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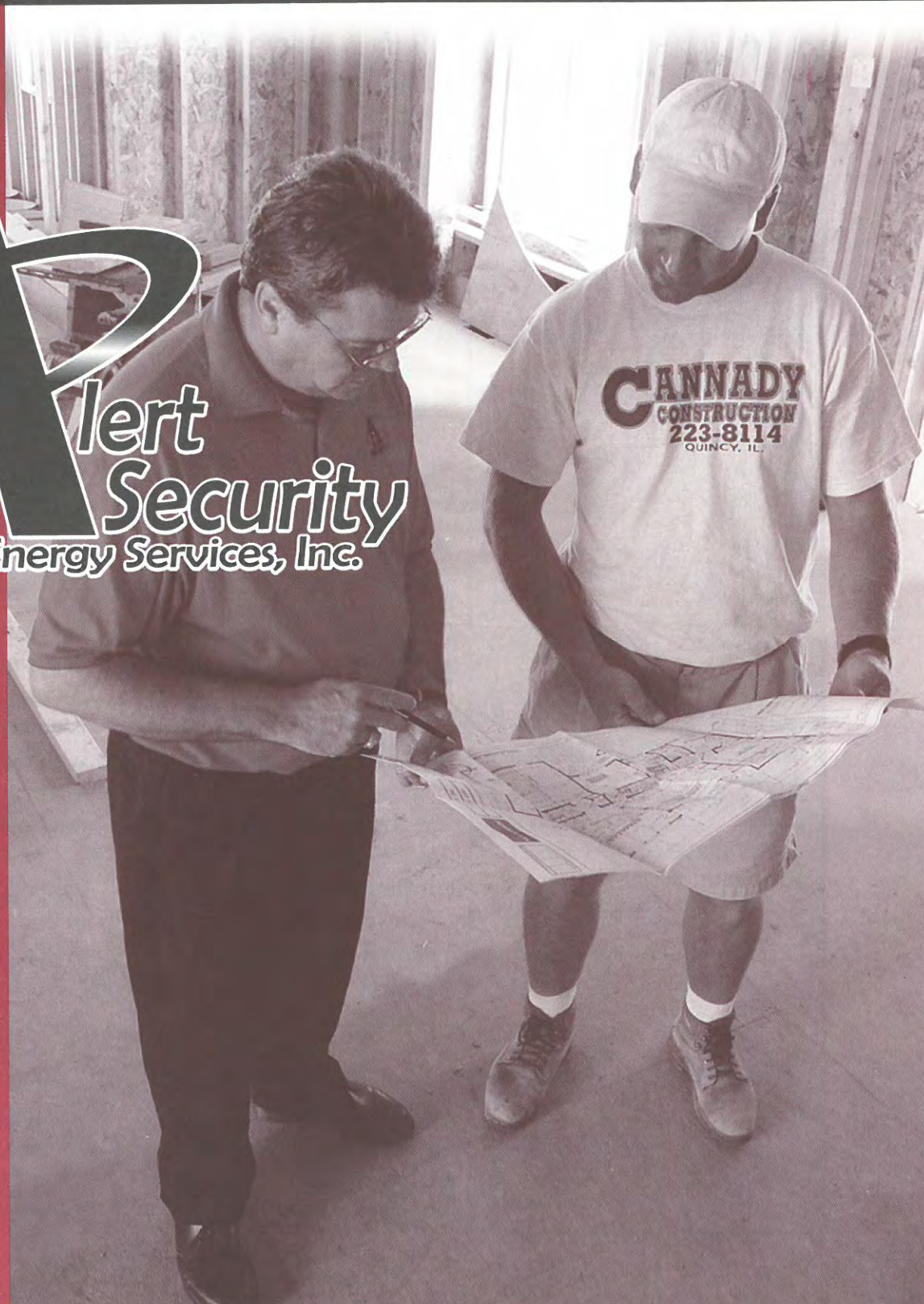
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Partnerships and Diversification — Alert Security

by Douglas Aeilts,
General Manager



The value of partnerships to the success of Adams Electric Cooperative has been illustrated several times in our marketing and diversification activities. This month one (1) of our diversification partnerships is being highlighted – Alert Security and Energy Services. Adams Electric has partnered with three (3) Illinois electric cooperatives to bring the latest in security services to western Illinois. Our partners include EnerStar Power Corporation of Paris, McDonough Power Cooperative of Macomb, and Shelby Electric Cooperative of Shelbyville.

