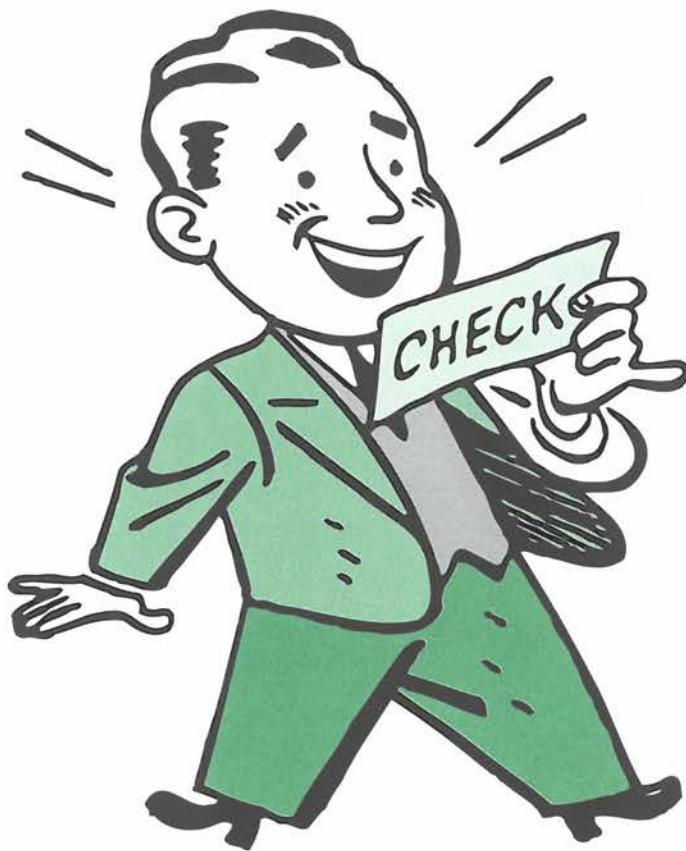


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News for Members of Adams Electric Cooperative, Camp Point, Illinois

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9 Ways To Save Money On Your Heating Bills

Most winterizing steps can pay for themselves relatively quickly.



- 1 Find air leaks in your home by moistening your fingertips to feel for drafts. Run your fingertips around doors, windows, and fixtures that penetrate walls like exhaust fans and outlets. Look for gaps near dryer vents, chimneys and faucet pipes. Seal all the leaks with caulking or weather-stripping.
- 2 Insulate your attic, crawl space and garage.
- 3 Replace screens with storm windows and doors.
- 4 If you have older or leaky windows that you cannot replace, consider temporary fixes, such as plastic film kits.
- 5 Install an automatic thermostat.
- 6 Open curtains to let sunshine warm your home and close them at night to keep warmth in.
- 7 Make sure fireplace dampers are closed when not in use.
- 8 Clean or replace furnace filters.
- 9 Consider replacing your furnace if it is more than 30 years old. Furnaces that old are usually less than 50 percent energy efficient.

Ask the Editor

Member Q&A

Dear Mr. Stalder,

On behalf of the Quincy Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association, we would like to thank you for the generous donation. Mere words can't begin to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude for the \$5,000.00 grant, which came from the Penny Power Program. This brings us closer to our goal of purchasing an Emergency Response Vehicle for the Quincy Police Department.

Businesses such as Adams Electric Cooperative and its members make one pause and realize how truly blessed we are to live in a community with such giving and sharing people. Once again, thank you for supporting us in this worthwhile endeavor.

Sincerely,

Ann Boland, President QCPAAA; Mary Jane Bauer and Jane Blickhan Fund Raising Committee Co-Chairs; Jo Bauer and Jean Craig, Fund Raising Committee Members

Dear Contributor:

The Coatsburg-Paloma Lionesses want to thank all the businesses in the surrounding area for their contribution of raffle and door prizes for the Lioness Annual Card Party Fund Raising Event.

The success of the event depends upon your community spirit and generosity. Proceeds from this event help the vision and hearing impaired.

The club sincerely thanks you for your contribution and for making a difference in the lives of those we serve.

