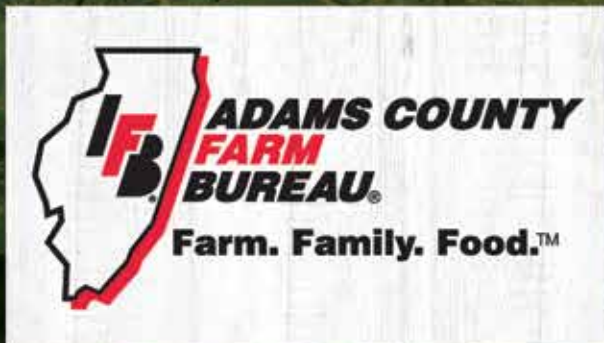


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The LaVern and Nola McEntire Lineworker's Scholarship helps pay for costs to attend the lineworker's school conducted by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC) in conjunction with Lincoln Land Community College (LLCC), Springfield.

The \$2,000 scholarship is awarded annually to an individual who meets one of the following criteria: is the son or daughter of a rural electric cooperative member in Illinois; is related to a rural electric cooperative employee or director in Illinois; is enrolled in the LLCC lineworker's school; or has served or is serving in the U.S. Armed Forces or National Guard. The applicant must have a high school diploma or GED at the time the scholarship is awarded.

The scholarship is awarded based on an essay, biographical statement, references and a recommendation.

If you or someone you know meets the required criteria, apply online. Learn more at: adamselectric.coop. The application deadline is **April 30, 2024**.



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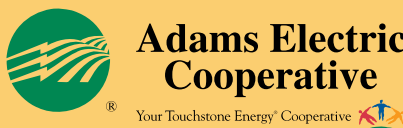
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by **Jim Thompson PE,**
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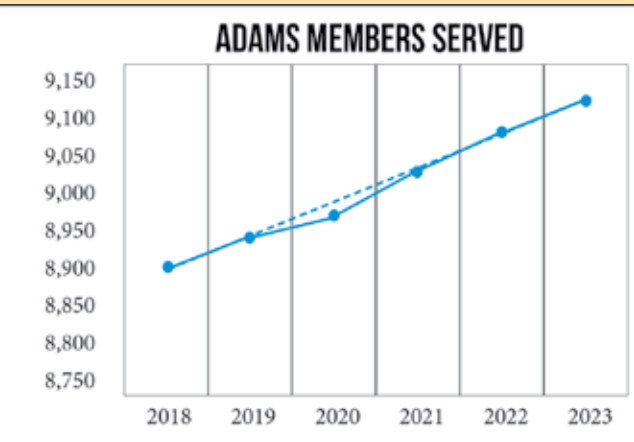
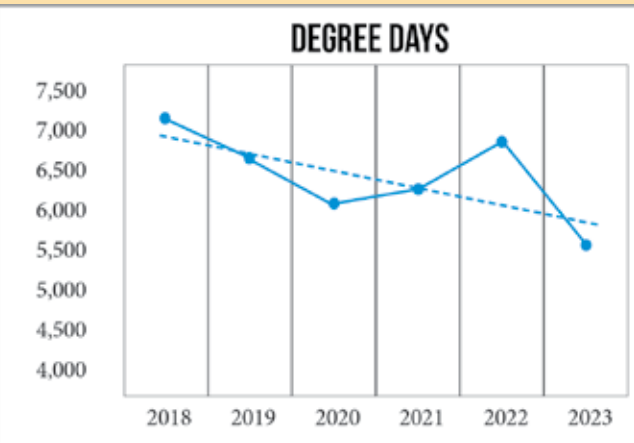
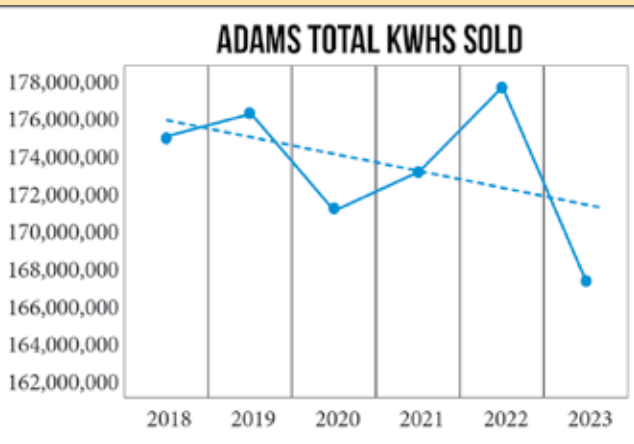
January of 2024 was a cold month. Fortunately, February warmed up and was a welcome change. The average temperature in January was 25°F.

