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*We want to send a big thank you to the Adams employees who cut down the dangerous old tree for us. They were wonderful people and did a marvelous job. Thank you,
Tom & Diann Elliott*

*Adams Electric:
Thank you for your support of the Agriculture Awareness Program in Brown County. Thank you for doing an electricity safety activity for Ag Day. The students enjoyed your activity.
Nicky Geisler, U of I Extension*

Adams Electric Cooperative Technician Larry Long illustrates numerous outdoor safety hazards during Brown County Ag Day.



*Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$250 to the Schuyler County Food Basket. The volunteers of the Schuyler County Food Basket, along with the help of many charitable people like you, serve approximately 125 less fortunate families every month throughout the Schuyler County area. Donations such as yours will allow this service to continue. Thank you again for your generosity,
Ron Herr, President
Schuyler County Food Basket
(The Schuyler County Food Basket received their donation through Adams Electric Cooperative's Penny Power Program.)*

*Ladies and Gentlemen:
The Board of Directors of Jackson-Lincoln Swimming Complex is a not-for-profit corporation. Your donation will help offset the operational costs of the pool. Thank you,
Chris Scholz, Secretary/Treasurer
Jackson-Lincoln Swimming Complex, Inc.*

*Thank you for your grant to Habitat for Humanity of Cass & Schuyler counties. It will be put to good use.
Debby Egbert, Assistant Treasurer
Habitat for Humanity*

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Notification: Assignment of 2006 Margins

Assignments of 2006 margins to members doing business with Adams Electric Cooperative have been calculated. A total of \$1,858,636 of margins has been allocated as capital credits for the year 2006. The Cooperative has calculated each member's share of the margins and credited that amount to your capital credit account.

Allocation notices will be sent to each member who received service during 2006. These notices will inform you of your share of the capital credits. This amount is only an accounting credit. It cannot be claimed at the present time nor can it be applied against your current electric bill.

The board of directors reviews the financial condition of the Cooperative before determining when and how much capital credits can be returned to the

members. The Cooperative has paid capital credits through 1979, so it will be some time before we will pay 2006 capital credits.

Please remember, you must be a member and have service in your name to have capital credits assigned. If you are receiving electric service in someone else's membership or the service is in the name of a deceased person, you will not receive capital credits. The capital credit check will always be issued in the name of the person on the membership or the estate of a deceased member.

If you have moved, please provide the Cooperative with your new address so we can send your future capital credit checks. Please contact Steve Jennings, manager of finance, if you have any questions.

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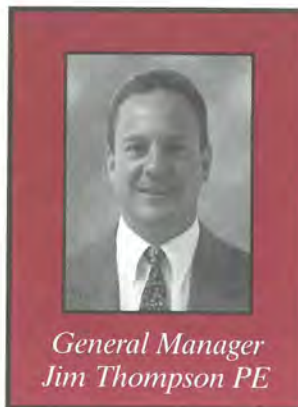
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Editor
Laura Dotson



Offering Help

We remember our roots and how and why cooperatives were organized to provide electricity to rural America. Congress recognized a need and approved the Rural Electrification Act in 1936. At that time, investor-owned utilities concentrated on the more populated areas where they could receive a payback on their investment. Adams Electrical Co-Operative was organized by local residents, like yourself, in 1938 at the Adams



*General Manager
Jim Thompson PE*

County Farm Bureau Office. The Cooperative expanded into Brown, Schuyler and parts of Hancock, Pike and McDonough Counties.

Other areas of the world are recognizing the success and business structure of electric cooperatives and want to bring this success to their own countries. These countries have a real need for reliable electric service.

Adams Electric has a strong history of helping when people and communities are in need. (Read the "News from Yesteryear" article on page 10 as it relates to this tradition.) In 2005, your Cooperative and two other Illinois

electric cooperatives were asked to become sister cooperatives to a new cooperative being formed in the Dominican Republic. The other cooperatives are Menard Electric

Cooperative based in Petersburg and Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative based in Auburn. The Board recognizes our successful cooperative history and the impact electricity had when it was brought to the rural area, and therefore, accepted

this responsibility.

