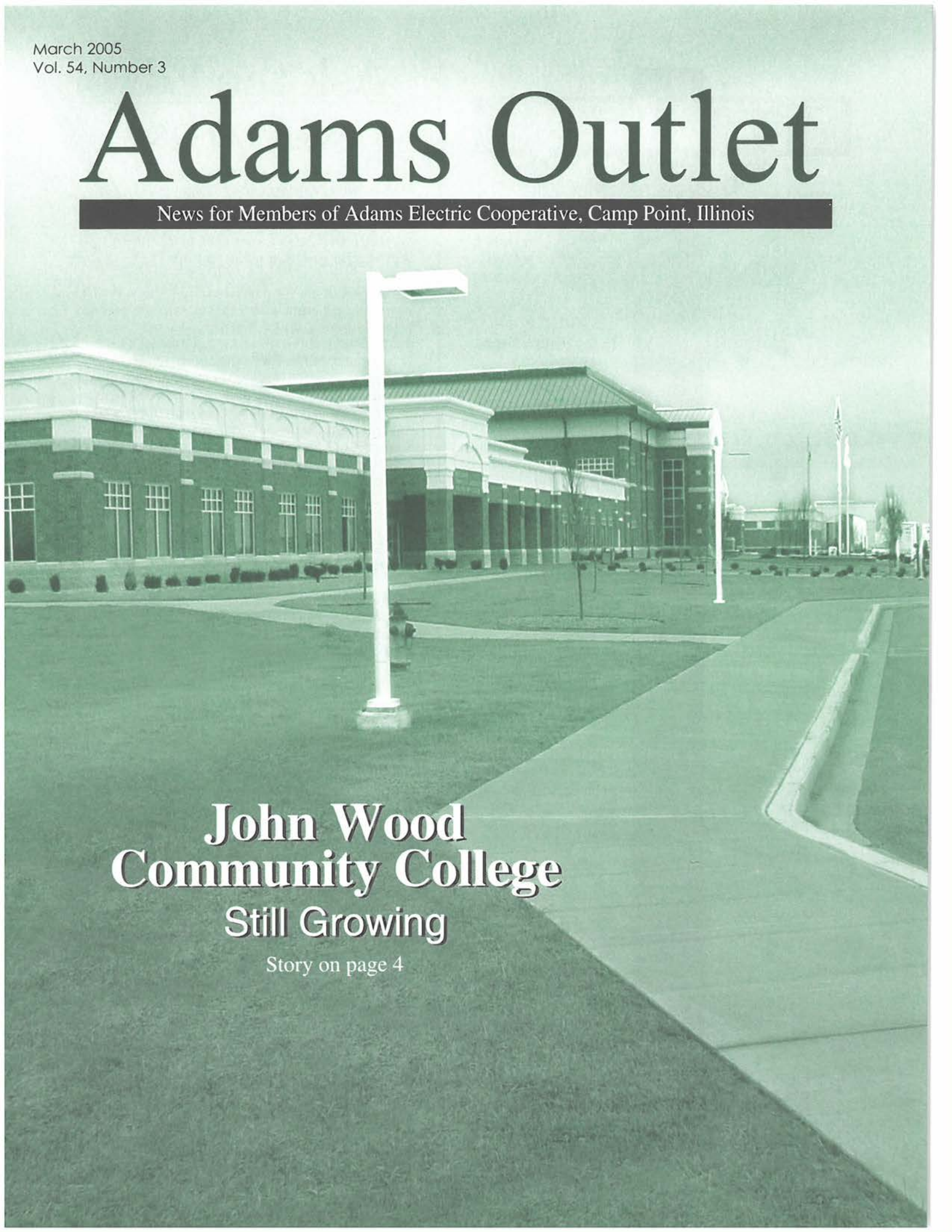


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Goal: 10,318 AMR Meters



January 2005

**10,071
AMR
Meters**

**Almost
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**Watt
A
Success!**

Dec. 2004
9,843 Meters

Nov. 2004
9,759 Meters

Oct. 2004
9,690 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

**Climbing The Pole
To Our Goal.**

Ask the Editor

Member Q&A



I noticed in the February Adams Outlet that a program called "Penny Power" will be starting soon. From what I understand, I have to opt out of the program if I don't want to be in it. Why was the program set up that way?

First of all, for those that don't know, Penny Power is a program where electric bills are rounded up to the nearest dollar. The "rounded up" portion is donated to local groups and organizations. (i.e. for CPR mannequins, ramps for handicapped, etc.)

The concept is based on Operation Roundup, which is currently being used by over 100 electric cooperatives in the United States. Having members opt out results in much greater participation, nearly 80 percent. "Opt in" programs have resulted in 10-20 percent participation. Many cooperatives automatically implement the program. We wanted your opinion first. The concept was first presented to the Advisory Committee in November, 2003, with an overwhelmingly positive response. Then in September 2004 at the Annual Meeting, members voted in favor of implementing the program.

Members will be given numerous opportunities to choose NOT to take part in the program. Unlike many cooperatives, Adams Electric Cooperative will also allow members who feel they were involved unknowingly have their contributions refunded.

I hope this answers your question and if you feel you do not want to participate, simply call our toll free number (800) 232-4797 to "opt out" of the program. No questions asked, but we will need your account name to remove you from the program.

A most sincere thank you for your investment in the youth of Brown County! Due to your donation, Network Knowledge will be holding the first (but not the last) reading workshop of its kind in Brown County. The workshop will be held on March 24, 2005 at the YMCA. This first program will encompass grades K through 2nd and that means as many as 170 children in Brown County! I would like to extend an invitation for you to attend and see how your support will increase the reading desire of our youth but also provide guidance to parents on how to better assist their children in reading activities. The program will begin at 6pm and again we would love to have you attend. Thank you again for your support.