Alert Security offers Home Intrusion, Environmental, Health Care Emergency and Home Automation services using state of the art telephone based wired and wireless security systems and components. In addition, video-monitoring equipment is also available.

In Illinois, the Illinois Department of Professional Regulation (IDPR) heavily regulates the security business. All employees must be issued a permanent employee

registration card (PERC) by IDPR and numerous compliance reports are required.

The Cooperative's membership is changing with a large influx of city and urban people purchasing property in the rural areas for weekend cabins and full-time residences. Prior surveys have indicated over 70% of respondents are "very concerned" or "somewhat concerned" over threats to their home or farm/business when they are away. A "monitored" smoke and fire alarmed home will likely have significantly

less damage if the fire department can respond quicker. A "monitored" security system is constantly communicating with the fire and smoke alarm sensors, 24 hours per day – 365 days per year.

Several Alert customers are included in the feature article in this issue. A little peace of mind can be purchased for a reasonable cost. Give Alert Security a call or stop by the Alert Security booth at the Annual Meeting.

Alert Security is just another example of partnerships bringing valuable services to cooperative members.

"...70% of respondents are 'very concerned' or 'somewhat concerned' over threats to their home or farm/business..."

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- Emergencies
- Outages
- Appliance Deliveries
- Service Calls
- Tree-Trimming
- Security Lights
- Billing Questions
- And more!

So, the next time you call Adams Electric Cooperative, have your map location number handy. It helps us serve you faster. Thanks for your help in advance!



Phone Survey

Adams Electric Cooperative has hired Satisfaction Development Systems of Utah to perform a Member Satisfaction Telephone Survey.

Approximately 50 Members will be contacted randomly to perform a brief survey of the Cooperative. Information gathered will be held in confidence and will be used to see Member's perspectives of the Cooperative.

You cooperation will be appreciated!

Alert Security & Energy Services, Inc.

Below:
Marge Mohrman
activates one of
their monitoring systems
installed by Alert Security.

Those who have trusted Adams Electric, trust Alert Security.



Peace of mind. That's what it's all about. Alert Security and Energy Services is unique in that it is operated by four cooperatives: Adams Electric Cooperative, Shelby Electric Cooperative, McDonough Power Cooperative and EnerStar Power Corp.

Members are used to working with their Co-ops. They trust Co-ops. Many have known their Co-op for years. This trust is exactly what customers are looking for when they decide to purchase a security system for their home or business.

Bill and Diane Edwards live in the country near Mt. Sterling. They have been Members of Adams Electric for 3 years. Bill says, "I chose Alert because I am a Member of Adams Electric at home." Bill owns a jewelry store in Mt. Sterling called "Bill Edwards Jeweler Gemologist". After speaking with Alert Security, Bill chose a security system suited to his needs and his budget. The system was installed a year ago. Although the jewelry store hasn't experienced any problems, Bill says he's been very satisfied with the service.

Bruce Bruening is another satisfied customer. His system, installed in his home, includes burglary and fire protection. Bruce said, "Last Sunday, a door wasn't completely closed. I was heading into Mendon for breakfast about 4 miles away. I saw police cars

and sirens coming down the highway. I knew one of the officers and he flagged me down. He said, 'Your alarm's going off.' It couldn't have been more than 5 minutes. I was really impressed. Security was called right away. They were right on the ball." One of the reasons Bruce decided to purchase his burglary system was that his sister's house was robbed. "They had only been gone 15 minutes," Bruce added. He recommends the monitoring systems to others. "The burglary system is good, but the fire and smoke protection is especially nice for living out in the country. Your standard smoke alarm goes off and there is no one at home to hear it. What good is it? Alert Security's smoke alarms are connected to the security system and the fire department is notified." The smoke and fire system from Alert Security monitors the home 24 hours per day even when no one is home. It's an added comfort. "It gives you peace of mind besides someone coming by." When asked about his service from Alert Security, Bruce was quick to say, "I feel real good about it." Bruce added that the system is very easy to use and was priced reasonably.

Burglary and fire protection are only the beginning of a long list of security systems offered through Alert Security and Energy Services. A security system protects homes and businesses from property

damage and personal injury.

