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Thank you so much for sending me to Washington, D.C. this summer! I cannot even begin to express how grateful I am that you provided me with this opportunity. Ever since I was a little girl, I've dreamed of going to Washington, D.C. I love politics and anything that has to do with history; I've been planning my presidential campaign since I was nine.

However, with three little siblings, long and educational-centered vacations are not extremely practical for my family, so I resigned myself to waiting until I was an adult to go to our nation's capital. Thank you, though, for proving me wrong! I got to have so many life changing experiences; I got to speak with two Holocaust survivors, I got to watch the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and possibly watch Joe Biden's helicopter entourage fly over us on our dinner cruise (that's still up for debate, though). Additionally, I got to make so many new friendships with people all over the state. I was extremely nervous getting on the bus, unsure of how I would make friends among a group of 55 people I'd never really talked to. However, everyone was so welcoming and fun. As a rider of Bus One, I got to listen to karaoke until 11:30 at night! Jim, our lead chaperone, always ensured we had a fun time, and our bus driver, Austin, was perhaps the greatest bus driver ever. He received verbal commendation from our Gettysburg tour guide, and even gave us a card on our last day in Washington. Thank you so much for this opportunity!
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Annual Meeting Drive-Thru Review



by **Jim Thompson PE, General Manager**
The Cooperative had a beautiful night for the Drive-Thru Annual Meeting. With the change from the conventional

Annual Meeting at Bailey Park to the Drive-Thru event at the Adams County Fairgrounds, there was an underlying feeling of uncertainty whether the change would be popular with members.

It turned out to be a great success with the membership. Attendance was high with 701 registered members, and approximately 2,000 porkchop sandwich meals served. At 701, we had 9.48% of the membership attend. This registered amount is the highest since 2009 at 735 members. See the statistical information at right.

The change to the Adams County Fairgrounds for a Drive-Thru event was perfect. The fairgrounds looked great with special thanks to Rodney Voss for all of his hard work preparing the grounds. Thanks to the remainder of the Adams County Fair Board as well for being so welcoming!

The changes made from lessons learned from past drive-thru events worked well. Four registration lines and two serving lines kept the flow moving consistently.

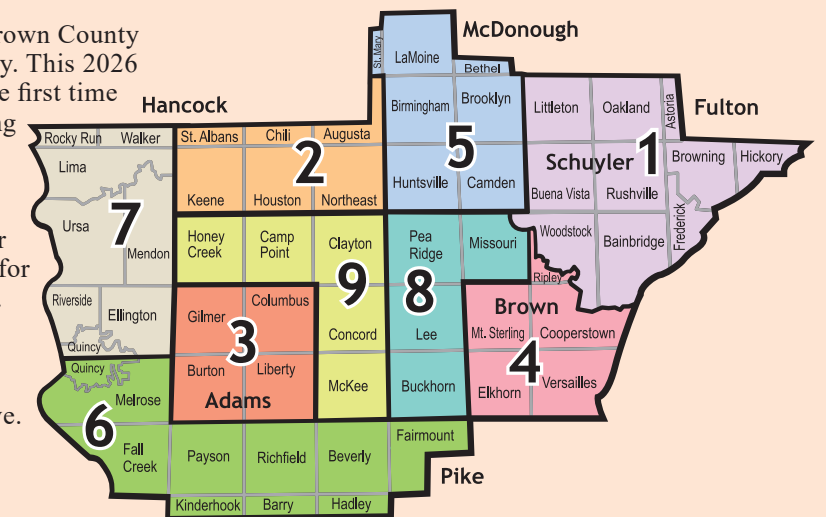
The Cooperative is trying to offer different Annual Meeting formats that work for a wider range of our membership. In the end, we want to have something that works for all members. Next year on September 3, 2025, we will be back at Bailey Park in Camp Point with the conventional Annual Meeting for members who like this format. In 2026, the Annual Meeting will be

