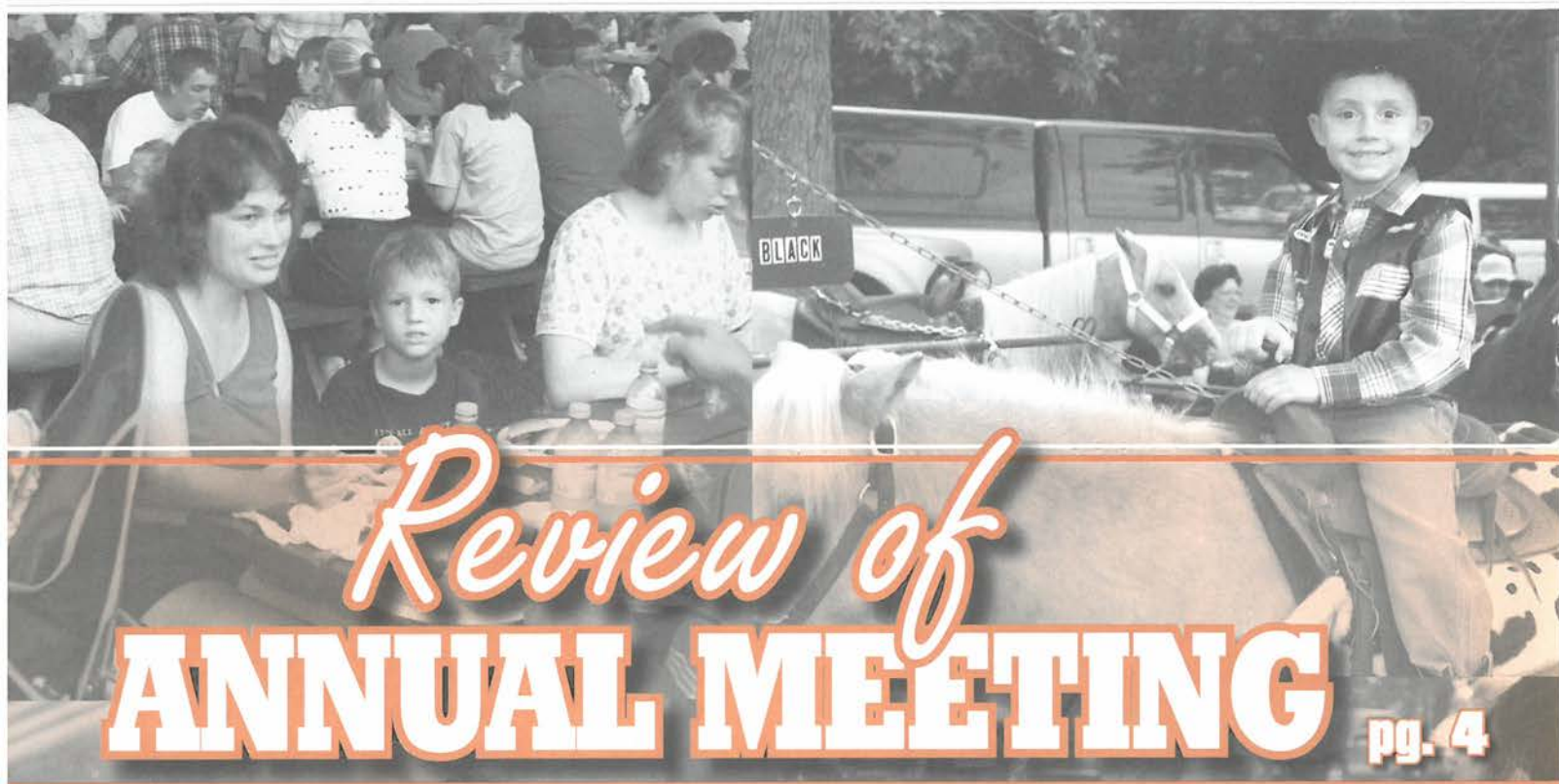


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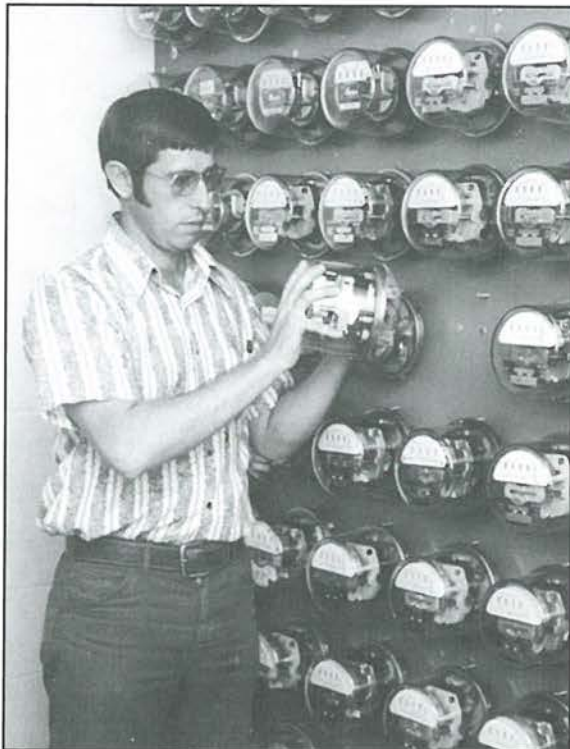


Lashbrook Retires After Nearly 37 Years of Service

Abe Lashbrook, Design & Construction Supervisor, retired on Thursday, July 14, 2005. Abe began his career at Adams Electric in August 1968 as a Groundman and became Meter Man in 1973. He was then promoted to Engineering Technician in 1982 and in 1996 was promoted to Design & Construction Supervisor. Abe and his wife, Sharon, have two daughters, Andrea and Amanda.



Abe Lashbrook



At the time of his retirement, Abe Lashbrook gave over 36 years of service to Adams Electric and its members.

The Cooperative wishes to thank Abe for his many years of service and wishes him well in his retirement!

Did You Know? Hurricane Names

Hurricane names are predetermined. Six lists of alternating boy and girl names from A-Z are reserved (minus names for Q, U, X, Y and Z). The names are rotated until a major hurricane occurs; in which case, the name is retired (i.e. Andrew, Hugo). The World Meteorological Organization chooses a new name to replace the retired name. If the 21 names for a given year are used, the naming continues with the Greek alphabet (i.e. Alpha, Beta).