In January of 2007, Adams Electric sent Line Foreman Pat Boylen to help train and educate electric line contractors in the Dominican Republic on efficient and safe line construction. He was accompanied by Tim Hemberger from Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative. These two gave their heart and soul to this project and represented their cooperatives with pride. Pat will share his experience with the members at the annual meeting. Please read the feature article on pages 8 and 9 to learn more about this project and Pat's experience.



l-r: Tim Hemberger, Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative; Gilberto Ayala, Cooperative Electric Fronteriza; and Pat Boylen, Adams Electric Cooperative

Nominating Committee Report



Nominating Committee Members: (l-r) Clarence Lawler of Loraine, Paul Vincent of Frederick, Maurice Ross of Rushville, Marilyn Barry of Liberty, Dawn Ormond of Liberty, Paul Bruenger of Loraine and Virgil Ohnemus of Fowler.

Pursuant to the Cooperative's Bylaws, the Nominating Committee met at the office of Adams Electric Cooperative in Camp Point, Illinois on May 15, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. DST to nominate candidates for election of directors of Adams Electric Cooperative.

The following Nominating Committee Members were present: Paul Vincent and Maurice Ross representing District 1; Clarence Lawler and Paul Bruenger, representing District 2; Dawn Ormond and Marilyn Barry, representing District 3; and Virgil Ohnemus, member-at-large.

Jim Thompson, 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 Thompson served as Chairman Pro Tem until a Chairman had been elected.

Manager Thompson opened the floor to nominations for Committee Chairman. Clarence Lawler nominated Paul Bruenger. Maurice Ross made a motion to close nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot to elect Paul Bruenger as Chairman; seconded by Virgil Ohnemus, the motion carried.

Manager Thompson opened the floor to nominations for Committee Secretary. Marilyn Barry nominated Dawn Ormond. Paul Vincent made a motion to close nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot to elect Dawn Ormond as Secretary; seconded by Clarence Lawler, the motion carried.

Manager Thompson excused himself from the meeting.

Chairman Paul Bruenger opened the floor to nominations for director-candidate(s) of District 1 representing Astoria Township of Fulton County and Littleton, Oakland, Buena Vista, Woodstock, Browning, Rushville, Bainbridge, Hickory and Frederick Townships of Schuyler County. Maurice Ross nominated Alan Acheson. Virgil Ohnemus made a motion to close nominations; seconded by Marilyn Barry, the motion carried.

Chairman Paul Bruenger opened the floor to nominations for director-candidate(s) of District 2 representing Keene, Northeast and Houston Townships of Adams County and Augusta, Chili and St. Albans Townships of Hancock County. Clarence Lawler nominated Lyle Waner. Paul Vincent made a motion to close nominations; seconded by Dawn Ormond, the motion carried.

Chairman Paul Bruenger opened the floor to nominations for director-candidate(s) of District 3 representing Gilmer, Columbus, Burton and Liberty Townships of Adams County. Marilyn Barry nominated George Schneider. Maurice Ross made a motion to close nominations; seconded by Paul Vincent, the motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m. DST following a motion by Marilyn Barry; seconded by Clarence Lawler, the motion carried.

Paul W. Bruenger

Paul W. Bruenger, Chairman

Dawn Ormond

Dawn Ormond, Secretary

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 5, 2007 Annual Meeting. Petitions must be returned to the office by 5 p.m., Wednesday, August 1, 2007.

Lost Members List

This is a partial list of members who did not leave us a forwarding address. Or, in some cases, a trustee has not yet been identified. Please call Adams Electric Cooperative at (800)232-4797 if you have any information (current address, phone number, etc.) for any of the following former members:

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In The News...



Adams Electric Cooperative Board Vice President Jim Benz presents a plaque to Mitchell Fairley as recognition for his high honors and achievements.

Local Student Wins IEC Memorial Scholarship

Mitchell R. Fairley, son of Ron and Joyce Fairley of Quincy, is one of five winners of this year's Illinois Electric Cooperatives' Memorial Scholarship. He competed for the scholarship with 204 other students from across the state. The \$1,250 awards are given each year to four sons/daughters of electric co-op members and one to the son/daughter of a co-op employee or director.

The IEC Memorial Scholarship Program was established in 1994 by the board of directors of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives. "The purpose of the scholarship program is to assist electric cooperative youth while honoring past rural electric leaders through memorial gifts," said Jim Thompson, general manager for Adams Electric Cooperative. "Adams Electric Cooperative and the other Illinois electric cooperatives want to make a difference in their communities. One of the best ways we can do that is by lending a hand to our youth."