In looking back over the last ten years, we only had two Januaries with an average temperature below 25°F. In 2023, the average temperature was 33°F.

With the continued cold spell, everyone paid more for January heat regardless of the heat source. My electric bill was the highest it had been in the last several years for my all-electric home. Heating degree days, a tool used for comparison purposes, increased by 28% from January 2023 to January 2024.

A Cooperative program I use as a member to help with the fluctuations in monthly electric cost is budget billing. With budget billing, members pay the same amount every month for 12 months (re-evaluated every 6 months). This method helps level out the payments during the winter and summer months when electric bills are higher due to heating or air conditioning. If you are interested in budget billing, please contact the Cooperative.

To the right is a graph of the corresponding energy sold to our members on an annual basis. This graph shows a decline in the amount of energy sold to our members even though we are seeing growth in the number of members. In 2023, the lower kWh sold is mainly the result of the mild temperatures. Degree Day Reports are a tool utilities use to compare weather effects on energy consumption. The Total kWhs Sold and the Degree Day graphs illustrate the close correlation.



Petitions for Director

The Bylaws of Adams Electric Cooperative provide that nominations can be made by petition with 25 signatures or more at least 90 days prior to the Annual Meeting. Blank petitions can be obtained by contacting the Cooperative office. Directors from **District #7** (Consisting of Lima, Ursa, Riverside, Mendon, Ellington, & Quincy Townships (north of Broadway Street) of Adams County; & Rocky Run & Walker Townships of Hancock County), **District #8** (Consisting of Pea Ridge, Missouri, Lee, & Buckhorn Townships of Brown County), and **District #9** (Consisting of Honey Creek, Camp Point, Clayton, Concord, & McKee Townships of Adams County.) will be elected at the **September 4, 2024** Annual Meeting. Petitions must be returned to the Cooperative office **by 4 p.m., June 6, 2024**.



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YOUTH TOUR

Contest Participants Announced



Four area high school sophomores and/or juniors will win an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., June 14-21, 2024, in an annual contest sponsored by Adams Electric and Adams Telephone. Interested students from local schools completed a short answer application. A total of 51 applications were received! The top applications were selected. Fifteen students will represent Adams Electric Cooperative and 12 students will represent Adams Telephone, based on territories, to attend Youth Day in Springfield joining students from across the State. Participants will tour the Illinois State Capitol and Lincoln sites. A judge from the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives will interview students at the event.

Two winners will be selected to represent Adams Electric and two will represent Adams Telephone for the Youth to Washington Tour. One alternate will be selected for each co-op to attend the tour if one of the winners is unable to attend. Winners will spend one week in Washington, D.C. visiting the Smithsonian Museums, Supreme Court, Arlington National Cemetery, the Holocaust Museum, National Archives, the war memorials, the Civil War Battlefield at Gettysburg, and so much more. Students will have the opportunity to meet with members of Congress, and learn about cooperatives along the way.

