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

AEC continues to grow in the NEW MILLENNIUM 2000

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east-side of the Quincy airport to 80,000-lb. capacity.

Since federal and state aviation funds have been utilized for airport improvements, the City of Quincy can never sell the land and industries located at the Baldwin Field Business Park must be aviation-related. This will bring a new type of industry to west central Illinois and will help diversify the economic base of the area. The City of Quincy has agreed to short-term and long-term lease arrangements for the land.

It was anticipated that a private developer or company would construct a building in the Baldwin Field Business Park but this has not occurred in the last four (4) years. This $1,300,000 project has many partners and is a good example of public/private partnership benefiting the community.

The Great River Economic Development Foundation (GREDF), Soyland Power Cooperative and Agracel, Inc. have organized a group called Baldwin Developers, LLC to be the owners of the spec building by contributing $100,000 each.

The Cooperative will be loaning to GREDF $100,000 to be an additional investment in the Spec Building project. USDA-RD will be providing these funds to the Cooperative to loan to GREDF. When a business signs a long-term lease (three years or longer) for the spec building, Agracel, Inc. will buyout the other three (3) participants and will be the sole leaseholder. When GREDF repays the $100,000 to the Cooperative, the money will be deposited in the Revolving Loan Fund and be available for other projects in our service area. The Cooperative is also considering an additional $160,000 loan to the City of Quincy for additional infrastructure improvements to the Baldwin Field Business Park.

Agracel, Inc. is a building and land management company from Effingham, Illinois and has nearly 3,000,000-sq. ft. of buildings under lease throughout Illinois, Indiana and Iowa. Agracel, Inc. brings considerable experience to the organization regarding marketing and promoting a spec building and several industry contacts.

The City of Quincy has received a $400,000 grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation – Aeronautics Division, through the Illinois FIRST Program, to extend the taxiway and tarmac to the Spec Building site. The seven (7) rural Adams County Banks are also involved by providing $500,000 of construction and short-term financing at 4.5% interest for up to three (3) years. The rural banks are able to provide this type of attractive financing because the City of Quincy is investing $500,000 of their economic development funds in the rural banks at below-market rate certificate of deposits.

I have written about the value of partnerships previously. This project will be successful because of the many partners and the risk being spread throughout all the partners. I would like to say *thank you* to each of the project participants: Agracel,Inc., City of Quincy, GREDF, Soyland Power Cooperative, Central State Bank, Farmer's State Bank of Camp Point, Golden State Bank, The Farmers Bank of Liberty, The State Bank of Lima, UnionBank/West and Ursa State Bank. ■

Candace Weeks named Communications Coordinator

Adams Electric Cooperative's member services assistant, Candace Weeks, has been named Communications Coordinator for the Cooperative. Weeks, who has been with the Cooperative for 12 years, has spent the past 10 years in the Member Services Department.

As Communications Coordinator, Candace will be responsible for the planning and editing of the Adams Outlet, administering the Cooperative's web site and coordinating and implementing other communication projects for the Cooperative. ■

Brenda Harms named Marketing Assistant

Brenda Harms of Camp Point, has joined Adams Electric Cooperative as the new Marketing Assistant. Brenda started her new job on February 2, 2000. She will be replacing the position previously held by Candace Weeks. Brenda will be working in the appliance sales and service area with an emphasis on selling appliances.

Brenda and her husband, David, recently moved back to Camp Point after spending the last nine years in Minnesota and six years in Wyoming. The Harms have two children and four grandchildren.

Brenda's office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and other times by appointment.

The Board of Directors and employees welcome Brenda to the Cooperative. ■

AEC continues to grow in the NEW MILLENNIUM

The year 2000 will bring more load growth to Adams Electric Cooperative's service territory in Adams and Schuyler counties.

"The Quincy Airport's Spec Building at the Baldwin Field Business Park and the Illinois Youth Center-Rushville are two very significant load growths for Adams Electric Cooperative," says Douglas Aeilts, general manger." "These projects wouldn't be possible without the value of partnerships."

Adams County

On January 6, 2000 the announcement was made regarding a new 40,000 square foot spec building being built at the Baldwin Field Business Park. Making the Baldwin Field Business Park a more viable business site is the main goal of this new development.

Agracel Inc., an Effingham company that specializes in business development in smaller communities, will construct the 40,000 square foot building in the 55-acre business-park, served by Adams Electric Cooperative. The new spec building will be built near a runway on the north edge of the park. The Baldwin Field Business Park is located on the east edge of the airport property. Construction on this building will begin as soon as the weather breaks early this spring.

