1.5 million in Clean Renewable Energy Bonds (CREBs) which is an interest-free loan for financing renewable energy projects. The Cooperative also received grants for the Adams County project: \$150,000 from Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation (ICECF) and \$250,000 from the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO).

The new wind turbine will supplement current power supplies and act as a hedge against rising fuel costs. Wind is one of the best renewable energy sources because it produces no pollution, no combustion and no byproduct that would harm the environment. However, wind is not a good, single source of energy because it works only when the wind blows. With the help of financing, adding wind as a portion of our power portfolio makes sense. The wind turbine will help maintain Adams Electric's power cost and reduce the Cooperative's amount of electricity generated by other fuels.

The co-op serves more than 8,428 members over 2,211 miles of line in parts of Adams, Brown, Hancock, McDonough, Pike, Schuyler, and Fulton counties.



Left: The base arrived at the wind turbine site on Wednesday, August 26.

Middle: The tower was made of three sections. The base, shown here, was lifted by crane and attached to the foundation.

Right: The blades were lifted to the top of the tower and attached to the generator.



Energy Commandment No. 4: "Thou shalt provide adequate air"

*Energy Efficiency Tips by Doug Rye,
the "Doctor of Energy Efficiency - the King of Caulk and Talk"*

If the leak is not fixed, it is sure to leak again.

Air conditioner failures can be caused by a number of things. It may be a manufacturer's problem or an installer's mistake. But there's another cause you may not be aware of – restricted air flow. Restricted

air flow will shorten the system's life and reduce the system's performance. Please remember this famous Doug Rye quote, "An air conditioner cannot blow more air out than it can suck in."

In some cases, restricted air flow can be caused by furniture placement. However, it is usually caused by a dirty filter, or an undersized return air filter grill.

How often do you need to change the ac filter in your house? Some say every month, but I'm telling you it is "as needed." Some may need to change them monthly, some every two months, some every six months, etc.



As related to return air filter grills, one needs approximately two square feet of filter grill per ton (12,000 British thermal units) of cooling. So if you have a three-ton air conditioning system, you need six square feet of return air filter grill for the system

to operate at maximum capacity and not stress the equipment. Remember, it is impossible to oversize the return air system – the larger the return air, the better. I know what many of you are thinking, "Well, my return air is only half the size it needs to be!" Well, the next time the technician comes

to your house to add freon or other repairs, ask him about increasing the size of your return air filter grill.

See you next month!

P.S. Before you start calling me, I am very much aware that most air conditioning refrigerant is not now freon, but all readers recognize that term.

Listen to Doug Rye's live radio program "Home Remedies" on WTAD every Saturday morning at 9:06 a.m. Doug Rye, a licensed architect living in Saline County works as a consultant for the Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas to promote energy efficiency to cooperative members statewide. To order Doug's video or ask energy efficiency-related questions, call Doug at 1-501-653-7931. More energy-efficiency tips, as well as Doug's columns, can also be found at www.ecark.org. Source: Rural Arkansas Magazine

Do you know the difference between a phone line and a power line?

Typically, telephone lines and cable lines are lower than power lines. However, if a power line has fallen on a telephone line anywhere down the road due to a storm or accident, the telephone line could be electrically charged. In some cases, lower lines are old single phase lines and could also be energized. **Always assume that ALL wires are dangerous.** It's not worth the risk.

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Adams Electric Cooperative's

Country Kitchen



Pumpkin Snack Bars

Taco Delight Soup

Submitted by Esther Strosaker

- 1 lb. hamburger, browned & drained
- 1 envelope dry Taco seasoning
- 1 (15 oz.) can black beans
- 1 (15 oz.) can pinto beans
- 1 (15 oz.) can Great Northern beans
- 1 cup frozen corn
- 1 (15 oz.) can diced tomatoes with chiles
- 1 cup instant brown rice
- 1 cup water
- 2 cups tomato juice

Mix all ingredients and bring to a boil. Lower heat and simmer for 20 min. Serve with corn chips or as a main dish.

