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Cover Photo: Storm restoration in Georgia after Hurricane Helene. Journeyman Lineman Gary Wagner captured this photo of Journeyman Lineman Garrett Kestner in the bucket.



MEMBER COMMENTS

Just wanted to send you a photo (above) of our preschool class checking out those 91 books you helped us purchase from the Penny Power Grant. We are so grateful for your generosity.

St. Francis Solanus School Library

We deeply appreciate Penny Power grant funding and appreciate Adams Electric’s enduring support.

Sincerely,
Barbara Baker Chapin
Director of Development

Thank you so very much for your generosity in helping to purchase Stylus pens for the 7th/8th grade students to use with their iPads.

Your generosity allows our students to have a valuable tool to assist them with the completion of required work on their iPads.

We sincerely appreciate your kindness.

Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh
Principal
St. Peter School



Youth to Washington 2025
It’s time to apply for Youth Tour 2025. Learn more on page 6 and at: adamselectric.coop.

17 Scholarships worth \$2,500 each! Details on page 5!

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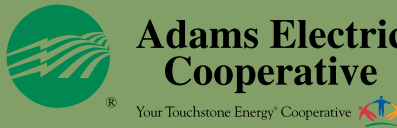
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Emergency Work Plan



by **Jim Thompson PE, General Manager**

One question I receive from members when sending employees to respond to emergencies such as the recent hurricanes is: “Who pays for the employees and equipment?”

The receiving utility pays for all expenses which includes the labor, labor overheads, lodging, meals, fuel, equipment, and any material. The sending utility recovers all of its expenses.

A second question: “Do you keep enough employees around to take care of your own members?”

We do our best to maximize our response to the emergency while trying to maintain enough personnel to take care of our own potential emergencies and to continue to perform work orders. If we are hit by a major storm while they are gone, we will call them back to restore service to our members. The latter has never happened and is a calculated risk.

There is a bigger calling to respond to the needs of others facing long-term power outages. Days without power can be life threatening at the worst and can be incredibly disruptive at best.

The coordination effort between the cooperatives, our industry partners, and federal government agencies to respond to these emergencies is remarkable. The Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC) coordinates the efforts for us. The mutual assistance programs established between all the states and cooperatives for assistance guarantees help when faced with devastation. Electricity recovery provides hope for these areas.

If all the cooperatives across this great nation are united as one, we are the largest utility in the United States. Cooperatives being able to leverage this relationship provides the resources needed to recover quickly from devastation.

Adams has faced some storms where we have implemented the Emergency Work Plan (EWP) in the state and have had crews from



other Illinois electric cooperatives within the first four hours of the storm restoring service to our members.

The relationship and collaboration is incredible. These relationships create a great risk mitigation tool for our members and should help our members feel good about a quick restoration effort when faced with a widespread storm that could take down the entire distribution system.

On September 24, 2024, a request from Georgia was received to check on the availability of line personnel to respond to Carroll EMC

in anticipation of the destruction from hurricane Helene. **Adams responded with the availability of four employees: Duane Jones, Gary Wagner, Garrett Kestner, and Cole Wellman.** Later the same day, the official request was made to stage employees at Carroll EMC before the storm hit. In the initial response, **84 Illinois electric cooperative line workers responded.**

Fortunately, Carroll EMC was not impacted tremendously and service was restored quickly. The Adams crew then responded to Georgia electric cooperative, Planters EMC, that was severely impacted. Once Planters EMC was restored, Adams crew was sent to Jefferson Energy also in Georgia.

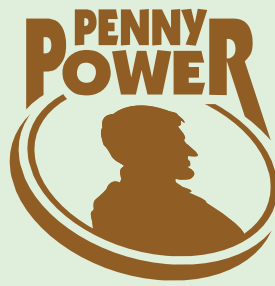
After a little over two long weeks of storm restoration, the first responding crew was replaced with three fresh line personnel from Adams. These employees included Anthony Jarboe, Brennan Caspermeyer, and Dustin Waddell. This crew worked at Jefferson Energy for another week then returned home after their members were restored.

