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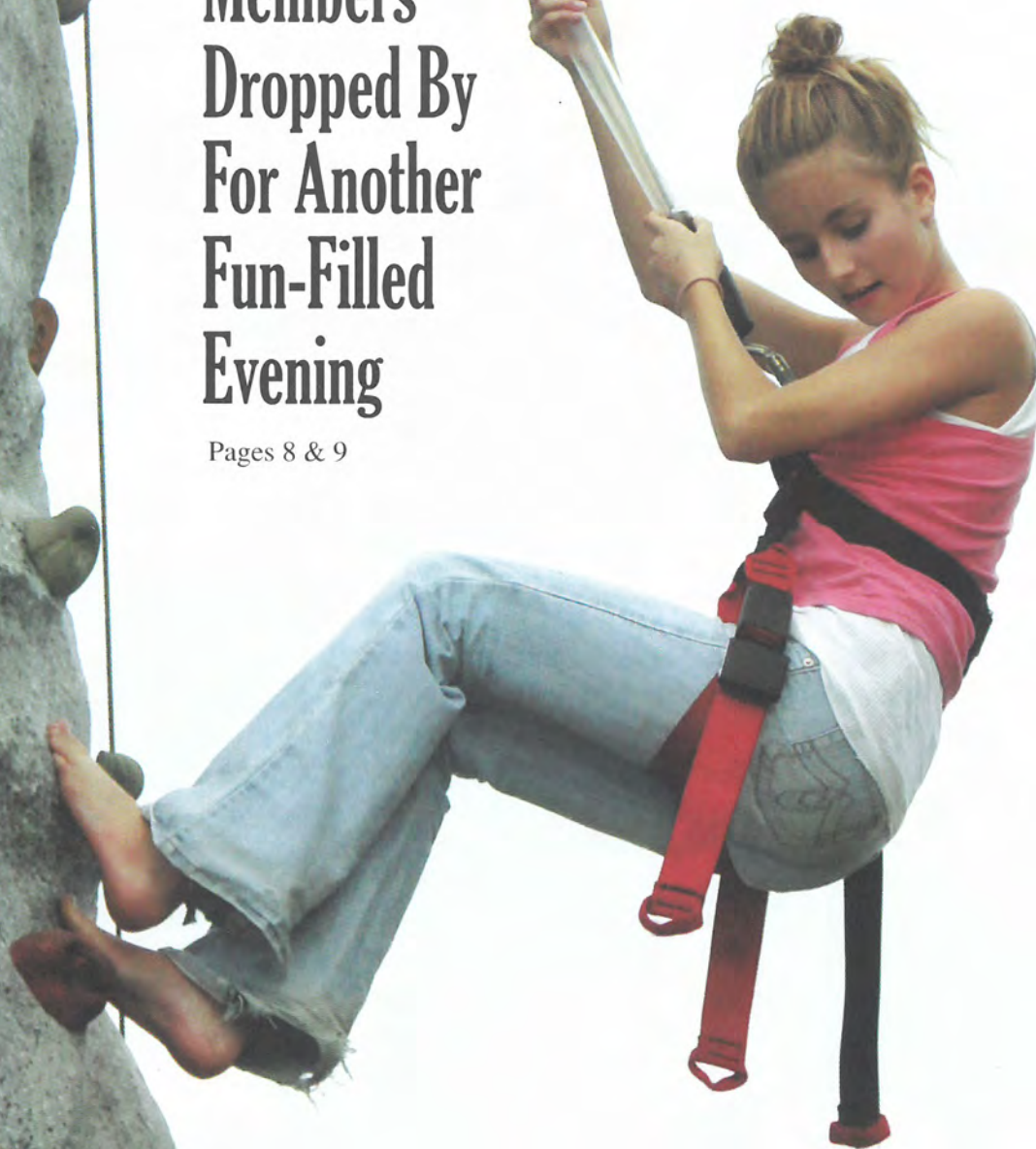
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Member Q&A



Q: Recently, I received a letter for capital credits and I don't understand why it takes 25 to 30 years to refund these; I may not be around then to receive them.