Corn Casserole

Submitted by Kim Alford

- 1 box corn bread mix
 - 1 can cream corn
 - 1 can regular corn
 - 1 egg
 - 1 stick butter, melted
 - 8 oz. sour cream
- Mix together. Bake at 350 degrees until set, about 45 min. to 1 hr.

Vidalia Onion Dip

Submitted by Susan Baumgartner

- 2 1/2 cups fresh onion, chopped
- 24 oz. cream cheese, softened to room temp.
- 2 cups parmesan cheese
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 tsp. hot sauce
- 3 Tbsp. butter
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. coarsely ground black pepper

Heat oil & butter in large skillet, add onion, salt & pepper. Saute 10-15 minutes until brown. Set aside. Allow to cool. Combine cream cheese, mayo, parmesan cheese and hot sauce on low speed. Add onion and mix well. Spread in 2 qt. shallow dish. Bake in 425 degree oven about 20-25 min. until golden brown. Serve with crisp crackers or French bread.

Pumpkin Snack Bars

Submitted by Carolyn Fuller

- 1 box spice cake mix
 - 1 (16 oz.) can pumpkin
 - 3/4 cup Miracle Whip
 - 3 eggs
- Frosting:**
 3 1/2 cups powdered sugar
 1 stick softened butter or oleo
 2 Tbsp. milk
 1 tsp. vanilla

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Blend cake mix, pumpkin, dressing and eggs with electric mixer on medium speed until well blended. Pour into a 13x9 inch pan. Bake 20-25 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool completely. Blend all ingredients for frosting until light and fluffy. Spread on cake. Cut into bars. Makes about 2 dozen bars.

And the winner is... Lisa Fundel of Golden

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Mutt Strut

Oct. 3 (10am-1pm), South Park, 12th & Harrison, Qcy. WoofStock by Qcy. Humane Society. Activities, vendors & food. Need not have a pet to participate. (217) 223-8786

Turkey Dinner

Oct. 3 (4pm), Bluff Hall Church, 2 miles SE of Marblehead, turn north at church sign (Hwy 172, exit 2), NW to church sign, turn north on gravel. Turkey supper w/all the trimmings. Adults \$9, kids (5-12) \$4, (4 & under) free. (217) 656-3678

Spoon River Drive

Oct. 3, 4, 10, 11, Scenic drive through Fulton Co. Crafts, vendors, food & activities. spoonriverdrive.org.

Drop-In Crafts

Saturdays & Sundays in Oct., Qcy. Public Library. Construct a paper craft w/your child! Drop in anytime!

Spirit Knob Winery Octoberfest

Saturdays & Sundays in Oct. (1-5pm), Spirit Knob, 2211 E 640th Pl., Ursa. Sample wines, visit w/ friends & listen to live entertainment while overlooking the bluffs of the Mississippi River. (217) 964-2678

Farmer's Market

Tuesdays (3-6pm) & Saturdays (7am-noon), Washington Park, 5th & Maine, Qcy. Produce, baked goods & crafts. (217) 228-8696

Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre

Oct. 10 (5pm), Collver Family Winery, Barry. "Murder on the Disoriented Express." Wine tasting, audience participation, good food & suspenseful entertainment. (217) 335-3279

Respect Life Dinner

Oct. 15 (Reception 6pm, dinner 6:30pm), K of C/Fr. McGivney Hall, 700 S. 36th, Qcy. Speaker Marc T. Newman, Ph.D. Sponsored by Right to Life of Adams Co.