*Sincerely,
Philip Krupps
Board Member of Network Knowledge*

*May we always be as good to you as you have been to us.
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Robert & Inez Quesenberry*

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Editor
Laura Dotson



Electric Rates

One item most members are concerned about is electric rates. The Cooperative tries to maintain rates as low as possible while maintaining the financial strength of the Cooperative and meeting the financial requirements of our lending institution. The Cooperative is finishing its 2004 year end results and will meet all of its financial requirements. With the 2005 budget that was approved at the December board meeting, the Cooperative should have a good year in 2005 barring any unforeseen circumstances.

The Cooperative faces the same issues as other businesses with the escalation of steel prices, fuel costs, health insurance premiums, etc. All these items put pressure on the Cooperative's margins. Fortunately, we have been able to make adjustments to meet our financial requirements without raising

electric rates. We will continue to make changes and look at ways to improve efficiencies to lower our cost of doing business.

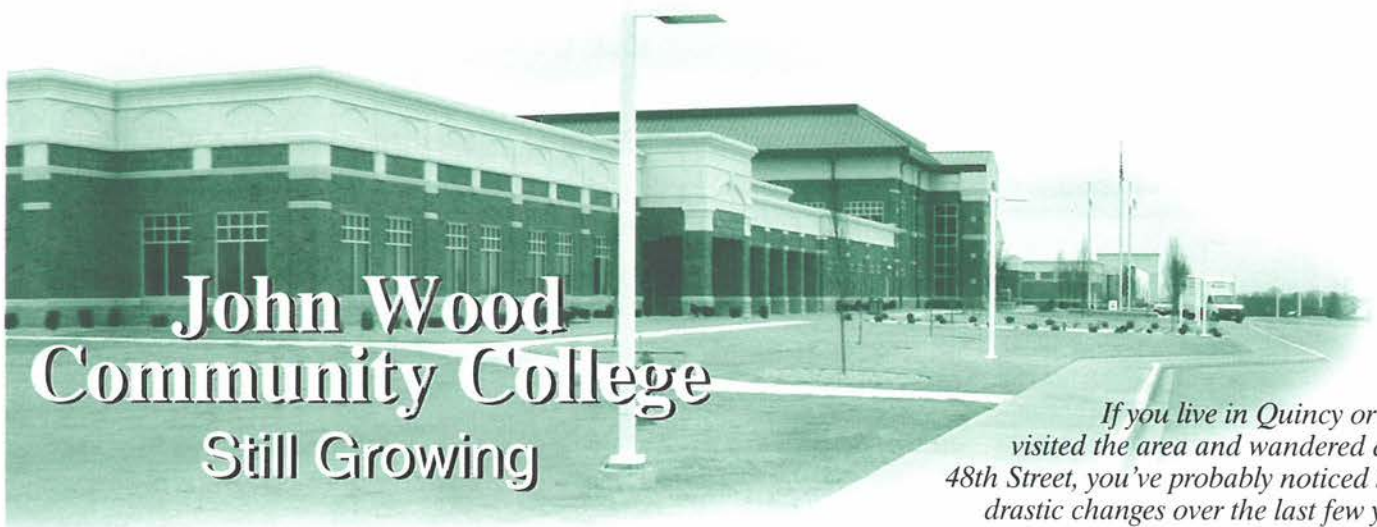


General Manager
Jim Thompson PE

supply options to determine the best strategy for the future. We currently have a good wholesale power contract in place through the end of 2008. Since power supply costs are approximately sixty-five percent of the Cooperative's budget, this one item has a major impact on our rates.

In summary, the Cooperative is doing well and will continue to scrutinize the way we do business to make sure we are providing you the best overall value for your dollar.

“We will continue to make changes and look at ways to improve efficiencies to lower our cost of doing business.”



John Wood Community College Still Growing

If you live in Quincy or have visited the area and wandered down 48th Street, you've probably noticed some drastic changes over the last few years. John Wood Community College has been expanding.

Why the expansion?

"There were several reasons for the expansion, the biggest being the lack of space and inadequacy of the old building," said John Wood Community College President Dr. William Simpson. The old campus at 48th and Maine was a group of pods, originally constructed as an elementary school. Dr. Simpson added, "Water fountains were designed for seven-year-olds. The facility was crowded. Technology was limited." A second facility called the annex was located at 48th & Broadway. Although it was nearby, there was no sidewalk between the two locations. Students had to drive between classes. Parking was inadequate. "We simply didn't plan any meetings at 10:00 because guests wouldn't be able to find an empty space," laughed Evelyn Holtschlag, Director of Public Relations. "My desk was a counter," added Nancy Schneblin, Dean of Career, Technical and Community Education. The growth of the college was necessary to give students a facility to

4 connect with.

The new campus gives the school an identity; students become engaged with the facility. "It gives the students a place to be proud of – they're excited about the school," said Dr. Simpson.

