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On behalf of Camp Callahan,
I want to thank you for your
donation of \$1855. Camp Callahan has been in existence
since 1953 and we are looking forward to providing a
camp experience to the handicapped people for years to
come. However, without the support of people like you,
this would be a difficult task.
Once again, thank you.
Ken Gibson, Secretary/Treasurer, Camp Callahan, Inc.

Thanks so much for sending me to Washington. I learned
an incredible amount of new ideas and met many people
from all over America. A speaker taught us about the
founding of co-ops, and through hardships and trials,
co-ops still functioned and thrived. We learned all about
government too, from how the Supreme Court works to
what actually happens in the Capital. I made new friends
from all over the state and a few from others as well. The
whole trip was incredibly fun, informative, and interesting.
Thank you once again for sending me and 50 other kids
from rural Illinois to be ambassadors for our state.
Brian Waters ('07 Youth Tour Winner)

The Adams County Fair Board would like to thank you
for your Penny Power grant of \$2,000 to use towards
the Adams County Fair grandstand arena lighting. We
are working with a company to get the best lighting
arrangement for this money before this year's fair. (Fair
dates are July 26th-Aug. 1) Your support is greatly
appreciated in every way.

Again, thanks!

The Adams County Fair Board

Thank you for your involvement in making the Illinois
Electric Cooperatives Memorial Scholarship Fund
available to high school students. I am thrilled to be
selected as a recipient. It will help me to achieve my
dreams by assisting with my college expenses. It would
have been much more difficult to realize my future goals
without the financial aid that you have provided me. I also
appreciated the plaque presentation and the opportunity
to meet and visit with the board members. Please convey
my appreciation to the members of the IEC, who make this
scholarship possible. I look forward to the educational
experiences I will have as an engineering student at SIUE.
Sincerely,

Mitchell Fairley ('07 IEC Memorial Scholarship Winner)

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Editor
Laura Dotson



Lighten Up

When it comes to compact fluorescent lighting, are you still in the dark? If so, the information in this article may help you understand and hopefully even embrace this lighting revolution.

Fluorescent lighting is not new. It's been used for decades to light our schools, offices, factories, and commercial buildings. Fluorescent lighting is energy efficient, relatively easy to install, and long lasting. The same can be said of compact fluorescent lighting, or CFLs. It's the same technology, just on a smaller scale and made to fit household type light fixtures.

CFLs use about 75 percent less electricity than standard incandescent light bulbs. Since lighting accounts for approximately 20 percent of the average home's electric bill, replacing incandescent bulbs with CFLs can have a significant impact. Good quality CFLs also produce about 70 percent less heat, so they're safer to operate and can cut energy costs associated with home cooling. And while it's true that CFLs cost \$2-3, it's important to note that the bulbs last 8 to 12 times longer than a conventional bulb.



Adams Electric Cooperative is issuing a challenge (see page 5 in this issue for details) to its members to replace at least five incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs before the end of the year. As a member-owned electric cooperative, it's our responsibility to inform our members about energy saving opportunities and to help you understand the benefits associated with energy efficiency.

One major benefit of compact fluorescent lighting is the effect it is having on our environment. Every CFL you install is a step in the right direction to preserve energy resources and our environment for this generation as well as the next. One CFL keeps half a ton of greenhouse gas (CO₂) out of our air. Adams Electric Cooperative has nearly 8,500 members. If every member replaced just one frequently used incandescent bulb with a CFL, it would prevent 4,250 tons of greenhouse gas from being emitted.

Investing in compact fluorescent lighting really is a simple way to save money, save energy, and help save the environment. So, take the challenge and *Lighten Up...* Together we really can make a difference.

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.



Electricity School is sponsored by U of I Extension Adams/Brown Unit, Adams Electric Cooperative and AmerenCIPS.

Laura Dotson, Communications Coordinator from Adams Electric Cooperative.

Craig Reis, a second-year student, participated in the soda can lamp workshop. He said, "I'll probably give my lamp to my dad for Father's Day. That's what I did with the extension cord I made last year." Other workshops include circuits and switches (basic house wiring), a substation tour, and an electronics workshop.