Sincerely,

Mary Ellen Owens and Vivian Hardy, Fund Raising Committee

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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Editor
Laura Dotson



Capital Credits Returned

Good news for our membership! The Cooperative has enjoyed a strong financial year in 2005 and has decided to return capital credits to our members.

The Adams Electric Cooperative Board of Directors has authorized payment of \$392,706 to the members that received electricity from the Co-op in 1978. If you are one of the 2,000 plus

current members who received electricity from Adams Electric Cooperative in 1978, you will be receiving a check in the mail! (About 5,000 past members from 1978 will be receiving checks as well. Please refer to the feature article on page 4 for more information.)

We believe the return of capital credits will be a welcomed sight to our members after living with the high price of gasoline and rising prices of other goods and services. With the holidays just around the corner, we thought the timing of the disbursement would be appreciated.

As many of you are aware, cooperatives have a unique distinction from other

electric providers. Our business structure allows us to focus on our number one priority which is providing great service for our member-owners. When revenue exceeds the cost of operating the Cooperative, we can return this money to our members in the form of capital credits. Hopefully this return of capital credits will help forge a strong

identity among consumers that they are indeed member-OWNERS of the Cooperative.

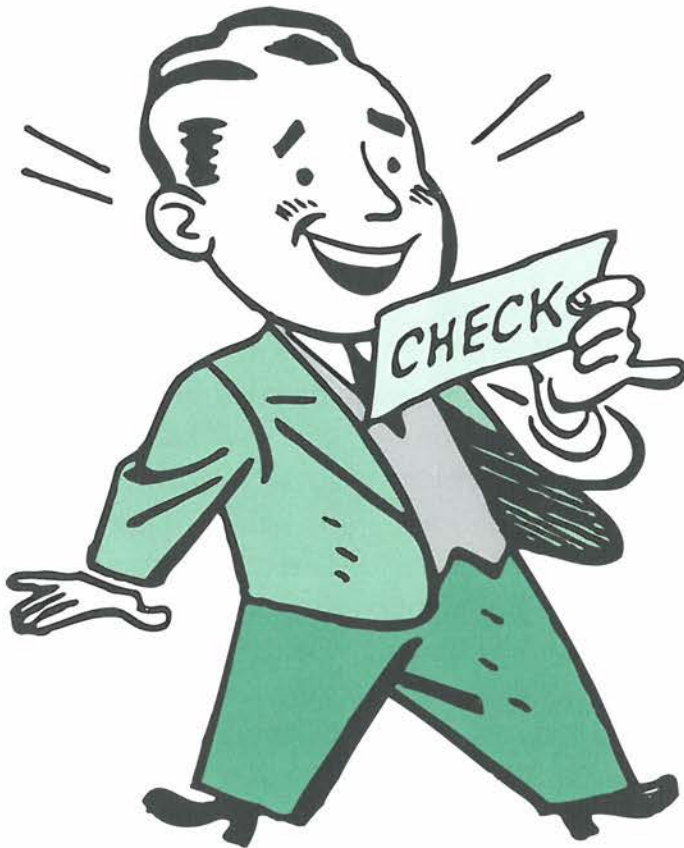
Many of the Adams Electric Cooperative's long-time members have experienced the good times along with the bad. We thank you for your loyalty and want you to know on behalf of the Board of Directors, management, and employees of Adams Electric Cooperative just how delighted we are to have this opportunity to return capital credits to you. We look forward to serving you and to returning even more capital credits in the future.

From the Board of Directors, employees and myself, enjoy your holiday season!



General Manager
Jim Thompson PE

Over \$390,000 in Capital Credits from 1978 Will Be Returned



**...one of the benefits of being a
cooperative member-owner.**

What are capital credits?

As a member of a cooperative, you pay for service at cost and share in the annual margins. In other types of businesses, such as investor-owned utilities, only stockholders receive dividend-type refunds. Since you are a member-OWNER, you are entitled to this monetary benefit.

How do I earn capital credits?

As a member of an electric cooperative, you earn capital credits in proportion to the amount of electricity used. A separate account is set up for each member and the amount of margins earned each year is carefully recorded. If you have multiple accounts, you will earn multiple credits. However, you will receive one check for the combined total from all accounts.

