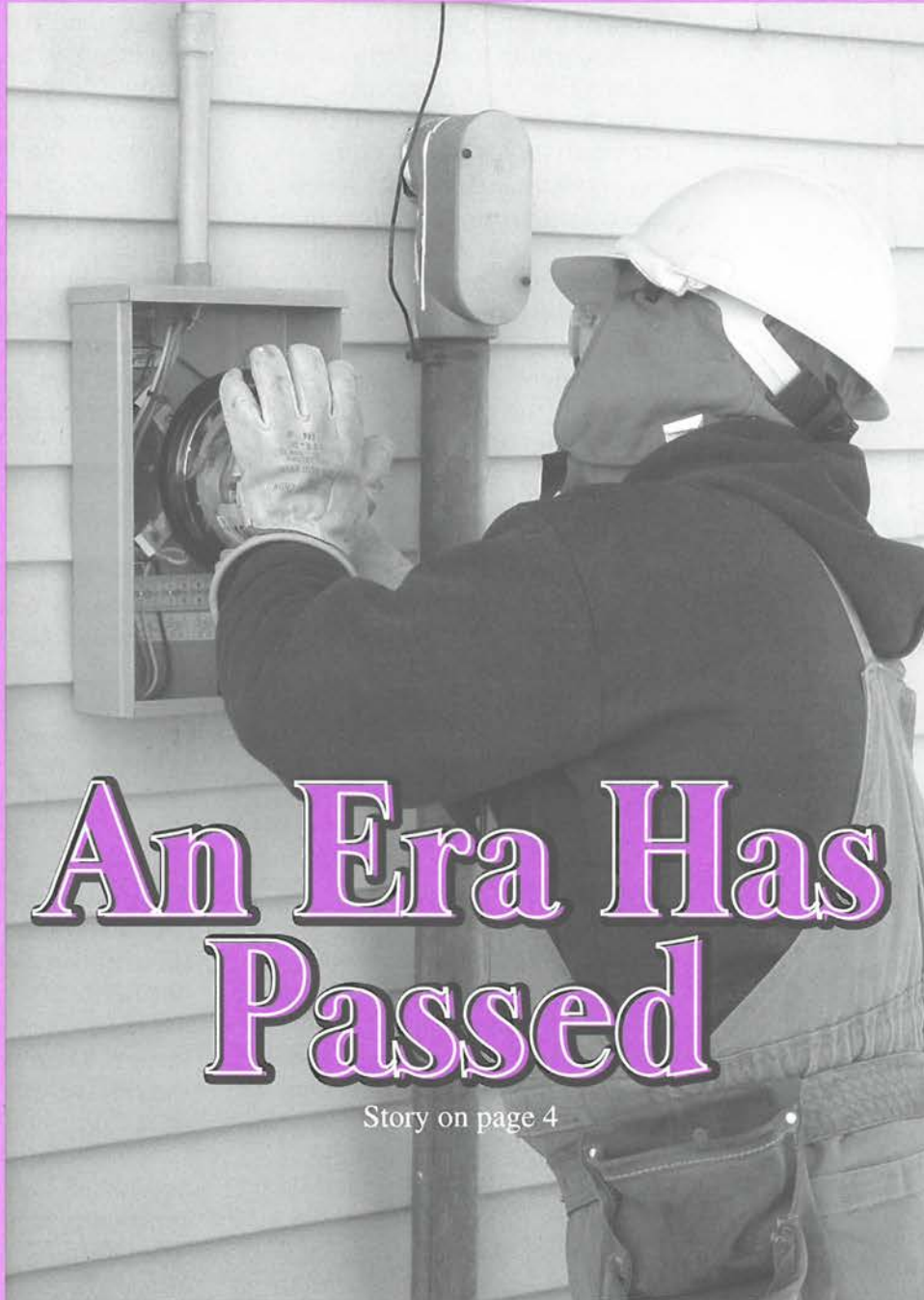


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News for Members of Adams Electric Cooperative, Camp Point, Illinois



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Ask the Editor

Member Q&A

Gentlemen:

We and some of our neighbors would like to have answered in the Adams Outlet Ask the Editor the following questions:

1. What is the cost to administer the new "Penny Power" program? We feel sure someone must devote time to record keeping and applications for the funds.

2. What happened to directors term limits? Most, if not all cooperatives in the area have term limits. We feel this gives a chance for more people to serve and give a better balance to the issues facing all cooperatives. Also all elections to boards should have at least two candidates to fill vacancies.