Staff included LeAnn Million of University of Illinois Extension Adams/Brown Unit; Laura Dotson,

Electricity School

Sixty-nine students participated in this year's 4-H Electricity School held June 13. A mix of 4-H members and non-members from across the area gathered at Bailey Park in Camp Point. The school included a Power Town safety demonstration, a basket truck demonstration and five different workshops. The annual event is free and open to all students ages 8-18.

Larry Long, from Adams Electric Cooperative, used the Power Town safety model to illustrate several hazardous situations. Bill Stalder, from Adams Electric, explained how to handle each situation safely.

Brad Smith, an Apprentice Lineman from Adams Electric,

demonstrated the basket truck and showed students various items of safety gear used on the job.

"Students participate in a series of five workshops, returning each year to learn something new. They leave with something they've made themselves or a small field-related tool and a basic knowledge that can come in handy later," said

Peggy Koettters, Daniel Clausius, Larry Long, Bill Stalder, Brad Smith, Bill Alexander and Randy Rigg of Adams Electric Cooperative; Chris Hugenberg and Tafi Walker of AmerenCIPS; and Dave Kobe, a volunteer from Quincy. A special thanks to Prairie Farms Dairy for providing ice cream for the students.



2008 Electricity School

Want information on next year's Electricity School? We'll add you to our mailing list! Call Laura at Adams Electric at (800) 232-4797.

Lighten Up!

Take the Adams Electric Cooperative

CFL Challenge

Help us help the environment by accepting the Adams Electric Cooperative CFL Challenge of installing at least five compact fluorescent bulbs in your home by the end of the year.

CFLs use about 75% less electricity than standard incandescent bulbs, produce far less heat, and last eight to twelve times longer!

Each time you replace a traditional light bulb with a compact fluorescent bulb, you not only help the environment, you save money on your electric bill!

Accept the *CFL Challenge* today...
together we can make a difference!



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One winner will be randomly drawn from all pledge forms received by December 31. One entry per member.

Cut at least 5 standard bulbs out of use, replace them with CFLs, and return this pledge form.

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Youth Tour Winners Denise Donley & Brian Waters Tour Washington, D.C.

Winners Denise Donley, daughter of Alan and Beth Donley of Mendon, and Brian Waters, son of Bill and Nancy Waters of Liberty, represented Adams Electric Cooperative in Washington, D.C., during the annual "Youth to Washington" Tour, June 8-15.

Donley is a student at Unity High School and Brian is a student at Liberty High School.

Denise Donley said she enjoyed meeting people from all over the United States. Forty-five states were represented during Youth Tour, totaling 1,491 students and 278 chaperones.

Waters said the highlight of his trip was the Arabian Embassy and the U.S. Capitol. Students also toured the U.S. Capitol building, the White House, Arlington National Cemetery, the National Cathedral, the Smithsonian Museums, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, the World War II Memorial, George Washington's estate at Mt. Vernon and a number of other historical sites.

Wendy Whelan, who was named Alternate at Youth Day, received a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond. Wendy is the daughter of Brent and Gina Whelan of Quincy. Wendy attends Payson Seymour High School.

The Youth to Washington Tour, sponsored by the electric and telephone cooperatives of Illinois began in the late 1950s to introduce rural youths to cooperatives and our democratic form of government.

2008 Youth Tour

Area high school sophomores and juniors are eligible to win the trip to Washington, D.C. Students must complete a short answer application and participate in a brief interview during Youth Day in Springfield. Transportation and meals are provided for Youth Day.