With having the EWP ready in advance, it’s a matter of a simple phone call to have it activated. **Adams members can rest assured that if and when we are impacted by a major storm, help will be on its way quickly to restore service to our members.**

AEC’s Anthony Jarboe, Brennan Caspermeyer, and Dustin Waddell.



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PENNY POWER Grants Awarded

Twenty Penny Power grant applications were approved for funding during the October grant cycle. \$10,708.00 was granted to the following groups/organizations:

- **\$430** - St. Peter School; stylus pens for 8th grade classroom
- **\$334.50** - Quincy Junior High School; alternative classroom seating
- **\$650** - St. Francis Parish Picnic Committee; supplies for annual parish picnic
- **\$600** - W. Central IL Aging/Disability Resources Ctr.; refinishing lower-level floors at Senior Center
- **\$1,000** - Versailles Township; replacement of heating and cooling units in the community building
- **\$690** - City of Mt. Sterling; body-worn cameras and on-board dash cameras in squad cars
- **\$375** - Schuyler-Industry Birth to Three; children's books used in home visits
- **\$255** - Quincy Art Center; aluminum tripod travel easels
- **\$240** - Quincy Junior High Cross Cat.; PBIS program
- **\$430** - Central High School; Panther Power program addressing student hunger
- **\$625** - Brown County Food Basket; utility wagons
- **\$450** - Golden Friends; Christmas light campaign for Village of Golden
- **\$775** - Mendon Fire Prot. Dist.; desktop computer and monitor
- **\$450** - Southeastern Elementary School; painting new design on gym floor
- **\$1,000** - Community for Christ Assistance Center; processing deer donated by local hunters
- **\$595** - Rooney Elementary School; xylophone for K-5 music program
- **\$350** - Lincoln-Douglas Elementary School; family engagement events
- **\$300** - Liberty Jr./Sr. High School Cross Country; cross country program
- **\$662.50** - Toys for Tots of West Central IL; gifts for needy kids
- **\$496** - Blessed Sacrament Catholic School; shelving and classroom supplies

Penny Power grants to date now total **\$683,939.05!** The next deadline to apply for a Penny Power grant is January 6, 2025.



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ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA — Touchstone Energy® is pleased to recognize 21 member cooperatives that received the top five American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI®) scores* for energy utility services among all cooperatives participating in measurement for Touchstone Energy in the third quarter of 2024.

The top five scores in that period ranged from 89 to 94, which compares favorably with electric cooperatives' annual average score of 78, as reported in the syndicated 2024 ACSI Energy Utility Study.

Congratulations to the following Touchstone Energy member co-ops for their outstanding scores.

**Scores are included in this quarter's release based on the date the score was reported to Touchstone Energy by ACSI.*

Touchstone Energy Cooperative	State	ACSI Score
Sawnee EMC	GA	94
Clinton County Elec. Coop.	IL	92
Randolph EMC	NC	92
Coastal Electric Coop.	GA	91
Sam Houston Elec. Coop.	TX	91
Adams Electric Cooperative	IL	90
Blue Grass Energy	NC	90
Central Alabama Elec. Coop.	AL	90
Four County EMC	NC	90
Jones-Onslow EMC	NC	90
Monroe County Elec. Coop.	IL	90
Palmetto Electric Coop.	SC	90
Tri-County EMC	NC	90
A&N Electric Cooperative	VA	89
Adams Electric Coop., Inc.	PA	89
Corn Belt Energy Corp.	IL	89
Karnes Electric Cooperative	TX	89
Laurens Electric Coop.	SC	89
Medina Electric Coop.	TX	89
South River EMC	NC	89

Learn more online on Touchstone Energy's website:



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17 SCHOLARSHIPS \$2,500 EACH



IEC MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Seventeen scholarships will be awarded for the 2025-2026 school year.

