

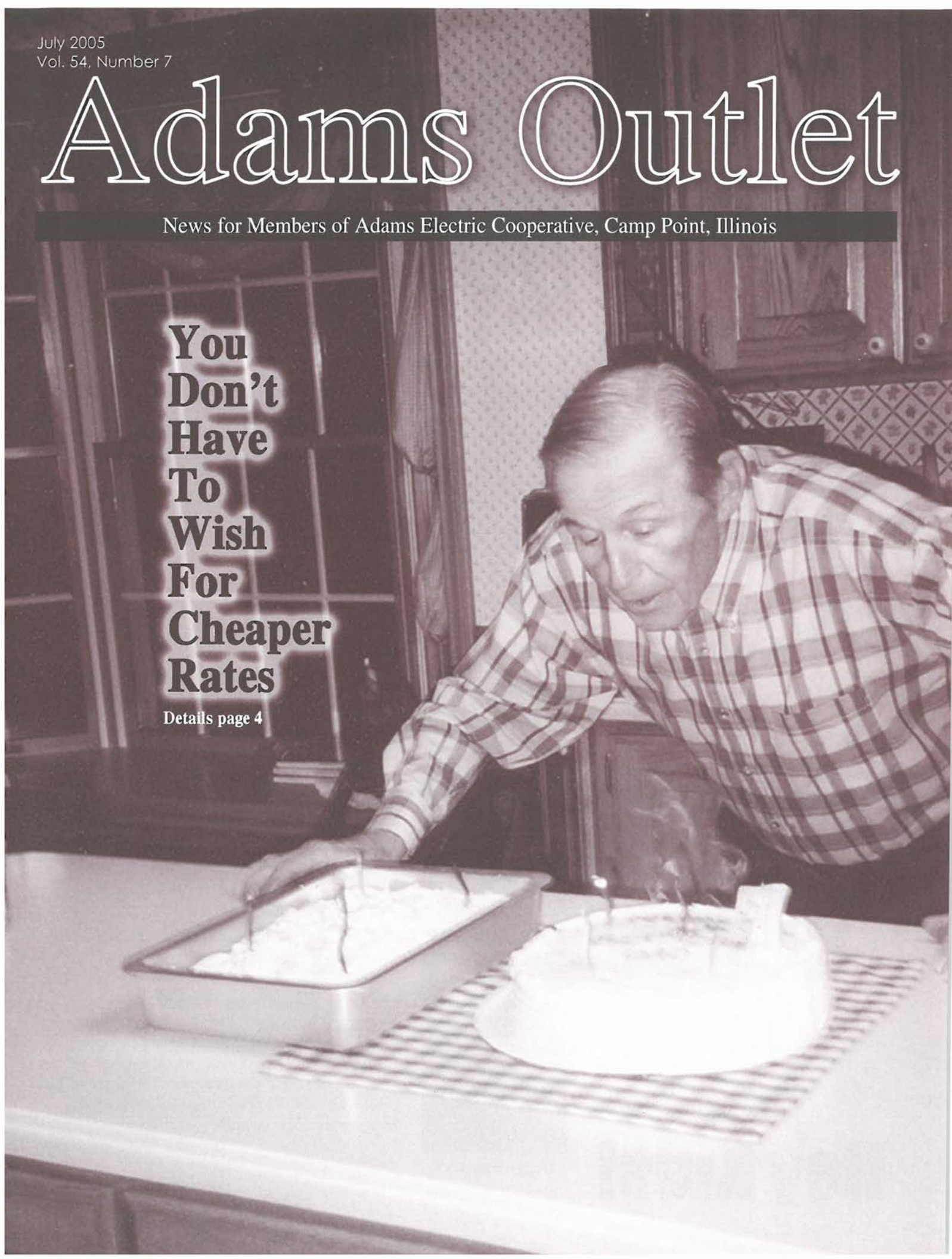
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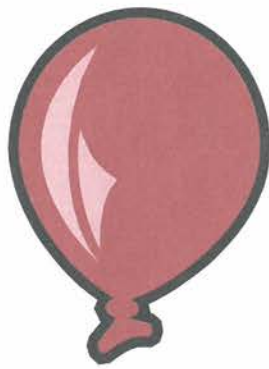
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News for Members of Adams Electric Cooperative, Camp Point, Illinois

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safe and have fun this summer!
Kite or balloon ends up in a line. Keep clear of trees and never play in stormy weather. Stay
Remember to stay far away from power lines when flying balloons or kites and call Adams Electric to have it safely removed if your

Hey Kids!

Maintenance Supervisor



Steve Fanning

Steve Fanning has been named Maintenance Supervisor. He is filling the position vacated by Charlie Rossiter. Steve began his new duties on Wednesday, April 13, 2005. He began his career at the Cooperative as a Groundman on April 29, 1985. He completed the Apprentice Lineman program and became Journeyman Lineman in 1999. Steve worked as Temporary Line Foreman from January 2003 to April 2003 and accepted the permanent Line Foreman position in May 2004. The employees and Board of Directors congratulate Steve on his recent promotion!

Line Foreman



Ed Covey

Ed Covey has accepted the position of Line Foreman vacated by Steve Fanning. Ed began his duties on Tuesday, May 17, 2005. Ed started working for Adams Electric on June 6, 1983 as a Groundman. He completed the Apprentice Lineman's program and became a Journeyman Lineman in 1997. The employees and Board of Directors congratulate Ed on his new position!

Apprentice Lineman



Brad Smith

Brad Smith has been offered and accepted the position of Apprentice Lineman. Brad began his duties on Wednesday, April 13, 2005. Brad joined the Cooperative on July 9, 2001 in the Member Service Department as Appliance Service Technician. The employees and Board of Directors congratulate Brad as he starts another phase of his career!

Engineering & Operations Clerical Assistant



Peggy Koettters

Peggy Koettters has been offered and accepted the position of Engineering & Operations Clerical Assistant. Peggy began her duties on Monday, June 6, 2005. Peggy started working for the Cooperative in June 2003 as Marketing Assistant and has been assisting other departments since the closing of the Appliance Department. The employees and Board of Directors congratulate Peggy on her new position!

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Editor
Laura Dotson



Incentive Rates

This month's feature article is on the Cooperative's incentive rates. Over the years I have been asked numerous times why we offer lower rates to members who allow us to control the way they use their electricity.

