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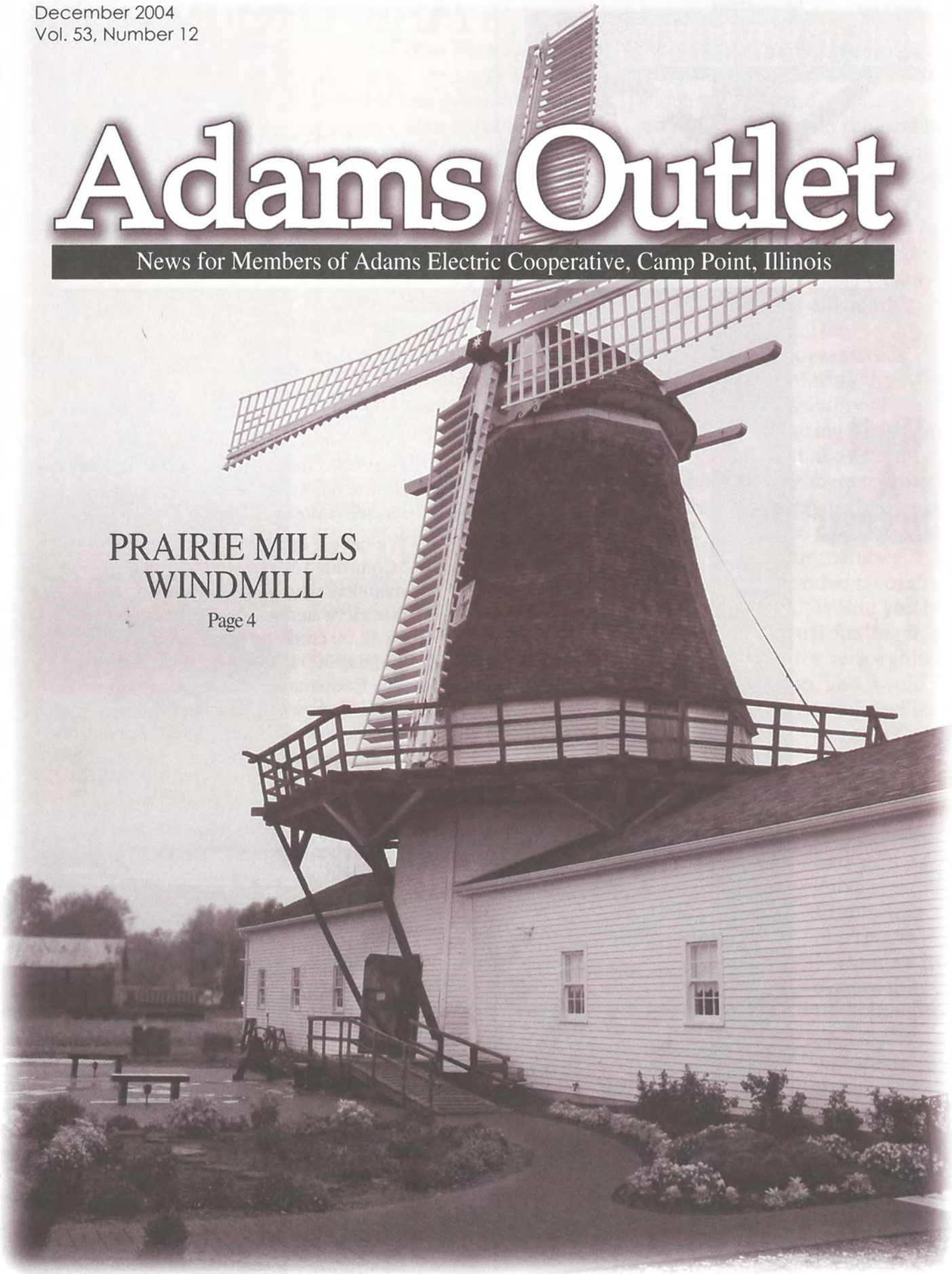

PRAIRIE MILLS WINDMILL

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Goal: 10,318 AMR Meters

October 2004
9,690 AMR Meters

Sept. 2004
9,534 Meters

August 2004
9,252 Meters

July 2004
9,072 Meters

June 2004
8,500 Meters

2003
6,700 Meters

2002
4,550 Meters

2001
2,200 Meters

Watt A Success!