A: Since Adams Electric Cooperative is a not-for-profit organization, any profit margins for that year are allocated to members based on their electric usage. We refund these on a twenty-five to thirty year cycle because these help us increase our equity and gives us the ability to borrow money from financial institutions to build and maintain our electric system. By maintaining our electric system, we are providing reliable service to our members. If a member is deceased at the time of the refund, the capital credits will go to their estate.

I am writing on behalf of the Mendon Fire Protection District. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the grant that was given to the Mendon Volunteer Fire Department. The money is being used to help pay for the new brush truck that was purchased by the fire trustees. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.
Sincerely,
Dean Woodruff, Secretary
Mendon Fire Protection District

On behalf of all our clients, it is with much pleasure that we send this thank you for your recent gift to our efforts to serve others. You have added to our efforts as we strive to provide balanced meals and as we educate the citizens that we serve. Your continued support is appreciated.
Sincerely,
Kathy Reynolds, Pres. of Board
Barry Food Pantry

We thought we would send a picture of the beach chair in use. Your generosity enabled us to move

our physically challenged campers over the beach with ease! Thanks again,
Peg Ratliff,
Director
Camp Callahan

The Adams County Retired Teachers want to thank you for the \$500 grant to be used toward the improvement of the One Room School. The new siding cost \$500 which was used to replace the windows which were covered. It is so good to have the benefit of Penny Power – an excellent program.
Thank you,
Sara Husemann
Adams Co. Retired Teachers Assoc.

Thank you for all your hard work making this year's electricity school a huge success! I received a lot of positive feedback – the kids had a great time and learned a lot. Some commented they were already looking forward to next year!
LeAnn Million, Unit Educator
U of I Extension,
Adams/Brown Unit

On behalf of the P.L.A.Y. (People Loving Active Youth) Group, the Schuy-Rush Park Board would like to thank you for your generous gift of \$1,500 to help with the new playground equipment at the park. Your gift will help make the playground a safer and better place for our children to play. We appreciate your support of P.L.A.Y. Group.
Sincerely,
Richard Barron
Schuy-Rush Park Board President

Email your questions and/or comments to: ldotson@adams.net (Please write "Ask the Editor" in the subject line.) Or, mail your questions/comments to: Attn: Laura, Adams Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 247, Camp Point, IL 62320.

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Editor
Laura Dotson



68th Annual Meeting

The Cooperative celebrated with its members at the Annual Meeting on Wednesday, September 5, 2007. Unfortunately, we had a rain storm come through our service territory prior to the start of the meeting which reduced our overall numbers. Fortunately, the weather improved allowing us to have a successful Annual Meeting.

We registered 615 members which is about 100 less than last year. We served 1,450 plates of prime rib sandwiches, 425 fewer than in 2006.

It was great to see the number of children at the annual meeting. These young children are the future of our Cooperative. We added two additional attractions for the kids; an inflatable obstacle course and shaved ice stand. Both seemed to be very popular. These complemented the traditional favorites such as the pony rides, rock climbing wall, face painting and bucket truck rides. My five year old daughter's smile was a testament to the fun.

If you have never been to the Cooperative Annual Meeting, please mark it on your calendar for next year. It's always the first Wednesday following Labor Day weekend which will be September 3rd in 2008. We make it a family atmosphere so everyone can have a great time. Besides the children's activities, we offered great music from 12th Street Brass and various

vendor displays. During the business meeting, four grand prizes of \$250 in free electricity were drawn along with over fifty other vendor provided prizes!

In an effort to promote the use of Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFLs), the Cooperative handed out a CFL to each registered member. The Cooperative has always been a leader in supporting energy efficient technology and wants to continue this tradition.

The Annual Meeting is a time to bring people together to share ideas, vote on directors and other programs and to listen to what is happening with their Electric Cooperative.

We consider the Annual Meeting a very important event in which the members have the opportunity to vote on the people who represent them on the Board of Directors. The elected directors are members just like you with local interests in mind.