The FAA requires that all businesses in the Baldwin Field Business Park be aviation oriented due to the location of the park. The 200 by 200-foot spec building will have two large

overhead doors to accommodate airplanes and the taxiways will give airplanes access to the runways.

"Aircraft refurbishing, avionics repair or an aviation related parts manufacturer are just a few examples of businesses that could easily move into the building," states Mark Hanna, Quincy's Airport Manager.

"Other possible uses for the building could be an air-cargo facility for companies like UPS or Federal Express, or even using the building as a mini-sorting facility. The possibilities are endless!" comments Hanna.

This project is being financed by the seven banks who comprise the Rural Adams Development Corporation (RADC), Great River Economic Development Foundation (GREDF), Soyland Power Cooperative, Adams Electric Cooperative and Agracel Inc.

"This project, with the combined efforts of its partners, has created an economic development model that has never been heard of before in economic development!" exclaims Jim Mentesti, president of the Great River Economic Development Foundation (GREDF). "This will set a precedence for others to follow."

"It has taken nine years to get to this point in the development of the Baldwin Field Business Park. This wouldn't have been possible without the help of all the partners involved," adds Mentesti.

"We see this as the first in a series of dominoes that will bring attention to the airport as a viable business site," says Mark Field, president of Farmers Bank of Liberty, one of seven rural banks that make up RADC.

"The aviation industry is a whole new industry to this area and we hope that it will grow in the next 20 years like the electronics industry has grown in this area in the past 20 years," states Jim Mentesti.

Schuyler County

After the fifth attempt, the residents of Schuyler County and the City of Rushville have finally been successful in winning the bid for the new maximum security Juvenile Detention Center.

"Schuyler County is a perfect example of what can happen when people don't quit trying," says June Conner with the Schuyler County Economic Development Association.

Construction for this $34 million facility will start this summer. The 288 bed Juvenile Detention Center will ready for occupants in the spring/summer of 2002. The Center will employee approximately 300 people. Plans are already underway for a $14 million, 60-bed addition to this facility at a later date.

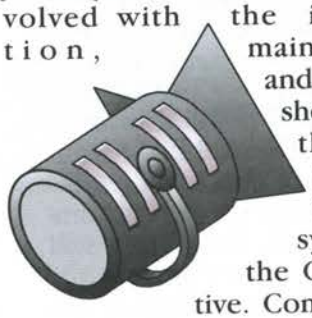
Adams Electric Cooperative negotiated with AmerenCIPS to purchase electric service rights for the entire facility and an additional 80 acres, which will include service to a house and the Rushville Airport. This acreage has excellent development potential.

The enhancement of Highway 67 and with the site being in the Macomb to Jacksonville corridor, the possibilities for development in the Schuyler county area are endless.

Without the help of State Senator Laura Donahue, Representatives Art Tenhouse and Rich Myers, Senator Dick Durban and Congressman John Shimkus, funding for both the spec building at the Baldwin Field Business Park and the Illinois Youth Center-Rushville would not have been possible. ■

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Ed Covey has been with Adams Electric Cooperative for 16 and a half years. During those years, Ed has spent time as a Forester/Groundman, a Groundman and an Apprentice Lineman. After four years of classes at the Lineman School at Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield and six different classes at the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives, Ed is now a Journeyman Lineman for AEC. As a Journeyman Lineman, Ed is involved with the installation, maintenance and trouble-shooting of the electric distribution system of the Cooperative. Come snow, rain, sleet or hail you can always count on Ed to be out there helping to keep your lights on!



Besides attending the Lineman School, Ed is a graduate of Peoria Central High School in Peoria, Illinois and holds both a Bachelor and a Masters degree from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois.

Ed and his wife, Judy, live at R.R. 2, Camp Point and are the parents of three children, Mike, Tom and Christine. A grandson, Brandt, is a joyful addition to the Covey family. Ed and Judy are members of the Columbus United Methodist Church.

Among other talents, Ed likes to do carpentry work. He enjoys helping his children remodel their homes and is also working on finishing the basement of his new home. Bowling and raising sheep are other activities that Ed enjoys.

When asked what his favorite thing about his job was, Ed said that he really enjoys the variety of work that his job entails. Whether climbing poles or operating various pieces of equipment to accomplish the task at hand, he likes the outdoor atmosphere. "I am grateful that I can work throughout the counties in order to bring electric service to the members of Adams Electric Cooperative." ■

Why do electric bills go up in the winter?