The price of electricity is

volatile and changes with supply and demand similar to other commodities. Overall, the average United States electricity price rose 5.2% between April 2004 and April 2005. The price of electricity fluctuates continually. During the summer months when the temperature is hot over a wide area, the demand for electricity is extremely high. As the demand for electricity increases, more generation facilities are utilized to satisfy the demand. Remember, unlike other commodities, electricity cannot be stored

and supply and demand must always be in balance. The generation sources used during these peak times are more expensive to operate thus increasing the cost.

In order to avoid purchasing electricity during these peak times,

the Cooperative offers members incentive rates which allow us to control their loads. In essence, it is cheaper to shut off the power than to purchase it. These incentive rates help lower the Cooperative's overall power cost and help isolate it from the volatility of the energy market. These programs are win-win for all members and the Cooperative.

If you have any questions on the incentive rates or would like to participate, please call our Member Service Department.



General Manager
Jim Thompson PE

You Don't Have To Wish For Cheaper Rates

Adams Electric Cooperative has been offering all electric incentive rates for years. Members with electric heating, central air-conditioning and electric water heating can qualify for one of three programs. Many members are taking advantage of these programs. Are you?

Main Meter

All general electric use is recorded by your base meter and billed as follows*:

Schedule A

Facility Charge	\$22/Month
First 750 kWh's	\$0.115/kWh
Next 750 kWh's	\$0.105/kWh
Next 500 kWh's	\$0.095/kWh
Over 2000 kWh's	\$0.080/kWh

*Applies to standard single-phase service (most common residential use).

All of your usage is billed at the base rate schedule. However, if you have electric heat, central air-conditioning and/or an electric water heater, there is a money-saving option available.

Option #1

Is your primary heating system electric? You have the best advantage since this rate applies to you. Your heating system, central air-conditioner and electric water heater can be connected to a separate meter and billed at a lower rate:

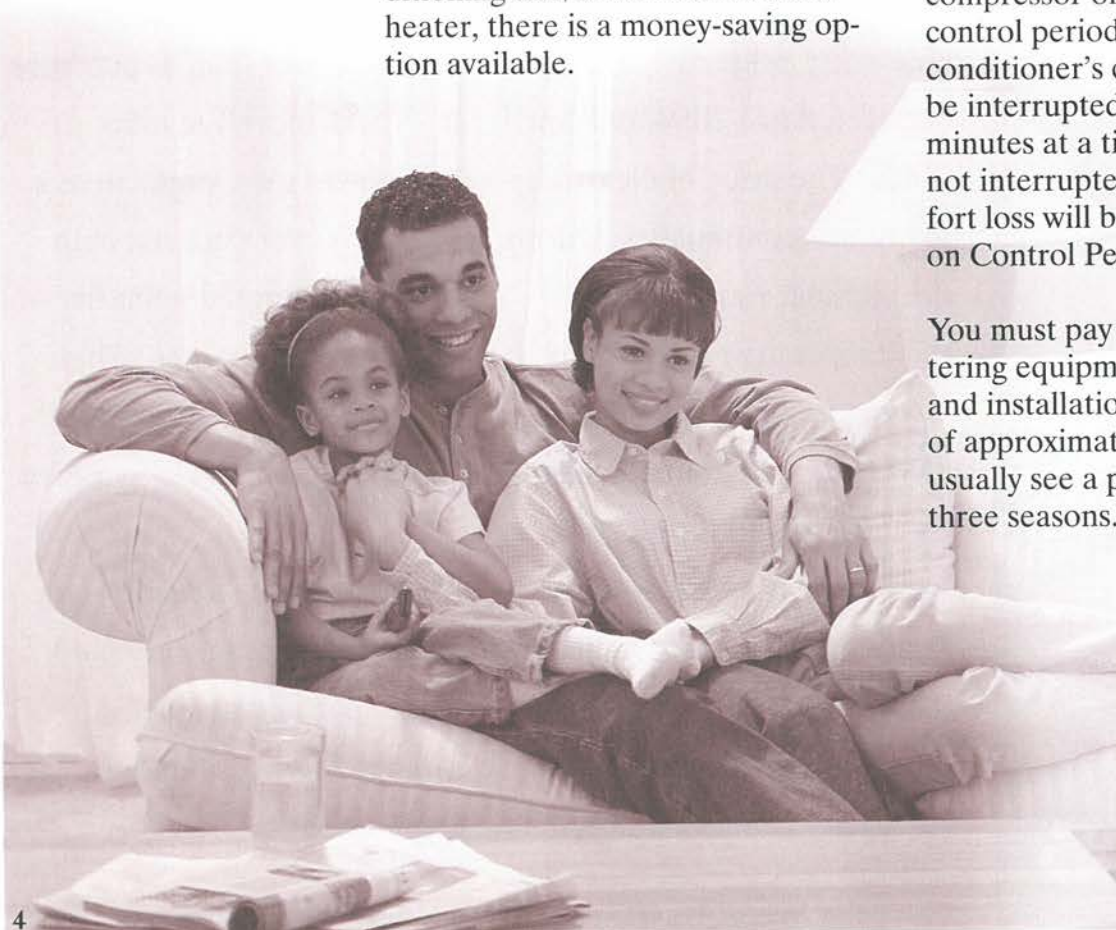
Schedule CHC

(Controlled Heating & Cooling)

Facility charge	\$4/Month
Heating, Central Air-Conditioning & Water Heating	\$0.046/kWh
All other usage	See Schedule A

During peak usage periods, we will switch your water heater off and cycle your central air-conditioner compressor on and off during the control period. The central air-conditioner's compressor unit can be interrupted for a maximum of 15 minutes at a time. The indoor fan is not interrupted. Little or no comfort loss will be noticed. (See details on Control Periods on page 5.)

You must pay for the initial metering equipment (second meter) and installation, a one-time charge of approximately \$450. Members usually see a payback within two to three seasons.



Option #2

This rate is for homes that have central air-conditioning but **DO NOT** have electric heat. Your central air-conditioner can be connected to a separate meter and billed at a lower rate:

Schedule CAC

(Controlled Air-Conditioning)

Facility charge

(June-Sept. only)\$4/Month

Central A/C..... \$.066/kWh

All other usageSee Schedule A

During peak usage periods, we will cycle your central air-conditioner compressor on and off during the control period. The central air-conditioner's compressor unit can be interrupted for a maximum of 15 minutes at a time. The indoor fan is not interrupted. In most cases, little or no comfort loss will be noticed. (See details on Control Periods at the right.)

