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Rushville Appliance Center

by Douglas Aeilts,
General Manager



The Cooperative
is pleased to announce
the opening of the
Rushville Appliance
Center in early
November. We are
very excited about this store's
potential for servicing the
Schuyler county area.

Schuyler County Members
have always been very strong
Cooperative supporters. This
store will sell to Members
and non-members alike. The
Rushville community has a
strong retail environment that
the Cooperative wants to be a
part of. The Cooperative wants
to be an active participant in the
community as well.

The Cooperative has been
selling appliances for over
forty (40) years at its Camp
Point office. There has been an
organized effort to increase the
appliance sales to Cooperative
Members and non-members.
During the last three (3) years,
appliance sales have doubled in
sales revenue and units sold. At
the same time, appliance service
repair has also grown.

The Rushville Appliance
Center will have multiple
quality name brand appliances
in the showroom including
GE, Hotpoint and Marathon
plus many more. The store
will sell parts for those that

want to repair their
own appliances, as well
as provide a complete
service department that
will repair any appliance
regardless of the brand or
where the appliance was
purchased.

The Cooperative strives
to meet the needs of our
Members and the surrounding
communities. Appliance service
repair is becoming very difficult
to find. Many of the big box
stores sell appliances with no
service options available. The
Cooperative's Appliance Service
repairmen are very experienced
in all brands of appliances.

In the future, we hope to
expand the services available to
the public to include monthly
bill payment, electric account
inquiries and a full customer
service center.

As we enter the holiday
season, stop by the new
Rushville Appliance Center and
start preparing your Christmas
wish list.

The Cooperative appreciates
the loyal support of Schuyler
County Members. It is our
challenge and opportunity to
demonstrate the Cooperative's
dedication to the community.

Adams Electric Cooperative
wishes you a great Thanksgiving
holiday season.

Update on New Substation

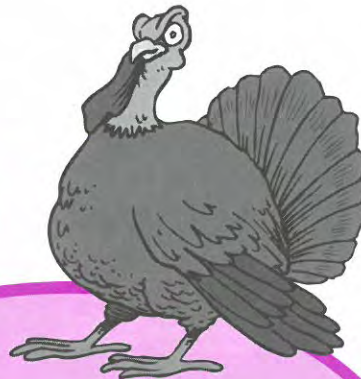
Work on the new substation, located near St. Anthony's Church, continues. With excavation nearing completion, concrete work is progressing. AmerenCIPS (pictured left) is in the process of making necessary transmission line changes to provide service to the substation. The new transformer has been delivered. The new substation, which will serve areas of east Quincy, is expected to be online by the summer of 2003.



Office Closings



Adams Electric's
Camp Point location
will be closed
Mon., Nov. 11
in honor of
Veterans Day.



The Camp Point location
will also be closed
Thurs. & Fri., Nov. 28 & 29
to celebrate the
Thanksgiving holiday.

For Your Convenience!

Adams Electric's
Rushville Appliance Center
will be **OPEN** Veterans Day
& the day after Thanksgiving!

Rushville Appliance Center
will be closed
Thanksgiving Day.

Take Note!



Rushville Appliance Center

a division of
Adams Electric
Cooperative

Coming Soon!

Members have enjoyed the Adams Electric Appliance department in Camp Point for 43 years. And, for several years, non-members have taken advantage of the special deals

and free delivery.

Coming November 1, 2002, the Adams Electric Cooperative appliance department will be opening the doors of an additional store in Rushville, Illinois. The Board of Directors approved the new store at a meeting held September 26, 2002.

Brenda Harms, sales representative for the Camp Point appliance department, commented, "We're really looking forward to becoming a part of the Rushville community! We already sell to the Schuyler county area -- the new

store will make it much more convenient for our customers in that area."

At last, residents in the East can enjoy the same appliance specials and convenient service closer to home.

The new store, named the Rushville Appliance Center, will be located at 214 N. Congress, just northwest of the square along Route 24 in Rushville.

Remodeling plans have been underway since October 1, 2002.

Just like the appliance department in Camp Point, the new appliance center will offer favorite major brands including G.E., Hotpoint, Magic Chef, Marathon, Rheem and others. A showroom

of appliances will include washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezers, ranges, dishwashers, microwaves, water softeners, water heaters, air-conditioners and others; as well as parts and service on all major appliances. Used appliances will also be available.

The Rushville Appliance Center will share the same area-wide service department as Camp Point.



