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Dedicated Directors

Training Important for Today's Board Members

Just as electric cooperatives have changed in the past 50-plus years, so has the job of your co-op board of directors. Gone are the days when the only duty of a board member was to attend a monthly meeting at the local cooperative. Back then, directors never considered there'd ever be a need to travel out of town to further their education, or to take classes dedicated to governance and the board's role in writing co-op policy.

Today, being a member of your co-op's board involves many more things. Elaborate engineering and regulatory and demographic changes have reshaped the electric utility business into what it is today – a complicated mix of legal and governmental issues. And in order to stay current on what issues are affecting your co-op, it is

imperative that directors work at continuing their electric co-op education.

"If we don't stay on top of the issues currently affecting our co-op today, we won't be knowledgeable enough to adopt effective policies on behalf of our members," says Mike Tenhouse, President of the Board of Directors for Adams Electric Cooperative.

It's the duty of the manager of the cooperative to run the co-op business, but it is the job of the board members to set the policies that govern *how* your cooperative is run. Without education, your cooperative's board would not be qualified to make sound decisions about matters affecting the operations and everyday business of the cooperative, including its financial condition, risks, opportunities, industry and regulatory changes, and performance measures.

"Ongoing education and training is the most valuable way of ensuring the board of directors continue to be effective leaders during times of change," says Jim Thompson, General Manager of Adams Electric Cooperative.

There are two continuing education certificates that an electric cooperative director can earn. The Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) certificate is earned first, followed by the Board Leadership Certificate.

The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's (NRECA) CCD curriculum was developed in the 1950s. The courses involved hadn't changed much until Congress adopted the Energy Policy Act in 1992. That created a turning point in the electric utility industry by opening the wholesale power market to competition. For the first time ever, wholesale power providers were not automatically dictated by service territories and state and regional boundaries.

Directors wanted more information, so in 1995, NRECA revamped its program and introduced new board leadership courses and advanced classes for directors who had already achieved the CCD certificate in the

past. Then in 1998, the program was revised once more into what it is today – five one-day courses, which include Director Duties and Liabilities, Understanding the Electric Business, Board Roles and Relationships, Strategic Planning, and Financial Decision-making.

After earning their CCD certificate, directors are encouraged to enroll in advanced courses that focus on the latest topics challenging the co-op world. These courses are issue-driven and have varied from year-to-year. This year, there are 11 classes, running from a half-day to three days, each worth one to three credits. Directors who complete 10 credits then earn the Board Leadership Certificate.

"So much of the job of an electric cooperative director has changed," says Jim Benz, Vice President of the Board of Directors for Adams Electric Cooperative. "I felt it was very necessary to earn my CCD to keep up with all the changes in the industry."

So even though the duties of an electric cooperative board member have changed through the years, their goal has never faltered: To provide the best, and most informed cooperative decisions on behalf of you ... the owners.



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Community Involvement

The feature article this month is on the Wildwood Girl Scout Camp. As I reflect back on my scouting days and the time I spent with my sons this year at Camp Eastman and Camp Saukenauk, the values learned through scouting parallel the values of your Cooperative.

One important aspect of being a scout is being involved in the community. I hope our members see Adams Electric as more than just an electric utility. The Cooperative tries to make West Central Illinois a better place to live. It makes me proud to be involved with a business that cares about people and the communities we live in.

As you drive around, you are constantly reminded of the contributions the Cooperative has made in this area. As I entered the Saukenauk scout reservation, I saw the poles for the repelling tower that were set by Cooperative personnel. On the back of this publication is a picture of Adams Electric employees volunteering their time to set poles for a Mendon ball field. Almost all the poles at area ball fields were set by Adams Electric employees volunteering

their time. The commitment goes beyond just setting poles.

With the Cooperative being member-owned and controlled and the employees living in this area,

we are here to help serve the needs of our communities. Employees are encouraged to be involved and you will see them helping as coaches, volunteer firefighters, receptionists at local hospitals, youth

counselors, 4-H, scout leaders, United Way, etc.

The cooperative is also involved in educating people in our area. The Cooperative provided "Get Charged" programs to schools and helped sponsor the "Live Line Demonstration" for schools, fire departments, police departments, road commissioners, emergency response personnel, etc.

From 4-H schools to banners for special events, the list goes on and on. If it's good for the community, you can bet your Cooperative is probably involved. As a member, you can be proud of these efforts.