Local students competing are: **Morgan Logsdon** and **Olivia Martinez** of Brown County; **Ivy Liesen** and **Anika Ripperda** of Central; **Anna Dietrich**, **Josephine Hocking**, **Faith Klauser**, and **Phoebe LeBlanc** of Liberty; **Alixandria Bauer** of Payson Seymour; **Jamen Tchapda**, **Liesel Vincent**, and **Ari Waters** of Quincy Notre Dame; **Anastacia Schafer** and **Azlynn Shannon** of Rushville-Industry; **Deacon Waner** and **Liliana Weese** of Southeastern; and **Caitlin Burwinkel**, **Abigail Hildebrand**, **Miles Moulton**, **Maya Nemecek**, **Claire Norsworthy**, **Adalena Pedro**, **Delyla Pratt**, **Alainha Rosson**, **Brock Rumpf**, **Nolan Stiefel**, and **Aubrey Williams** of Unity. (No applications were received from Griggsville/Perry, Meredosia/Chambersburg, Quincy Senior High, or Warsaw High Schools.)

This year marks the 64th year of the Youth to Washington program. Adams Electric has been sending students to Washington, D.C. since 1959 (no Youth Tour in 2020). Adams Telephone joined the program in 2004. **Approximately 2,000 students from 42 co-ops across the United States participate each summer.**

For more information about Youth Tour, contact Laura Bergman at (217) 509-7761.

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Alex Mossman

Mossman Promoted to Manager of Engineering & Operations

Alex Mossman has been offered and accepted the position of Manager of Engineering & Operations. Alex began his new position on Monday, February 12, 2024. He will be replacing Tim Brecht who will be retiring in April.

Mossman is a graduate of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering. He began his career at Adams Electric as Distribution System Engineer in November 2017. In May 2020, Alex was promoted to Supervisor of the Metering Department along with his Distribution System Engineer job duties.

Please join us in congratulating Alex as he starts another phase of his career at Adams Electric Cooperative.

DIRECTORS EARN NATIONAL RECOGNITION



Vice President
Laura Meyer



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Director Gold recognizes directors who have already earned their Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) and Board Leadership Certificate (BLC) and who wish to continue to learn throughout their service on the board.

Board Vice President Laura Meyer of Liberty, Board Secretary Kris Farwell of Plymouth, and Board Treasurer Tom Travis of Payson earned their first Director Gold credentials in 2022 from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA). They have fulfilled all the requirements to maintain and earn their second certificates in 2024.

Director Gold includes a continuing education requirement which calls for directors to earn three credits of approved course work and/or conferences every two years to maintain their Director Gold status.

Additional directors of Adams Electric Cooperative who have reached Director Gold status are: Director Brent Clair of Loraine and Board President Rebecca Barlow of Clayton.



DIRECTOR KOCH EARNS CCD



Director
Glen Koch

Director Glen Koch recently received his Credentialed Cooperative Director Certificate. The certificate is earned by attending five director education and training courses through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA). Director Koch is serving his 3rd year on the Board of Directors.

Directors must have a knowledge of the electric utility business, governance skills, and a working knowledge of the cooperative principles. Adams Electric Cooperative's Board of Directors has a commitment to work through NRECA to sharpen this body of knowledge for the benefit of their electric cooperative members.

Adams Electric Cooperative commends Glen on his commitment to the membership and congratulates him on his achievement.

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New Advisory Committee Members

Dist. #1: Ken Walters
Dist. #2: Gregg & Beth Mealiff
Dist. #4: James McKeon
Dist. #9: Rick & Janet Rigg

For a complete list of current Advisory Members, visit: adamselectric.coop

On February 15, Adams Electric welcomed four new members/couples to the Advisory Committee during a dinner at the Cooperative.

General Manager Jim Thompson quizzed the group on Co-op knowledge to help members learn more about Adams Electric. (Advisory winner: Dona Lantz / Director winner: Becky Barlow) Then, Cooperative staff educated the group on the various departments of Adams Electric.

Members of the Advisory Committee are selected by the Board of Directors and meet four times per

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Adams County Farm Bureau

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Like Adams Electric, the Adams County Farm Bureau began after a group of farmers met in support of a great idea that would bring benefits to rural Adams County. Much of Adams Electric’s and Adams County Farm Bureau’s membership is the same. Many of our members in other parts of our territory are likely members of other county farm bureaus.