Climbing The Pole To Our Goal.

Ask the Editor

Member Q&A

Members of Camp Point Co-op 4-H Club would like to take this occasion of National 4-H Week to thank all of you at Adams Electric Cooperative for your support of 4-H/Extension. Electricity project members from all of Adams County's 21 4-H Clubs appreciate your electricity school.

To Member Service Department:
I have an electric water heater but my furnace is propane and I don't have central air. I know you have low controlled heating and cooling rates but do you offer any special rates just for electric water heaters?

We have a special program called "Controlled Water Heating" for members who have 30 gallon or larger electric water heaters. You will receive an $8.00 credit on your electric bill if you use 400 kWh or more each month. The Cooperative will install a radio-controlled switch on or near your electric water heater(s) to control usage during peak usage periods. The switch is furnished and installed at no cost to you. Control periods can be during the summer months of June through September and could include weekends and holidays. Usually interruptions are in the afternoon and early evening. The water heater(s) can be interrupted for the entire control period. The power to the water heater will be disconnected during control periods. In other words, for a few hours of conserving hot water only a few days during the summer, you'll receive up to $96/year. You could say, it's pretty much a "no brainer." Just give us a call and we'll set you up - (800) 232-4797. Thanks for your interest!

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Editor
Laura Dotson

Renewable Energy

You hear a lot about renewable energy or Green Power in the press these days. But what is renewable energy? Renewable energy resources are constantly replenished and will never be diminished. Some sources of renewable energy are solar, ocean, geothermal, wind, biomass and hydroelectric. One of the main benefits of renewable energy is its low environmental impact. Wind energy is the renewable energy source generating the greatest interest around Illinois. Sites are being studied for favorable winds and projects are being started.

General Manager Jim Thompson PE

In general, most people believe it is a good idea to use renewable energy. The problem is making it cost competitive with fossil fuels (mainly used today.) Another issue is that electricity, for the most part, can not be stored. Electricity is generated as it is needed and supply must balance the demand. Most renewable energy sources are variable and inconsistent as a continual source. If the wind is not blowing or the water is not flowing, electricity is not being generated.

> The Cooperative is exploring the possibility of offering a program that allows our members to invest in renewable energy technologies, if they desire.

In the future, the solution will be a blend of many different technologies and resources with a push toward renewables. Coal, which is very abundant in Illinois, is still a good option and with today's technology can be used to generate electricity cleanly and efficiently.

The Cooperative is exploring the possibility of offering a program that allows our members to invest in renewable energy technologies, if they desire. In a recent pole, 11% of our members surveyed, responded favorably to the question "Would you be interested in participating in a Green Energy (or renewable energy) program, and would you be willing to pay an extra few dollars per month for it?" The Cooperative had an Advisory Committee meeting in November to discuss this topic (details page 8). If we decide to pursue a renewable energy certificate program in the future, we will provide more detailed information on how it would work and how members can become involved.

PRAIRIE MILLS WINDMILL

Amongst the vast prairie land of the Midwest, lies a celebrated landmark. There you'll find four 35-foot sails stretching into the sky. It's not a famous river with four majestic ships or a splendid little lake with sailboats. It's a 132-year old historic windmill.

In 1852, Golden, Illinois offered opportunity for Hinrich "Henry" Emminga. At the young age of 23, Henry immigrated to America from Ostfriesland in Northwest Germany. He built his first windmill, called the "Custom Mill" approximately 1.5 miles northeast of Golden. He ran the Custom Mill for 11 years then moved back to Germany during the American Civil War. While living in Felde, Germany, Henry built the Ostfriesland windmill. (This mill still stands and is the identical twin of the Prairie Mills Windmill.) Henry and his family returned to Golden in 1872 and began construction on the Prairie Mill.