*Eagle Scout and General Manager,
Jim Thompson*



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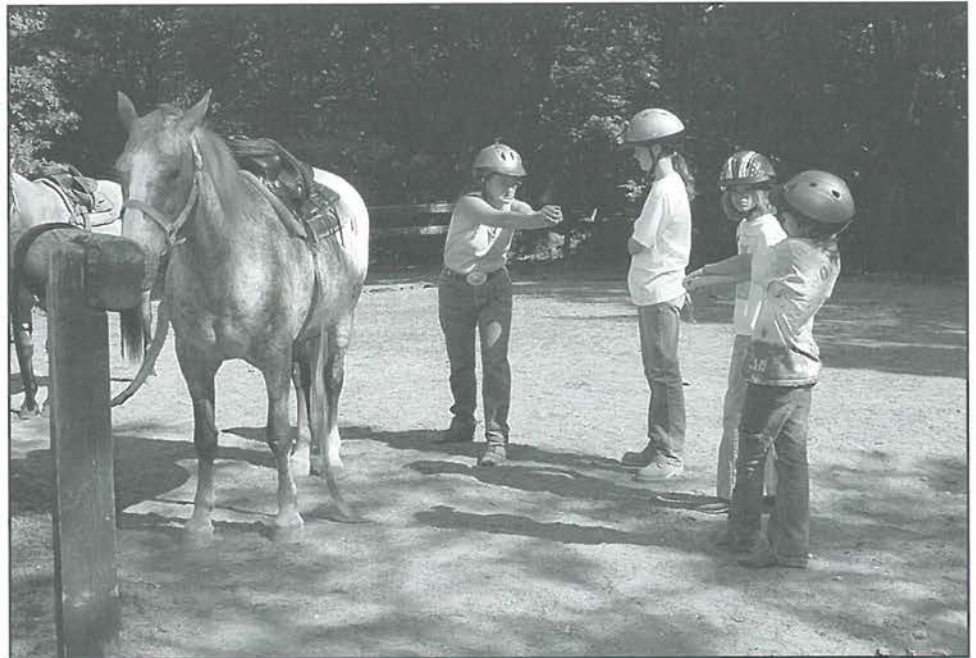
A Place For Everyone

Hidden in the middle of Adams Electric Cooperative's service territory is a perfect weekend destination. Some people may not realize it since it's referred to as a "Girl Scout" center, but Wildwood, located west of Mt. Sterling, is open to the public. "In fact, the prices are lower than some similar facilities," said John Drake, Site Manager and Ranger. The campground is reserved for Girl Scouts from the middle of June through the middle of July. The rest of the year, it's first-come, first-served by reservation.

The 1,000-acre park is one of the largest Girl Scout camps around. There's room for camping, horse-back riding, boating, fishing, swimming and hiking.

Camp sites include Whispering Oaks, Sunset Cove, Tradewinds, Misty Ridge, Sleepy Hollow and Family Camp. The first four sites have cabins with one cabin at each location that is handicapped accessible. Sleepy Hollow is a tent site and Family Camp is an area for families to bring in campers or tents. Tradewinds was the first established camp in the 1980s. The largest cabin sites are Whispering Oaks and Sunset Cove. Each of the larger units can hold 32 people. None of the sites have electricity but water is available.

"The horses are a major draw for us," said John. "We have 25 head of horses here. They are all owned by the Two Rivers Girl Scout Council. We even furnish our own hay. Any group that is interested in renting the horses must register



Marsha Johnson from Griggsville, known to the Girls Scouts as "Rowdy," teaches the "Back in the Saddle" group, an advanced class about riding a horse. Taylor Sullivan from Carrollton, Brittany Hughes from Macomb and Megan Sullivan from Quincy prepare to ride Ranger. Ranger has been at Wildwood for 12 years.

through our main office in Quincy." Visitors must hire two of the camp's horse consultants who will check the capability of all riders and guide visitors on trails. Anyone can ride the horses, but before leaving the arena, riders must demonstrate capability of riding and must be tall enough to reach the stirrups.

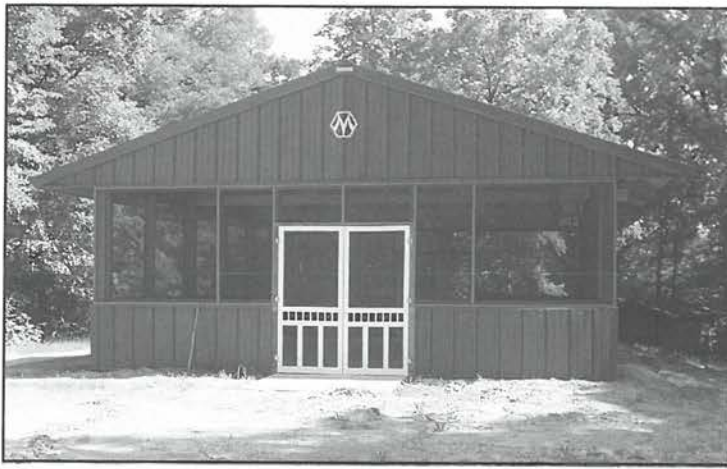
Wildwood has a 30-acre lake, called Lake Elmslie, with areas for swimming, fishing and boating. The camp owns seven paddleboats, six row boats and 20 canoes. The swimming area is roped off for various skill levels.