There is a one-time fee of \$125 to take advantage of the CAC rate. According to the National Electric Code, all central air-conditioners must have an outside disconnect. Adams Electric charges \$25 to install a disconnect if one is not present.

Option #3

This rate is for homes that have a 30 gallon or larger electric water heater but **DO NOT** have electric heat.

Schedule CWH

You may receive an \$8 credit (a maximum of \$96 annually) on your electric bill if you use 400 kWh or more each month.

All other usageSee Schedule A

During peak usage periods, we will switch your water heater off during the control period. (See details on Control Periods below.)

The Cooperative must install a radio-controlled switch on or near the electric water heater to control usage during peak usage periods. The switch is furnished and installed at no charge.

Control Periods

With the current program, the control periods can occur during the summer months of June, July, August and September usually between noon and 10:00 p.m. Holidays and weekends are included. Control periods are subject to change depending on the needs of the Cooperative.

Don't qualify but like what you hear? Consider this!

Adams Electric Cooperative offers rebates to help you make the switch.

\$600 Rebate

Install Geothermal

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Install Electric Air-to-Air Heat Pump with Electric Backup

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Install Any Other Primary Electric Heating System

\$200 Rebate

Install Electric Air-to-Air Heat Pump with Gas Backup or replacing the outdoor heat pump unit only.

\$125 Rebate

Install Electric Water Heater in "new construction" (40 gallons or larger).

\$125 Rebate

Replace Gas Water Heater with Electric Water Heater (40 gallons or larger).

\$75 Rebate

Replace Electric Water Heater with Electric Water Heater (40 gallons or larger).

Other Rates Are Available

Adams Electric Cooperative offers economic development, interruptible, irrigation and large power rates. Let the Cooperative prepare a comparison to help you determine your best option.

**Call Adams Electric Cooperative at (800) 232-4797
to take advantage of these low rates!**

Adams Electric Cooperative

Nominating Committee Report

Pursuant to the Cooperative's Bylaws, the Nominating Committee met at the office of Adams Electric Cooperative in Camp Point, Illinois on Tuesday, May 17, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. DST to nominate candidates for election of directors of Adams Electric Cooperative.

The following Nominating Committee Members were present: James Blaesing and James Cox, representing District 4; David Blackburn, representing District 5; Roger Boone, representing District 6; and Vern Lubker, member-at-large.

Jim Thompson, General Manager, was present at the opening of the meeting and presented each Committee Member a copy of the Bylaws and called their attention to the qualifications of directors and the nominating procedure. At the consent of the Committee Members, Manager Thompson served as Chairman Pro Tem until a Chairman had been elected.

Manager Thompson opened the floor to nominations for Committee Chairman. Vern Lubker nominated Jim Cox. Roger Boone made a motion to close nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot to elect Jim Cox as Chairman; seconded by Jim Blaesing, the motion carried.

Manager Thompson opened the floor to nominations for Committee Secretary. Vern Lubker nominated Roger Boone. Jim Cox made a motion to close nominations and



Left to right: (back row) Vern Lubker of Lima, James Cox of Versailles, and Dave Blackburn of Plymouth; (front row) Roger K. Boone of Plainville and James Blaesing of Mt. Sterling.

to cast a unanimous ballot to elect Roger Boone as Secretary; seconded by David Blackburn, the motion carried.

Manager Thompson excused himself from the meeting.

Chairman Cox opened the floor to nominations for director-candidate(s) of District 4 representing Mt. Sterling, Elkhorn, Ripley, Cooperstown and Versailles Townships of Brown County. Jim Blaesing nominated Bob Willis. Vern Lubker made a motion to close nominations; seconded by David Blackburn, the motion carried.

Chairman Cox opened the floor to nominations for director-candidate(s) of District 5 representing St. Mary Township of Hancock County; Bethel and LaMoine Townships of McDonough County; Birmingham, Camden, Huntsville and Brooklyn Townships of Schuyler County. David Blackburn nominated Richard King. Vern Lubker made a motion to close nominations; seconded by Jim Blaesing, the motion carried.

Chairman Cox opened the floor to nominations for director-candidate(s) of District 6 representing Melrose, Fall Creek, Payson, Richfield and Beverly Townships of Adams County; Kinderhook, Barry, Fairmount and Hadley Townships of Pike County. Roger Boone nominated John Kestner. Jim Blaesing made a motion to close nominations; seconded by Vern Lubker, the motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m. DST following a motion by Roger Boone; seconded by Vern Lubker, the motion carried.

James Cox, Chairman

Roger K. Boone, Secretary

Director Nominations By Petition

The bylaws of Adams Electric Cooperative provide that nominations can be made by petition of 25 Cooperative Members. Blank petitions are 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 September 7, 2005 Annual Meeting. Petitions must be returned to the office by 5 p.m., Monday, August 1, 2005.

Ask the Editor

Member Q&A

I've seen commercials for Touchstone Energy®. Is Adams Electric Cooperative a member of Touchstone Energy®?

Yes. Adams Electric Cooperative joined Touchstone Energy® in 2004. Touchstone Energy® is an alliance of over 600 local, consumer-owned utilities across the country committed to providing superior service at affordable rates to all customers, large and small. As a part of Touchstone Energy®, Adams Electric Cooperative is able to provide various programs and services like the recent



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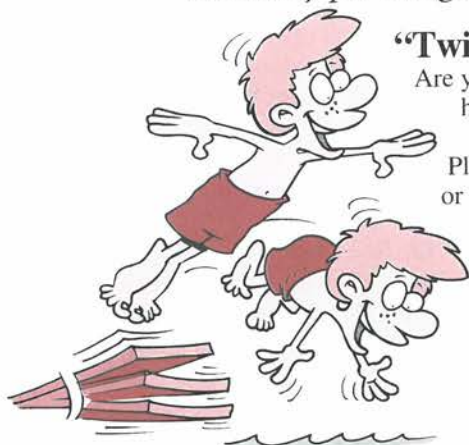
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"My best cooking tip..."

