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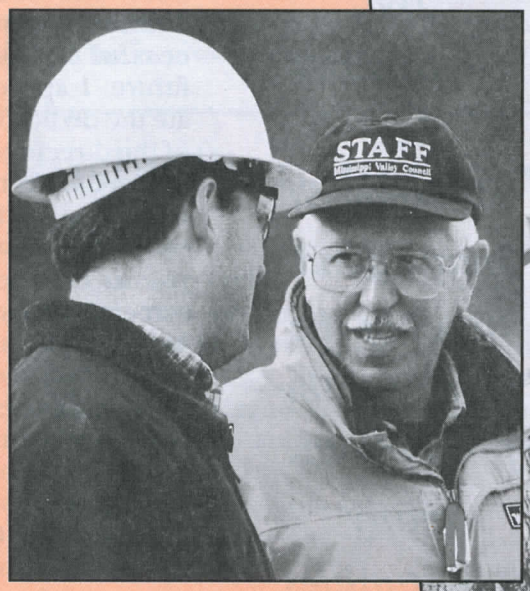

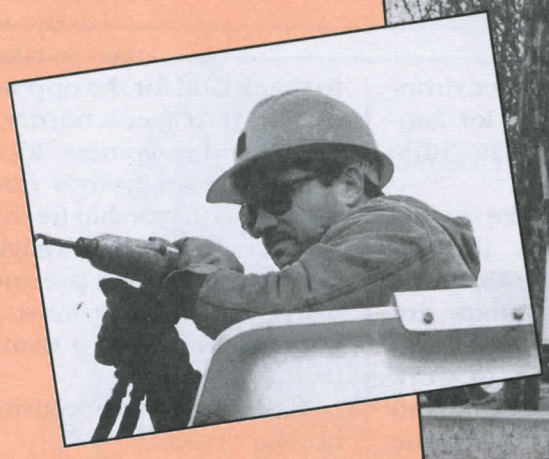

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by Douglas Aeilts
General Manager

Thanksgiving Message

November is the traditional time of reflecting on our lives and giving thanks for our many blessings. I don't say *thank you* as often as I should to my family, friends, coworkers, directors and the Cooperative's member-consumers. We tend to take so much for granted on a daily basis, and are easily frustrated when something doesn't occur as planned. So it's fitting now to give thanks to each of these groups.

First, I would like to say *thank you* to my wife, Pam, and to our children, Jason, Jeremy and Hannah for being patient with me when I am gone and working long hours. It's their love and support throughout the year that enables me to work diligently toward the success of the Cooperative. With their patience and understanding, I am able to travel as required to prepare the Cooperative for the future. In addition, I would like to say *thank you* to my parents for raising me in a Christian home environment that prepared me for family life and balancing that with a working career.

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Second, I would like to say *thank you* to friends and coworkers. Many of these are in the Camp Point area but many are also throughout the state and country. It's a privilege to work with so many hard working and dedicated individuals. Everyone of us has strengths and weaknesses that enables each of us to be critical, if we so chose, but also to be humbled and work to improve ourselves in the future.

Third, I would like to say *thank you* to the Cooperative's directors and member-consumers. You have entrusted a great deal of responsibility to me. The Cooperative has experienced many good times in the past, and the future holds many opportunities. The Cooperative philosophy and organizational structure will be a strength and marketing advantage that will allow the Cooperative to be successful in the future. I appreciate the dedication of the directors as we prepare the Cooperative for the future. *Thank you* to the member-consumers for your loyalty and commitment to your Cooperative during the last year. I look forward to working to prepare the Cooperative for a successful future.

Lastly, we all need to take time to thank God for the opportunity to live in a free country, with health and happiness, food and water for our body's nourishment, and to worship freely, without harassment, the religion of our choice. Life is a precious gift from God that we must all be grateful for and give thanks for daily.

Have a great Thanksgiving and holiday season.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Steve Fanning is a 15-year veteran of Adams Electric Cooperative. During his years at the Cooperative Steve has worked as a Groundman, cutting brush with Lyle Forsythe and for the last several years has worked as a Journeyman Lineman. As a Journeyman Lineman, Steve helps in the construction and maintenance of electric lines, both overhead and underground. Another aspect of Steve's job is taking trouble calls. Steve is one of the linemen that you will see day or night, rain or snow making sure that your power is restored.

Steve and his wife of 17 1/2 years, Vickie, live in Golden with their three sons: Adam, 15; Tyler, 12 and Levi, 8. The Fanning's are member's of Trinity Lutheran Church in Golden. In his spare time, Steve enjoys hunting, golfing, wood carving, watching Chief's football, and watching his boys in their various activities and sporting events. In addition, Steve is a member of Quails Unlimited and the Great River Wood Carvers Club.