Another interesting feature at Wildwood is the "Prairie Plot" which was developed as a Gold Award Project by one of the Girl

Scouts. The area is cleaned out and burned every two years. Scouts can follow trails through the plot and learn about various wild flowers. Besides the Prairie Plot, there are numerous trails throughout the wooded landscape.

For the Girl Scouts, the camp has a trading post for purchasing promotional items, badges and toiletries. There's also a nurse's station open 24 hours/day during resident camp.

Geisler Lodge has a dining area, two kitchens, a program room which also serves as a storm shelter and a computer lab. The lodge can be rented by visitors but use of the large kitchen requires a food handler's license. The smaller kitchen



The two brand new 30x36 screened-in shelters provide a place for visitors to eat and a pleasant area for planning programs away from the bugs.

does not require a license and has the necessities: a refrigerator, stove and sink.

Wildwood just completed the construction of two screened-in shelter houses which were built at Whispering Oaks and Sunset Cove.

Also added during the recent construction was a splash pad next to the shower house. It consists of several sprinkler-type features. "The three horse head cannons seem to be the girls' favorite," said Amy Lefringhouse, Camp Director/Volunteer and Property Programming and Development Director. The water is recycled. "It runs from the building, through the features and back into the tank. It's cleaned and filtered and recirculates," explained John. The splash pad is a fun way to cool off in addition to the lake. There are only two Girl Scout Councils in the country that have splash pads -- the other location is in New York. "Most splash pads are found at pool facilities," explained Amy.

"The improvements are driven by requests from the Girl Scouts and adult volunteers," said Erica Douglas, Fund Development and Communications Director for Wildwood. In the near future, Wildwood plans to build a covered horse riding arena. The project is based on research indicating a need for a covered arena in the area. "Currently, we are seeking funding for the horse arena," added Erica. Discussions also include adding a shower house near the horse area and decking around the Misty Ridge camp site.

Wildwood is the only remaining Girl Scout camp in the Two Rivers



Council. At one time, there were camps in Quincy, Jacksonville, Perry and Macomb, but funds have been devoted to maintaining one major camp.

During resident camp in the summer, Wildwood has about 16 staff members. Otherwise, the park is primarily run by John Drake and Amy Lefringhouse.

Wildwood is open year-round. The camp serves around 3,000 people per year including Girl Scouts and other groups. The council serves 2,800 girls and 900 adult volunteers. Cabins are available throughout most of the year and the lodge can be rented in the winter.

"Wildwood is open to the public. Sometimes we'll have church groups here with as many as 150 people. The Boy Scouts even use the park four to five times each

year," said John.

For more information on the Girl Scout Center, contact John Drake or Amy Lefringhouse at Wildwood at (217) 289-3312. To make a reservation for your church, business or family event, call the Girl Scouts of Two Rivers Council in Quincy at (217) 222-1030. For information on future construction projects (such as the covered horse riding arena) or to make a donation, contact Erica Douglas at (217) 222-1030 ext. 25.

The new splash pad includes a frog, a cattail, sunflowers and a rainbow that spray water plus several ground geysers. The three horse head cannons can be turned to shoot water. Benches and landscaping will soon be added beyond the fence.

Geothermal On Site

John Drake, Wildwood's Site Manager and Ranger noted that the Girl Scout House converted to geothermal in January when their heat pump needed replaced. Their electric bill dropped by two-thirds.

Students Entertained At 4-H Electricity School

What's the actual retail price of a pair of lineman's boots? How about the cost of a bucket truck? Students at 4-H Electricity School answered questions like these in Adams Electric Cooperative's version of the game show *The Price Is Right*. Students guessed the cost of various items used in the electric utility industry and won prizes for correct answers. And for those interested, the climbing boots are \$300. The bucket truck is valued at \$94,000.

Adams Electric employees played the roles of Bob Barker and Rod Roddy with slight name changes. Ryan Bunge played "Bob Sparker" while Bill Stalder acted as "Lightning Rod Roddy."

"Both Ryan and Bill have been involved with the Quincy Community Theatre and obviously know how to entertain," said Laura Dotson, Communications Coordinator for Adams Electric Cooperative. "The game show was a hit."

Peggy Koettters and Jessie Barlow were "Sparker's Beauties" and presented items while dressed in their sparkling outfits.

Sixty-five students, both 4-H members and non-members participated in 4-H Electricity School held June 15 at Bailey Park. Students ranging in age from eight to 18 from Adams, Brown, Schuyler and Pike counties attended the free event.