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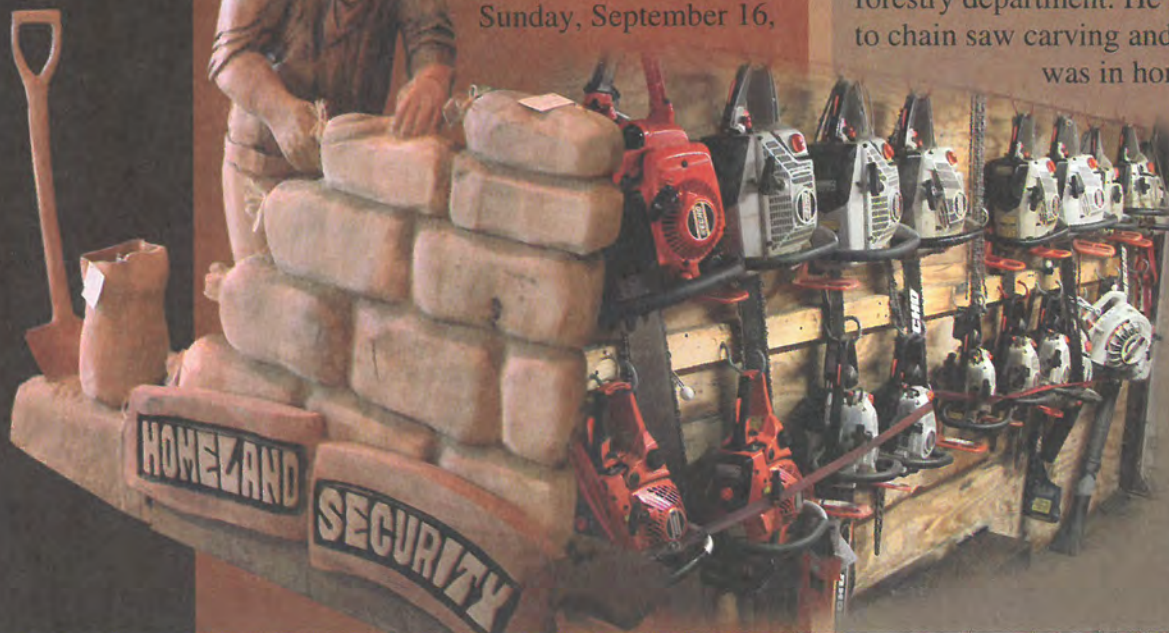
LOGHOGGERS COMPETITION SERIES

SEPTEMBER 13-16

In just six minutes, master chain saw carver R.D. Coonrod can craft an incredible indian head out of a piece of wood. Give him an hour and he can bring a log to life, creating a life-size speed carving of nearly anything. Seeing a finished piece is unbelievable; watching him in action is fascinating. R.D.

Coonrod is the owner of LogHoggers in Quincy and the organizer of numerous chain saw carving competitions and demonstrations nationwide.

Thursday,
September 13 through
Sunday, September 16,



LogHoggers will host chain saw carvers from across the United States at the Quincy Mall parking lot for the 5th Annual LogHoggers Competition Series.

The event is a pro-invitational competition including 12 to 20 of the top chain saw carvers in the country. Each artist will start a project Thursday morning and complete their carving by the end of the event on Sunday. "This year, main event items will be auctioned off on Sunday," added R.D.

Every day there will be three speed competitions where ten carvers will each have one hour to create a masterpiece out of a log of their choice. Speed carvings will be auctioned off at 6:00 p.m. each day and at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday.

A portion of the event proceeds will benefit Quincy's Young Life. (Young Life is a non-denominational, Christian organization that helps teenagers build positive relationships.)

To make parking access a little easier for everyone attending the event, LogHoggers will provide a shuttle service around the Quincy Mall parking lot.

Chain saw competitions entertain a huge crowd and act as a fundraising event for charities. It's easy to see why R.D. loves his job.

R.D. Coonrod has been involved in chain saw carving since the 1990s. "My dad (Ron Coonrod) worked for AmerenCIPS in the forestry department. He introduced me to chain saw carving and I was addicted. I was in home construction

at the time and traded all of my equipment for carving equipment," he said.

R.D. had only begun carving when he entered

The carvings on the front cover of LogHoggers. R.D. is sponsored by "a few" tools from his collection at Electric Cooperative.

the Grand Rapids Chain Saw Competition in 1994 placing third. The next year, he placed first.

R.D. moved to Branson for a year and a half. "I did well but rent was high." Then R.D. was hired to carve three 12-foot ostriches for a man in Texas. R.D. loaded his trailer with carvings. "I planned to carve one ostrich and then do a demonstration in Shreveport, Louisiana. I never made it to Shreveport. I carved the first ostrich and sold every carving on my trailer while I was in Texas." R.D. returned to Branson, loaded his trailer and headed to Texas again to carve the second ostrich. Again, he sold out. "I made one more trip to Branson and cleaned out my shop. I moved to Texas and stayed for 12 years."

