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On behalf of the Clayton Christian Church kids' ministry group, we say thank you. You gave us a grant of \$325 to restart our children's ministry for a church that now has young people who want to learn about Jesus.

Mr. Silas, Charly, Liam, Lisa, Cora, Emmie

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Sincerely,
Krykette Duesterhaus

PETITIONS FOR DIRECTOR

The Bylaws of Adams Electric Cooperative provide that nominations can be made by petition with 25 signatures or more at least 90 days prior to the Annual Meeting. Blank petitions can be obtained by contacting the Cooperative office. Directors from **District #7** (Consisting of Lima, Ursa, Riverside, Mendon, Ellington, and Quincy Townships (north of Broadway Street) of Adams County; & Rocky Run & Walker Townships of Hancock County), **District #8** (Consisting of Pea Ridge, Missouri, Lee, & Buckhorn Townships of Brown County), and **District #9** (Consisting of Honey Creek, Camp Point, Clayton, Concord, & McKee Townships of Adams County.) will be elected at the **September 4, 2024 Annual Meeting**. Petitions must be returned to the Cooperative office **by 4 p.m., June 6, 2024**.



Closed Memorial Day
The Adams Electric Cooperative Office will be closed on Monday, May 27, 2024.



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Join us in Bailey Park on June 5 for our annual Electricity School! Find an application on page 10 or register online at: adamselectric.coop



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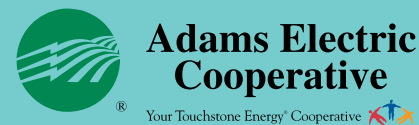
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by Craig Sondgeroth,
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When electricity came to Illinois, for-profit companies focused on bringing it to the densely populated areas of the state. The reason was obvious — electric infrastructure served many more customers in these areas and made it more economical.

However, people in rural Illinois remained without electricity. In the 1930s and '40s, farmers and other leaders formed not-for-profit electric cooperatives to bring electricity to those areas left in the dark. These electric co-ops had (and still have) two advantages: member control and cost efficiency.

First, everyone receiving electricity not only became members of the cooperative, they also became owners. Electric co-ops are different than for-profit utilities because the members own and control their utility. This is why members of your cooperative democratically elect those who serve on the co-op's board of directors during each year's annual meeting.

Any member-owner can run for the board, and if the membership is ready for a change, they can vote in a new director. It is a true democracy. Most other Illinoisans have no such control over their electric supplier.

Second, electric co-ops are cost-efficient. As not-for-profits, any amount collected by the cooperative that exceeds the cost to run the co-op is returned to its members; these funds are known as capital credits. An electric co-op may average four consumers per mile of electric line, while a for-profit utility might average 40. For electric cooperatives to succeed with this lack of density, cost-efficient operation is critical.

Unfortunately, both member control and cost efficiency are currently threatened by proposals

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in the Illinois General Assembly. If voted into law, one proposal would force electric co-ops to implement one-size-fits-all excess self-generation net-metering policies. This would significantly change a core principle of not-for-profit electric cooperatives — local control providing consumers a direct voice in utility decisions.

We oppose taking away our local and transparent process and handing off that control to the Illinois Commerce Commission. Decisions about an electric co-op should be made by its board of directors. Each director is democratically elected and accountable to the members.

I'm proud that electric co-op members in Illinois have installed a large number of renewable energy systems (almost 6,000), but the finances of an electric cooperative are like a seesaw. If the General Assembly requires electric co-ops to subsidize members who have solar generation, then members without it will pay for that subsidy indirectly. An electric co-op board of directors considers the interest of all members, including the low-income person who cannot afford to subsidize their neighbor's solar energy system.

Another proposal would require electric co-ops to file integrated resource plans with the state of Illinois. The state's electric co-ops serve primarily rural areas downstate, which is a small percentage of Illinois consumers. Co-ops already plan for generation resources for many years in the future, which includes a diverse energy portfolio because members need electricity that is affordable and reliable.

