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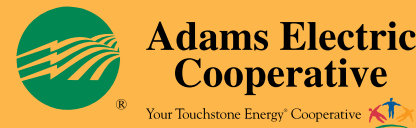
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Safety



by **Jim Thompson**
PE, General Manager

Safety plays an integral part in our business and is of utmost importance to the Cooperative. We live it in every aspect of our

business culture. Safety is important to keep our members, the general public, and our employees from harm.

The Cooperative has worked for four years without a lost time accident. The road to achieving four

years without a lost time accident was paved by a concerted effort from all of our employees. It would not have been possible without the dedication of every employee. We encourage everyone, regardless of role or tenure, to actively participate in safety discussions, raise concerns, and suggest improvements. Employees are not just participants in safety practices; they are essential contributors to making sure our workplace remains safe.

While we take great pride in achieving four years without a lost time accident, we know that safety is an ongoing journey. We are constantly evaluating our practices and seeking out new ways to improve our safety programs. Whether it is through technological advancements, incorporating feedback from employees, or reviewing near misses, we remain dedicated to strengthening our safety practices.

Looking ahead, we will continue to invest in the resources and tools needed to ensure the well-being of our employees. Our commitment to safety will remain steadfast, and we are excited to build on this achievement.

Our employees are our most valuable asset, and ensuring their safety is our top priority. We are incredibly proud of our four-year streak without a lost time accident and are

optimistic about the future as we continue to work safely and responsibly.

Adams Electric's modification rate (MOD) is **.78 which is very good.** The mod rate is a critical factor in determining the cost of workers' compensation insurance. A mod rate of 0.78 reflects a positive safety record and low-risk profile. This low rate can have several beneficial implications for the Cooperative, both financially and operationally.

Our line personnel work our lines **energized at 7,200 volts** using work methods called "Rubber Gloving" to minimize interruptions to our members. This method allows us to replace poles, crossarms, insulators, and perform maintenance while the lines are energized. Our members benefit from these work methods by not seeing interruptions in their service. To make sure our employees can perform the work safely and go home safe every day, the Cooperative makes sure the employees have good work methods, specialized equipment, and training.

To keep our employees trained, the Cooperative utilizes the services of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives to perform safety training on a monthly basis. We also provide safety training through our own employees and through required on-line training.

Safety creates a better, more professional organization which has many benefits for all of us – our members, the general public, and our employees.

Here's to another year of safety, success, and continued excellence.



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Electricity School

NEW LOCATION: JWCC Workforce Dev. Ctr. Learn more on pages 8-9.

Fanning Retires



Steve Fanning retired on March 28, 2025. Steve started his career on April 29, 1985, as a Groundman. In 1999, he became Journeyman Lineman and in 2003 advanced to Line Foreman. Steve was promoted to Maintenance Supervisor in April 2005. He has served the membership for nearly 40 years.

Steve has three children, Adam, Tyler, and Levi. His retirement plans are to do church work, volunteer, gardening, more hunting and fishing, and spend time with family and friends.

Congratulations, Steve! Thank you for your service and dedication to the Cooperative and members. We wish you a long, healthy, and happy retirement!



(l-r) Steve Fanning, Charlie Rossiter, and Mike DeWitt won Best Overall Team in the statewide 1997 Lineman's Safety Rodeo.

Welcome, Michelle Field



Michelle Field of Liberty, Illinois, has been offered and accepted the Member Service Representative (MSR) position. Her first day of work was Monday, March 17, 2025.

Michelle was previously employed at Air Specialists Heating & Air Conditioning in Quincy. She has a Bachelor's degree from Western Illinois University.

Michelle and her husband, Mark, live near Liberty and have two daughters. She enjoys supporting her daughters' activities and attending events with Mark. She also enjoys live music, sporting events, and walking or running outdoors.

Please join us in welcoming Michelle to the Cooperative!

Wagner Promoted



Gary Wagner has been offered and accepted the Line Foreman position at the Mt. Sterling Service Center. Gary began his duties March 23, 2025.

Gary started working for Adams Electric on June 29, 2015, as an Apprentice Lineman and was promoted to Journeyman Lineman in June 2017. Gary transferred to the Mt. Sterling Service Center in the fall of 2021.

Please join us in congratulating Gary as he starts another phase of his career with the Cooperative!

Welcome, Dan Doolin



Dan Doolin of Frederick, Illinois, has been offered and accepted the Mechanic position. His first day of work was Monday, March 24, 2025.

Dan previously owned and operated his own garage in Rushville. He is also Owner/Operator of Doolin Enterprises where he operates and maintains a variety of heavy equipment. Dan is a Spoon River College graduate with an Automotive Technology degree.

