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Quincy Regional CRIME STOPPERS

From Left: Co-Coordinators of the Quincy Regional Crime Stoppers: Sergeant Mike Pigg, Illinois State Police, Adams County Deputy Kathy Carver and Officer Gilbert Feld, Quincy City Police

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by Douglas Aeilts
General Manager

Manager's article

I have written many articles for our newsletter on the value of partnerships and how the Cooperative has been more successful and the Members benefited from our numerous partnerships. I am pleased to announce another partnership this month that will allow the Cooperative to offer 1+ direct dialed domestic calling, calling cards, prepaid phone cards and personal toll free numbers – a partnership with Adams Telephone Co-Operative.

Adams Electric Cooperative has a long history with Adams Telephone Co-Operative. In fact, it was Adams Electric Cooperative's board and management leadership that organized Adams Telephone Co-Operative in 1952. Both organizations were jointly managed until Adams Telephone Co-Operative outgrew the shared facilities. During 1966, Adams Telephone Co-Operative relocated its business operations to a new headquarters building in Golden.

Adams Telephone Co-Operative has developed into an industry leader, providing modern telecommunications at competitive prices for their Members and the surrounding communities. Changing technology in the telecommunications market is challenging to maintain but Adams Telephone Co-Operative has consistently provided their Members the opportunity to access the new technologies well in advance of the other local exchange carriers in our service area.

These are just a few of the reasons why the Board of Directors selected Adams Telephone Co-Operative, through their subsidiaries, to provide telecommunication services to our Members. Adams Telephone Co-Operative is committed to providing quality services at competitive prices.

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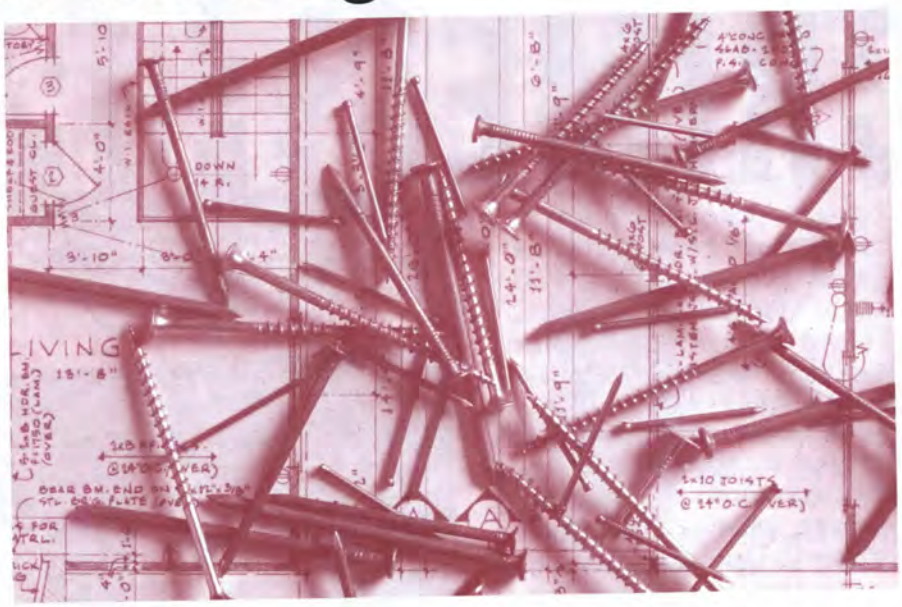
The telephone industry has been deregulated for several years and our partnership with Adams Telephone Co-Operative will help prepare Adams Electric Cooperative for the competitive environment as "customer choice" becomes available in the electric utility industry in the future.

Adams Electric Cooperative will also be promoting Internet services to our Members and non-Members in the Rushville area by a separate partnership with Adams NetWorks, a subsidiary of Adams Telephone Co-Operative. Affordable, reliable and responsive Internet access to the World Wide Web is critical in this "High-Tech" society.