Registration History		Registered Members
Year	Type	
2024	Drive-Thru	701
2023	Conventional	391
2022	Conventional	481
2021	Drive-Thru	648
2020	Member Appreciation Drive-Thru (No registration)	
2019	Conventional	461

Director District Breakdown			Percentage of Members in District who Attended
Director	District	Annual Meeting Attendees	Total Members in District
Ewing	1	16	874
Clair	2	60	316
Meyer	3	150	1229
Ward	4	14	545
Farwell	5	24	429
Travis	6	135	1626
Niekamp	7	185	1340
Koch	8	19	339
Barlow	9	98	695
Grand Count		701	7393

hosted in either Brown County or Schuyler County. This 2026 meeting will be the first time the Annual Meeting has been brought outside of Adams County. The hope is to bring it closer to these members for their participation.

Thanks for coming out and being part of your electric cooperative. It was great to see everyone!



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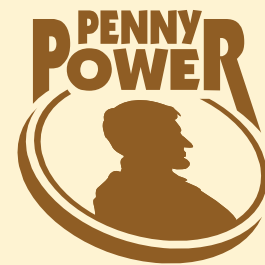
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Pictured: Candy Heaton, of the H.E.L.P. Center (Humanitarian Efforts for Local People) of Rushville, along with volunteers accept a Penny Power grant from members of Adams Electric along with a surprise load of food donations from Co-op employees and directors.



Twenty Penny Power grant applications were approved for funding in July. \$10,055.00 was granted to the following groups/organizations:

- **\$250** - Camp Point Central Trap Team; supplies for trap program
- **\$280** - Denman Elementary School; educational field trips for special needs students
- **\$350** - Southeastern Elementary School; flexible seating for 5th grade classroom
- **\$400** - Muddy River Opera; stage production costs
- **\$540** - Blessed Sacrament Catholic School; Lego robotics kits
- **\$425** - Southeastern Jr./Sr. High School; flexible classroom seating
- **\$500** - Salvation Army Kroc Center; Tonieboxes and extra characters
- **\$450** - Two Rivers Council Foundation; copier for Community Action Agency programs
- **\$750** - Warsaw Elementary School; smartboard for special education classroom
- **\$475** - Transitions of Western IL; items to strengthen fine motor coordination, eye-hand coordination, and life skills for clients
- **\$350** - Central Elementary School; multisensory materials for pre-k and kindergarten students
- **\$450** - Cornerstone: Foundations for Families; self-regulation room
 - **\$285** - Payson-Seymour Elementary School; Musicplay Online subscription
 - **\$350** - The Quincy Museum; education revitalization project
 - **\$600** - Payson CUSD #1; two pickle ball courts
 - **\$650** - Action Brown County; costs of The Rink attraction in Mt. Sterling
 - **\$1,000** - Friends of Bailey Park; planting trees at Bailey Park
 - **\$800** - HELP Center; food for needy families in Rushville area
- **\$800** - Unity High School; graphing calculators
- **\$350** - St. Francis Solanus School; paperback books to add to the school library

Penny Power grants to date now total

\$673,231.05!

The next deadline to apply for a Penny Power grant is October 7, 2024.

"Check Your Breakers"

Photo 1



When you experience an outage, the first thing you should do is check your breakers. **For some members, this only means checking the breaker panel located inside your house or garage.** If your location is the only one without power, there is a chance your breaker tripped.

Photo 2



For others, there is an additional step. Take a look at the meter(s) at your location. Your meter may be located on your house, garage, outbuilding, a pole or another structure. Remember, you may have more than one meter. The main part of your meter will be locked with a seal. **Do not tamper with this seal or try to open this portion of your meter box.** If there is no box beneath the sealed portion (see Photo 1), look no further. However, if you

see a separate box attached beneath your meter (see Photo 2), lift this box and check this breaker as well (see Photo 3).

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Adams Electric Cooperative Holds 84th Annual Meeting

For the first time, Adams Electric held its Annual Meeting at the Adams County Fairgrounds. The event was Drive-Thru style with four registration lines and two food lines. Attendance was exceptional at 701 registered members, only surpassed in recent years by 34 more members at the 2009 meeting.