During the business portion of the Annual Meeting, three incumbent directors were re-elected to three-year terms. The three directors are Alan Acheson – District #1, Lyle Waner – District #2 and George Schneider – District #3.

Overall, it was a successful Annual Meeting and very well attended. If anyone has any suggestions on how we can improve the Annual Meeting, please send me an email at jthompsn@adams.net or call me at 1-800-232-4797.



General Manager
Jim Thompson PE



FALL BACK

Daylight Saving Time Ends First Sunday in November

One of the biggest reasons we change our clocks to Daylight Saving Time (DST) is that it saves energy.

In the average home, 25 percent of all the electricity we use is for lighting and small appliances, such as TVs, VCRs and stereos. A good percentage of energy consumed by lighting and appliances occurs in the evening when families are home. By moving the clock ahead one hour, we can cut the amount of electricity we consume each day.

Daylight Saving Time "makes" the sun "set" one hour later and therefore reduces the period between sunset and bedtime by one hour. This means that less electricity would be used for lighting and appliances late in the day.

We also use less electricity because we are home fewer hours during the "longer" days of spring and summer. Most people plan outdoor activities in the extra daylight hours. When we are not at home, we don't turn on the appliances and lights.

Studies done in the 1970s by the U.S. Department of Transportation show that we trim the entire country's electricity usage by about one percent EACH DAY with Daylight Saving Time.

While the amounts of energy saved per household are small...added up they can be very large.

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- Don't paint your smoke alarm or place decorations near them.
- Regularly clean your smoke alarm to keep it in proper working order.
- Replace your smoke alarms approximately every 10 years.

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!

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Seven scholarships for 2008 will be awarded through the Illinois Electric Cooperative (IEC) Memorial Scholarship Program.

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- 1 scholarship reserved for the son/daughter of an Illinois cooperative employee/director for any school in the United States.
- 2 scholarships available for the son/daughter of an Illinois cooperative member, employee, or director for an Illinois community college.

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Applicants will be judged on grade point average, college entrance exam scores, work and volunteer experience, school and civic activities, and a short essay.

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Members Dropped By For Another Fun-Filled Evening

Over 600 members and their families gathered in Bailey Park on September 5th for Adams Electric Cooperative's 68th Annual Meeting.

"A rain storm just before the start of the meeting may have kept a few members away but I saw many new faces again this year," said Bill Stalder, from Adams Electric, who coordinated the event.

Members enjoyed a prime rib sandwich, baked beans, chips, applesauce and ice cream.

Among over 30 vendors were several new booths including Tastefully Simple, American Water Systems, Press Yours On U, Watkins, and others.

New attractions this year included an inflatable obstacle course (similar to a moonwalk) by We Can Jump, a shaved ice stand by Rick

Gengenbacher, and entertainment by 12th Street Brass. The annual pony rides, face painting, basket truck rides, ring toss, and Camp Point Lion's Club popcorn stand were also popular.

The Cooperative welcomed each member with a complimentary CFL (compact fluorescent lamp). Members had the opportunity to compare the energy usage of incandescent bulbs with a variety of CFLs at the Adams Electric booth inside the vendor tent.

During the meeting, members voted to re-elect Alan Acheson of Rushville (District #1), Lyle Waner of Loraine (District #2) and George Schneider of Liberty (District #3) to three-year terms on the Board of Directors.

The Penny Power program has contributed more than \$70,000 to area groups and organizations in Adams,

Brown and Schuyler Counties. Two grants were awarded at the meeting. They were the Two Rivers Regional Council for \$2,000 for the purchase of book bags for needy children and Camp Point Central Elementary School for \$1,631.29 for a

sensory room for autistic children. The Penny Power program is funded by members who choose to increase their bills to the next whole dollar and donate the extra change.

President of the Adams Electric board of directors, Rick King, thanked the employees for their dedication to the members of the Cooperative and their volunteer efforts to help the area communities.

King reassured members that the Cooperative is in good financial position for the future.

General Manager Jim Thompson discussed significant changes in the Co-op's plans for wholesale power purchasing, the Co-op's number one expense. And though he said wholesale prices continue to rise, Thompson told members that Adams Electric is trying to minimize its impact on the members by looking into alternatives.