In 1914, John E. Meatheringham, a farmer from Camp Point and president of the Adams County Farmers’ Institute, was given credit with the vision of the advantages of a farm bureau movement. His college friend, W.G. Eckhart, the first farm advisor in the state of Illinois, may have inspired Meatheringham.

After proposing the idea at an Adams County Farmers’ Institute session in Camp Point in January 1914, the idea was presented to a mass meeting of farmers in Quincy in June. The idea received huge support. Immediately, an association was formed, temporary officers were elected, and arrangements were made to hire a county farm advisor.

Over the past 110 years in operation, the Adams County Farm Bureau has offered a wide range of benefits to area farmers.

Initially, the Farm Bureau would assist farmers in buying and selling (essentially cooperative marketing), provide education on better agricultural and scientific methods (seed selection, better fertility, soil conservation, crop rotation, etc.) to aid in efficiency, and allow an avenue for farmers to express their concerns. The Farm Bureau sponsored cooperative livestock, poultry, and egg shipping associations and fruit exchanges to save farmers money. The farm advisor would make home visits to assist members until, eventually, it became more efficient to hold meetings and demonstrations.

Today, many of those same benefits continue. Consultations at the office are still important and educational programs cover a wide range of topics. For example, in March, the Farm Bureau hosted a semi truck safety and compliance course to keep farmers up to date on semi rules and regulations. Also popular are winter crop insurance meetings that cover updates with COUNTRY Financial, started and controlled by the Illinois Agricultural Association (Illinois Farm Bureau).

The Farm Bureau communicates with elected officials at the state and national levels. The legislative committee looks out for farmers’ private property rights and works closely with the county board. Property taxes on farm ground are based on a productivity index and soil type. The Farmland Assessment Law was created based on lobbying efforts of the Farm Bureau to reasonably assess farm ground. “The Farm Bureau will help members understand their property tax bills and acts as a watch dog for members’ best interests,” says Shawn Valter, Manager of the Adams County Farm Bureau.

Adams County Farm Bureau board members also have an opportunity to join the Farm Bureau in Springfield and Washington, D.C., which provides a greater appreciation of the policy processes and bills that affect farmers. Adams Electric Director/Board Vice President Laura Meyer and her husband, Farm Bureau Director/Board Secretary Ryan Meyer were attendees to this year’s trip to Washington, D.C.

Farm Bureau board members met with elected officials and departmental leaders such as the National Waterways Conference to discuss rivers and levees and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) to cover solar and wind power.

The Young Farmers Committee is a long-running program for voting and professional Farm Bureau members under age 35. Farm Bureau President, also an Adams Electric Cooperative Director, Brent Clair got his start in the Farm Bureau by participating in the Young Leaders Discussion Meet at the Annual IAA Meeting in Chicago in 2013. Brent participated in the Discussion Meet in 2014 and placed second in the state, launching his passion for Farm Bureau.

Brent, who is part of the 24 member board of the Adams County Farm Bureau, who ran for State Vice President of Illinois Farm Bureau last year adds, “Running for State Vice President was an enriching experience -- it was amazing to see the diversity throughout the state yet all the similarities.”

The Farm Bureau has played a part in the development of several area organizations including COUNTRY Financial (mentioned earlier), Adams FS, and Prairie Farms.

Adams FS, Inc. (Growmark), now known as Prairieland FS is a Farm Bureau-affiliated company. Although FS is a separate entity, the groups share board members. Growmark was developed by the Farm Bureau when members saw a need for farm fuel delivery.

Quincy Cooperative Milk Producers Association, a farmer-owned dairy, was established through the Adams County Farm Bureau when Quincy citizens urged the city council to pass a pasteurized milk law. This group later became part of Prairie Farms Dairy that Illinois Farm Bureau established.

