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April 2000

Sees Grand Openings & Ground Breakings

Adams Electric Cooperative members and others around the tri-state area have been watching the construction on the east edge of Quincy for quite some time now. April 2000 was the month that the public finally got to see for themselves what has been built and the new services that will be provided for them.

See pages 6-7 for more 2000 ground breakings

Wal-Mart SuperCenter

April 19, 2000 was the day area shoppers had been anxiously awaiting. The new high-tech Wal-Mart SuperCenter brought 208,000 more square feet of shopping space to the tri-state area. This new structure is more than double the size of the previous Wal-Mart store.

Consumers have many more services available under one roof, making the SuperCenter a one stop shopping convenience. The new SuperCenter features a full grocery and bakery department, an optical center, a pharmacy, hair salon, banking facility, nail salon, a portrait studio, a café plus

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Candace Weeks

Cooperative benefits from a strong economy

by Douglas Aeilts
General Manager

The Cooperative has been very fortunate in experiencing strong energy sales growth so far this year. The majority of this growth has been in the immediate area east of Quincy with several large commercial and numerous residential projects just being completed. Without these new developments, our sales would have been down significantly due to the very mild winter we experienced.

Most commercial developments provide an opportunity for large energy sales with relatively small Cooperative investment, this results in rapid payback. These new developments benefit Adams Electric Cooperative by increasing the sales base for the Cooperative's overhead costs. In this way, all Adams Electric Cooperative members benefit by stabilizing existing assessment schedules.

Recent commercial developments include the new Super Wal-Mart store; Gem City Ford, Lincoln, Mercury dealership; Land-o-Lakes Swine Development and the John Wood Community College (JWCC) Science and Technology Building. Several additional commercial projects have or will be starting later this year including the Illinois Youth Center – Rushville, at least two (2) additional buildings at the new JWCC campus, the new 40,000 sq. ft. Spec Building at the Baldwin Field Business Park and the Tri-Township Fire Department Building.

I have received a few telephone calls from Members inquiring about the Cooperative investing in the Spec Building project. There are two (2) parts in my answer to this question.

First, the Cooperative's investment in the spec building is being funded by a USDA-Rural Development grant that was awarded to Adams Electric Cooperative in 1995. Our investment in the spec building will be returned to the Cooperative when the building is leased long-term (more than three years). When our investment is returned, the money will be used to establish a revolving loan fund that can benefit other Cooperative Members to start new businesses or expand existing businesses. The Cooperative's board of directors will have total control of the revolving loan fund.

The second part of my answer is two fold. Increased energy sales is a direct benefit the Cooperative will experience from the 40,000-sq. ft. commercial building. As I stated previously, increased energy sales results in ***all*** Cooperative members seeing stabilized assessment schedules. It is also anticipated that the completion and use of this first building will be the catalyst for additional buildings to be constructed at the airport. The Quincy Regional Airport has tremendous potential for numerous types of aviation-related industries because of our Midwest location and infrastructure that is already in place such as long runways, land available for development and adequate water supply. Keep in mind that any structure built at the airport will be in Adams Electric Cooperative's service territory and would increase the Cooperative's energy sales.

The strong economic activity of our three (3) county electric service territory benefits the Cooperative and all of our Members by increasing our energy sales and revenue potential.

I have written about the value of partnerships before. All of the projects that are occurring in our service territory would not be possible without partners and everyone working together. I believe the Cooperative's mission statement is very appropriate: "Adams Electric Cooperative is committed to exceeding the expectations of those we serve!"

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Debbie Rhea, Billing Supervisor, has been with Adams Electric Cooperative since March 1995. When first hired, Debbie worked as a billing assistant, then moved into the Billing Supervisor position when Peggy Bair retired.

As Billing Supervisor, Debbie oversees the day-to-day billing operations at Adams Electric Cooperative. Debbie also oversees large power billing, the refunding of Capital Credits, budget accounts as well as the handling of delinquent accounts.