Details of the Rushville Internet service and long distance telephone services will be announced in our August Adams Outlet - Annual Report issue.

Thinking of building? We're here to help



Summer is a time when many of us begin building projects. Whether it's a room addition, shop or new home, feel free to call Adams Electric Cooperative with your electric questions. Some of the common questions pertain to building over or under electric lines, sizing wire to match loads or relocating existing electric facilities.

A little planning in the preliminary stages can save money and eliminate problems before they occur!

STOP

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Tara Rhodes joins AEC

Tara Rhodes of Clayton, started work at Adams Electric Cooperative on May 30, 2000 as Bookkeeper/Computer Operator. She fills the position previously held by Lisa Modrak.

Tara is a 1996 graduate of Central High School and is a 2000 graduate of Quincy University, with a major in accounting and business management. In her spare time, Tara enjoys reading, swimming, being outside and in the fall she bowls on a couple's league. Tara is engaged to Gary "Joe" Neisen, Jr. and they are planning an October 2001 wedding.

The board of directors and employees welcome Tara to the Cooperative.

Quincy Regional CRIME STOPPERS

Are you tired of turning on the TV or radio and hearing about another crime committed in your neighborhood or community? "I'm only one person, what can I do?" you ask yourself. One way you can help is by becoming a member of the Quincy Regional Crime Stoppers.

Since their inception in February 1997, the Quincy Regional Crime Stoppers have received over 1,300 phone calls, are responsible for 362 arrests, solved 303 cases, solved 81 criminal cases, have recovered over $110,000 of stolen property and drugs and approved for payout, over $23,000 in reward money.

"What is Quincy Regional Crime Stoppers?"

Quincy Regional Crime Stoppers is a not-for-profit organization that is made up of citizens, police and media working together to help make our neighborhood and community a safer place to live. "Without these three groups of people working together we wouldn't be able to make this program as successful as it is," says Officer Gilbert Feld, co-coordinator, Quincy Regional Crime Stoppers.

The Quincy Regional Crime Stoppers is run by a board of directors that consists of bankers, attorneys, CPA's etc. - in other words people from all walks of life. "We have a very conscientious and hard working board of directors," comments Adams County Deputy Kathy Carver, co-coordinator, Quincy Regional Crime Stoppers. "Without their supportive efforts our work would be much harder."

The Quincy Regional Crime Stoppers asks the public for help in solving crimes by giving any information the person may have regarding a crime that has been committed or acts that look suspicious.

"Who mans the Quincy Regional Crime Stoppers?"

Three law enforcement groups staff the Quincy Regional Crime Stoppers: Quincy City Police, Adams County Sheriff's Department and the Illinois State Police. Officer Gilbert Feld is the full-time co-coordinator of Quincy Regional Crime Stop-

Common household ingredients can be combined to make a deadly addictive drug commonly know as meth. Meth is more harmful than cocaine and heroin. It's highly accessible and cheaper to produce, with side effects that are just as deadly. Meth is the most addicting illicit drug being used.

pers. Officer Feld represents the Quincy City Police and works out of the Pro-Active Unit at Quincy City Hall. Deputy Kathy Carver is the co-coordinator representing the Adams County Sheriff's Department and Sergeant Mike Pigg is the co-coordinator representing the Illinois State Police.

"What do I do if I have information regarding a crime?"

If you have information about a crime that has been committed or information on suspicious acts, the Quincy Regional Crime Stoppers ask that you call them at (217) 228-4474, the call is completely anonymous. The Quincy Regional Crime Stoppers do not have Caller ID and ask that you do not give them your name – you will be assigned a code number. In the reports that are filed, it is stated that the "caller said" and does not refer to a gender.

"This level of confidentiality makes it easier for people to call in. They don't have to fear retribution from criminals," states Deputy Carver.