The most challenging piece R.D. has ever carved was a 6 1/2-foot prairie chicken for a nightclub in Texas called the Prairie Chicken. "I had to work from a two-dimensional caricature drawing someone else created," explained R.D.

R.D. started out doing demonstrations and selling what he carved. "I was busy. I had three trucks running, one dropping off logs where I was headed, one picking up carvings and another picking up leftover logs."

He determined that he could charge for his demonstration time, ask for a five day minimum and his carving could be auctioned off

creating a profit for the event's host. Everyone was happy. "I had to pick and choose between events," he said.

R.D.'s dad helped every chance he could. "Now I have eight

carvers strategically placed throughout the country who work with me," said R.D.

"The largest carving I've ever made was a 38-foot totem pole," he said. However, it doesn't take a large carving to attract an audience. R.D. laughed, "I can carve a head out of my mashed potatoes and it draws attention."

Chain saw carving can be very demanding physically. Caution must be used at all times. "Kickback was on my mind for the first three years. Now the chain saw is just an extension of my arm. I know when I'm in a compromising position," explained R.D. "I use factory chain saws; some have tighter diameters for finishing work."

"Chain saw carving is becoming more and more popular. I'd like to see it become an Olympic event by the time I retire," said R.D.

LogHoggers at 7403 Broadway is R.D.'s gallery and workshop. The gallery is only open by chance and by appointment. R.D. can best be reached by cell phone at 217-653-8145 or by email at loghogger1@yahoo.com. For more information, visit LogHoggers website at: www.loghoggers.com

Make plans to attend the LogHoggers Competition Series

fundraising event at the Quincy Mall in September and see R.D. and other talented carvers firsthand.



This spread were created by R.D. Coonrod, owner of Co Outdoor Power Equipment. Pictured left are only over 200 chain saws. LogHoggers is a member of Adams

Mom's "Party Chicken"

Submitted by Mary Anne Wilber

- 8 boneless chicken breasts
- 4 oz. pkg. dried beef
(or use Armour's dried beef in a little glass jar)
- 8 slices bacon
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 16 oz. sour cream

Grease disposable aluminum pan (for easy clean up!) Cover bottom of pan with dried beef. Wrap each chicken breast in slice of bacon. Place on top of dried beef. Mix mushroom soup with sour cream. Pour over chicken. Bake, uncovered, at 275 degrees for 3 hours.

Cook's note: For an effortless "company" meal, cook potatoes wrapped in foil in the oven at the same time. It's like making everything ahead of time, but you don't have to reheat! Everybody really likes it and it's so easy!

Scalloped Corn

Submitted by Laura Dotson

- 4 cups fresh or frozen corn
- 3 large eggs
- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup saltine crackers, crushed
- 3 Tbsp. butter, melted
- 1 Tbsp. sugar
- 1 Tbsp. finely chopped onion
- Salt and pepper to taste

Combine corn, eggs, milk, 3/4 cup cracker crumbs, butter, sugar, onion, salt & pepper. Pour into greased 1 1/2 qt. baking dish. Sprinkle with remaining cracker crumbs. Bake, uncovered at 325 degrees for 1 hour, or



Adams Electric Cooperative's Country Kitchen

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Or, save a stamp and send recipes with your electric bill!

(Scalloped Corn continued)
until knife inserted near center comes out clean.

Zucchini Brownies

Submitted by Mary Jansen

- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup oil
- 1/2 cup cocoa
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 2 cups zucchini, shredded
- 2 cups flour

Frosting:

- 6 Tbsp. melted butter
- 3 Tbsp. cocoa
- 4 Tbsp. milk
- 3 cups powdered sugar

Mix first six ingredients and beat for 2 minutes. Add zucchini and flour alternately and beat 2 more minutes. Don't underbeat. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes in ungreased jelly roll pan or 30 minutes in a 9x13 pan. Mix ingredients for frosting. Pour over hot brownies.