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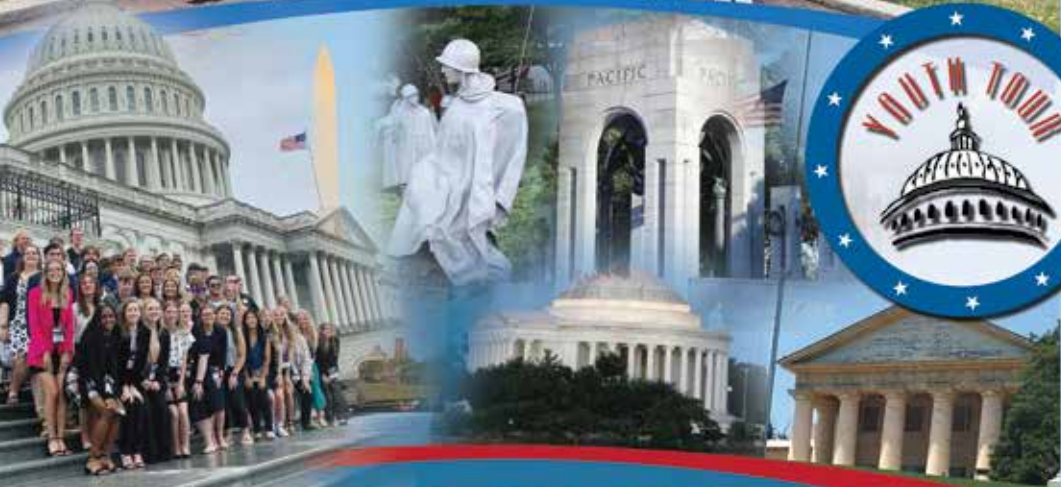


High school sophomores
and juniors!

Youth to Washington

Adams Electric is accepting applications for the 2025 Youth to Washington Contest. Up to 34 finalists will travel by charter bus to Youth Day in Springfield in the Spring (date TBA) where four winners and two alternates will be announced! Winners will travel by charter bus **June 16-23, 2025** for an all-expense paid tour of Washington, D.C.

Learn more and find an application at:
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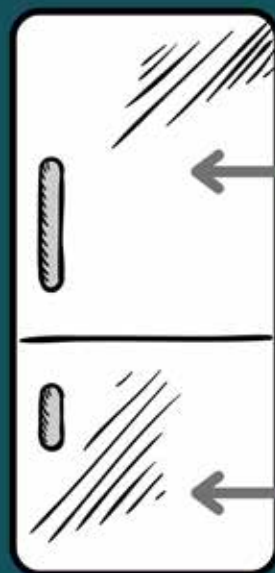
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Refrigerated food will last four hours. After four hours, place refrigerated foods in a cooler with ice.

24 OR **48**

Food in a **half-full** freezer will last 24 hours. Food in a **full** freezer will last 48 hours.

Food Safety Tips

1. Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible.
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The Ultimate **RECIPE** DIP-OFF CONTEST

Corn Dip

8 oz. sour cream
8 oz. mayonnaise
1 can Mexican corn, drained
1 bundle green onions (tops only, cut into small pieces)
1 jalapeño pepper, about 6 slices, finely chopped (fresh or canned)
1 cup shredded mild cheddar cheese

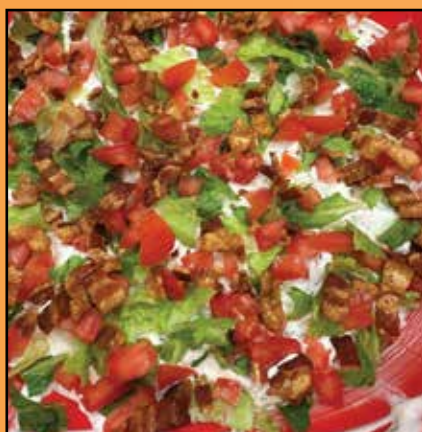
In a medium or large bowl, stir together sour cream and mayonnaise. Add rest of ingredients and stir until well blended. Refrigerate 2-3 hours, preferably overnight, before serving with tortilla chips. Make about 3 cups.