How are margins invested?

Margins in excess of the cost of service are used for the payment of debts, maintenance of the system, renewal and replacement, for emergencies, etc. This investment allows your electric cooperative to provide reliable electric service.

When are capital credits (margins) returned?

Capital credits are returned when the financial condition and the amount of equity (ownership) of our system is sufficient for it to be repaid. The Cooperative's goal is to maintain a 25-30 year retirement cycle.

The amount of capital credits earned within a given year, determines how and when the capital

credits will be distributed. The cooperative may return an entire year's capital credits all at once. Other times a portion of one year or several years may be returned. All capital credits will eventually be returned to members.

Why 1978?

All capital credits from 1939 through 1977 have been paid. Your Board of Directors has recently authorized paying capital credits for the next year in the retirement cycle.

How does 1978 compare to previous years?

Margins were very high in 1978 with a capital credit total of \$392,706. Consider that the combined amount from 1976 and 1977 (returned in 1999 and 2000) only totaled \$237,200 in refunds. The entire amount of capital credits from 1939 through 1977 totaled \$1,922,939.

THE BIG QUESTION: Do I get a refund?

If you were a member of Adams Electric Cooperative in 1978 and your capital credit total that year was \$10 or more, you will be receiving a refund. Capital credit checks will be mailed at the end of November 2005. If your amount was less than \$10, the amount will be held in your capital credit account until it reaches the \$10 minimum.

How many members does this affect?

There were 7,085 members in 1978; a little over 2,000 of these members are still on Adams Electric Cooperative lines. All 7,085 members from 1978, whether

they still live on Adams Electric lines or not, have earned a refund.

How much will be returned?

100% of the capital credits from 1978 (\$392,706) will be refunded in 2005. The average check amount is \$55. Your check could be more or less depending on the amount of electricity you used during that year.

What if a member has moved away?

We will attempt to mail all refunds this November. All names from returned checks, "lost members," will be listed in future editions of the Adams Outlet (90 days after the distribution of checks). After viewing these lists, please call or write Adams Electric Cooperative with any information you can give us about a friend or relative you see listed. If you write, please be sure to include a telephone number where you can be reached during the day.

What if a member is deceased?

Adams Electric Cooperative offers the option of returning capital credits to the estates of deceased members. Capital credits from 1979 through 2004 can be advanced on a seven percent (7%), 25-year discounted basis. Keep in mind, this method is optional. This policy allows estates to be closed and is intended to prevent the confusion associated with annual capital credit payments.

For more information on what documentation is needed for settlement of capital credits for

estates, call the office at 1-800-232-4797.

If a member is deceased, and capital credits have not been retired, checks for 1978 will be mailed to the estate.

When will capital credits from 1979-2005 be refunded?

Distribution of capital credits is determined by the financial condition of the Cooperative with the goal of returning funds within a 25-30 year retirement cycle. The decision to return funds must be authorized by your Board of Directors.

What should I do if I move off Adams Electric lines?

Keep the Cooperative informed of your location when you move. Continue to update the Cooperative if you move again in the future. You have earned capital credits; it is very important for us to be able to locate you when your portion of funds are distributed.

7 Cooperative Principles

- 1) Voluntary and Open Membership
- 2) Democratic Member Control
- 3) Members' Economic Participation
- 4) Autonomy and Independence
- 5) Education, Training and Information
- 6) Cooperation Among Cooperatives
- 7) Concern for Community

Penny Power Funds Could Support Projects Like These...

- Rehabilitation equipment
- Support of at-risk teens
- Assisted living facility
- Communication equipment
- Community park project
- Reduction of child abuse
- Arts enrichment
- Positive decisions program
- Fire education
- Neighborhood clean-up
- Community service project
- Research project
- Social challenges program
- Youth/school enrichment
- Wheelchair ramp
- CPR mannequin
- Community development
- Recycling program
- Youth camp
- First-aid training
- Energy conservation
- Farm safety training
- Conservation project
- Playground equipment
- Lighting project
- Nutrition program
- Libraries
- Kids-off-streets club
- Emergency assistance
- Crime prevention
- City clean-up
- Literacy program
- Senior citizen van
- Rural clean-up
- Learning equipment

These are only a few suggestions. Actual project proposals shall be voted on by the Grant Review Committee comprised of members of the Cooperative (who are currently serving or have previously served on the AEC Advisory Committee) and staff of the cooperative.

