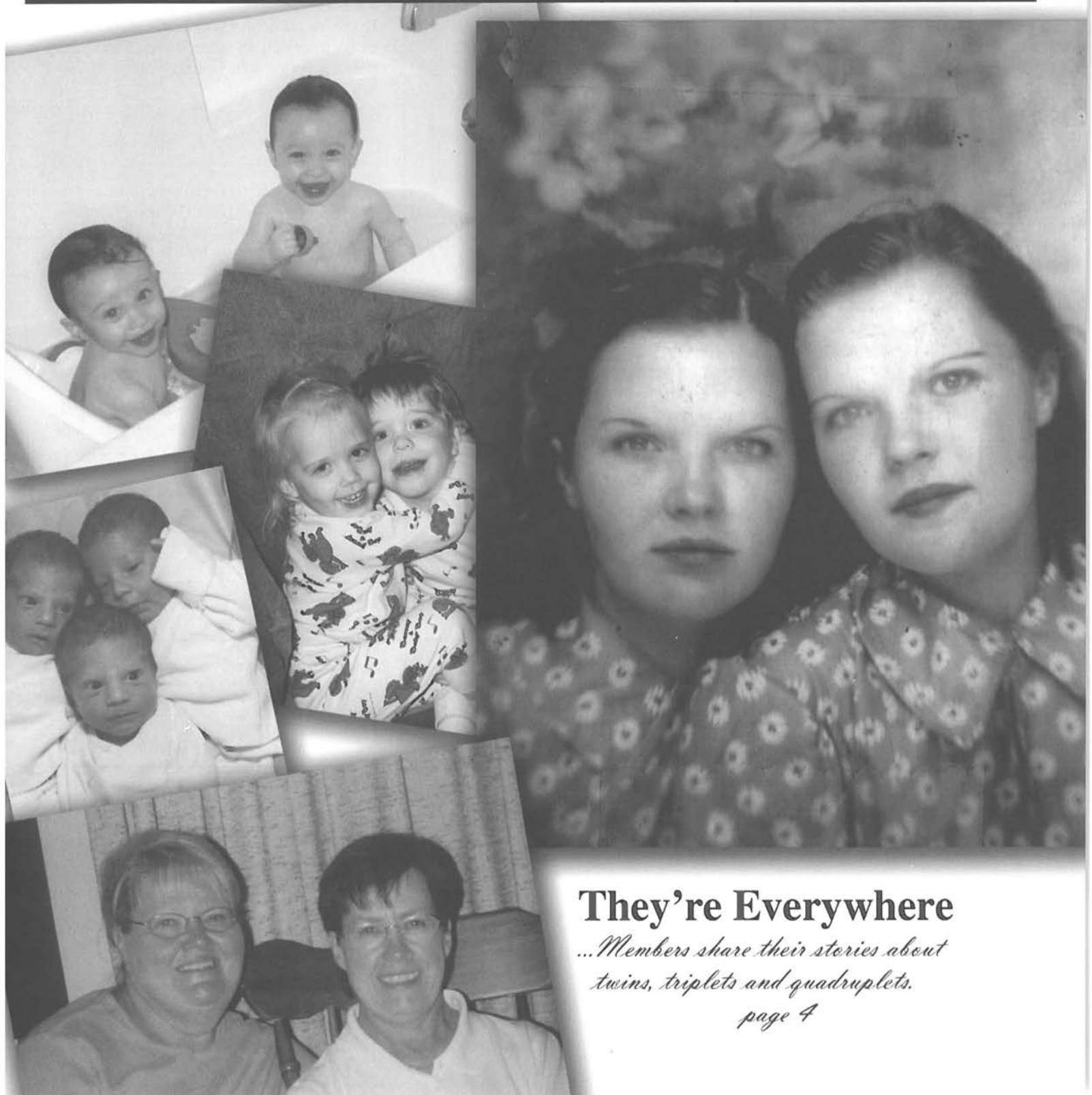


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*...Members share their stories about
twins, triplets and quadruplets.*

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IEC Memorial Scholarships

Five scholarships will be awarded in 2006 through the Illinois Electric Cooperative (IEC) Memorial Scholarship Program. Each scholarship will be worth \$1250.

Four of the scholarships may be used at any school in the United States. Three of these will be awarded to the sons/daughters of cooperative members in

Illinois. One scholarship is reserved for the son/daughter of a cooperative employee or director.

An additional scholarship has been added this year to be used at a two-year Illinois community college. This scholarship will be awarded to the son/daughter of a cooperative member or the son/daughter of a cooperative employee or director.

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.

For more information or to receive an application by mail, contact Adams Electric Cooperative at (800) 232-4797.

Ask the Editor

Member Q&A

When is the next Youth to Washington Tour and what ages are eligible to enter?



Applications will be available in December. All high school sophomores and juniors are eligible. Two students will be selected to represent Adams Electric Cooperative on the week-long all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. If you or someone you know might be interested, call ahead and we'll add you to our mailing list. Contact Laura at (800) 232-4797.

We just bought a new house. Our electric bills have been much higher than the previous owner's. What could be wrong?

It's nearly impossible to compare. Every family is different. Some families take more hot showers, wash clothes more often, open the refrigerator more frequently or set the thermostat higher. Different families have different habits. Some of the major contributors are heating, water heating, refrigeration and air-conditioning. If you have electric heat, consider purchasing a second meter to record all your heating, cooling and water heating usage separately from your other usage. You'll get a better rate...only 4.6 cents/kWh for all heating, cooling and water heating. Ask for details on the CHC (Controlled Heating & Cooling) rate.