Other programs have grown from Farm Bureau support. The 4-H Club program, part of the University of Illinois Extension, was developed in Adams County under the direction of O.E. “Dick” Allen, the first assistant Farm Bureau farm advisor.

In 2006, the Adams County Farm Bureau created a foundation that provides scholarships

for ag-oriented and related majors and helps support a summer internship program. Another goal of the foundation is “to promote, fund, and conduct seminars and schools for educational and scientific leadership purposes in the field of agriculture.” The foundation supports Ag in the Classroom to educate area youth in Adams County through a partnership with University of Illinois Extension. The foundation is funded through dues, memorial donations, and fundraisers including a raffle at the fair and an annual golf outing. “The foundation has really flourished over the last 10 years,” adds Valter.

Area ag-related groups utilize the Farm Bureau building free of charge for club meetings. The Olde Tyme Association, Adams County Beef Producers, Quinsippi 4-Hers, Mississippi Valley Beekeepers Association, Rabbit Breeders, and the Quincy Kennel Club are just some of the organizations that meet in the Farm Bureau basement.

Public relations tools include a monthly eight-page Agri Newsletter mailed to Adams County members, a Facebook page, and a joint purchasing agreement with other Farm Bureaus for television advertising. Farm Week is published through the Illinois Farm Bureau and mailed to active farmer memberships.

Today, the Adams County Farm Bureau is made up of 1,341 active farmer memberships and 2,648 associate members. Farmer members take advantage of grain marketing, crop insurance, and educational seminars. Associate members, although not necessarily in the ag field, help support the Farm Bureau and take advantage of member discounts.

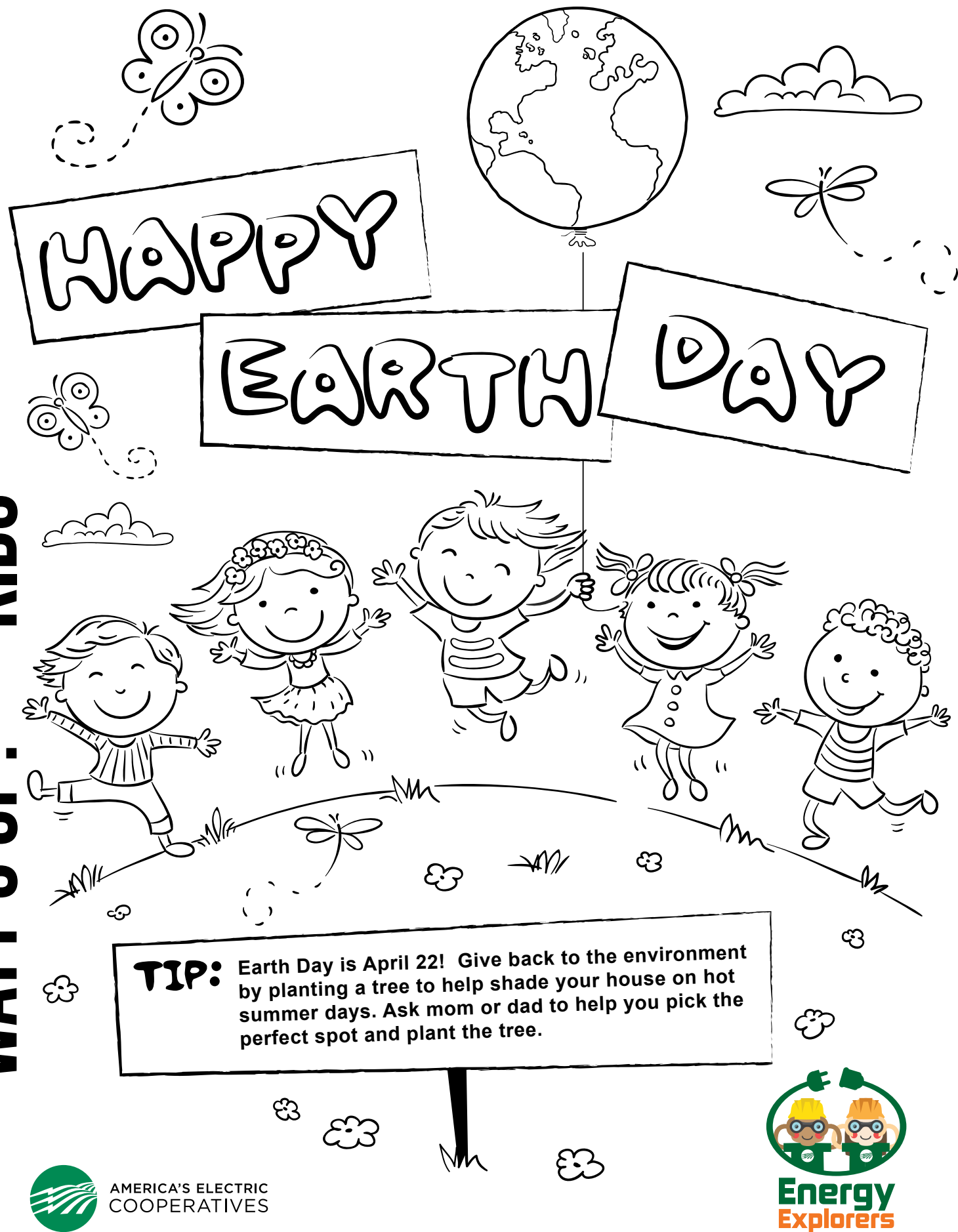
Some of the benefits for Adams County Farm Bureau members include: Car rental and hotel discounts, tractor and equipment discounts at various equipment dealers, vision and hearing services, prescription drugs, bowling, and more. Air Evac which provides a discount for Co-op members also provides a discount for Farm Bureau members.