Nearly all of the 2,000 porkchop sandwich dinners were gone by the time the event came to a close. Only a handful of members took advantage of the picnic area.

The business meeting was aired by radio station from 4:00-7:30 p.m. as members drove through the fairgrounds. Board President Becky Barlow welcomed the members to the drive-thru, calling the meeting to order, explaining the business meeting procedure and voting process.

Treasurer Tom Travis gave an update on Cooperative finances. He said, "Adams Electric met all of its financial ratios for 2023, reaching an equity level of 42.8%. Total revenue increased by \$1,674,000. Energy usage decreased 4.9% compared to 2022. Revenue increased 6.6% while the total cost of electric service increased 5.2%. 63.7 percent of revenue was used to purchase the energy needs for our members. New investment in our electric distribution system for 2023 was \$3.2 million dollars." He added, "Our Cooperative ended the 2023 year with an operating margin of \$855,000. \$564,236 of total capital credits were paid out in 2023 to our members. The retirement of capital credits is one

of the benefits of belonging to a not-for-profit electric utility."

General Manager Thompson covered three major successes:

The Cooperative was successful in negotiating a U.S Department of Energy's Office of Clean Energy Demonstration Grant for \$5 million to install two generation facilities for our members near our Sugar Grove substation in Schuyler County. The project will include installing a 1 MW wind turbine and a 1 MW solar facility that will be interconnected directly to the Cooperative's distribution grid.

The Cooperative was also successful in receiving an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency grant to install direct current electric vehicle fast chargers, one at the Holiday Inn and one at John Wood Community College. Both members are excited about this opportunity. The chargers will be available for anyone to use. The direct current electric fast chargers can bring an electric vehicle to 80% charge in less than 30 minutes. These are likely the first level three chargers in the Quincy area.

Prairie Power's transmission projects to connect all of our distribution substations together to improve reliability for all of our members are progressing nicely. The right-of-way clearing between our Urso substation and Big Neck substation has been completed. We expect construction of the transmission line to begin in the first quarter of 2025. The remainder of the transmission projects continue with

engineering and right-of-way routes being finalized.

During the drive-thru, members voted for directors. Three directors were re-elected to three-year terms on the Adams Electric board:

District 7 - **Rex Niekamp**
District 8 - **Glen Koch**
District 9 - **Rebecca Barlow**

The employees and directors of Adams Electric appreciate those who attended this year. If you were unable to make it out to the Adams County Fairgrounds this year, we hope you'll join us next year, in 2025, back in Bailey Park for our traditional meeting on Wednesday, September 3.

Our plan is to have a drive-thru every other year moving throughout our territory to give more members the opportunity to join us and learn a little about their Cooperative. In 2026, we'll hold our first ever Annual Meeting in Schuyler or Brown County.

Adams Electric Cooperative is committed to providing superior service based on four core principles: integrity, accountability, innovation, and commitment to community. The Co-op serves more than 9,000 meters over 2,269 miles of line in parts of Adams, Brown, Hancock, McDonough, Pike, and Schuyler counties. For more information visit www.adamselectric.coop.

Prizes were drawn Thursday, September 5 from all registered members attending the Annual Meeting.



Directors
Rex Niekamp,
Glen Koch,
and Rebecca
Barlow were
re-elected for
3-year terms.



Left: Attorney Charles Burton with Election Teller Geri Ringenberg. Right: Linda Jaynes with Election Tellers Bill Jaynes and Randy DeWitt and Human Resources/Benefit Administrator. (Linda volunteered in food preparations.)



Above: One of the four registration lines. Below: One of the two food lines. Lines moved quickly and averaged about 7 minutes from start to finish.