You may notice energy bills are higher during the colder months. Several factors can contribute to those higher bills, including:

- Warm baths feel great on cold days – and heating extra water can increase your consumption and your electric bill. Be sure your water heater is properly insulated if it's in an unheated space, and have it checked for leaks.
- Winter brings holidays, which often mean additional cooking and baking, and those bright holiday lights, all of which can raise your usage of electricity.
- Shorter days and longer nights mean lights stay on longer both inside and out.
- Most consumers use the clothes dryer more often in winter.
- Most heating systems use electricity for some functions, such as operating the fan, and many run almost continuously when it's very cold.
- You may be using space heaters in garages or other unheated areas.
- That electric blanket or heating pad that feels so cozy on cold nights can cost another dollar or so to operate.
- Many leave a large wattage bulb on in the pump house to add heat and prevent pipes from freezing.

But even if your bills are higher during winter, electricity remains one of the best values around. A pound of sirloin steak purchased at the grocery store costs about the same as the electricity needed to broil it in an electric oven for 10 hours. The cost of a box of tissues and a roll of paper towels will power an electric clothes dryer for five hours. For the price you pay for a newsmagazine, you can read by electric light 10 hours a day for a month. ■

Space heaters – use safely and wisely

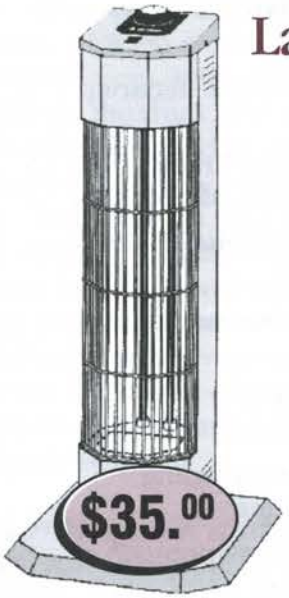
Space heaters can be an economical way to heat a room or area while you are occupying it, but should not be considered a substitute for a central heating system. They add extra warmth to a room, rather than heating the entire home. Also, they are portable, allowing them to be moved from room to room.

Electric space heaters are clean and safe. They have no fumes, flames or soot. There is no worry about storing or spilling flammable fuel. However, the costs of operating an electric space heater can have quite an impact on your electric bill. A 1500-watt heater running continuously uses approximately 1.5 kilowatts per hour. If a space heater remains running for an entire day, it would add 36 kWh's to your electric bill. A space heater with a thermostat, which allows the heater to shut off when a certain room temperature is reached, is a good investment. To conserve electricity and for safety, always turn off your space heater before leaving the room.

If you need to warm a remote area, such as an outdoor well pump, you should consider using 100 watt bulbs or heat tapes instead of a space heater. In this type of environment, dampness can cause the controls to stick and your heater will be running non-stop. Check the controls periodically to ensure they are operating properly. ■

Always follow these safety precautions when using a space heater:

- Read and follow all manufacturers' instructions before using.
- Keep children and pets a safe distance from a space heater.
- For your personal safety, avoid sitting in front of the heating element. The intense heat may dry your eyes and cause irritation.
- Operate a space heater in a stable, upright position in an open area away from curtains and drapes.
- Avoid running the electrical cord under a rug or carpet.
- Keep a minimum space of 30 inches between the front of the heater and any other object.
- Avoid hanging a heater from the ceiling or on the wall.
- Repair a damaged cord or plug immediately.
- Keep a heater away from any container of water it can fall into, such as a bathtub.
- When an extension cord is needed, use one that is rated to handle the amperage and voltage of the space heater.
- If your space heater trips a circuit breaker or blows a fuse, the circuit is too small to operate the heater. Contact a licensed electrician to check the circuit before using the space heater again.
- Unplug space heaters whenever you leave the room or they are not in use. ■



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Member Advisory Committee Tours Headquarters

Advisory Committee members toured Adams Electric Cooperative's office on January 26, 2000. After a soup supper, Don Taylor, manager of marketing, reviewed the Advisory Committee guidelines and objectives, and Doug Aeilts, general manager, explained the history and organization of the Cooperative.

The committee then split into two groups and toured the Cooperative's office. Staff members answered questions about their departments as the groups learned about the different areas of the Cooperative.

Adams Electric Cooperative organized the first Advisory Committee on October 4, 1957. Members are selected by the directors and meet four times a year. The Advisory Committee consists of 18 couples who serve for two years.

The main purpose of the Advisory Committee is to discuss the operations and activities of the Cooperative. Through their feedback, the Cooperative can better evaluate the effectiveness of our programs and services. ■

The following is a list of Advisory Committee members and the director districts they represent.