Adams Electric Cooperative, The junior class parents and the Class of 2006 would like to thank you for your generosity in donating to this year's After Prom. Because of you, we were able to provide the students with a safe and fun-filled night. Thank you again for your support!

Your help is requested! We're looking for a member who has collected all (or most) of the cookbooks featured in the Illinois Country Living magazine. We're also interested in anyone who has collected every issue of the Illinois Country Living magazine or the Adams Outlet. Please call Laura at Adams Electric if you have any information (800) 232-4797.

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

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Electric Rates

From listening to the radio, reading newspaper articles, purchasing gas at the local gas station or paying your propane or natural gas bill, you are constantly reminded of high fuel costs.

According to MSNBC.com, the Energy Department said that natural gas users can expect an average jump in costs of about 48 percent. Fuel oil users will pay about 32 percent more and propane users can expect an increase similar to fuel oil. Costs will vary greatly across the country. If the Midwest experiences a colder-than-normal winter, natural gas prices could be much higher according to the DOE's Energy Information Administration.

Your electric Cooperative's electric rates are set to recover the cost of providing electric service to you our members. Since we are a Cooperative and not for profit, any excess margins in a given year are allocated back to the members in that year. We do not need to make profits to please stockholders.

We need to operate the Cooperative as efficiently as



General Manager
Jim Thompson PE

possible to please the members. We have worked hard to minimize expenses and have a favorable wholesale power contract through the end of 2008. We do not expect to have to raise electric rates during this time frame barring any major unforeseen circumstances.

The Cooperative has very favorable electric rates. For

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an all-electric home, we offer a controlled heating, air conditioning and water heating rate of \$0.046 per kWh. Please compare these costs with using other fuels. We also offer special rates to members with central air conditioning and/or electric water heating.

In addition to the low electric rates, the Cooperative offers rebates to the members who purchase electric heating systems and water heaters. We also have loans available for financing electric heating systems. If you are in a situation where you need to change your gas furnace or gas water heater, please contact our Member Services Department to see how your electric Cooperative can help.

They're Everywhere!

by Laura Dotson

Many factors can influence the likelihood of giving birth to multiples: heredity, the age of the mother and fertility treatments.

Multiple births have increased since the 1980s probably due to the advancements in fertility treatments and more couples waiting longer to start families.

For instance, Clomid, one of the more common fertility drugs is estimated to increase the odds of having twins by ten percent. Women who are at least 35 years old, also are said to have a greater chance of having multiples. In vitro fertilization boosts the number of multiple births even more.

Having twins, triplets, etc. poses challenges, but it also brings a uniqueness to the family that few experience.

Several members and employees have shared their stories about twins. We've even received stories about triplets and quadruplets.

Gibleon Quadruplets

"Four times the hugs and kisses" is the best part of having quadruplets, comments Anne, the mother of the Gibleon quadruplets. Clint and Anne were shocked when they found out they were having four babies.

Anne says having quads was difficult. "Eight weeks of complete bed rest and then they were born 12 weeks premature," she explains. The duration of a typical singleton birth is about 282 days but almost half of all twins are born premature. Often, the more babies the earlier they may be born. Brock was born the smallest at one pound, 15 ounces and Hunter was the largest at two pounds, six ounces.

Brock, Brenten, Chase and Hunter all share the same middle name, "William." Although none of the Gibleon quads are identical, the quads' great grandmother had identical triplets in 1924. The Gibleon quadruplets are considered fraternal quadruplets. Fraternal sets result from separate eggs being fertilized; they also have separate placentas.

Raising quadruplets is a financial struggle but one of the advantages is "when one stage is over, it's over," Anne says.

Funny things can happen when you have quads. Anne says, "We were in the mall once with two strollers. I was in one store with two and my mom was with the other two. A woman stopped my mom and said, 'There is a woman in the other store with an identical stroller and the kids are dressed the same as yours!'"

When asked if they've ever attended a twins/multiples convention, Anne says, "We've attended Blessing Hospital's support group." Blessing Hospital's Parents of Multiples support group allows parents to share ideas and resources and talk about the challenges and the joys of living with multiples. "We enjoy the experiences that the parents of singletons just don't have," adds Anne.

Brock, Brenten, Chase and Hunter are the 5-year-old sons of Clint and Anne Gibleon of Quincy. Grandparents, James and Roseann Liesen of Quincy are members of Adams Electric Cooperative.



l-r: Hunter, Chase, Brenten & Brock Gibleon



Lincoln & Lindsay Smith



Katlyn & Hawley Corrigan



Ruby (Hillyer) Trone & Ruth (Hillyer) Runkle



l-r: Craig, Curt & Chris Kuhn



l-r: Alyson, Evan & Katlyn Genenbacher

Smith Twins

Lindsay Smith says that one of the drawbacks of being a twin is having your twin in the same class, but it's good "when you forget your homework assignment, you can ask your twin what it was." However, it works for Mom and Dad too. "Mom knows if one of us doesn't do our homework," she explains.

Boy/girl fraternal twins, such as Lindsay and Lincoln, occur in about one third of all twin sets.

The Smith twins have different interests. "I love to read and Lincoln loves video games, sports, etc." The Smith twins are both out-going depending on the circumstances, but Lindsay says, "I talk more than Lincoln."

Lindsay and Lincoln are the 13-year-old twins of Brad and Cindy Smith of Plainville. Brad is an apprentice lineman with Adams Electric Cooperative.

Corrigan Twins

Rusty and Kim Corrigan have identical 3-year-old twin girls. Their names are Katlyn Sue and Hawley Marie. They are very identical. "There are some times grandma and grandpa and friends have trouble telling them apart," says Kim, mother of the twins.