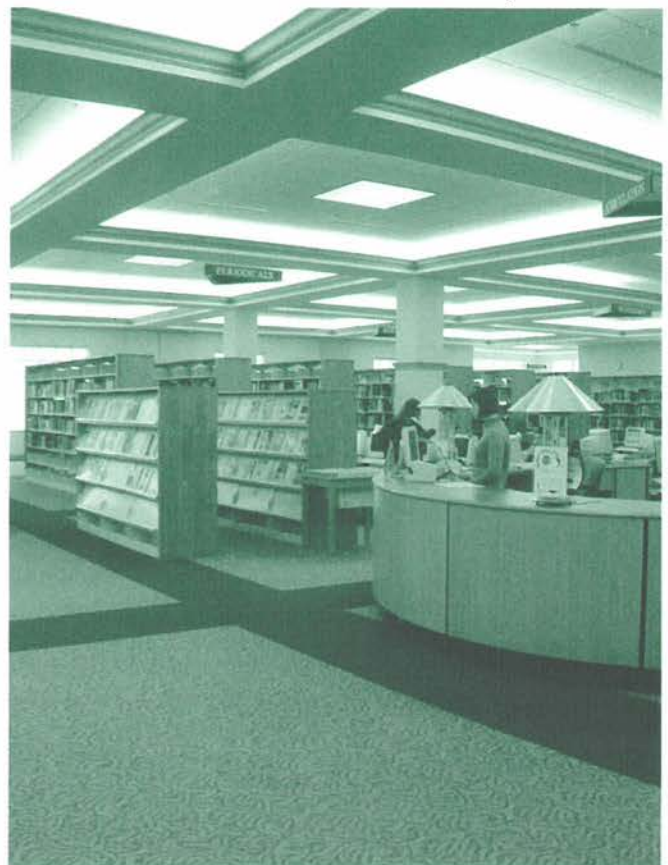
The new campus is located on more than 150 acres. There is plenty of room to expand, whereas, the last building was landlocked. JWCC has more than doubled its space. The new campus has parking for 1,000 and more will be added with the construction of a fifth building. The new buildings were set back from the road to accommodate the neighbors in the nearby subdivisions. The lights in the parking lot reflect down rather than out.

"We have what we call a four building core campus," said Evelyn Holtschlag.

Science & Technology Center

The first project, completed in 2000, was the Science & Technology Center on the south end of the campus. It houses natural science, computer science and office technology, the health care lab and several classrooms.

JWCC Library



Learning Center

Situated just north of the Science & Technology Center is the Learning Center. Completed in 2002, it includes the library and Academic Support Center.

Student/Administrative Center

Also opening in 2002 was the Student/Administrative Center. It houses the administrative offices, cafeteria and several classrooms.

Paul Heath Community Education & Fine Arts Center

The latest building on the north end of the academic buildings is the Paul Heath Community Education & Fine Arts Center which opened in 2004. This fine arts facility includes a 300-seat auditorium with a stage, lighting and sound system. The auditorium is equipped with

in-chair tablets making it suitable as a lecture hall as well as a stage for JWCC concerts and other performances. The space can be rented for public lectures or music and theatre performances. The Heath Center has additional computer labs, a kitchen, community education rooms, instrumental and vocal music practice rooms and a piano lab.



300-seat auditorium

Additional Buildings

There is a small maintenance building on campus. The Maine Street and Broadway locations have closed, making the College almost completely centralized.

The only Quincy locations off campus are the truck driver training at Sharkey Transportation and the adult education classes at a building downtown. There are also three satellite centers, one in Pittsfield, one in Mt. Sterling, and the Ag Center near Perry.



Electronic piano lab with ear phones allowing students to practice without disturbing each other. The instructor's station allows the teacher to listen to individual students.

Multipurpose Building

Plans are under way on a fifth building, a multipurpose center with a gym and training center. There would be seating available for events and plenty of space for exhibitions and fairs. The building will be located on the north side of campus with a baseball/softball field and extra parking. Having a gymnasium on campus will be more convenient for intramural teams. Students will have access to a fitness room. From day one, JWCC has had to rent space for graduation ceremonies at either Baldwin auditorium or Morrison Theatre. As soon as building five is complete, graduation can have a home on campus. "We've received letters of support saying the new gymnasium would be a wonderful asset to the community as a whole," said Evelyn Holtschlag.

The first four buildings were funded 75% by state money leaving only 25% left for local tax payers. The state will not pay for the 5th building, a non-academic building. Therefore, a fundraising program is underway. "We have just completed the internal

fundraising and are about to begin an external fundraising campaign," said Evelyn Holtschlag.

The latest technology

"The new campus is as modern as technology has become with the latest computer capabilities," said Dr. Simpson. Evelyn Holtschlag added, "All of our buildings have 'smart' classrooms meaning the rooms have computer connections, internet access and an instructor's station with CD/DVD and PowerPoint capabilities." The technology is unmatched in a 100 mile radius. There may be similar technology but not as comprehensive in every classroom.

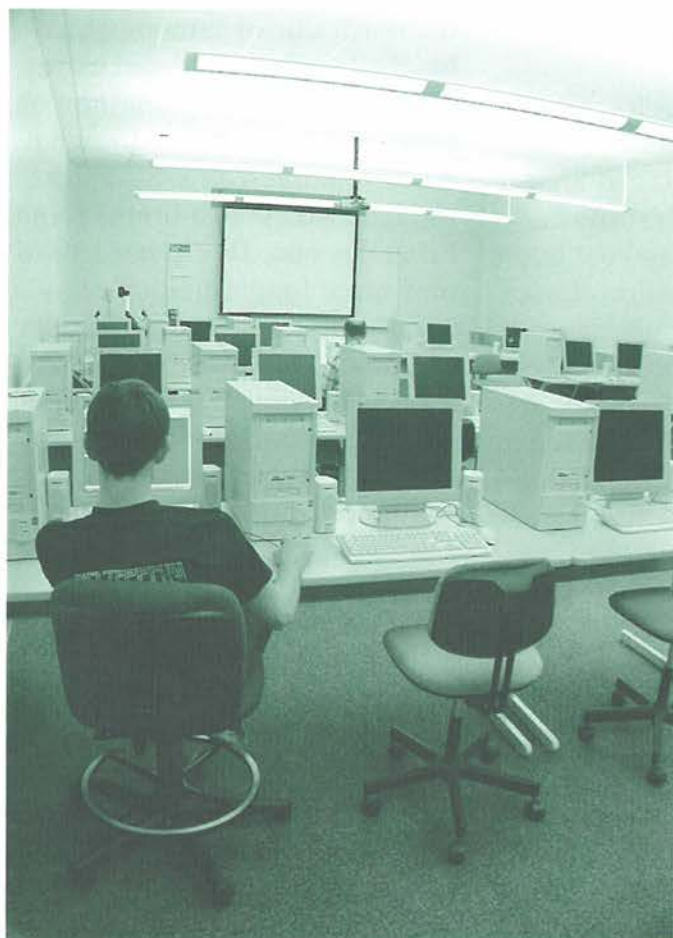
The main campus has over 350 computers for student use, within numerous computer labs

and the library. There are well over 100 computers in just one area of the Science and Technology Center.