Romaine & Strawberry Salad

Submitted by Nancy Boone

- 1 head Romaine, torn
- 1 lg. bunch spinach, torn
- 1 bunch green onions, sliced
- 8 slices crisp bacon, crumbled
- 1 pint strawberries, sliced
- 1 cup (or more) red or green grapes, cut in half
- 1 sm. pkg. sliced almonds

Dressing:

- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup vinegar
- 1 cup olive oil
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. Worcestershire

Combine first seven ingredients for salad. Set aside. Combine next five items for dressing. Shake or blend dressing well. Add dressing to salad just before serving. Makes a large salad.

Bring a copy of your favorite recipe to the Annual Meeting! You could

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I use my range for everything, even all of my canning, since I am a teacher as well as a housewife. I bought the range as a convenience not an ornament to use when I have company. It is very economical to use. Several of my friends frightened me when I first bought the range, saying that it would be terribly expensive to operate. I have a refrigerator, toaster, sweeper, iron, water pump and radio. Therefore, as an experiment the first month, I used these appliances and stove as much as I had formerly used my kerosene range, but was very conservative about using the lights. I was quite astonished when we received our next electric bill to find it exactly nineteen cents more than the previous bill. Now I know

News From Yesteryear

the facts about the cost of cooking by electricity. Usually I used four gallons of kerosene per week for my cooking before using electricity...

If some who doubt that electric units heat rapidly, would see these new ones in use, their opinion would change, for every unit has five different heats, from high to very low. This makes either a hurry-up meal, or a leisurely planned one equally easy to prepare.

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(Editor's note: Mrs. Woods receives service from the CIPS Company but the same results are obtained on any power system where a new modern electric range is used.)

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Members Discuss Cooperative Programs

Members of Adams Electric Cooperative's Advisory Committee met on June 26, 2007 at the cooperative headquarters in Camp Point. Members of the committee were informed of the Cooperative's involvement in the International Program and discussed the possibility of an EZ Pay Program.

Adams Electric is a sister cooperative to a new cooperative in the Dominican Republic called Cooperative Electric Fronteriza. Through the International Program, coordinated by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, American cooperatives are helping less fortunate countries extend lines into their rural areas. Line Foreman Pat Boylen shared information and photos from his trip to the Dominican Republic in January. The Cooperative plans to send another lineman in the future.

Manager of Finance Steve Jennings explained the Cooperative's interest and concerns with an EZ Pay Program. The EZ Pay Program would allow members to automatically pay their electric bill online through a link on the Cooperative's website. The program would allow members to access past payment history and



pay their bill with automatic bank draft or credit card. The drawback is that the Cooperative would have to pay a sizable yearly fee to offer the program and a few banks are already offering or will be offering automatic bill payment programs online.

After discussion by the committee, it was determined that members would prefer to pay all of their bills through one site, their bank, rather than visiting individual sites, such as Adams Electric's, for each bill every month.

Although the EZ Pay Program would give members access to their financial information, the majority felt it wasn't worth the extra cost.

The Cooperative plans to offer an alternative program for automatic bank drafting in the near future. Members can continue to pay their bill automatically with a credit card number on file.

During the meeting, three members were selected to act as election tellers at the 2007 Annual Meeting.

Advisory Committee members meet three to four times per year and discuss co-op related issues. Members of the committee are selected by the Board of Directors.



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- 3 Roly Poly 1828 Broadway
- 4 The Riverhouse 238 N. Front St.
- 5 Panera Bread 3720 Broadway
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- 10 TGI Friday's 3311 Broadway
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- 31 The Patio 133 S. 4th



In The News...

AEC Sponsors Soap Box Derby Participant

Aliana Minder, granddaughter of Adams Electric Cooperative employee Norm Boone participated in the All-American Soap Box Derby in Quincy



on June 9th in the Super Stock Division. Norm and Aliana built the car together.

Aliana's car promoted AEC's Penny Power program. A special thanks to AEC employee Kraig Street for painting and applying decals on the car.

Although Aliana did not qualify for the national event, she enjoyed the experience and may consider running again next year.

Aliana's grandparents, Norm and Nancy Boone of Plainville, are members of Adams Electric Cooperative and Norm is AEC's mechanic. Aliana's

parents, Rob and Becky Minder of Loami, Illinois are members of Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative.