Sunset Home Auxiliary Fall Bazaar

Oct. 16 (9am-2pm), Sunset Home, 418 Washington. Baked goods, flea market, clothing, furniture, homemade coffee cake. (217) 222-9442

Early Tin Dusters Fall Color Run

Oct. 16-18, Downtown Qcy. & Moorman Park on N. 36th St. Street rod show for cars pre-1949. (217) 964-2426

1st Annual Quincy Christian School Craft Show

Oct. 17 (9am-4pm), Qcy. Christian School, 1236 N. 10th St. Craft booths, foods, drawings for prizes & bake sale. \$3 admission. Kids 10 & under are free. (217) 223-5698

Artoberfest

Oct. 17 (10am-4pm), Qcy. Art Center, 1515 Jersey. Children's art activities, art sale, food, beverages & entertainment. Free admission. (217) 223-5900

Enchanted Autumn Card Making Workshop

Oct. 17 (2-3pm), Qcy. Public Library. Designed for children & their families. All materials provided; just bring your creativity! Registration requested. (217) 223-1309

Octoberfest Parade & Field Competition

Oct. 17, Parade (2-4pm) from 14th to 44th & Maine (Flinn Stadium). Competition at Flinn Stadium hosted by QHS for high school marching bands. (217) 224-3774

Pike Co. Fall Color Drive

Oct. 17 & 18, Pike Co. Scenic drives, local attractions, historical activities, food specialties, apple products & crafts. (217) 285-2971

Thirsty Thursday

Oct. 22 (5-7pm), Frese Ornamental Nursery. A night of autumn splendor & a splash of Spirit Knob Winery. (217) 222-0977

"Miss Nelson is Missing"

Oct. 22-25 (evenings at 7:30pm, 2pm on Sun.), Quincy Community Theatre, Oakley Lindsay Center, 3rd & York. (217) 222-3209

Dungeon Dance of Doom

Oct. 23 (6-7:30pm), Qcy. Public Library. For 3rd-6th graders. Haunted library and monster bash. Prizes for bravest - and most creatively costumed - participants. Foul food. Reserve your spooky spot by calling (217) 223-1309.

Life Chain

Oct. 24 (2:30pm & 3:30pm), 24th & Maine St. Prayer chain held in more than 1,200 cities in the United States. Parking available at St. Peters. Sponsored by Right to Life of Adams County.

Golden Windmill Oktoberfest

Oct. 25 (11am-4pm), Golden Windmill. Porkchop dinner w/ all the trimmings (served 11am-1pm). Afternoon activities include cemetery tours with presenters in period costume relating life of early German settlers. (217) 696-2722

Old Fashioned Family- Friendly Halloween Party

Oct. 25 (6-8pm), Quincy Museum, 16th & Maine. Old fashioned Halloween fun w/ games, crafts & prizes for children of all ages. (217) 224-7669

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Oct. 28 (1-6pm), Qcy. Public Library. Help save a life by taking an hour out of your day to donate blood. For appointments, call 223-1309, ext 201.

Yeast Bread Bake Sale & Craft Show

Oct. 31 (9am-noon), St. Brigid Hall, Liberty. Order your donuts for Halloween, cinnamon bread, noodles & other fresh baked items by calling (217) 645-3936 or (217) 645-3680 by Oct. 24.

Halloween in Boootiful Nauvoo

Oct. 31, Nauvoo. Hundreds of intricately carved jack-o-lanterns, parade, haunted house, entertainment, food, more. Visit www.beautifulnauvoo.com

In The News...

Pennies Make A Difference

Participating members of Adams Electric Cooperative have their electric bills rounded up to the nearest dollar each month. These "pennies" provide grant money for local organizations through a program called Penny Power.