For the windmill's foundation, 35 loads of rock were carried seven miles from a creek bed by local farmers. In April 1873, the upper stories, tower and main shaft were completed. Two sets of millstones had to be ordered from France and shipped to Golden. These solid grinding stones measured five feet across and weighed 5,000 pounds each. The stones were ready by September. At last, the first shipment of buckwheat was sent to Carthage on November 8, 1873. In August of the following year, a third set of millstones was installed. This set was pieced together from smaller stones rather than shipped from France.

With three sets of millstones in place, the mill could grind wheat flour, corn and graham, and buckwheat. On a good day, the mill could process 500 bushels.

Each bushel of grain had to be raised with a sack hoist up to the third floor one sack at a time.

Numerous community members, businesses and local organizations have donated to the restoration of the windmill. Many of them are listed on bricks outside the museum.

The windmill requires an eight mile-per-hour wind just to turn the sails and at least a 20 to 22 mile-per-hour wind to operate the mill.

Finished products were exported on a world-wide scale. The Prairie Mill's quality became known as outstanding across the United States and in foreign countries. Its wheat flour even won first prize in a St. Louis competition for the best flour on the market.

A set of millstones is made up of a bottom stone called the bed stone and a top stone called the runner stone. The runner stone rotates over the bed stone. The space between the stones determines the quality of the flour.

Henry Emminga operated the mill until 1878 when he sold it to his son Harm Emminga. Harm ran the operation as it was until 1889 when he moved the wheat flour process across the road to a more reliable steam-powered mill. Harm continued to process corn meal and specialty flours in the Prairie Mill until his death in 1915. At that time, Harm's son, John Jacob Emminga, took over. John joined F.B. Franzen (the grandson of the original purchaser of the Custom Mill) to combine the Prairie Mill and Custom Mill and form the "Consolidated Cereal Company." In 1923, John sold his portion of the company.

In 1924, a storm destroyed two of the Prairie Mill's sails. The windmill continued with a gas motor until the 1930's. Although the mill became the site of a supper club, home and tavern, the mill began to deteriorate. It was left empty in the 1980's.

Something had to be done. The structure was set to be sold and relocated in another community. Instead, local volunteers formed Golden Historical Society in 1986. The group of volunteers were dedicated to the restoration and preservation of the mill. The group held a fund drive and purchased the windmill.

Plans were developed to restore it to its original condition. The rock foundation was replaced with concrete. The framing, siding and cap were repaired. The deck was rebuilt. New sails and shutters were installed. The east wing was restored. After several years of hard work, the windmill was once again operational. Volunteers were able to process grain in 2002.

The Golden Historical Society is still working on the north wing. The tailpole, which recently rotted away, is also being repaired. The tailpole is used to turn the cap so the sails face the wind.

Today, the Prairie Mills Windmill is the only windmill in Illinois that still has its original stones and gearing. Derek Ogden, a millwright who helped with the restoration said, "The construction of the Prairie Mills Windmill is of a very high standard, both structurally and mechanically. The machinery in this windmill is one of the finest I have seen in the United States of America and certainly up to the highest standard I have seen in Europe."

The Prairie Mills Windmill is open to the public throughout the year by appointment, on Saturdays from noon to 4:00 p.m. and on Sundays (first Sunday in May through the last Sunday in October) from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Appointments may be made by calling (217) 696-4678 or (217) 696-2360. Admission is $3.00 for adults and $1.00 for students. Group tours are available.

We hope you'll take advantage of this unique piece of history in our local area. While you're there, stop by the gift shop; it offers a wide variety of items that relate to both the windmill and the community.

Looking up from the sack hoist floor of the windmill, visitors can see the original mechanisms including the great spur wheel which turns the stone spindle.

"The best gift I ever received was..."

Twelve years ago, our grandchildren, Dustin (age 5) and Kaitlyn (age 2) spent a very busy Christmas weekend preparing for the big event. The children enjoyed helping wrap gifts for the family, Pepper (the dog) and the secret of not telling anyone. Dustin disappeared to his shop play area, returning after a few minutes for paper and tape. No, he did not need my help! Soon he returned proudly carrying a "wrapped gift," gently placing it under the tree. No, he couldn't tell about the gift, it was a secret – his secret.

