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News for Members Of Adams Electrical Co-Operative, Camp Point, Illinois

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by Douglas Aeilts
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Co-Operative Negotiates Three New Municipal Franchises

Over the last 60 years, many cities and villages have grown into areas that are part of Adams



Electrical Co-Operative's assigned electric service territory. Recent decisions by the Illinois Commerce

Commission

and Illinois Appellate Courts have determined that without a franchise, a cooperative could be denied electric service rights for new customers on land within a municipality's corporate boundary.

If the Co-Operative were to lose electric service rights as a municipality annexes land, all of the Co-Operative's members would be negatively impacted. If the Co-Operative is the electric energy provider, the increased sales help to stabilize or reduce the costs for all members.

Electric service territory that is lost today is lost forever. That is why it is vitally important for the Co-Operative to secure municipal franchises and fight for the protection of our electric service territory.

A franchise is a license or permit from a city or village that allows a utility to use its public rights-of-way for the installation, operation and maintenance of transmission and distribution facilities. The franchise will specify the rules and regulations that the utility must follow when operating within the municipality's corporate boundaries to serve customers that it has a right to serve. In exchange for the use of the public right-of-way, a utility usually has to pay a franchise fee or pro-

vide a service (such as reduced price or free street lights). Each franchise is negotiated individually and is typically unique in its specific requirements.

The Co-Operative has been aggressively negotiating franchises during the last three years. During this time, franchises have been accepted from Camp Point, Liberty, Mendon, Quincy and a franchise was renewed with Clayton. In addition to these, the Co-Operative also has franchises with Camden, Rushville and Ursa.

The Co-Operative has been in a three-year legal battle with AmerenCIPS for the new John Wood Community College campus at 48th and Harrison streets on the east side of Quincy. Both utilities agreed that the campus site was in the Co-Operative's assigned territory, but AmerenCIPS had a franchise with Quincy and the Co-Operative did not. The Co-Operative recently accepted an electric franchise with Quincy and this should resolve the dispute.

The Illinois deregulation law that was approved last year will not change the importance of municipal franchises. The Illinois deregulation law only provides for competition and customer choice for the energy portion of your electric bill. The distribution function (or wires charge) will remain with your Co-Operative.

Your board of directors are still analyzing this new deregulation law and its potential positive and negative impacts for the members. A summary of the Co-Operative's analysis will be provided during area meetings being planned for next winter. ■

Contractor Meeting Highlights Rates & Rebates

Adams Electrical Co-Operative hosted a Contractor Appreciation Cookout on May 26, 1998 at Arrowhead Heights Clubhouse in Camp Point. Heating, cooling and electrical contractors gathered to hear about the Co-Operative's current programs and future plans.

Jim Thompson, manager of engineering and operations, informed the group about Adams Electrical Co-Operative's participation in JULIE. Avoid the hazards and expense of accidentally striking an underground utility line by calling JULIE at least two days before you begin any digging project.

David Stuva, manager of member services, thanked the contractors who helped make the 1997 New Home Issue of the Adams Outlet a success. Another issue is being planned for this December. David also gave a brief overview of the Co-Operative's after-hours answering service.

Don Taylor, manager of marketing, explained rates, rebate offers and the Co-Operative's revised

EnergyWyse loan program. Don also gave an overview of other services offered by the Co-Operative and briefly talked about what future competition will mean for rural utilities and their members.

Adams Electrical Co-Operative works with area contractors to encourage quality products and services for our members. We extend our thanks to those who attended our cookout and to all those who provide needed services in our communities! ■



Bruce Bruening, of Bruening Heating & Air Conditioning, was one of several contractors to attend the informational meeting.

Don't be shocked by what you find when you dig!

It's the time of year when people begin poking holes in the ground. New trees, shrubs, fence posts, mail boxes — you name it — all require some digging.

The problem these days is that you don't really know what you're digging into.

It may be only a few earthworms or the ballpoint pen you lost a few years ago.

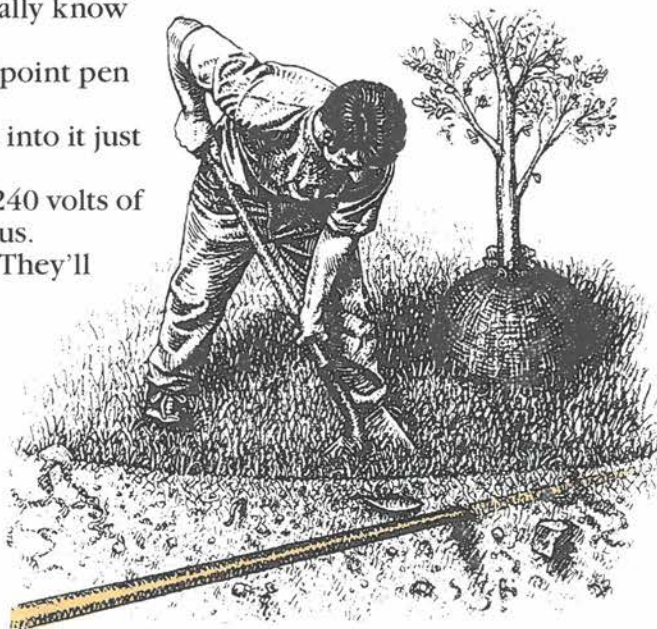
It may be a cable TV line and you may chop into it just in time to cut off your favorite program.