Recently, Adams Electric Cooperative awarded Penny Power grants to eleven local organizations totaling \$8,500. Recipients included: Richfield United Methodist Church - \$500 for repairs to the church basement; Baldwin South 5th Grade - \$250 for Get in the Game, Read, a summer reading program; Jackson-Lincoln Swimming Complex - \$800 for a pool cleaner; Brown County Sheriff's Office - \$1,000 for in-squad cameras for DUI prosecution; Mississippi Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America - \$1,000 for women's shower and restroom facility at Saukenauk Scout

Reservation; Quanada - \$750 toward replacing the copier used for client-related work and administrative duties; Greater West Central Public Library District - \$1,000 to purchase library materials for youth ages 0-18; Camp Point Fire Protection District - \$1,000 to buy radios and add electrical outlets; Girl Scouts of Central Illinois - \$500

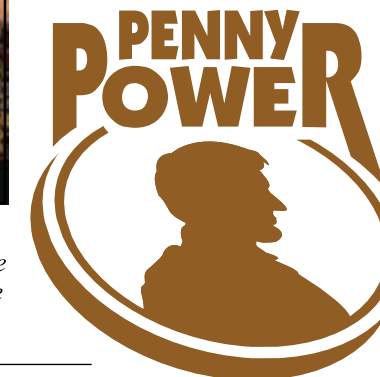


Accepting the check were American Red Cross Executive Director Pam Schaeffer (left) and representative Mecki Kosin (right) with Adams Electric Cooperative Administrative Assistant Deb Rhea (middle).

for the Girls Night Out Program; Adams County Chapter, American Red Cross - \$700 for a wireless conference phone; Golden Good Shepherd Home - \$1,000 for installing sprinklers in closets and bathrooms (\$300,000 project).

Penny Power dollars impact communities across Adams Electric Cooperative's service area in Adams, Brown, Schuyler, Hancock, McDonough, Pike and Fulton counties.

The next deadline to apply for a Penny Power grant is October 5, 2009. For more information or to request a grant application, contact Bill Stalder, Manager of Marketing and Member Services at (217) 593-7701.



Directors Attend Statewide Annual Meeting

Seven Adams Electric Cooperative directors attended the 68th Association of Illinois Electric Cooperative's (AIEC) 2009 Annual Meeting held July 29-31, 2009.

Directors Rick King (president), Alan Acheson (secretary), John Kestner (treasurer), George Schneider, Mike Tenhouse, Lyle Waner and Bob Willis took part in the AIEC's annual meeting. While in attendance, the directors attended, "The Role of Renewables in Power Supply." The course will help directors establish policies as cooperatives address renewables. The 2009 Annual Meeting allowed professionals to expand their abilities as a leader and learn more about today's critical issues facing Illinois cooperatives.

Sealing air leaks in your home can improve energy efficiency and help keep you comfortable. Many sealing tasks are do-it-yourself projects and are often more cost-effective than replacing parts of your home, such as windows. By properly sealing the sources of air leaks, you can reduce your energy costs, reduce indoor air pollutants and maintain a comfortable living environment within your home.

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Event Listings

Deadlines:
November Events.....Oct 1
December Events.....Nov 1
February Events.....Jan 1
March Events.....Feb 1
April Events.....Mar 1
May Events.....April 1

Send event title, date(s), time(s), address, town, brief description, cost (if any), and contact phone #.

Mail to: Attn: Laura, Adams Electric, PO Box 247, Camp Point, IL 62320 or Call: (800) 232-4797

Town-wide yard sales, concerts, car shows, craft shows, parades, festivals, plays, fairs, special sporting events, benefits, activities for children, bake sales, demonstrations, or something else? Tell us about it! Space permitting.



THOMAS H. MOORE IEC MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Seven scholarships for 2009 will be awarded to Illinois high school seniors through the Thomas H. Moore Illinois Electric Cooperative (IEC) Memorial Scholarship Program.

- 4 scholarships are available for the sons/daughters of Illinois cooperative members for any two or four year accredited college in the United States.
- 1 scholarship is reserved for the son/daughter of an Illinois cooperative employee/director for any school in the United States.
- 2 scholarships available for the son/daughter of an Illinois cooperative member, employee, or director for an Illinois community college.

Each scholarship
will be worth

\$1,250.00

To receive an application, contact
Adams Electric Cooperative
at (800) 232-4797.

Or, send an email to:
ldotson@adams.net.

**Deadline to enter:
December 31, 2009**