[Note: I use Green Giant Crisp Mexicorn (whole kernel corn with red and green bell peppers). If unavailable, use any whole kernel crisp corn that does not have extra seasonings.]

1st PLACE WINNER PATRICIA MARTIN

\$100 electric bill credit

"This is an easy, delicious dip that is requested at every family gathering. Some claim it is addictive and can't stop eating it." ~ Patricia Martin



BLT Dip

1 cup sour cream
1 cup mayonnaise
3-4 Roma tomatoes, de-seeded and chopped
12 slices bacon, cooked and chopped (or 4 oz. pkg. REAL bacon bits)
Shredded romaine for garnish

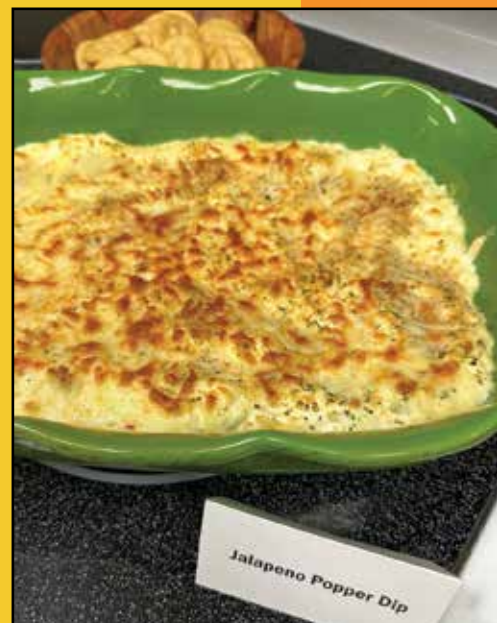
Mix all ingredients together and chill. Reserve some of the bacon and tomatoes for garnish. Hold the salt until you taste it. Add 1/4 tsp. salt if needed. Serve with pretzel crisps, club crackers, or scoops.

3rd PLACE WINNER NANCY BOONE

\$25 electric bill credit

"Our son, Eric, likes to cook and made this for a family gathering. Now it's a favorite. Who doesn't love something with bacon in it? And super easy!" ~ Nancy Boone

Dip it! Love it!



Jalapeño Popper Dip

2 pkgs. (8 oz. each) cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup mayonnaise
1/2 cup sour cream
1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese
1/2 cup pepper jack cheese plus additional for sprinkling on top
1 can (4 oz.) diced jalapeño peppers, drained
1/4 cup Italian style bread crumbs

In a medium microwave-safe bowl, using a mixer on medium speed, beat cream cheese, mayonnaise, and sour cream until smooth. Stir in cheddar cheese, pepper jack cheese, and jalapeño peppers. Microwave dip mixture for about 3 minutes. Pour dip into a serving dish. Sprinkle with bread crumbs and pepper jack cheese. Broil for 1-2 minutes or until cheese is melted. Serve with sliced bread, tortilla chips, or crackers. Serves 12.

[Note: I pair this with bagel or pita chips.] (904908-001)

2nd PLACE WINNER AARON BRUNS

\$50 electric bill credit

"I've had jalapeno lovers rave about it and those who might not necessarily care for spicy foods. The dip mellows out the intensity, making this an approachable appetizer for anyone." ~ Aaron Bruns



1st RUNNER UP: GENA BEABER

"It's so easy to make and it tastes very good. I make it when we go camping so you can snack on it when you want. Also makes a nice party dish to take somewhere. People have asked me to bring it to carry ins." ~ Gena Beaber



2nd RUNNER UP: TINA SMITH

"This recipe is so delicious and easy to make. It's rather addicting though! I haven't met anyone who hasn't love it!" ~ Tina Smith