The twins are very similar in size, staying within a half inch in height and a half pound in weight. Even they're interests are the same. "They enjoy the outdoors, fishing and helping their grandparents in the garden and riding in the combine with grandpa. They also like to help mom with taking care of their nine month old little brother, William," says Kim.

Identical twins result when a single egg is fertilized and then splits. They share all of their genes and have identical DNA. Still, identical twins will have different fingerprints and handwriting. Identical twins can share the same placenta or have separate placentas, depending on when the egg splits. Identical twins result in about one out of every 285 births. About one third of twin sets are identical.

"On my mother's side (Waite), there were several sets of twins born in the past," says Kim. This was a first for twins on her father's side (Orr). "The unique thing is that on my father's side from about July 2001 until May 2002, there were three sets of twins born. Of the three sets of twins, our girls were the only identical set," adds Kim. The others were girl/girl and boy/girl.

The Corrigan twins are very close. In fact, they're rarely apart. "They have to know what the other one is doing at all times," explains Kim.

Katlyn and Hawley's parents, Rusty and

Kim Corrigan are members of Adams Electric Cooperative. Grandparents are Glenn and Pauline Orr of Warsaw and Russell and Janice Corrigan of Loraine. Great grandmother is Erma Corrigan of Mendon.

Hillyer Twins

Identical twins Ruth and Ruby were born at home. They came into the world at three and a half pounds and three pounds, respectively. A very fragile size in 1923 when there was no such thing as an incubator. "Back then, they just kept the house hot," Ruth explains. Consider, too, that homes back then used wood or coal and had no duct work to move the heat. The doctor wanted to give up on Ruby but they worked with her; Ruth said it was probably because of her aunt who was a registered nurse that Ruby survived, "She helped Ruby." October 24, both twins celebrated a healthy 82nd birthday.

Ruth and Ruby are very active; they walk every morning. Ruby still cleans houses and Ruth has a huge flower garden that she maintains.

There have been several sets of twins since Ruth and Ruby, but all boy/girl sets. Ruth said, "Mom didn't know she was going to have twins until we came."

Today, about 80% of all multiple births are diagnosed prior to delivery.

Ruth doesn't believe her parents were ever confused, but she laughs, "Friends in school couldn't tell us apart. Even Gene, when he went with me, couldn't tell us apart." People still confuse them. Ruth says, "They ask if I'm Ruby and I say, 'I'm just about!'" Ruth can be in the middle of a conversation with someone often realizing the person thinks she is Ruby.

They used to dress alike most of the time. Ruth says, "We stopped when I got married."

Sometimes the twins think alike. "I sent her a birthday card last year and she sent me one just like it," Ruth laughed.

Ruth (Hillyer) Runkle lives in Littleton, while her twin Ruby (Hillyer) Trone lives in Macomb. Greg Runkle is the grandson of Ruth and a member of Adams Electric Cooperative.

Kuhn Quadruplets

When Joan Kuhn was five and a half months pregnant, she had an ultrasound revealing "either 4 or 5" babies. It was quite a surprise since there were no multiples in the family. The Kuhns had three girls at home already. On January 3, 1976, Joan delivered four boys naturally. "Curt, Craig and Chris are identical and Colin was fraternal. Colin only lived for 26 hours," Joan explains.

The three identical boys were

identical. "When they were small and even today, people have trouble telling them apart," Joan says. After the hospital bracelets were removed, Joan tied ribbons to their legs. One was red, one was white and the other was blue.

"You have to know them to tell them apart," Joan says. However, to keep track of them easier, Joan continued the red, white and blue system. Curt was always dressed in red. Craig was in white (but sometimes green or yellow) and Chris was in blue. "I just bought the same shirt in three different colors," Joan explains.

The Kuhns' had another boy, Kevin, five years later. Many of the boys' shirts were stripes. "Kevin didn't like stripes but I had so many of them!" Joan laughed.

People continue to mistake them for each other. "My mom still can't tell them apart," says Joan, as she describes how her mother constantly tries to pair Craig with Curt's wife for family photos.

At age 2 1/2, the Kuhns' discovered that all three boys were deaf. Later, Curt, Craig and Chris became the first triplets to receive bachelor's degrees from Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. (Gallaudet University is the only liberal arts school in the world specifically for the deaf and hard of hearing.) Joan said you can tell them apart just by the way they sign, "Craig signs slow. Curt signs faster."

Joan describes the best part of having multiples, "They were all interested in sports and they were almost 'their own team' on a team. They played sports together from little league through college."

Today, all three reside in Jacksonville; Curt is married, Craig is single and Chris is married with two children. Curt, Craig and Chris are the sons of Gene and Joan Kuhn of Ursa. The Kuhns are members of Adams Electric Cooperative.

Genenbacher Triplets

There are advantages to having triplets, "You go through everything at the same time. They actually potty trained themselves. It was competition for them," explains their mother, Peggy Genenbacher.

"It was my first pregnancy, so I don't have anything to compare it to. Everything seemed normal to me," Peggy says. At about six months, Peggy was put on complete bed rest, which is very common with multiples. The triplets were born six weeks early.