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Plus, that same professional service will be available 24 hours a day. Delivery of appliances will be free in Adams, Brown and Schuyler County, just as they are from the Camp Point location.

Various financing plans are available to qualified buyers. Customers that are Members have the option of adding an

appliance to their electric bill (with approved credit).

The Rushville Appliance Center will be open through the week and on Saturdays. Specific hours are still being discussed.

The store opens November 1 with a Grand Opening planned for February of 2003. Stop by for a cup of coffee and see our new store!



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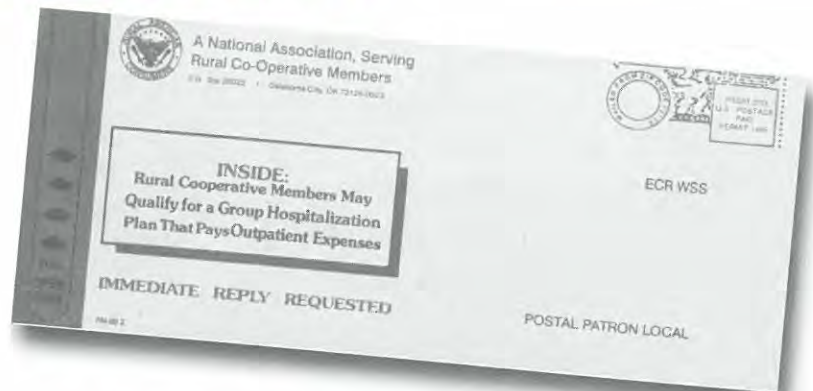
Adams Electric does NOT sell insurance!

Many are confused by Reserve National Insurance Company's hospitalization plan for rural cooperative members.

A company from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma solicits business using direct mailings to "postal patrons." Many Members are misled and believe they are dealing with an actual national representative of their local Cooperative.

The company, Reserve National Insurance Company, has a history of blanketing certain areas of Illinois and other states with similar mailings. The material usually arrives in a plain envelope addressed to "Postal Patron." Frequently, the mailings are followed by a company representative contacting the Member in person.

The letters carry a small disclaimer at the bottom saying "the insurance plan



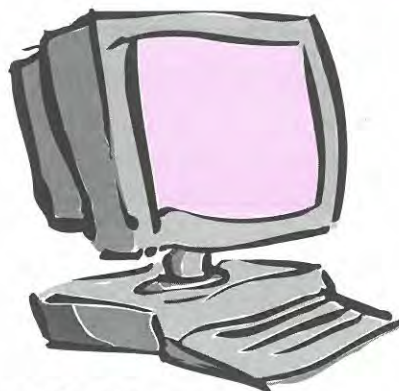
is independent of, and not affiliated, associated, or endorsed by any national electric association or any local Farmers, Electric, Telephone or other rural co-operative." That, however, hasn't eliminated confusion over who is selling the insurance, nor telephone calls to the office wanting more information.

Such practices are misleading to Members who have come to trust their Cooperative.

Reserve National is licensed to do business in Illinois. Unfortunately, little can be done to stop these mailings.

Please don't be misled. **Adams Electric Cooperative does not sell insurance.** If you ever question whether a service or product is endorsed by Adams Electric Cooperative, please call the office at 1-800-232-4797.

National News



Auction Power

Electric Co-op Today

Seminole Electric Co-op, Tampa, Fla., in the first Internet-based energy auction in Florida, has won a contract to supply 20 MW of non-firm energy to the New Smyrna Beach Utilities Commission in October. News sources report that the co-op successfully competed against major power sellers.

California

Breezes Past Other States In Wind Power

Electric Co-op Today

California, which already leads the nation in producing wind-generated electricity, could see ever-increasing percentages of energy coming from sun, wind and other renewable sources. California Governor Gray Davis signed legislation on September 13 requiring electric utilities to virtually double their use of renewable energy to 20 percent.

Great Lakes Cleanup

NRECA's Energy Policy Department

The Environmental Protection Agency will oversee the cleanup of "areas of concern" in the Great Lakes under legislation that the House of

Representatives approved recently. The agency says that the Great Lakes are "particularly vulnerable" to contamination from industrial and agricultural sources. The House authorized \$260 million for the cleanup (\$50 million a year in FY 2003-2007) under the Great Lakes Legacy Act.

Say Aloha to Hawaii's First Cooperative

Electric Co-op Today

NRECA welcomes Kauai Island Utility Co-op into the electric cooperative family.

Kauai Island, some 300 miles northwest of Honolulu, seems like paradise until the electric bill arrives.