Slow Cooker Spinach Artichoke Dip

10 oz. fresh baby spinach, roughly chopped or frozen spinach thawed & squeezed dry
13.75 oz. can quartered artichoke hearts, chopped and drained
8 oz. low-fat cream cheese, cut into cubes
1 cup light sour cream or plain Greek yogurt
1 cup shredded Mozzarella cheese
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1/3 cup finely chopped white or red onion
4 cloves garlic, minced
1/2 tsp. black pepper
1/4 tsp. salt

Combine all ingredients in a large mixing bowl and stir until evenly combined. Transfer mixture to a slow cooker, that has been misted with cooking spray. Cook on low for 3-4 hours or on high for 2 hours, or until dip is completely warmed through and cheese is melted. Give the dip a good stir and season with extra salt and pepper if needed. Transfer to a serving dish, and serve warm with chips, bread, pita chips or crackers.

Caramel Fruit Dip

3/4 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup powdered sugar
1 tsp. vanilla
8 oz. softened cream cheese
1 tsp. caramel flavoring

Blend all ingredients with mixer until smooth. Refrigerate. Serve with sliced bananas, apples, pears, or pineapple.

Find more dip recipe submissions on page 12 and on our website at:
adamselectric.coop

Next year's contest: **Cakes**
Watch for details in September 2025!

WATT'S UP? FOR KIDS

HOLIDAY EFFICIENCY WORD SEARCH

The holidays are a fun, festive time of year! We typically use more electricity during the holiday season. Read the holiday efficiency tips below, then find and circle the **bolded** words in the puzzle.



- Decorate your tree with energy-saving **LED lights**.
- Control home heating costs with a smart or programmable **thermostat**.
- Save energy by using a **timer** to turn off holiday lights when you're sleeping.
- If you have a **fireplace**, ask an adult to close the damper when a fire is not burning.
- Open blinds and curtains during the day to let **sunlight** in to warm your home.
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Golden Dip

Submitted by Russell Crull

16 oz. apple jelly
16 oz. pineapple preserves
1 oz. dry mustard
1 small jar horseradish
Fresh green pepper, chopped
8 oz. cream cheese

Mix jelly, preserves, mustard, and horseradish in a blender. Serve over a block of cream cheese. Sprinkle with green pepper.

This recipe is clearly special, judging by the last line on the recipe card: "Please do not give this recipe to anyone else." A family specialty and one to be guarded from my mother-in-law's sister, Rogene. They were both excellent cooks and this was a holiday favorite at the family farm. ~ Russell Crull

(Editor's note: This one was General Manager Jim Thompson's favorite at our Taste-Testing Day.)



Pumpkin Peanut Butter Dip

Submitted by Ashley Davis

1 can (15 oz.) pumpkin
1 cup peanut butter
1/2 cup brown sugar
1 tsp. vanilla extract
1 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 tsp. ground ginger
1/2 tsp. nutmeg
1/4 tsp. ground cloves

Stir ingredients together until well-blended and smooth. Serve chilled with apple slices, pretzels, or graham crackers.

I started bringing this quick-to-make dip to Fall gatherings a few years ago, and it was so well received that people started requesting it all year round. It's a healthy dip that is my go-to crowd pleaser. It tastes like pumpkin pie filling! ~ Ashley Davis

Adams Electric Cooperative's Country Kitchen

Pina Colada Fruit Dip

Submitted by Barb Seely

8 oz. can crushed pineapple, use fruit and juice
3.5 oz. box French vanilla instant pudding
3/4 cup milk
1/2 cup sour cream
1/2 tsp. coconut extract

Combine all ingredients in a bowl or an electric mixer and stir until thickened. Transfer to a serving dish and place in refrigerator until ready to serve. This Pina Colada Fruit Dip keeps and can be made the night before. Serve with fruit. Can use skim milk and light sour cream.

