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News From Yesteryear



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Live Line News, May 1940

Energization Has Started in Schuyler County – Brown County To Be Soon

Fifty-eight miles of line on our "B" Section were energized since our last issue of the newsletter. There are 119 new members being served on this new mileage.

We have wired Washington for permission to energize the remainder of Schuyler County. Brown County will be energized as soon as the required number of members are ready for service. An average of two per mile must be ready for service before we can turn on the power. To date, we lack approximately 40 members in Brown County, but we believe they will be ready soon.

Ask the Editor

Member Q&A



Thank you for selecting me to go on the Washington, D.C. trip. Even though I've been there before (I went on an abbreviated tour with my family in 2002), that trip only increased my desire to return and to learn about our nation's capital. I am very glad that I get the opportunity to travel with many other high school students to join up with thousands of our peers at Washington, D.C. to understand the importance of cooperatives. To learn how our government works on a national level is something that people rarely learn before they reach college and I thank you for letting me participate in this wonderful event.

Thank you,
Brian Waters, Youth Tour Winner

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to represent Adams Electric Cooperative at the Illinois Electric and Telephone Cooperative Youth Day. I enjoyed learning more about our state government and how it works. It also allowed me to meet new people and make new friends. Overall it was a very enjoyable trip.

Thanks!
Kristin Obert, Youth Day Participant

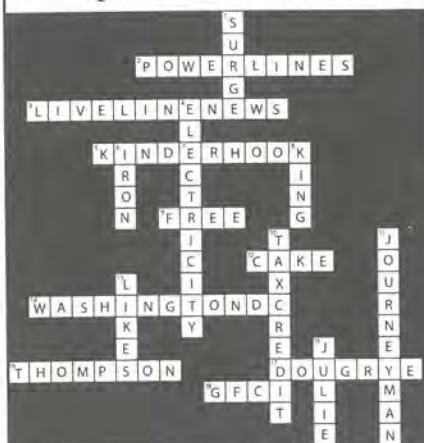
Thank you for the very generous \$1000.00 grant for the Veterans Memorial. This means a lot to all the Veterans. (See "Penny Power Grants Awarded" on page 12 for more information.)

In Appreciation,
Veterans Memorial Committee

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comments to: Attn: Laura, Adams Electric
Cooperative, P.O. Box 247, Camp Point, IL 62320.

Answer Key

April Adams Outlet Crossword Puzzle



One winner was
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Laura Dotson



Residential Wind Turbines

The Cooperative has been receiving many inquiries from members and vendors regarding the installation of small residential wind turbines. Policies have been developed and approved by the board and informational packets are available.

The Cooperative has three main issues regarding the installation of the wind turbines. First, an interconnection agreement has to be made between the Cooperative and the member. This agreement is necessary because the wind turbine runs in parallel with the distribution grid. It addresses the responsibility of the member if the turbine causes power quality issues or other problems on the system that is delivering power to all of our members. Also included is the requirement for liability insurance to protect the Cooperative in the event of damage or injury.

The second issue addresses how the power generated by the turbine will be metered. A metering fee will be charged to

cover the cost of special metering. If the member with the turbine has the dual meter electric heat rate, that rate will be changed to a single meter electric heat rate.

The final issue deals with the safety of our linemen. These turbines only generate when utility voltage is present and they cannot produce power during an outage.

The turbine has to be supplied with the protective equipment to take the turbine off line in the event of loss of voltage or a fault on the grid. This equipment is required to protect our linemen from a possible backfeed while they are working on the lines. A double throw switch is also required to physically isolate the turbine from the distribution system.

The Cooperative is excited to work with members on these residential wind turbine projects, while making sure that the safety of our linemen and the interest of all our membership are being adequately addressed.



Manager of Engineering & Operations
Timothy M. Brecht PE

Summer Hours

Due to the hot weather, Engineering & Operations line crews will be working from **6:00 am-2:30 pm** from June 18 through August 31. The Adams Electric Cooperative Office will be open as usual from **7:30 am-5 pm Monday-Friday**.