"Currently, through Prairie Power, Inc., Adams owns a percentage of 176 MW of generation. The Cooperative currently has plenty of peaking generation, but not enough base load generation," Thompson explained. The two main ways base load generation can be obtained is through ownership or through a purchase power agreement.

"Currently, the Cooperative has a contract with Ameren to supply our needs through the end of 2008. We have been actively pursuing options for power beyond 2008," Thompson said.

At last year's Annual Meeting, the Cooperative discussed a purchase power agreement it had entered into to obtain a large portion of its base load generation through a waste coal generation facility in Franklin County.



"This generation facility has been delayed due to an invalid air permit. After reviewing many other options, Adams Electric Cooperative has decided to become an owner in a 1,600 MW state-of-the-art coal fired generation facility in Southern Illinois," said Thompson. The Cooperative will own 12 MW of

the output at Prairie State Energy Campus. "This coal plant will utilize the most high-tech emission technologies and be among the cleanest major coal-fired power plants in the United States."

This facility is expected to be on line by July, 2011. In the meantime, the Co-op will need to purchase power for an interim period from another source. Negotiations are currently taking place on this issue.

Thompson then told members of the board's decision to diversify the Co-op's power portfolio with plans to utilize coal, natural gas, wind and possibly hydro in the future. In doing so, the Cooperative will minimize its risk associated with being tied to any one type of fuel or generation. "We also want part of our generation to come from renewable energy or green power," Thompson said. "The board approved moving forward with installing a large wind turbine in 2008. The Cooperative has applied for several grants and Clean Renewable Energy Bonds to help finance the project. The wind turbine will provide approximately 2,500,000 kWh per year to our distribution system. That is enough power to serve approximately 200 homes," Thompson said.

After the business meeting, names were drawn for door prizes. Four grand prizes of \$250 in free electricity were awarded to Roger K. Boone of Plainville, Steve Barry of Liberty, Donald Arnold of Barry, and Joan Post of La Prairie.

To all those who attended the 68th Annual Meeting, thank you for your presence. The issues we discuss at the Annual Meeting are for your benefit; thank you for your interest and attention. We look forward to seeing you again next year.



**And the
winner is...**

Fran Hughes
of Liberty

Members submitted copies of their favorite recipes at the Annual Meeting. One winner was drawn from all entries received. Congratulations to our winner who received a free crockpot!



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
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1/2 c. peanut butter

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2/3 c. sugar

3 T. cornstarch

3 T. flour

3 egg yolks

3 c. milk

2 tsp. butter

1 tsp. vanilla

Pinch of salt

Heat sugar and 2 cups milk to boiling point. Use other cup milk to mix with thickening and egg yolks. Add butter, vanilla and pinch of salt after pudding has been removed from heat. Sprinkle 2/3 of peanut butter mixture in bottom of pie shell. Pour cooled custard over this. Make a meringue of:

3 egg whites

1/4 tsp. cream of tartar

Beat until stiff. Add 1/4 cup sugar and 3 tablespoons cornstarch. Beat well. Spread on custard and spread with remaining crumbs. Meringue may be browned, if preferred. Yield: 1 baked pie shell.

The following three recipes are from *Family Favorites*:

BLT Chicken Salad

8 c. lettuce

3 to 6 hard-boiled eggs

Onions

3 c. cooked chicken

Tomatoes

***10 slices bacon, crumbled**

***Cheddar cheese**

DRESSING:

1/2 tsp. black pepper

1/2 c. mayonnaise

1 T. lemon juice

1/4 c. barbecue sauce

2 T. grated onion

*Put bacon and cheese on top. Pour dressing over salad. Delicious!

Play Dough

2 c. flour

2 c. water

1/2 c. cornstarch

1 c. salt

1 T. baking alum

1 T. oil

Food coloring, your choice

Place ingredients in a saucepan. Stir constantly over low heat until mixture thickens into dough consistency. Remove from heat and let stand until cool enough to handle. Place on foil or waxed paper and knead until smooth. Store in airtight container. It will keep for months. Have children wash hands before using.