As family arrived, the talk was of the secret gift. Finally, gift time arrived. The gleaming faced little boy was allowed to present the first gift to me! He'd made an airplane from two wooden strips nailed together and two nails for wheels. Can you guess where I displayed my special gift? – my curio cabinet for all to see.

Lela Allen, Camden

One of the best gifts I ever received wasn't really a gift. It was a piece of notebook paper. It is what was written on it that makes it so special.

I had fixed food for the volleyball girls for their away game at Jacksonville. They left right after school and would not be stopping anywhere to eat. They would not arrive back home until around 10:30 p.m. So, I fixed them sandwiches, snacks and sent water. I had done this many times before.

We followed the bus to Jacksonville. When we arrived, one of the girls handed me a piece of notebook paper. On it was written: "Thank you! Thank you for buying, fixing and spending some of your time on us. 8th Grade Volleyball Team & 7th Grade Volleyball Team."

Then, they all signed it.

These girls are now seniors and I'm still hauling water bottles around.

Recently, they were at my house tie-dying shirts. They saw it framed and hanging in my office. They could not believe that I had kept it all these years.

I told them it was one of the best gifts I'd ever received.

Bonnie Speckhart, Camp Point

I have had many memorable birthday gifts, but one I will always treasure was years ago. My mother always baked my favorite dessert – fresh raspberry pie – for my July birthday. Twenty-three years ago in December, she passed away and we all still miss her.

The following year on my birthday, I came home after work and was shocked to see a fresh, warm raspberry pie on the table. My sister had taken over the birthday baking!

She passed away in 1992 but the memory of the birthday gift is precious to me.

Wanda Wheelhouse, Rushville

In the late 40's, when we got electricity at our farm in rural Brown County, refrigeration was one of the benefits and our good friend and neighbor, Carl Walker, started to dream of a "grade A" milk barn and a herd of holstein cows. Soon he constructed the "grade A" milk barn and purchased two holstein cows to start his herd. One morning, early, just after my dad and I finished our milking and other chores, the telephone rang. This was a rare occurrence since we still had the old crank telephones. It was Carl. He told my dad to bring me by before I caught the school bus. When we got to Carl's house, he took us to the barn. There with its mother was a newborn holstein heifer. Carl said for me to go ahead and crawl in there to pet her, which I did (clean school clothes and shoes on). He said, "Do you like her?" I said, "Oh yes, she's beautiful." Carl said, "Well, when she is old enough to leave her mother, she's yours." That little heifer grew up and gave us many calves and gallons of milk. What greater gift could a little girl receive than a piece of a man's dream.

Mary K. (Bower) Tite, Mt. Sterling

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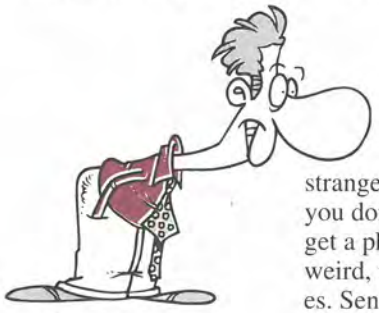

"You'd never believe what I saw..."
Have you seen something strange or unusual? ...something you don't see everyday? Did you get a photo? Tell us about your weird, wacky and odd occurrences. Send us your unusual photos.
DEADLINE: Fri., Dec. 10

"My wedding proposal..."
Tell us how your spouse popped the question. Do you have an interesting story to tell? Let's hear it!
DEADLINE: Fri., Dec. 31

"Kids these days think they have it rough. When I was a kid..."
Tell us your stories about the "olden days."
DEADLINE: Fri., Jan. 21

"Someone played an April Fool's joke on me and I fell for it..."
Or, maybe you played an April Fool's joke on someone else. Tell us your funny stories.
DEADLINE: Fri., Feb. 18

"The best place I ever traveled to..."
Have you ever taken a fabulous vacation? Maybe you've stayed in some far off land or visited someplace in the U.S. Send us a photo if possible.
DEADLINE: Fri., March 18

Send your entries to: **Laura Dotson, Adams Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 247, Camp Point, IL 62320** or email them to: **ldotson@adams.net** Each published entry will receive a $5 electric bill credit. One entry per household, per category. Please include a S.A.S.E. if you want your entry returned.