Beginning students made their own extension cords. They were taught by Chris Hugenberg and Tafi Walker of AmerenCIPS and Sharon Knorr and LeAnn Million from the University of Illinois Extension Adams/Brown Unit. First-year student Johnny Kettering, son of Nicky Kettering of Rushville, said, "I plan to use my extension cord to make my digital clock work in my room."

Second-year students created soda can lamps and were instructed by Larry Long and Ryan Bunge of Adams Electric Cooperative.

Third-year participants, taught by Brad Smith and Donnie Ward of Adams Electric Cooperative, learned



Evan Roush, son of Donald and Karen Roush of Quincy, won his way on stage to play the Secret "X" Game. Evan is a member of the Payson Progressors 4-H Club.

the basics of house wiring.

The advanced class toured a substation with Adams Electric Cooperative employee Randy Rigg.

Third-year student Robbie Rardon, son of Carol Rardon of Camp Point, commented on 4-H Electricity School, "It gives you a lot of know-how for the future."

"Next year we plan to add a fifth level possibly in electronics or job shadowing. There are quite a few students interested in returning," said Laura Dotson.

4-H Electricity School is an annual event sponsored by Adams Electric Cooperative, University of Illinois Extension Adams/Brown Unit and AmerenCIPS.

Anyone interested in attending the school in 2006 can learn more by contacting Laura Dotson at Adams Electric Cooperative at (217) 593-7701 or (800) 232-4797.



Justin Jackson, son of Randy and Roberta Jackson of Coatsburg shows off his 7-Up Soda Can Lamp. Justin is a member of Central Live Wires 4-H Club.

NOTICES

SUMMER HOURS

Due to the hot weather, Engineering & Operations line crews will be working from **6:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.** through the end of August.

The Adams Electric Cooperative Office will be open as usual from **7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.** Monday - Friday.

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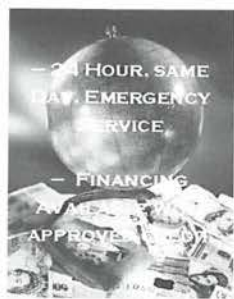
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Pictured with Baker, Eidson and Congressman Lahood are Calvin Friedrich and Katherine Krueger, student representatives of Menard Electric Cooperative in Petersburg. From left are Friedrich, Eidson, Krueger, Congressman Lahood and Baker.

Eidson and Baker Tour Washington, D.C.

Traci Eidson of Payson and Scott Baker of Liberty represented Adams Electric Cooperative in Washington, D.C., during the annual "Youth to Washington" Tour, June 17-24. This event, sponsored by the electric and telephone cooperatives of Illinois began in the late 1950s to introduce rural youths to our democratic form of government and cooperatives.

During the trip, the students visited the Capitol, Arlington National Cemetery, the National Cathedral, the Smithsonian Museums, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, the World War II Memorial, the newly dedicated Native American Indian Museum and a number of other historical sites. Scott Baker said, "You never know when you might meet someone extraordinary. However, on this trip there was not 'somebody' but 'everybody.' The friends and memories I made in DC will stay with me for the rest of my life and I encourage everyone to experience the trip. You won't be sorry."



If you'll be a high school sophomore or junior this fall and are interested in the 2006 Youth Tour, contact Laura at AEC at (217) 593-7701 and have your name added to our mailing list to receive a 2006 application packet.

In The News...

WCICC Sign Dedication in Camp Point Business Park

On Thursday, June 23, 2005, the West Central Illinois Community Centers' Board of Directors and Steering Committee along with Adams Electric Cooperative and its Board unveiled a sign at the proposed site for the new community center. The sign is near the highway on a 5-acre tract of land located east of Dollar General in the Camp Point Business Park.

The dedication ceremony was held at 10 a.m. Thursday morning and included brief comments

from Jim Benz, Vice President of Adams Electric Cooperative's Board of Directors and an update on the status of the project from WCICC Board President, Dr. Debra Phillips. Phil Conover, Board Chairman from the Great River Economic Development Foundation also shared his thoughts.

The proposed \$3.6 million dollar project will include a teen center, three community multipurpose rooms, a warm-water therapy pool, a cool-water lap pool, a fitness track and exercise center, a gymnasium and room for future development. The goal is to create a



WCICC Board President Dr. Debra Phillips, AEC Board Vice President Jim Benz and GREDF Board Chairman Phil Conover spoke at the sign dedication ceremony.

comprehensive community and wellness center serving

residents of Adams, Brown, and Hancock counties.

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.