District 1	Darrell and Ruth Ann Haber RR 2, Rushville	Maurice and Sonja Ross RR 1, Rushville
District 2	John and Vicki Eilers RR 1, Augusta	Larry and Jo Tallcott RR 1, Loraine
District 3	Ted and Lisa Tenk RR 1, Fowler	Tom and Bernadine Terstriep RR 3, Liberty
District 4	Robert and Elizabeth Cassens East Lake Estates, Mt. Sterling	John and Shirley Crank East Lake Estates, Mt. Sterling
District 5	Gary and Karen Eaton RR 1, Augusta	Randall and Darlene Prather RR 1, LaPrairie
District 6	Gordon and Joyce Barker Benz Road, Payson	Robert and Rosemary Howell RR 1, Payson
District 7	Ted and Sarah Genenbacher St. Ludgerus Road, Fowler	Dan and Janet Nutt 6528 N. 48th Street, Quincy
District 8	Ed and Marsha Wagner RR 1, Mt. Sterling	Larry and Kathy Yingling RR 1, Mt. Sterling
District 9	Randy and Roberta Jackson RR 1, Coatsburg	Bob and Carolyn Sprenger RR 1, Coatsburg

COOP CORNER

Dear Lyle,
Thanks for your cooperation and assistance in dropping the big maple tree in the yard of my farm property north of Rushville! I was reluctant to bother you with this chore, but with the nearness to your lines and my luck in predicting the fall pattern of cut trees, it wasn't the thing for me to tackle.
We now have it cleaned up and your efforts made the job much simpler!

Thanks,
Bob Teel

To the guys called the "Rodeo Guys":
I want to say thanks and that I appreciate all the hard work you do. When the tornado came through our farm area, the poles were down, etc. It didn't take long for the lights to come on; your "determined termites" crawled through brush, crossed creeks, and climbed trees. With the brilliant light on the truck, you shined along the line and lit up the dark rooms in my house, and the men were on their way to getting the problem fixed. I'm sorry I did not write sooner, but you are appreciated and commended for your expert work. A very nice article in the Adams Outlet, but more praise should be given.

Thanks again and again,
Alvena Campbell

Adams Electric Cooperative,
At about 1:00 am, September 28th a strong wind or tornado blew a big tree on our garage and an Adams Electric line cutting our power. We waited until 5:00 a.m. to call and in less than an hour Steve Fanning was here. He cut up limbs. He and other Adams Electric men worked until after 8:30 a.m. and restored power with minimal damage to the garage. Mary Ellen and I want to thank Steve and the other men for a job well done. It gives us a good feeling to be a part of Adams Electric Cooperative.

Sincerely yours,
Harold Mealiff

Abe,
I'd like to thank you for your courtesy and assistance. In my 42 years with CIPS, I'd like to think all of my people were as concerned with helping and satisfying our customers as are you.

Yours very truly,
Bob Patterson

Adams Electric Cooperative,
Thanks for furnishing an "electric board" for our farm sale so the Bethany Women's Fellowship of Tioga, Illinois could serve lunch to the many people attending the sale. Thanks for your service.

***Marie Wessinger* and**
Elma Stoll

Dear Mr. Henze,
About a week ago your trimming crew was here to take down a tree in our yard. They did a fantastic job. They were very courteous and polite. They asked questions of my wife and answered any questions we had. They took down the tree and cleaned up just as if the tree had never been there.
We would like to thank you and your men for a job well done.

Thanks again,
Dennis Peter

Dear Candace and David,
It was great to receive our copy of "Illinois Country Living" and see you on the cover along with the Maytag Repairman! Adams Electric Cooperative does an excellent job in gaining exposure for Adams County and western Illinois through its various publications and programs. Thanks for all you do and keep up the great work!

Kathy, Bonnie and Jim
Great River Economic
Development Foundation

David,
Thank you for getting Jeff's new dryer vented properly. Tell Randy he did a great job! It will work much more efficiently than going into a container of water. Anyway, thank you again for cooperating and helping to get this fixed properly. We really appreciated it.

Gay Gunn

Adams Electric Cooperative services

A number of incentive rates are available to help you lower your overall cost of energy and shave the Cooperative's costly peak demand.

ELECTRIC HEAT – Controlled Heating and Cooling (CHC) Rate is only 4¢ a kWh all year for heating, cooling and water heating.

CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONERS – Controlled Air Conditioning (CAC) Rate is only 6¢ a kWh during the (4) summer months.