Thank you in advance for answering the above questions in print for all to see and consider.

*Sincerely,
Concerned Members*

Dear Concerned Members,

We would be glad to answer your questions. Members should be informed on the operations and policies of the Cooperative.

Answer to question #1:

Administration of the Penny Power program will be handled, in most part, by the Marketing and Member Services Department. Grant applications will be reviewed by a committee comprised of staff and advisory committee members, past and present. No additional personnel will be required to manage this program and no Penny Power funds will be used for administrative costs.

Maintaining the Cooperative's contributions to community betterment groups, schools, and 2 other organizations does

indeed require recordkeeping. The Cooperative's Billing Department will continue to handle this responsibility with a high level of efficiency. Little, if any, "new" revenue will be needed to administer the Penny Power program as it is an extension of efforts already being handled by the Cooperative's Marketing and Member Services Department.

Answer to question #2:

According to the Bylaws of Adams Electric Cooperative, a "director term" consists of three consecutive years. Directors can serve a maximum of seven successive terms. Directors must complete various educational requirements throughout certain terms to be eligible for re-election.

In order for the Cooperative to receive the maximum benefit of the director's continuing education, it was proposed in 2002 to increase the maximum term limit from five successive terms to seven successive terms. This Amendment to the Bylaws was passed by the members at the 2002 Annual Meeting.

It is up to the members of Adams Electric Cooperative to select the Board of Director candidates.

Each year there are three directors up for election. The candidates are selected by a Nominating Committee. This year's Nominating Committee was elected at last year's Annual Meeting. Each committee consists of two members from each of the three director districts plus one member-at-large.

This year's Nominating Committee will be selecting candidates from districts 4, 5 and 6 to run at the 2005 Annual Meeting. Details on the location of these director districts, as well as, the names of the 2005 Nominating Committee will appear in the May Adams Outlet.

The 2005 Nominating Committee will meet sometime in May or June to select candidates for the 2005 election. Their report will be included in the July Adams Outlet. At that point, nominations can be made by petition of 25 Cooperative Members. Blank petitions will be available at the Cooperative office. The names of the nominees by petition will be listed on the official ballot to be voted on at the Wednesday, September 7, 2005 Annual Meeting. A deadline for nominations by petition will be printed in the July Adams Outlet.

If anyone has any further questions about the election process, Penny Power or any other policy, feel free to call or write the Cooperative. We encourage your attendance at the Annual Meeting. Many of these questions are answered at the Annual Meeting, in the Adams Outlet or Annual Report. Thanks for writing.

The Brown County Community Unit School District #1 would like to take this time to thank you for bringing the Live Line demo to western Illinois. As many of the parents of our students are members of Adams Electric Cooperative, it is wise that our students know the power of electricity and safety involved. With the cooperative's help, we are able to get such interesting speakers and demonstrations to our area. Also, I would like to thank you for the contribution of the electrical power curriculum materials from your company (Get Charged Educational Kits).

*Once again, keep up the good work and thank you for continuing support of education in western Illinois.
Marvin Meservey
Brown County High School
Principal*

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Laura Dotson



New Technology



*General Manager
Jim Thompson PE*

Advances in technology are important to the Cooperative and have had an impact on virtually every aspect of our business. Technology has allowed the Cooperative to improve member service levels and safety and create operational savings. Technology needs to be planned just like any other business function and be in line with the Cooperative's future vision. The investments in technology must improve productivity or lower cost and help us manage the business more efficiently. Technology has helped us reduce our work force over time even though the membership continues to grow.

The Cooperative uses many different technologies to run its business efficiently. Some of these technologies are the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition system (SCADA) which allows the Cooperative to monitor, receive data, and control its substations; the load management system which allows the Cooperative to control members' loads during peak energy usage when the price of electricity is very high and volatile; and numerous software technologies for mapping, engineering planning, member information, staking, billing, warehousing, fleet management, etc.

One major project the Cooperative has just completed is the Automatic Meter Reading (AMR) system for all single phase meters. When the Cooperative started looking at this technology, several questions needed to be answered:

- How can it improve member satisfaction?
- What could an AMR system mean to the Cooperative?