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In The News...

Adams Electric's Power Supplier Changes Name

Source: AIEC Connection

In July, "Prairie Power, Inc." (PPI) became the official not-for-profit Generation and Transmission (G&T) Cooperative for 11 distribution cooperatives, including Adams Electric Cooperative, who were purchasing wholesale electric energy from Soyland Power Cooperative, Inc.

PRAIRIE

POWER INC.

PPI was established in 2006 by seven Soyland electric distribution cooperatives to own shares in the Prairie State Energy Campus under development in Washington County, Illinois. In June, 2007, the additional four Soyland member cooperatives committed to invest in the Prairie State project. On July 1, 2007, these 11 distribution cooperatives became owners of 118 megawatts (or 7.46 percent) of the Prairie State Energy Campus and members of PPI. PPI assumed ownership and legal responsibility for all Soyland assets, contracts and obligations on July 1 and Soyland ceased to exist.

The formation of PPI is timely relative to the significant changes that have occurred within the electric utility industry. The demand for energy is increasing and the need for new generation resources, equipment and materials are at an all time high. The marketplace has become increasingly complex, and environmental consciousness and government regulations are creating new challenges and opportunities for the industry.

"We perceive PPI as providing the advantage of ownership in one of the most reliable, cleanest and economical resources for electric energy today, the 1600 megawatt

Prairie State Energy Campus. This investment will be complemented with new long-term power supply contracts and other investments in economical, reliable and environmentally friendly resources that will provide PPI member cooperatives with a diversified portfolio of energy resources," said Robert Harbour, President/CEO of Prairie Power, Inc. "We are excited about the formation and the opportunities of our business moving forward."

"These opportunities and challenges demanded that PPI become the new G&T, responsive to the demands of our member cooperatives, their consumer members and this changing electric utility industry," said Harbour.

Pennies Add Up For Local Communities

Participating members of Adams Electric Cooperative have their electric bills rounded up to the nearest dollar each month. These "pennies" provide grant money for local organizations through a program called Penny Power.



Recently, Adams Electric Cooperative awarded Penny Power grants to nine local organizations totaling \$9,350. Recipients included: Unity Middle School - \$1,000 for calculators; Camp Point Elementary School - \$1,600 for Autism program, Redmon & Lee Community Association - \$750 for a/c repairs; Quincy Junior High

School - \$1,000 for Cardio Fitness Lab; People Loving Active Youth (PLAY) - \$1,500 for second phase of playground project at Schuy-Rush Park; Adams County Retired Teachers - \$500 for painting old school house at fairgrounds; Two Rivers Council Foundation - \$2,000 for school supplies for needy children; Liberty Elementary School - \$750 for Reading is Fundamental program; and Barry Food Pantry - \$250 for purchase of canned fruit.

Since the first grant in September 2005, donations from the Penny Power program have totaled over \$70,000. Penny Power dollars have impacted communities across Adams Electric Cooperative's service area including: Quincy, Mt. Sterling, Rushville, Barry, Camp Point, Clayton, Coatsburg, Golden, Liberty, Mendon, Payson and Plainville.

The next deadline to apply for a Penny Power grant is October 1, 2007. For more information about Adams Electric Cooperative's Penny Power Program, or to request a grant application, contact Bill Stalder, Manager of Marketing and Member Services at (217) 593-7701 or toll-free at (800) 232-4797.

October is Cooperative Month

October is a time to remember who and what cooperatives stand for.

Your electric cooperative, Adams Electric, is "committed to exceeding the expectations of those we serve!" That's our mission - it's what we firmly believe in and work by.

In 1752, the first cooperative was organized in the United States. Since then, cooperatives have been organized to provide practically every product and/or service imaginable - electricity, telephone service, food, health care, day care, credit, farm marketing, insurance and even legal services.

The electric cooperative history dates back to May 11, 1935 when



convenience. Electricity would change the way people lived and worked for the rest of their lives.