For many years, electric cooperatives have added and will continue to add renewable and carbon-free resources to their energy portfolios voluntarily, without a mandate or arbitrary dates. It makes no sense for Illinois to require small electric cooperatives to deal with bureaucratic red tape when they already plan on how to generate affordable and reliable power.

The Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives continuously fights for the interests of electric cooperatives. I encourage you to reach out to your state legislators and let them know that you strongly oppose any legislation that would decrease member control and cost efficiency and ultimately increase rates for co-op consumer-members.



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BRECHT RETIRES After Nearly 20 Years of Service



On October 25, 2004, Tim started his career as Manager of Engineering & Operations. Tim served members of Adams Electric Cooperative for almost 20 years!

Tim and his wife, Donna, live in the Fowler area. Tim and Donna have six children, Heather, Michael, Matthew (Jessie), Hannah (Luke), Holly,

and Mitchell and three grandchildren, Finn, Frederick, and Ruth.

Tim's retirement plans are to visit grandkids and his brother and to travel to air shows and rocket launches.

Congratulations, Tim! Thank you for your service and dedication to the Cooperative and members. The Cooperative wishes you a long, healthy, and happy retirement!



Top left: Tim's first big purchase in November 2004.

Top right: Tim assisted Line Foreman Chad Reische during the snow storm in January 2024.

Left: Tim with General Manager Jim Thompson after Tim's retirement celebration.



Two Rivers Regional Council of Public Officials have funds available through the **Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)** through August 15, 2024. The program began on October 1. Households must be at or below **200%** of the federal poverty level to receive a benefit from **LIHEAP**.

The **30-day** gross household income guidelines for **LIHEAP** are as follows:

of Household Members:

1- \$ 2,430.00	4- \$ 5,000.00
2- \$ 3,287.00	5- \$ 5,857.00
3- \$ 4,143.00	6- \$ 6,713.00

You will need the following when applying:

- Proof of gross income from all household members for the prior 30-day period beginning with the date of application
- Proof of Social Security Cards
- A copy of current gas and electric bills issued within the last 30 days

Questions can be directed to:

Becky Pruden, Community Services Director 217-718-6397



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Cooperatives Participate in Youth Day

Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton, and State Representatives Norine Hammond and C.D. Davidsmeyer met with students representing Adams Electric Cooperative and Adams Telephone Co-Operative during the Illinois Electric and Telephone Cooperatives Youth Day in Springfield on Wednesday, March 20. Youth Day is designed to introduce young rural leaders to state government. More than 200 students representing 25 co-ops from across the state attended the event.

“Youth Day gives students across the state an up-close look at democracy in action as they meet their elected representatives in Springfield,” said Baylee Flowers, legal and government relations coordinator at the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives. “State senators and representatives have the opportunity to inspire and encourage the leaders of tomorrow during this annual event.” (100360-001)

In addition to meeting elected officials, the students also learned more about their cooperative’s role in their own communities and had the opportunity to tour the Illinois State Capitol and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum.

During lunch, Illinois Department of Natural Resources Director Natalie Phelps Finnie addressed the students. She discussed her background as a healthcare provider and how she got into politics. She encouraged them to follow their passions, live confidently, and work hard.

“You’re embarking upon adulthood,” Phelps Finnie said to the students. “You can do anything you want to do. I just ask that you come to adulthood with the right posture and attitude. ...Don’t come with a sense of

Anna Dietrich & Alixandria Bauer Win Adams Electric’s Youth to Washington Contest, Azlynn Shannon Named Alternate



Students representing Adams Electric Cooperative (left to right): AEC Winner Anna Dietrich, AEC Winner Alixandria Bauer, and AEC Alternate Azlynn Shannon

entitlement that everything is owed to you. Work for it. Earn it.”

Participants also met Paris Van Dyke, the 2023-24 Illinois Youth Leadership Council representative, who was sponsored by Wabash Communications during last year’s Youth Day. She spoke about her experiences over the past year and challenged attendees to say, “Yes.”