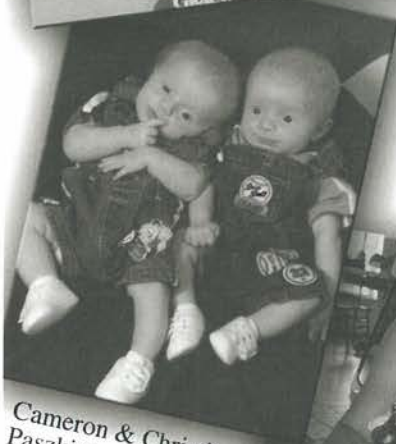
Peggy doesn't dress them alike. She says they are "totally different in every way." Katlyn is the most out-going— "she's a busy body and doesn't miss a thing." None of them act

Alex & Ben
Hibbert

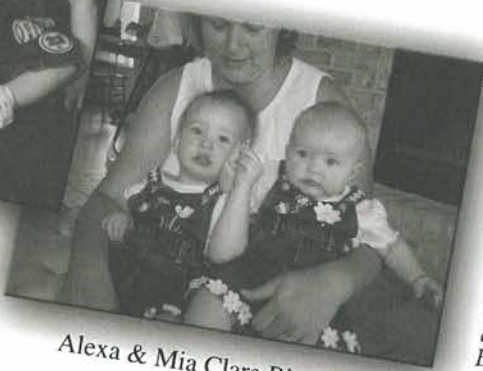
Bryce
& Cole
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Bonnie (Allison) Milbert
& Connie (Allison) Bange



Cameron & Christian
Paszkiet



Alexa & Mia Clare Blaesing

alike but they keep a close watch on each other. "One always wants to know what the other is doing," she explains.

The Genenbachers' reaction to having triplets was "We wanted twins. We just thought 'What's one more!'"

Peggy says, "When you put three minds together at the same time you never know what could happen. Sometimes it turns into a three-ring circus. One day I caught them riding their bicycles on the trampoline. If that wasn't a sight."

Alyson, Evan and Katlyn are the 6-year-old triplets of James and Peggy Genenbacher.

Hibbert Twins

Sometimes looking identical can be confusing to parents, other family members and friends. For Alex and Ben Hibbert, sometimes being twins can be confusing for themselves. The twins' grandmother, Joyce Hibbert explains, "Sometimes when they're looking at pictures of themselves,

they'll say, 'Now is that you or me?'"

They've tried to confuse others on purpose, "If they're dressed different, they'll change their shirts and go as long as they can to fool us," Joyce adds.

Although they are identical in appearance, their interests are quite different. "Ben is more of a clown, a joker-type," Joyce says.

Sometimes they will try to finish each others'

sentences but they get mad when one of them was left out in saying something.

Alex and Ben Hibbert are the 8-year-old twins of Philip and Stacey Hibbert and the grandsons of Dennis and Joyce Hibbert. Both Hibbert families are members of Adams Electric Cooperative

and Joyce is the custodian at Adams Electric Cooperative.

Paszkiet Twins

"Even though they're not identical, people still can't tell them apart," says Teresa Paszkiet, the mother of Cameron and Christian.

Many fraternal twins are mistaken as being identical. Some look alike; others may not. A DNA test can determine whether twins are truly identical or fraternal.

Although the twins are less than a year old, there is a difference in their personalities. "Christian is more out-going and Cameron is pretty laid back," says Teresa.

Twins run on both sides of the family, but Teresa says they were "shocked and then thrilled!" when they found out.

Cameron and Christian are the twins

of Steve and Teresa Paszkiet of Liberty. Grandparents Richard and Sandy Barger are members of Adams Electric Cooperative.

Nebe Twins

At first glance, Bryce and Cole Nebe look very much alike but those that know them well can see the difference. Cole is bigger.

Most of the time, the Nebe twins are dressed differently. Bryce is so much smaller than Cole that he actually gets hand-me-downs from his brother.

Fraternal twins can have very different personalities. The connection is no more or less than two siblings born at different times.

"Bryce is more out-going," says Sebby, their mother.

After having a daughter first, Sebby noticed an advantage to having twins, "There is always a playmate to keep them entertained." There is a disadvantage though, she adds, "When one is sick, the other one gets sick!"

She says the best part of having twins is "watching them interact, talk and play together."

Bryce and Cole are the 1-year-old sons of Troy and Sebby Nebe. The Nebes are members of Adams Electric Cooperative.

Allison Twins

Bonnie and Connie came as a surprise to their parents, "The doctor had told our parents all along that he was sure they'd have a big boy." The Allison's already had a 7-year-old girl, a 6-year-old girl and a 3-year-old boy.

Although the rest of the siblings were born at home, the twins were born in a hospital...barely. "We were nearly born on the bridge heading for Keokuk; however, we were born at the hospital in what they called the Rose room, not making it to the delivery room."

Even though Bonnie and Connie look different and share few interests, they have always been close. Bonnie adds, "I think that makes us even better friends. There are times we don't talk or see each other for weeks, but I can't imagine life without her." Bonnie says that having a twin "is like being born with a built-in best friend. You don't have to meet one, she's just there through every life happening. I can honestly say, I've never been lonely in my life because I've always had a relationship that not a lot of other people can brag about."

Bonnie is married to Ron Milbert. They have three children and live in Loraine. Connie is married to Frank Bange. They have one child and live in Quincy. The Milberts are members of Adams Electric Cooperative.

Blaesing "Irish" Twins

Some families may have "Irish"

twins and not realize it if they haven't heard the term. Irish twins are simply "two siblings born within a year."

Jennifer Blaesing experienced this unique situation. "After years of infertility treatments, we had a son in 2001 and then a daughter in January 2004. When our daughter (Alexa) was 3 months old, we were quite surprised and amazed to find out we were pregnant 'al naturale.'"

Mia Clare, meaning 'a miracle,' was born December 30, 2004. Jennifer says, "Our girls are 11 months apart. God works in wonderful and mysterious ways!"

"Irish" twins can be a convenience. "Right now, Alexa is walking so she's skinnier. Mia Clare is chunkier so they wear the same size clothes right now," explains Jennifer.