Do you have a time-saver suggestion? Maybe you'd be willing to share your secret ingredient to make something taste better? Send us your cooking ideas. **DEADLINE: Friday, October 7**

"In the olden days, we had to..."

Tell us your stories about the way it was before electricity. What did you have to do the hard way? Describe the "hard way." **DEADLINE: Fri., December 16**

"I have a good luck charm and it really brought me luck when..."

Do you have something you consider to be a good luck charm? Send us a picture. Tell us how it worked for you. **DEADLINE: Fri., January 20**

"My best cleaning tip..."

Do you have a time or money-saving suggestion? Maybe you have a proven technique for removing tough stains. **DEADLINE: Fri., February 17**

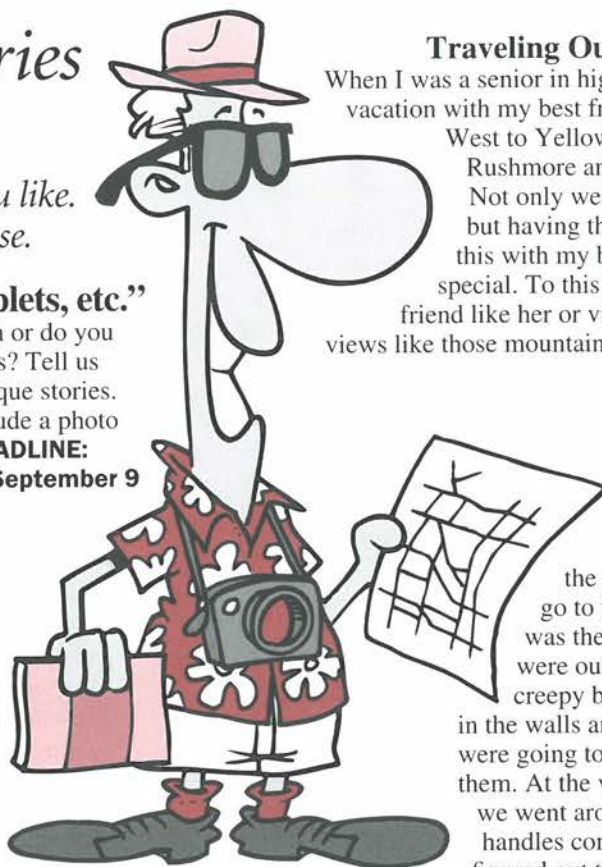
Send your entries to: **Laura Dotson, Adams Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 247, Camp Point, IL 62320** or email them to: **ldotson@adams.net** Each published entry will receive a \$5 electric bill credit. One entry per household, per category. Please include a S.A.S.E. if you want your entry returned.

"The Best Place I Ever Traveled..."

Traveling Out West

When I was a senior in high school, I went on vacation with my best friend and her family out West to Yellowstone, Black Hills, Mt. Rushmore and the Teton Mountains. Not only were the sites awesome, but having the opportunity to share this with my best friend made it extra special. To this day, I haven't had a best friend like her or visited any breath-taking views like those mountains.

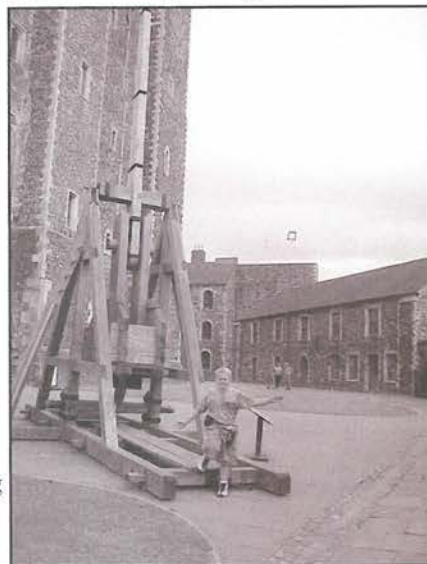
Janet Arns, Quincy



When I Was in the Castle of Dover

First, when I was in the castle, Mom and I got to go to the dungeons (nobody was there at all, even the guards were outside the castle). It was creepy because there were holes in the walls and it seemed like people were going to jump out at you from them. At the very end of the dungeon, we went around a cage and saw long handles coming out of it. Finally, we figured out that they were to open the doors so the guards didn't have to open them themselves. We tried to leave, but the door was shut! So we had to go back the way we came.

Then we went to the gift shop. There were real swords, helmets, chain mail, and body armor! But they were too expensive, instead I bought a ring and Mom bought gift cards, a deck of castle playing cards, and chocolate. Afterwards, we went down to the bottom of the castle and saw a movie about how France tried to invade Dover Castle. On the movie, one of the generals in the French army told his section to get wood and then dig a hole under the castle. Then he told them to put the wood at the end of the tunnel and burn it. It didn't work; the fire didn't hurt the castle.



Spencer Waters at the Castle of Dover

At the end of our search of the castle, both of my brothers were at the top of the castle. One of them

dropped a tennis ball he had with him and it bounced off a ledge sticking out and went straight into the thing behind me in the picture, called a Trebuchet. He got it back. While I was there, it reminded me of the war between Britain and Germany. On a wall it talked about the tunnels and chambers built under it in case the Britons had to hide (It had enough food for one month). The war between USA and Iraq is about the same except for we aren't right across from each other like the Britons and the Germans. The Britons could almost see the Germans in France. In fact, since the Germans tried to go to the Britons, the Britons had the advantage because they can see the Germans coming over and get their armies ready for the attack.

*Spencer Waters, son of
Bill & Nancy Waters, Liberty*

Hell's Canyon Utah

In 2002, my husband Earl and I wanted to travel the northwestern United States, particularly Hell's Canyon, Utah. Having been world travelers for most of our married years together, this experience proved to be a spectacular sight. This little known canyon contains North America's deepest gorge. Located along the border of Idaho and Oregon, Hell's Canyon is deeper than its more famous counterpart, the Grand Canyon, reaching depths of up to 9,200 feet. You can only access Hell's Canyon by boat or helicopter. We chose to travel the Snake River on a historic U.S. mail boat for a 2-day, 1-night jet boat trip. This weekly postal run allows you to see how mail has been delivered to canyon residents since 1919.