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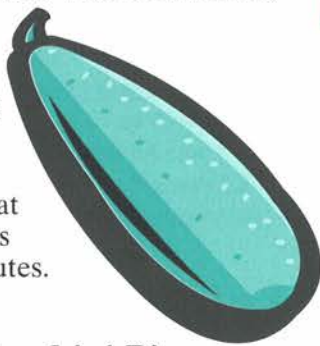


Zucchini Brownies

Submitted by Frances Sutton

4 eggs
1 1/2 cups oil
2 cups sugar
2 cups flour
2 tsp. baking soda
2 tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. salt
4 Tbsp. cocoa
1 tsp. vanilla
3 cups shredded zucchini
1 cup nuts

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Beat eggs, oil and sugar. Sift flour, baking soda, cinnamon, salt and cocoa. Mix well. Add vanilla, zucchini and nuts. Mix well and spread in a 10x15 jelly roll pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.



Zucchini Pie

Submitted by Frances Sutton

1 2/3 cups sugar
1/2 cup flour
1/2 tsp. cinnamon
1/8 tsp. salt
8 cups chopped zucchini
2 Tbsp. lemon juice
4 Tbsp. margarine, divided
2 unbaked pie shells w/tops

Mix sugar, flour, cinnamon and salt. Set aside. Mix zucchini and lemon juice. Add dry

ingredients and mix. Pour quickly into 2 unbaked pie shells, dividing liquid evenly. Top each pie with 2 Tbsp. margarine cut into 8 small pieces. Use a full top crust and seal edges tightly. Cut a few slits in top crust with a knife to vent. Note: I brush the top crust with milk and sprinkle with white sugar before baking. Bake in 350 degree oven for 45-55 minutes.

Honey Poppy Seed Dressing

Submitted by Ed Hilgenbrinck

1/3 cup vegetable oil
2 Tbsp. cider vinegar
1/2 tsp. salt
1/4 cup honey
2 tsp. poppy seeds
Fruit sections or mixed greens

Combine first five ingredients in jar with tight fitting lid; cover and shake well. Store in refrigerator until ready to serve. Serve over fresh fruit or mixed greens. Yield: 3/4 cup

Pennsylvania Dutch Coleslaw

Submitted by Ed Hilgenbrinck

1 medium head (about 8 cups) green cabbage, shredded
1 cup red cabbage, shredded
4-5 medium carrots, shredded
1 cup mayonnaise
1/2 cup sugar
3 Tbsp. cider vinegar
1 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper

In a large bowl, combine cabbage and carrots; set aside. In a small bowl, combine remaining

ingredients; pour over the cabbage mixture and toss to coat. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Serves 12-16.

Scalloped Rhubarb

Submitted by Ed Hilgenbrinck

1 stick oleo or butter
3 cups stale bread cubes
2 cups rhubarb, diced
1 cup sugar
16 Tbsp. water (4 Tbsp. in each corner of pan)

Melt oleo or butter. Toss with bread cubes. Toss rhubarb and sugar until well coated. Toss with bread cubes. Put in 8" x 11" medium pan. Bake at 325 degrees for 45 minutes.

Bacon Corn Casserole

Submitted by Laura Dotson

2 Tbsp. onion, chopped
2 Tbsp. butter
2 Tbsp. flour
1/2 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
1 cup sour cream
2 (12 oz.) pkgs. frozen corn
6 strips bacon, cooked & crumbled

Saute onion and butter in large skillet. Stir in flour, salt and pepper. Add sour cream. Cook mixture on medium heat until bubbly, stirring often. Add corn and half the bacon. Mix well. Pour into greased casserole dish. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until bubbly. Top with remaining bacon. Serves 8.

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DEADLINE: Friday, September 9



"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 Book I Ever Read..."

Have you ever read a book that totally changed the way you thought about something; perhaps actually bringing you such a change in understanding that you never are the same again? The book, "Two From Galilee," by Marjorie Holmes did that for me. It is the story of Mary, Joseph, and their families in very human terms; helping me to truly understand the saying about "God became man." From the time I read that book, my Advent and Christmas times are richer and more meaningful.

Diana McCleary, Liberty

I've been smitten by the "Chicken Soup" books. They have really been an inspiration to me. I can hardly lay one aside until I've read the whole thing! There are many titles and I believe my favorite (if I were to choose one over another is "Chicken Soup for the Girlfriend's Soul"). They publish maybe 50 new ones each year. Never one that is not interesting. Some of the stories will make you weep -- some will make you laugh. Try one and see! I've borrowed many from a lady friend, checked some out at the library and have received some as gifts. I've never been disappointed in one!

Coralie Beard, Mt. Sterling

I read the best book! "The Little House in the Big Woods" was written by Laura Ingalls Wilder. The book tells about Laura's life in the deep Wisconsin woods in the 1870s. She lives with her sisters Mary and baby Carrie and her ma and pa, in a snug house built of logs. Pa hunted and trapped. Ma made her own cheese and maple syrup and the girls played with their dolls Nettie and Charlotte. I enjoyed this book and I think you would too!