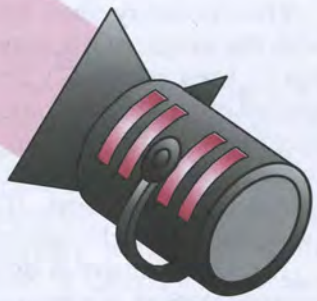
Rhea, a graduate of Central High School, also has an AAS Degree in Secretarial Science from John Wood Community College. Debbie and her husband, Bob, are the proud parents of three children, Tracy, Casey and Ashley. The Rhea's live in Camp Point.

Debbie, a member of the Camp Point United Methodist Church, serves as Sunday School Class Treasurer, is a member of the Central High School Booster Club and also serves as a member of the Central High School After Prom Committee.

Spending time with her family and watching her children in their various activities tops Debbie's list of favorite activities. Going to craft shows is also a fun past-time for her.

When asked what her favorite thing about her job was, Debbie replied that she enjoys the variety of her work.

Debbie Rhea



Parade of Homes

Sunday, June 11, 2000

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10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m

More information will be available in the Quincy Herald-Whig, Saturday, June 10th

Sponsored By:
Home Builders Association of Quincy

Nominating Committee will meet June 14th

According to the bylaws adopted in 1984, the nominating committee must meet and prepare a list of nominees at least 60 days before the annual meeting. This year the annual meeting will be Wednesday, September 6, 2000. The committee will meet in the Cooperative office at the east edge of Camp Point on Route 24 at 7:30 p.m. on June 14, 2000. Within three working days, following completion of the nominating process, a list of nominees will be posted in the lobby of the Cooperative office.

The secretary shall be responsible for mailing to each member at least 40 days before the date of the annual meeting a statement of the number of board members to be elected and the names and addresses of the candidates nominated in each district by the nominating committee.

The secretary shall be responsible for mailing with the notice of the annual meeting, or separately, but at least seven (7) days before the date of the annual meeting, a statement of the number of board members to be elected and the names and addresses of candidates nominated by the committee and by petition, if any. The names of the candidates shall be arranged by district.

The Cooperative is divided into nine districts of representation of membership and each district is represented by one director. Directors serve three-year terms. Their terms in office are staggered so that three of the nine directors are elected each year. The districts and areas represented are as follows:

To be elected in 2000

District #7 – Consisting of Lima, Ursa, Mendon, Riverside and Ellington Townships of Adams County; and Rocky Run and Walker Townships of Hancock County.

District #8 – Consisting of Pea Ridge, Missouri, Lee and Buckhorn Townships of Brown County.

District #9 – Consisting of Honey Creek, Camp Point, Clayton, Concord and McKee Townships of Adams County.

At the 1999 annual meeting, the following members were elected to serve on the 2000 nominating committee:

District #7

Mrs. Pam Peter
RR 1 Box 202
Mendon, IL 62351-9718

Mr. Larry Foster
6503 North 48th St
Quincy, IL 62301-0544

District #8

Mr. Larry Yingling
RR 1 Box 96
Mt Sterling, IL 62353-9737

Mr. Charles Ingram
RR 1 Box 151
Timewell, IL 62375-9767

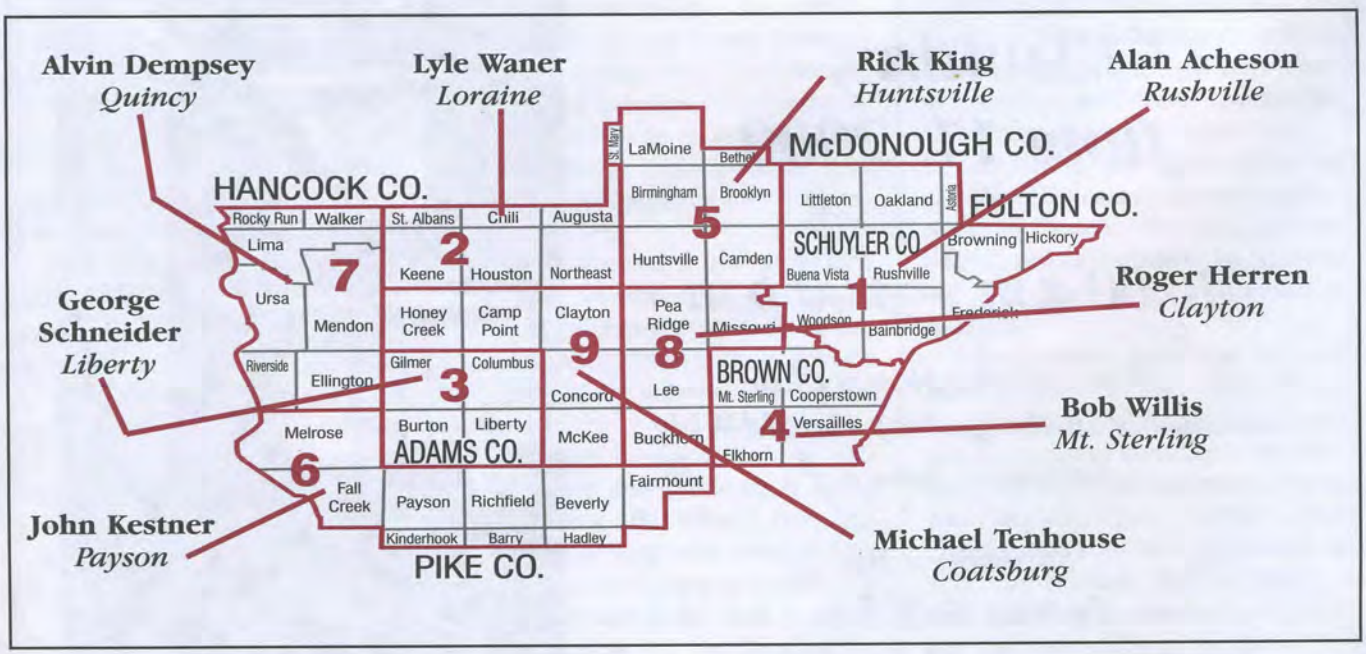
District #9

Mr. Lee Farlow
RR 2 Box 315
Camp Point, IL 62320-9516

Mr. Gary Evans
RR 1 Box 102
Camp Point, IL 62320-9731

Member at Large

Mr. Dwaine Marlow
RR 1 Box 94
Golden, IL 62339-9758



Willis and Kestner receive Credentialed Cooperative Director Certificate

John Kestner ▶

◀ Bob Willis

Bob Willis, board president and John Kestner, board secretary have both received their Credentialed Cooperative Director Certificate.

Industry restructuring and competition create the need for directors to obtain knowledge and competencies not previously required. The Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) curriculum demonstrates the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's (NRECA) commitment to directors, offering training on the competencies they need to succeed in a new and uncertain environment.

The CCD certificate is earned by attending all five required courses and successfully completing a learning assessment for each.

Both Willis and Kestner have served on Adams Electric Cooperative's board of directors for three and a half years.

What is expected of a director?

Director candidates often ask this question when they consider running for the board. The following is a list of the minimum requirements for an Adams Electric Cooperative director:

1. Directors must attend all regular monthly board meetings, usually beginning at 7:30 p.m. and adjourning three to five hours later.
2. Directors must attend all special board meetings, committee meetings and Adams Electric Cooperative's annual meeting. Directors should also attempt to attend one National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) meeting or director's conference every year.
3. Other meetings directors attend, include one and two day educational seminars. Directors are encouraged to complete their NRECA Credentialed Cooperative Director's Certificate during their first term (three years).
4. Certified and/or Credentialed Directors receive a $150.00 per diem and mileage (IRS approved mileage rate) for attendance of Cooperative meetings. Non-Credentialed Directors receive a $100.00 per diem and mileage (IRS approved mileage rate) for attendance of Cooperative meetings. All directors receive transportation, lodging and meal expenses when traveling on Cooperative business.
5. Directors spend 23 – 35 days each year representing Adams Electric Cooperative.
6. A director is expected to read and be familiar with information and financial reports from the Cooperative, and/or other state and national associations.
7. A director represents all members of Adams Electric Cooperative, not a geographic region.
8. A director should work in harmony with the whole board. A director must also have the self-confidence and communication skills to express their opinion or disagreement with other directors.
9. Directors and spouses are encouraged to join NRECA's political action committee, Action Committee for Rural Electrification (ACRE). Regular membership is $25.00 per year and century club membership is $100.00 per year.
10. Additional details are provided in Adams Electric Cooperative's bylaws.