- Does it meet the requirements needed to provide member choice in a deregulated environment?
- What is the cost of service impact of doing nothing?
- Does the AMR system interface with existing and new software systems such as billing, outage management, and mapping software?
- How can we use AMR to reduce losses, shorten outage time and reduce labor costs?
- Does it or can it help us meet our load management objectives?
- Will our billing software company continue to support our existing self-read, self-billed metering system?
- Will the Cooperative be able to purchase meters in the future that can be easily read by the members?
- Should we have an intermediate step between the existing system and the automatic system such as hiring meter readers?

In analyzing the system, we tried to answer as many of these questions as possible. Most of these questions are answered in the feature article. After thorough review, it was apparent the old self-read, self-billed system would not be long lasting. With the number of utilities using this old method being minimal, billing software companies and meter manufacturers were not supporting or producing the products necessary to sustain this type of system. The utility environment has changed and we needed to change along with it. The old system was manual, cumbersome, very labor intensive and burdensome to the employees and members. The Cooperative is excited about the new technology and benefits it provides. The positive feedback has been great. It is especially gratifying to find outages on the distribution system prior to members knowing they have a problem and to help members who have difficulty reading their meter to no longer have to perform this function.

Goal: 10,318 AMR Meters



February 18
10,318
AMR
Meters

After four years and 10,318 meters, at last, we're finished! All single phase automatic meter reading (AMR) systems have been installed. No more running out in the cold or rain to read the meter. No more calculating your bill. We can access your usage right here in our office.

Jan. 2005
10,071 Meters

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

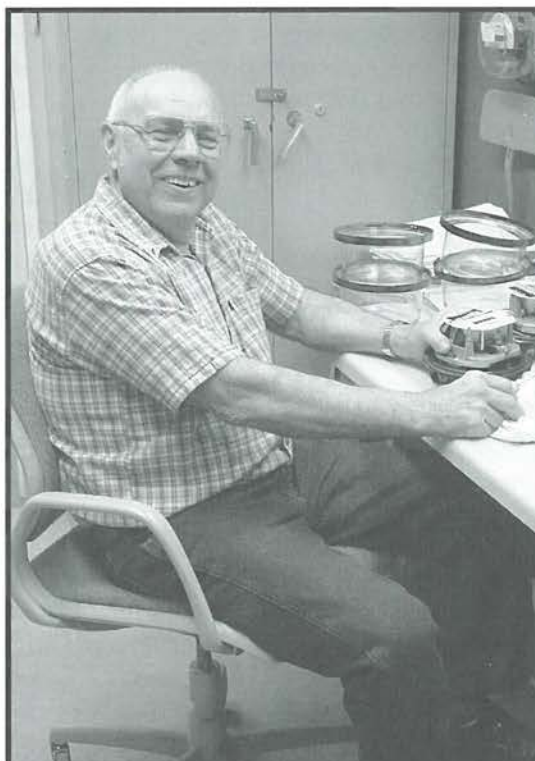
June 2004
8,500 Meters

2003
6,700 Meters

2002
4,550 Meters

2001
2,200 Meters

An Era Has Passed



Every AMR module was installed by hand. Buzz Shrader, Part-Time Laborer was essential in this process.

There are a lot of advantages to having an automatic meter reading system. And, by having the system in place, it will allow for numerous possibilities in the future.

The billing department is enjoying some of the benefits. In the past, billing was quite time-consuming. "I entered every reading by hand. They'd start coming in around the first of the month and I'd need to have them entered by the 15th each month," said Judie Flesner, Billing Assistant. There were over 7,000 bills and many with more than one meter. "Now all I have to do is enter the payments – it's much faster," adds Flesner. Today, the new AMR system reads everyone's usage on the same day automatically, directly from

the office. Multiple meters are calculated automatically. "Many times we'd offer to calculate bills over the phone. Members would call in with their readings and we would figure their bill for them," said Billing Assistant Julia Barry. "AMR is great for our older members too. Some of them had meters out in the middle of a pasture – some

ings are no longer an issue.

This new technology is ideal for members that live out of state or a member going on an extended vacation. The Cooperative doesn't have to estimate bills. "If you go on vacation, you can leave your credit card number and your bill can be paid up-to-date. You don't have to have a neighbor or a

billing staff can take an on-the-spot reading directly from the office between tenants.

The Cooperative can pinpoint high bill issues. "We can look at how many kWh's a member uses per day, or even per hour! If you're wondering why your bill is high one month compared to another, we can look at specific days and tell you which days were high," said Bill Stalder, Manager of Marketing/Member Services. "During the winter, many find that their increased usage is related to heating. Even with gas heat, the blower is powered by electricity so it can make a difference. We can compare readings and weather conditions on the day of usage." AMR is a valuable tool for determining where and how our members use electricity.