On a chilly March day – March 29, 1939, to be exact – a group of about 50 men and women scarcely seemed to notice the cold. History was about to be made at a rural

President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued an Executive Order making federal funds available for rural electric service and creating the Rural Electrification Administration (REA).

At the time only about 10 percent of the country's farms had electric service. The existing power companies made it clear that they expected the farmers to bear the cost of constructing electric lines and then deed it back to the power supplier. Keep in mind that this was a time when many didn't have the money for the necessities of life, let alone money for something that could be classified as a luxury.

This was just not acceptable to the hundreds of thousands of rural Americans that needed and wanted electricity. As friends and neighbors banded together, cooperatively, they literally lit up the countryside!

On April 20, 1938, a group of 450 area farmers attended an organizational meeting at the Farm Bureau office in Quincy. All of these people had one hope in common that night, they wanted electricity for their homes and farms. During that momentous evening a group of people were elected to the board of directors of what was to become Adams Electric Cooperative.

Each director was responsible for signing up members and attaining easements in their area. These dedicated, optimistic people had to be troubleshooters – convincing fellow neighbors that electricity and the cooperative would really work. The biggest selling factors for the directors were lights and

Adams Electric Cooperative substation in Adams County.

In the beginning Adams Electric Cooperative served a little over 700 Members with 384 miles of line. Today, over 65 years later, Adams Electric Cooperative is over 8,200 Member-Consumers strong and has over 2,191 miles of line.

Adams Electric Cooperative, enhancing the quality of life in the areas we serve while exceeding the expectations of those we serve.

IEC Memorial Scholarship Expansion

Source: AIEC Connection

The IEC Memorial Scholarship Committee unanimously voted to expand the scholarship program for 2008. Based upon the health and growth of the endowment, two new \$1,250 scholarships will be awarded.

"Based on the great relationship a number of co-ops have with their local community college, and the great relationship we have with our endowment fund administrator, the Illinois Community College System Foundation, the AIEC Board voted to reserve one of the two new scholarships for use at an Illinois community college," says Don Wood, Vice President of Government Relations.

A total of seven, \$1,250 one-year scholarships will be awarded for 2008. Sons and daughters of cooperative members are eligible for six of the seven scholarships. See page 7 of this issue for additional details or call (800) 232-4797.

News From Yesteryear

Reprinted from
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You, Too, Can Save A Watt!

The September issue of *Current Ripples*, published by the Wabash County REMC for its members, carried some good suggestions on how members could save money on their electric bills.

Some of the cost cutting advice we have seen before, but several ideas were new to us, including:

- * Keep your wife from setting the furnace thermostat too high. Train her to keep on the move and keep warm nature's way.
- * Marry girls off young. Let some other dope heat their irons.
- * Go to bed earlier.
- * Don't bathe your kids too often. If they smell, send them outside to play.
- * Ditch your TV set.
- * Don't pay your electric bill and be disconnected. This will save everything.
- * Go to church frequently. While there, your TV, radio, and other equipment will not be in use.
- * Visit your friends and relatives as often as possible. Accept their invitations to stay for meals – even baths if invitations can be wrangled. Their water is just as good as yours.



October

Calendar of Events

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

Barry Apple Festival
Oct. 5-7, Barry. Apple treats, car show, parade, bands, entertainment, crafts & food. (217) 223-1000

**Fall Festivities
Yard Party Benefit**
Oct. 6 (1pm thru evening), Bob & Carolyn Kassing's historic home on Rt. 24 east of Mt. Sterling. Music, yard games, weiner roast, making of apple butter. For a fee, board a bus for Brown Co. Crime Tour. Proceeds for Brown Co. Emergency Services Building.