Ask the Editor

Member Q&A

Dear Adams Electric Cooperative,

I've heard a lot about Adams Electric Cooperative's long distance plan lately. How do I switch to this plan? Are the rates as low as I've heard they are?



First, pick up an application at the office in Camp Point or call the Member Services Department and ask for one to be mailed to you. After completing the application, return it to the Cooperative. Once your application is approved, your local phone company will be notified and your long distance calls will be switched to the Qwest Long Distance Network (The nation's 4th largest carrier).

This long distance service is one of the lowest-cost long distance services available. With this plan, you enjoy a 4.9¢ per minute rate for all calls out of state and a 4.5¢ rate for all calls in Illinois—24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It's free to join and there are no monthly fees, no minimums, or long-term agreements. You have the option of adding a toll-free number for \$1/month billed at the same rates above. Call Adams Electric Cooperative for more information (800) 232-4797.

Dear Adams Electric Cooperative,

The Camp Point Lions members wish to thank you sincerely for the help in both labor and equipment that you furnished to us during the recent Sesquicentennial Celebration. Thank you so much. It helped a great deal in making the celebration the great success that it turned out to be. It was certainly an enjoyable celebration and great for the entire community! Thanks again.

Harold H. Sickles,
Secretary-Camp Point Lions Club

If you have questions or comments for "Ask The Editor," send them to:
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Editor
Laura Dotson



Another Successful Annual Meeting

On Wednesday, September 7, 2005, the Cooperative celebrated its 66th Annual Meeting at Bailey Park in Camp Point. Members and employees enjoyed a warm, pleasant evening. The Cooperative registered 628 members and served approximately 1,800 plates of prime rib sandwiches.

The Annual Meeting is a great way for us to stay in touch with our members.

It is always good to visit with and see our members and their families. The evening included activities for the kids, beautiful music from Kathy Brink and Travis Spratt, and various vendor displays. The Annual Meeting is a time to bring people together to share ideas, vote on directors and other programs and to hear what is happening with their Electric Cooperative. It was quite evident as I walked around and saw all the smiling faces and people visiting that we were having a successful meeting.

We consider the annual meeting a very important event in which the members have the opportunity to vote on the people who represent them on the Board of Directors. The elected directors are members just like you with local interests in mind. Since they are local, the directors have a better opportunity to understand your needs and expectations and to stay

in touch with the changing demands in this area. The Cooperative is small enough to listen and close enough to notice the needs of our members.



General Manager
Jim Thompson PE

During the business portion of the Annual Meeting, three incumbent directors were re-elected to three-year terms. The three directors are Bob Willis – District #4, Richard King – District #5 and John Kestner – District #6.

Bill Stalder, Manager of Marketing/Member Services announced the first Penny Power Grant Recipient. The Mount Sterling Police K-9 unit was presented with a check in the amount of \$4,000, which will go towards a drug dog. The Penny Power Program is designed to help charities and nonprofit community organizations located in or near our service area. We are excited about the program and believe it will help make West Central Illinois a better place to live.

The two \$500 bill credits were popular and appreciated by the two winners Jeanne Higgins and Diana McCleary. Overall, it was a successful annual meeting and very well attended. If anyone has any suggestions on how we can improve the annual meeting, please send me an e-mail at jthompsn@adams.net or call me at (800) 232-4797.



Review of ANNUAL MEETING

By Bill Stalder

Manager of Marketing/Member Services

As one of Adams Electric Cooperative's newer employees, I am amazed at the number of members who attend the annual meeting each year. I'm even more amazed by the amount of work necessary to make our annual meetings so successful. As you can imagine, planning for the meeting begins months before the actual event. In fact, the planning for next year's meeting usually starts the very next day. Employees meet to discuss the meeting and identify things that went well along with things that can be improved upon. Any necessary adjustments are noted and, when appropriate, implemented at the next annual meeting.

With three annual meetings now under my belt, the reason behind its success is very obvious. It's our employees. Everyone here at Adams Electric takes a great deal of pride in the fact that our annual meeting is considered to be one of the best in the state. Each of us plays an important role in the success of our annual meetings. From parking cars and setting up chairs to contacting vendors and registering members, there are no small jobs. Just feeding 1800 people in an hour and a half is a major feat in itself! Throw in planning for entertainment, kids' activities, door prizes, and more, and it's quite a production! None of this would be possible without the dedicated, hard-working employees serving YOU and YOUR electric cooperative.

As our General Manager Jim Thompson stated in his article, more than 600 members, many with family members in tow, enjoyed Adams Electric Cooperative's 66th Annual Meeting. The entertainment was lively and the children seemed to enjoy the pony rides, face painting, moonwalk, train rides and other activities. The large crowd kept vendors busy and several positive comments were shared regarding the evening meal.

The financial condition of the cooperative was the focus of Mr. Thompson's comments. He said, "One of the first objectives of the





board when I took over as Manager was to improve the financial condition of the cooperative without raising rates. The board and I developed a more detailed financial plan titled the 'Quest for Solid Equity Management.'" This plan outlines the future financial direction of the cooperative. The three major components were to scrutinize cost, raise equity and pay back capital credits to the members in a reasonable amount of time.

Thompson also said, "Your cooperative is working diligently to secure favorable wholesale power for its membership beyond 2008. The cooperative recently signed a Purchase Power Agreement to purchase 17 megawatts from a new power plant in Franklin County, Illinois. This agreement will help secure low cost wholesale power in the future. Wholesale power is the cooperative's number one expense."

Board President Mike Tenhouse updated the members on a member satisfaction survey that was conducted by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives. "I'm proud to say that Adams Electric Cooperative has a very high member satisfaction rate. We pride ourselves on that," Tenhouse said. He went on to inform the crowd that Adams Electric Cooperative would do its part to help restore power to Gulf Coast residents who are suffering so much in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. "Cooperation among Cooperatives is one of the seven co-op principles that each co-op follows. We know that other cooperatives would step up to help us if we should ever need their assistance. That's the value of being a cooperative," Tenhouse said.

Other highlights of the evening

included comments from Traci Eidson of Payson and Scott Baker of Liberty. Eidson and Baker represented Adams Electric Cooperative on the annual Youth to Washington Tour. Each thanked members for the opportunity and encouraged them to continue supporting this educational program. Baker was back on stage at the end of the meeting drawing names for the large number of door prizes given away including the two grand prizes—six months

worth of free electricity up to \$500!