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Advisory Committee Discusses Wind Energy

On November 8, 2004, Adams Electric Cooperative Advisory Committee members met at the Prairie Mills Windmill in Golden, Illinois. The topic of the evening's discussion was wind energy. Guest speaker, Greg Nieman, Business Performance Coordinator for Continental Cooperative Services (CCS), spoke about the possibility of offering renewable energy certificates to members. The certificates would support the development of clean, renewable energy generation resources, such as wind energy. Members of the committee commented on the viability of offering renewable energy certificates to Adams Electric members. The response was positive. If Adams Electric Cooperative were to become involved in a renewable energy program, member participation would be voluntary.

Members of the Advisory Committee also completed a brief survey about the annual meeting. The survey asked for feedback to make improvements, if necessary, to the annual event.

During the evening, retiring Advisory Committee members were honored for the completion of their two-year term. Retiring members included: Jerry and Janie Ward of Rushville, Randy and Crystal Clair of Loraine, Richard and Kristine Barry of Liberty, Robert and Carol Bortmess of Mt. Sterling, Jerry and Shirley Breeden of Plymouth, Robert and Norma Perry of Payson, Jeff and Nita Niekamp of Quincy, Chuck and Janet Ingram of Timewell, and Butch and Dorothy Obert of Camp Point.

Watch for details on the
2005 Youth Tour ... coming soon!

Are You A SENIOR Planning To Attend COLLEGE In Illinois?

Four $1,000 scholarships will be awarded through the Illinois Electric Cooperative (IEC) Memorial Scholarship Program.

High school seniors pursuing a college education in Illinois are eligible. Three of the four scholarships will be awarded to the son or daughter of an electric cooperative member and one will go to the son or daughter of an electric cooperative director or employee. Deadline for applications to be returned to the Cooperative is January 1, 2005.

To receive an application or for further information, contact Adams Electric Cooperative at 1-800-232-4797, or ask your high school guidance counselor.

Deadline: January 1, 2005

Kay Simpson
Resigns After 24 Years of Service

Administrative Assistant Kay Simpson has accepted a position with Northeast Missouri Electric Power Cooperative in Palmyra, Missouri. Kay began working for the Cooperative January 14, 1980 as Computer Operator/ Programmer. In 1997, she was named Administrative Assistant. Kay is married to Jim Simpson and currently resides in Camp Point. The Cooperative congratulates Kay and wishes her well in her new endeavor.

Debbie Rhea
Accepts Administrative Assistant Position

Debbie Rhea has accepted the position of Administrative Assistant. Debbie has been with Adams Electric since March 7, 1995. She began working in the finance and billing departments. She was named Billing Supervisor in September 1997. Debbie is married to Bob Rhea of Camp Point. They have two sons, Tracy and Casey, and a daughter, Ashley. The Employees and Board of Directors congratulate Debbie on her new position.

Fun Fact: True or False. Adams Electric gives away one trip to Washington, D.C., every year. (answer on page 13)

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Pork Loin Roast

Submitted by Ed Hilgenbrinck

4 lb. pork loin roast or boneless pork roast
2 cups dried or fresh apricots
Homemade dressing or use Stove Top dressing, prepared

Cut roast in half lengthwise. Loin roasts are generally already in halves. Cook apricots in enough water to cover. Cook until tender. Put in blender and chop until very fine, almost like jam. Puree. Punch each half of roast with a large fork or skewer. Put the apricot over both sides of cut roast leaving a thin coat. Place bottom half of roast on cheese cloth. Add 3 1/2 inches of dressing on bottom portion of roast. Can be thicker if desired. Top with other half of roast. Tie cheese cloth over roast with string (no plastic). Punch top and sides with fork. Thin any pureed apricot to a thin spreading consistency. Brush over roast while baking. Bake at 350° about 15-20 minutes per pound.