Members that have taken advantage of the electric heat meter see an itemized breakdown of usage on their bill. "It makes it easy for members and us to see exactly how many kWh's are being used to heat and cool a home," added Stalder.

The engineering and operations department is also enjoying some of the advantages of AMR. "If a member calls and we can read their meter, it's usually their breaker that tripped or an electrical problem on the member's side of the meter," said Joyce Bockhold, Engineering and Operations Technician. "It saves us from having to send someone out." If an outage occurs, personnel can send out signals to meters in the same vicinity and track the problem's origin.

"AMR allows for voltage



Meter Technician Butch Passley, Part-Time Laborer Donnie Ward and Journeyman Lineman Bill Alexander stand proudly by their last AMR installation. Butch, Donnie, Bill and Buzz (pictured left) dedicated many hours toward the installation process. Members James L. and Betty Stevens at the final location in Augusta were happy to hear they had AMR. Prior to AMR, the couple had to read three meters including their main meter, an electric heat meter and a grain bin at a separate location.

over fences. They've been going after these readings for years. It's magical for them. They don't have to figure their bill anymore." Many times the billing staff would face inaccurate readings that wouldn't match up from the previous month. Read-

family member come over to read your meter anymore," said Mary Aden, Billing Assistant. "And, members who pay with credit card do not have to call in readings. It's all automatic."

AMR allows for remote connects and disconnects. The

monitoring and also does blink counts," said Butch Passley, Meter Technician for Adams Electric. Joyce Bockhold added, "If someone calls in and reports they're having blinks or outages, we can verify them and see when they occurred." The Cooperative can offer more assistance without ever leaving the office which saves time.

In the past, self-read meters were read on various days, some early, some on time and others late. Since the Cooperative can now look at members' combined energy usage within a given set of days, accounting can see precisely where energy was used. Wholesale power that comes through our lines should match the energy sold at the meter after an allowance for normal line loss. "Before, we had an 8% line loss, partly because some members gave us incorrect readings. That number has decreased significantly since we can see the actual figures," said Steve Jennings, Manager of Finance. There will still be some line loss related to heat loss but accurate calculations will help the Cooperative locate some of the trouble spots. With this data, transformers can also be better sized to fit members' needs.

All of the meters were tested for accuracy at installation. "I send out a signal each day and the meters that don't answer are having trouble. Sometimes it's an outage or it could be the meter itself. If a meter was disconnected because service was terminated, then obviously, it won't return a signal," said Passley. Some problems appear and can be fixed before the member has a chance to call in.

6 For example, once some

underground failed while a member was on vacation in Florida. The Cooperative was able fix the problem prior to the member returning home.

"We're not using AMR to it's fullest potential. Right now all we're doing is basically reading meters," admits Passley. This is only the beginning. There are many possibilities.

This new technology is capable of checking for reverse rotation, meters that are running backwards. Therefore, meter tampering would be obvious. The Cooperative could correct the problem immediately.

In the future, we might see a map of all locations. "All areas with power could light up green and areas having an outage would be red, for instance," said Passley. Even the trucks could carry laptops with access to this information.

When outage calls come in, the technology could actually pinpoint the most probable cause all on its own, just by gathering data from phone calls. "The system could point to a specific breaker, for instance," added Passley.

Through voice automation, members could receive call-backs to make sure their power was restored.

There are many advantages. "It all depends on the type of outage package we add," said Passley.

Adams Electric completed all single phase meters on February 18, 2005. "The next step is three phase meters which are primarily commercial accounts. Our goal is to have this completed by the end of the year," said General Manager Jim Thompson.

Thirteen electric cooperatives across the state either have or are in the process of getting some type of automatic meter reading system. Eventually, you could see all utilities, including gas and water companies making the switch to an AMR system. Reading meters will become a thing of the past.

Why is my electric bill higher than my neighbor's?

There could be several reasons. First of all, it's YOUR electric bill. Every family is different...different number of people living at the home...different size of home...different habits...many things must be taken into consideration.

Nationwide, some of the major contributors to energy usage are:

Heating	53%
Water Heating	15%
Refrigeration	8%
Air Conditioning	7%
Lighting	6%
Cooking	4%
Clothes Dryer	3%
Other Uses	4%

Maybe your family is home more often. Maybe you take longer hot showers or open the refrigerator door more frequently. Maybe you use your range for more meals or dry more clothes. Consider the possibilities.