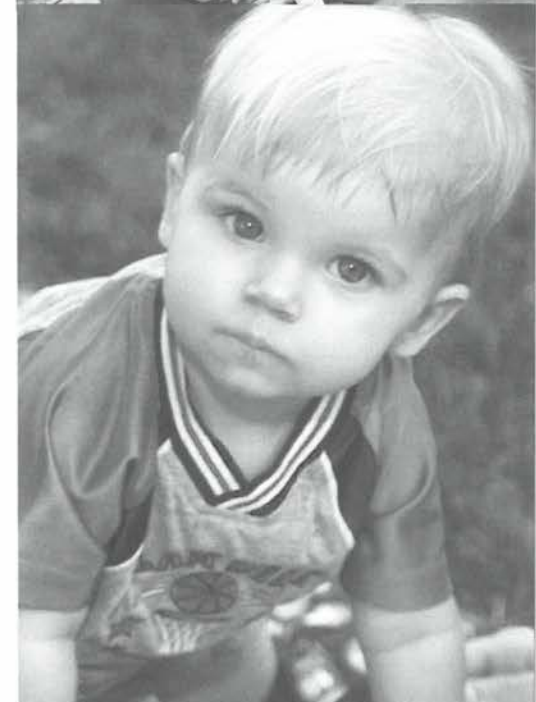
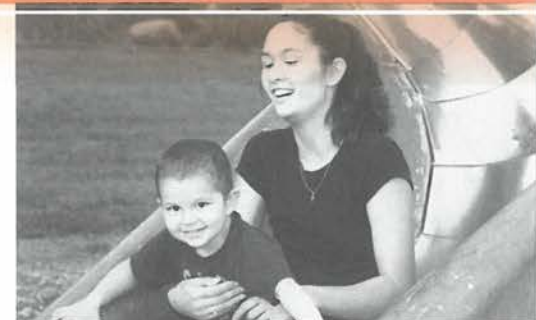
A first for the annual meeting was the cash award presented to the Mt. Sterling Police Department's Drug Dog campaign. The Penny Power program made this grant possible.

Adams Electric Cooperative's members voted in favor of implementing the Penny Power program at last year's annual meeting. In this program, members who

choose to participate have their electric bills rounded up each month. The money raised (an average of \$6 per member per year) is awarded through grants to worthy groups and organizations in or near Adams' service territory. About 200 cooperatives nationwide participate in similar programs. Together co-op members across the nation have donated more than \$50 million over the past 16 years. Considering the donations come as small amounts of change, that total is astounding.

With another meeting in the history books and with three board members re-elected and ready to continue serving Adams Electric Cooperative, we are already looking forward to our 67th annual meeting next September. We hope to see you there!

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2005 Annual Meeting

DOOR PRIZES

VENDOR	PRIZE	WINNER	VENDOR	PRIZE	WINNER
Adams Electric Cooperative	Six Months FREE Electricity up to \$500	Diana McCleary, Liberty	Gem City Electric	Quartz Work Light	Gary Eaton, Quincy
Adams Electric Cooperative	Six Months FREE Electricity up to \$500	Jeanne Higgins, Plymouth	Adams Telephone Co-Operative	Goodie Bag w/Calling Card & Seat Cushion (2)	Robert May Jr., Camp Point Dixie Wallace, Clayton
Slumberland	Magazine Rack	Robert Davis, Camp Point	Crescent Electric Supply	Light Bulbs	Larry Wottman, Quincy
Wal-Mart	Mr. Coffee Iced Tea Maker	William Dreyer, Liberty	Crescent Electric Supply	Sanyo DVD Player	Fern Rich, Quincy
TNT Action Sports	Harley-Davidson "Live to Ride" Edition Monopoly Game	Lawrence Cramsey, Quincy	Gem City Ford	Oil Change & Filter	Marcella Fessler, Quincy
Dunlap Place	Decorative Birdhouse	Thomas Robbins, Camp Point	T & R Service Corp.	Golf Balls & Cap	Frank Huffman, New Berlin
Adams County Soil & Water Conservation	Gift Certificate for 50 Tree Seedlings	Daniel Ellwood, Quincy	Air Evac	1-Year Membership	James Ohnemus, Fowler
Martin & Kroencke	John Deere Toy Tractor & Cap	Dion Neisen, Camp Point	Black & Company	38-Piece Socket Set	Gary Evans, Camp Point
Loghoppers	Wooden Face Art	Melvin Vonholt, Clayton	Lee Inspection	Mr. Coffee Iced Tea Maker	Carlene Dedert, Quincy
Stanley Home Products	Broom and Dustpan	Robert Teel, La Prairie	Hughes Supply	Electric Ice Cream Maker	Robert Kehl, Quincy
T & R Electric	\$50 Bill (2)	John Goudschaal, Camp Point Mary Bussanmas, Plymouth	Dueco	Shirt & Cap	Dale Bankus, Quincy
Creative Memories & Mike's Place in Liberty	Assorted Photo Mounting Paper & \$25 Gift Certificate	Joseph Meyer, Quincy	McFarland Cascade	Jacket	Rose Phillips, Liberty
Drake Scruggs Equipment, Inc.	Portable Halogen Work Lamp	Concord Town Hall	United Utility Supply	\$25 Sears Gift Card	Dale Hilgenbrinck, Quincy
Allgeier, Martin and Associates	Proctor Silex Compact Grill	Wayne Dismore, Barry	Clayton Public Library & White Electric	Holiday Cookbook & Pair of Lined Gloves	David Chapman, Liberty
Daffron & Associates	Collapsible Cooler & Koozie Cups	Gerald Maas, Quincy	White Electric	Pair of Lined Gloves	Arllys Rabe, Quincy
Oakhill Seed	25 lbs. of Bird Seed (7)	Brent Unmisig, Quincy James Wietholder, Barry Randy Green, Barry Lois Holbert, Quincy John Siebers, Liberty Scott Coyle, Loraine Henrietta Davis, Timewell	Pro Dish Satellite Systems	AM/FM CD Player	Pam Graham, Camp Point
Oakhill Seed	50 lbs. of Bird Seed	Bradley Davidson, Quincy	Travel House of Quincy	Seat on Spoon River Drive Trip	Boots Jones
John Wood Community College	JWCC Shirt & Travel Mug	Derek Barnes, Mendon			
Lori Hilgenbrinck	Tupperware	East Union Comm. Club, Clayton			
Adams County Red Cross	First Aid Kit	Homer Graham, Liberty			
Fletcher-Reinhardt	12" Oscillating Desktop Fan	Jesse Chaplin, Plainville			
Vermeer Midwest, Inc.	T-shirt, Cap & Leather Gloves	Daryl Stoll, Mendon			
Solomon Corporation	Putter	Tony Estes, Camp Point			
Tailwinds Restaurant	\$25 Gift Certificate	Amber Tietzort, Camp Point			



L-R: Jim Jennings, Mayor of Mt. Sterling; Bill Stalder, Adams Electric Cooperative; Randy Smith, Mt. Sterling Police Chief; Officer Eric Anderson, K-9 Handler

Adams Electric Cooperative Awards First Penny Power Grant

The first-ever Penny Power Grant was awarded on September 7, 2005 during Adams Electric Cooperative's 66th Annual Meeting. The \$4,000 grant went to the Mt. Sterling Police Department and will be used toward the purchase of a drug dog.