Environmental Monitoring includes fire/smoke detection, carbon monoxide, AC power outage, high/low temperature alert for livestock confinement facilities and water damage prevention.

Healthcare monitoring offers in-home emergency healthcare and no-activity detection. This setup is particularly nice for the elderly or handicapped person who wants to remain independent as long as possible.

The "Energy Services" of Alert Security includes home automation and lifestyle conveniences such as temperature, lighting and appliance control in addition to other home equipment automation.

A few months ago, Roger and Marge Mohrman had an incident that illustrates the benefits of a monitoring system. "It (the system) saved us from having a wet basement. It's finished and furnished – it would have been a big mess," Roger said. It had been raining for several days in a row. The Mohrmans' sump pump failed and water began to accumulate. Roger and Marge were out of town and hadn't planned to return for a few days. Fortunately, Roger had purchased a water sensor from Alert Security. This device is attached near the sump pump. As water levels rise, water makes contact with a sensor which triggers the

security system that notifies the monitoring station. The monitoring station then notifies the customer. In the Mohrmans' situation, the monitoring station reached a friend on their contact list within minutes and their basement was saved from water damage.

Not all customers of Alert Security are Members of Adams Electric. Dale Cannady is a local contractor who is currently building the Robindale Subdivision located on north 18th street in Quincy. Dale is building his own home adjacent to the subdivision. Although his new location is not served by Adams Electric, Dale has been an Adams Electric Member off and on over the past 7 years. "I wanted the burglary and fire protection for the safety of my family and for peace of mind," Dale said.

Tally McDonald, our local life safety specialist says, "I treat our customers like family. I take their health and safety very seriously just as I would one of my own family."

It is not necessary to be a Member of Adams Electric to be a customer of Alert Security. However, those that are Members or former Members have appreciated the advantages of working with a Cooperative-owned security company.

**Contact Tally McDonald
from Alert Security at:
(217) 593-7141**

Youth Tour Winner Tours Washington D.C.



Youth Tour winner Terry Kemp of Fowler returned from Washington D.C. on Friday, June 21. Students toured the Gettysburg battlefields, George Washington's home, Arlington Cemetery, the White House, as well as numerous other sites. Among Terry's favorites were the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum and the Vietnam Memorial. He recommends that anyone planning a trip to the area should plan to see the U.S. Memorial Holocaust Museum. It was disturbing, yet very educational. Youth Tour students also had the opportunity to meet Colonel Birdwell, a survivor of the September 11th attack on the Pentagon, and hear his experience.



Don't Miss Out Next Year!

If you or someone you know missed out on this year's Youth Tour contest and will be a high school sophomore or junior next year, watch the Adams Outlet for next year's contest information.

Director Nominations By Petition

The bylaws of Adams Electric Cooperative provide that nominations can be made by petition of 25 Cooperative 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 4, 2002 Annual Meeting. Petitions must be returned to the office by 5 p.m., Monday, August 19, 2002.

Recognize this piece of history?



Hints:

- It's an antique electrical appliance (110 volts).
- This particular model dates back to about 1920.
- The doors swing open and rotate horizontally.

Answer below

National News

NRECA Urges Bush Not to Auction Emissions Credits

By Jerry Lipson, *Electric Co-op Today*

In a letter to President Bush, NRECA has called on the administration to drop consideration of a system to auction emissions credits as part of its Clear Skies Initiative.

An auction would “unfairly and disproportionately” drive up prices for electric co-op consumers, NRECA CEO Glenn English wrote in a May 14 letter to Bush.

Because the prices that co-op power plants charge their consumer-members is based on the cost of generation, the added costs of emissions credits bought through an auction would be borne entirely by those consumers, English wrote.

In the case of IOUs, the added cost would decrease profits, and thus could be shared with stockholders, while not necessarily increasing bills to ratepayers, the letter said.

Rae Cronmiller, NRECA senior environmental counsel, said that “an auction would have no effect on the goal of reducing emissions, just make it more costly to achieve.”

In the letter to Bush, English reiterated NRECA support for new approaches to the Clean Air Act, such as those laid out in the Clear Skies Initiative, which was

announced Feb. 14.