Our first day's journey took us 70 exhilarating miles south into the far reaches of Hell's Canyon. The boat ride was indeed a thrill since we traveled down through some 70 rapids and, of course, we had to take those 70 rapids back north again. All the while, we were surrounded by towering canyon walls with a wide array of stunning scenery.

We made frequent stops at individual mailboxes, usually being greeted by someone who lived in between one of the canyon walls. One of our female greeters arrived after a four hour trip on a four wheeler. In addition to her mail, she had ordered two gallons of milk, two dozen eggs and a bag of ice. The boat captain helped her put her purchases in coolers for her long trip back. Some of the residents were ranchers while other folks simply wanted to get away from civilization.

We spent the night in a rustic lodge made up of a collection of one bedroom cabins overlooking the river. There were

more deer than people present as they meandered around us as we headed for our cabin. We certainly had to hurry to get a quick shower and a shave in as we were afforded a generator powered single light bulb and that went out at 9:00 p.m. We certainly didn't go away hungry as the owners of the lodge fed us a delicious dinner and breakfast.

The next day, the rapids continued to get worse and after our last mail delivery south, we turned around for the return trip to deliver mail on the opposite side of the river. For our second day lunch, we docked along the river, walked up a small path and ate our sandwiches and sodas sitting at the edge of a cliff while various types of mountain animals looked on. Would we do this again? In a heartbeat! If there's one thing we've learned, America has a limitless supply of natural wonders. Hell's Canyon is now one of our favorites.

Marilyn Haschemeyer, Clayton

Izaak Walton Inn

After finishing college, I read about a place in Montana called the Izaak Walton Inn. This hotel is located in Essex, Montana on the southern edge of Glacier National Park. The structure is located on the railroad mainline through Marias Pass and west of the Continental Divide.



The front of the Izaak Walton Inn

It was originally constructed by the Great Northern Railway as lodging for railroad employees who worked this stretch of track. The hotel still stands today and is privately owned. The hotel has been refurbished with modern conveniences, and each room has a private bath. The railroad mainline located outside of the Inn is still



The Inn also has several railroad cabooses converted into lodging quarters.



The tracks make a curve to travel through the mountain pass. The train is Amtrak's westbound Empire Builder.

in use today by Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway. A small railyard is located to the west of the hotel. Here you may find some locomotives idling while awaiting assignments. Since the hotel is located west of Marias Pass, heavy freight trains sometimes need assistance in getting the tonnage over the mountain pass. These idling engines will then go into action and couple to the trains to help them.

Getting to the Inn is quite interesting. You can go one of two ways. It is accessible by car. One of the U.S. highways does pass through Glacier Park and Essex, or you can take the train. Amtrak's Empire Builder makes a stop at the Izaak Walton Inn. It is the only flagstop in the country. The train will make a stop for the Inn if someone is getting on or off the train. When I read about this action, I thought the train stopped at the door of the hotel. Not so. Passengers are dropped off at a platform located east of the hotel. Personnel from the establishment will greet guests there and then transport them to the hotel by van.

In the summer of 2000, I finally decided to take a trip to the Izaak Walton Inn. Since I am a railroad buff, I decided to get there by train. I boarded the IL Zephyr in Quincy and rode to Chicago. There, I transferred to the Empire Builder for an almost two day trip across the country until finally reaching the Inn the following evening. One of the nice aspects about the Inn is you may purchase a package deal. I ended up taking a five day package deal which included lodging, meals, and a Glacier Park bus tour. I also had some other options. When you look at all the things you have to pay for on vacations, the deal was well worth it. I spent a few days watching trains from the lawn of the hotel, toured the park, visited a museum, and met with some rather nice folks from other areas.

If you know anyone who is a railroad fanatic, I highly recommend taking a trip there.

Jeff Heinie, Fowler

Adams Electric Cooperative's Country Kitchen



Layered Lemon Dessert

Submitted by Ed Hilgenbrinck

1 stick margarine
1 cup flour
1/2 cup nuts, chopped
1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese
1 cup powdered sugar
Large carton whipped topping
2 pkgs. lemon pudding mix
3 cups milk

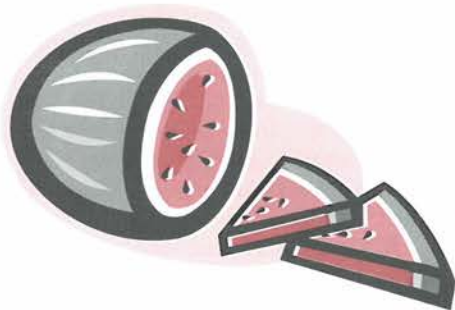
1st Layer: Mix together like pie crust, margarine, flour and nuts. Put into 9 x 13 pan. Bake for 15 minutes at 350 degrees; cool.

2nd Layer: Blend cream cheese and powdered sugar. Add 1/2 whipped topping. Pour on cooled crust.

3rd Layer: Beat together lemon pudding mix and milk. Spread over top of 2nd layer.

4th Layer: Spread remaining whipped topping over 3rd layer. Chill for several hours before serving.

Note: Can use crushed vanilla, lemon or chocolate cookies on top of 4th layer.



Crescent Chicken Squares

Submitted by Ed Hilgenbrinck

3 oz. cream cheese
2 tbsp. margarine, melted
2 cups cubed chicken, cooked
1/4 tsp. salt
1/8 tsp. pepper
2 tbsp. milk
1 tbsp. onions, chopped
1 tbsp. pimentos, chopped
Crescent rolls, any style
Crushed seasoned croutons or bread crumbs

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Blend cream cheese and margarine. Add cooked chicken, salt, pepper, milk, onions and pimentos. Mix well. Separate crescent rolls into 4 rectangles; seal perforations. Spoon 1/2 cup chicken mixture into center of each rectangle. Pull corners of dough to center and seal. Brush top with melted margarine. Sprinkle with croutons or bread crumbs. Bake on ungreased cookie sheet 20-25 minutes.