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If you are going to pay for it, why not own it?

by Doug Rye, the "Doctor of Energy Efficiency"
- the King of Caulk and Talk

Well, I wasn't sure what the title of this month's column should be but I'm sure it got your attention. And isn't that what a title is supposed to do?

I have spent my entire adult life helping folks just like you have more energy-efficient houses. It was important years ago and it is even more important now. In some places, utility rates have already increased considerably. In many other areas of our country, there are proposals to raise utility rates very soon. In my hometown, electric rates will increase 50 percent this month. And guess what? All of a sudden, many of the folks in our church and around town want to talk to Doug Rye.

Across the Arkansas River, in the next county, electric rates increased 38 percent just last month. I am now getting lots of calls from that area. When I was working in a western state recently, I was advised that approval had already been granted for a 10 percent rate increase for each of the next five years. That is actually more like a 70 percent increase when compounded.

The stories go on and on. Fortunately, many families will be

able to pay the increased bills. But others may have to decide between food, medicine or utility bills. My heart feels for those of you in that situation.

Folks, it is time – I mean starting today – for us to start thinking of energy improvements as investments not just costs. In fact, statistics have shown for several years that energy improvements are among the best investments we can make. The improvements usually increase the value of your home, save you money each month and make your house more comfortable.

When I talk to people about investing money for energy efficiency in their new house or existing house, the question is often asked. "What's the payback?" That question has always puzzled me somewhat because they don't ask about the payback for the kitchen cabinets, bathroom fixtures, drapes, furniture, fireplace or anything else in the house for that matter. I guess the reason they don't ask is because those items have NO payback. Only by making energy efficiency improvements will you eventually get a payback. The payback for a roof radiant barrier might come

winter. Payback times will vary by improvement but there IS a payback.

Now, pay close attention. I mean it. Let's say you make energy improvements that cost \$2,500 and saves you \$40 per month on utility costs. At the end of 5.2 years, you will have saved \$2,500 – that's a good payback. In addition to getting your money back, you will continue to make at least \$40 every single month in the future at today's utility costs. As utility rates increase, that amount may be \$50, \$60 or \$70, etc., per month savings.

Now let's say you do not make the improvements. In that case, you will send the utility company \$40 extra per month. At the end of the 5.2 year period, you will have paid out the \$2,500 and you still haven't made the improvements. I could do five more pages here but I hope you get the point. You are going to pay the costs of the improvements either way – so why not own them? I hope you will take this to heart and take action because this most certainly is from my heart, y'all.

See you next month.

Doug Rye, a licensed architect living in Saline County and the popular host of the "Home Remedies" radio show, works as a consultant for the Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas to promote energy efficiency to cooperative members statewide. Source: Rural Arkansas Magazine To order Doug's video, call Doug at 1-888-Doug-Rye. More energy-efficiency tips can also be found at www.ecark.org

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Electricity School

For years, Adams Electric Cooperative has co-sponsored an annual 4-H Electricity School Program with the assistance of University of Illinois Extension and AmerenCIPS.

Students do not have to be 4-H members to attend Electricity School. However, all 4-H members enrolled in Electricity or Electronics are required to attend. All boys and girls, ages eight to 18, are invited.

This year's Electricity School will be held on **Wednesday, June 13** at Bailey Park in Camp Point. Classes this year will include:

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| Level I | Extension Cords |
| Level II | Soda Can Lamps |
| Level III | Circuits/Switches |
| Level IV | Substation Tour |
| Level V | Electronic Circuits |

Level V, the electronics class, was a new addition last year for students who had completed the first four levels. Students must complete the classes in order. Other activities will include a game show and a basket truck/safety demonstration.