Almond Butter Toffee

Submitted by Ed Hilgenbrinck

1 stick butter, no margarine
1 cup sugar
1/2 tsp. salt
1/4 cup water
1 (4 oz.) pkg. sliced almonds
4 oz. sweet chocolate, 1/2 large Hershey bar, or 2 squares of almond bark
Finely chopped nuts

Grease 2 cookie sheets. In 2-3 quart bowl, add butter, sugar, salt and water. DO NOT STIR. Cook in microwave on full power for 8 minutes; should be color of brown sugar. Cook 30 seconds at a time longer until the color is right. Pour sliced almonds into hot mixture and pour onto cookie sheets. Melt chocolate or bark for 1-1 1/2 minutes. Spread over toffee. Put finely chopped nuts on top.

Baked Oranges

Submitted by Jeannette Dopheide

6 oranges
6 medium apples
1 (18-20 oz.) can of crushed pineapple
1 1/2 cups sugar
1/2 cup pecans, chopped
3 Tbsp. butter, melted

Cut oranges in half round. Use a sharp paring knife to cut out center of each orange but leave a thin layer of orange inside each half. Peel and chop apples. Combine apples, orange meats, pineapple and sugar; cook together until very thick. Fill orange cups with mixture. Sprinkle top of each cup with pecans then dot with butter. Place in baking pan lined with foil and add enough water in bottom of pan to keep orange cups from burning or sticking. Bake in 350 degree oven for 30 minutes.

Candy Cane Coffee Spoons

Submitted by Jeannette Dopheide

1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
1 candy cane or 5 peppermint candies, crushed
12 heavy duty plastic spoons in Christmas colors (white will work)
Waxed paper
Colored cellophane or colored plastic wrap
Curling ribbon or yarn

Cover cookie sheet with waxed paper. Put candy in a small clean plastic bag and crush with a rolling pin or hammer. Melt chocolate. Dip each spoon into chocolate, covering the entire bottom of spoon. Sprinkle chocolate spoon with crushed peppermint candy. Place spoons on cookie sheet with waxed paper to cool. Wrap with colored cellophane or colored plastic wrap and tie with ribbon or yarn. Makes a great gift. Add a gift tag for each one. Store them in a cool place until you give them away.

If you experience a power outage...

1. Verify if you are the only one in the neighborhood without power.
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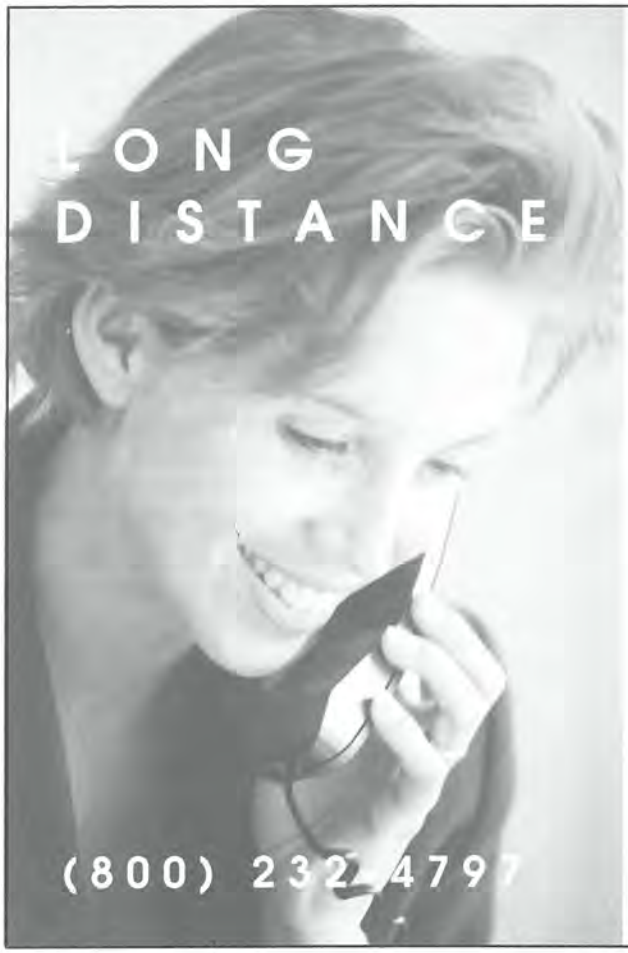

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In The News...