\$5,000 Penny Power Grant Awarded



Representatives of Quincy Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (QCPAAA): Ann Boland, President of QCPAAA; Ruby Sparks, Vice-President of QCPAAA; Jane Blickhan Fundraising Committee Co-chair; Mary Jane Bauer, Fundraising Committee Co-chair (not pictured); Jo Bauer; Jean & Dave Craig; and Bob & Janett Mueller (QCPAAA Secretary); **Emergency Response Team Members:** Adam Yates, Darin Kent, Curt Weeries, Mike Tyler, Kevin Taute, and Bryan Dusch; **Adams Electric Cooperative:** Bill Stalder

Local groups will, again, benefit by your generosity. The second Penny Power Grant was awarded on Saturday, October 22, 2005, to the Quincy Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association (QCPAAA). The \$5,000 grant will be put toward the purchase of an emergency response vehicle for the Emergency Response Team of the Quincy Police Department. The check was awarded during a cookout

fundraising event held at County Market on 30th Street. Following the presentation of the award, Ann

Boland, QCPAAA President said, "We are so very fortunate to live in a community with such a strong, giving spirit. Everyone involved with this project is so passionate about it. That explains the tears, high fives, and all the hugging. We are humbled by the generosity of everyone that has made a

contribution... whether it was \$5.00 or \$5,000. We want to thank Adams Electric Cooperative's members for their participation in the

Penny Power program. Thanks to them, we are now only a few thousand dollars short of our goal."



The total amount needed to purchase the emergency response vehicle is \$42,519.00. The organization has raised money through numerous events including raffles, auctions, cookouts at County Market, coupon books, etc., almost every weekend since April. The organization still needed approximately \$9,000 by the time the grant was awarded. QCPAAA hopes to have the project completed by December 25, 2005. "We will also be selling Current products and Home Interior products in November," said Mary Jane Bauer, Fund Raising Committee Co-Chairman.

The vehicle will be used to store and transport the team's equipment when they are called to emergencies. The entire community will benefit from the project by making the response

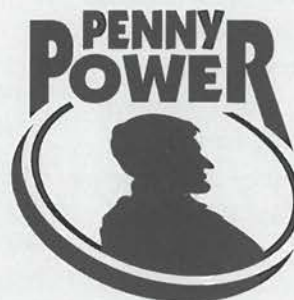
time to high risk situations much faster. Contributions may be sent to: QCPAAA, P.O. Box 395, Quincy, IL 62306.

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 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," said Bill Stalder, Manager of Marketing and Member Services.

Penny Power Program

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



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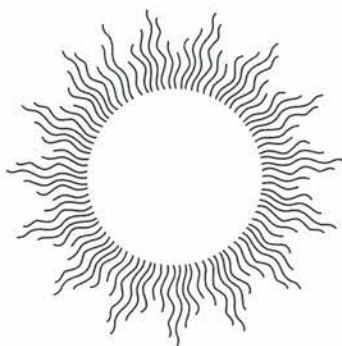
Geothermal information available at www.geocomfort.com

In The News...

Warmer Temperatures

Source: *Electric Co-op Today* based on news & wire reports.

Based on a report by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, officials are predicting temperatures to be warmer-than-normal this winter for most of the nation. The Great Plains, the Pacific Northwest and the Rocky Mountain regions are likely to experience a light warming trend, brought on partially by the movement of air in the jet stream. The Southwest, from Arizona to New



Mexico can expect drier-than-normal conditions. The agency reminded the public that parts of the United States will still experience bouts of cold weather.

Change to Daylight Saving Time Coming

Source: *Electric Co-op Today*

For some, the question is asked every year: When does daylight-saving time end? DST begins at

2 a.m. the first Sunday of April and ends at the same time the last Sunday of October. That's all going to change starting in 2007. As part of the Energy Act of 2005, Congress mandated



a new schedule. The extra hour of daylight will begin earlier, the second Sunday of March, and end later, the first Sunday of November. Studies show that DST reduces U.S. electricity consumption by approximately 1 percent per day.