ELECTRIC WATER HEATERS – Put a FREE Radio Controlled Switch on your electric water heater and receive an $8.00 per month credit on your electric bill.

TIME OF DAY (TOD) RATE – All kWh's used in off-peak periods are only 6.3¢ a kWh.

SPECIALTY RATES – Adams Electric Cooperative offers an Irrigation Rate, Interruptible Rate and an Economic Development Rate for large commercial loads.

APPLIANCE SALES AND SERVICE – A dealer since 1959, Adams Electric Cooperative sells Maytag, Magic Chef, Jenn-Air, Hotpoint and GE appliances. A variety of colors and models are stocked at the Camp Point showroom. A selection of used appliances is also available. The Cooperative has an excellent service department. Most appliances can be fixed the same day you call. The department works on all major appliance brands.

BUDGET BILLING – A budget billing plan designed to equalize monthly electric payments.

SECURITY LIGHTING – The Cooperative rents 100-watt, 250-watt and 400-watt high-pressure sodium outdoor lights.

PUBLICATIONS – 1.The Adams Outlet brings members information on Cooperative operations, energy efficiency measures, area business development, safety and general interest stories.
2.The Illinois Country Living magazine offers members a look at important rural electrification issues at the state and national level.
3.All new members receive a "Member Handbook" listing information about the Cooperative. Extra copies are available.
4.Every member receives an annual report in August. It gives you a general review of the Cooperative's operations. Financial statements in the annual report are based on an auditor's report prepared by independent certified public accountants.

SPEAKER'S BUREAU – Electrical safety and energy education programs are available.

ENERGY AUDITS AND INSULATION – Your Cooperative can recommend proper insulation, ventilation and weatherization measures for your new or remodeled home.

CRIME WATCH – The Crime Watch program is a service to members aimed at reducing rural crime.

WIRING SPECIFICATIONS – Guidelines for wiring your home, garage or farm.

ELECTRIC HEAT REBATES – Install a geothermal system and receive a $600 rebate. Air-to-Air heat pumps with electric backup receive a $400 rebate. Air-to-Air heat pumps with gas backup receive a $200 rebate.

WATER HEATER REBATES – Replacement electric water heaters qualify for a $75 rebate. Install an electric water heater in new construction or replace a gas water heater and receive $125. Only 40 gallon or larger water heaters qualify and they must be installed in our service territory.

ENERGYWYSE LOANS – Qualified applicants can borrow up to $10,000 for electric heating and cooling systems and generators. Loans can be financed up to 60 months.

HEAT LOSS CALCULATIONS – We can figure your home's heat loss, size your new electric system and estimate your annual energy costs.

For details call 800-232-4797

Are you filling out your new electric bill correctly?

Adams Electric Cooperative members received their first new electric bill the first of February. During the processing of those bills the Cooperative found that there has been some confusion on how to fill out the return portion of the electric bill.

One of the main areas in question is item number four (4) on the copy below. It is extremely important to record the *new meter reading* in this field. Kilowatt's used *do not* go in this area.

Another area in question is where two-meter account's readings appear on the new statement. Members with two-meter accounts need to remember that the first meter is now on the left side of the statement and the second meter is on the right. Please check the meter number above the reading boxes to make sure you are recording the meter reading under the appropriate meter.

Listed below are explanations for the return portion of your electric bill:

1. **Account Number**
2. **Due Date**
3. **Meter** – The meter number will be preprinted on your bill and you will need to fill in the current meter reading.
4. **Present Meter Reading** – You will record the present meter reading in this area. Members with two-meter accounts need to correspond the meter numbers with the meter readings.
5. **Name and Address Field**
6. **Amount Paid**

The new electric bills are no longer being mailed in yellow envelopes but in white envelopes. There will also be a return envelope enclosed with your new bill. Before mailing your bill remember to check your telephone number on the top portion of your electric bill to make sure it is correct.

Remember, if you don't like the inconvenience of having to write a check every month to pay your electric bill, the Cooperative's no check payment plan called *Automatic Bill Payment* is available. Credit cards accepted are MasterCard, Visa and Discover. ■

Below is the returned portion of your electric bill

Please write present meter reading in blocks. Return this portion of bill with payment.

ADAMS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
PO Box 247
US HWY 24 EAST
CAMP POINT, IL 62320-0247
217-593-7701

PLEASE INDICATE CHANGE OF ADDRESS/PHONE ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM

(5)

ACCOUNT NUMBER	DUE DATE
(1)	(2)
METER: (3)	
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