Ashley Hibbert (age 11), daughter of Doug & Lori Hibbert of Paloma

I recently completed a book that I would recommend to anyone young or old. Its contents are full of love stories, songs, poetry, history, astrology, scientific facts, biological facts, genealogy, stories of wars and some of peace. Some of the book was so exciting that I hated to put it down, even though I had a pretty good idea of what would happen next. Parts of the book were harder to read because my simple human mind just couldn't comprehend, but I decided I had never completely read this book before, so I forced myself through the difficult chapters. I'm so glad I did, for now I have a much greater understanding than ever before in my life. Actually, I started reading this book as soon as I could read anything. It took me 50 years to complete it and yet there were parts I've read over and over again throughout my life.

I've never read a better book of life instructions. If ever you need counseling or help in raising children, or just peace of mind or comfort in your heart, this book was written long before Dr. Phil wrote his. Actually, I believe that Dr. Phil used this book as a reference for his work.

This book was written over a span of about 1500 years, so of course it had many authors -- more than 40! About 40 generations passed before its completion, so
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"The Best Book I Ever Read..." Continued

you can imagine how many events took place. It was written in three different languages, so it had to be translated into Illinois country girl for me to understand.

I love this book, it's a world's best seller. I'd recommend it to all and I'll keep reading it until the day I die for it's the truth and it can save your life! The name of my book is "The Bible."

Bonnie Milbert, Loraine

"Love You Forever"

by Robert Munsch and illustrated by Sheila McGraw

I received this book at a baby shower 4 years ago. I had never heard of it and many ladies were surprised because they had it and it's been around for many years.

The story is about a mother that watches her son grow up through different stages of childhood and on some nights she would hold him and sing this song:

I'll love you forever,
I'll like you for always,
As long as I'm living
My baby you'll be.

When the lady was older and sick, the son went to her house and held her and sang the same song to her with a twist:

I'll love you forever,
I'll like you for always,
As long as I'm living
My Mommy you'll be.

When he returned home, he picked up his baby girl and started singing the song to her.

This book is special as it reminds me how precious time is with my children and being a mother is such an honor.

Janet Arns, Quincy

My favorite book is "Small Steps" by Peg Kehret and Denise Shanahan. It's about a girl who is twelve years old and goes to school. One day she went to school and was going to her locker. She had felt her arms and legs ache when all of a sudden Peg fell down. When she goes to eat lunch at home her hands started to shake and when she picks up her glass of milk, she drops it. When her mom saw her arms and hands, she felt her forehead to see if she had a fever and she did. So Peg's mom kept her home and took her to the hospital and they said she somehow got polio but no one in town had had polio before. So the doctor sent her to a hospital that could take care of polio. But she got worse. They said that they might have to put Peg in an oxygen tent. When she got there, she found out that she had three kinds of polio. So they put Peg in an oxygen tent. There was a rule at the hospital that you could not have any milk products. Peg's mom and dad asked Peg what she wanted. She said a chocolate milkshake. So they asked the nurse and the nurse said, "I'm sorry, but she can't have any milk products." But Peg's mom and dad forced her to say yes. So they got the milkshake. The nurse said if Peg chokes, I'm not going to help because it's not my idea. But she didn't choke. And the next day, she felt better. Then the doctor wanted her to go back to the first hospital she was at. Then she got a lot better. She had to walk on braces at home. I thought that this was a great book and interesting.

Keely Acheson (age 8), daughter of Alan and Holly Acheson

Ask the Editor

Member Q&A



Dear Adams Electric,

Thank you so much for making 4-H Electricity School a huge success! The instructors did a great job teaching electricity and safety during the workshops. Plus, your staff provided an enjoyable version of "The Price Is Right." Thank you for your partnership in helping make this a fun and educational event.

*LeAnn Million and Sharon Knorr
University of Illinois Extension*

Thanks so much for all your assistance in getting the signs made and the colorful brochures prepared for the sign dedication. It was a very successful event, even though it was a hot day. The reception in your air-conditioned lobby was certainly a welcome break from the hot day and gave all those involved a chance to ask questions and learn more about the project.

We were working with some really close deadlines and appreciate all you did to make it happen on schedule. Thanks again for all your help.

Sincerely,

The WCICC Board of Directors and Steering Committee

Dear Mr. Thompson,

I had an amazing time in Washington, D.C. The tours were interesting and educational. Thank you so much for letting me have this opportunity of a lifetime. I had never been to Washington, D.C. before and I enjoyed my time there. Traveling to the monuments and memorials allowed me to appreciate what the men who fought for us believed in. Hearing an actual congressional session let me see the importance of proper parliamentary procedure.

Thank you again,

Traci Eidson, 2005 Youth to Washington Winner

Can we change our billing so that we can pay an average price per month rather than unknown amounts that fluctuate month to month?