There are 86 farm bureaus representing all 102 counties in the state of Illinois. Even Cook County (Chicago area) has a farm bureau with interests in urban gardening, greenhouses, and food islands. Adams County Farm Bureau is part of District 9 of the Illinois Farm Bureau which encompasses the Adams, Brown, Hancock, McDonough, and Schuyler County Farm Bureaus (nearly the same counties as Adams Electric Cooperative).

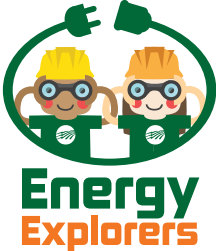
For more information on the Adams County Farm Bureau or to learn more about becoming a member, contact the Farm Bureau office at: (217) 222-7305.

WATT'S UP? FOR KIDS

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Adams Electric Cooperative's Country Kitchen



Creamy Crack Chicken Soup
Submitted by Laura Bergman

4 slices bacon, chopped
1 Tbsp. butter
1 sm. yellow onion, diced
3 cloves garlic, minced
4-6 cups low sodium chicken broth
1/2 tsp. garlic powder
1/2 tsp. onion powder
1/2 tsp. dried dill weed
1/2 tsp. dried chives
Salt and fresh ground pepper, to taste
1 bay leaf
4 cups cooked shredded chicken
1 pkg. (8 oz.) softened cream cheese
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
3-4 cups baby spinach
1/4 cup heavy cream
Green onion, chopped for garnish

Cook bacon to a crisp in soup pot. Remove bacon, leaving grease in pot. Add butter to the pot and melt over medium-high heat. Stir in onions and cook for 3 minutes. Stir in garlic and cook for 20 seconds. Add chicken broth and scrape bits from bottom of the pot. Season with garlic powder, onion powder, dill weed, chives, salt, and pepper. Add bay leaf and bring to a boil; lower heat to medium low and cook for 5 minutes. Stir in shredded chicken; cook for 5 minutes. Add cream cheese and whisk until completely melted and combined. Stir in cheddar cheese; whisk until melted and thoroughly combined. Add baby spinach; cook for 2 minutes. Stir in heavy cream and cook for 1 minute. Taste for seasonings (salt and pepper) and adjust accordingly. Remove bay leaf. Remove soup from heat; top with green onions and previously prepared bacon. Serve.