**Haunted Historic
Quincy Tours**
Oct. 6, 13, 20 & 27, Leaving south lot of Oakley Lindsay Center. Guided tour showcasing several haunted historic sites. For reservations, call (217) 223-1000

**Fall Flea Market/
Rummage & Bake Sale**
Oct. 12 (9am-2pm), Sunset Home, 418 Washington, Qcy. Baked goods, flea market, clothing & furniture. Homemade coffee cake in coffee shop. Sponsored by Sunset Home Auxiliary. (217) 223-2636

2007 Harvest Walk
Oct. 13 (9am), Joel Oliver Memorial Pool, North Damon Rd., Mt. Sterling. 5K run & walk. Entry fee: \$20. Sponsored by United Way of Brown County.

Women's Wellness Day
Oct. 13 (10am-1pm), Quincy Family YMCA. A day devoted to the physical, spiritual & mental well-being of women. (217) 222-9622

**The Adventures of
Nate the Great**
Oct. 18-21 (7pm), Oakley-Lindsay Center, Quincy. Quincy Community Theatre Student Theatre production. (217) 222-3209

Fall Turkey Supper
Oct. 20 (Serving starts at 4pm), Camden Methodist Church. Roast turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, noodles, green beans, candied yams, cinnamon apples, cole slaw, assorted pies & salads & drink. Donations at the door. Carryouts available upstairs. (217) 322-3730

**Early Tindusters
Fall Color Run**
Oct. 20 & 21 (Sat 11a-1p in downtown Quincy, Sun 10a-3p in Moorman Park). Street rod show for cars '48 & older. (217) 964-2426

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:

November Events.....Oct 1	March Events.....Feb 1
Dec/Jan Events.....Nov 1	April Events.....Mar 1
February Events.....Jan 1	May Events.....April 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

**7th Annual Sammy Fund
Fall Event**
Oct. 20 - Run/walk starts at Madison Park shelter house, Quincy. 5K run or 2 mi. walk thru beautiful east end historic district. \$15/entrant, \$40/family rate. All runners receive Sammy Fund t-shirt & meal ticket to Sammy Fund dinner held 10/21.
Oct. 21 - 18 hole golf scramble begins at Westview 10:30am, Quincy. Free children's games, entertainment at K of C grounds starting at 2:30pm. Gourmet grilled pork chop dinner served 4-6pm at K of C hall. Free children's meals. Huge silent auction & raffle. All proceeds benefit underprivileged area children in memory of Samantha Otte. (217) 231-0070 or go to: thesammyfund.com

**Pike County
Fall Color Drive**
Oct. 20 & 21, Pike County. Country fall scenic drive, local attractions, food specialties, apple products & crafts. (217) 285-2971 or go to: pikeil.org

**Octoberfest Parade
& Field Competition**
Oct. 21, Flynn Stadium. Marching bands from the area compete. (217) 224-3774

**Bake Sale, Craft Show
& Flea Market**
Oct. 27 (9am-2pm), St. Brigid's Hall, Liberty. Cinnamon, pecan, fruit & dinner rolls, donuts, turnovers, yeast breads & noodles baked fresh. Advance orders welcome. Handicapped accessible. Free admission. Lunch served from 11am-1pm, carryouts available. (217) 645-3680 or (217) 645-3276

**Nauvoo Halloween
Pumpkin Walk**
Oct. 27, Nauvoo. "Spooky Trail" Lighted pumpkin walk, haunted house, music, costume parade & more. (217) 453-6648

**Sing for your Supper
Benefit Karaoke Contest**
Oct. 28 (1-4pm), Mt. Sterling Fire House. Fun food available. Come hungry & ready to sing. Proceeds for Brown Co. Emergency Services Building. Contact Deb Ham (217) 773-3766.

**Old Fashioned
Family Friendly
Halloween Party**
Oct. 28 (6-8pm), Quincy Museum, 16th & Maine. Games, crafts & prizes for children of all ages. (217) 224-7669

**Coming Soon!
Masquerade Ball/
Silent Auction**
Nov. 3 (6pm), Ridge View Winery, Rt. 107, south of Mt. Sterling. Come in costume. Prizes for funniest, most creative, scariest & more. \$10 entry fee. Feel free to bring an appetizer. Last chance to bid on auction items. View items at www.arusticgarden.com. (Still accepting auction items.) Proceeds for Brown Co. Emergency Services Building. (217) 773-3766



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There's no need to worry, y'all – this isn't algebra class. The above formula is quite simple. It stands for: cold weather plus old inefficient windows equals unhappy homeowner.