“If [it] can be implemented fairly and appropriately to achieve Clean Air Act health and environmental requirements in an equally effective manner, in a more economic fashion, and in lieu of existing applicable [CAA] provisions, we will achieve a much more effective regulatory program,” English wrote.

“We would look forward to working with your administration...to assure that CSI implementation would be fair and equitable to the nation’s electric consumers,” he concluded.

Efficiency Ratings

Electric Co-op Today

The Senate Energy Bill contained a clause that mandated an energy efficiency rating (referred to as a SEER) of 13 for commercial air conditioners, making the minimum efficiency rating for future air conditioners 30 percent higher than the existing standard of 10. Senators Harkin, Cochran, Grassley and Lincoln added an amendment to the energy bill that deleted the language requiring a 13 SEER. The Senate directed the Department of Energy to report the new standard within 60 days of final passage of the energy bill. DOE has prepared a standard, proposing a 20 percent

minimum efficiency increase, or a SEER of 12. NRECA agrees that the 20 percent minimum efficiency increase is the more cost effective of the two levels.

In Illinois, A Quick Punt

Electric Co-op Today

Lawmakers built it, but the customers didn’t come. Residential electric customers could choose their suppliers as of May 1, but no one quit their utility. In fact, not a single non-utility marketer had registered to do business in the state with residential customers. With customers choosing not to choose, the Illinois legislature extended the mandatory deregulation transition period for two years, and extended a statewide rate freeze for investor-owned utilities until 2007. The legislation went to Gov. George Ryan on May 31.

Co-op Fact:

Electric co-ops spend \$2,495 per consumer on distribution poles, lines and equipment—more than investor-owned utilities (\$2,199) and municipal utilities (\$2,197). *Source: Rural Electric Magazine*

Write This Number Down

JULIE

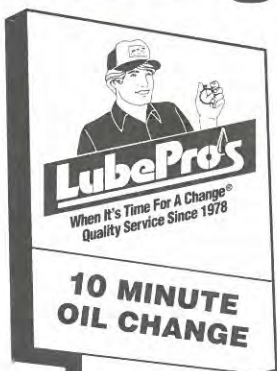
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Calendar of Events for August



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peach pie and hand-cranked
peach ice cream.
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K of C Barbecue

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K of C grounds
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along with roast beef and sloppy
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fish dinners. Games of chance,
carnival rides and midway
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Admission is free!

Thunder on the Bay

August 17-18
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Enjoy drag boats from all over
the county on the Quincy Bay.
Admission fee
(217) 223-1000



Cowboy Mounted Shooting Illinois State Championship

August 17 & 18
Adams Co. Fairgrounds
Mendon
(217) 964-2433

Victorian Porch & Lawn Party

August 22
Quincy Museum
1601 Maine, Quincy
(217) 223-1000



Pittsfield Fall Festival

August 29-31
Pittsfield Square Courthouse
(217) 285-2971

6th Annual Grand Opening of Farmer Jack's Amazing Corn Maze

August 31
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Annual Meeting
SEPT 4

Watch for more
info next issue!

Guest Article by Penny Padgett



Penny Padgett, a retired employee of Adams Electric Cooperative, has a part-time career while enjoying her retirement. She is employed by Weight Watchers International® as a leader and a receptionist. This is the perfect avocation as she has a special interest in nutrition and wellness, and enjoys helping others to maintain a healthy lifestyle. She is presently the Leader for a Community Meeting in Camp Point and one Traditional Meeting in Quincy. She also works as a receptionist at a second meeting in Quincy.

Employees of *Weight Watchers International®* must have successfully completed the program, maintained their goal weight and status as a Life-Time Member. I became a Life-Time Member in 1996 when the program was offered to the employees of Adams Electric Cooperative as part of their Wellness Program. During my employment at AEC as Benefits Administrator, one of my responsibilities was designing and administering the Wellness Programs at the Cooperative.

Weight Watchers International, Inc.® is a leading, global branded consumer company providing weight loss services in 30 countries around the world. Throughout its 40-year history, the core of its business has been the weekly meeting that promotes weight loss through education and group support in conjunction with a flexible, healthy diet that does not require the purchase of specific foods.

The *Weight Watchers* program is the most widely recommended weight-loss program by U.S. doctors and has one of the best records for members maintaining their goal weight. The name of their program is "Winning Points".