The Pina Colado Fruit Dip is the perfect combination of pineapple and coconut flavors. To add a little bit of fanciness to your dip, add some toasted coconut to the top as garnish. It's very easy to prepare. ~ Barb Seely

Sausage Dip

Submitted by Mr. & Mrs. Glenn O'Briant

2 lbs. sausage or hamburger
1 lg. onion, chopped
1 lb. Velveeta cheese
2 cans chili (no beans)
1 can green chilies (or sweet green or red peppers from the garden)

Brown sausage or hamburger with onions. Drain grease. Combine sausage or hamburger with remaining ingredients in crockpot. Cook on low for 6 hours. Do not lift lid. Stir together and serve with tortilla chips.

This is a must for our family get togethers. It's great for football games. I use torilla chips but any favorite chip will do. ~ Mr. & Mrs. Glenn O'Briant

Fruit Dip

Submitted by Annice Neally

1 (3.4 oz.) pkg. instant vanilla pudding mix
1 (32 oz.) container vanilla yogurt
1 (8 oz.) container Cool Whip

Mix together pudding and yogurt until fluffy. Next, mix in Cool Whip. Serve with fruit slices.

You may use all low calorie ingredients to keep you fit for the holiday season. It only takes a few minutes to prepare during our busy holidays. ~ Annice Neally

Spicy Dip

Submitted by Sheila Goehl

8 oz. cream cheese
8 oz. sour cream
1 pkg. taco mix
1/2 cup green onion
20 drops tabasco sauce
1 can Frito Lay Bean dip
8 oz. shredded Monterrey Jack cheese

Mix first 6 ingredients together, then top with cheese. Bake 15-20 minutes at 350 degrees.

This dip is mild but has a kick. It is easy to prepare. You can pair with any vegetable (i.e. carrots, celery, cauliflower), crackers, or potato chips. ~ Sheila Goehl

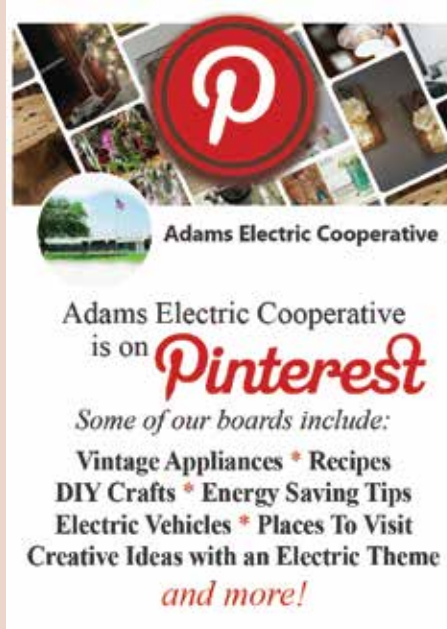
Karen's PODS

Submitted by Karen Hardy

1 jar (4 oz.) diced pimentos, drained
1/2 envelope dry onion soup mix
3 (4.25 oz.) cans Underwood deviled ham
1 (16 oz.) carton sour cream

Mix all ingredients well. Chill overnight in a sealed container to meld flavors.

At any gathering, the container of dip is always the first to be empty once the word spreads about how good it is. I usually serve with Savoritz Pita Sea Salt Crackers (available at Aldi), but it pairs well with other crackers or potato chips. ~ Karen Hardy



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Dec. 5 (5:30-8:30pm), John Wood Community College, 1301 S. 48th St., Quincy. **Basic Life Support class.** Learn more & register at: jwcc.edu/cbo or by calling (217) 641-4941.

VFW Fish Fry & Raffle
Dec. 6 (4-7pm), VFW Hall, 316 S. Main St., Palmyra, MO. Catfish, VFW spuds, baked beans, coleslaw, cornbread, dessert, and drinks. \$12/ adults, \$5/children. Raffle. (217) 653-0675

Christmas in the Village
Dec. 6 (4-8pm), Camp Point.
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Visit the Griswold family, Santa & Mrs. Claus. Arts & crafts. Horse & carriage rides. Lighted trees in the village.
Learn more at: camppoint.com

Windsong Acres & Friends Christmas Market
Dec. 6-8 (Fri. 4-9p, Sat. 9a-7p, Sun. 12-5p), Windsong Acres, 2121 E. 2400th, Camp Point. Beautiful pottery, lots of vendors, live music, food, and pottery demonstrations. Good eats by JKW BBQ. Confections and coffee by The Farm Stand Bakery & Brew. Come see the new art studio building and learn about pottery & stained glass classes!