Watermelon Pie

Submitted by Ed Hilgenbrinck

1 - 9" baked pie shell
2 1/2 cups juice of watermelon
1/4 cup sugar
2 tbsp. honey
2 envelopes of unflavored gelatin
Dash of salt
1 tbsp. lemon juice
2 egg whites, beaten
1/3 cup sugar
1 cup whipped cream

Cut watermelon in cup and squeeze through strainer. Sprinkle gelatin in one cup of watermelon juice. Stir until

dissolved over low heat. Remove from heat. Add 1/4 cup sugar and honey and salt. Stir until sugar is dissolved. Add remaining juice and lemon juice. Chill until it thickens and mounds are formed. Beat egg whites until stiff but not dry. Add 1/3 cup sugar and beat until stiff. Fold into watermelon mixture. Then fold in whipped cream. Pour into pie shell. Chill until firm.



Strawberry Pie

Submitted by Laura Dotson

1 cup water
1 cup sugar
3 tbsp. cornstarch
1 pkg. (3 serving size) strawberry gelatin
1 quart strawberries
1 prepared graham cracker pie crust

Bring water, sugar and cornstarch to a boil; cook until thick. Remove from heat and stir in gelatin mix until dissolved. Allow mixture to cool. Stir in strawberries. Pour mixture into pie crust. Chill until ready to serve. Garnish with whipped topping, if desired. Yield - 8 servings.

**Have a favorite recipe
you'd like to share?**

Mail your recipe(s) to:
Attn: Laura Dotson
Adams Electric Cooperative
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Notification: Assignment of 2004 Margins

Assignments of 2004 margins to members doing business with Adams Electric Cooperative have been calculated. A total of \$307,997 of margins has been allocated as capital credits for 2004. The Cooperative has calculated each member's share of the margins and credited that amount to your capital credit account.

You do not have to calculate your allocation, the Cooperative has already done it. If you are interested in calculating your specific allocation, multiply your net electric

bill in dollars (net = gross bill less applicable utility tax) times the allocation factor (0.02316921).

This amount is only an accounting credit. It cannot be claimed at the present time nor can it be applied against your current electric bill.

The Cooperative has paid capital credits through 1977, so it will be some time before we will pay 2004 capital credits.

Please remember, you must be a member and have service in your name to have capital credits

assigned. If you are receiving electric service in someone else's membership or the service is in the name of a deceased person, you will not receive capital credits. The capital credit check will always be issued in the name of the person on the membership, or the estate of a deceased member.

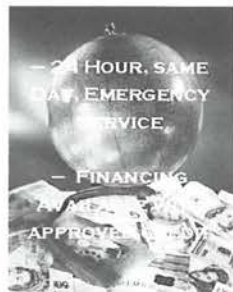
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Calendar of Events

Elizabeth Stillwell's All American Girls Summer Classes

July 1, 11-15, 18-22, 25-29, 10 am-Noon, Quincy Museum. Fun With Addy (July 1); Fun With Kirsten (July 11-15); Fun With Kit (July 18-22); Fun With Felicity (July 25-29). For reservations, call (217) 224-7669

Boy Scout Merit Badge Classes

July 1, 18-22, 25-29, Quincy Museum Indian Lore (July 1, 10 am-Noon); Geology (July 1, 11am-Noon); Law (July 18-22, 1-2pm); Engineering (July 18-22, 2-3pm); Archaeology (July 25-29, 10-11am); Astronomy (July 25-29, 11am-Noon). For reservations, call (217) 224-7669

Girl Scout Merit Badge Classes

July 1, 18-22, 25-29, Quincy Museum Weather (July 1, 1-2pm); Textiles & Prints (July 1, 2-3pm); Aerospace (July 18-22, 10-11am); Jeweler (July 18-22, 11am-Noon); Making It Matter (July 25-29, 1-2pm); Theater (July 25-29, 2-3pm). For reservations, call (217) 224-7669

Camp Point Sesquicentennial Celebration

July 2 & 3 (Sat & Sun), Bailey Park & downtown Camp Point. Kid's games, indian village, Little Miss & Mr. contest, house & garden tour, historical displays, Old Tyme demonstrations, golf tournament, tractor show, talent contest, medicine man, entertainment (Sat), fireworks (Sun). (217) 593-7108

Red Cactus Salsa Night

July 3, Hot laps at 5:45 pm, Racing starts at 6:30 pm (Sun), Quincy Raceways, 8000 Broadway. \$2000 to win I.M.C.A. Late Model Shootout, \$1000 to Win A-Mod's, (no points) Draw-Redraw LM & A-Mod's, Fireworks. (217) 224-3843

Riverfront 4th Festival

July 4 (Mon) Clat Adams Bicentennial Park on riverfront, Quincy Entertainment, food & fireworks display over the Mississippi River. Quincy Park Band Concert at 7:30 pm. (217) 228-6600

Carthage 4th of July Celebration

July 4 (Mon). Carthage. Breakfast, 10 am parade, entertainment & fireworks. (217) 357-3024

Blues in the District

July 6 & 22 (Wed & Fri), 5-9 pm, Washington Park, Quincy. Area blues bands provide free outdoor performances. (217) 228-8696

Quincy Park Band Concert

July 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 6:30 pm Madison Park, Quincy. www.quincyparkband.com

Titan Firecracker Swim Meet

July 8-10 (Fri-Sun), Sheridan Swim Club, Quincy. This U.S. sanctioned swim meet attracts over 500 swimmers. (217) 223-7540

St. Joseph Ice Cream Social

July 10, 4-9 pm (Sun), St. Joseph Church, 1435 E. 1500th St., Quincy. Homemade ice cream, food, games.

Meineke Car Care Night

July 10, Hot laps at 5:45 pm, Racing starts at 6:30 pm (Sun), Quincy Raceways, 8000 Broadway. Featuring late model pit stop contest. (217) 224-3843

Cowboy Mounted Shooting WPQ

July 14 (Thurs) Fairgrounds, Pleasant Hill (217) 964-2433

Quincy Area Blues Fest

July 15 & 16 (Fri & Sat), Washington Park, Quincy. National & area blues musicians perform. (217) 224-7256

Quincy Community Theatre Production "Beauty & The Beast"

July 15-22, 29 & 30, Oakley-Lindsay Civic Center, Quincy. (217) 222-3209

Area Volunteer Fireman Night/Weekly Racing Series

July 17, Hot laps at 5:45 pm, Racing starts at 6:30 pm (Sun), Quincy Raceways, 8000 Broadway. (217) 224-3843

Homemade Ice Cream Social

July 17, 4:00 pm (Sun), St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Coatsburg. Homemade ice cream, sandwiches, cake & pie.