In accepting the award, Mt. Sterling Chief of Police Randy Smith expressed the department's appreciation and said, "Everyone in our local area will benefit from this project. The drug detection dog will be available to all area law enforcement upon request."

The amount needed to implement the drug dog program is estimated at \$8,000. This amount will cover both the cost of the dog and the training needed for the dog and its handler, Officer Eric Anderson. The goal of the Mt. Sterling Police Department is to have the dog in place and all training completed by January 1, 2006. "I'm very excited about the drug dog

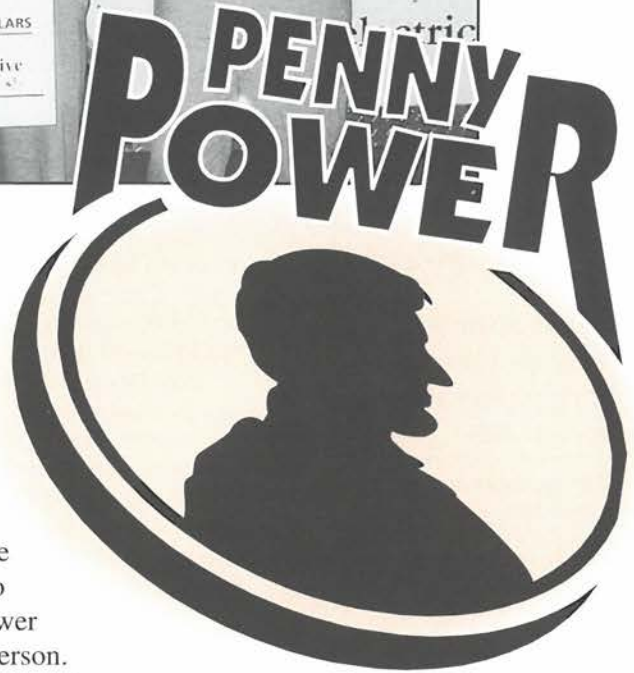
program and want to thank Adams Electric Cooperative and all of the members who participate in the Penny Power program," said Officer Anderson. "This grant takes us a giant step closer to making this program a reality."

Mt. Sterling Mayor, Jim Jennings was also on hand to accept the Penny Power Grant on behalf of the city. Mayor Jennings commented, "Drugs and drug-related crimes have increased fifty percent over the past three years in Mt. Sterling. A drug dog will be a valuable tool in tracking down and arresting the criminals involved."

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worthy groups and organizations in or near Adams' service territory. Nearly 200 electric cooperatives participate in similar programs across the country. This means about 1.5 million co-op members allow their electric bills to be rounded up each month. In its 16-year history, more than \$50 million has been awarded ...a staggering amount considering the money is generated in quarters, dimes, nickels, and pennies.

For more information about Adams Electric Cooperative's Penny Power Program, or to request an application, contact Bill Stalder, Manager of Marketing and Member Services at (217) 593-7701 or toll-free at (800) 232-4797.





Members Share Their Unique Crafts

as long as you keep it off the ground and treat it with an oil finish.

And like I explained, Bill is only 8 but he gets right in there and helps. For a little boy, he takes great pride in what he makes. He sands, draws, paints, and applies the finish. I don't let him run power tools for fear we would have to make a trip to the hospital. But he helps in any way that he can.

We bring our slab into the wood shed and put it up on our bench. We talk about who we are making it for and what they might like to see on it.

Most times, we carve a picture and their name. Other times, we just carve pictures. We have done ducks, deer, fish, horses, pigs, and hummingbirds. And we have found with a little imagination, we can do about anything a person

might enjoy.

I let Bill do most of the "thinking" as he is the brains of the outfit. He helps with the patterns and also in the layout of what we are going to carve on the slab. We have, however, made our fair share of designer firewood.

We also "got into" stained glass this year. Here again, Bill is a great help with the designs and layout. He has even learned to score the glass and help lead it together.

Our family and friends seem to greatly enjoy the things we make for them. And it also helps to keep us boys out of mischief and trouble.

Bill has a great talent for creating. I am doing my best to nurture him in anything he takes an interest in.

*Bill and Teddy Dodds,
Rushville*

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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: Fri., Oct. 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., Dec. 16**

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

Do you have a good luck charm? Send us a picture. Tell us how it worked for you. **DEADLINE: Fri., Jan. 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., Feb. 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.

My name is Cricket Kempf and I live in Mt. Sterling, Illinois. These pots are hand built (no wheel is used). They are replicas of prehistoric pottery found in the Midwest area.

My interest in archeology is what brought about this hobby. These pieces are fashioned after the Woodland period (1000BC - 1050AD). They incorporate many of the motifs and designs of this culture.

Cricket Kempf, Mt. Sterling

My name is Teddy Dodds and my son is Bill. I have always been interested in wood and wood carving. And although Bill is only 8 years old, he has shown a great interest in the hobby.

This year we decided to make signs for family members...rather large signs.

We start with seasoned 1.75 inch thick red elm slabs. I did a little research on wood and decided that red elm would be our best bet for lasting the longest

Above left: Cricket Kempf's pottery

Below: Bill and Teddy Dodds' wood carving and suncatchers



IEC Memorial Scholarships

IEC Memorial Scholarships Will Be Awarded
To Five High School Seniors.



Adams Electric Cooperative General Manager Jim Thompson has announced that for the eleventh consecutive year the Illinois electric cooperatives will award academic scholarships to high school seniors. Five scholarships in 2006 will be awarded through the Illinois Electric Cooperative (IEC) Memorial Scholarship Program. Each of the scholarships will be worth \$1250.

The AIEC Board voted in April to expand for 2006 the number of scholarships from four to five, and to increase each scholarship award from \$1000 to \$1250. Four of the five scholarships will be awarded as they have in the past, i.e., three will go to a son or daughter of a co-op member and one will go to the son or daughter of a co-op employee or director. In addition, the first four scholarships may be used at any school in the United States and not restricted to Illinois.