Or it may be a buried utility line. It may be 240 volts of electricity. And it may be very, very dangerous.

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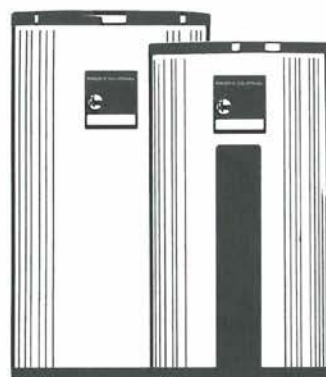
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Mitchell, Mackenzi, Mason, Joyce and Ron Fairley are saving money on the 6 cent a kWh CAC Rate.

Reduce Your Central Air-conditioning Costs!

If you want to keep your house cool this summer and not spend a lot of money, Adams Electrical Co-Operative has a program for you! Our controlled central air-conditioning (CAC) rate is only 6 cents a kWh. That's almost a 50 percent savings compared to our base rate!

Ron and Joyce Fairley of 7326 North 45th Street, Quincy, started saving money on the CAC rate last summer. "We do a lot of air-conditioning and wanted to lower our electric bills," says Ron. "We have two

central air-conditioners and were able to put both of them on the special rate."

"Now that we know how affordable it is to keep our house cool, we don't hesitate to run the central air-conditioners when it gets humid," adds Joyce.

A separate submeter records the kWh's used by the central air-conditioner. During June, July, August and September, all cooling usage on the submeter is billed at 6 cents a kWh. Adams Electrical Co-Operative installs a radio control

switch that cycles the central air-conditioner during peak demand periods.

During the summer of 1997, there were two peak demand periods, which only lasted for a few hours. A typical control cycle is 15 minutes on and 15 minutes off.

"The Co-Operative cycled our two central air-conditioners at different intervals, so they were never off at the same time," says Ron. "We never noticed the interruptions."

It costs \$75 to go on the CAC Rate. The fee covers the submeter, meter base, radio-controlled switch and labor to install the equipment. The national electric code requires an outside disconnect on all central air-conditioners. Adams Electrical Co-Operative charges \$25 to install a disconnect if one is not present.

Only central air-conditioners qualify for the CAC rate. Room air-conditioners do NOT qualify.

Ron is a computer and telecommunications technician for Culver Stockton College in Canton, Missouri and Joyce is a stay-at-home mother. The Fairleys have lived in their rural Quincy farm home for seven years.

"Joyce and I both grew up on a farm, so we wanted to raise our family in the same setting," says Ron. "Our acreage is in the country, but close enough to Quincy to enjoy the conveniences of the city." ■

Survey Deadline is June 30th!

The cooperative needs your help as part of our on-going effort to improve service and reduce costs.

Please take a few minutes and complete the 1998 Member Survey. Four \$100.00 electric bill credits will be drawn at random from surveys mailed by June 30th!

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The Co-Op Corner

These are a few of the thank you notes we have received in the past months.

Dear Candace and David,

Thank you so much for allowing me to tag along on the Springfield trip. I enjoyed the day immensely. It was a very special treat to happen to be there to see Sarah announced as a winner. She's really looking forward to the Washington trip. Thanks again for your hospitality.

Kathy Holst

David,

Thank you for sponsoring the trip to Springfield. I enjoyed touring the city and had a lot of fun. I'm looking forward to the trip to Washington. Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Sarah Holst

To Adams Electrical Co-Op,

Thank you so much for your services, from installing a microwave and stove, to working on our outdoor transformer. We are fortunate to have your prompt services available. Thanks to Candace, Randy, and Robert. They are super employees.

Sincerely,

Gary & Karen Eaton

Dear Doug,

On behalf of the Rushville Lions I wish to offer a belated thank you to you and the board of directors for the use of your electric grill and coffee makers for our Pancake Day on February 28. This is one of our top fund raisers for the year.

Sincerely,

John Slaton

(Secretary Rushville Lions)

Thanks for quick repair early Monday morning after the snow storm.

Jim Lewis

Adams Electrical Co-Op,

Thank you so much for the plant you sent to celebrate our open house and ribbon-cutting for the Science and Technology Building. The plant is beautiful and a lovely addition to the facility. We have enjoyed working with you on this project and appreciate your support of John Wood Community College. Thank you again for such a thoughtful gift.

Sincerely,

Bill Simpson

(JWCC President)

To The Linemen,

We want to thank you again for repairing and restoring the power to our home during the recent storm. We appreciate your hard work.