Candidates were judged on grade-point average, college entrance exam scores, work and volunteer experience, school and

civic activities and a short essay demonstrating their knowledge of electric cooperatives.

Fairley graduated recently from Quincy Senior High School. This fall, Fairley plans to attend Southern Illinois University and major in mechanical engineering.

For further information on the IEC Memorial Scholarship Program, contact Adams Electric Cooperative at 1-800-232-4797.

AEC Volunteer Assists with Playground

The children of Schuyler county and the surrounding counties will enjoy new playground equipment at Schuy-Rush Park in Rushville.

The project of replacing and refurbishing the outdated and unsafe playground equipment was organized by P.L.A.Y. (People Loving Active Youth). In 2006, Adams Electric Cooperative's Penny Power program provided \$2,000 toward the project.

Once funds were generated, Journeyman Lineman Brian Anderson and other community members volunteered one weekend in April to construct the new equipment. With the help of the Adams Electric Cooperative digger truck, the crew was able to install poles and heavy equipment with ease.



Brian Anderson



Chicken Supreme Casserole

Submitted by Mary Ann Aden

- 1 pkg. (7 oz.) uncooked macaroni
- 1 pt. milk
- 2 cans cream of mushroom soup
- 2 sm. onions, cut fine
- 1/2 lb. Velveeta cheese, cubed
- 3 hard boiled eggs, cut up
- 2 cups diced cooled cooked chicken or ham

Mix all ingredients in 13x9 pan. Let stand in refrigerator overnight. Take out 1 hour before baking. Bake 1 hour at 350 degrees. Let stand a few minutes before serving.

Squash Casserole

Submitted by Ann Huffman

- 3 cups corn bread stuffing
- 1/4 cup butter, melted
- 1 can (10 3/4 oz.) condensed cream of chicken soup OR 98% fat free cream of chicken soup
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 4 small zucchini, shredded
- 1/4 cup shredded carrots (optional)
- 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese

Mix stuffing and butter. Reserve 1/2 cup stuffing mixture. Spoon remaining stuffing into 2-qt. shallow baking pan. Mix soup, sour cream, zucchini, carrots and cheese. Spread over stuffing mixture. Sprinkle with reserved stuffing mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes until hot.



Adams Electric Cooperative's Country Kitchen

Is your group or organization selling a cookbook? Send us the details and three sample recipes. We'll feature it for free (space permitting). Be sure to include a contact phone number. Have a favorite family recipe you'd like to share? We'd love to hear from you! Mail recipes to: Attn: Laura, Adams Electric Cooperative, PO Box 247, Camp Point, IL 62320
Or, save a stamp and send recipes with your electric bill!

Cucumber Salad

Submitted by Koby Craft

- 2 cucumbers
- Onions to taste
- 1 Tbsp. Miracle Whip
- 2 Tbsp. sugar
- 2 Tbsp. vinegar
- Dash of salt
- Dash of pepper

Peel and slice cucumbers. Dice onions. Set aside. Combine remaining ingredients. Pour over cucumbers and onions. Cover and refrigerate.



(Cockeyed Cake continued)

Combine flour, cocoa, baking soda, sugar and salt in an 8-inch greased pan. Punch 3 holes in flour mixture. Pour oil in one hole. Pour vinegar in the second hole and vanilla in the third. Stir well. Pour 1 cup cold water on top. Stir well with a fork. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Use your favorite frosting or serve with ice cream on cooled cake.

Shaggy Dogs

Submitted by Laura Dotson

- Marshmallows
- Chocolate syrup
- Coconut

Roast marshmallows over campfire, dip in chocolate syrup and roll in coconut.



Cockeyed Cake

Submitted by Virginia Wheelhouse

- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 2 Tbsp. cocoa
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 5 Tbsp. oil
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- 1 tsp. vanilla

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A Brighter Future

In the 1930s, only about 10 percent of America's farms had electric service. With so few residents per mile, it was clear that power companies had no interest in serving these areas. Friends and neighbors banded together and formed cooperatives.

Today, about 40% of the Dominican Republic is without power on any given day, with blackouts lasting up to 20 hours. Nearly half of the country's energy is wasted due to inefficiencies of its current electrical system. There is a major problem with electricity theft and corruption. Forming a cooperative just might be the answer.