This tiny, predominantly agricultural community has the highest electric rates in the country (about 25 cents per kWh).

They decided to form a co-op and buy the island's utility, Kauai Electric. After three years of meetings, negotiations, and streams of red tape and with the state public utility commission's final approval, that decision gave birth to Hawaii's first co-op, Kauai Island Utility Co-op.

The new co-op will serve about 20,000 customers, representing the island's 60,000 residents.

Board member Fran Brennan said over the next 10 years, ratepayers will see more than \$26 million in rate relief while the co-op builds up a solid financial cushion. "Even after providing this rate relief," she added, "we expect to build up nearly \$80 million of equity belonging to co-op members and generate over \$91 million of free cash flow over this same ten-year period."

Co-op Fact:

The first rural home on Adams Electric to be energized was that belonging to Anna Stern, an Indian mission teacher in the Yukon, who sold the property for the Cooperative's first substation. (March 29, 1939)



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!

Roast Turkey with Herbal Rub

Serving Size: 18

- 13 lb. whole turkey, fresh or thawed
- 1 medium onion, quartered
- 1 lemon, quartered
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1 tsp. dried thyme
- 1 tsp. dried tarragon
- 1 tbsp. dried rosemary
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. black pepper



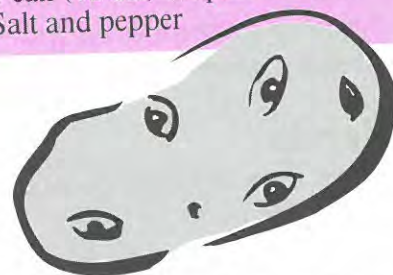
Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Remove giblets and neck from turkey and reserve for broth. Rinse turkey with cold running water and pat dry with paper towels. Place onion and lemon quarters in neck and body cavities. In small bowl, mix oil with herbs, salt and pepper. With your finger tips, gently loosen skin from the breast without pulling off the skin. Place 1 tablespoon of herb mixture under skin; replace skin. Rub cavities and outside of turkey with remaining herb mixture. Secure the neck skin to the back with skewers. Fold wings under back of turkey. Place legs in tucked position. May be prepared to this point, covered and refrigerated for several hours. Place turkey, breast side up, on rack in

large shallow (no more than 2-1/2") deep roasting pan. Insert an oven-safe thermometer into the thickest part of the thigh, being careful it does not touch the bone. Cover bird with loose tent of foil. Roast turkey in preheated 325 degree oven for about 2 1/2 hours. Remove foil and baste bird with pan juices. Continue to roast for about another hour until meat thermometer registers 180 degrees in the thigh. Remove turkey from oven and allow to rest for 15-20 minutes before carving. Transfer to a large platter and serve with gravy.
Note: Yields 18 servings at 6 ounces per portion.

and bake in 350 degree oven for 35 minutes until set. Makes about 6 servings.

Crockpot Scalloped Potatoes

- 6-8 thinly sliced potatoes
- 1 can cheddar cheese soup
- 1 cup velveeta cheese, chunked
- 1 1/2 cups grated sharp cheddar cheese
- 1 can (12 oz.) evaporated milk
- Salt and pepper



Spray crockpot with cooking spray. Fill crockpot half full of the sliced potatoes. Layer 1/2 can of soup, 1/2 cup velveeta cheese, 3/4 cup sharp cheddar, and 1/2 can of milk. Add salt and pepper to taste. Layer remaining ingredients in same order. Cook on high about 6 hours. Check occasionally to see if more milk is necessary. You can preboil the potatoes for quicker cooking.

Scalloped Corn

- 16 1/2 ounce can cream style corn
- 1 cup milk
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 3/4 tsp. salt
- 1 cup coarse cracker crumbs
- 2 tbsp. melted butter



Combine corn and milk; heat to lukewarm. Stir in remaining ingredients. Pour into a greased 10" X 6" baking dish. Top with cracker crumbs and drizzle with melted butter. Cover

Need A New Range Before The Holidays?

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Energy Saving Tips

Refrigerator

Make sure your refrigerator is set between 38-degrees F and 40-degrees F. Your freezer should be set at 5-degrees F. If your temperatures are set any cooler you'll be wasting energy and money.

Freezer

Your freezer will use less energy if you keep it full.

Dishwasher

According to the Association of Appliance Manufacturers, a fully loaded dishwasher uses less energy than would be required if the same amount of dishes were hand-washed.

Microwaves

Use your microwave oven whenever possible. It uses about half the energy of a conventional oven.