Biomass Research

Source: *Electric Co-op Today* based on news & wire reports.

In one project, by the University of Idaho, nearly \$700,000 will be used to study new ways to extract cellulose from straw for use in biofuels. A total of eleven bio-mass research projects will receive \$12.6 million in support from the Department of Agriculture's Biomass Research and Development Initiative. The money will support renewable energy that has the potential to expand agricultural markets.

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Adams Electric Cooperative's Country Kitchen



Chocolate Chip Peanut Brittle Bites Cookies

Submitted by Ed Hilgenbrinck

1/2 cup butter
1/3 cup shortening
1 cup packed brown sugar
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. salt
2 eggs
2 tsp. vanilla
2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1 (12 oz.) pkg. (2 cups)
semi-sweet chocolate pieces
1/4 cup chopped peanuts
1/2 cup crushed peanut brittle

In an extra large bowl, beat butter and shortening with electric mixer on medium to high speed for 30 seconds. Add brown sugar, granulated sugar, baking soda and salt. Beat until combined. Beat in eggs and vanilla until combined. Beat in as much flour as you can with mixer. Using a wooden spoon, stir in any remaining flour. Stir in chocolate pieces and peanuts. Drop dough by rounded teaspoonsful 2 inches apart onto ungreased cookie sheet. Flatten slightly with the back of a spoon. Sprinkle 1/2 tsp. of crushed peanut brittle into center of each cookie. Bake in oven at 350 degrees for 9-11 minutes or until edges are lightly browned. Cool on sheet for 1 minute. Transfer to wire rack; cool. Makes about 48 cookies. Note: When I make mine, I add 3/4 to 1 cup additional peanut brittle into the dough. It adds

more peanut brittle to the flavor and adds more cookies to the quantity.

Date-Walnut Honey Bars

Submitted by Ed Hilgenbrinck

Oatmeal Crust:
3/4 cup rolled oats
3/4 cup sugar
1/2 tsp. salt
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup unsalted butter
1 Tbsp. water

Filling:
3/4 cup honey
3/4 cup apple jelly
1/4 cup unsalted butter
1/4 cup packed brown sugar
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt
4 eggs, lightly beaten
1 tsp. vanilla
2 cups chopped pitted dates
2 1/2 cups walnuts,
coarsely chopped

Prepare Oatmeal Crust. Place oats, sugar and salt in blender or food processor. Blend until oats are finely chopped. Transfer to large mixing bowl. Stir in flour. Using a pastry blender, cut butter into flour until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Sprinkle water over mixture. Continue to blend until mixture forms loose crumbs. Press evenly into bottom of two greased 13 x 9 baking pans. Bake each pan on center rack of oven for 12 minutes at 350 degrees. Cool on wire racks.

In a saucepan, combine honey, jelly and butter. Cook over low heat for 5 minutes or until butter and jelly are melted, stirring often. Remove from heat. In a mixing bowl, stir together sugar, flour, baking powder and salt. Add eggs and vanilla; beat until smooth. Stir in honey mixture. Pour half of filling over each prepared crust. Spread evenly. Top each with dates and walnuts. Bake for 25 minutes. Cool on wire racks. Chill for 30 minutes. Cut each pan into 18 bars, 3x2 inches each. Makes 36.

Stewed Okra

Submitted by Dustin Dotson

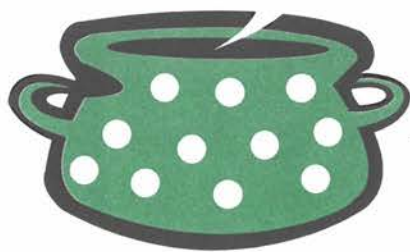
1 gallon okra, cut in slices
1 large onion, cut fine
1/2 cup cooking oil
1 - 16 oz. can whole tomatoes
1 - 8 oz. can tomato sauce

Saute okra and onion in cooking oil in iron pot until okra is no longer ropy. Add tomatoes and tomato sauce, put on lid, turn fire to low and let steam about 30 minutes.