If you have electric heat, ask about purchasing a second meter to record all your heating, cooling and water heating usage separately from your other usage. You'll get a better rate...only 4.6 cents/kWh for all heating, cooling and water heating. Keep in mind, this program, called CHC (controlled heating & cooling) is quite popular – it's first come, first serve.

For outage service or questions with your bill: 217-593-7701 or 800-232-4797

VICE ADDRESS		MAP LOCATION NUMBER	
23 STREET		00-00-000	
APPLIANCE	M/C Usage	BILLING DATE	CHARGES
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1.0000	0		
.066		1.12	
		1.12	
ENERGY CHARGES			
IL ELECTRICITY EXCISE TAX			
SECURITY LIGHT CHARGE (1)			
PENNY POWER DONATION			
AVE. TEMP		AMOUNT DUE 5/8/2005	
3		\$118.00	
1		AMOUNT DUE AFTER 5/8/2005	
10		\$118.00	



Your Penny Power donation will appear on your bill as shown. Your amount (always less than \$1) will vary every month depending on the amount needed to round up your total to the nearest dollar. For example, this member's electric usage totaled \$117.79 which was rounded up 21¢ to reach the next even dollar (\$118.00). This month, this member will donate 21¢ to Penny Power.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Adams Electric Cooperative's new fundraising program called "Penny Power" will be starting with your May 1 electric bill. (This is your electric bill for April usage which is due May 8, 2005)

In this innovative program, called Penny Power, 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.

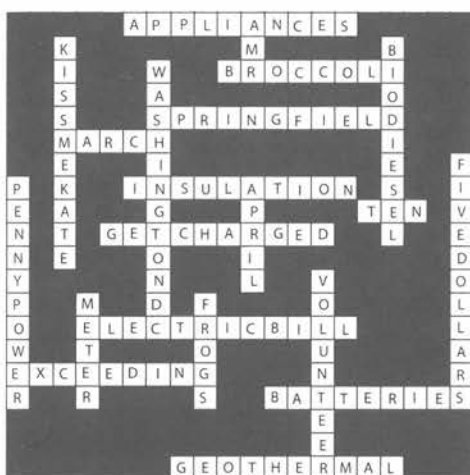
Every member will be automatically included in the program. Members may "opt out" at any time.

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 contact Adams Electric Cooperative by phone at 1-800-232-4797.

Note: The Adams Outlet will continually list where Penny Power funds are being distributed.

Crossword Answer Key from February Adams Outlet



One entry was drawn for a \$25 electric bill credit. The winner was:

Dale Klassing of Liberty

See page 8 for more ways to earn electric bill credits!



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"The family resemblance..."

Mother/daughter and Father/son look alike
send us your pictures.

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: Fri., June 10



"Twins, triplets, etc. ..."

Are you a twin or do you have
twins? Tell us your unique stories.
Please include a photo or two.

DEADLINE: Friday, September 9



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.

Someone played an April Fool's joke on me and I fell for it...

My daughter-in-law is
a dear, sweet girl. My son
couldn't have chosen better if
I had picked for him. I never
knew what a prankster she was,
though, until one April Fool's
day. I had really forgotten what
day it was, but my son and
Cindy came over to see us that
evening. They live next door, so
they walked around our pond to
our house. Cindy had a bandage
all around her arm and I could
see it from a distance. Of course
I was concerned, because my

husband and I love
her dearly and
would never want
any harm to come
to her. When they
reached our house,
she told us she
had spilled
hot grease on
her hand and
arm and had
to wrap it up.

She asked if we wanted to see
it. I really didn't want to look at
it, but I thought I might be able
to do something to help her, so
I agreed. As she removed the
bandage, I was waiting to see
something of some significance,
but the further she went, the
more I realized we had been
fooled. She really spent some
time telling her story and slowly
unwrapping her arm. She not



only pulled this on us, but also her parents, and an aunt and uncle. She's just one of those kind of people that keeps you hanging on the whole story and then socks it to you in the end. I know I should be careful believing her stories, but I know they're always going to be truthful, unless of course, it's April Fool's!

Bonnie Milbert, Loraine

I am the drive-up teller at a bank. The drive-up has three lanes that use the canister to get customer transactions to me. I view my customers by way of a small screen camera unit.