Ovens

Plan meals so you can cook several items at once. Avoid preheating when possible.

Clothes Dryer

Put a dry towel in each load of clothes to be dried. The towel will absorb the dampness and reduce the required drying time.

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/s/ Laura Dotson, Editor



November

Calendar of Events

Country Treasures Folk Art and Craft Show

November 15-17
Oakley-Lindsay Center
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Christmas Lighting Ceremony

November 29
Central Park
Rushville

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November 22, 6:00 p.m.
Quincy
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Santa's Arrival

November 29
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Avenue of Lights

November 27 - December 31
Wavering/Moorman Park
Quincy
217-222-7980

Quincy Service League Holiday Gift Show

November 23-24
Quincy Senior High School
217-223-1000

Quincy Family YMCA Turkey Run/Walk/Swim

November 28
3101 Maine, Quincy
217-222-9622

Quincy Kennel Club Craft Show

November 30-December 1
Oakley-Lindsay Center
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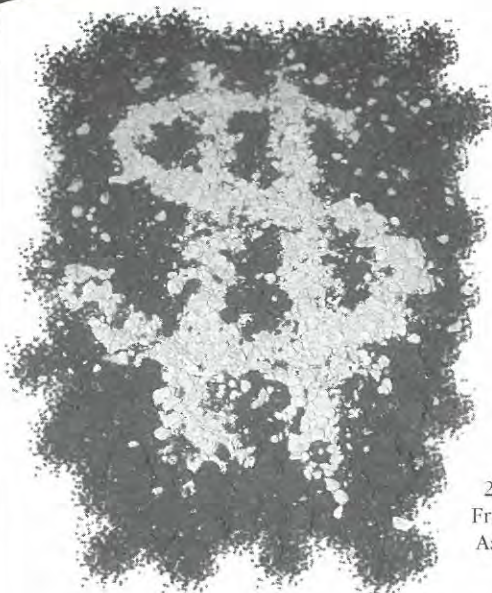
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Maximize Your Home's Efficiency and Safety While Preparing For Winter

URBANA, IL - Brisk fall temperatures signal it's time to get your home ready to keep out the winter chill. Energy dollars can pour out of homes through drafty doors and windows, and un-insulated attics, walls, floors, and basements while safety risks go unnoticed. Take this opportunity to improve your home's efficiency and safety at the same time.

"Most winterizing steps can pay for themselves relatively quickly with heating bill savings," said Paul Benson, Executive Director of the Illinois Electric Council (IEC). "Weather stripping and caulk are inexpensive tools that boost efficiency and cut energy costs."

"You can also eliminate electrical fire and shock risks as you winterize your home," said Molly Hall, director of Safe Electricity. "For example, as you check around outlets and other places where air can leak, do a simple safety check for overloaded outlets and cover plates that are warm to the touch."

The IEC and its Safe Electricity program offer information year round to help consumers use electric energy efficiently and safely.

Use these tips to help cut costs and improve home safety:

- Find air leaks both inside and around the exterior of the home. Just wet your fingertips and run them around the door or window frame to feel a draft—or hold up a tissue and see if it waves. Check around fixtures that penetrate walls, such as exhaust fans and electrical outlets. Look for unfilled gaps and cracks

near dryer vents, chimneys and faucet pipes.

- Seal leaks between moving parts (ex: between door and its frame) with weather stripping. Fill leaks between nonmoving parts (ex: between window frame and wall) with caulking.
- Replace screens with storm windows and doors. Double-paned glass plays an important role in reducing heat loss. Double-pane windows with low-e coating can reduce heating bills by 34 percent in cold climates compared to uncoated, single-pane windows. If you have older or leaky windows that you can't replace, consider temporary fixes, such as plastic film kits that create the effect of an interior storm window.
- If you're shopping for new windows, glass doors, or skylights, look for the ENERGY STAR. Today's high-efficiency windows are 40 percent more energy efficient than standard, windows and can cut heating and cooling costs by 15 percent. Special low-e (low-emissivity) windows reduce the amount of heat that flows through glass so there's less heat lost in winter or gained in summer.
- Make sure attics and flooring above unheated spaces, such as crawl space and garage, are appropriately insulated.

- Have your furnace checked by a professional to make sure it's operating safely and at its highest efficiency. Consider replacing your furnace if it's more than 30 years old – Furnaces that old are usually less than 50 percent energy efficient.

- Install an automatic thermostat. An easy-to-install clock thermostat can automatically raise and lower home temperatures for energy savings day and night.