Alexa and Mia Clare are the "Irish" twins of Jim and Jennifer Blaesing of Mt. Sterling. The Blaesings are members of Adams Electric Cooperative.

Huber Twins

Virginia Huber calls it, "seeing double twice" after giving birth to two sets of twins. In 1958, she gave birth to twin girls, Marybeth at two pounds, seven ounces and Elizabeth at almost three pounds. Virginia adds, "When the twins were two days old, Elizabeth was taken to heaven and became our little angel. Marybeth, however, grew stronger each day and after being in St. Mary's Hospital for three months, was finally able to join her many sisters at home."

Although, there are several sets of twins in the family, the twin girls were a surprise to Virginia and her husband, Wilfrid. Even the doctor was surprised.

Then in 1963, Virginia gave birth to a second set of twins, Kent and Karen, almost five pounds each. Virginia said, "All went well and we were able to go home together within a few days. Dr. Cravens, our pediatrician, commented that as long as I fed the top and changed the bottom, everything would be fine."

Already having a large family at home with five daughters made bringing home two more babies easier. "I had lots of experience as well as lots of assistance," explained Virginia.

More twins were added to the family when daughter Alice married Bernie Zehnle who is a twin to Barb Mast; and again, when daughter Marie married John Baumgartner who is a twin to Frank Baumgartner. Virginia said, "Time will tell if future generations will be seeing double as I have."

Today, Marybeth is married to Scott Swigart; they reside near Quincy. Kent is married to

Janice (Reichert) and lives near Payson. Karen is married to Jim Brinkman of rural Fowler. Parents Wilfrid and Virginia Huber, of Quincy, are members of Adams Electric Cooperative.

Keck Triplets

Triplets (or more) can be all identical, all fraternal or a combination. The Keck triplets are a good example. Anna and Avery Keck are identical, while their brother, Bryce, is fraternal. Tracy Keck, their mother, usually dresses the girls alike.

Tracy calls her pregnancy, "an experience I will never forget." She said having triplets requires a lot of time and attention that takes away from their older sister, Taylor. Taylor is two and a half years older.

She says there are advantages to having triplets. One of them is, "There are more babies to love."

Anna, Avery and Bryce Keck celebrated their first birthday October 19. They are the triplets of Todd and Tracy Keck. Todd is the nephew of Steve and Vickie Fanning. Steve is Maintenance Supervisor at Adams Electric Cooperative.

Obert Twins

Jeff and Jody Obert went through quite an ordeal before they found out they were having twins. At first, Jody thought she was pregnant with one baby. Then tests came back saying her baby had spina bifida, a permanently disabling birth defect.

Immediately, they set up an appointment at St. John's hospital in Springfield, Illinois, for more tests. During the two weeks prior to their appointment, they were worried sick. As soon as they reached the hospital, Jody had an ultrasound. The nurse said, "Here's the problem—there's two heads." The Oberts gasped, "Two heads! Our baby has two heads!" The nurse quickly explained, "No, there are two babies! You're having twins!"

On March 30, 2002, Jody gave birth to two premature but healthy baby girls. "Justine was born at 5:55 a.m. and Zoey was born at 5:59 a.m.," Jody adds.

Jody had to deliver the girls early due to preclamsia. The risk of having preclamsia is higher for women carrying multiples; some of the signs of preclamsia are high blood pressure and swelling.

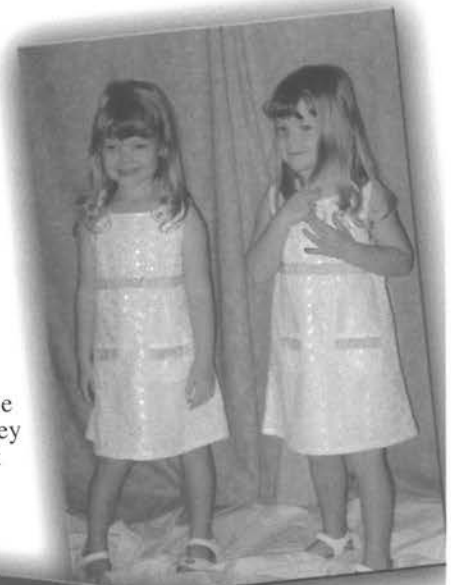
The twins each weighed two pounds, 15 ounces at birth. Due to their low birth weight, they were at St. John's NICU for 24 days.

After an unimaginable roller coaster of emotions, the Oberts were, at last, able to bring the girls home.

Whether Zoey and Justine are technically identical or not is unknown, but they look very much alike. The twins are generally dressed identically. Those that can't tell them apart might be lucky enough to spot different colored barrettes or different earrings to keep track of each girl. They simply "share pairs of clothes," Jody says.

"It is interesting to see people do a double take when they see the girls," says Jody.

Justine and Zoey are the twin daughters of Jeff and Jody Obert of Plainville. The Oberts are members of Adams Electric Cooperative.



Justine & Zoey Obert



l-r: (back) Marybeth (Huber) Swigart, Kent Huber & Karen (Huber) Brinkman



Anna, Avery & Bryce Keck

Holiday Safety Tips

When purchasing new kitchen appliances, look for UL-listed automatic shut-off features.

Be sure outlets near sinks are equipped with properly tested ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs).

Make sure a working fire extinguisher is on hand, and know how to use it.

Inspect all small appliances and electric cords, and read operating instructions before use.

Never plug more than one high-wattage appliance into a single outlet.