Through an effort coordinated by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's (NRECA) International Program, many American cooperatives are involved in helping poor countries extend lines into their rural areas. Adams Electric Cooperative and several other Illinois cooperatives are sending help to the Dominican Republic.

In January, Pat Boylen of Camp Point spent two weeks in the Dominican Republic, which shares an island in the Caribbean with the nation of Haiti. Pat, a line foreman from Adams Electric, volunteered with a lineman from Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative (RECC) to help train the workers at the fledgling Cooperative Electric Fronteriza in the eastern Dominican Republic.

Pat and his fellow volunteer, Tim Hemberger from Auburn, worked with NRECA employees and local contractors to teach the Dominicans how to build electric distribution lines safely and efficiently.

Although the Dominicans do not have the modern equipment we use at home, by following standard construction processes, their local cooperative can have the kind of safe, reliable system that we Americans take for granted.

All holes are dug by hand in the rocky soil, but the co-op has a boom truck to help set the new poles in place.



"We instructed the crews on climbing techniques, line construction and job safety," explained Pat.

The area where Pat and Tim spent most of their time was called San Jose, with about 170 homes that will eventually be connected to the Fronteriza power lines. The project is just getting the wires extended into the area for now, so the lines aren't "hot" yet. In other towns that have electric service, they only have power an average of about four hours per day. They only collect for about 30 percent of the power sold.

A typical home only uses electricity for a light inside, and maybe a washing machine outside. The cost for a co-op membership and deposit is 500 pesos or about \$15.

Pat says the Dominicans are very friendly people, and often offered to share what little they had.

The volunteers were able to share some American generosity as well, with gifts of candy, baseballs, school supplies and clothes. Tim's mother-in-law is a teacher in Decatur and her students donated supplies. Teachers in Auburn Elementary, where Tim's wife





Upper left: Evidence of rampant electricity theft is common in the Dominican Republic. **Upper middle:** Adams Electric's Pat Boylen pins an American flag on the daughter of a community leader. **Upper right:** Without modern equipment, all holes must be dug by hand through rocky soil. **Bottom far left:** Town meeting, seated left to right: Justo Uribe, President of the Board of Cooperative Electric Fronteriza; Gilberto Ayala, in charge of crews for Cooperative Electric Fronteriza; Tim Hemberger, Journeyman Lineman from Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative; Michael Moore, Peace Corps Volunteer; and Pat Boylen, Line Foreman from Adams Electric Cooperative. **Bottom middle:** A typical line truck. **Bottom right:** New poles are set to replace the existing poles.

Tricia works, also donated goods. Pat and Tim also donated some of their personal equipment to make life a little easier for the line crew.

Adams Electric and other co-ops plan to send linemen in

the future to continue the training process for the Dominican workers.

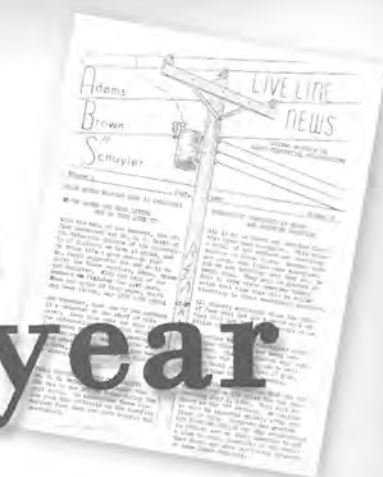
The cooperative spirit knows no boundaries, even between nations. We're proud of Pat and Tim for helping bring electric service to the

people of the Dominican Republic. It is our hope that some day the Dominicans may enjoy some of the advancements that electricity can provide...thanks to the power of human connections!



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News From Yesteryear



Cooperative Attorney Returns from Latin America

Cooperative Attorney, Max L. Weinberg, recently returned from a thirty-day State Department assignment in the Dominican Republic. Max went to the Dominican Republic at the request of the U.S. Agency for International Development. The Dominican Republic had requested assistance of a qualified consultant from the United States to advise them on procedures for organizing electric cooperatives.

Weinberg reports that there is a great need and numerous requests for the immediate extension of electric service in some areas of the Dominican Republic. But because of insufficient power to advance the full cost of service extensions, their service is not readily available. When power becomes available, Weinberg recommends that an REA type cooperative be implemented.