"Don't overlook simple steps, like making sure furnace filters are changed monthly, more often if you have pets indoors," said Benson. "Furnaces run longer and work harder to move air through dirty filters. A clean furnace filter can mean double digit savings on the heat bill."

While you winterize, use this electrical safety checklist:

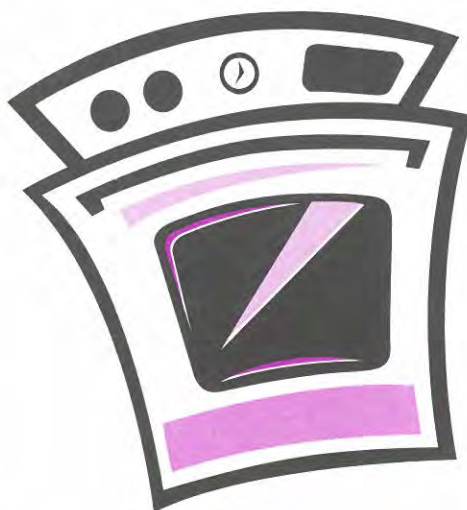
- Check outlets and extension cords to make sure they aren't overloaded.
- Examine electrical cords to make sure they aren't frayed, damaged or placed under rugs or carpets.
- Make sure that the proper wattage light bulbs are being used in light fixtures. Screw bulbs in securely. Loose bulbs may overheat and burn shades, drapes or nearby furniture.

- ☐ Look for these signs of electrical problems: switch plates, outlet covers, cords and plugs that are warm to the touch; and cut, broken or cracked insulation on electric wiring; frequently blown fuses or tripped circuit breakers. If these signs are present, you need a safety inspection by a licensed professional.
- ☐ Replace worn and outdated circuitry and add enough outlets for appliances and electronics. Hire a licensed professional to do the work.
- ☐ Make sure outlets in wet locations such as bathrooms, kitchen, laundry and outdoors have ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs). Test them and reset them monthly. If these outlets don't have GFCIs, have them professionally installed.
- ☐ Test your smoke detector batteries.

"These steps help reduce the risk of fire, shock, injury or death," Hall said. "We encourage everyone, including children, to visit our web site www.safeelectricity.org to learn more about electrical safety."

The Illinois Electric Council is an Illinois not-for-profit industry forum established in 1952. The IEC provides a framework through which the University of Illinois, investor-owned utilities, electric cooperatives, municipal electric utilities and others develop cooperative education programs and research activities designed to promote efficient and safe use of electric energy by consumers.

In addition to numerous programs, conferences and workshops over its 50 year history, the IEC last year launched Safe Electricity, a statewide public awareness program to advance electrical safety. For more information on the IEC and its programs, visit www.iecouncil.org.



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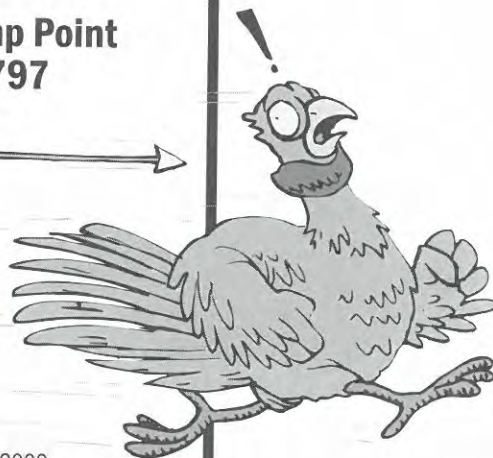
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3 commonly asked questions

1. What are the signs of electrical hazards in the home?

Some things to look for: Room lights dim when the refrigerator or air-conditioner kicks on; the television screen shrinks; circuit breakers frequently trip or fuses frequently blow; outlets or dimmer switches seem hot to the touch. These conditions indicate the electrical wiring in your house is overloaded.

2. Is an old-fashioned fuse box a hazard?

The short answer is no, because fuses provide the same protection against overloaded wiring as circuit breakers. However, when fuse boxes were in widespread use, most homes had only 30 or 60-ampere service. Today's homes need at least 150 to 200 ampere service to safely supply power for major appliances. If you have a fuse box and you've added any large appliances over the years, you should have an electrical contractor inspect your home's wiring to make sure it's still safe.

3. How can I tell if an electrical outlet isn't safe?

There are three indicators of an unsafe outlet. If an outlet no longer can hold a plug snugly; if any parts of the outlet are broken; or if the outlet feels hot to the touch. If any of these conditions exist, the outlet should be replaced.

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