The event is free-of-charge but students must pre-register. An application is included on page 15 of this newsletter. You will also find both the application and health form on our website at: www.adamselectric.coop. Or, you may call 1-800-232-4797 to request an application and health form. Registrations are due by June 8.

We hope you can join us at this fun and educational event. Come see what it's all about!



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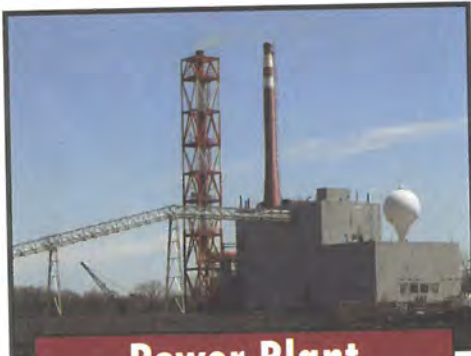
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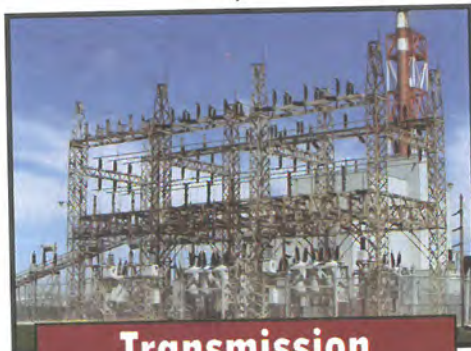
The Grid

AND HOW IT WORKS

The Grid Structure



Power Plant



Transmission Substation



Transmission Lines



Distribution Substation



Distribution Lines

Most of the time, electricity is probably taken for granted. Making a pot of coffee seems like such a simple task yet we often forget about the massive structure that makes that cup of coffee possible.

"The Grid" is a network of power plants, transmission lines, substations and distribution lines covering the entire United States and parts of Canada. It is broken down into regional grids that are interconnected at transmission substations across the country so power companies can buy and sell electricity from each other.

Energy comes from many sources including burning coal, natural gas or oil, water, nuclear reactions, wind, methane from landfills, animal waste, the sun, and geothermal. Most electricity is generated at power plants.

The electricity generated at a power plant travels to a transmission substation where it is boosted to extremely high voltages (69,000-765,000 volts). Voltage must be increased so that the electric current has the "push" it needs to travel long distances and reduce losses along the way.

The electricity is carried on thick wires called transmission lines, held high above the ground on tall transmission towers, to distribution substations. Adams Electric Cooperative has thirteen distribution substations over a seven county service territory.

Once the electricity reaches a distribution substation, electricity is stepped down by transformers to lower voltages (7,200-12,470 volts) so it can be sent safely through the distribution system.

Electricity leaves the substation on distribution lines attached to power poles. Most of these poles are wooden and may support telephone wires or street lights as well.

Distribution lines carry electricity to distribution transformers. Distribution transformers are the gray cylinders located at the top of power poles.

The transformer steps down the electricity once again (to 120-240 volts) for ordinary residential use and arrives at your home through an overhead weatherhead or an underground entrance. Just before the wires enter the exterior wall, the electricity passes through your meter which calculates your specific usage.

Technically, a power plant on one side of the United States could light a home on the other side of the United States. However,

power plants are strategically located so that the cost to ship fuel to the power plant and the cost to push electricity long distances over transmission lines is kept to a minimum. Distribution cooperatives, such as Adams Electric Cooperative, purchase electricity based on the economics of the transmission path and the cost of power.

Adams Electric Cooperative does not operate a power plant. We purchase power from Soyland Power Cooperative and distribute it to your home. Soyland provides this power through a coal-fired power plant in Pearl, Illinois (pictured upper left), a natural gas-fired plant in Alsey, Illinois, and a large share purchased from the grid.

Although we pay Soyland for your electricity, the watts used by your lamp might have come from

any of the power plants releasing power into the grid. The demand for electricity and the supply on the grid must always match.