Last year the weather was very warm before April 1st, so the Asian ladybugs were out

in full force. As the customers came through, I would ask them, "Can't you feel that ladybug on your arm?" or "Don't you know there is a ladybug on your sleeve?" Everyone believed me. They would look for that bug and try to wipe it off their sleeve. Then I would tell them it was just an April Fool's joke.

I used that joke on 95% of my customers and all laughed about being fooled. Some remarks were: "I can't believe you got me," and "I don't get mad, I just get even."

My co-workers got so tired of hearing me use that same joke all day long. In the late afternoon, two girls went outside and found three ladybugs. They put the bugs in one of the



canisters and sent them to me with a note – "Enough."

It was one of my funniest and best days ever at work!

Joyce Williams, Rushville

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Adams Electric Cooperative's **Country Kitchen**



Eggs "Bill"edict

*Submitted by Bill Stalder, Manager
of Marketing/Member Services*

1 English muffin
1 hard-boiled egg, sliced
Cream cheese spread
Salt & Pepper to taste

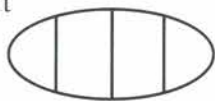
Split English muffin and toast. Spread with cream cheese and top with slices of hard-boiled egg. Note: Makes a great treat when you're on the road and taking part in a hotel's complimentary breakfast – it's the perfect spot to find these ingredients on hand.

Golden Parmesan Potatoes

*Submitted by Marilyn Maiers,
Payson*

6 large potatoes (about 3#)
1/4 cup flour
1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
3/4 tsp. salt
1/8 tsp. pepper
1/3 cup butter
Chopped parsley

Peel potatoes; cut into quarters. Combine flour, cheese, salt and pepper in bag. Moisten potatoes with water – shake a few at a time in bag, coating well with cheese mixture. Melt butter in 9x13 pan. Place potatoes in layer in pan. Bake at 375 degrees for about 1 hour – turning once during baking. When golden brown, sprinkle with parsley. Make 6-8 servings.



Pig-in-a-Pinwheel

Submitted by Patsy Jansen, Quincy

1 (5 oz.) can chunk lean ham, drained
1/2 cup chopped onion
1 tsp. dried oregano
1/3 cup cream cheese, softened
2 (8 oz.) cans refrigerated crescent roll dough

Mash up ham; stir in onion and oregano. Stir into cream cheese until well mixed. Separate roll dough into 8 rectangles, pressing the seams to seal. Spread ham mixture evenly over the dough. Roll up each rectangle, starting from a short end. Cut each roll into 4 slices. Place on a cookie sheet and squash slightly. Bake at 400 degrees for 15-20 minutes or until golden brown. Yield - 32 pinwheels.



Recipes Wanted!

Send us your favorite family recipes. Do you have a favorite summer treat? What do you fix for those company picnics? We'd love to hear from you!

Send your recipe to:
Attn: Laura Dotson
Adams Electric Cooperative
P.O. Box 247
Camp Point, IL 62320
or email to: ldotson@adams.net

Heath Bar Cake

*Submitted by Marilyn Maiers,
Payson*

2 cups brown sugar
2 cups flour
1/2 cup butter
1 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. salt
1 egg
1 cup milk
1 tsp. vanilla
1/2 cup chopped pecans
6 Heath bars, coarsely chopped
(or several miniature bars)

Mix brown sugar and flour well. Cut in butter as for pie crust. **Reserve 1 cup of this mixture.** Add egg, milk and vanilla to remaining mixture. Beat until blended. Pour into greased 9x13 pan. Sprinkle with reserved crumbs, nuts and candy. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes.

Kitchen Terms

A la king - dish of diced meat served in a cream sauce, sometimes with vegetables. Chicken a la king is very common.

Au jus - to serve a dish in its natural juices or drippings.

Spaetzle - small noodle-like dumplings made with egg, milk, and flour. Spaetzle is a staple in Germany, its country of origin.

In The News...



Local Electric Utilities Sponsor Live Line Demo, Inc.