Employer of the Year Finalist

Adams Electric Cooperative was a finalist in the Quincy Area Chamber of Commerce's 2004 Large Employer of the Year Contest. The Cooperative received an "Award of Distinction" for placing among the top employers in the area and for the Cooperative's "commitment to excellence." Adams Electric competed against companies with over 25 employees. The winner of the large company category was Transitions of Quincy.

Restrained Potential

Source: Electric Co-op Today, based on news and wire reports

North Dakota and Texas are among the states with the greatest wind energy potential and that has drawn increased interest from wind developers. But the lack of adequate transmission lines to deliver the extra electricity is a major obstacle, said Susan Wefald, a member of the North Dakota Public Service Commission. A recent Department of Energy report said the question of who pays for transmission expansion also would be a major barrier to exploitation of wind and coal resources in the Upper Midwest.

Wind Turbine Boomlet

Source: Electric Co-op Today, based on news and wire reports

GE Energy announced it has signed contracts to sell more than 750 MW of wind turbines for projects this year and next and has commitments for another 750 MW, valued at $1.3 billion. "With the recent extension of the Renewable Energy Production Tax Credit, leading developers of wind projects are moving forward with plans that will significantly increase the nation's supply of wind electricity," said Steve Zwolinski, GE Energy CEO. The new contracts are for projects in Iowa, Minnesota, Idaho, Texas, Oklahoma, Oregon and California.

December

Calendar of Events

QND Band & PMO Band Concert
December 2, 7:30 pm
Quincy Notre Dame,
1400 S. 11th

German Village Society St. Nikolas Dinner
December 2, 6 pm
Senior and Family Resource Center, 639 York, Quincy
(217) 223-8645

"An Olde Fashioned Christmas"
Throughout December
Rushville
Santa in Central Park, drawings for Rushville Dollars and gifts, strolling musicians and carolers in Rushville's historic downtown.
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Historic Quincy Business District Deer on Parade
December 1-12, Downtown Quincy
Deer auction (217) 228-8696

YWCA of Quincy Gift Wrapping Fundraiser
December 1-24, Quincy Mall, 33rd & Broadway
(217) 221-9922

Avenue of Lights
December 1-January 1, 6 pm-9:30 pm
Wavering-Moorman Park, Quincy
Two-mile long animated light festival has over 1 million lights & 40 displays. $6 per car. (217) 222-7980

Carthage Christmas Open House
December 2, Carthage
The city sparkles with Christmas spirit. Musical performances, carriage rides, special merchant savings & visit from Santa. (217) 357-3024

Journey to Bethlehem
December 2-5, The Crossing Church, 48th & Maine, Quincy
Free outdoor, interactive walk through the story of Christmas. (217) 224-6374

Santa's House Opens
December 3, 10, 17, 6- 8 pm
Quincy Business District
Washington Park, 5th & Maine

Quincy Community Theatre Production of "It's A Wonderful Life"
December 3 & 4, 8-12, 8 pm evening performance & 2 pm Sunday matinee
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Nauvoo Holiday Walk
December 4, Nauvoo
Carriage rides, carolers, baked goods, Christmas sales and family movies.
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Quincy Symphony Orchestra & Chorus Christmas Concert
December 4, 7:30 pm
Morrison Theatre, 14th & Maine,
(217) 222-2856

Symphony of Trees
December 4-7
Oakley-Lindsay Center, Quincy

Madrigal Dinner
December 4 & 5, 7 pm
QU Student Center, Quincy
(217) 228-5455

Baldwin Winter Instrumental Concert
December 5, 1:30 pm
Baldwin Gymnasium, 3000 Maine
Quincy