Have a favorite recipe you'd like to share?

Mail your recipe(s) to:
Attn: Laura Dotson
Adams Electric Cooperative
P.O. Box 247
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Cooking Tips



from Members

Time Guide For Meat

Submitted by Joyce Blickhan of Fowler

A real time saver...just put it in the crockpot!

IF RECIPE SAYS	COOK IN CROCK POT
15 to 30 minutes	1 1/2-2 hrs. on High OR 4-6 hrs. on Low
35 to 45 minutes	3-4 hrs. on High OR 6-10 hrs. on Low
50 min. to 3 hrs.	4-6 hrs. on High OR 8-18 hrs. on Low

Use half the recommended amount of liquid. One cup liquid is enough for any recipe unless it contains rice or pasta.

Cauliflower

Submitted by Joyce Blickhan of Fowler
Add milk to the water when cooking cauliflower and it will remain white.



Deviled Eggs

Submitted by Darleen Holtmeyer of Quincy
When making deviled eggs, I use the chopper part of my mini food processor to grind up the yolks. It's a lot faster and there are no lumps.

Chocolate

Submitted by Marge Mohrman of Camp Point

Anytime you make something with chocolate, always add "a little" salt because it enhances the flavor.



Families On The Go

Submitted by Janet Arns of Quincy

I make larger quantities of food like casseroles and package them into one-serving sizes and put them in the freezer. Then when my kids need to eat before or after an activity, we just pull out a serving size.

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Do you have something you consider a good luck charm? Send us a picture. Tell us how it brought you luck. **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**

"Worst haircut..."

Send us your photos. If an explanation seems necessary, tell us how it happened. **DEADLINE: Fri., March 17**



Send your entries to: **Laura Dotson, Adams Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 247, Camp Point, IL 62320** or E-mail 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.



Windows don't sweat, football players do!

by Doug Rye, the "Doctor of Energy Efficiency"
- the King of Caulk and Talk

Every year as winter approaches I get numerous calls from folks telling me that their windows are sweating, causing wood rot, mold and mildew and other undesirable problems. One of my favorite answers is, "Windows don't sweat, a football player sweats." Actually, the proper word is condensation. But I personally think sweat sounds best, so we'll say windows "sweat."

Why do some windows "sweat"? And what can you do about it?

Simply put, windows "sweat" because the windows are colder than the dew point of the air in the room. Only two steps will prevent this problem.

No. 1 – Make the window warmer. Consider this. What happens if you set a glass of cold iced tea on the coffee table? First mother screams, "Don't set that there, it will leave a ring on the table!" What is happening? The cold surface from the glass is below the dew point. Moisture in the air moves to that cold spot and turns to water. Solution - warm the glass. For example, if you pour that same glass of iced tea into a Styrofoam

cup, no condensation occurs because the Styrofoam cup is warmer than the dew point in the room.

No. 2 – Lower the humidity. If you are having moisture problems on your windows in the winter, perhaps the most economical solution is to lower the humidity in the room. Determine the source of the moisture. Is it from having lots of plants; is it from not using the vent fan when showering, bathing or cooking? If your house is on a slab, most humidity comes from not using a vent fan in kitchens and bathrooms, as well as bad ductwork and air infiltration.

However, if your house has a crawl space, the condensation on your windows is most likely coming from your crawl space. The solution for that one? Eliminate water and moisture problems under your house by totally sealing the ground and foundation walls with heavy plastic and close the foundation

vents. Although most pest control companies agree with this solution, you should get their approval before closing your foundation vents.

In either case, the solution might be to make the windows warmer, which means adding storm windows or by replacing existing windows with super high efficiency windows.

To learn more about those

windows and condensation problems, feel free to contact me at my office at 501-653-7931.