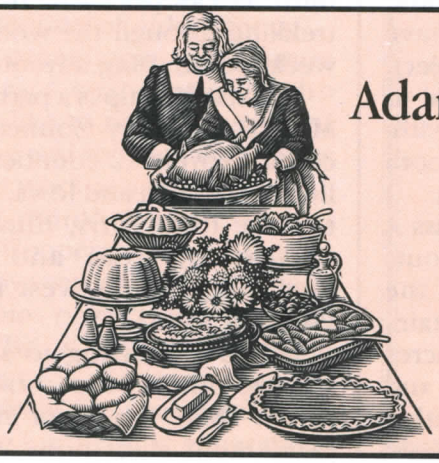
When asked what his favorite thing about his job was, Fanning jokingly replied "Not being on call when Ward Island is out of power!" In all seriousness though, Steve said his fondest work memory is working with a good bunch of guys and gals!

Rushville native newest AEC employee

Kraig Street, a native of Rushville, started work at Adams Electric Cooperative on September 25, 2000 as a service technician in the appliance department. As a former service technician for Toland, Inc. in Rushville, Street installed heating, venting and air conditioning equipment.

In his spare time, Kraig, an avid deer hunter, hones his hunting skills with his bow, shotgun and handgun. When not out hunting, Kraig belongs to the Masonic Lodge and is also a volunteer fireman for the Rushville Volunteer Fire Department.

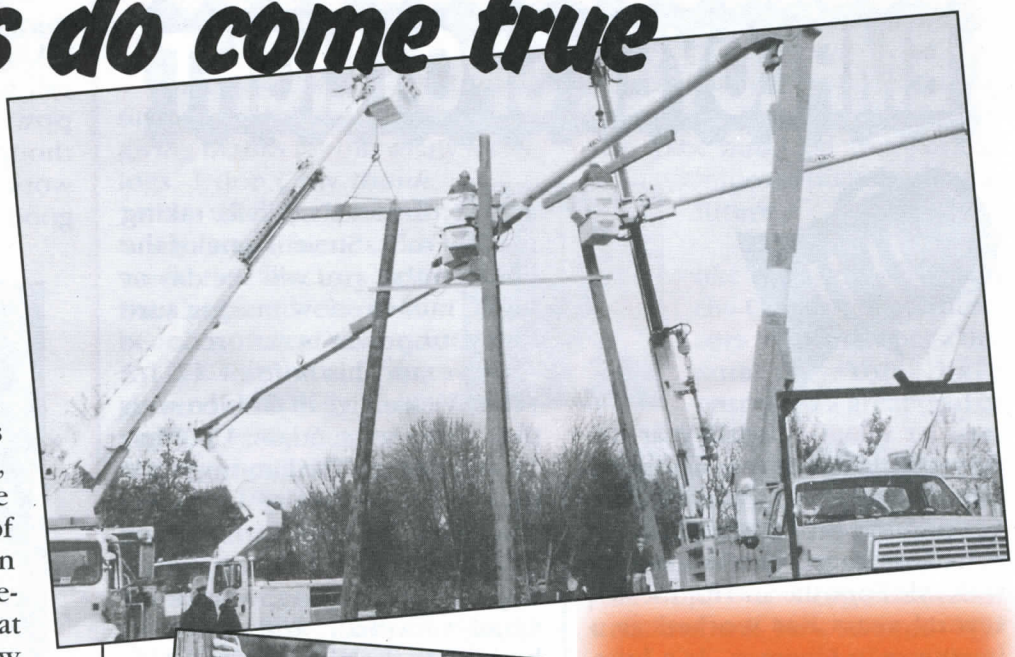
The board of directors and employees of Adams Electric Cooperative welcome Kraig!



Adams Electric Cooperative's office will be closed November 23rd and 24th for **Thanksgiving.**

Dreams do come true

by Candace Weeks

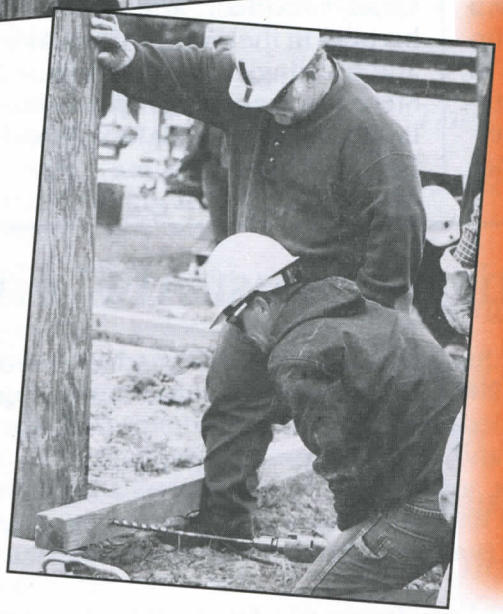


On a blustery fall day, with the sun playing hide and seek with the clouds, hopes and dreams were coming to life at the Saukenauk Boy Scout Reservation east of Lima.