Annual meeting date

The board of directors hope that you can schedule time to come to the annual meeting this year. One reason Adams Electric Cooperative is unique is that it's your Cooperative. You have a voice and the annual meeting is a good way to let it be heard. We hope to see you there.

Mark your calendar to attend the annual meeting on Wednesday, September 6, 2000, at Bailey Park in Camp Point. We will be announcing more details in the coming months.

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other services offered at the previous Wal-Mart store.

"The Quincy community has been a strong supporter of Wal-Mart stores for nearly ten years and we wanted to help the loyal customers in the area by catering to more of their needs," states James Stanway, of Wal-Mart. "We are pleased to provide continued support to the region's economy through the creation of good jobs, additional tax revenue, and a well-established charitable giving and volunteer program." The Wal-Mart SuperCenter is a strong asset to the rapidly growing eastern section of Quincy.

Gem City Ford

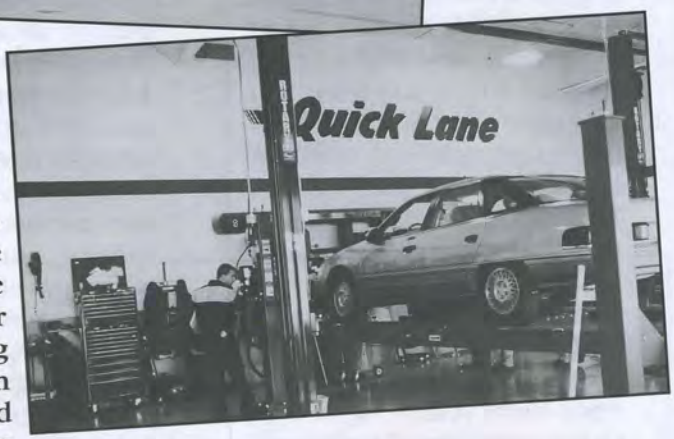
April 2000 was also opening date for the Gem City Ford dealership.

This 40,000 square-foot facility was designed by Miller/Zell for the Ford Motor Company. Steve Brink, owner of the dealership, also implemented design ideas for the building. To date this unique design has only been done in several other cities in the United States. A geothermal heating and cooling system will be an excellent compliment to the energy efficient structure.

When entering the dealership through the main entrance the customer is able to view every aspect of it. To the customer's left is the sales division, the center area is parts and to the customer's right is the service department.

The dealership has doubled their service capacity with 28 bays available for vehicle repair. Another feature for Gem City Ford is a Quick Lane Operation. This area has five bays and specializes in quick and efficient services with no waiting for the customer. Some of the services offered in this department are oil and filter changes, front-end alignments, tire rotation and balancing.

Gem City Ford has been in business since 1992. For two years in a row, Gem City Ford has received the North American Customer Excellence Award. This is the highest honor Ford awards for customer satisfaction and only 10% of the dealers across the nation receive it.



"I'm very excited about the opportunities we have to better serve our existing customers. I'm also excited about attracting new customers with our top-notch service and modern facility," exclaims Steve Brink.

Lake Ridge Subdivision

Joe Churchill, President of J. Churchill Construction, Inc. is extremely pleased with his newest 70-acre subdivision currently under construction just north of Broadway on 48th Street. Churchill introduced cluster-home living to the Quincy market 12 years ago. Cluster homes offer maintenance free, quality living designed especially for empty nesters and retirees.