“What I want to say to you today is something that I decided to do during this day last year ... take every opportunity,” Van Dyke said. “You will learn so much if you just choose to say, ‘Yes.’”

At the end of the day, the students were interviewed for the chance to participate in the Youth to Washington tour this summer. Two trips were awarded by each cooperative for the 2024 Youth to Washington contest. This year’s judges were Jennifer Sours and Baylee Flowers from the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives. Winners were chosen based on applications and interviews.

The winners of Adams Electric Cooperative’s 63rd Annual “Youth to Washington” contest were Anna Dietrich

from Liberty High School, daughter of Tim and Christina Dietrich, and Alixandria Bauer from Payson Seymour High School, daughter of Andrew and Tahnee Bauer. Azlynn Shannon from Rushville-Industry High School, daughter of Amy Logsdon, was named Alternate.

Winners representing Adams Telephone Co-Operative are Maya Nemecek from Unity High School, daughter of Jesse and Sara Williams and Adalena Pedro from Unity High School, daughter of Christy Pedro. Nolan Stiefel from Unity High School, son of Clinton and Sommer Stiefel, was named Alternate.

Alternates are eligible to go to Washington, D.C. if a winner is unable to attend. Alternates will receive \$50.

Winners will join approximately 60 other high school students representing Illinois electric and telephone cooperatives on June 14, 2024 and travel to Washington, D.C. They will be accompanied by several chaperones and return to Springfield on June 21.

During the all expense-paid week in Washington, D.C., winners will join 2,000 other students from 42 states for the Youth to Washington Tour sponsored by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association and electric and telephone cooperatives across the United States. For details, visit adamselectric.coop.

Students representing Adams Telephone Co-Operative (left to right): ATC Winner Adalena Pedro, ATC Alternate Nolan Stiefel, and ATC Winner Maya Nemecek.



Pictured with Representatives C. D. Davidsmeyer and Norine Hammond are students (Back row): Phoebe LeBlanc, Liliana Weese, Faith Klauser, Morgan Logsdon, Ivy Liesen, Anika Ripperda, Anastasia Schaffer, Rep. C.D. Davidsmeyer, Brock Rumpf, Nolan Stiefel, Claire Norsworthy, Abigail Hildebrand, Adalena Pedro, Miles Moulton; (Front row): Ali Waters, Anna Dietrich, Maya Nemecek, Josephine Hocking, Liesel Vincent, Aubrey Williams, Rep. Norine Hammond, Alixandria Bauer, Alaina Rosson, Caitlin Burwinkel, Olivia Martinez, Azlynn Shannon, Jamen Tchapda, and Delyla Pratt.