The new fifth scholarship will be reserved for use at a two-year Illinois community college. Both of the above categories of students (i.e., both sons and daughters of co-op members and

sons or daughters of co-op employees/directors) will be eligible for this community college scholarship.

"The purpose of the scholarship program is to assist electric cooperative youth while honoring past rural electric leaders through memorial gifts," said Jim Thompson, general manager. "Adams Electric and the other Illinois electric cooperatives want to make a difference in their communities. One of the best ways we can do that is by lending a hand to our youth."

Candidates are judged on the basis of grade point average, college entrance exam scores, work and volunteer experience, school and civic activities, and a short essay, which demonstrates their knowledge of electric cooperatives.

The IEC Memorial Scholarship program was established in 1994 by the Board of Directors of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives. For further information on the IEC Memorial Scholarship Program, contact Adams Electric at 1-800-232-4797.



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Adams Electric Cooperative's Country Kitchen



Orange Shake

Submitted by Patsy Jansen

1 ice tray of frozen orange juice
2 bananas
1 (4 oz.) vanilla yogurt

Blend until frozen ingredients are crushed.



Orange Dip

Submitted by Patsy Jansen

1/2 cup orange juice
8 oz. cream cheese, softened
7 oz. marshmallow creme
2 tsp. finely grated orange peel
Ground cinnamon

Combine orange juice and cream cheese until smooth. Stir in marshmallow creme and grated orange peel. Sprinkle with cinnamon. Chill. Serve with fresh fruits.

Crockpot Corn

Submitted by Laura Dotson

1 large bag frozen corn
1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese
1 stick butter
Salt and pepper to taste

-Crockpot Corn continued-
Melt cream cheese and butter in microwave. Spray crock pot with vegetable spray. Put melted cream cheese and butter in crock pot. Add corn, salt and pepper. Cook for 2 hours on low.

Breakfast Pizza

Submitted by Ed Hilgenbrinck

1 lb. pork sausage
1 pkg. crescent rolls
2 cups hashbrowns, thawed
1 1/2 cups shredded cheese, swiss and cheddar
5 eggs
1/4 cup milk
1/2 tsp. salt
1/8 tsp. pepper
2 tbsp. Parmesan cheese

Cook sausage until brown; drain. Separate crescent rolls. Place on ungreased 12" pizza pan with points to center. Place large end over edge; seal perforations. Spoon sausage over crust. Sprinkle hashbrowns over sausage. Top with cheese. In a bowl, mix eggs, milk, salt and pepper. Pour over pizza. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Bake at 375 degrees for 25-30 minutes. Can add pizza sauce if desired.

Quick & Zesty Orange Rolls

Submitted by Jeannette Dopheide

1 (8 count) pkg. jumbo, butter-flavored canned biscuits, room temperature
1/2 cup sugar
1 large orange

*-Quick & Zesty
Orange Rolls continued-*

Icing:
2 cups confectioner's sugar
Orange juice, squeezed from peeled orange

Grate orange peel. You will need about 1/2 cup to put on rolls. Save orange. Separate canned biscuits. Take each individual biscuit and flatten it into an oval shape approximately 8 by 2 inches. Sprinkle about 2 tsp. sugar and 2 tsp. grated orange peel evenly over surface of each flattened biscuit. Roll up biscuit and place in buttered or sprayed muffin tin. Press each rolled-up biscuit down into the tin until the top of each roll is about even with the top of the tin. Bake at 350 degrees for 20-25 minutes or until golden brown.
Icing: Gradually add orange juice to moisten confectioner's sugar to icing consistency (about 1/4-1/2 cup juice). Stir sugar and juice until sugar is dissolved in juice. Spoon or drizzle icing over warm rolls. Serve warm.

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

Mail your recipe(s) to:
Attn: Laura Dotson
Adams Electric Cooperative
P.O. Box 247
Camp Point, IL 62320

In The News...

Advisory Committee Members met August 23

Members of Adams Electric Cooperative's Advisory Committee met at 6:30 p.m. on August 23, 2005 at the office in Camp Point.

Guest speaker John Freitag, Vice President of Operations for the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives in Springfield, Illinois discussed the state's most recent customer satisfaction survey. Freitag pointed out that Adams Electric Cooperative continues to rank near the top statewide in overall member satisfaction.

Jim Thompson, General

Manager, updated those present on the summer's unusually high number of peak alerts. Thompson explained how the Cooperative's load control program is utilized to control costs and to ensure a constant power supply when demand is high.

One Room Schoolhouse is Re-located

On August 11 and 12, Adams Electric Cooperative employees Bill Alexander, Pat Boylen, Lyle Forsythe, Mike Olson, Chad Reische, and Brad Smith helped members of Adams County's Olde Tyme Association move a

one-room schoolhouse. The school was moved from its former location at the Bob Bastert farm to its new home near the round barn at the Adams County Fairgrounds.

The move to the highway from the Bastert farm was completed before noon on Thursday. On Friday, the building was hauled down the Interstate to its new location. Adams employees assisted by moving power lines along

the route. Following the move, additional floor joists were placed under the building helping to secure the foundation.

Contributions from the Adams County Retired Teachers Association and several other interested individuals made this project



possible. The schoolhouse will be used by the Olde Tyme Association as part of its mission to preserve items of historical importance in Adams County.

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October

Calendar of Events

Uptown Farmer's Market

Mid-May thru Mid-October, 7 am-Noon (Tuesdays & Saturdays), Washington Park, Quincy. Fresh produce, baked goods & crafts, all homegrown or homemade. (217) 223-6525

Farmer's Market

Thru October (ends Oct. 20) (Tuesdays 3:30-6:30 pm, Thursdays 6 am-Noon), Inside Courthouse Square, Macomb. Farmers from the area gather in Macomb to sell fresh vegetables, fruit & baked goods. (309) 837-4855



Art in the Alleys

October 1 (Sat), Courthouse Square, Macomb. Local artists display & sell their original work in quaint hometown alleys. Handicapped accessible. (309) 837-4855

WIU Football Homecoming

October 1, (Sat), Hanson Field, WIU, Macomb. Come cheer on your Fighting Leathernecks as they battle Northern Iowa in the 2005 Homecoming game. (309) 298-1190