The first phase of the project is well under-

way. In April, the first five homes were completed with residents moving in. Four more foundations have been poured with construction starting soon. Several fully furnished model homes are open for viewing Monday - Friday from noon to 3:00 p.m. and Sundays from 1:00 p.m - 3:00 p.m.

These homes are principally similar to the homes Churchill Construction built in the Pine Ridge, Cedar Ridge and Bluff Ridge subdivisions. Most homes will have 1,332 - 1,511 square feet, including two bedrooms, two bathrooms, formal dining room, separate breakfast area and a two-car garage, available with or without basements. Homes with full basements are available as "look outs" or "walk outs".

The main entrance to the Lake Ridge Subdivision is on North 48th Street but eventually there will be a street tying the subdivision into the back door of the Wal-Mart SuperCenter on 52nd Street. This will allow homeowners easy access to the SuperCenter.

"We are very excited about our new location. This is an excellent location for the type of clientele that we serve. The location makes shopping and banking extremely easy and the subdivision is also close to medical services as well as numerous churches," comments Joe Churchill.

Baldwin Field Business Park

April 2000 also saw the ground breaking for the 40,000 square foot spec building at the Baldwin Field Business Park. The main goal of this new development is to make the Baldwin Field Business Park a more viable business site.

The new building is being built near a runway on the north edge of the park. The FAA requires that all businesses in the Business Park be aviation oriented due to the location of the park.

"Aircraft refurbishing, avionics repair or an aviation-related parts manufacturer are just a few examples of businesses that could easily move into the buildings," 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.

Adams Electric Cooperative is very fortunate to serve all of the above facilities. None of these projects would have been possible without the value of partnerships.

From left, Mark Hanna, Airport Manager and Kyle and Sandy Trudell. The Trudells were the winners of the logo contest for Quincy Regional Airport, Baldwin Field.

Wollbrink and Cain are winners of Washington, D.C. Tour

The winners of Adams Electric Cooperative's 41st Annual ***"Youth to Washington"*** contest are Kristi Wollbrink of Quincy Christian School and Nicole Cain from Central High School. Kristi is the daughter of Steve and Kathi Wollbrink, Fowler and Nicole is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Cain, Clayton.

The alternate is Leslie VanOs of Quincy High School. Leslie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William VanOs, Jr., Quincy. If a winner is unable to go to Washington, D.C., an alternate would then be eligible to take the trip. The alternate receives a $50 U.S. Savings Bond.

Each participant in Adams Electric Cooperative's ***"Youth to Washington"*** contest was required to write a 1,000 – 1,200 word essay. A panel of three judges graded each essay to determine the two winners and two alternates.

Kristi and Nicole will assemble with more than 75 other high school students representing Illinois electric cooperatives on Friday, June 16, 2000 to travel aboard a chartered bus to Washington, D.C. They will be accompanied by several chaperones and return to Springfield on June 23, 2000.

During their expense-paid week in Washington, D.C., Kristi and Nicole will join approximately 1,500 other students from 38 states for ***"Rural Electric Youth Week,"*** sponsored by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

Activities include touring the U.S. Capitol, Library of Congress, Arlington National Cemetery, Smithsonian Institute, Washington Monument and other national shrines. The group will also enjoy a special tour of the White House and have an opportunity to meet their senators and representatives.

From left: Nicole Cain, Central High School and Kristi Wollbrink, Quincy Christian School and Candace Weeks, communications coordinator for Adams Electric Cooperative. Cain and Wollbrink were the winners in Adams Electric Cooperative's 41st annual *"Youth to Washington"* contest.

Winning essay:

2000 Youth to Washington contest

Question: With the start of the new millennium what upcoming changes do you think are ahead for the electric utility industry? What makes Adams Electric Cooperative different from other businesses?
By Kristi Wollbrink

As I look back on my childhood, I realize that my first experience with electricity was the memory of sliding my socked feet across the carpet, so that I might give a shock to an unsuspecting victim. Even though I didn't realize then what caused this electrical shock, I knew the power electricity held.