"We also have a cyber cafe – a computer lab where students can surf the internet or relax with a computer game which keeps the other labs open for students trying to write papers and complete assignments," said Evelyn Holtschlag.

Any student enrolled full-time at JWCC gets an email account at no cost.

A computer lab is available at various times for the public's use. "That's the nice thing about a community college. We're committed to the community in a broad range of ways. We're happy to help bridge the digital divide," said Evelyn Holtschlag.



'Smart' classrooms offer the latest in technology.

Non-traditional classes

The open learning centers act as a delivery system offering a non-traditional way for students to complete courses on a more flexible schedule. JWCC has four open learning locations: the Pittsfield Education Center, Mt. Sterling Dot Foods Learning Center, one in the Science and Technology Center and one in the Learning Center, both on the JWCC campus.

Faculty

In the past, the College contracted with other area colleges for classroom space but determined it would be less expensive to hire their own faculty. Prior to 1990, the college had only about 10-12 full-time teachers. By hiring more of their own staff and through the expansion, the college now has 52 full-time faculty members.

Enrollment

"In the last three years, our enrollment has increased about 19-20%. The last three semesters, we've had about 2,700 credit students. Eight years ago, we had less than 1,900," said Dr. Simpson.

Since 2000, the college has been offering online classes – about 300 enrolled students are taking classes using this new technology.

Nancy Schneblin added, "We also have several thousand attendees that are taking non-credit classes, such as personal development classes." Enrollment continues on the incline.

Degrees Available

Degrees available include: AA (Associate in Arts), AS (Associate in Science), and AAS (Associate in Applied Science) in programs such as nursing, CAD, business, restaurant management, etc. Students can earn certificates through shorter programs allowing them to get in the working world immediately. They can come back and apply the certificate toward an AAS degree.

Some JWCC courses can be taken at local high schools for college credit while at the same

time allowing the student to fulfill a high school requirement. These classes meet JWCC guidelines but are taught at the high school.

Many classes can be transferred to larger universities where students can complete a bachelor degree. For instance, law enforcement or agriculture classes can be transferred to WIU or SIU. Some classes aren't intended to transfer but rather prepare students for college-level work such as a developmental math class.

As community colleges have gained stature over the years, transferring courses has become less of an issue. "Courses vary from college to college so it helps if students plan ahead," said Nancy Schneblin. Evelyn Holtschlag added, "JWCC offers a credit transfer guarantee. If students tell us where they're planning to go, we can check with that school to make sure our courses match up with similar courses at the four-year college."

JWCC District

JWCC district covers Adams, Brown and Pike counties as well as parts of other neighboring counties. The school districts included are: Barry, Bluffs, Brown County, Central, Griggsville-Perry, Liberty, Meredosia-Chambersburg, Payson, Pittsfield, Pleasant Hill, Quincy, Southeastern, Unity and West Pike.

Future Plans

The College has developed a master plan. "Long range plans would include a fifth academic building, a 35,000 sq. ft. space on the north end for Health Occupations. Another building

would be added on the south for a Business and Industry Training Center. "The facility would help us respond quickly and provide customized training at a business's site or our site," said Nancy Schneblin. Dr. Simpson said, "The long range plans are several years off."

For More Information On JWCC's Expansion

For information on JWCC's expansion, contact Alan Steigelman, Vice President for Finance and Business Services at (217) 641-4200.

For More Information On JWCC's Classes

For information on JWCC's classes, contact the Admissions Office at (217) 641-4338.

Geothermal Grant

John Wood Community College has plans for a 92-ton geothermal system in the multipurpose building. "We were looking for long range savings," said Alan Steigelman, Vice President for Finance and Business Services.

"It appears that JWCC will be eligible for a grant of \$50,000 for their geothermal system. The grant would be funded by the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation (ICECF) and administered by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives," said Adams Electric Cooperative Manager of Marketing/Member Services Bill Stalder. The geothermal grant was created to promote energy efficient geothermal systems in public facilities served by Illinois electric cooperatives. Bill Stalder added, "The grant

was recently approved, and barring any unforeseen problems, the grant will be awarded when the project is complete."

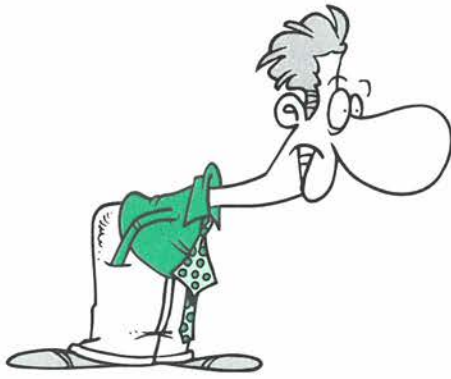
The first three buildings were heated with gas. The most recent building, the Heath Center was equipped with electric heat pumps. "We estimated a 17% energy cost savings with electric heat pumps. The multipurpose building could see a savings of at least 25% with geothermal. The savings will more than offset the additional cost," said Alan Steigelman.