The grid is the largest machine ever built by humans. At times, the grid struggles to meet the increasing demands of today's digital world. Careful consideration is being put toward grid improvements. Each day, it becomes even more important to use energy efficiently.

Now, the next time you make a pot of coffee, you'll know a little more about "the grid" working behind the scenes. You'll understand what makes that one cup of coffee possible. Consider how often you use electricity and take steps to use it more efficiently. The more aware you are of using energy, hopefully, the less likely you will be to take it for granted.



Distribution Transformer



Your Home



Your Coffee Maker

Country Living

by Art Tenhouse, Adams Electric Cooperative Member
Reprinted from Illinois Country Living

"We sat on that hill in the dark for eight years, while our next-door neighbors on the next hill had electricity." Those were the words of my great-grandfather Tenhouse as he spoke of the days before Adams Electric Cooperative. The investor owned utility wanted \$1500 in 1929 to extend their lines less than one quarter mile to the Tenhouse family home. It might as well have been \$15 million. They couldn't begin to pay that much. It was a different world, so close, but unattainable.

Then, local farmers began to hear about the REA and their support of cooperatives organized to electrify rural America. A neighbor asked for a \$5 membership application to join the fledgling Adams Electric Cooperative. My great-grandfather eagerly joined and gave line easements on the entire farm. Some neighbors were skeptical and reluctant to give easements. (That's why even today, we have more guy wires and poles than our neighbors.)

As the Cooperative began to actually build lines, the investor-owned utility started to drop the cost to provide service to the farm, first \$500, then \$300, and finally they offered to extend their line to our family's home for free. My great-grandfather said, "We have waited this long, we'll wait for the REA!"

When the line was energized and the lights came on, their lives moved into the 20th century. My mom told of her family coming home from a 4-H meeting and seeing the family home bathed in electric light. The house had been wired weeks before, every switch

turned on, and the power had surged through the lines while they were gone. She spoke of the event as a highlight of her life until her death last year.

The drudgery of work was lessened both on the farm and in the home. The first electric pump to water livestock and the first electric washing machine were both sources of stories that Mom and Dad used to regale anyone within earshot. One of (my late) Dad's first jobs was helping a local contractor wire neighbor's homes. He told of the joy of their anticipation of this life changing experience.

The lesson to remember is this. We must not forget how the Cooperative Movement helped make rural Americans quality of life equal to their city cousins. We must continue to salute the efforts of the dwindling number of people who banded together to accomplish what they couldn't have done alone — light up all of Illinois!!!

I was selected to attend the 1967 Youth to Washington Tour and it really piqued my curiosity in politics. Later, as a member of the Board of Directors of Adams Electric Cooperative, I participated in their grassroots lobbying in Springfield and Washington.

In 1989, I had the honor of beginning my

service in the Illinois House of Representatives.

I was always impressed by the professionalism of the Electric Cooperative leadership. When Co-op activists and staff came to the Capitol, I always knew that they would be well versed on the issues and forceful advocates for local member-owners.

In July 2006, I resigned from the Illinois House after 17 years to accept the position of Vice-President, Government Relations, of the Illinois CPA Society.

During my role for the Illinois CPA Society, I was amazed at the number of fellow Certified Public Accountants who are Electric Co-op members. They may not all be farmers, but they enjoy the rural lifestyle and quality of life. Because of the cooperative movement, they are able to access electricity, telephone, internet, and water service.