Doug Rye, a licensed architect living in Saline County and the popular host of the "Home

Remedies" radio show, works as a consultant for the Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas to promote energy efficiency to cooperative members statewide. To order Doug's video or for more information, call 1-888-Doug-Rye. More energy-efficiency tips can also be found at www.ecark.org

Source: *Rural Arkansas* magazine



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December/January

Calendar of Events

Avenue of Lights

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

40th Anniversary of Quincy Museum

Throughout December, Quincy Museum. Public invited Tues-Sun from 1-5pm to enjoy holiday decorations throughout the Newcomb-Stillwell House. In addition to the popular Victorian Xmas decorations, visitors will enjoy special decorations in red and silver in celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Quincy Museum and the 25th year in the Newcomb-Stillwell House.

Carthage Christmas Open House

December 1 (Thurs), Carthage. The city sparkles with Christmas spirit. Musical performances, carriage rides & special merchant savings, plus a visit from Santa. (217) 357-3024

Quincy Historic Business District Holiday Lighted Parade

December 1 (Thurs), begins at 6pm, Quincy. Parade & Santa's arrival down historic Maine Street from 12th to 5th Street. (217) 228-8696

QND/PMO Bands Christmas Concert

December 1 (Thurs), 7:30pm, QND Gym, 1400 S. 11th, Quincy.

German Village Society St. Nikolas Dinner

December 1 (Thurs), 6pm, Senior & Family Resource Center, 639 York, Quincy. (217) 223-8645

St. Nicholas Day

December 1-2 (Thurs-Fri), Quincy Museum, 1601 Maine. (217) 224-7669

Journey to Bethlehem

December 1-4 (Thurs-Sun), evenings, The Crossing Church, 48th & Maine, Quincy. Free outdoor, interactive walk through the story of Christmas. (217) 224-6374

Quincy Community Theatre Production of "A Christmas Story"

December 1-4 (Thurs-Sun), Oakley-Lindsay Civic Center, Quincy. (217) 222-3209

7th Annual Gingerbread House Extravaganza

December 3 (Sat), 2-4:30pm, 2nd flr. meeting room, Quincy Public Library. Area teens invited to compete. Participants will work in teams of two. Prizes awarded for most creative, most traditional and most unusual. All entries will be displayed in the lobby. Reservations required by calling (217) 223-1309, ext. 220.



Christmas Holiday Walk "A Walk to Remember"

December 3 (Sat), Nauvoo. (217) 453-6648

River Parish Holiday Bazaar

December 3, (Sat) 10am-3pm, St. Boniface School Gym, 7th & Hampshire, Quincy. Free admission. (217) 222-1525

QND Christmas Choral Concert

December 5 (Mon), 7pm, St. Mary's Church, 7th & Adams, Quincy.

St. Nicholas Day Celebration

December 6 (Tues), 6-7pm, Quincy Museum. Parents invited to bring children to sit in front of the fireplace and hear the story of St. Nicholas. Visitors are invited to bring a pair of shoes to leave for St. Nicholas to fill with treats. Children may return on Dec. 7 during normal Museum hours to pick up their shoes. (217) 224-7669

Symphony of Trees

December 7-11 (Wed-Sun), Oakley-Lindsay Civic Center, Quincy. This year's theme is Sounds of the Season. (217) 222-2856

The Golden Dance

December 8 (Thurs), 7-11pm, Oakley-Lindsay Civic Center, Quincy. Debuts at this year's Symphony of Trees. Designed exclusively for senior members of the community. Tickets: \$4/person, includes admission to view the beautiful displays, a ride on the festival carousel, refreshments and live entertainment. Call (217) 222-2856 for additional information.

Historic Quincy Business District Wine & Cheese

December 8 (Thurs), 5-8pm, Washington Park thru 6th & Maine, Quincy. Enjoy Christmas shopping in the historic business district with special store hours and treats. (217) 228-8696

Collver Family Winery Murder Mystery "I'll Be Homicidal for Christmas"

December 9-10 (Fri-Sat), Collver Family Winery, Barry. For tickets, call (217) 335-3279

A Rushville Home-Spun Christmas

December 9 (Fri), Rushville. Night shopping & treasure hunt. (217) 322-3689

Christmas in Old Nauvoo

December 10-11 (Sat-Sun), Nauvoo. Christmas celebration that includes carriage ride, dinner in historic homestead, Nauvoo House & Mansion House, Christmas concert, souvenir program & a gift. (217) 453-2246