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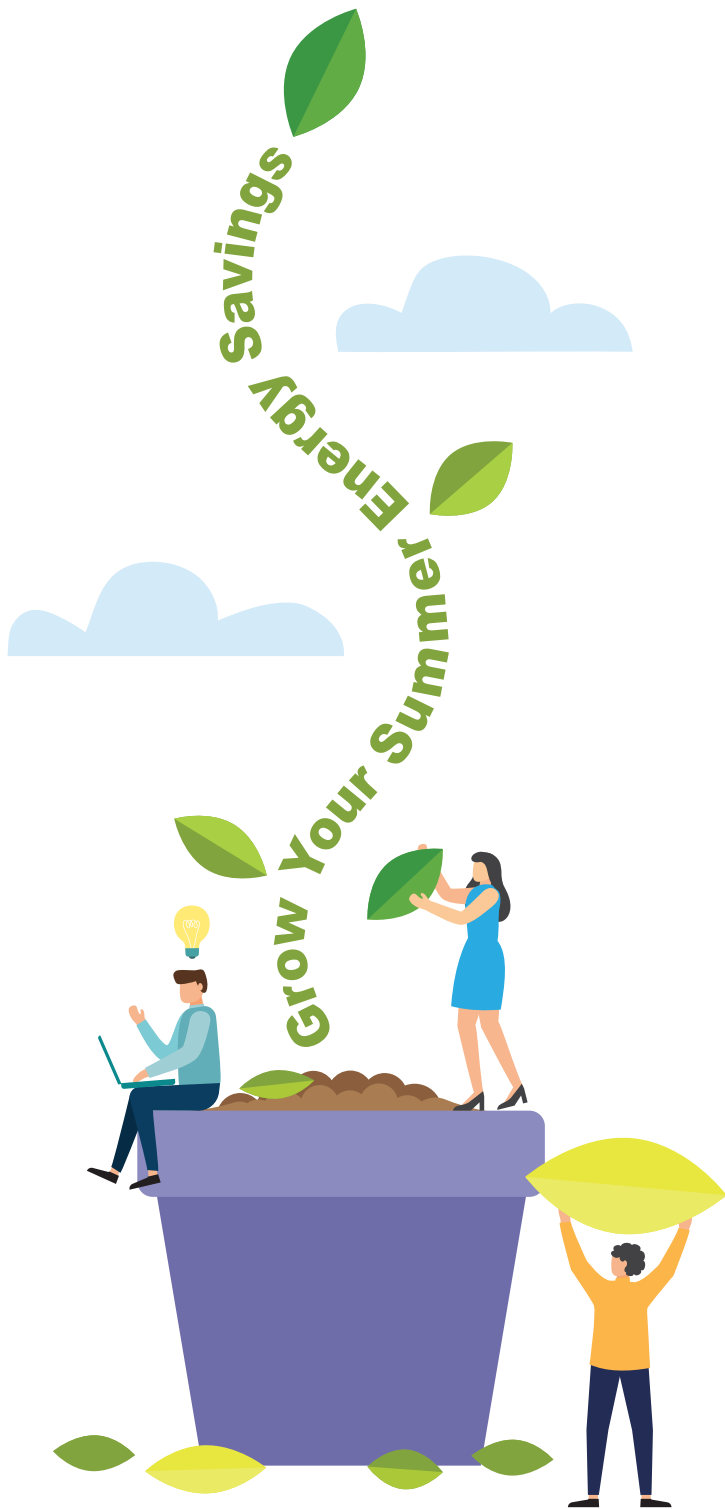
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HUSTLER



One of our favorite things about summer is the opportunity for fresh, homegrown food, whether it's shopping at the local farmers' market or sharing the abundance of garden tomatoes with a neighbor. It's amazing how just a few seeds, some fertilizer, and water can turn into a bounty.

When we think about energy efficiency, we think about that bounty of food, and how with just a few simple actions, you can use less electricity and reap the rewards of energy savings.

You don't need to be a farmer or botanist to know that plants need water—just like you don't have to be a lineworker or engineer to know that adjusting the thermostat or turning off lights can reduce your monthly electric bill. In fact, if you read the Adams Outlet regularly and follow us on Facebook, you know there are a lot of things you can do at home to save electricity and money.

Summer months bring some of the highest energy bills of the year. But why? Cooling your home accounts for a large portion of your monthly energy use, and the hotter it gets, the harder (and longer) your air conditioner works to keep you cool.

There are several ways you can manage energy use at home, and at right, we're providing a few tips that can help grow your summer energy savings.

But I'd also like to share a few ways we're here to help you save—not only during the dog days of summer but throughout the year.

One of the great things about being part of Adams Electric Cooperative is that we're locally owned by you, our members. So instead of making profits, we can focus on helping our community. That's why we've developed incentives to help you keep your money in your wallet.

Save money with all-electric rate or credits

Schedule CAH*

Controlled single-meter all-electric rate

Monthly facility charge of \$49.00 plus:

1-1,000 kWh.....\$0.139/kWh
1,001-3,000 kWh.....\$0.107/kWh
Over 3,000 kWh.....\$0.135/kWh

This rate is for members with all-electric homes. The member must allow the Cooperative to install controls to ensure electric central air conditioning, heat pump, and electric water heating will be reduced during the Cooperative's peak demand periods. Electric vehicle charging stations can be included on this rate. The Member does not receive a water heating or air conditioning credit in addition to this rate.