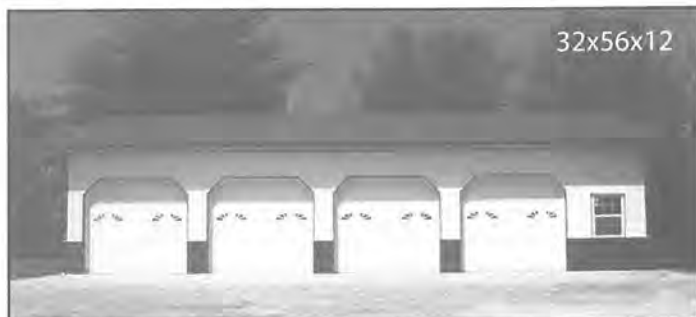
Today, Sharon, Adam (our youngest), and I live in the same Tenhouse family home. The Sorrill (Mom's family) and Tenhouse Centennial farms are part of our family farm. Sharon and I met at a Cooperative Month banquet in Springfield. She was representing 4-H as the National Leadership winner I was State FFA President. We are still proud members of Adams Electric Cooperative!

It's been a long journey from sitting in the dark on that lonely hill.



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In The News...



Penny Power Grants Awarded

Representatives from Adams Electric Cooperative presented Penny Power Grants to ten local organizations totaling over \$10,000 on May 4, 2007. Recipients included: Liberty Fire Auxiliary (\$1,000 for CPR training equipment), Unity High School (\$1,000 for the school's stage renovation project), Fall Creek Friends 4-H Club (\$139 to plant a tree in Payson Park), Coatsburg Lions Club (\$1,000 toward a war memorial in Paloma), University of Illinois Extension (\$1,000 for two community gardens, one in Mt. Sterling and one in Quincy), Jackson-Lincoln Pool (\$1,000 to repair and paint the pool), Habitat for Humanity (\$950 for cabinetry), Camp Callahan (\$1,855 for an all-terrain wheelchair), Mendon Fire Department (\$2,000 toward a new brush truck), and Schuyler County Food Basket (\$250 for food for the needy).

Grants are made possible by participating members of Adams Electric Cooperative who have their electric bills rounded up to the nearest dollar each month. The next deadline for Penny Power grant applications is July 2, 2007. For more information, contact Bill Stalder at Adams Electric Cooperative at (217) 593-7701.

Load Control Starts in June

Many members of Adams Electric Cooperative voluntarily participate in a load control program allowing the Cooperative to control their central air-conditioning units and electric water heaters. In return, these members receive a reduced rate for their electric heating, cooling and water heating.

During load control, all central air conditioner compressors are cycled a maximum of 15 minutes "on" and a maximum of 15 minutes "off," but the fan is allowed to run at all times. Electric water heaters are turned "off" for the entire interruption.

For those participating, remember, load control may take place any time during June, July, August

or September. If you have questions, please contact Adams Electric.

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The three-digit number gives homeowners, excavators, utility companies and government officials easier access to one call centers across the United States. As you plan your next project, dial 811 two working days before you begin digging. Remember, it's the law.



AEC Attends 2007 NRECA Annual Meeting & TechAdvantage Conference

Adams Electric Cooperative General Manager Jim Thompson, Line Foreman Pat Boylen, and Director Ed Wagner attended the 2007 NRECA Annual Meeting held March 20-22, 2007. The NRECA Annual Meeting sets the course for electric cooperatives as member cooperatives vote on resolutions during the business meeting. The meeting allows professionals to learn more about today's critical issues facing cooperatives.