Zucchini Stir Fry

Submitted by Kristy Deardorff

1 zucchini
1 lb. ground beef
1 sm. onion, chopped
1 sm. can mushrooms
Salt and pepper to taste
1 tsp. oregano
1/2 tsp. thyme
1 jar marinara sauce
Shredded cheese to taste (Asiago and parmesan is recommended)

Cut zucchini in half lengthwise. Remove pulp and cube. Cook in microwave for 6 minutes. Brown ground beef and drain. Add onion, mushrooms, salt, pepper, oregano, thyme, and marinara sauce. Heat on stovetop, stirring frequently. Add cheese to taste.

Skillet Shrimp & Orzo

Submitted by Teresa Jarrett

1 tsp. lemon zest
2 cloves garlic, divided and minced
3 Tbsp. olive oil, divided
1/2 tsp. salt
1 lb. shrimp, peeled & deveined
1/2 tsp. red pepper flakes
1/2 cup dry white wine
1 cup orzo
28 oz. can whole peeled tomatoes (do not drain)
1/2 cup water
Parsley and Feta cheese crumbles, for garnish

In a medium bowl, combine zest, 1 clove minced garlic, 1 Tbsp. oil, salt, and shrimp. Toss to coat. Let marinate. In a large skillet, heat 2 Tbsp. olive oil, pepper flakes, and remaining garlic until sizzling. Stir in wine and simmer 1 minute. Stir in orzo to coat. Add tomatoes with juices and water, crushing tomatoes with fork. Simmer uncovered, stirring occasionally until orzo is tender 8-10 minutes. Add shrimp and cook, covered 3-5 minutes. Top with parsley and Feta crumbles. Serves 4.

Broccoli Salad

Submitted by Pete & Lisa Dupoy

1 head broccoli, chopped
1 cup black grapes, halved
1 pear, diced
1/2 cup golden raisins
Sunflower seeds to taste
Bacon bits to taste

Dressing:
3/4 cup vegemaise mayo
1/8 cup agave syrup
Salt & pepper to taste
Western dressing to taste

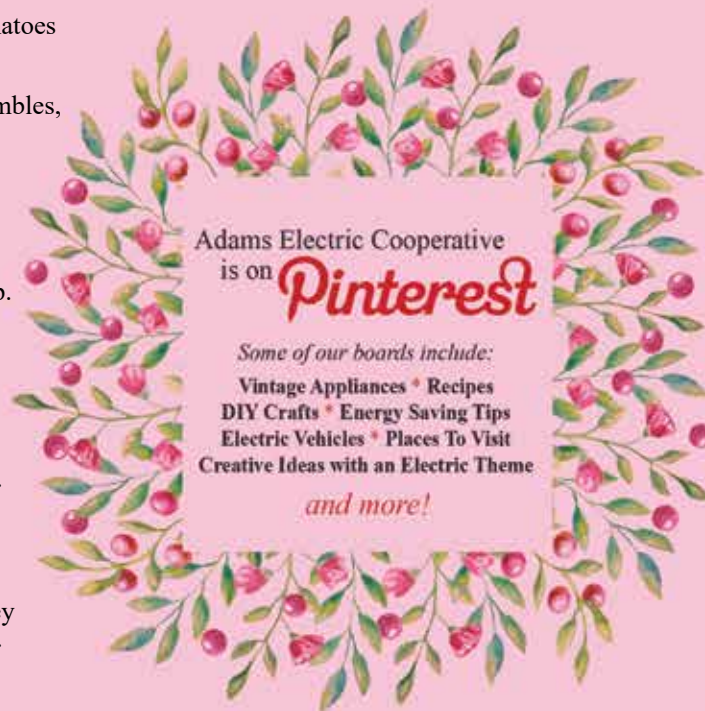
Mix broccoli, grapes, pear, and raisins. Mix ingredients for dressing and add to salad. Top salad with sunflower seeds and bacon bits just before serving.