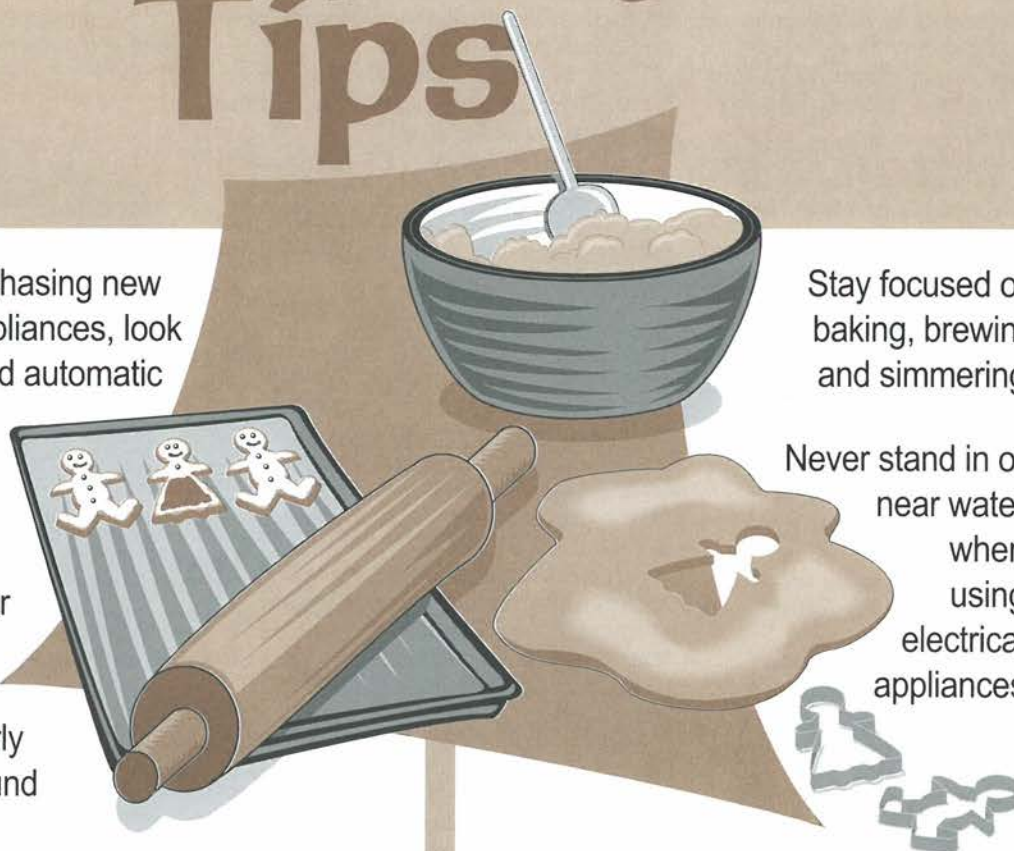
Stay focused on baking, brewing and simmering.

Never stand in or near water when using electrical appliances.

Keep young children away from cooking area, and closely supervise older children when cooking.

Keep cooking areas clean and free of grease.

Make certain all smoke detectors are working properly, and be sure everyone knows how to respond in case of an electrical accident or fire.





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Adams Electric Cooperative's Country Kitchen



Chocolate Pudding Pizza

Submitted by Ed Hilgenbrinck

- 1 pkg. (17 1/2 oz.) peanut butter cookie mix
- 1 3/4 cups cold milk
- 8 oz. frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 1/4 cup miniature semisweet chocolate chips
- 12 oz. softened cream cheese
- 1 pkg. (3.9 oz.) instant chocolate pudding mix

Prepare cookie mix dough to package directions. Press into a greased 12" pizza pan. Bake at 375 degrees for 15 minutes or until set; cool. In a mixing bowl, beat cream cheese until smooth. Spread over crust. In another mixing bowl, beat milk and pudding mix on medium speed for 2 minutes. Spread over the cream cheese layer. Refrigerate for 20 minutes or until set. Spread with whipped topping. Sprinkle with chips. Chill 1-2 hours. Yield: 12 servings.

Chocolate Cheesecake Pie

Submitted by Pat Dopheide

- Graham cracker pie crust
- 1 envelope unflavored gelatin
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 cup boiling water
- 2 pkgs. cream cheese, softened
- 4 squares semi-sweet baking chocolate, melted

Mix gelatin and sugar. Add boiling water. Stir until gelatin is completely dissolved. Beat cream cheese with electric

-Chocolate Cheesecake Pie continued-

mixer until creamy. Add melted chocolate. Beat until well blended. Gradually add gelatin mixture, beating until well blended. Refrigerate 45 minutes or until thickened. Stir occasionally. Pour into crust. Refrigerate at least three hours or until firm. Garnish as desired with strawberries or shaved chocolate. Serves 6-8.

White Chocolate Fudge

Submitted by Jeannette Miller

- 1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese, softened
- 4 cups powdered sugar
- 1 1/2 tsp. vanilla
- 12 oz. white chocolate (chips or bark)
- 3/4 cup chopped pecans

In a medium bowl, beat cream cheese with mixer. Gradually add in powdered sugar and vanilla and mix until smooth. Melt white chocolate in microwave, making sure not to overcook, by cooking one minute at a time, then stirring. Add melted chocolate to mixture and beat until smooth. Stir in pecans. Pour mixture into a butter-greased 8x8 inch pan. Chill in refrigerator until firm. Cut into small squares.

Chocolate Dessert Wrap

Submitted by Amanda Runkle

- 1/2 cup creamy peanut butter
- 4 (8 inch) flour tortillas
- 1 cup miniature marshmallows
- 1/2 cup miniature semisweet chocolate chips
- Vanilla ice cream

-Chocolate Dessert Wrap continued-

Spread 2 tbsp. peanut butter on each tortilla. Sprinkle 1/4 cup marshmallows and 2 tbsp. chocolate chips on half of each tortilla. Roll up, beginning with the topping side. Wrap each tortilla in heavy-duty foil, seal tightly. Grill, covered, over low heat for 5-10 minutes or until heated through. Remove foil from each tortilla and place on dessert plates. Serve with ice cream. Garnish with chocolate shavings, if desired. Makes 4 servings.