Schedule LM-CAC*

Load Management – Controlled Air Conditioning Credit

This program is for Members who have central air-conditioning but do not have electric heat. The Member will receive an \$8.00 credit May through October on their electric bill.

A control switch will be installed to interrupt the central air conditioning. Load control only affects your air conditioner May through October during high demand periods. During the control period, the central air conditioner will be interrupted for a maximum of 15 minutes at a time while the fan will continue to run. In most cases, little or no comfort loss will be noticed.

There is no charge to go on this rate. According to the National Electric Code, all central air-conditioners must have an outside disconnect. Adams Electric charges \$25.00 to install a disconnect if one is not present.

Schedule LM-CWH*

Load Management – Controlled Water Heating Credit

This program is for Members who have 30 gallon or larger electric water heater(s) but do not have electric heat. The Member will receive an \$8.00 credit on their electric bill each month. A control switch will be installed to interrupt the water heater. The control period will be year round during high demand periods. Water heaters will be interrupted for the entire control period. In most cases, little or no comfort loss will be noticed. There is no charge to go on this rate.

**LM-CAC and LM-CWH cannot be combined with CAH. However, members can combine LM-CAC with LM-CWH if equipment qualifies. A minimum of 300 kWh of usage is required for credits.*

Take Control of Your Use – Use the Member Link app to track your energy use. You can even get alerts when your use spikes so you can make changes in real time.

Ways to Pay – If you're having a difficult time paying the higher bills that come with increased use in the summer, contact us to learn about our budget billing program. You must have a good payment record and be a member for at least one year. Please call our billing department at (217) 593-7701 to see if you qualify.

Most people don't know everything about electricity, and that's why we're here to help. There are no investors making profits here. Just knowledgeable people with local jobs, working for our neighbors to ensure there is electricity available when you need it. Contact us, and we can work with you to find more ways to save energy—and money.

5 WAYS TO SAVE THIS SUMMER

When summer temperatures rise, so do our energy bills. Here are a few ways you can reduce energy use and grow your summer savings.

1. Raise your thermostat.

The smaller the difference between the indoor and outdoor temp, the more you'll save.

2. Install window coverings

like blinds or light-blocking curtains to prevent indoor heat gain during the day.

3. Seal leaks with caulk and

weatherstripping around windows and exterior doors. Air leaks force your air conditioner to work harder and run longer than necessary.

4. Run ceiling fans

for additional cooling but turn them off when you leave the room.

5. Lower your water heater

thermostat to 120 degrees to reduce standby heat loss.



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Bailey Park, Camp Point

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WATT'S UP? FOR KIDS

Schedule

8:30-9:00 am
Registration
9:00 am
Welcome & Game
9:45 am
Bucket Truck
Demonstration
10:15 am - 11:30 am
Workshops

- ☐ Level 1 (limit 30)
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- ☐ Level 2 (limit 30)
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- ☐ Level 3 (limit 16)
Circuits/Switches
- ☐ Level 4
Wind Turbine Tour
- ☐ Level 5
Electric Car/
GIS Mapping

- This event is open to all youth, ages 8-18, not just 4-H members. Invite a friend! All participants must fill out registration and health forms.
- All 4-H members enrolled in Electricity or Electronics are strongly encouraged to attend 4-H Electricity School. Projects completed at Electricity School may not be used as an exhibit at a 4-H Show.
- Registration and health forms are due in the Extension office by **Friday, May 31**. The health form is also available on our website at: adamselectric.coop.
- Students enrolled in **Level 1 and 3**, please bring the following: wire strippers, phillips screwdriver, screwdriver, and needle nose pliers. Students enrolled in **Level 2**, please bring a small phillips screwdriver.
- Check one box in front of the project workshop. If this is your first year, check the extension cord workshop. If you made an extension cord last year, check Level 2.
- A parent or designated adult must check in participants at the Large Pavilion. Participants must stay in the Pavilion at the end of the program until a parent or a designated adult checks them out.