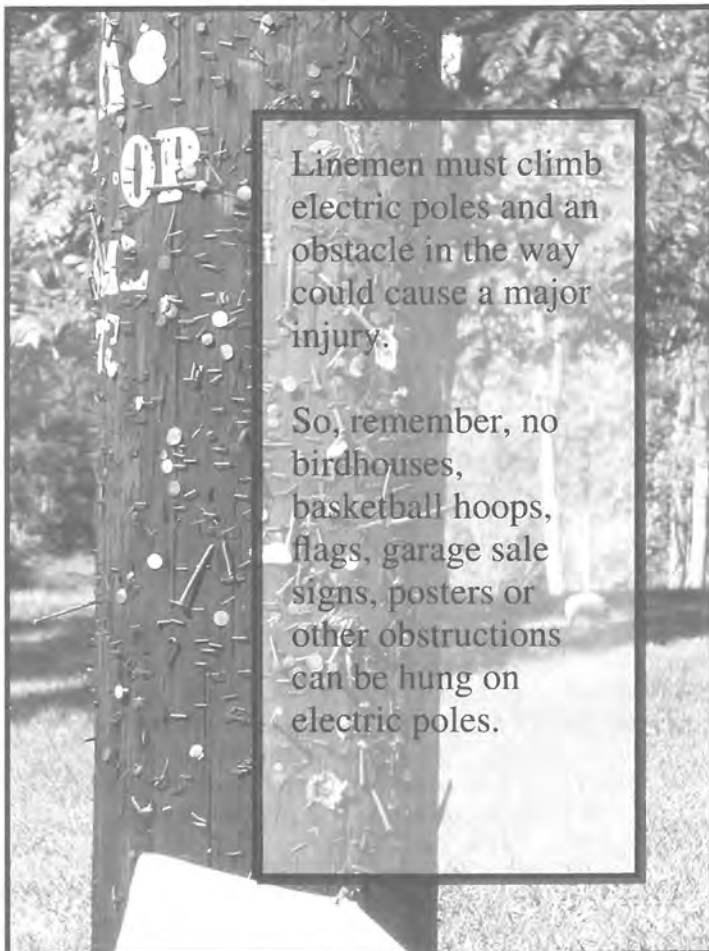
AEC Manager of Engineering and Operations Tim Brecht, Design and Construction Supervisor Charlie Rossiter, Journeyman Lineman Kevin Knight, and Engineering and Operations Office Technician Joyce Bockhold attended the 2007 TechAdvantage Conference held March 15-20, 2007. TechAdvantage helps co-op professionals discover new ways to reduce costs, improve reliability and enhance member services.

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Event Listings

Deadlines:

July Events.....June 1 November Events.....Oct 1
Aug/Sept Events.....July 1 December Events.....Nov 1
October Events.....Sept 1

Send event title, date(s), time(s), address, town, brief description, cost (if any), and contact phone #
Mail to: Attn: Laura, Adams Electric, PO Box 247, Camp Point, IL 62320 or Call: (800) 232-4797

Uptown Farmer's Market
Thru Mid-Oct. Tues. & Sat.
(7am-Noon), Washington
Park, Quincy.

Nauvoo Adventure
Thru Labor Day, Mon.-Sat.
(3:30pm & 6:30pm), Visitor's
Center, Nauvoo. 70-min. musical
drama. Free but ticket required.
(888) 453-6434

Quincy Gems
June-August (6:30pm) 18th &
Sycamore. Collegiate baseball
team season. \$2/adults, \$1/
children. (217) 223-1000
www.quincygems.com

Beautiful Gardens Tour
June 2 (9am-2pm) Quincy.
Sponsored by Gardner Museum.
(217) 224-6873

**6th Annual Brown County
Car Show & Cruise Night**
June 2, (Car show 2:30-4:30pm,
cruise 5-9pm) Mt. Sterling.
Trophies for car, truck, motorcycle
& tractors. Fee: \$5 (217) 773-2579

**Great River Corvette
Club Autocross Event**
June 2 & 3, TNT, West Quincy.
(217) 228-2248

Drop-In Crafts
June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, (10am-2pm),
Quincy Public Library. Crafts for
children. No reservations required.
(217) 223-1309

**Making Sense
of Memory Loss**
June 3 & 10 (9am-Noon), Quincy
Senior & Family Center, 639
York. Alzheimer's Association,
for caregivers of persons in early
stages of memory loss, free
educational series. To register,
call (217) 228-1111

**Blues In The District
Concert**
June 8, 22 (5-9pm) Washington
Park, 5th & Maine, Quincy.

**Tour of 1848
Historic Home**
June 8, Cooperstown, 9 miles east
of Mt. Sterling. An 1848 historic
brick home open for touring with
an evening yard party to kick
off a silent auction of important
pieces of Brown County's history.
All proceeds benefit emergency
service building. For questions or
donations, call Deb (217) 773-3766
or Carolyn (217) 440-4810.