Alan Steigelman added, "One of the decision making aspects that went into choosing our new location was to be served by Adams Electric Cooperative. Through Adams Electric, the College can take advantage of the interruptible power rate. We had to get generators for all of the buildings but we've had a payback of 2 1/2 years. That's well worth it for the better rate."

For More Information On A Geothermal Grant

Geothermal grants are available for any facility operated by a government or non-profit organization and served by an Illinois electric cooperative. Eligible facilities, such as schools, community centers, libraries, and churches, may apply for a grant of up to \$50,000 to help offset the higher initial cost of geothermal system installations.

For information on a geothermal grant, contact Bill Stalder, Manager of Marketing/Member Services at Adams Electric Cooperative at (800) 232-4797.



You'd Never Believe What I Saw...

We saw, what we call, "snow wheels" in our front yard. **(1)** It happened February 12, 2003. We didn't roll them – the wind did it. The newspaper said they were found in Liberty and Clayton. Some "snow wheels" were only a few inches tall. Others at 15-16" tall were the biggest. **(2)** It was just the way the wind blew. They were all over.

Deb Rossiter, Clayton

I saw something that you don't see every day. One of my favorite things to do is take pictures of hummingbirds, and I was able to get a picture of a hummingbird sitting on my finger eating! **(3)** I was lucky to have my camera ready, as these little fellows are so quick. It's hard to get pictures of them.

Teresa Kerr, Huntsville

Remember Clifford, the Big Red Dog? He grew and grew and grew. This is a picture of Lucky. **(4)** When Lucky was a puppy, he was a tiny, abused dog that was afraid of people. Years later, people say, "Is that Lucky?" You wouldn't believe he was the same dog either. Lucky became the Big White Dog and very, very lovable. He just kept growing in size and in loving people. By the way, he got his name because

8 he was adopted from the

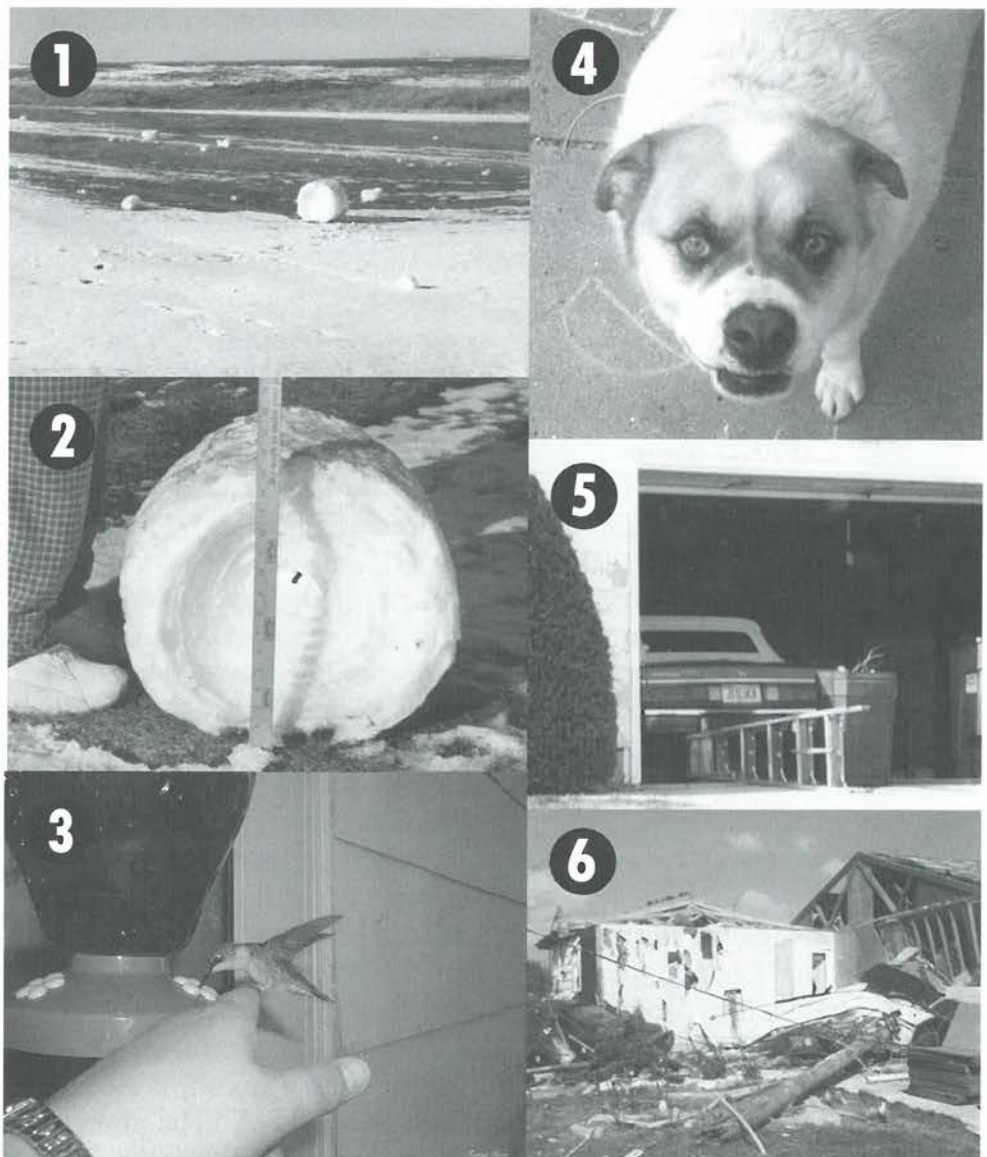
Quincy Humane Society on his last day before he was to be put to sleep.