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

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Cowboy Cookies

Submitted by Laura Bergman

1 cup butter, softened
1 cup light brown sugar
1/2 cup sugar
1 lg. egg
1 lg. egg yolk
1 Tbsp. vanilla extract
1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup quick-cooking or old-fashioned oats
1 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. salt
1 cup Rice Krispies
3/4 cup shredded sweetened coconut
1 1/4 cups chocolate chips
1 1/4 cups M&Ms

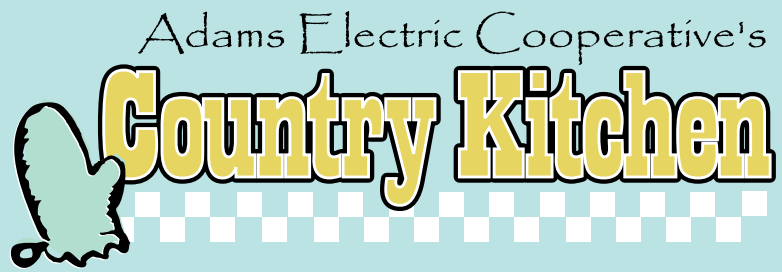
Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Beat together the butter and sugar until smooth and creamy. Add egg and the egg yolk and mix well. Add vanilla and mix well. Add flour, oats, baking powder, baking soda, and salt, mix until just combined. Add Rice Krispies, coconut, and chocolate chips, and mix well. Finally, add the M&Ms and stir in gently. Scoop the dough onto lined baking sheets, about 2 inches apart. Bake for 12-15 minutes until edges are lightly golden. Let cool on the baking sheet before transferring to a wire rack.

Green Bean Bundles

Submitted by Sue Craft

2 lbs. fresh green beans, steamed until crisp tender or 2 cans green beans
6 strips bacon, partially cooked
Garlic salt to taste
4 Tbsp. butter, melted
3 Tbsp. packed light brown sugar

Gather 6-10 green beans in bundles & wrap 1/2 piece of bacon around center. Place in baking dish. Sprinkle with garlic salt. Pour melted butter over. Sprinkle with brown sugar. Bake at 350 degrees for 15-20 minutes or until bacon is done. (Note: Select the thinnest, most tender beans, bright green, and crisp.)



Boston Cream Pie

Submitted by Pat Dopheide

Two 9" yellow cakes (I use box mix for this step. Prepare as directed, cool completely.)

Custard recipe:

2 cups milk
1 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract
6 egg yolks
2/3 cup sugar
1/4 cup cornstarch
1 Tbsp. unsalted butter

Ganache:

8 oz. semisweet chocolate, chopped or in morsels
1 cup heavy cream, heated to a boil
1 tsp. instant coffee or espresso powder
1 pinch of salt

In a saucepan, heat milk over medium heat until boiling and set aside for 10-15 minutes. In a bowl, whisk egg yolks, vanilla, and sugar, then add cornstarch and whisk vigorously until no lumps remain. Add some of the milk to the yolks to temper the mixture, then add remaining milk. Cook over medium-high heat and whisk until the mix is thickened. Remove from heat and add butter, cool and cover with plastic wrap (lay plastic on custard to prevent a skin from forming). Refrigerate for at least two hours or overnight. For ganache, add chocolate to boiling cream and stir until completely melted. Remove from heat and let cool until just warm. Assemble pie by layering one of the cakes on a plate, spread custard over the bottom, then add the top layer and cover with warmed ganache. Chill in refrigerator until the pie is set. Store in refrigerator.

Breakfast Sandwich

Submitted by Wes DeMoss

1 egg
1 tomato slice, grilled
1/4 onion, diced
3 slices deli turkey
1 Tbsp. olive oil
1 Tbsp. mayo and/or Chick-Fil-A sauce
3 avocado slices
1 roll or onion bun, sliced in half

Saute onion in oil. Cook egg, tomato, and deli turkey. Arrange all ingredients on bun and serve warm. "Everything but the bagel" seasoning and banana peppers are also good. Makes 1 sandwich.