Prize List - 2024 Annual Meeting Winners

- 1 - **\$250 bill credit** from Adams Electric with drawstring bag, golf towel, and coozie from United Utility Supply
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- 3 - **\$250 bill credit** from Adams Electric with drawstring bag, golf towel, and coozie from United Utility Supply
- 4 - **\$100 bill credit** from Adams Electric with drawstring bag, golf towel, and coozie from United Utility Supply
- 5 - **\$100 bill credit** from Adams Electric with drawstring bag, golf towel, and coozie from United Utility Supply
- 6 - **\$100 bill credit** from Adams Electric with drawstring bag, golf towel, and coozie from United Utility Supply
- 7 - **\$100 bill credit** from Adams Electric with drawstring bag, golf towel, and coozie from United Utility Supply
- 8 - **\$100 bill credit** from Adams Electric with drawstring bag, golf towel, and coozie from United Utility Supply
- 9 - **\$50 bill credit** from Adams Electric with drawstring bag, golf towel, and coozie from United Utility Supply
- 10 - **\$50 bill credit** from Adams Electric with drawstring bag, golf towel, and coozie from United Utility Supply
- 11 - **\$50 bill credit** from Adams Electric with drawstring bag and golf towel from United Utility Supply, and coozie from Bopi Print
- 12 - **\$50 bill credit** from Adams Electric with drawstring bag and golf towel from United Utility Supply, and coozie from Bopi Print
- 13 - **\$50 bill credit** from Adams Electric with drawstring bag and golf towel from United Utility Supply, and notepad from Bopi Print
- 14 - **\$50 bill credit** from Adams Electric with drawstring bag and golf towel from United Utility Supply, and notepad from Bopi Print
- 15 - **\$50 bill credit** from Adams Electric with drawstring bag, golf towel, and cap from United Utility Supply
- 16 - **\$50 bill credit** from Adams Electric with drawstring bag and cap from United Utility Supply, and sweatshirt from Mt. Sterling Implement
- 17 - **\$50 bill credit** from Adams Electric with cap from United Utility Supply, and lunch bag from Bopi Print
- 18 - **\$50 bill credit** from Adams Electric with T-shirt and cap from Mt. Sterling Implement
- 19 - **\$50 Dick's Sporting Goods Gift Card** from Powerline Supply, and a T-shirt and cap from Mt. Sterling Implement
- 20 - **\$50 Texas Roadhouse Gift Card** from Powerline Supply
- 21 - **\$100 Bass Pro Gift Card** from Stella-Jones
- 22 - **\$50 Bass Pro Gift Card** from Tallman Equipment
- 23 - **\$25 McDonald's Gift Card** from Powerline Supply
- 24 - **\$25 McDonald's Gift Card** from Powerline Supply
- 25 - **\$25 Dairy Queen Gift Card** from Powerline Supply
- 26 - **\$25 Dairy Queen Gift Card** from Powerline Supply
- 27 - **\$25 Walmart Gift Card & Cooler Bag** from Fletcher-Reinhardt
- 28 - **\$50 Amazon Gift Card** from Lee Inspection & Consulting Services

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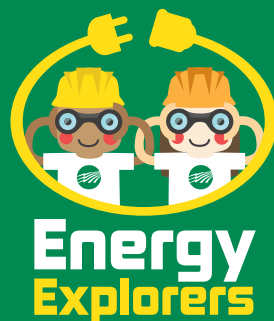
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Pumpkin Chocolate Chip Cookies

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Submitted by Laura Bergman

2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 1/2 cups quick oats
1 tsp. baking soda
3/4 tsp. salt
1 3/4 tsp. cinnamon
1/4 tsp. nutmeg
1/4 tsp ground ginger
1 cup unsalted butter, softened
1 1/3 cups packed brown sugar
2/3 cup granulated sugar
1 large egg
1 tsp. vanilla extract
1 1/4 cups canned pumpkin puree
1 3/4 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips
1 cup chopped pecans or walnuts, optional