Max L. Weinberg, attorney for Adams Electrical Co-op, Camp Point, Ill., takes notes on his discussion with Sr. Ramon Delgado, center, engineer with Corporacion Dominicana de Electricidad, Santa Domingo, Dominican Republic, and Douglas Blackwood, an American who directed the internationally famous Jewish Refugee Colony at Sosua on the north coast of the island. Weinberg spent 30 days in the Dominican Republic as an AID Consultant on rural electrification.

Max was among the first co-op leaders from the U.S. to give assistance to our undeveloped Latin American neighbors. However the program is being enlarged and many other electric cooperative leaders are helping to provide the technical assistance needed by these countries. This technical assistance in helping

the underdeveloped people help themselves is certainly a great step forward in our Latin America aid program.

Mr. Weinberg was certainly worthy of the responsibility for which he was selected as he has been the Legal Advisor of our cooperative since its incorporation in 1938.

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Energy Efficiency or Conservation?

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

Is it energy efficiency or conservation and which should I do? Well, I can tell you that both are important as they relate to the comfort of your home and that monthly utility bill.

In the mid 1970s, our country experienced what we call an oil embargo. I was a young architect working for a government agency that helped provide homes for low- and moderate-income families. I remember watching television and seeing long lines at service stations as drivers waited to get their allotment of gasoline. I remember seeing the President of the United States on prime time television, wearing a heavy sweater with a presidential seal telling Americans that energy resources could no longer be taken for granted. In fact, his exact quote was: "The energy crisis has not yet overwhelmed us, but it will if we do not act quickly. We simply must balance our demand for energy with our rapidly shrinking resources."

After President Carter's address, most folks I knew were quite nervous and concerned about energy availability. Families started purchasing automobiles that had good fuel economy. People added insulation to their attics and some even weather-stripped their exterior doors. This was, in fact, the time when I started trying to help find a way to help families have lower

utility bills. And, you know what? Americans were totally serious about this matter for almost a year. Yes, almost a whole year! It was over just about as fast as it started. As soon as the price of gasoline dropped and there were no longer shortages, Americans, for the most part, went back to their old wasteful ways. Some of us realized, however, that even if there were no shortages of energy supplies, energy efficiency and conservation made good sense. As our parents often said, "Waste not, want not."

While our nation seems to be split on just about every decision, I'll bet you that 100 percent of the people would say they would like more comfortable homes and lower utility bills. And, of course, that is the reason you read this column. What do you remember about the President's energy speech? Most of you would answer that he said to turn your thermostat down to 68 degrees and wear warmer clothes. When he said that, I knew I didn't like the idea of not being comfortable. But, at the same time, I realized that for many families, this might be their only solution. In short, being energy efficient and conserving was the real answer.

What is the difference between energy efficiency and conservation? Putting on a sweater would be considered being energy efficient while lowering the

thermostat setting in the winter or raising it in the summer would be considered conservation. Purchasing an automobile with better gas mileage is an example of energy efficiency, while traveling less would be conservation. Changing the thermostat setting would be conservation while adding insulation, etc., would be energy efficiency. Installing a more efficient water heater would be an example of energy efficiency while using less hot water would be conservation. Buying compact fluorescent light bulbs would be energy efficient while turning the lights off when not in use would be conservation. There are many other examples of these two principles.

I have always thought that practicing both energy efficiency and conservation is how to make a really big difference. So why not take action and do both – be energy efficient and conserve. It'll pay off for you and our country.

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. To order Doug's video, call Doug at 1-888-Doug-Rye. More energy-efficiency tips can also be found at www.ecark.org. Source: Rural Arkansas Magazine



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Calendar



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

Thru August (6:30pm) 18th
& Sycamore. Collegiate baseball
team season. (217) 223-1000
www.quincygems.com

John Wood Mansion Centennial Celebration

July 1, John Wood Mansion,
Quincy. Programs, candlelight tours,
lawn party & children's activities.
www.adamscohistory.org
(217) 222-1835

Great River Water Ski Show

July 4, 10, 17, 24 & 31, All America
Park, Quincy. Family water thrill
show. \$3 (217) 222-4517

Holy Cross Lutheran Church Ice Cream Social

July 6 (4:30pm), Holy Cross
Lutheran Church, 205 West
Third St., Golden. Food &
fellowship hosted by Youth
Fellowship. Proceeds for the
group's trip this summer to the
Higher Things Youth Conference
in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Movies on the Muddy