Janet Arns

When I was away at college, a tornado went through a subdivision near the university. I saw a car parked in a garage with the

license plate, "JSTLUCK." **(5)** The house appeared untouched. On the other side of the block, there was complete devastation. **(6)** Yeah, I'd say it was "just luck."

*Laura Dotson
Editor of Adams Outlet*



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DEADLINE: Fri., March 18



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DEADLINE: Thurs., March 31



"My favorite book..."

I read the best book. What's it called? What's it about? Tell us what you thought of it.

DEADLINE: Fri., May 13



"I have a unique hobby or craft..."

Tell us about your unique interests. Maybe you're a mime or fly hot air balloons. Maybe you make sand sculptures or are an accomplished yo-yo-er. Send a photo if possible.

DEADLINE EXTENDED TO: Fri., June 10

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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Sweet Potatoes with Orange Sauce

Submitted by Ed Hilgenbrinck

Sweet potatoes
1/4 cup corn syrup
1/2 cup brown sugar
1 1/2 tbsp. cornstarch
1/2 cup orange juice
Rind of 1 orange grated*
1/4 tsp. salt
2 tbsp. butter or margarine
1/4 cup water

*I use Tone's Orange Peel which is found in the spice island in the stores. 4 tsp. equals the rind of 1 medium orange. However, using freshly grated orange rind adds more flavor to this dish.

Boil sweet potatoes; slice into a baking dish. Combine remaining ingredients; cook until slightly thickened. Pour over potatoes. Bake at 375°F for 15 minutes.

Turkey Supreme

Submitted by Ed Hilgenbrinck

4 cups turkey or chicken cup up
(grind some skin also)
3 cups cooked rice
3 cups cubed bread
6 eggs, well beaten
3 cups broth
Pimentos, optional
Salt & pepper to taste

Mix all the above together. Put in greased 13 x 9 pan. Bake 1 to 1 1/2 hours at 350°F till firm. Sauce: Make gravy from extra broth and add mushrooms if desired.

Orange Slice Cookies

Submitted by Jeannette Dopheide

1 (9 oz.) pkg. yellow cake mix
1 large egg
3 tbsp. vegetable oil
1 cup chopped pecans
10 orange slice candies, chopped

Preheat oven to 350°F. Stir together all ingredients until blended. Drop by tablespoon onto ungreased baking sheets. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes or until edges begin to brown. Remove and place on wire racks to cool. Makes 2 dozen.

Ham Balls

Submitted by Jeannette Dopheide

3 lbs. smoked ham, ground
1 1/4 lbs. lean pork shoulder, ground
2 cups oatmeal, uncooked
3 eggs
1 1/2 cups milk
Sauce:
2/3 cup brown sugar
2 tbsp. flour
2 tsp. dry mustard
1/3 cup pineapple juice
4 tbsp. apple cider vinegar
2/3 cup dark corn syrup

Soak oatmeal in milk. Mix remaining ingredients into mixture very well. Form into 1 1/2 inch balls. Bake at 300°F for 1 1/2 hours. Meanwhile, cook sauce in pan until thick. Drain grease from baking dish. Add sauce and bake an additional 25 minutes, covered.

Easy Rollup Sandwich Snacks

Submitted by Jeannette Dopheide

Kids can make this easy treat! Let them roll a piece of bread flat with a rolling pin. Top it with their favorite ingredients, such as, peanut butter and smashed bananas or cream cheese and pineapple bits or ham salad. Roll bread up and eat.

Have a favorite recipe you'd like to share?

Mail your recipe(s) to:
Attn: Laura Dotson
Adams Electric Cooperative
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Camp Point, IL 62320

Kitchen Tips

- Stuff a marshmallow in the bottom of a sugar cone to prevent ice cream drips.
- Keep potatoes from budding by placing an apple in the bag with the potatoes.
- Spray your Tupperware with nonstick cooking spray before pouring in tomato sauces. No more stains.
- When a cake mix calls for flouring the pan, use a bit of the dry cake mix instead. No more white mess on the outside of cake.

In The News...

Camp Point Business Association Announces Citizen of the Year



Pat Boylen

Pat Boylen has served as a volunteer firefighter for more than 30 years and helped

install lights at practically every ball field around and the list goes on. As a trustee on the Camp Point Village Board, he's personally volunteered his time, saving the town money time and time

to fix the guttering on the community building. He's removed hornet nests at Bailey Park and helped the Lions Club hang Christmas lights and the Fourth of July banner. Every year, he's delivered ice to the St. Thomas ice cream social. Adams Electric Cooperative calls him Line Foreman Pat Boylen. The Camp Point Business Association calls him the Citizen of the Year. We're proud of Pat's community service. Congratulations Pat – you deserve the title!

Parents advised to discuss substation safety with children

As reality television shows gain popularity, it is important to remember that although they are "real," the outcome of some of the stunts could have much different results.

Such is the case with a stunt performed on the NBC television show, "Couples Fear Factor" on Monday, January 31,

which placed contestants within the proximity of an electric substation where they received minor shocks. This sort

of behavior – in real life – is extremely dangerous,

even fatal. These scenes were staged for television and monitored by trained engineers.

"Substations handle power for thousands of households and are not intended for the public to play with," says AEC General Manager Jim Thompson. "Substations are fenced and locked for a reason...safety. Only trained, well-equipped professionals should ever enter a substation."

The show included a safety message but as someone who watched the show with a 12-year-old mentioned, "The safety disclaimer was totally lost on him. His reaction – "That's cool! It's better than eating bugs."