Fruit Dip

Submitted by Diane Wagner

1 cup cold milk
1 pkg. instant vanilla or cheesecake pudding
2 cups whipped topping
1/4 tsp. almond extract
Fruit for dipping

Mix pudding and milk. Fold in whipped topping. Add almond extract. Cover & refrigerate for 2 hours. Dip fruit in chilled cream. (921163-001)



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April 5 (5:30-9pm), The Ambiance, 5225 Kochs Ln., Quincy. Entertainment, auction items, games, food trucks, and more. Proceeds support Quincy Medical Group Foundation's oncology patient fund.

Upscale Garage Sale

April 6 (8am-1pm), Kroc Center gymnasium, Quincy. Household products, electronics, memorabilia, and more. Free for Kroc Members, \$1/non-members. (217) 231-5636

Food Truck Festival

Apr. 6 (12-5pm), Oakley Lindsay Center. 2nd annual event. Food trucks, live music, bags games, bounce house, and Quincy Axe Company trailer. \$5/admission at the door. Children 10 and under free.

Winter Farmers' Market

Apr. 6, 13, 20, & 27 (9am-1pm), Quincy Axe Co., 625 Maine Ste. 102, Quincy. More than a dozen vendors w/ handmade & locally grown items including: kale, eggs, candles, meat, soaps, and baked goods. Engraver, yarn, fiber, flowers, and crafts.

St. Mary Hospital Spring Gathering

April 9 (Gather at 11am, lunch at 11:30am), Lutheran Church of St. John, 3340 State, Quincy. Cost: \$15. For former employees, physicians, students, and volunteers. Reservations & money to: Nancy Friye, 1415 Gayla Drive, Quincy, IL 62305 by April 4. (217) 223-6490

Windsong Acres Spring Pottery Event

Apr. 12-14 (Fri. 4-8p, Sat. 9a-7p, Sun. 12-5p), Windsong Acres, Camp Point. New line of mugs, plates, vases, fountains, and more! Live demos and tours. Live music, delicious food including JKW BBQ, drinks, & fun!

QCT's Shakespeare in Love

April 19-21, 25-28, Quincy Community Theatre. Young Shakespeare has writer's block...the deadline for his new play is fast approaching but he's in desperate need of inspiration. Wildly funny and irresistibly romantic. Call (217) 222-3209 for tickets.

Dream Big Color Run

April 20 (9am), Starts at Quincy Senior High. 5K run/walk. Untimed race to support Quincy Public Schools. At six stations throughout race, multiple colors of biodegradable, food-grade powder will be tossed at you and your friends by our sponsors. Find a link on the Quincy Public Schools Foundation - Dream Big Facebook page to register.

Quincy Art Center Family Day

Apr. 20 (11am-12pm), Quincy Art Center, 1515 Jersey St. Engage in the studio and see exhibits with a fun craft. Free and open to the public. (217) 223-5900

3rd Annual Toys for Tots 2024 Kickoff Dinner & Auction

Apr. 20 (Doors open at 5pm, Dinner at 6pm, Live Auction at 7:15pm), The Ambiance. Hear about how "Hope Grows Here" in our community. Enjoy a meal and hundreds of auction items. Adults only event. Tickets available at: toysfortots.ticketleap.com/2024kickoff

JDub Academy Classes

Registration opens April 22, John Wood Community Collge, 1301 S. 48th St., Quincy. Learn more about these classes and register at: jwcc.edu or by calling (217) 641-4941

Quincy Astronomy Club Meeting

Apr. 25 (7-8pm), John Wood Community College, Rm D022/023. Local amateur astronomers seeking to teach, explore, and expand minds about space. Monthly lectures, usually on the last Thurs. of the month. Evening observing sessions as weather and conditions permit. (217) 653-5074

Coming Soon! Electricity School

June 5, Bailey Park, Camp Point. For ages 8-18. Watch for more information in the next Adams Outlet and on our website at: adamelectric.coop



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