July 6 (Dusk, approx. 8-8:30pm),
Clat Adams Park, Quincy. Family-
oriented movies on the riverfront.
(217) 223-7703

4th Annual Cruise-In/Car Show/Swap Meet

July 6 & 7, Lincoln Land Community
College, 5250 Shepherd Rd.,
Springfield, IL. Fri. (4-10pm) Cruise-
In to Park-N-Peek & music. Sat.
(8am-3:30pm) Car show, swap
meet, vendors, food & music.
(217) 786-2417

St. Joseph Ice Cream Social

July 8 (4pm), Parish Hall, St. Joseph
Church, Quincy. Sandwiches,
homemade ice cream, games
& fellowship. Everyone invited.
(217) 434-8442

All American Girls Summer Classes

July 9-13, 16-20, 23-27 & July
30-Aug. 3 (10am-Noon), Quincy
Museum, 16th & Maine. For girls
ages 7-13 based on American Girls
series of books and dolls. Discover
how girls in the past lived.
(217) 224-7669

Outdoor Concert Series

July 12, 19 & 26 (7pm), Heidelberg
German Band (7/12) at South Park,
Decatur Park Singers (7/19) at Clat
Adams Park & Elvis Impersonator
(7/26) at Madison Park. Bring blanket
& lawn chairs, free. (217) 223-7703

FREE

Town-wide yard sales, concerts, car
shows, craft shows, parades, festivals,
plays, fairs, special sporting events,
benefits, activities for children, bake
sales, demonstrations, or something
else? Tell us about it! Space permitting.

Event Listings

Deadlines:

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

Blues in the District

July 13 & 27 (5:30-9:30pm)
Washington Park, Quincy. Regional
& local blues bands perform, free.
(217) 228-8696

Pleasant Grove Ice Cream Social

July 14 (4-7), Pleasant Grove
Methodist Church, Liberty (1
mi. south of airport on Plainville
blacktop). Homemade ice cream,
maidrites, hotdogs, cake, pie,
strawberries. Free will offering.

Great River Corvette Club

July 14 & 15, TNT Go Carting,
West Quincy. (217) 228-2448

Lost Prairie Ice Cream Social

July 19 (4-7pm), St. Peter's of
Lost Prairie Church, 5 miles
down the Kellerville blacktop
from 104 East. Enjoy famous
homemade ice cream, pies,
cakes, sandwiches & more!
Freewill offering.

Family Fun in the Sun

July 19 (6pm), Quincy Public
Library. The *Mad Scientist*, free
fun-filled evening of entertainment
while you enjoy the great outdoors.
Free popcorn & soda.

Footloose

July 19-22, 25-29, Oakley-Lindsay
Civic Center, 3rd & York, Quincy.
Quincy Community Theatre
Performance. (217) 222-3209

Quincy Area Blues Fest

July 20 & 21, (Fri. 4-11pm &
Sat. 1-11pm) Washington Park,
Quincy. Local, regional, national &
international blues acts perform.
(217) 224-3041

The Sorcerer's Apprentice

July 20-22, Schuy-Rush Outdoor
Theatre, Rushville. Summer
musical. (217) 322-4555

St. Anthony Church Picnic

July 21 (5pm-Midnight), St.
Anthony Church, 2223 St. Anthony
Rd., Quincy. Entertainment, food,
refreshments, games for all,
air-conditioned bingo, '06 Ford
Mustang convertible raffle drawing.

Washington Theater Open House

July 22 (5-7pm), Washington
Theater, 425 Hampshire, Qcy.
The Friends of the Washington
Theater invite the public to see
the progress. Come & see the
possibilities. (217) 228-8696

Adams Co. Olde Tyme Association Demonstration

July 27-30, Adams Co.
Fairgrounds. (217) 222-8130

Corn Festival

July 28 (8am - throughout day)
Rushville Square. 5k race/run/
walk, food, entertainment, arts
in the park & tractor show.
(217) 322-3689

Vacation Bible School

July 30-Aug. 3 (9-11:30am),
First Southern Baptist Church
of Rushville, corner of Adams &
Maple. For 4 yrs. thru 6th grade
Bible stories, crafts, music &
snacks. (217) 322-4113