United States Practical Shooting Association

July 17-23 (Sun-Sat) PASA Park, Barry (217) 223-1000

Lost Prairie Ice Cream Social

July 21 (Thurs) St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Lost Prairie, 5 mi. east on Kellerville Rd. from 5 points (at Rt. 104) Follow signs! Our famous homemade ice cream, desserts, maid-rites, hot dogs & more! Freewill offering. (217) 223-4398

Benefit for Rev. Thomas Kamprath

July 23 (Sat), 5pm, Paloma Shelter House, Paloma. Hog roast and live entertainment. Rev. Thomas Kamprath is fighting cancer.

Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre "My Big Fat Greek Murder"

July 23 (Sat), Colver Family Winery, Barry. For tickets, call (217) 335-3279

Heetco Night at the Races

July 24, Hot laps at 5:45 pm, Racing starts at 6:30 pm (Sun), Quincy Raceways, 8000 Broadway. (217) 224-3843

Sweet Corn Festival

July 25, 11 am-1 pm (Mon), Prairie Mills Windmill, Golden. Annual homegrown sweet corn festival. (217) 696-2722

Illinois Junior Olympics Swim Meet

July 29-31 (Fri-Sun) Sheridan Swim Club, Quincy. 2005 Age Division Championships. (217) 223-7540

Weekly Racing Series

July 31, Hot laps at 5:45 pm, Racing starts at 6:30 pm (Sun), Quincy Raceways, 8000 Broadway. (217) 224-3843

Nauvoo Adventure

Thru Labor Day, 3:30 & 6:30 pm (Mon-Sat), Visitor's Center Theatre, Nauvoo. 70-minute musical drama, admission free but ticket required. (888) 453-6434

Sunset by the Mississippi

Thru Labor Day, show at sunset Outdoor Theatre, Parley St., Nauvoo Family entertainment featuring music, games & dances of the Pioneer era. Free performance. (888) 453-6434

Uptown Farmer's Market

Thru Mid-October, 7 am-Noon (Tuesdays & Saturdays), Washington Park, Quincy. Fresh produce, baked goods & crafts. (217) 223-6562

Quincy Gems Baseball

Thru August, games start at 6:30 pm 18th & Sycamore, Quincy. Watch the Quincy Gems collegiate baseball team. \$2/adults, \$1/children. For a schedule, call (217) 223-1000.

Adams Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting

September 7 (Wed) Entertainment, activities for kids, door prizes, free meal & meeting.

List your events for **FREE!** Deadline for submitting August & September Events: July 1

County Fairs

Schuyler County Fair • Rushville

Contact: (217) 322-6182

- June 29 Harness Races-7pm
- June 30 Harness Races-7pm
- July 1 Little Miss/Mr./Talent Show/Queen Pageant-6:30pm
- July 2 Motocross-6:30pm
- July 3 Tractor Pull-6:30pm
- July 4 Demo Derby-1pm, Mud Sling-6pm, Fireworks-9:45pm

Pike County Fair • Pleasant Hill

Contact: (217) 734-9033

- July 11 Society Horse Show-7:30pm-free
- 12 Little Miss/Mr Contest/Miss Pike County Queen Pageant-7pm, Society Horse Show-7:30pm
- 13 Baby Contest-6pm, Society Horse Show Stake Night-6:30pm, Talent Contest-7:30pm
- 14 Superclass Tractor Pull-6pm, Stock Truck Pull-8pm
- 15 Figure 8 Demo Show-7pm, Teen Dance-8 to 11pm
- 16 Garden Tractor Pull-10am, Kid's Day & Senior Citizen's Day-1pm, Demo Derby-7pm, Teen Dance-8 to 11pm

McDonough County Fair • Macomb

Contact: (309) 837-3939

- July 18 Horse Show-10am
- 19 4-H Show Judging-9am, Jr. Show-1pm
- 20 Sheep Show-8am, Goat Show-2pm, Bucket Golf Contest-6pm
- 21 Swine Show-8am, Poultry/Rabbit Show-5pm
- 22 Beef Show-8am

Hancock County Fair • Augusta

Contact: (217) 392-2524

- July 20 NBHA Barrel Race-5pm, Queen/Little Miss Pageant-6:30pm
- 21 Western Horse Show-6pm, AMA Midwest Supercross Championship-7pm
- 22 Mudslng & Team Roping-6pm
- 23 Beef Cattle Show-9am
- 24 Market Hog Show-1:30pm, Demo Derby-5pm

Fulton County Fair • Lewistown

Contact: (309) 547-2532

- July 25 Talent Contest/Queen Contest-5pm
- 26 Midwest Motocross Race-6pm
- 27 100th Anniversary Celebration-all day
- 28 Harness Races-Noon, Kid's Day
- 29 Harness Races-Noon, Kid's Tractor Pull-3pm, Truck/Tractor Pull-6pm
- 30 Garden Tractor Pull-11am, Demo Derby-6:30pm
- 31 Sand Volleyball Tournament-9am

Adams County Fair • Mendon

Contact: (217) 936-2230

- July 28 Team Sorting-6:30pm, Queen Pageant-7pm
- 29 3-Head Sort 'N Pen-6:30pm, Bull Riding-8pm
- 30 Western Horse Show-9am, Horse Show-3pm, The Charlie Daniels Band®-7:30pm
- 31 Team Roping-10am, Stunt Drivers Thrill Show-7:30pm
- August 1 Mule Show-9am, Mule Roping-4pm, Tractor/Truck Pull-6pm
- 2 Mini-Horse Show-3pm, Tractor Pull-6pm
- 3 Demo Derby-6:30pm, Cowboy Mounted Shoot-7pm

Brown County Fair • Mt. Sterling

Contact: (217) 773-3939

- August 2 Beef & Swine Shows-8am, Queen/Little Mr/Ms Pageant-7:30pm
- 3 Sheep Show-8am, Harness Races-7pm
- 4 Harness Races-7pm
- 5 W. IL Grand Nat'l Tractor Pull-7pm
- 6 Midwest Motospot-6pm
- 7 Demo Derby-7pm



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In The News...