Once you are assigned a code number, the Quincy Regional Crime Stoppers will ask that you call back in two weeks on Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to find out the status of your "case." If your case is solved and the board has approved payout, you will be told the amount of your reward an assigned a code word. A participating Quincy bank will receive the reward money, code number and code word in sealed envelopes. You will be asked to go to the drive-up and give the teller your code number, code word and the dollar amount you are to receive. If everything matches, the money will be given to you.

"Many times, people don't pick up their reward money!" explains Officer Feld. "The money is kept at the bank for 30 days and if it is not picked up, the money will be re-deposited in the Quincy Regional Crime Stoppers reward fund.

"Where does the reward money come from?"

Money for rewards comes from various sources. The Quincy Regional Crime Stoppers have many fund raising events throughout the year. The most successful event for the group is the Harlem All Stars basketball games.

"This is the biggest draw for us, and the kids in the area really enjoy the show!" says Officer Feld. "Yearly membership drives are also another way we receive money."

Other means of incoming funds stem from the court system. The judges recommend that part of a convicted person's restitution go to the Quincy Regional Crime Stoppers. Quincy Regional Crime Stoppers usually see anywhere from $600 - $800 a month from the courts.

"How much reward money can I get and who decides how much I get?"

First of all, to receive reward money, your "case" has to be solved. The amount of reward money received depends on warrant amounts and other factors. Reward money can be anywhere from $10 - $1,000. The co-coordinators of the Quincy Regional Crime Stoppers will recommend an amount to the board and it is then up to the board to decide what amount is to be awarded.

"What type of crimes do people report?"

The types of calls the Quincy Regional Crime Stoppers receive are widely varied, they can be anything from theft or home invasion to drug related calls. "A large amount of the calls we receive are drug related," says Deputy Carver.

Adams County has seen a rapid growth of methamphetamine (meth) use and meth labs in the last several years. Meth can be produced in makeshift labs and law enforcement officials are now seeing an increase of portable meth labs.

Many meth cookers are cooking in rural areas (gravel roads, abandoned homes, etc.) and are leaving behind their meth lab debris in ditches and along the roadways, leaving behind chemicals and toxic liquids. If you find anything unusual in a ditch or see suspicious activities, you are encouraged to call your local law enforcement agency as soon as possible.

"Without the help and support of the local television and radio stations and newspapers, we couldn't have made the Quincy Regional Crime Stoppers as successful as it is today," comments Sergeant Mike Pigg. "We feel like we have one of the best programs in the state of Illinois."

People all over the state of Illinois are recognizing the efforts of the Quincy Regional Crime Stoppers. Since 1997 the Quincy Regional Crime Stoppers have received 20 awards in their Level One (0 - 75,000 population) group. All three of their co-coordinators have won the Coordinator of The Year award, Charlie Ledbetter has received the Board Member of The Year award, The Quincy Herald-Whig has received the Newspaper of The Year award, Quincy Newspaper Inc. has received the Contributor of The Year award and Y101 has received the Radio Station of The Year award. WGEM and the Quincy Herald-Whig have received awards all four years on their work with the Quincy Regional Crime Stoppers.

If you or someone you know would like more information regarding the Quincy Regional Crime Stoppers, please call Officer Feld at (217)228-4485.

Adams Electric Cooperative nominating committee report

Pursuant to the Cooperative's Bylaws, the Nominating Committee met at the office of Adams Electric Cooperative in Camp Point, Illinois on Wednesday evening, June 14, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. to nominate candidates for election of directors of Adams Electric Cooperative.

The following Nominating Committee Members were present: Pam Peter and Larry Foster, representing District 7; Larry Yingling and Charles Ingram, representing District 8; and Lee Farlow and Gary Evans, representing District 9; and Dwaine Marlow, member-at-large.

Douglas Aeilts, General Manager, was present at the opening of the meeting and presented each Committee Member a copy of the Bylaws and called their attention to the qualifications of directors and the nominating procedure. At the consent of the Committee Members, Manager Aeilts served as Chairman Pro Tem until a Chairman had been elected.