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AEC Annual Meeting. Sept. 5,
Bailey Park, Camp Point. Vote
for your directors. Free meal,
entertainment, fun activities for
children of all ages, numerous
vendor booths, door prizes &
business meeting. Reservations
not required but bring your
registration card from your
Annual Report (mailed at the
end of August). (217) 593-7701

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Schuyler County Fair • Rushville
Contact: (217) 322-4409

- June 29 Harness Races-7pm
- 30 Next Level Bull Riding-8pm
- July 1 Tractor Pull-6:30pm
- 2 Talent Contest-5:30pm, Little Miss/Mr. Pageant-6:30pm, Queen Contest-8pm
- 3 Moto-Cross-6:30pm
- 4 Demo Derby-1pm, Mud Sling-6pm, Fireworks-9:45pm

Pike County Fair • Pleasant Hill
Contact: (217) 285-4832

- July 16 Society Horse Show-7:30pm,
- 17 Pageants-7pm, Society Horse Show-7:30pm
- 18 Baby & Little Mr/Miss-6pm, Society Horse Show 6:30pm, Talent Show-7:30pm
- 19 Compact Derby-7:30pm
- 20 Tractor Pull-6:30pm
- 21 Demo Derby-7pm

McDonough County Fair • Macomb
Contact: (309) 837-3939

- July 16 Bicycle Rodeo-2pm
- 17 Beef Show-8am, Rabbit Show-2pm, Poultry Show-3pm, Sheep Show-4pm
- 18 Swine Show-8am, Bucket Calf Activity & 4-H Master Showmanship-5:30pm
- 19 4-H Ag Olympics-3:30pm, Fashion Review-5:30pm
- 20 Horse Show-10am

Hancock County Fair • Augusta
Contact: (217) 392-2524

- July 18 Queen/Little Miss Pageant-6:30pm
- 19 IHFPA Tractor Pull-6pm, Western Horse Show-7pm
- 20 Open Barrel Races-5pm, Mud Sling-6pm
- 21 FFA Shows-Various Times, Team Roping-4pm, Demo Derby-6pm
- 22 Steer Show-11am, Antique Tractor Pull-11am, ATV Mud Drags-2:30pm

Fulton County Fair • Lewistown
Contact: (309) 547-3748

- July 23 Talent Contest-6pm, Queen Contest-7pm
- 24 Motorcross Race-6pm
- 25 Local 4WD Trucks/Superstock Garden Tractor Pulls/Miniros-6pm
- 26 Harness Races-Noon, Kid's Day-1-4pm
- Calf/Pig/Etc. Scrambles-6pm
- 27 Kid's Pedal Tractor Pull-4pm, Tractor Pull/4WD Truck Pull-6pm
- 28 Beef Cookoff Contest 11am, Demo Derby 6:30pm

Adams County Fair • Mendon
Contact: (217) 936-2230

- July 26 Queen Pageant-7pm
- 27 Rodney Atkins-8pm
- 28 Bull Riding-8pm
- 29 Bronc Busting-8pm
- 30 Tractor Pull-6:30pm
- 31 Mud Drag Truck Races-6pm
- August 1 Demo Derby-6:30pm

Brown County Fair • Mt. Sterling
Contact: (217) 894-6269

- July 31 Queen/Little Mr/Miss Pageant-7:30pm
- Aug 1 Harness Races-7pm
- 2 Harness Races-7pm
- 3 W. IL Grand Nat'l Tractor Pull-7:30pm
- 4 Kid's Day Games & Prizes-9am, Demo Derby-7pm

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If you have or are considering a backup generator, it is vital to follow proper procedures. If used incorrectly, a portable generator can cause serious harm or even death to our line crew. It is the Member's responsibility to prevent backfeed onto the distribution system. All generators shall be installed according to the National Electrical Code, NEC® Article 702. The key component to make sure backfeed is prevented is the transfer switch. Transfer equipment shall operate such that one source of power supply is disconnected before another source is connected. Transfer equipment must be used when connecting the generator to the home/farm's electrical wiring system. The transfer switch is designed to keep the generator from backfeeding into the utility line where it could injure or kill the lineman working the line. It also prevents utility power from feeding into the generator once power is restored. For the safety of everyone involved, contact Tim Brecht, Manager of Engineering and Operations for details on properly installing a generator.

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