Now, as a young adult my knowledge of electricity has increased and so has my realization of the importance electricity has in my life. At home, everything from the alarm clock to the refrigerator relies on electricity to continue doing its job. At school, as I watch my teacher on a television via satellite, I realize that without electricity we would not be able to use this method of distance learning. Even at church, the sounds of the organ and the pastor's voice being amplified throughout the church require electricity.

It is hard to comprehend the power we have through the touch of a single button when that button is connected to electrical power; powers never conceived before are now at our fingertips.

With the start of the new millennium what upcoming changes do you think are ahead for the electric utility industry?

For the new millennium I see electricity used in ways that will change the lifestyle of Americans. The electric utility industry will see change in the increasing de-

mand for electricity while the Internet expands its power as the leading source for information. The Internet will be relied upon for everyday things including shopping for groceries, finding the show time for a movie, local and worldwide communications, and business interactions. Things like these will be the reason the Internet will find its way into homes everywhere and as it does so will the increasing use of electricity.

Another major change that the industry is beginning to see, and will see more of, is Electric Service Restructuring, commonly known as deregulation. By May of 2002, all of Illinois investor-owned utilities' electric customers will have an opportunity to choose their electrical supplier. Electric Service Restructuring will establish a competitive market for electric service. Power will be sold by alternative retail electric suppliers (ARES) allowing the customer to have a choice as to which supplier will provide the generation, also known as production, of their electricity. The customer's current electric utility company will remain responsible for the distribution of the electricity, requiring them to provide reliable delivery to homes or businesses even if the customer chooses a new supplier.

There are many reasons why buyers would choose to use a different company to supply their electric generation. These reasons would include how or where the electricity is produced, services and incentives, the lowest price or the total cost, and economic and environmental support. As electric restructuring becomes available, I see a change for the electric utility industry in the increase or decrease of a company's production of electricity.

Yet, another possible change in the new millennium will be a shift in energy sources used to generate electricity. Resources such as coal, natural gas, nuclear and oil are non-renewable resources that are heavily relied upon to produce electricity. Currently, the prices for these resources are soaring. So, in order to keep electric prices at a minimum, many electric companies will begin to depend more upon renewable resources, such as hydro, solar and wind to generate electricity. I believe switching to these milieu friendly resources will benefit the electric utility industry, because the satisfaction their customers will have due to the reduced service rates and care of the environment.

In conclusion, the electric utility industry will face upcoming changes in the new millennium that will conform the way they produce, transmit and distribute electricity to serve their customers more effectively.

What makes Adams Electric Cooperative different from other business?

Until 1935 electricity was uncommon everywhere. Only 10 percent of the households and businesses had what was called "the electric." Electric companies that were investor-oriented knew that to provide electricity to the rural areas was not a profitable venture. Only when President Roosevelt ordered the Rural Electrification Administration Act into effect did the rural household have any hope of the precious electricity. This act was signed into law in 1936 - with this new law and the needed financing now a reality, rural Americans had the electricity needed to furnish invaluable extra work hours. The electricity gave power to motors that in turn were considered as helpful as a "hired hand." Since then electricity has allowed the American farmer and rancher to increase their productivity to easily feed our nation and a hungry world.

The basic principles behind a cooperative are:

1. Open and voluntary membership is available to all members.
2. Democratic control means members enjoy equal voting rights and decision participation.
3. Limited interest on shares controls interest rate on share capital.
4. Return of surplus to members means the cooperative's goal is not to make money.
5. Cooperative education encourages companies to continually educate everyone involved.
6. Cooperation among cooperatives uses networking with other cooperatives to stay on the cutting edge.
7. Concern for community focuses on improving the product not the profit.