Manager Aeilts opened the floor to nominations for Committee Chairman. Dwaine Marlow nominated Gary Evans. Pam Peter made a motion to close nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot to elect Gary Evans as Chairman; seconded by Larry Foster, the motion carried.

Manager Aeilts opened the floor to nominations for Committee Secretary. Lee Farlow nominated Pam Peter. Gary Evans made a motion to close nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot to elect Pam Peter as Secretary; seconded by Larry Foster, the motion carried.

Manager Aeilts excused himself from the meeting.

Chairman Evans opened the floor to nominations for director-candidate(s) of District 7 representing Lima, Ursa, Riverside, Mendon and Ellington Townships of Adams County, and Rocky Run and Walker Townships in Hancock County. Larry Foster nominated James J. Benz. Larry Yingling made a motion to close nominations; seconded by Lee Farlow, the motion carried.

Chairman Evans opened the floor to nominations for director-candidate(s) of District 8 representing Pea Ridge, Missouri, Lee and Buckhorn Townships of Brown County. Charles Ingram nominated Edward Wagner. Dwaine Marlow made a motion to close nominations; seconded by Larry Foster, the motion carried.

Chairman Evans opened the floor to nominations for director-candidate(s) of District 9 representing Honey Creek, Camp Point, Clayton, Concord and McKee Townships of Adams County. Lee Farlow nominated Mike Tenhouse. Larry Yingling made a motion to close nominations; seconded by Charles Ingram, the motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. following a motion by Charles Ingram; seconded by Larry Yingling, the motion carried.

Gary Evans, Chairman
Pam Peter, Secretary

Nominations by petition

The Bylaws of Adams Electric Cooperative provide that nominations can be made by petition of 25 members. Blank petitions are available at the Cooperative office.

The names of the nominees by petition will be listed on the official ballot to be voted on at the September 6, 2000 annual meeting. Petitions must be returned to the office by 5 p.m. on August 21, 2000.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Charlie Rossiter

Charlie Rossiter, has been with Adams Electric Cooperative for 18 1/2 years. Charlie spent the first year and a half at AEC as a Tree Trimmer and then moved into the position of Groundman with the line crew. After seven years in that position, Charlie was given the opportunity for a change. For the next eight and a half years he worked as Lineman Apprentice and a Lineman. In the fall of 1998 Charlie took on the responsibility of Line Foreman.

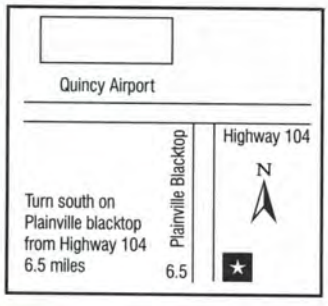
As Line Foreman, it is Charlie's duty to direct the crews in doing line maintenance and construction with efficiency and accuracy to maintain dependable service for the member while always keeping the public's safety and theirs foremost in mind.

Charlie and his wife of 25 year's, Denise, reside at R.R. 1, Coatsburg and are the proud parents of three children: Danielle, 24; Chuck, 21 and Cassie, 15. The Rossiter's are members of Trinity Lutheran Church in Golden. Charlie also serves on Community Unit District #3 Board of Education. In his spare time, Charlie enjoys golfing and following his daughter Cassie's sporting events.

Charlie's favorite work memory has been competing with fellow co-workers in three Lineman Rodeos' and finishing in 1st place in two of them. When asked what his favorite thing about his job was, Charlie said that he likes the challenges a difficult job poses and the satisfaction of restoring power to members as quickly as possible during outages.

You're Invited to a Geothermal Open House!

Date: Thursday, July 27, 2000
Time: 3:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Where: The home of Norbert and Christine Mast at R.R. 1 Payson, Illinois. The Mast's previous heating and cooling system has been replaced with a geothermal system from Stevens Heating & Air Conditioning. Stevens Electric has upgraded the Mast's electrical service.



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