10 Each food is assigned a

point value and each person is assigned a range of points according to their starting weight. Each person has a "weight range" dependent upon their height and age. Members are allowed to choose their own goal weight. To attain Life-Time status, their goal weight must be within their weight range or a weight prescribed by their physician. A member must then maintain their goal weight for six weeks; then they have achieved Life-Time status. This status allows the member the privilege of attending as many meetings as they like without having to pay a weekly fee. They are asked to weigh in at least once a month to monitor their weight.

Weight Watchers International® teaches: "Eight Steps to a Healthy Weight." The Program consists of three different aspects: (1) learning to eat a variety of foods and adequately sized portions, (2) learning behavioral modifications (lifestyle changes) and (3) increasing daily activity. These three things give the member the tools for losing the weight and keeping it off. More information is available at their website: "weightwatchers.com" or by calling *Weight Watchers* at 1-800-651-6000.

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1. Coordinates that identify your home or business (3 words)
2. This month's feature story (2 words)
4. _____ winners visit Washington D.C.
5. EnergyWyse Grant Assistance Program offers _____ for the increase in your home's efficiency.
6. One of the most deadly pieces of farm equipment.

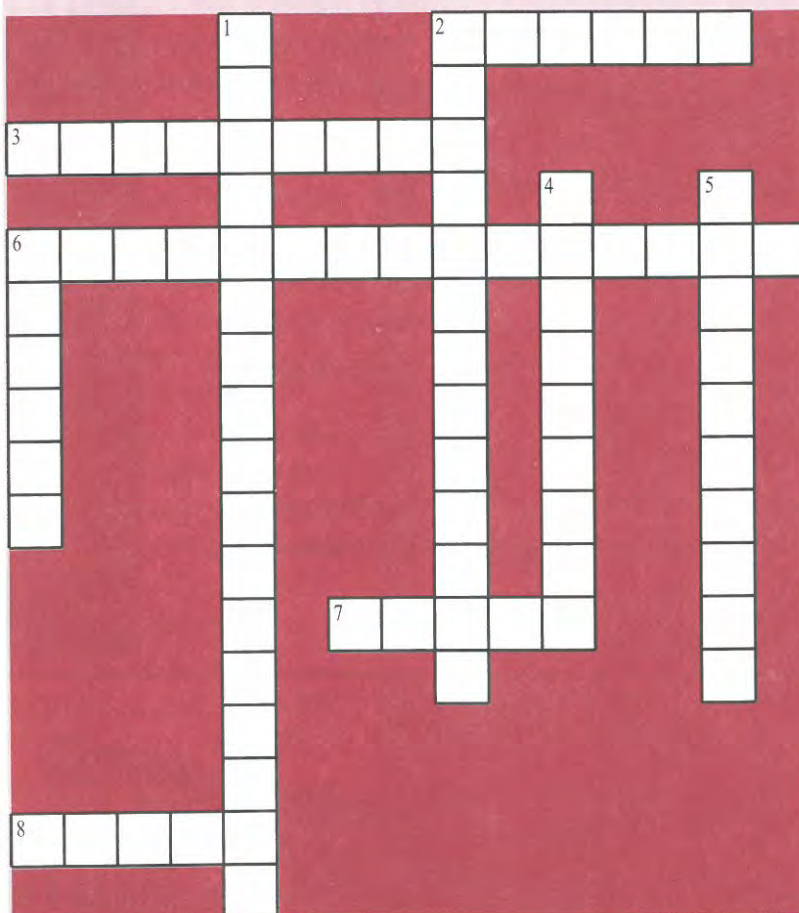
ACROSS

2. General Manager's last name (Careful with the spelling!)
3. Member Satisfaction _____ Survey
6. On sale through August at Adams Electric Cooperative
7. Alert Security saved Roger Mohrman's house from _____ damage
8. Call _____ before digging

Simply fill out this crossword puzzle with the correct answers. All answers can be found inside this issue of the Adams Outlet.

One winner will be drawn from all correct entries received by August 30, 2002.

Good Luck!



Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 Phone #: _____

Entries must be received by Friday, August 30 at 5pm.



Mail, fax or drop off your entry to:
 Laura Dotson, Adams Electric Cooperative
 700 E. Wood, Camp Point, IL 62320
 Fax #: (217) 593-7120



Adams Electric Cooperative's **Country Kitchen**



Calling all area cooks!