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Whisk together flour, oats, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg, and ginger, set aside. In a mixer, using a paddle attachment, whip butter, brown sugar and granulated sugar until creamy, occasionally scraping down sides and bottom of bowl. Blend in egg, vanilla, and pumpkin puree. With mixer on low speed, slowly add in dry ingredients until combined. Mix in chocolate and pecans or walnuts. Let batter rest 5-10 minutes to give oats a chance to absorb liquids. Using a cookie scoop (or about 2 Tbsp. each), drop dough onto parchment lined baking sheet about 2 inches apart. Bake 12-14 minutes. Allow to cool slightly, then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely. Store in an airtight container. (908359-001)



Grilled Peach and Chicken Salad

Grilled Peach & Chicken Salad with Honey Mustard Dressing

Submitted by Laura Bergman

4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
4 ripe peaches, halved and pitted
8 cups mixed salad greens
1/2 red onion, thinly sliced
1/2 cup crumbled feta cheese
1/4 cup toasted pecans, optional

Honey Mustard Dressing:
1/2 cup honey
1/4 cup Dijon mustard
1/4 cup olive oil
2 Tbsp. apple cider vinegar
Salt and pepper to taste

Preheat grill to medium-high heat. Season chicken breasts with salt and pepper. Grill chicken for 6-8 minutes on each side or until fully cooked. Removed from grill and let rest a few minutes before slicing. Brush peach halves with a little olive oil. Place peaches on grill, cut side down, and grill for 4-5 minutes for nice grill marks and to soften. Remove from grill and slice into wedges. In a small bowl, whisk honey, mustard, oil, apple cider vinegar, salt, and pepper until well blended. In a large bowl, toss salad greens with red onion and half of the dressing. Divide greens among plates. Top with chicken, peaches, feta, and pecans. Drizzle with dressing. Serve immediately.

Adams Electric Cooperative's Country Kitchen

Pumpkin Roll

Submitted by Frances Hughes

3 eggs
2/3 cup pumpkin puree
1/2 tsp. salt
2 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 tsp. nutmeg
1 cup sugar
3/4 cup flour
1 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. ginger

Filling:

1 1/4 cup powdered sugar
8 oz. cream cheese
4 Tbsp. butter
1/2 tsp. vanilla

Mix all ingredients. Grease jelly roll pan and line with waxed paper. Pour batter into pan and bake at 375 degrees for 15 minutes. Turn out into towel that has been sprinkled with powdered sugar. Roll up and cool. Beat filling ingredients. Unroll cake and spread with filling. Roll up.

Blueberry Lemon Zucchini Cake

Submitted by Bev Taylor

3 eggs, beaten
1 cup oil (or 1/2 cup applesauce & 1/2 cup soft butter)
1 tsp. vanilla
2 cups sugar
2 cups zucchini, finely shredded
3 cups flour
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. lemon zest
3 Tbsp. lemon juice
1 pint blueberries (dust w/flour)

Lemon Buttercream Icing:

1/2 cup butter, softened
Juice from 1 whole lemon
2 cups powdered sugar

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray/grease and flour 9x13 baking dish. Beat eggs, oil, and vanilla. In another bowl, mix dry ingredients. Combine bowls. Fold in zucchini, lemon zest, and blueberries. Bake for 50-60 minutes. Cool. Mix ingredients for icing. Frost cake.

Sweet Potatoes

Submitted by Bridgett Zanger

3 cups (40 oz. can) mashed & drained sweet potatoes
1 cup white sugar
2 beaten eggs
1 tsp. apple cider vinegar
1/2 cup melted margarine

Topping:
1 cup light brown sugar
1/3 cup flour
1/2 cup soft margarine, cut
1 cup chopped pecans

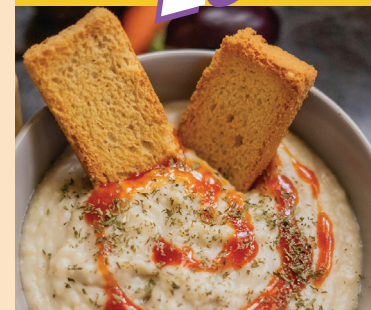
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix potatoes, sugar, eggs, apple cider vinegar, and margarine. Spray 9x13 pan. Pour mixture into pan. Sprinkle topping over potatoes and bake at 350 degrees for 35-40 minutes.