Children can be easily influenced by scenes depicted on television. We urge all parents to remind their children to stay away from electric substations. Even outlets and electric fences can be extremely dangerous. "The fact is that it takes only a fraction of an amp to stop the heart, killing someone as surely as a high-voltage line can," said Michael G. Clendenin Executive Director of the Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI).

We encourage parents to be aware of what their children are watching and reinforce safe habits through family discussions.

Local Students Appearing in Public Service Announcement

Three area students who won a 2003 safety poster contest through Adams Electric Cooperative will be appearing on Quincy market television stations. Ashley Hibbert, daughter of Doug and Lori Hibbert, Spencer Waters, son of Bill and Nancy Waters, and Lane Ippensen, son of Dennis and Katie Ippensen were videotaped discussing safety themes illustrated by their posters. Illinois Electric Council (IEC) Executive Director Molly Hall and Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC) Coordinator of Video Productions Paul Dow traveled to the area to videotape the students. Ashley discusses pet safety around electricity. Lane talks about the importance of ground fault circuit interrupters and Spencer warns others about frayed power cords. The videos of Ashley and Lane began airing as public service announcements in mid January. Spencer's video will be used this winter during the holiday season on television stations covering eight states.



Volunteer Firefighter Pat Boylen was recently named Citizen of the Year.

again. He's removed dead trees and dug holes for flag poles at the local cemetery. He's set poles and replaced lights at the camp ground and used the basket truck

March

Calendar of Events

Law Enforcement Torch Run & Polar Plunge for Special Olympics

March 5
Moorman Park Lake,
North 36th St., Quincy
Special Olympic Fundraiser.
Registration at 11:00 am
(217) 223-3862



Country Treasures Folk Art & Craft Show

March 5 & 6
Oakley-Lindsay Civic Center, Quincy
More than 100 booths with
homemade items.
(618) 539-3395 or (217) 223-1000

March of Dimes Gymnastic Meet

March 5 & 6
Quincy University
Fitness Center
Gymnastic meet
held in conjunction
with Illinois State
Level 6 Meet.
(217) 224-8491



Old Tyme Association Historical Display

March 6 & 7
Quincy Mall, Quincy
Old time machinery and tools on
display.
(217) 656-3944

Two Rivers RC&D & WISAS Sustainable Agriculture

March 6
Community Room
Quincy Mall, Quincy
Local products expo including
produce, pork, chicken, lamb,
birdseed, buckwheat muffins. Some
free samples and literature.

Youth to Washington Contest Time To Mail Application!

March 11
Adams Electric Cooperative will be
sponsoring two high school students
on a trip to Washington, D.C. in
June. Students must be a sophomore
or junior to apply. They do not have
to be a member of Adams Electric
Cooperative. Applications must be
postmarked by March 11. For more
information, call (800) 232-4797. Ask
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WGEM Home & Living Show

March 11-13
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Spring Hard Times Supper

March 12, 4 pm (until it's gone, about
7:30 pm)
United Methodist Church of Loraine
(east side of Loraine)
Free will offering. Beans and pork,
homemade mashed potatoes,
sauerkraut, applesauce, cornbread
and homemade pie.
(217) 938-2861

Brown County 4-H Federation Spaghetti Supper

March 12, 5-8 pm
KC Hall, W. Quincy St., Mt. Sterling
4-H Federation will sponsor a
spaghetti supper followed by 4-H
Club skits. Serving from 5-7 pm, skits
begin at 7 pm. Open to the public.
(217) 773-3013

Oodles of Noodles Roast Beef Dinner

March 13, 11 am - 2 pm
St. Brigid Hall, edge of Liberty on
Route 104
Roast beef, oodles of homemade
noodles, real mashed potatoes, gravy,
green beans, salad, beverage and
assorted desserts, all served buffet
style. Bring the whole family to enjoy
a spring Sunday dinner which also
features a bake sale, craft sale and free
coat check. Handicapped accessible.
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Windmill Follies

March 19, 20, 26 & 27, 6:30 pm
Prairie Mills Windmill, Golden
Enjoy dinner and theatre.
(217) 696-4672



Network Knowledge Reading Workshop

March 24, 6:00 pm
YMCA, Mt. Sterling
Reading program for Brown County
children grades K through 2nd and
their parent(s) or guardian(s).
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Winning Women's Conference

March 24-26
Oakley-Lindsay Civic Center, Quincy
The Cathedral Worship of E.L.
Ministries hosts the annual
conference.
(217) 223-1000

Union United Methodist Church Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

March 26
Union United Methodist Church
1101 State, Quincy

Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre "Slay It Again, Sam"

March 26
Collver Family Winery, Barry
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Quincy Community Theatre Student Production "Pinocchio"

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Electricity School Coming Soon!

June 15
More information on the 2005
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Deadline for submitting
April Events: March 1



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Adams Electric Cooperative's new fundraising program called "Penny Power" will be starting soon! In this innovative program, your bill will be rounded up to the nearest dollar each month. The "small change" (an average of 50¢ per month, or \$6 per year) is then earmarked for community betterment groups and other local organizations. **Every member will be automatically included in the program. Members may "opt out" at any time.** We are grateful to our membership for approving this program at the 2004 Annual Meeting and appreciate your support. If you are **NOT** interested in participating, please complete the "opt out" form included in your next bill. If you have questions or wish to "opt out" by phone, simply call (800) 232-4797.