Quincy Preserves Christmas Candlelight Tour

December 11 (Sun), 4-9pm. Tour of Quincy's private homes of architectural or historical significance, decorated in full Christmas splendor. \$8 advance/\$10 door. (217) 222-7671

Quincy Museum Holiday Open House

December 11 (Sun), 1-5pm, Quincy Museum. Public invited to enjoy the Newcomb-Stillwell House decorated in all it's holiday splendor. Special musical performances throughout the afternoon. (217) 224-7669

Quincy Symphony Chorus Christmas Joy Concert

December 10 (Sat), 7:30pm, First Union Congregational Church, 428 Maine St., Suite 270, Quincy. (217) 222-2856

Competing With The Big Boxes

December 15 (Thurs), 6pm, Mt. Sterling. Presented by University of Illinois Extension Office. Guest speaker TBA. Cost: \$5/session. For more information, call your Extension Office: Pike County (217) 285-5543; Brown County (217) 773-3013; Adams County (217) 223-8380.

Quincy Park Band

December 18 (Sun), 4pm, Morrison Theater, Quincy. (217) 224-3199

Quincy Historic Business District Candlelight Tour

December 22 (Thurs), 5-8pm, Downtown Quincy. (217) 228-8696

Beaux Arts Ball

December 23 (Fri), 7pm-Midnight, Oakley-Lindsay Civic Center, Quincy. Sponsored by Quincy Arts Center. (217) 223-5900

IEC Scholarship Applications Due

January 3 (Tues), by 5pm. For more information, contact (217) 593-7701

Muddy River Opera Company

January 6 & 9 (Fri & Mon), Quincy Community Theatre, Oakley-Lindsay Civic Center. H.M.S. Pinafore performance. (217) 222-3313.

Collver Family Winery Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre

January 21 (Sat), Collver Family Winery, Barry. For tickets, call (217) 335-3279

QHS Young Artist Solo & Ensemble Showcase

January 22 (Sun), 7pm, Quincy Senior High School, 3322 Maine Street, Quincy. (217) 224-3774

Quanaada Annual Dinner

January 28 (Sat), 6:30pm, Quincy University, 18th & College. Guest speaker: Art Linkletter. Cost: \$100/person. (217) 222-3069

RV & Camping Show

January 28-29 (Sat 9am-8pm & Sun, 11am-5pm), Oakley-Lindsay Civic Center, Quincy. Everything you need for leisure travel and camping. (217) 223-1000

List your events for **FREE!**
Deadline for submitting
February Events: January 3



IEC Memorial Scholarships

Deadline:
January 1

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.



Conservation Tips

- 1** Turn off lights, televisions or other energy users that are not in use.
- 2** Keep the oven door closed and pans covered while food is cooking.
- 3** Turn off the water while brushing your teeth.
- 4** Turn off water faucets all the way.



- 5** Use cold water to wash hands instead of waiting for it to heat up.
- 6** Take shallow baths and short showers.
- 7** Open and close the refrigerator door quickly when choosing a snack.
- 8** Close doors when going outside or coming inside when the heat or air conditioning is working.





Merry Christmas

from all of us

Jim Thompson
Mary Aden
Bill Alexander
Brian Anderson
Julia Barry
Joyce Bockhold
Norm Boone
Pat Boylen
Tim Brecht
Ed Covey
Mike DeWitt
Laura Dotson

Steve Fanning
Judie Flesner
Lyle Forsythe
Joyce Hibbert
Kristi Ihrig
Anthony Jarboe
Steve Jennings
Jim Kerr
Kevin Knight
Peggy Koetters
Abe Lashbrook
Butch Likes
Larry Long
Joan Mixer
Tara Neisen

Gary Nelson
Mike Olson
Butch Passley
Chad Reische
Debbie Rhea
Randy Rigg
Charlie Rossiter
Buzz Shrader
Brad Smith
Bill Stalder
Roger Stegeman, Jr.
Kraig Street
Donnie Ward

The Adams Electric Cooperative office will be closed
Fri., Dec. 23 and **Mon., Dec. 26** for the Christmas holiday
and **Mon., Jan. 2** for the New Year's Day holiday.