Folks, cold weather is here. And at least once a day I get asked about replacement windows. Let's take a look at this very important subject by first considering these facts.

No. 1 – Windows account for a large portion of your energy costs – typically anywhere from 30 to 70 percent of the heating and cooling costs of your home.

No. 2 – Windows are very important to your comfort.

No. 3 – Most window salesmen will say that you need new windows and that they have the perfect window for you.

Yes, windows are very important, but do you really need to replace your existing windows? Here are the questions to ask.

No. 1 – If your windows have only one pane of glass, you would greatly benefit from new energy-efficient replacement windows.

No. 2 – If your windows are just worn out (leaking, hard to open, hard to close, glass fogs, etc.) you might well benefit from new energy-efficient replacement windows.

No. 3 – If your windows "sweat" in the winter, you probably would benefit from new energy-efficient replacement windows.

Many of you are thinking that your answers to these questions show that you do need new windows. And you would love to have new replacement windows because they would make your house look more modern, make it more comfortable, lower your utility bills and increase its value. Everybody would love this, so why doesn't

everyone replace their old windows? Well, it's no secret that replacement windows are not cheap. If you could just afford them, you would probably install them.

I just completed a series of columns designed to show you how to increase the energy efficiency of your house without spending a lot of money. In those columns, we've talked about caulking, using compact fluorescent lights, adding insulation, etc. You may wish to go back and review those. If you have implemented those items, it may be time to consider replacement windows. Maybe you CAN afford it.

This is an example from a 1,600-square-foot house built in 1974. The house has 12 windows. The cost to replace them with vinyl, double-glazed windows with low-e glass and argon gas is \$9,000. You could pay cash or finance. If you finance \$9,000 for five years at 9 percent, your monthly payment would be about \$186. If you finance \$9,000 for 15 years at 9 percent, your monthly payment would be \$90. Let's suppose that this improvement lowers your utility bills by \$50 per month. In real life, it only costs you \$40 per month to have these new windows that you have wanted for years. In many cases, the monthly energy savings have been greater than the additional monthly payment for the windows. And federal tax credits are also available to those who install energy-efficient replacement windows.

I hope this example will help you determine whether you can afford to make this improvement. Of course, as in all fine print, costs may vary depending on just about everything. If you should decide to look at this option, you certainly want a quality window and installer. Ask these

questions when talking to installers. You can find them in the Yellow Pages of your phone book.

1) May I have three references of your jobs?

2) What is the total U value and solar heat gain coefficient (SHGC) of the windows as tested by the National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC)?

I suggest that the total U value be at .35 or less and that the SHGC value be .33 or less. The lower the U value and SHGC value, the better.

There is a new generation of windows that have three panes of glass, two low-e coatings and are filled with krypton-enhanced gas. Krypton reminds us of Superman, so I call them super windows. The super windows are now available in many areas. The U value of these windows is about .2 and the SHGC value is about .33. They truly are super-performing windows. The price of a super window will be about double the cost of the double-paned windows, but the labor costs for installation should be about the same.

Good luck with your decision on replacement windows and if you have more questions, feel free to call me at 501-653-7931.

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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Prize: One overall winner will be chosen from all entries received. Entries will be judged on creativity. Winner will receive a \$30 gift card to Wal-Mart.

Eligibility: The contest is open to all Adams Electric Cooperative members including their immediate family members (any age). One entry per person. Employees of Adams Electric Cooperative are not eligible.

Instructions for submitting entry: Please include your name, address, and daytime phone number on a sheet of paper separate from your entry. (Entries will be numbered for judging.) Entries will not be returned.

Please drop off your entry at Adams Electric Cooperative, located at 700 E. Wood St. or mail your entry to:
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Adams Electric Cooperative
P.O. Box 247
Camp Point, IL 62320

Deadline: Entries must be received no later than **Friday, December 7, 2007**. Winner will be announced Friday, December 14.