Yes. Adams Electric Cooperative calls it "Budget-Billing." A budget-billing plan is designed to equalize monthly electric payments. You must have a good payment record and be a Member for at least one year. Just contact our Billing Department at (217) 593-7701 or toll free at (800) 232-4797.

If you have questions or comments for "Ask The Editor," send them to: Attn: Laura, Adams Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 247, Camp Point, IL 62320.



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August & September

Calendar of Events

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Events: September 1

Adams County Fair

Thru August 3, Adams County Fairgrounds, Mendon. Aug. 1 - Mule Show at 9 am, Mule Roping at 4 pm, Tractor/Truck Pull at 6 pm; Aug. 2 - Mini-Horse Show at 3 pm, Tractor Pull at 6 pm; Aug. 3 - Demo Derby at 6:30 pm, Cowboy Mounted Shooting at 7 pm. (217) 936-2230

Quincy Gems Baseball

August 3 & 5, 6:30 pm (Wed & Fri), 18th & Sycamore, Quincy. Quincy Gems collegiate baseball team finishes season in August. \$2/adults, \$1/kids. (217) 223-1000

Quincy Raceways U.S.M.T.S.

August 5, 6:30 pm (Fri), Quincy Raceways, 8000 Broadway. \$2000 to Win Modifieds. www.usmts.com (217) 224-3843

Payson Old Settler's Picnic

August 5-7, (Fri-Sun) Payson Aug. 5 - Fish Fry, Queen Contest, Travis Parks performs; Aug. 6 - Baby Contest, Parade, Pork Chop Supper, Little Miss/Master Contest, Jr. Miss Contest, Erica Neal performs, Movin' On Band; Aug. 7 - Community Church Service

Cowboy Mounted Shooting Grand Am Shootout Circuit Payback

August 6 (Sat), Adams Co. Fairgrounds, Mendon. (217) 964-2433

TNT Harley Hog Night

August 7, Hot laps at 5:45 pm, Racing at 6:30 pm (Sun), Quincy Raceways, 8000 Broadway. Stop by TNT for details on free admission. (217) 224-3843

Brown County Fair

Thru August 7, Brown County Fairgrounds, Mt. Sterling. Aug. 2 - Beef & Swine Shows at 8 am, Queen/Little Mr/Ms Pageant at 7:30 pm; Aug. 3 - Sheep Show at 8 am, Harness Races at 7 pm; Aug. 4 - Harness Races at 7 pm; Aug. 5 - Western IL Grand Nat'l Tractor Pull at 7 pm; Aug. 6 - Midwest Motosport at 6 pm; Aug. 7 - Demo Derby at 7 pm. (217) 773-3939

Nauvoo Adventure

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

Sunset by the Mississippi

Thru Labor Day, show at sunset. Outdoor Theatre, Parley St., Nauvoo. Music, games & dances of the Pioneer era. Free performance, no ticket required. (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

BYU Folk Dance Performance

August 10-20, Joseph Smith Academy, Nauvoo. (217) 453-2237

Two Rivers Jeep Club

7th Annual 4x4 Blast August 11-13 (Thurs-Sat), Pittsfield. (630) 830-6615

Blues in the District

August 12 & 26, 5-9 pm (Fridays), Washington Park, Quincy. Regional & local blues bands provide free outdoor performances. (217) 228-8696

Tri-State Lugnuts Cruise In

August 13 & September 10, 6:30 pm (Saturdays), K-Mart Parking Lot, 36th & Broadway, Quincy. www.tristatelugnuts.com

Quincy Raceways Budweiser Night/Rinella Co. Night

August 14, 6:30 pm (Sun), Quincy Raceways, 8000 Broadway. Featuring spectator drags. (217) 224-3843 www.quincyraceways.com

Ice Cream Social

August 14, 3-7 pm (Sun), St. Paul U.C.C., Fowler. Homemade ice cream, cake, pie, sandwiches. Free will offering.

Victorian Porch Party

August 18, 6:30-8:30 pm (Thurs), Quincy Museum, 16th & Maine. Visitors are invited to gather on the porch & in our yard for lawn games, refreshments & musical entertainment by Great River Barbershop Chorus. Free but donations are welcomed & encouraged! (217) 224-7669

Nathan Carls Singing Your Great American Standards from the 30's & 40's

August 19, 7 pm (Fri), 123 State, Beardstown. Refreshments.

K of C BBQ

August 19-21 (Fri-Sun), 700 S. 36th St., Quincy. End of summer tradition for Quincy area. Food, carnival rides & entertainment. (217) 222-1000

Civil War Flag Celebration

August 20, 10 am (Sat), Courthouse Park (The Square), Pittsfield. Nancy Ross Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution sponsoring festive celebration of hanging of the Civil War Flag of the 73rd Regiment.