Sincerely,

Stacy Adams & Al Estock

Adams Electrical Co-Op,

After sixty years of service with you folks, this will be my final bill as I have moved from 1831 Maas Rd, Quincy to Sunset Home after the death of my husband. For sixty years, you provided us with wonderful service and I shall miss all of you.

Thank You!

Sincerely,

Virginia R. Francis

Hi,

Again, our special thanks for a good dinner and an informative evening. It's great to be on the inside with the new developments for our R.E.A It's hard to believe all that's happened in the 90's as we're completing the most eventful century ever. Looking forward to more super events.

Sincerely yours,

Robert & Inez Quesenberry

(Advisory Committee Members)

Dear Mr. Thompson,

I hope that you enjoyed my job shadowing experience, on February 5, as much as I did. I'm writing you this letter on behalf of Central High School to thank you for your time and hospitality.

When I first came to you I had no idea what an electrical engineer did or even what I wanted to do for that matter. You really helped me to understand life out in the real world; and you also helped me to get a basic picture of some of the tasks that you perform on your job. I will admit that I'm not ready to jump into the business world right now, but the more experience I get going to job fairs and job shadowing the better prepared I'll be in the future.

Let me once again thank you for letting me come and shadow you. I hope that this turns out successful and that you want to do this again next year.

Sincerely,

Bryan Snook

David,

We appreciate Mike Olson delivering the refrigerator. It is just what we need at the Seed House.

John & Linda Kestner

Dear Mr. Aeilts and Mr. Stuva,

Just a note to thank you for the electric bill credit we won at the Advisory Committee meeting. Also, thank you for the delicious meals. We enjoy getting together to learn about the co-op and its operation. Thanks again,

Keith and Anita Marlow

(Advisory Committee Members)

Just in time for the 4th

Inventory Clearance Sale

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(1 in stock)
- RB534 (WH) - manual clean \$349.95
(2 in stock)
- RB534 (AD) - manual clean \$359.95
(2 in stock)
- RB767 (WH) - self cleaning \$499.95
(1 in stock)
- RS742 (AD) - slide in \$538.95
(1 in stock)

Hotpoint & G.E. Cooktops

- RU38 (BC) - coil burners \$189.95
(1 in stock)
- JP332 (BG) - solid disk burners \$240.51
(1 in stock)

G.E. Microwave/Rangehood Combination

- JVM230 (BB) \$359.95
(4 in stock)
- JVM250 \$399.95
(2 in stock)

Hotpoint Dishwashers

- HDA467 (AD) \$199.95
(1 in stock)
- HDA467 (WH) **SOLD** \$239.95
(1 in stock)
- HDA300 (BB) \$289.95
(2 in stock)

G.E. Chest Freezers

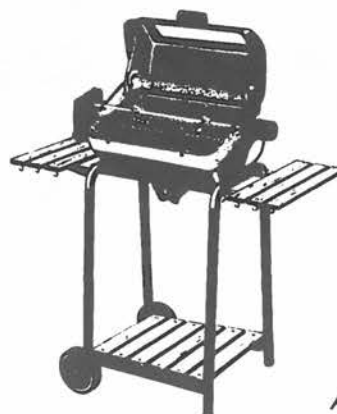
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Elderwatch may save your life!

What is Elderwatch?

Elderwatch is a free emergency information program, sponsored by West Central Illinois TRIAD.

How does the Elderwatch program work?

Elderwatch participants complete a form, listing basic emergency medical and contact information, which is entered into a file at the 9-1-1 Center.

Since all Quincy Police Department, Fire Department, Adams County Sheriff and Ambulance responses are dispatched through the Adams County 9-1-1 Center, the information provided by participants will be made available, when necessary, to all emergency personnel.

What do I gain from belonging to the Elderwatch program?

Emergency medical personnel will have access to information about you, such as your medical conditions, medications, allergies and a contact person.

In the event of a fire or hazard call, the Fire Department will have access to information concerning any disability you might have

Police officers sometimes have to force entry to check on a person's welfare. This program allows officers to have the names of contact persons who will have a key to your residence so that service can be provided more quickly.

And peace of mind. Police, fire and ambulance personnel will have information about you that could save your life.

Who can participate?

Persons over the age of 60 or any disabled person with special needs, including Alzheimers.

Can I enroll someone else?

Yes, but only under special circumstances.



How do I get the forms?

Just call one of the numbers listed below. Someone will assist you in completing the application. We all want the information to be correct!

I wear a "Medic Alert" bracelet, should I still enroll in the Elderwatch Program?

Yes you should! That bracelet may not be immediately noticed.

I don't live alone. Can I still participate?

Yes you can. Even when family members are present in an emergency situation they might be too excited or worried to pass along information to emergency services personnel.

I don't live in Adams County, can I enroll in Elderwatch?

No. This program is operated through the Adams County 9-1-1 Center. Contact your city or county to see about starting a program in your area. ■

For Elderwatch information contact the following:

Quincy Police Department
(217) 228-4485

Adams County Sheriff's Department
(217) 277-2200

Quincy Senior Center
(217) 223-5700 or 1-800-252-9027