The Soap Box Derby is in its 3rd year in Quincy and is coordinated by Quincy Breakfast Optimist Club. Local winners from 43 states and three foreign countries met in Akron, Ohio on July 16 for the 70th Annual All-American Soap Box Derby World Championship. For more information, visit aasbd.com or quincybec.org.



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

Uptown Farmer's Market

Thru Mid-Oct. Tues. & Sat. (7am-Noon), Washington Park, Qcy.

114th Annual Payson Old Settlers Picnic

Aug. 3 & 4, Payson.
Fri. Fish fry, carnival & games. (5:30pm) 2007 OSA Queen Contest begins, (6:15 & 7:45pm) Lil' Ronnie & The Classics, (9:30pm) Crowning of OSA Queen.
Sat. Car show, pork chop supper, carnival & games, (8:30am) Baby Contest, (10:30am) Mini Parade, (11:30am) Pedal Pull, (1pm) Grand Parade, (3:30pm) Kid's Limbo Contest, (4pm) Little Miss/Master, (5pm) 2007 OSA Junior Queen Contest begins, (6pm) Karmon Kindhardt/Kelli Smith performance, (8pm) Hypnotist, (9:45pm) Crowning of OSA Junior Queen.

Movies on the Muddy

Aug. 3 & 31 (Dusk, approx. 8-8:30pm), Clat Adams Park, Qcy. Family-oriented movies on the riverfront. (217) 223-7703

Locally Grown Food Fest

Aug. 4 (9am-2pm), Washington Park, Qcy. Festival featuring all local specialties. (217) 223-8380

"Avalanche Ranch"

Aug. 6-10 (6-8pm), St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Coatsburg. A wild ride through God's word. Snacks included. To pre-register (217) 593-7020 or (217) 455-4025

Great River Water Ski Show

Aug. 7 & 14 (6:30pm), All America Park, Qcy. riverfront. Family water thrill show. Cost: \$3. (217) 222-4517

Two Rivers Jeep Club 4x4 Blast

Aug. 9-11 (7am-9pm), Pike Co. This event draws hundreds of 4WD enthusiasts to drive on over 50 miles of maintained trails. (866) 483-3982

Blues in the District

Aug. 10, 24 & Sept. 7 (5:30-9:30pm) Washington Park, Qcy. Regional & local blues bands perform, free. (217) 228-8696

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Fowler's 150th Birthday

Aug. 11 (9am-3pm), events near St. Paul United Church of Christ. Games, kids' activities, Nauvoo on the Road, food. Free or low cost. (217) 434-8027 or (217) 440-6275

Ice Cream Social

Aug. 12 (3-7pm), St. Paul Church UCC, Fowler. Sandwiches, ice cream, desserts. (217) 455-3283

Victorian Porch Party

Aug. 16 (6:30-8:30pm), Qcy. Museum, 1601 Maine. Celebrate summer w/lawn games, musical entertainment & refreshments. (217) 224-7669

K of C Barbecue

Aug. 17-19, K of C Grounds, 700 S. 36th St., Qcy. (217) 222-1000

Centennial Ebenezer Ice Cream Social

Aug. 18 (4-?), 1 mi. east of Big Neck on Rt. 61. Homemade ice cream (4 flavors), cake & sandwiches. (217) 938-2441

Germanfest

Aug. 24 (5-10pm), South Park, 12th & Harrison, Qcy. Celebrate Quincy's German heritage. Food & entertainment. (217) 228-3208

50th Annual Paloma Fiesta

Aug. 24-26, Paloma. Games, bingo, vendors, bake sale & auction.
Fri. (6pm) Tractor pull
Sat. Veterans Memorial dedication, trap shoot, parade, Max & Donna Daniels as Pres. & Mrs. Lincoln, horseshoe tournament, spelling bee, baby contest, quilt raffle, fashion show, barber shop quartet, dance, catfish, buffalo fish filets & fried chicken. (217) 455-2265

Nauvoo Grape Festival

Aug. 31-Sept. 2, Nauvoo. Pageants, car show, music, food & flea market. (217) 453-6648

Eve of Destruction

Sept. 3 (6:30pm), Qcy. Raceways, 8000 Broadway. Night of racing & destruction. (217) 224-3843