The Haunted Dead Walk

October 1, 6-8, 13-15, 20-22, 27-31. Time TBA. A.G. Mercantile Antiques 141 S. Lafayette, Macomb. In the dark of the night, no matter the weather, this 2.5 hour walking tour guides you through buildings in downtown Macomb that are believed to be haunted. You'll also hear ghostly tales of the darker side of Macomb's history. This tour is not for the faint of heart or kids under 13. Refer to website for tour



information: www.hauntedmacomb.com (309) 836-5577 or email littlelegm@macomb.com

Barry Apple Festival

October 1-2 (Sat-Sun), Barry. Enjoy apple treats of all kinds with a parade, bands, entertainment, crafts & food. Free. (217) 285-2971

Quincy Community Theatre Production "Red Herring"

October 1-2 (Sat-Sun), Oakley-Lindsay Civic Center, Quincy. (217) 222-3209

Crop Walk

October 2, 2-4 pm (Sun), Illinois Veterans Home, 12 & Locust, Quincy. (217) 223-6062

Chainsaw Carving on the Mighty Mississippi

October 7-9 (Fri-Sun), Clat Adams Park, Quincy Riverfront. www.loghoppers.com (217) 228-0574

Tri-State Lugnuts Cruise-In

October 8, 6:30 pm (Sat), K-Mart Parking Lot, 36th & Broadway. www.tristatelugnuts.com



Nauvoo's 1st Annual Arts in the Park

October 8-11, Nauvoo City Park. (217) 453-2726

Early Tindusters Fall Color Run

October 14-16 (Fri-Sun), Downtown Quincy & Moorman Park. Street rod show for cars 1948 & older. (217) 964-2426

Pike County Fall Color Drive

October 14-16 (Fri-Sun), Pike County. Country fall fun with scenic drives, local attractions, food specialties, apple products & crafts. Visit www.pikeil.org for more information. (217) 285-2971

Quincy Preserves Annual Architectural Tour

October 15 (Sat), Quincy. Tour 6 of Quincy's private homes or buildings of architectural &/or historical significance. \$8 advance/\$10 door (217) 222-3432



Octoberfest Marching Band Parade & Competition

October 15 (Sat), 33rd & Maine St., Quincy. (217) 224-3770

Quincy Museum Yard Sale

October 15, (Sat), 8:00 am—Noon, Museum Grounds, 1601 Maine St. Come and support the museum! (217) 224-7669.

Illinois Traditional Country Music Annual Jamfest

October 15-16 (Sat-Sun), Barry. (217) 335-2378 or (217) 426-4141

WIU Family Weekend

October 21-23 (Fri-Sun), WIU Campus, Macomb. Enjoy family activities on campus including a football game on Sat., Oct. 22. (309) 298-3232

Camden Methodist Church Annual Fall Turkey Supper

October 22, (Sat), 4:00 pm, turkey, dressing, noodles, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, yams, cinnamon apples, rolls, salads, pie, coffee & tea. Donations at the door. Carry outs available. Camden welcomes you.

Miss Quincy/Junior Miss Quincy Pageant

October 22, 7 pm (Sat), Baldwin Auditorium, Quincy. (217) 316-2996

St. Brigid's Bake Sale and Craft Show-Flea Market

October 22, 9 am—2 pm, Lunch served from 11 am—1 pm, (Sat), Hwy. 24, North edge of Liberty. Homemade donuts, turnovers, cinnamon rolls, pecan rolls, fruit rolls, and dinner rolls. Call 645-3680 or 645-3276 to order. Orders received before Oct. 17 will be placed in a drawing for a box of baked items. Free admission. Handicapped accessible.



St. Peters Lutheran Church Craft Bazaar & Bake Sale

October 22, (Sat), 9:00 am—3:00 pm, Paloma Shelter House. Serving cinnamon rolls in the morning & sandwiches for lunch. Benefits go to the church elevator fund. Booths available. Contact Debbie Guenther at (217) 455-3370 or Norma Janssen at (217) 455-4865.

JWCC Tales and Haunts from the Heartland

October 25, (Tue), Hosted by The Quincy Museum. Register for class through John Wood Community College. Class will meet at four different locations to hear ghost stories related to each location. (217) 224-7669

Halloween in Boootiful Nauvoo

October 29, 5-9 pm (Sat), Nauvoo. "Spooky Trail" festivities include a lighted pumpkin walk, games, "Trunk or Treat," haunted house, music & parade. (217) 453-6648



15th Annual Woodlawn Cemetery Tour

October 30, 5-8 pm (Sun), Quincy. Sponsored by the Gardner Museum of Architecture. Adults - \$6, Children - \$4. (217) 224-6873

Old Fashioned Halloween Party

October 30, (Sun), 6:00—8:00 pm, Quincy Museum, 1601 Maine St.. An evening of Victorian fun and games. Child-friendly party with special spooky hosts. Games, videos, crafts, pumpkin painting, special Halloween treat. Free for Museum members, \$1 for non-members. (217) 224-7669.

Quincy Mall Malloween

October 31 (Mon), 33rd & Broadway, Quincy. (217) 223-8713

Interesting Halloween FACT:

Jack-O-Lanterns have not always been made out of pumpkins. Originally called "Jack's Lanterns," the Irish and Scottish used hollowed-out turnips. However, when Irish immigrants came to America, they found that pumpkins were more plentiful than turnips. Pumpkins were easier to carve than turnips, as it turned out, and allowed people to begin cutting scary faces and elaborate designs.

October

is Cooperative Month

October is a time to remember who and what cooperatives stand for.

Your electric cooperative, Adams Electric, is "committed to exceeding the expectations of those we serve!" That's our mission – it's what we firmly believe in and work by.

In 1752, Benjamin Franklin organized the first cooperative in the United States. This first co-op insured a group of Philadelphians against the loss of their homes by fire. They formed the Philadelphia Contributorship for the Insurance of Homes from Loss of Fire. This mutual society continues today, the oldest cooperative-style service in this country.

Since then, cooperatives have been organized to provide practically every product and/or service imaginable – electricity, telephone service, food, health care, day care, credit, farm marketing, insurance and even legal services.

The electric cooperative history dates back to May 11, 1935 when President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued an Executive Order making federal funds available for rural electric service and creating the Rural Electrification Administration (REA).

The early intent was to establish "an orderly program of loans on an interest-bearing, self-liquidating basis" to provide incentive for power companies to extend service to rural areas.