Tomato Cucumber Marinade

Submitted by Shirley McClain

1 pint cherry tomatoes
1 med. cucumber, thinly sliced
1 sm. onion, thinly sliced
Dash salt
1/4 tsp. celery powder or celery salt
2 tsp. liquid sweetener
1 Tbsp. lemon juice
1 cup cold water
1/2 cup cider vinegar
1/4 cup salad oil

Combine tomatoes, cucumber, and onion in mixing bowl. Place in 3 separate pint containers. Combine remaining ingredients and pour 1/3 of mixture into each pint. Cover. Store in refrigerator.

Salad Dressing

Submitted by Pam White

1 cup sugar (or Splenda)
1 cup Mazola oil
1 cup ketchup
1/2 cup vinegar
1 tsp. dry mustard
1 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. garlic powder

Put all ingredients in a jar and shake well to blend. Serve on your favorite salad.



Do not overlook overhead power lines!

It can be easy to overlook things that we see every day, including overhead power lines. However, failure to notice overhead lines can be deadly. If you or an object you are touching contacts or gets too close to a power line, you could be seriously injured or killed.

Overhead power lines require **10 feet** of clearance in all directions. This distance rule applies to the power lines draped from pole to pole that line roads (distribution lines), as well as the drop-down lines that service homes or other structures.

If your job requires you to operate equipment in the vicinity of large transmission lines and towers, they require even more clearance than distribution and drop-down lines. That clearance is determined by the **Occupational Safety and Health Administration** (OSHA). OSHA mandates line clearance distances for all types of power lines.

Be mindful of overhead power lines when completing the following tasks:

Home maintenance

Always be aware of the location of power lines, particularly when using long tools, such as ladders, pool skimmers and pruning poles.

Lower long tools and equipment before moving or transporting them.

Other safety tips include:

- **Carry ladders and other long items horizontally whenever possible.**
- **Be careful when working on or around your roof.**
- **Never go on a roof in windy or bad weather.**

Yard work

When trimming trees, do not allow yourself or trimmers to come within 10 feet of overhead power lines, including service lines to your home or outbuilding.

Also:

- **Do not trim trees near power lines; instead, leave this to certified line clearance tree trimmers.**
- **Do not use water or blower extensions to clean gutters near electric lines.**

Farming

Review power line locations and other potential electrical hazards with all workers at morning safety meetings. Equipment that could get too close or contact a power pole or line includes sprayer tips, tall equipment, dump trucks, augers and other extensions.

At work

Follow all OSHA distance requirements when operating dump trucks, cranes, concrete pump truck extensions and when working on a roof or in a bucket.

Other reminders

- **Do not come within 50 feet of a downed or damaged power line. Warn others to stay away. Call 9-1-1 to report it.**
- **Never climb trees near power lines. Even if the power lines are not touching the tree, they could come in contact when weight is added to the branch.**

Look up and look out for overhead power lines. Contact can happen in an instant. For additional electrical safety tips, go to **SafeElectricity.org**.



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JDUB Academy

Registration opens April 22. John Wood Community College, 1301 S. 48th St., Quincy. JDUB Academy provides hands-on learning for students in grades K-12. Learn more about each of these classes and register at: jwcc.edu/JDUBAcademy or by calling (217) 641-4941

Wednesday Night Wheel Throwing

May 1 (6-8pm), Quincy Art Center, 1515 Jersey. \$50 entry fee covers instruction and first fired vessel. Ages 15+. Register online at: quincyartcenter.org. (217) 223-5900

Concerts in the Plaza

May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 (12-1pm), First Mid Bank & Trust Plaza, 636 Hampshire, Quincy. Bring your lunch, buy it downtown or from the food trucks on site, and enjoy some acoustic music.
May 3 - Jared Holbrook
May 10 - Steve Reese
May 17 - The Whatevers
May 24 - Brittany Griffin-Vogt
May 31 - Katie Smith

Farmers Market

May 4, 11, 18, 25 (8am-1pm), Washington Park, N. 5th St., Quincy. Experience the best of local agriculture, artisanal crafts, live music, and entertainment. Every Saturday thru October 26.