Kitchen Tips

- To avoid stale snack food, store chips and pretzels in the freezer.
- Keep potatoes from budding by placing an apple in the bag with the potatoes.
- Spray your Tupperware with nonstick cooking spray before pouring in tomato sauces. No more stains.
- When a cake mix calls for flouring the pan, use a bit of the dry cake mix instead. No more white mess on the outside of cake.

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Illinois Touchstone Energy® Co-op Message Seen By 600,000

Illinois Touchstone Energy® cooperatives demonstrated the power of human connections through four event sponsorships this past summer. Sponsoring Special Olympics Summer Games, the Touchstone Energy® Hot Air Balloon at the Centralia Balloon Fest, the Farm Progress Show and the Illinois Tractor Pulling Association (ITPA) pulling circuit gave Illinois cooperatives the opportunity to demonstrate the brand's four core values of integrity, accountability, innovation, and commitment to community. It also showcases the

co-ops' innovative products and services, and promote the cooperative business model to more than 600,000 attendees.

For more than five years, the Illinois Touchstone Energy® cooperatives have been point sponsors for the Illinois Tractor Pulling Association (ITPA) circuit. Point sponsors help to fund prize money that is awarded to winning pullers at the end of the season. The circuit roars and charges from Mid-June through Mid-September each year, and includes most county fairs in rural Illinois and the Illinois State Fair, encompassing 69 events.

To qualify for point money, each pulling vehicle must display a Touchstone Energy® decal. Tractor pulling is one of the biggest draws to county fairs, and Touchstone Energy® is happy to help keep the tradition alive.

The Special Olympics Summer Games, held in Normal

on June 17-19, were a success, as always, with lots of victories and smiles. And perfect weather was just icing on the cake.

Each year, Special Olympics Summer Games offer a venue for people with intellectual

The Touchstone Energy® Hot Air Balloon, along with 39 other hot air balloons, lit up the sky during the balloon glow at sunset at the annual Centralia Balloon Fest on August 19-21.



The smiles say it all. It is why the Illinois Touchstone Energy® cooperatives sponsor Special Olympics. We know our sponsorship makes a difference.

Photo by Nancy Nixon

disabilities to compete in a range of sports, such as aquatics, athletics, Bocce, gymnastics, power lifting and soccer. The games give more than 3,500 people from across the state, who may never have been able to participate in a sporting event before, an opportunity to be an athlete for a day. This helps the athletes build confidence, coordination and gives them a sense of accomplishment. Everyone who participates is a winner.

Special Olympics is the charity of choice for Illinois Touchstone

Energy® cooperatives, in keeping with the "commitment to community" core value. Touchstone Energy® sponsored the power-lifting venue at this past summer's games.

Great weather, a new semi-permanent location in Decatur, and a well-run show helped to boost traffic in Touchstone Energy's three-lot exhibit during the Farm Progress Show, Aug. 30-31 and Sept. 1.

Live programs kept the Touchstone Energy® tent jumping throughout the show. Energy efficiency expert Doug Rye, host of "Home Remedies" radio show, appeared live several times daily. And the electric safety program, "Live Line Demo," featuring former lineman Kyle Finley, generated plenty of excitement. A number of vendors brought in displays featuring geothermal technology, energy efficiency products, and safety, and Touchstone Energy® Child Identification Kits and other goodies were handed out to each attendee.

The co-ops also sponsored the Farm Progress Show's opening festivities each morning with a fly-over of the Touchstone Energy® Hot Air Balloon and the National Anthem sung by Decatur's Swingsations.

This year's annual Centralia Balloon Fest, held in Foundation Park, was blessed with perfect weather, and the Illinois Touchstone Energy® cooperatives sponsored the Touchstone Energy® Hot Air Balloon to participate in festival events. Saturday evening's balloon glow was a highlight of the weekend with 40 festive balloons participating. The brilliantly glowing balloons reflected in the park's lake, creating an even more dramatic effect. Pilot Cheri White said the great weather made it possible for her to participate in every scheduled flight, glow and race during the festival. This gave the Touchstone Energy® Hot Air Balloon a chance to really show its colors.

Sponsorship of these events was made possible by the Illinois Statewide Touchstone Energy® fund, which pools funds from all Illinois Touchstone Energy® cooperatives. Adams Electric General Manager Jim Thompson said, "A single co-op wouldn't have the resources to support these events. Through cooperative effort, we're able to support events important to our communities. We're also able to communicate a branding message that will help to increase public awareness of cooperatives and show how Touchstone Energy® is helping co-op members and their communities."