Company H. In 1862, ladies of Griggsville made a flag for boys from Adams & Pike counties. Flag will be conserved, framed and hung in the Pike County Courthouse. Enjoy the flag dedication, Civil War costumes, music, parade & presentations. For more information, call (217) 645-3235

Quincy Raceways Car Load Night

August 21, 6:30 pm (Sun), Quincy Raceways, 8000 Broadway. \$25 per car, max. 8 per car. (217) 224-3843 www.quincyraceways.com

Collver Family Winery Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre "No Schick, Sherlock"

August 27 (Sat), Barry. For tickets, call (217) 335-3279

Quincy Raceways Weekly Racing Series

August 28, 6:30 pm (Sun), Quincy Raceways, 8000 Broadway. P&S Auto & Truck - Trophy Dash Finale, Summy Tire - Late Model Shootout, Championship Night Late Models. www.quincyraceways.com (217) 224-4100

Nauvoo Grape Festival

September 2-4 (Fri-Sun), Nauvoo Annual Grape Festival featuring traditional pageants, car shows, live music, food, booths & flea market. Cowboy mounted shooting demo on 3rd & 4th. (877) 628-8661

Quincy Raceways I.M.C.A. Deery Brothers

Late Models Special September 4, 6:30 pm (Sun), Quincy Raceways, 8000 Broadway. \$2000 to Win. www.quincyraceways.com (217) 224-4100

Quincy Raceways Eve of Destruction

September 5, 6:30 pm (Mon), Quincy Raceways, 8000 Broadway. Labor Day event featuring school bus demo, figure 8 trailer race, school bus races, auto football, \$1000 to Win Demo Derby & Event TBA, fireworks. www.quincyraceways.com (217) 224-4100

Adams Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting of Members

September 7, Registration & dinner starts at 5 pm, Meeting at 7 pm (Wed), Bailey Park, Camp Point. Free food, entertainment for all ages, door prizes. (217) 593-7701

Tri-State Lugnuts Endless Summer Car Show

September 11, 9 am-3 pm (Sun), Illinois Veterans Home, Quincy. www.tristatelugnuts.com

"Heaven Bound"

September 11, 1 pm (Sun), Richfield Methodist Church, Richfield. Southern & Country Gospel Band who loves the Lord. Appearing for "Old Folks Day." Call (573) 221-5682 or (573) 929-3414 for more information.

4th Annual KHQA

Family Fun Fest

September 11, 2-5 pm (Sun), South Park, 12th & Harrison, Quincy. A free day of fun for Tri-State area families. (217) 222-6200

Quincy Raceways

Championship Race Night

September 11, 6:30 pm (Sun), Quincy Raceways, 8000 Broadway. Championships for A-mods, B-mods and bombers. (217) 224-4100 www.quincyraceways.com

Parade of Homes

September 11 (Sun), Tour various homes in Quincy. Sponsored by Home Builders Association of Quincy. For locations, call (217) 885-3636

Quincy Classic Boat & Outboard Show

September 17-18 (Sat-Sun), Quincy Boat Club, Quincy Riverfront. Water & static display of classic boats & outboard motors. (217) 257-7400

Adams Co. Olde Tyme Assoc.

September 17-18 (Sat-Sun), Adams County Fairgrounds, Mendon. (217) 964-2165

Arts/Quincy Riverfest

September 18 (Sun), Quincy Riverfront. Entertainment, fine arts, crafts & folk art for sale. Free shuttle. (217) 222-3432

Country Music

Burr Smith & Friends

September 23, 7 pm (Fri), 123 State, Beardstown. Refreshments.

Quincy Community Theatre Production of "Red Herring"

September 23-25 & 28-30 (Fri-Sun & Wed-Fri), Oakley-Lindsay Civic Center, Quincy. (217) 222-3209

Annual Folk Life Festival

September 24, Noon-6 pm (Sat), Quincy Museum, 16th & Maine. Period crafts & demonstrations, food & harvest booths including famous buffalo sandwiches, games for children & museum tours. Mississippi Thespians will present "Vignettes of Life During the Civil War Era." & Alice Cripe will entertain visitors w/her dulcimer. Admission: \$2/adults. Members of Quincy Museum admitted free. (217) 224-7669

Chaddock Open House

September 25, 1:30-4:30 pm (Sun), 205 S. 24th, Quincy. (217) 222-0034



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Looking for more information on one of our services. Complete the card below and send it in with your electric bill. Or, mail it to: Member Services, Adams Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 247, Camp Point, IL 62320. We'll be in touch with you soon!

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Employees from Adams Electric Cooperative volunteered to install poles at Unity Ball Diamond on May 24. Employees (pictured in hard hats from left to right) included: Mike Olson, Tim Brecht, Steve Fanning, Brad Smith and Trent Shroeder.