Deep holes were drilled into the earth, utility poles were set tall and proud, and many voices could be heard in the wind. Voices of enthusiasm from men working side-by-side to create a unique structure that will challenge youth to grow, not only physically but also mentally, for years to come.

Together, Adams Electric Cooperative (AEC)and Western Illinois Electrical Coop. (WIEC) employees built the framework for a 30-foot climbing and repelling tower at the camp.

"There are only about 50 or 60 of these towers nation wide," says Tom Kaelke, volunteer Camp Saukenauk chairman. Kaelke and his committee are responsible for the policies, decisions and maintenance of the camp. "This has been a dream of ours for about two years now and it's extremely exciting to see it finally coming to life!" exclaims Tom.



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Kaelke and a few others visited other scout camps that had similar types of towers. After visiting the other sites, the men realized that they wanted the same unique experience for the youth that attend Camp Saukenauk. Thus the challenges began. Plans had to be drawn up, estimates had to be obtained and a funding grant had to be written.

The Marianne Gardner Jackson Trust provided some grant money for the project. Douglas Aeilts, general manager of AEC and Paul Dion, manager of WIEC were approached to see if they could also help with the project. Between the two cooperatives, the poles, labor and equipment to set the poles were donated to build the framework of the tower.

"Both Doug and Paul have been so helpful with this project. We wouldn't have been able to make our dream a reality without the help and support of both AEC and WIEC," claims Tom.

Camp Saukenauk is a Class A camp as cited by the Boy Scouts of America. This is one of the highest ratings a camp can attain. The camp covers over 600 acres of beautifully wooded land and also boasts a 30-acre lake with a peaceful water front area.

From May through September the camp can expect to see a steady stream of more than 500 campers. In the fall and winter months campers can be seen trekking through the woods on weekend camping adventures.

The scout camp is a part of the Mississippi Valley Council. The council covers 12 counties in Illinois, Missouri and Iowa. Counties are from Perry, Illinois to Muscatine, Iowa and from Rushville, Illinois west to Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

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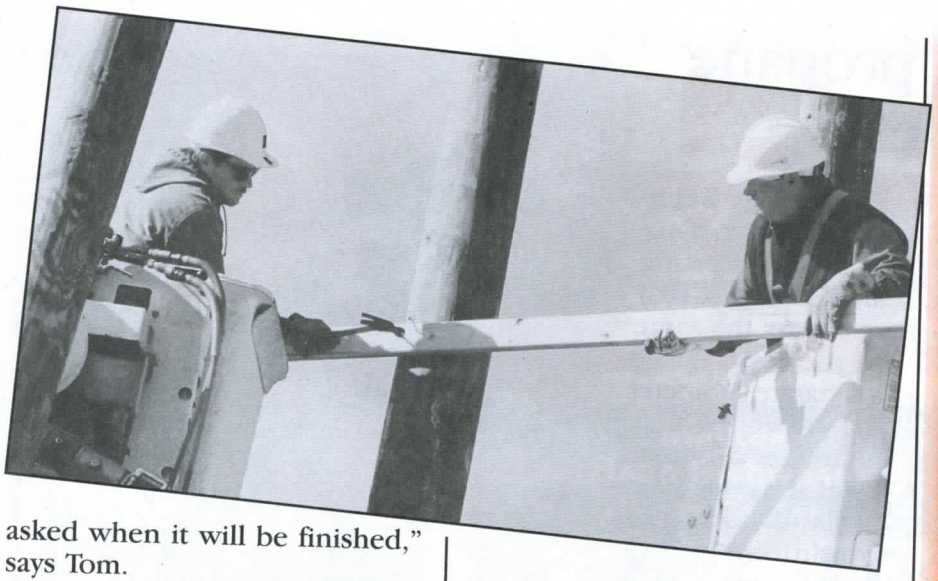

asked when it will be finished," says Tom.

The tower will be completed, instructors trained, and a tower director named by the first summer camp of 2001. Instructors must be 21 years or older and will be expected to attend a week of extensive training in order to become a certified trainer by the Boy Scouts of America.

Ropes and equipment have to be tagged and must be noted how long each was exposed to sunlight. This information will be recorded and when ropes have been exposed to a certain amount of sunlight, they will be retired.