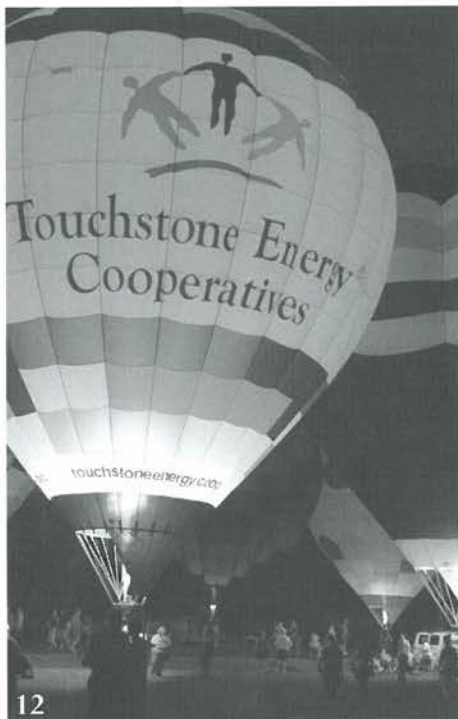


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November

Calendar of Events

Fall Hard Times Supper

November 4 (Fri), 4 pm (until it's gone, about 7 pm), United Methodist Church of Loraine (East side of Loraine). Free will offering. Fresh pork & Northern beans, homemade mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, applesauce, cornbread, homemade pie & drinks. Country store with crafts & baked goods. Proceeds will support missions. (217) 938-2861



Bazaar

November 5 (Sat) 8 am-2 pm, Grace United Methodist Church, 311 N. 48th, Quincy. Homemade noodles & chicken, homemade rolls, salad bar, pie & drinks served 11 am-1pm. Free will offering. Carry-outs available. (217) 222-8028

Rushville Red Hat Rendezvous & Sneak A Peak At Christmas

November 5 (Sat), (217) 322-3689

Quincy Historic Business District Washington Park Lighting Ceremony

November 10, 6 pm (Thurs), 5th & Maine, Quincy. (217) 228-8696

Veterans Day

November 11 (Fri) Adams Electric Cooperative's office will be closed in honor of Veterans Day.



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Collver Family Winery Wine & Cheese Tasting

November 12 (Sat), Barry (217) 335-3279

Quincy Historic Business District "It's All About Me Thursday"

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November 17, 5-8 pm (Thurs), Downtown Quincy. (217) 228-8696

Quincy Historic Business District Holiday Open House

November 18 (Fri), Downtown Quincy. (217) 228-8696

Country Treasures Folk Art & Craft Show

November 18-20 (Fri-Sun), Oakley-Lindsay Civic Center, Quincy. Homemade treasures featuring holiday items. Admission charge. (217) 223-1000



Quincy Service League Annual Holiday Gift Show & Sale

November 19-20 (Sat-Sun), Quincy Senior High, 33rd & Maine. Annual event featuring 100 booths of great Christmas gifts, holiday decorations & home decor. Admission charge. (217) 223-1000

St. Brigid's Turkey Dinner

November 20, 11 am-2 pm (Sun), St. Brigid, Liberty. Buffet-style dinner includes turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, cranberry sauce, apple salad, tea & coffee. Handicap-accessible. Adults: \$7.50, Children 6-12: \$3.00, Children under 6: Free (217) 645-3444

KHQA Blood Drive

November 22 (Tues), KHQA Studios, Quincy. (217) 222-6200

Avenue of Lights

Thanksgiving Day thru New Year's Day, 6 pm-9:30 pm, Wavering-Moorman Park, Quincy. Two-mile long animated light festival with over 1 million lights & 40 displays. \$6 per car. (217) 222-7980

Thanksgiving Day

November 24 (Thurs) Adams Electric Cooperative's office will be closed Thursday, Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 25 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

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Quincy Family YMCA Turkey Run/Walk/Swim

November 24 (Thurs), 3101 Maine, Quincy. (217) 222-9622

Lighting of the Square

November 25 (Fri), Rushville. (217) 322-3689

Quincy Community Theatre Production of "A Christmas Story"

November 25-27 & 30 (Fri-Sun & Wed), Oakley-Lindsay Civic Center, Quincy. (217) 222-3209

Collver Family Winery Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre "Dr. Jekyll & Mister Holmes"

November 26 (Sat), Collver Family Winery, Barry. For tickets, call (217) 335-3279

Quincy Museum Decorated For Christmas

November 27 (Sun), Quincy Museum. Come see the Newcomb-Stillwell House decorated in its holiday splendor.

KHQA Toys For Tots Toy Blitz

November 28 (Mon). (217) 222-6200

FREE EVENT LISTINGS

**Deadline for submitting
December Events:
November 1, 2005**

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/s/ Laura Dotson, Editor

In The News...

Hurricane Restoration Update

Adams Electric Cooperative has sent several crews to assist Gulf Coast electric cooperatives devastated by the hurricanes.

During the summer, after the destruction from Hurricane Dennis, Forestry Assistant Kraig Street of Rushville and Journeyman Lineman Kevin Knight of Timewell traveled to Southern Pine Electric Cooperative in Alabama for six days. The men repaired damage mostly from downed trees.

More help was needed after Hurricane Katrina. Apprentice Lineman Brad Smith of Plainville and Journeyman Lineman Brian Anderson of Rushville were sent to assist in Mississippi. "We did a lot of work

setting poles and putting up lines," said Brad. The men helped at Tippah Electric for one day, then nearly two weeks at Coast Electric Power Association located in Kiln, Mississippi.

Line Foreman Mike DeWitt of Timewell and Apprentice Lineman Roger Stegeman of Quincy were called to replace Brad and Brian. Mike and Roger spent an additional nine days in Mississippi.

In October, after Hurricane Rita, additional crews were requested. Apprentice Lineman Chad Reiche of Mt. Sterling and Journeyman Lineman Mike Olson of Golden spent 15 days in Jennings, Louisiana working on transmission pole framing and repairing distribution lines.

At the time of publication, Line Foreman Pat Boylen of Camp Point

and Apprentice Lineman Anthony Jarboe of Quincy had just arrived at Jefferson Davis Electric Cooperative to relieve Mike and Chad. They are scheduled to stay for approximately two weeks.

Crews from hundreds of cooperatives across the country have worked 16-18 hour days, sleeping on cots in huge tents.

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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DEADLINE: Fri., February 17



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