At the time only about 10 percent of the country's farms had electric service. It soon became evident that existing power companies were not going to use the federal loan program to remedy the lack of rural electrification. There were so few

residents per mile of line – power companies said it was not feasible to serve rural areas. The existing companies made it clear that they expected the farmers to bear the cost of constructing electric lines and then deed it back to the power supplier. Keep in mind that this was a time when many didn't have the money for the necessities of life, let alone money for something that could be classified as a luxury.

This was just not acceptable to the hundreds of thousands of rural Americans that needed and wanted electricity. As friends and neighbors banded together, cooperatively, they literally lit up the countryside!

On April 20, 1938, a group of 450 area farmers attended an organizational meeting at the Farm Bureau office in Quincy. All of these people had one hope in common that night, they wanted electricity for their homes and farms. During that momentous evening a group of people were elected to the board of directors of what was to become Adams Electric Cooperative.

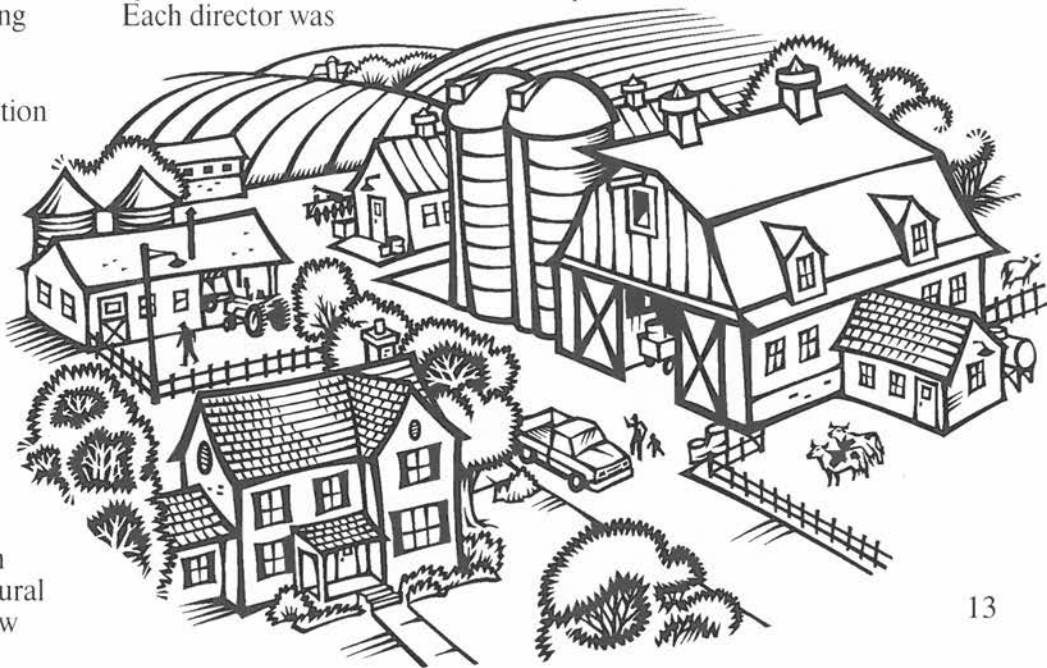
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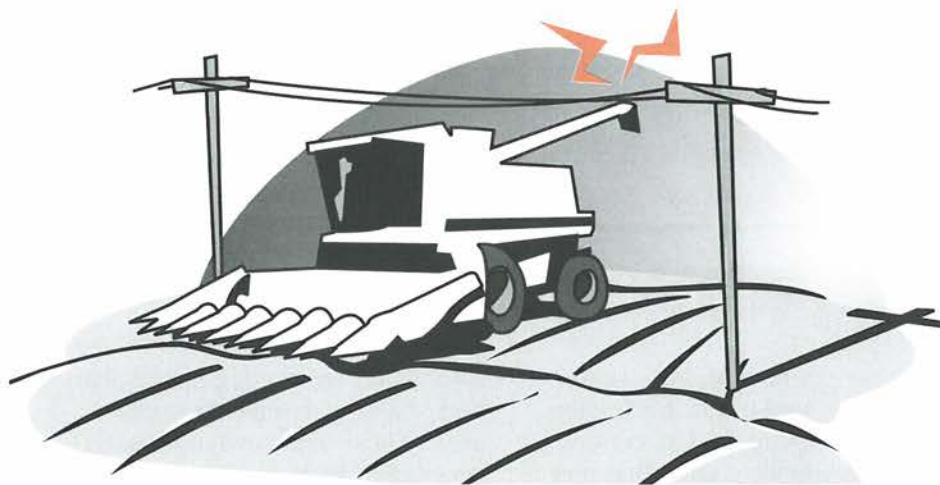
responsible for signing up members and attaining easements in their area. These dedicated, optimistic people had to be troubleshooters – convincing fellow neighbors that electricity and the cooperative would really work. The biggest selling factors for the directors were lights and convenience. Electricity would change the way people lived and worked for the rest of their lives.

On a chilly March day – March 29, 1939, to be exact – a group of about 50 men and women scarcely seemed to notice the cold. History was about to be made at a rural Adams Electric Cooperative substation in Adams County.

In the beginning Adams Electric Cooperative served a little over 700 Members with 384 miles of line. Today, over 65 years later, Adams Electric Cooperative is over 7,800 Member-Consumers strong and has over 2,176 miles of line.

Adams Electric Cooperative, enhancing the quality of life in the areas we serve while exceeding the expectations of those we serve.





Look up when moving tall objects

Farm Safety Tips

Electrocution remains as one of the top hazards on today's farms. Most of these accidents occur during planting and harvest seasons as a result of farm equipment coming into contact with power lines. Please be extra careful this season and remember the following safety tips offered by the Illinois Electric Council:

- Review with all workers farm activities and work practices that take place around power lines to prevent tragic accidents.
- Know the location of power lines and keep farm equipment at least 10 feet away from them.
- Always lower portable augers or elevators to their lowest possible level—under 14 feet—before moving or transporting; use care when raising them.
- When moving large equipment or high loads near a power line, always use a spotter, or someone to help make certain that contact is not made with a power line.
- Be aware of increased height when loading and transporting larger modern

tractors with higher antennas.

- Never attempt to raise or move a power line to clear a path!
- Don't use metal poles when breaking up bridged grain inside and around bins.
- As in any outdoor work, be careful not to raise any equipment such as ladders, poles or rods into power lines. Remember, non-metallic materials such as lumber, tree limbs, tires, ropes, and hay will conduct electricity depending on dampness and dust and dirt contamination.
- Use qualified electricians for work on drying equipment and other farm electrical systems.