Dogwood Parade

May 4 (Parade starts at 9:20am), Maine St. (24th to 6th St.), Quincy. Other events include Little King & Queen Pageant and the Ultimate Brick Show featuring guests from the Lego Masters TV show Sat. & Sun. at Oakley Lindsay Center. For more information, visit quincychamber.org/events. Yard sale & bake sale from 9-11am at Quincy Museum.

Garden Club Meeting

May 4 (10am), Frese Ornamental Nursery, Quincy. Share your passion for plants, flowers, and all things green. For beginners and seasoned gardeners. Guest speakers, garden tours, and hands-on workshops to enhance your garden skills. Free event. (217) 222-0977

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:

June Events..... May 1
July Events..... June 1
Aug/Sept Events..... July 1
October Events..... Sept 1
November Events..... Oct 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, P.O. Box 247, Camp Point, IL 62320; call (800) 232-4797; email: adamsoutlet@adamselectric.coop; or submit online at: adamselectric.coop

Bridge The Gap To Health Race

May 11 (7am-1pm), Quincy. 5K run/walk, 10K run, half marathon, or Paul Arndt Kids Fun Run. Visit bridgethegapthealth.com to register.

Jensen Woods Camp Work Day

May 18 (9am-5pm), Jensen Woods Camp, 1498 275 E. St., Timewell. General Work Day. All skill levels of work available. Bring any work-related items (gloves, hats, rags, rakes, cleaning supplies, pruning tools, etc.) Bring a dish to share. Check our Facebook page for lunch & weather details. (217) 939-9706

The Goonies

May 18 (6-8:30pm), Washington Theater, 427 Hampshire St., Quincy. Watch the classic 80's movie on the big screen. \$10/ adults, \$5/kids under 12. Concessions available for purchase.

Germanfest

May 31 & June 1 (Fri. 5-11pm, Sat. 3-11pm), South Park, Quincy. German music, food, and refreshments. Bring a chair and enjoy German bands and a traditional German dance group. Vendors, activities for kids, crafts, yard games, and prizes. Shuttle service from Harrison HyVee.

Coming Soon!

Electricity School

June 5, Bailey Park, Camp Point. Free event for students ages 8-18. Details on page 10. Sponsored by Adams Electric Cooperative, Gem City Electric, and University of Illinois Extension.

Washington Theater:

100 Year Anniversary Gala

May 4 (6-10:30pm), Washington Theater, 427 Hampshire, Quincy. Entertainment by members of the River City Swing Band followed by Dinner and Dancing with entertainment by The Gentlemen.

Spoon River Spring Drive

May 4 & 5 (8am-5pm), Knox and Fulton Counties. Food, crafts, antiques, and flea market items. (309) 224-5867

Lincoln-Era Log Cabin Village Open House

May 5 (1-4pm), 1231 Bonansinga Dr, Quincy. Cabins and other structures open for self-guided tours.

QHS Spring Play - Deceiving Granny

May 9-11 (7pm), Quincy Senior High auditorium. QHS's theatre department presents the comedy, Deceiving Granny. \$8/students & \$12/adults. Tickets may be ordered online at: qps.org/music or by calling (217) 224-3774

Mark Lee in Concert

May 10 (7pm), Union United Methodist Church, Quincy. While with Third Day, the band won four Grammy awards, an American Music Award, & numerous Gospel Music and ASCAP Songwriter awards. Along with new original music, classic Third Day songs, Mark shares stories from his published memoir, "Hurt Road". Enjoy a memorable evening of hope and worship. Tickets at eventbrite.com. A free will offering will be collected to offset cost of concert.

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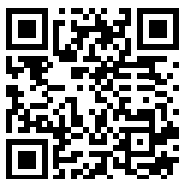
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