"The purpose of this type of tower is not only for physical fitness but also for character building," states Quentin Karlstrand, Scout Executive, Mississippi Valley Council. "We have other programs that work on physical fitness and character building, but nothing of this magnitude. We hope this will also help with the retention of older scouts."

The camp hopes in the future to attract corporations who would like to use the tower for training and to teach employees how to work as a team.

Last month I wrote to you about Cooperatives and the cooperative way of doing business. This joint project between AEC and WIEC is a perfect example of how, by working together, cooperatively, we can make a difference for the next generation.

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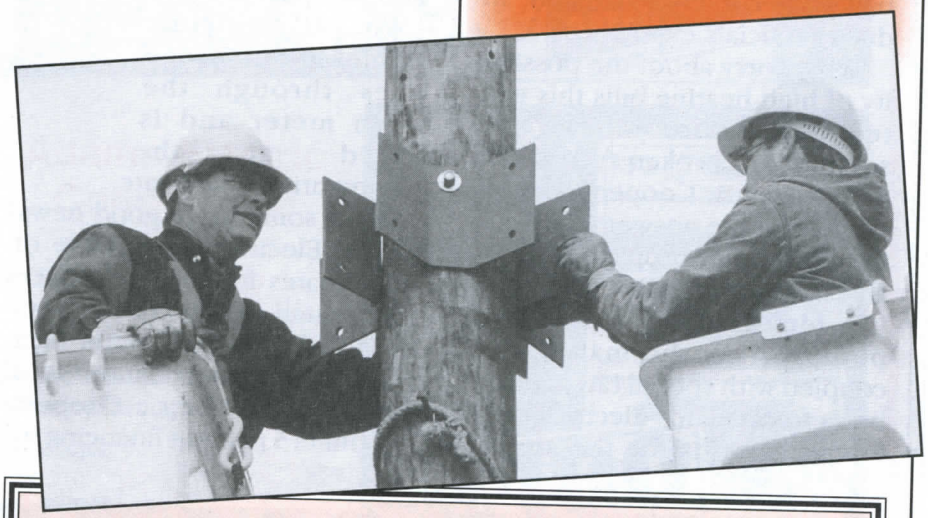

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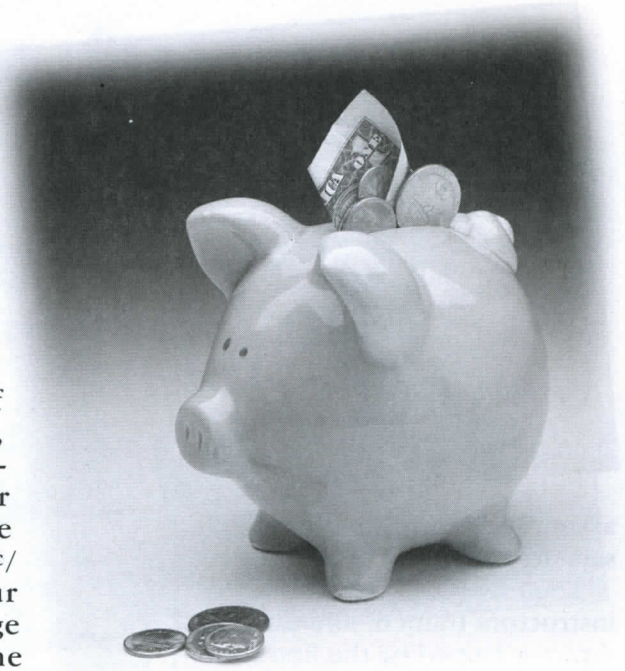
Natural gas and propane prices on the rise!



Recent news reports have predicted rising costs for natural gas and propane this winter. Utility experts project that homeowners heating with natural gas and propane could see their highest heating bills in 15 years this winter.

The demand for both fuels, coupled with lower supplies, has driven their cost to levels not seen for nearly two decades. Rates could go even higher if a bad winter inflates demand, industry officials expect.

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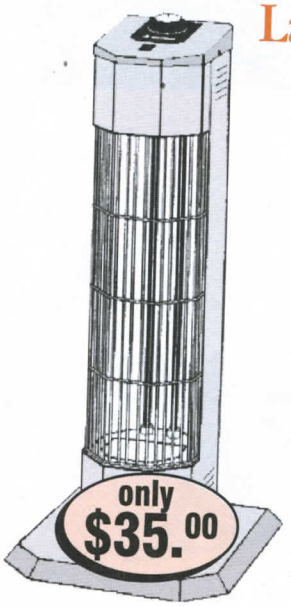

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