Noel at the Nursery
Dec. 7 (9am-1pm), Frese Ornamental Nursery, 3100 N. 18th St., Quincy. Greenhouse Christmas Market featuring local vendors and artisans. Christmas trees, wreaths, local gifts, decor, sweet treats, and handcrafted goods. Free admission. Family and pet friendly. (217) 222-0977

Versailles Jolly Jingle
Dec. 7 (10am-2pm), Versailles Community Building. Breakfast with Santa at Versailles School Gym. Craft vendors and food at the Versailles Community Building. (309) 224-6682

Model Railroad Open House
Dec. 7 & 8 (Sat. 12-5pm, Sun. 12-4pm), Good Samaritan Home, 2130 Harrison, Quincy. Operating layouts, displays, and information. Free event sponsored by Quincy Society of Model Engineers.

Wheel Throwing
Dec. 11 (6-8pm), Quincy Art Center. Experience the potter's wheel. 30 min. of instruction followed by work time w/in-house instructor. \$50 entry fee (instruction, supplies, & one kiln-fired vessel), \$8 ea. add'l pot. Restrictions apply. Details at: (217) 223-5900

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:
Jan. Events.....Dec. 1
Feb. Events.....Jan. 1
March Events...Feb. 1

April Events.....Mar. 1
May Events.....Apr. 1
June Events.....May 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: lbergman@adamselectric.coop; or submit online at: adamselectric.coop

Tot-PreK: Seasonal Workshop
Dec. 14 (11-11:30am), Quincy Art Center. Decorating and painting holiday trees (Holiday Season). Come 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 Dec. 7. Class size limited to 15.

Vespers Concert
Dec. 15 (2pm & 7pm), Quincy Senior High School Theatre. The sights and sounds of Christmas featuring the choirs, orchestra, and brass choir. Begins with over 150 choir members performing our traditional "Come Singing Noel". Tickets at: qps.org/departments/music or call (217) 224-3774

Live Nativity
Dec. 15 (5-7pm), Ursa Christian Church, 202 North Warsaw St. Enjoy the sights and sounds of the Christmas story. Walk through as characters and animals bring the story to life. Hot chocolate, cookies, soup, and hot dogs will be served following the narration. Freewill donation.

Special Needs Bingo Night
Dec. 16 (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!

IEC Memorial Scholarship Deadline
Dec. 31. High school seniors can apply for one of seventeen \$2,500 scholarships. Learn more on page 5. Details and application online at: adamselectric.coop



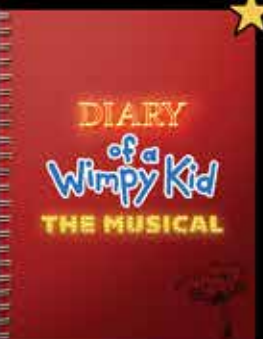
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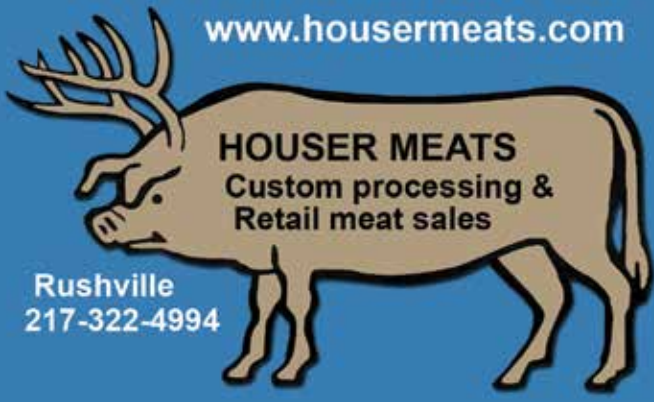
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