Co-ops can be classified by three different categories. The first categories, has two groups which are determined by the electrical user. Electricity used by consumers is one of the groups. This group includes households and non-business agencies- my home and school would be in this group. The other group is the business user, which is mainly agricultural users. There are other ways co-ops can be classified such as how the cooperative is owned and controlled. Some cooperatives are federated cooperative's which means they are owned by other cooperatives. Co-ops can also be classified as a centralized cooperative, where members hold direct membership. Adams Electric Cooperative is an example of a centralized cooperative. The third way to classify a co-op is by its function. The many different kinds of cooperative functions include marketing, processing, supplying, bargaining, and servicing cooperation's among agricultural cooperatives.

The biggest difference between Adams Electric Cooperative and other businesses is the

member involvement. The business literally belongs to the members, making it different from the investor-oriented firm, which is controlled by stockholders. The members of Adams Electric Cooperative live in the local community and are part of the decision-making process. Stockholders may or may not live in the vicinity of their business. They may buy their homes, food, clothing, etc. in another part of the country where they reside. Employees of the cooperative buy in the area, which is a benefit for the local community.

In conclusion, Adams Electric Cooperative is different from other businesses because of its member involvement, client, function and ownership. The evidence that Adams Electric Cooperative is geared toward serving the customer is evident through this contest and the Youth Tour. It is truly trying to educate the youth of tomorrow to benefit all.

Winning essay:

2000 Youth to Washington contest

Question: With the start of the new millennium what upcoming changes do you think are ahead for the electric utility industry? What makes Adams Electric Cooperative different from other businesses?
By Nicole Cain

Imagine a life where the only light available came from the enticing wick of an exhausted candle or an overheated coal-oil lamp. A life in which energy came more efficiently from one's own hands instead of an electrical outlet. In 1930, the majority of rural people lived and labored in a dark and powerless land. It was local leadership and the efforts of the committed few that helped bring transformation. Cooperatives brought a glimmer of hope where before there had been no electricity and no chance of ever obtaining it. It was cooperatives, such as Adams Electric Cooperative, that helped make a difference. The electric utility industry has improved life throughout the decades and continues to transform as the dawn of a new millennium arises. Advances in technology, as well as many other incentives, have created more efficient and economical methods of producing and transporting electricity.

Prior to 1935, only 10 percent of our nation's countryside acquired electricity in the home. Rural America was in the dark until 1935, when rural electrification became a reality. Through new means of financing and the hard work of many Americans, this early change was a stimulant to future modifications. As the years progress, technology will allow more regions to receive electricity. This is a substantial modernization to those who have been in the dark for so long. Not only will electricity mean a source of lights and power to these people, but a new way of life. New power plants emerged, bringing industries and jobs that create higher incomes, which are highly beneficial in today's society. Electricity provides a new way of receiving information through such objects as radios, televisions and computers, therefore, becoming an important tool in such areas as education. These new advancements will allow people to attain more knowledge and become more modernized in these areas.

One issue of controversy that involves change is the fact that the States and Federal government are debating the regulatory structure of the retail electric utility industry to decide if it should be changed. The key issue consists of whether or not competition can provide adequate discipline in the marketplace to assure every American a satisfactory, reliable and affordable electric power supply. The NRECA is doing its part to help cooperatives succeed in an increasingly competitive market. Touchstone Energy®, a brand identity that will help electric cooperatives pool their resources and build a competitive unified position in the marketplace, may also bring change in the future. Touchstone Energy will communicate the value of cooperatives to their communities and differentiate them from the competition.

Other changes in the electric utility industry involve the goal of a more economical and efficient way to produce electricity. Changes will take place in the way electricity is produced, causing a more economical result. Technology will continue to become more and more reliant on electricity. For example, power is needed to store important information on computer devices. More objects need electricity in order to operate. Houses are becoming more dependent on electricity. In the near future, most cars may also depend on an electric power source. Electricity may also change the way of its transportation. Transporting electricity underground may possibly lead to the elimination of some equipment above the earth's surface. As time progresses, the increase in population will lead to a large increase in the demand for electricity. Communities must come together in order to solve unexpected shortages of electricity or energy crises.