For more information on farm electrical safety, visit the SafeElectricity.org web site. Created by the IEC in 2001, Safe Electricity is an electrical safety public awareness program supported by a coalition of several dozen organizations, including electric cooperatives and utilities, the University of Illinois, educators and other entities committed to promoting electrical safety.

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Coast Electric Responds to Katrina

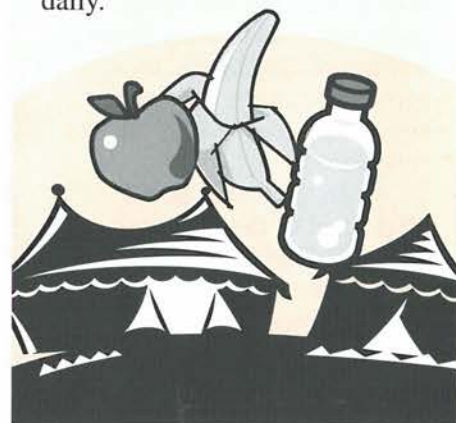
On Aug. 29, 2005, the entire service area for Coast Electric was impacted by Hurricane Katrina. With approximately 30,000 poles down, there were no meters turning. In addition to the horrific damage left behind, our (Coast Electric's) area was faced with fuel shortages and no communication.

Help arrives...

Many of our (Coast Electric's) sister cooperatives have come to our aid. We are now operating with more than 2,900 employees representing 19 states and 120 companies.

The logistics to pull this off can be a job of its own. We are now utilizing seven circus style tents, one fruit warehouse and one church for sleeping crews and staff. There are 8,500 meals being served each day and more than 1,500 pounds of laundry are being washed per day.

With the heat of summer still being felt, we are consuming over 1,500 cases of water, sports drinks and soda daily. In addition, we are using 10 pallets of ice daily.



Local Lineman Help Restore Power in Gulf Coast

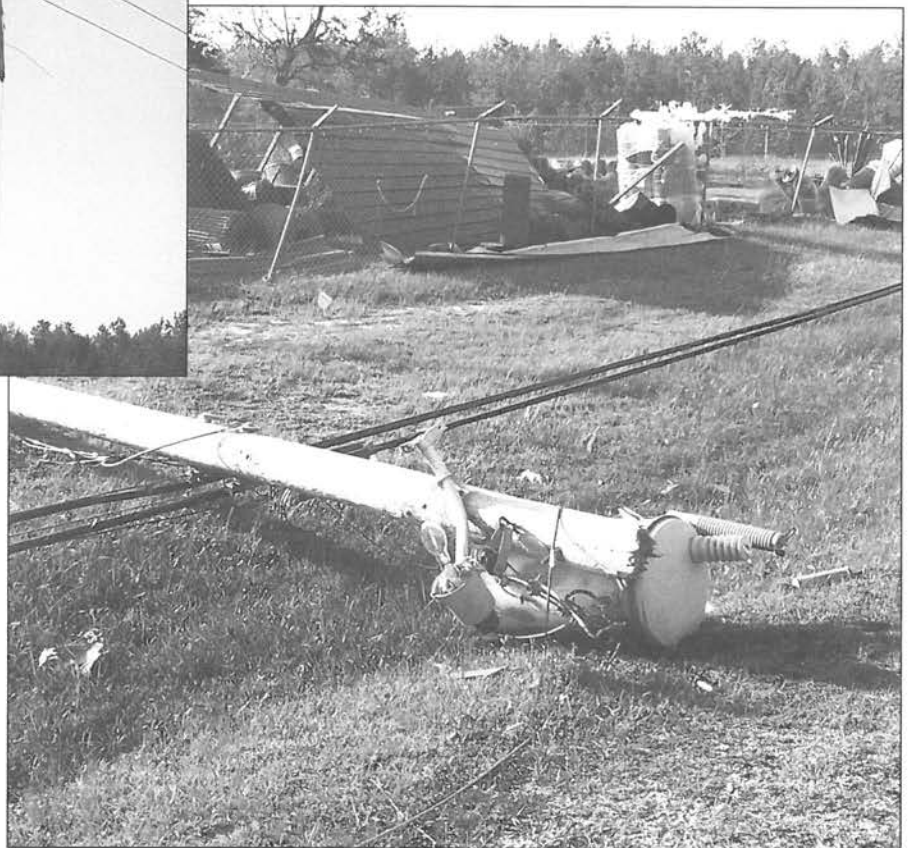
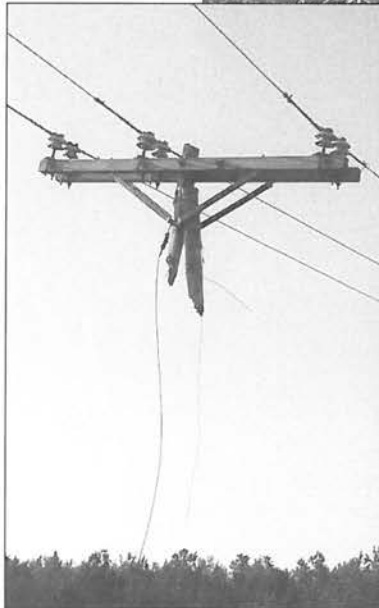
Linemen from Adams Electric Cooperative, as well as many other electric cooperatives throughout the state of Illinois, have answered the call for help from Gulf Coast Electric co-ops devastated by Hurricane Katrina. Crews set out with bucket trucks, diggers, pole trailers, and service vehicles in a joint effort to restore power to the communities hit so hard by the storm.

Adams Electric employees, Brian Anderson, a journeyman lineman from Rushville and Brad Smith, an apprentice lineman from Plainville spent nearly two weeks working in Mississippi.

"You couldn't believe the devastation," said Anderson. "There wasn't a home undamaged and trees and power lines were across the road everywhere." I've been through several ice storms up north, but I've never seen anything like this."

The two men spent their time in Mississippi working 16-18 hour days and sleeping on cots in huge 250-bed tents. They arrived home on Thursday, September 8 as two more Adams Electric Cooperative employees headed south. Mike DeWitt, line foreman from Timewell, and Roger Stegeman, apprentice lineman from Quincy assisted for 9 days and returned on Sunday, September 18. At that time, all of the planned work for Coast Electric had been completed and no additional crews were necessary.

The cooperatives of Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana requested help through the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC) in Springfield, IL, which manages the Illinois Electric Cooperative Emergency Work Plan. Electric co-ops that receive assistance repay their counterparts who provide emergency assistance once service restoration has been completed.



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