Adams Electric Cooperative and Ameren CIPS in cooperation with Brown County Community District Unit No 1, Schuyler Community Unit District 1 and Seymour Community Unit District No 1, sponsored an electrical safety demonstration for area students. The presentations, called Live Line Demo, Inc. were held February 7th at Rushville High School and on February 8th at Brown County High School and Payson Seymour High School. Brown County High School also hosted an evening demonstration on February 7th for local emergency personnel teams. The program was

Kyle Finley, owner of Live Line Demo, Inc. demonstrates the hazards of live power lines to students at Payson Seymour High School.

presented by Kyle Finley of Alvin, Illinois, who is a former journeyman lineman and the owner of Live Line Demo, Inc. Kyle demonstrated the power and dangers around electricity by using live power lines. Area firefighters, ambulance crews and police officers were instructed on handling various emergency situations involving downed power lines.

Assessing Wind Energy

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

According to the American Wind Energy Association, wind energy saw an increase in generation nationwide in 2004 of 389 MW bringing

the total of utility wind projects to 6,740 MW and involving 30 states. One of the challenges remaining is the wind turbines' impact on birds. Up to 16 percent of the 4,000-plus wind turbines studied in the Altamont Pass area could be permanently shut down, and perhaps seasonally shut down by a recommendation from the California Energy Commission to decrease the negative impact on the bird populations. The commission said the issue cannot be ignored if California intends to use wind power in its reach toward the 20 percent renewable portfolio standard it plans by 2010.

Microbe Power

Source: Rural Electric Magazine

Raw sewage, quite possibly the perfect renewable fuel, is being turned into electricity. Researchers at Pennsylvania State University are developing a microbial fuel cell that captures electrons released by bacteria as they digest organic matter. The electrons are then converted into electrical current. Two years ago, the microbial fuel cell produced only 0.1 watt per square meter; today it's up to 350 watts.

"We see using this any place where there's a high concentration of organic matter," says Environmental Engineer Bruce Logan. An ideal application would be a wastewater treatment plant, which could power itself as it treats sewage. Another use would be in developing countries because this technology would produce a net amount of electricity. The device could also be used to treat waste from food processing and agricultural operations, such as hog farms. NASA scientists are developing similar technology to be used during space missions, turning the astronauts' waste into extra power.

April

Calendar of Events

April Fool's Day
April 1

Quincy Community Theatre Student Production "Pinocchio"
April 1-3 (Fri-Sun)
Oakley Lindsay Civic Center, Quincy
(217) 222-3209

Great River Watercolor Society Exhibit
April 1 - May 31
Chiropractic Clinic
48th & Broadway, Quincy



Bridge the Gap to Health
April 2 (Sat)
Starts at the Quincy Riverfront
5k run/walk and 10k run crosses the Bayview Bridge to Missouri and back.
(217) 222-0958

Daylight Savings Time Begins
April 3
Don't forget to set your clocks ahead 1 hour.

Windmill Follies
April 3 (Sun), 6:30 pm
Prairie Mills Windmill, Golden
Enjoy dinner and theatre.
(217) 696-4672



Annual QU Juried 2005 Student Art Exhibition
April 3-20
Quincy University Gray Gallery
1800 College, Quincy
(217) 228-5371

Faculty Chamber Recital
April 6, 6:30 pm (Wed)
WIU Fine Arts Recital Hall, Macomb
(309) 298-2900

QHS New Faces 50th Anniversary Variety Show
April 6-9, 7:30 pm (Wed-Sat)
3322 Maine, Quincy
(217) 224-3774

U.S. Air Force Band & Singing Sergeants
April 7 (Thurs)
Morrison Theatre, Quincy
For tickets, mail request to:
Tickets, PO Box 178, Quincy,
IL 62306

QND Band Spring Concert
April 7, 8 pm (Thurs)
1400 South 11th St., Quincy
(217) 223-2479

Illinois Rural Electric & Telephone Cooperative Youth Day
April 13 (Wed)
Springfield
Students who entered the Cooperative's Youth to Washington Contest will gather in Springfield where we will select the two winners of the 2005 all expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. Students, who will be sophomores or juniors in the fall, interested in next year's contest, call Laura Dotson at (800) 232-4797. We will add you to our mailing list and send program details your way!