**Richfield Methodist
Church Rummage/
Bake Sale**
June 9 (7am-1pm), Liberty Park.
Huge sale, misc. & sandwiches.

Tri-Jesus Triathlon
June 9 (7:30am), YMCA, Quincy.

Soap Box Derby
June 9 (9am-3pm), Tom Averkamp
Bridge, N. 18th St., next to QU
north campus.

**Old-Fashioned Picnic
& Concert in the Park**
June 11 (5pm), Madison Park,
Qcy. Games, free popcorn & soda.
Quincy Park Band performance.
(217) 223-7703

Electricity School
June 13 (9am-Noon), Bailey Park,
Camp Point. Free for ages 8-18,
registration due June 8. See
application on page 15.

Garage Sale Fundraiser
June 14-16, Quincy University,
North Campus, 1729 Seminary Rd.
Early bird \$1 admission on Thurs.
(2-7pm). General sale on Fri. (12-
7pm). \$1/bag on Sat. (8am-12pm).
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St. Dominic Junefest
June 16 (3pm-12am), St. Dominic,
4100 Columbus Rd. Annual parish
picnic. Great food, beverages,
games for children & adults, raffles,
silent auction & entertainment from
Jen's Dance Academy & Raised on
Radio. (217) 224-0041

Late Knight Cruisers
June 17 (8am-4pm), Rushville
square. Father's Day car, truck &
bike show. (217) 322-4232

**Pepsi Little People's
Golf Championships**
June 17-22, Area golf courses.
www.littlepeoplesgolf.com

Midsummer Arts Faire
June 22-24, Washington
Park, 5th & Maine, Quincy.
(217) 779-3729 or email
mafcoordinator@yahoo.com

**Centennial Ebenezer
Ice Cream Social**
June 23 (4pm-?), Rt. 61, east of
Loraine. Ice cream sandwiches &
cake. (217) 938-2441

**Roy Dean Perry
Memorial Golf Outing**
June 24 (12:00 Shotgun) Indian
Trails Golf Course, Camp
Point. CHS baseball players
scholarship fund. (217) 228-0010
relay@adams.net

**Sherlock Holmes
Takes The Case**
June 28 (6pm), Quincy Public
Library. Traveling Lantern
Theatre Company. Free family
event. Solve a mystery.
(217) 223-1309 x224

**John Wood Mansion
Centennial Celebration**
June 28-July 1, John Wood
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**St. Joseph
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Schedule:

8:30-9:00 am
Registration

9:00 am
Welcome
Game Show

9:30 am
Safety Demonstration

10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Workshops

- ☐ Level I
Extension Cord
- ☐ Level II
Soda Can Lamp
- ☐ Level III
Circuits/Switches
- ☐ Level IV
Tour
- ☐ Level V
Electronics

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9:00 am-Noon
Bailey Park, Camp Point

- This event is **open to all youth ages 8-18**, not just 4-H members. Invite a friend! All participants must fill out registration and health forms.
- All 4-H members enrolled in Electricity or Electronics are required to attend 4-H Electricity School. Projects completed at Electricity School may not be used as an exhibit at a 4-H Show.
- Registration and health forms are due in the office by June 8.
(After returning this registration form, you will receive a health form in the mail.)
- Please bring the following tools: wire strippers, phillips screwdriver, screwdriver, needle nose pliers.
- Check one box in front of the project workshop. If this is your first year, check the extension cord workshop. If you made an extension cord last year, check the soda can lamp workshop.
- Games in the park will be offered to participants who finish their workshop before 12:00 p.m. You are welcome to bring a baseball, ball gloves, and bats for a ball game if time permits.



Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ Phone: _____

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