Adams Electric Cooperative 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, lots of 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

Chain Saw Carving

Sept. 13-16 (all day), Qcy. Mall parking lot. Carvers create masterpieces using chain saws. Carvings will be auctioned off for Quincy's Young Life. (217) 228-0574

The Graduate

Sept. 13-16, 20-23, Oakley Lindsay Civic Center, Qcy. Quincy Community Theatre production. (217) 222-3209

28th Annual North Adams Home Mini Fair

Sept. 29 & 30, North Adams Home, Mendon. Celebrating N.A.H.'s 30th Anniversary. Garden tractor pull on Sat. Smorgasboard on Sun. Many special events both days. (217) 936-2137

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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:

October Events...Sept 1
November Events...Oct 1
Dec/Jan Events...Nov 1

February Events...Jan 1
March Events...Feb 1
April Events...Mar 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



"Somebody" is back to help again

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

Somebody is here to help you again. You know it is really not that difficult. As I write this column, I am still on the road conducting energy seminars. Still teaching folks just like you how to have lower utility bills and comfortable homes. As I help folks every single day, yes, I mean every single day, Monday through Friday at work, Saturday on the radio and even Sunday after church, it often occurs to me just how simple it really is to solve most of your energy problems.

So why doesn't everybody implement these solutions? Sometimes it is a lack of funds, but most of the time, I believe it is simply a lack of action and a lack of awareness of some really simple steps.

In last month's column, I challenged you to prepare your energy plan. I trust that you have completed that. Please keep in mind that it might need revision as time goes along. I really wish that there was a way that I could sit down beside every one of you and read your list. I would enjoy the fellowship and no doubt become

wiser for it. I have a pretty good idea, however, what issues most of you face. And I told you that I would give you more energy-saving tips this month that many of you could implement at absolutely no cost.

So here we go.

Perhaps you can relate to the following story: A recent energy audit at an older house in Arkansas revealed that the family had a refrigerator freezer in the kitchen, which is needed and expected. The family also had a refrigerator freezer and a large chest type freezer in the garage. There was absolutely nothing in the refrigerator freezer except three trays of ice cubes. It was in running condition and doing a good job. The freezer had two small boxes of popsicles. The lady of the house said these were for the grandchildren. Being a pawpaw myself, I understand the importance of that. When I explained to the family that it was costing about \$60 per month to have 36 ice cubes and 20 popsicles, it was quickly understood by all that there had to be a better way.

So the lady of the house moved the popsicles to the kitchen refrigerator freezer while her husband gladly unplugged the two unused and unneeded units.

Of course, we discussed the importance of properly caring for and even more importantly, the safe disposal of these two units. Empty refrigerators or freezers can be death traps to pets or heaven forbid, children.

Here are the facts about those extra refrigerators and freezers:

Fact 1 – Refrigerators and freezers that are 10 years old or older use at least \$1 per day on energy costs.

Fact 2 – It is very difficult for us to dispose of a refrigerator or freezer that is in perfect working order.

Fact 3 – You probably don't even need that extra refrigerator freezer, which easily costs at least \$30 a month.

If this tip fits your situation, list it on your energy plan, get rid of it and mark it off your list. And, smile when you get your next electric bill.

You know, this really isn't that difficult. Maybe somebody will help you next month, too.

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Keep these rules in mind throughout the school year.

Parents,
Some 22 million
students nationwide,
begin and end their
school day with a
ride on the bus.

Please help your
kids stay safe by
reminding them of
these rules.

1. Choose a safe place to wait for the bus away from traffic.
2. Wait until the bus has come to a complete stop AND the door opens before stepping onto the roadway.
3. Once you're on the bus, find a seat and sit down.
4. Remember, loud talking and noise can distract the bus driver.
5. Never put your head, arms, hands, or objects out the window.
6. Keep the aisles clear so there are no tripping hazards.
7. Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before getting up from your seat.
8. If you have to cross the road in front of the bus, wait for a signal from the driver before beginning to cross.
9. Always walk at least 10 feet ahead of the bus so the driver of the bus can see you.
10. Stay away from rear wheels of the bus at all times.

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