Adams Electric Cooperative differs from other businesses in many ways, Adams Electric Co-

operative is a nonprofit service, operating on the democratic principle of one member, one vote, and open to all members. This cooperative is committed to helping members in achieving all the benefits of our democratic society. They offer specially designed rates to help consumers manage electricity use and save money. Their purpose is to serve their members in a manner that will benefit them. For many decades, Adams Electric Cooperative has had a positive influence on our communities and on our work lives. Adams Electric Cooperative continues to actively contribute to its community and creates a locally oriented member-controlled way to serve the community's needs. Governed by their own principles and by-laws, state and federal statutes, and by the requirements of their own industry, Adams Electric Cooperative's strength continues to arise out of an imaginative and dynamic people determined to continue them.

In Adams Electric Cooperative, the customers own the business. This contrasts with those businesses that are directed by stockholders, who ordinarily do not have the chance to represent much of the firm's business volume. One of the most apparent benefits is the return of margins to members in proportion to their use of the cooperative products or services. Income remaining after deducting all expenses is distributed in proportion to patronage. Each member, depending on the member's use of the business, is given a patronage refund, or capital credit. This refund is often reinvested into the Cooperative. Adams Electric Cooperative provides an increasing number of services. Concerned with the surrounding communities, they provide other projects besides only electrical, such as cable television programming. This Cooperative is also guided by many international principles. These principles include open and voluntary membership, democratic control, limited interest on shares, return of surplus to members, cooperative education, cooperation among cooperatives, and concern for the community. These ideas are basic to the principles that make cooperatives unique. Cooperatives are also unique in that their employees live and work in the communities they serve, which is an important message to consumers.

Early struggles with electricity stand many decades distant, but still are viewed as guideposts to the present, inspiring legacy which electric people continue today. The electric experience is never-ending. America enjoys greatly diversified economic activity with greater stability and security for millions of its residents because of electric cooperatives. Due to the generation of electricity, there are choices in people's lives about where and how they live. Electric systems remain vital economic and social institutions because of a powerful faith and commitment to their legacies.

All meters are routinely inspected

Adams Electric Cooperative maintains a regular schedule of testing to help keep each member's meter clean and in good working order. If a member requests a meter test, a $35 deposit will be charged to help cover the cost of the test. If a member's meter is found to be outside the tolerance level, the deposit will be returned and an adjustment will be made to the member's account.

Many members believe their meter is recording too much usage when they have a high electric bill. This is like blaming the cash register at the grocery store for a high grocery bill or the meter on a gasoline pump for poor gas mileage.

Your meter is a highly calibrated and accurate device. In fact, few commodities are as accurately measured as electricity. In routine and requested meter tests conducted by Adams Electric Cooperative, it is rare to find a meter that is outside the established tolerance level. And the majority of meters that are outside of the operating standards run slow.

In other words, the meter isn't recording enough usage. That's because it is like any other electric motor - it gets slower with time as dirt, moisture and insects take their toll.

Due to the proven accuracy of the meters, the Cooperative suggests that members look at their usage before they request a meter test.

TENT SALE

June 17th

Adams Electric Cooperative
Highway 24 East, Camp Point, IL
Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

New Hotpoint Ranges

SOLD

New GE Profile Dryers

DPSQ475 (WH)	$399
DPSQ475 (AD)	$399
DPSQ495 (WH)	$409
DPSQ495 (WH)-gas	$459

New GE Profile Washer

WPSQ3090 (AD)	$389

New Hotpoint Washers

VBXR1060 (AD)	$329
VWXR4100 (AD)	$369

New Hotpoint Dishwasher

HDA3420 (BB)	$349

New GE Dishwasher

GSD4920 (BB)	$509
GSD1930 (WW)	$559

Used Appliances

Washers starting at	$195
Dryers starting at	$125
Washer/Dryer Pair	$350
Portable Dishwashers	$125
SOLD	
Chest Freezer	$250

All used appliances come with a 30-day warranty.

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