If you have a favorite recipe that you would like to share with others and/or if your organization has a cookbook they would like highlighted in the Adams Outlet, please submit the recipes or cookbooks to: AEC, Attn: Laura Dotson, PO Box 247, Camp Point, IL 62320 Happy Cooking!

Turkey in Hawaiian Bread

Hawaiian bread loaf
Italian dressing
Turkey, chopped
Mozzerella cheese, shredded
Onion, sliced
Tomato, sliced

Cut off top of Hawaiian bread and carve out inside to form a bowl with a lid. Sides should be about 1" thick.

Coat bottom and sides of bowl with Italian dressing. Layer ingredients in bowl, repeat layers to fill. End with cheese. Cover with lid of bread. Bake at 350 degrees until cheese melts. Slice in pie shape.

Rainbow Pasta Salad

1 (12 ounce) package tri-colored spiral noodles
1/2 cup green pepper, diced
1/2 cup red pepper, diced
1/2 stick pepperoni, diced
5 baby carrots
1 small can sliced olives
1/2 cup cheddar cheese, cut in small chunks
8 cherry tomatoes, halved
1 bottle Italian salad dressing



(Rainbow Pasta Salad continued)

Prepare noodles as directed on package. Drain and rinse with cool water.

In large serving bowl, combine noodles and all remaining ingredients except dressing. Add desired amount of dressing and toss lightly to coat. Cover and refrigerate 2 to 3 hours before serving.



Lemon-Strawberry Punch

3 cups sliced fresh strawberries
1 tub Crystal Light sugar-free lemonade mix
8 cups very cold water
Sugar substitute equal to 1/4 cup sugar
4 cups cold Diet 7UP

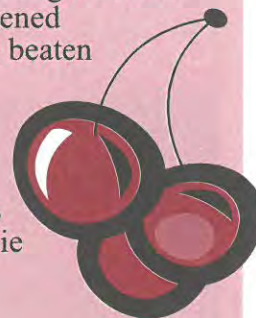
In a blender, process strawberries on "puree" 20 seconds. Add dry lemonade mix, 2 cups water, and sugar substitute. Cover and process on "blend" 15 seconds or until mixture is smooth. Pour mixture into

(Lemon-Strawberry Punch continued)

punch bowl. Add remaining 6 cups water and Diet 7UP. Mix well to combine. Serve at once or store in refrigerator until ready to serve. Serves 12.

Cherry Cheesecake Tarts

2 (8 ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
2 eggs, lightly beaten
1/2 cup sour cream
1 teaspoon vanilla
Vanilla wafers
1 can cherry pie filling
Cinnamon



Cream softened cream cheese, sugar and eggs until fluffy. Blend sour cream and vanilla. Place a vanilla wafer in the bottom of paper-lined cupcake tin. Fill each cup 3/4 full with cream cheese mixture and bake at 375 degrees for 15 minutes. Allow to cool.

Mix pie filling and cinnamon to taste. Top each tart with pie filling. Chill until ready to serve.

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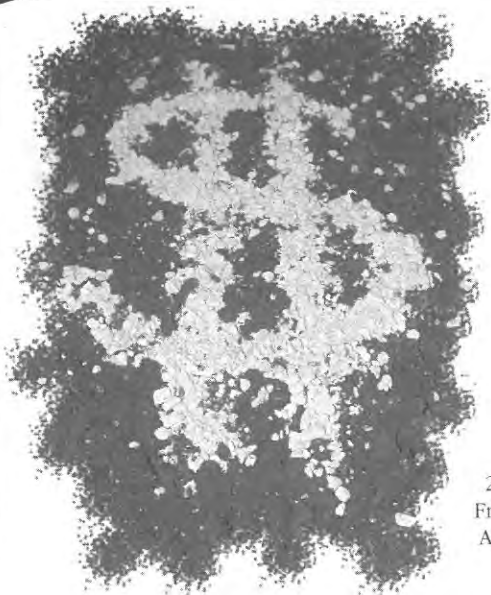
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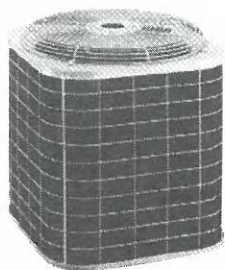
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