Have you found a recipe worth sharing?

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Beginning Painting - Oct. 2, 9, 16 (6:30-8pm)

DIY Dried Fall Floral Wreath Beginner - Oct. 2 (7-8:30pm)

Sewing 201 - Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24 (5:15-8:15pm)

Basic Life Support - Oct. 3 (5:30-8:30pm)

Social Media for Beginners - Oct. 8 (6:30-8pm)

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Oct. 4-5 (5-9pm), Quincy University, Friar Field, 710 N. 20th, Quincy. Live music, fun activities, and message of hope. Everyone welcome.

Gem City Card Show

Oct. 5 (9am-3pm), Knights of Columbus, Quincy. Trading card show. More than 30 tables of cards. Pokemon, baseball, football -- we will have it all! Free admission.

28th Annual Folk Life Festival

Oct. 5 (12pm-5pm), Quincy Museum, 1601 Maine. Experience the crafts and lifestyles during the 1800s. (217) 224-7669

Spoon River Scenic Drive Fall Festival

Oct. 5, 6, 12 & 13, Fulton County. Food, unique arts & crafts throughout the county. Visit spoonriverdrive.org for a map and more details. (309) 647-8980

St. Mary Hospital Fall Luncheon

Oct. 8 (Gather at 11am, lunch at 11:30am), Lutheran Church of St. John, Quincy. For former employees, physicians, students, and volunteers. Cost: \$15. Reservations & money to: Nancy Friye, 1415 Gayla Dr., Quincy, IL 62305 by Oct. 4. (217) 223-6490

Tot-PreK: Seasonal Workshop

Oct. 12 (11-11:30am), Quincy Art Center. Friendly Ghost Painting (Halloween). Create a quick, simple holiday themed paint craft with your little one in this half-hour exploratory workshop. Ages 18 mo.-5 yrs., must be accompanied by caregiver. Free but must register by Oct. 5. Class size limited to 15.

Farmers Market

Oct. 12, 19, 26 (8am-1pm), Washington Park, Quincy. Experience local agriculture, artisanal crafts, and community spirit. Visit: thedistrictquincy.com

The Phantom Tollbooth

Oct. 17-20, Quincy Community Theatre. Norton Juster's enduring fantasy adventure novel is brought to life on stage. Milo, a very bored young boy whose bedroom is filled with toys, receives a strange package containing a make-believe tollbooth. As he drives through it in his toy car, he is transported to a magical world of imagination and allegory. (217) 222-3209

Early Tin Dusters Color Run

Oct. 18 -20, various locations in Quincy. Pre-49 Street Rods. Ladies time out, "Show & Shine", raffles, silent auction, 50/50 drawing, Sunday giveaways. Visit earlytindusters.com or "The Early Tin Dusters" on Facebook. Contact Richard Chapman at: (217) 257-0482

Fishing for Freedom

Oct. 18 & 19, Adams County Fairgrounds, Mendon. Hosted by The Original Crew. Friday night band. Three bands on Saturday. Huge silent auction, raffles, volleyball, kids' games, and drawings. Camping -- full hook-ups. (217) 740-4814 or (217) 985-4931

28th Annual Octoberfest Parade & Field Competition

Oct. 19, Flinn Stadium, 4400 Maine, Quincy. Parade from 30th to 14th on Maine. Watch marching bands from Illinois, Missouri, & Iowa compete after an opening ceremony by QHS. (217) 224-3774

Soup in the Woods

Oct. 19 & 20 (11am-2pm, serving ends at 1:30pm), Jensen Woods, 1498 275 E St., Timewell. Soups, sandwiches, veggies, and desserts. (217) 939-9706

Special Needs Bingo Night

Oct. 21 (6:30-7:30pm), Union United Methodist Church, 1101 State, Quincy. Prizes, popcorn, and fun. Free for all players. Helpers are available to assist as needed. Please join us the 3rd Mon. of each month!



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