Ribbon Cutting Held For Illinois Rural Electric Cooperative Wind Turbine

PITTSFIELD --

Illinois Rural Electric Cooperative has completed construction of a 1.65-megawatt wind turbine, the first to be built in Pike County. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held Friday, May 6 as Illinois' first electric utility-owned wind turbine began operation. Pike County is one of the few counties in Illinois with Class 4 "utility grade" winds, and it is hoped that this co-op owned wind turbine could be the first of many such projects developed in western Illinois.

The cost of the project was \$2.1 million. Giffin says that without grants Illinois Rural Electric received, the project wouldn't have been financially feasible for the co-op. The first grant was from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for \$438,000. The Illinois Clean Energy Foundation also financially supported the project with \$175,000. And a final grant for \$250,000 came from the state of Illinois. The balance of the cost will be financed with a low-interest loan from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Service (RUS).

Sen. Deanna Demuzio, Rep. Jim Watson, Regional Director for the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Tom Carper, State Director of USDA Rural Development Doug Wilson, and Director of the Illinois Department of Agriculture Chuck Hartke all spoke at the ribbon cutting. They all stressed the need for more development of wind energy resources in the area.

This project is somewhat unique in that the generator's output will feed directly into the lower voltage distribution line rather than a higher



Photo by John Lowrey, AIEC

voltage transmission line. Sean Middleton, manager of engineering for the co-op, says, "We are connecting this on our own distribution grid so this doesn't involve interconnection with another utility's transmission line. We did, however, have to rebuild a section of distribution line and add a dynamic VAR (voltage ampere reactive) compensator for voltage support."

Giffin says that although the wind may be free, wind energy is still a little more expensive than traditional energy sources. He says, "Because of the grants from the state and federal government and the support of the Illinois Clean Energy Foundation, the energy from this turbine will cost a little less than the cost of wholesale power. We're getting electricity from this turbine at the right price."

Illinois Rural Electric Cooperative provides electric service to 7,973 members in

the counties of Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Cass, Greene, Jersey, Macoupin, Morgan, Pike and Scott.

◀ Illinois Rural Electric Cooperative began operation of the first wind turbine in Pike County.

Adams Electric Lines Cross I-172

QUINCY -- Adams Electric Cooperative has been working on a double circuit three-phase line along State Street between 48th and 59th Street in Quincy. As part of the construction process, Adams Electric Cooperative had to string a total of 7 lines across Interstate 172 on Thursday, May 12, which required intermittent lane closings.

Each line, coming from the east, was carried across both lanes by a four-wheeler and up the hill on the west side of the interstate. The line was then lifted to the poles on the west side. After each line was strung, the lanes were opened to

traffic and the process repeated for the next line. The project went smoothly.

The Cooperative obtained a permit from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to close the interstate. Inspectors from IDOT were on-site during the crossing and were pleased with our traffic safety procedures and the timeliness of the entire operation.

The tie-in to the existing circuits from the St. Anthony substation and the overhead wiring was completed by June 10, 2005. The double circuit will improve reliability and transfer capabilities in the west part of Quincy.

We appreciated your patience while completing this project.

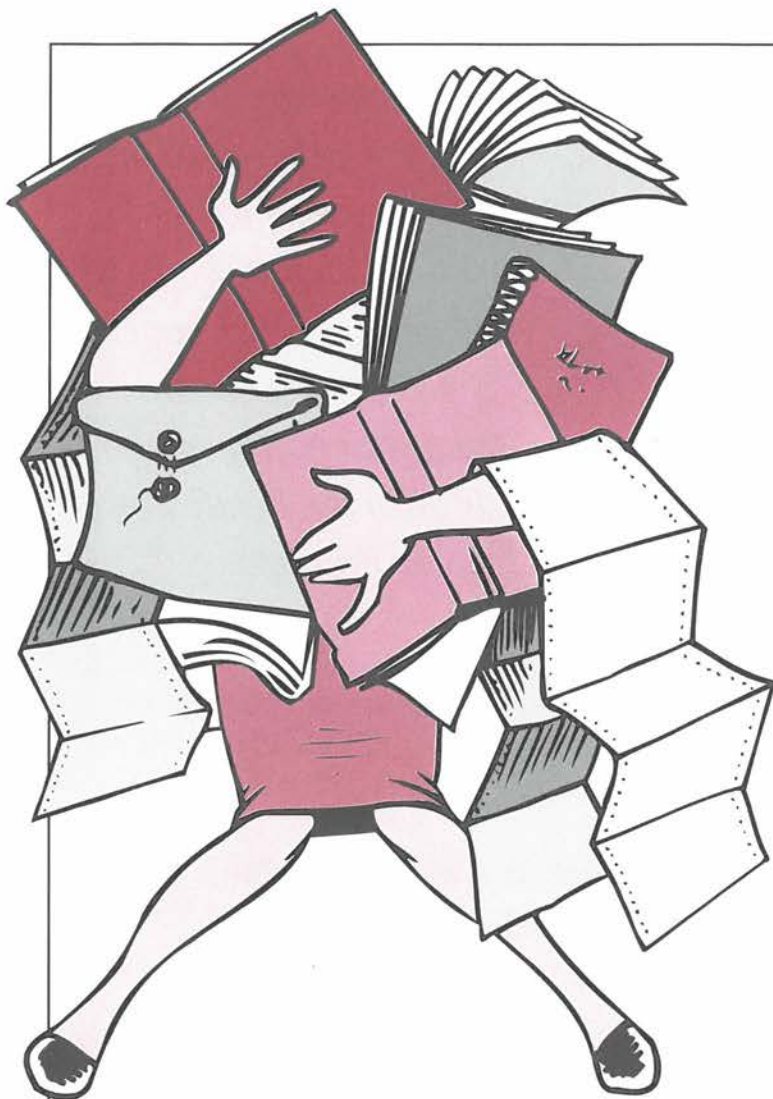


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Maintenance ▶ Supervisor Steve Fanning assists Apprentice Lineman Anthony Jarboe (on the four-wheeler) as a line is carried across Interstate 172 for a recent construction project.

Pike County Wind Turbine

Co-op Owner:	Illinois Rural Electric Cooperative
Location:	Just west of Pittsfield
Capability:	1.65 MW, about 5% of co-op's total demand on a hot summer day (about 500 homes)
Height at hub:	235 feet
Height at tip of blades:	365 feet
Built by:	Vestas, world's leading supplier of wind turbines
Estimated life span of turbine:	20 years



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