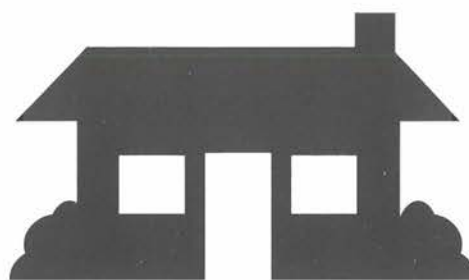


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Home Safety Tip

Electrical outlets

Check for loose-fitting plugs, which can be a shock or fire hazard. Replace missing or broken wall plates so wiring and components are not exposed. If you have young children in the home, check that unused outlets are covered.

a message from
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2005 Pole Inspection, Tree Trimming & Spraying Schedule

Adams Electric Cooperative maintains an annual schedule for pole inspections, tree trimming and spraying.

A contractor for Adams Electric Cooperative will be inspecting poles on the south and west circuits out of the Rushville substation and the east and north circuits of the Kellerville substation. The Rushville substation will include the areas northwest, south, and southwest of Rushville and east of Camden. The Kellerville substation areas will be Fargo, Buckhorn, south of Clayton, north and east of Kellerville, and south and east of Timewell.

An Adams Electric tree trimming contractor will be trimming trees on the Rushville and Sugar Grove substations. This will include areas around Rushville, Ray, Littleton, Pleasant View, Sugar Grove, and east of Brooklyn.

The Adams Electric tree crew is trimming on the



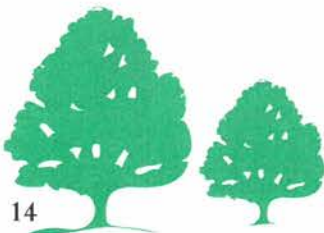
**Cooperative crews
and contractors may be
in your area.**



Mt. Sterling substation, which includes areas of Mt. Sterling, Hersman, Versailles, Ripley, and east and south of Timewell.

A spraying contractor for Adams Electric will be working on the Adams substation and Ursa substation. The Adams substation will include the areas of Adams, Plainville, Payson, Richfield, Kingston, and Liberty. The Ursa substation areas will be Ursa, Mendon, Bloomfield, Marcelline, Lima, and the cabin areas west of Ursa.

The crews have magnetic signs on the sides of their vehicles that indicate that they are contractors for Adams Electric Cooperative. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Charlie Rossiter, Joyce Bockhold or Tim Brecht at the Cooperative at 217-593-7701 or toll free at 1-800-232-4797.



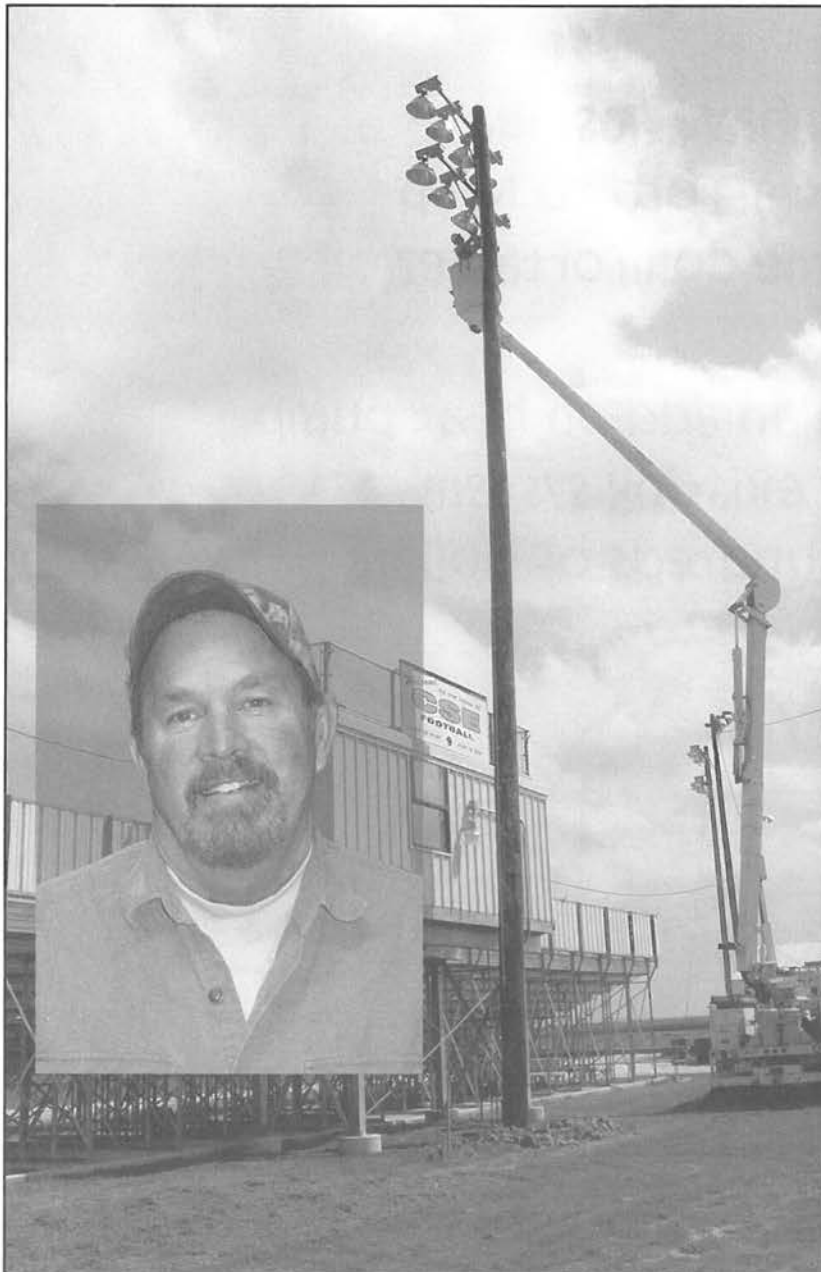
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Adams Electric Cooperative Line Foreman Pat Boylen was named Citizen of the Year by the Camp Point Business Association (story on page 11)