Collver Family Winery Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre "Annie, Get Your Stun Gun"
April 23 (Sat)
Barry
For tickets, call (217) 335-3279

Arts in the Park
April 24 (Sun)
25th & Maine, Quincy
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Annual Corvette Show
April 17 (Sun)
Quincy Mall, 33rd & Broadway,
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District Choral Festival
April 17 (Sun), 2 pm
QJHS, 100 South 14th St., Quincy
(217) 224-3774

JWCC Spring Concert
April 19, 7 pm (Tues)
Paul Heath Center Auditorium
1301 South 48th St., Quincy
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Laborer's Outdoor Days for LIFE
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31st Annual High School Student Art Competition
April 22-May 11
Quincy Art Center
1515 Jersey, Quincy
Opens April 22 at 6:30 pm
(217) 223-5900

Quincy Symphony Orchestra Spring Concert
April 24, 3 pm (Sun)
Morrison Theatre, Quincy
(217) 222-2856

Administrative Professionals Day
April 27

Annual Dogwood Parade & Festival
April 30 - May 1 (Sat-Sun)
Quincy's Spring event
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morning), craft
and hobby fair,
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Deadlines For Event Listings

May Events:	April 1
June Events:	May 1
July Events:	June 1
Aug. & Sept. Events:	July 1
October Events:	Sept. 1
November Events:	October 1
December Events:	November 1

Call (217) 593-7701 or (800) 232-4797
Or mail your listing to:
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Adams Electric Cooperative
P.O. Box 247
Camp Point, IL 62320
Or email: ldotson@adams.net

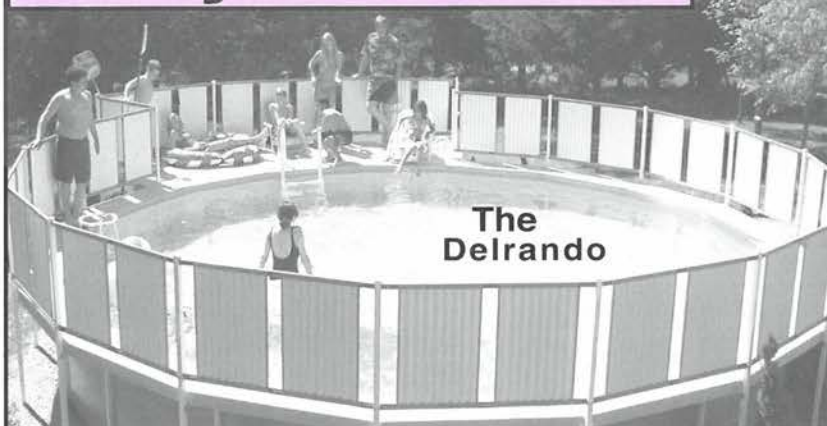
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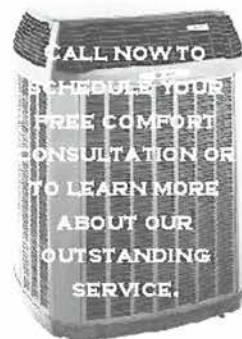
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"Before re-entering storm-damaged buildings or rooms, be sure all electric and gas services are turned off," said Jay Solomon, University of Illinois Extension Engineering Educator. "Never attempt to turn off power at the breaker box if you must stand in water to do so. If you can't reach your breaker box safely, call your electric utility to shut off power at the meter."

Never step into a flooded basement or other area if water is covering electrical outlets, appliances or cords. Be alert to any electrical equipment that could be energized and in contact with water. Never touch electrical appliances, cords or

Storm Safety Tips



wires while you are wet or standing in water.

"Cleaning up and using water-damaged appliances also carry safety risks," said Solomon. "Electric motors in appliances that have been drenched or submerged should be thoroughly cleaned and reconditioned before they are put back into service. It may be necessary to repair or

replace electrical appliances or tools that have been in contact with water. Do not use any water-damaged appliance until a professional has checked it out."

If you use a standby generator, make sure a transfer safety switch is used, or connect the appliance(s) directly to the generator output through an isolated circuit before you operate it. This prevents electricity from traveling back through the power lines, what's known as "back feed." Back feed creates danger for anyone near lines, particularly crews working to restore power.

For more information on electrical safety, visit the www.SafeElectricity.org.

Safe Electricity is an electrical safety public awareness program created and supported by a coalition of several dozen organizations, including electric cooperatives, educators and other entities committed to promoting electrical safety.

The Last Major Appliance

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Janet Brake of Timewell is pictured with her sister Glenna Dormire, a member of Adams Electric. Janet purchased the last major appliance, a side-by-side refrigerator, from the appliance department. Since the appliance department announced its closing in January 2005, the remaining appliances have sold quickly. Only a



few window air conditioners and water heaters remain.

We would like to thank our loyal members who have supported the appliance department over the past 46 years. As our service department has closed, we've located a few places that will gladly take over appliance service calls in our area:

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