QND Christmas Choral Concert
December 6, 7 pm, All Saints Church, 1009 N. 8th, Quincy

QU Festival of Carols
December 6, 7:30 pm
& December 7, 3 pm
QU Chapel, 1800 College, Quincy

Author of the Month Storytime & Craft
December 6-11, Quincy Public Library
(217) 223-1309 ext. 220

An Evening with Kathy & Travis Dinner Show
December 8-9, 6:30 pm
The State Room, 434 S. 8th, Quincy
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Historic Quincy Business District Wine & Cheese
December 9, 5:00-8:00 p.m.
Washington Park, 5th & Maine,
Quincy
Enjoy Christmas shopping in the Historic Business District with special store hours and treats. (217) 228-8696

Christmas Dinner in Old Nauvoo
December 10 & 11, Nauvoo
Progressive dinner in historic homes, including special musical performance.
Cost: $50. More info (217) 453-2246

Carthage Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Tour of Homes
December 10 & 11
(217) 357-3024

Quincy Conservatory/ISMTA Piano Festival
December 11, 7:30 pm
Quincy Junior High, 14th & Maine
(217) 223-0669

Quincy Preserves Christmas Candlelight Tour
December 12, 5-9 pm
Tour of Quincy's private homes of architectural or historical significance, decorated in full Christmas splendor.
Cost: $8 in advance/$10 at door
(217) 222-3432

QHS Vespers
December 12, 2 pm & 7 pm
3322 Maine, Quincy

Gingerbread House Extravaganza
December 12, 4-6 pm
Quincy Public Library, 526 Jersey
For grades 7-12
(217) 223-1309

Quincy Park Band Christmas Concert
December 14, 4 pm
Quincy Junior High, 14th & Maine

Rudolph, The Red-Nosed Reindeer Puppet Show
December 15-20, 22 & 23
Quincy Public Library, 526 Jersey
(217) 223-1309

Historic Quincy Business District Candlelight & Champagne
December 16, 5-8 pm
Washington Park, 5th & Maine,
Quincy
Enjoy Christmas shopping in the Historic Business District with special Store hours and treats.
(217) 228-8696

Quincy Junior High Christmas Musicale
December 16, 7:15 pm
14 & Maine

John Wood Mansion Christmas Candlelight Tours
December 18, 19, 26-28
(add'l dates may be added)
425 South 12th, Quincy
(217) 222-1835

Sunday Music Series Presents the 12th Street Brass
December 21, 4 pm
First Union Congregational Church
12th & Maine, Quincy

Christmas Storytime & Craft for Children
December 23, 10 am
Quincy Public Library, 526 Jersey
(217) 223-1309

New Year's Storytime & Craft for Children
December 30, 10 am
Quincy Public Library, 526 Jersey
(217) 223-1309

List your events for **FREE!**
Deadline for submitting February Events: January 3

Fun Fact Answer: (from page 9) **False. Adams Electric gives away TWO trips to Washington, D.C. every year. The 2005 Youth Tour contest for high school sophomores and juniors is coming up soon. Watch for details.**

Just a little something to keep in mind...

THE VALUE OF ELECTRICITY

1 TANK OF GAS = 10 DAYS OF ELECTRIC SERVICE
(20 GALLONS)

1 FAST FOOD MEAL = 1 DAY OF ELECTRIC SERVICE

2 MOVIE TICKETS = 7 DAYS OF ELECTRIC SERVICE
W/SODAS & POPCORN

THAT'S NOT BAD, REALLY. AND, HERE'S A FEW ENERGY SAVING TIPS TO MAKE IT EVEN BETTER.

1. Keep the fireplace damper closed when not in use...an open damper is like a hole in the roof, and remember, heat rises.
2. Open south-facing curtains during the day to let solar heat help warm the room. Close curtains at night to help retain heat.
3. Turn down the thermostat 10 degrees when you go to work each morning and when you go to bed (16 hours/day). You'll save about 14% on your electric bill.

* Energy-saving tips from the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE).

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