Dan and his wife, Brenda, live near Frederick and have four children and two grandchildren. Dan enjoys playing music with his family and raising cattle on their small farm.

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Schedule

8:30-9:00 am - **Registration**
9:00 am - **Welcome & Game**
9:30 am - **Power Town Safety Demonstration**
10:00 am - 11:00 am - **Workshops**

Level 1 & 2 - (2 classes of 30 each) -
Soda Can Solar Cars

Level 3 (limit 16) - Circuits/Switches

Level 4 & 5 - New! Electric Careers
(Explore Lineman, Electrician, and Electrical
Engineer. Learn how we use a drone to
troubleshoot outages!)

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 on the University of Illinois Extension's website at: <https://go.illinois.edu/ElectricitySchool2025> or by using the QR code above no later than **Friday, May 31**. If this is your first year, you must register for **Level 1**.

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.

Students enrolled in **Level 1 or 2**, please bring a small phillips screwdriver. Students enrolled in **Level 3**, please bring the following: wire strippers, phillips screwdriver, screwdriver, and needle nose pliers.

A parent or designated adult must check in and check out participants at the JWCC WDC at the beginning and end of the program.

2024 - AEC's Duane Jones demonstrates the Co-op's basket truck. ▼

2013 - University of Illinois Extension's Sharon Knorr helps students in the extension cord workshop. ▼

As always, Electricity School is free and open to any student ages eight-18. **Note: Students who have completed all 5 levels of Electricity School in previous years are welcome to register for our Electric Careers class (new Level 4 & 5).**

For more information on Electricity School, visit adamselectric.coop, contact Laura Bergman at Adams Electric at (217) 509-7761 or Siera Duesterhaus at University of Illinois Extension at (217) 223-8380.

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Electricity School has adapted to changes throughout the Co-op's history. This year, we are excited to offer some fresh ideas as we continue to grow our program.

Adams Electric's electrical education programs began as "kitchen parties" and farm meetings at members' homes in the 1940s as a way to teach adults how to use their "new" electricity.

By the 1960s, the program focused more on 4-H members. Students attended under the direction of the Adams County Farm Advisor to work on their 4-H electricity projects instructed by Adams Electric and the C.I.P.S. Co. The classes were well-received and, shortly after, they were held in all counties.

In the early 1980s, 4-H members and their parents attended classes. Adults covered energy efficiency, appliance use, and sat in on the student sessions. Eventually, students became the focus and the program was opened to all students ages eight to 18, not just 4-H members.

Most Co-op members today know our program as the event in Bailey Park. This summer, Bailey Park's large shelter house will be torn down and a new one built

in its place. The plan is to have it complete before Camp Point's 4th of July Celebration. To avoid the construction, we are moving Electricity School to John Wood Community College's Workforce Development Center (JWCC WDC) at 2710 North 42nd St. (west of The Ambiance and the old Roller Country). This location will allow us to hold a new workshop on Electric Careers and introduce students to the opportunities through JWCC WDC.

Levels 4 and 5 tend to have smaller attendance, so we will be combining these two classes and alternating a topic every other year. This year, these students will participate in our Electric Careers class. They'll hear from an Adams Electric lineman on what they do day-to-day. A JWCC instructor will discuss the Electrician career opportunities through the Workforce Development Center. They'll finish with a discussion on the job of an Electrical Engineer and watch how we use a drone to troubleshoot outages.

Soda can solar cars were introduced a few years ago. These seem to be a little easier to assemble than extension cords. We will switch Levels 1 and 2.

The soda can solar car project will become our Level 1 project for new students this year. To make the transition, we'll offer soda can solar cars to Level 2 students who made extension cords last year. Going forward, extension cords will become Level 2.

Our registration will be entirely online through the University of Illinois Extension's website at: <https://go.illinois.edu/ElectricitySchool2025> or by using the QR code at right.

With no students traveling to a wind turbine, we will finish a little earlier and dismiss at 11:00 a.m. Next year, we are considering a class on solar and/or electric cars for 4th & 5th year students. The location and topic for next year are yet to be determined. We would love to hear your feedback after the event.

The remainder of electricity school will be the same. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. followed by a game for the entire group. All students will sit in on the Power Town demonstration which covers electrical safety hazards around the yard, on the road, and on the farm. Our Level 3, Circuits and Switches class (basic house wiring), will remain the same.

2006 - Ameren's Chris Brassfield discusses electric lines and line equipment as students rotate through various stations. ▼

2010 - Students testing their soda can lamps and extension cords. ▼

1995 - AEC's Jim Kerr shows the advanced students the components of a distribution substation. ▼

▲ 2005 - AEC's Peggy Koettters and Ryan Bunge play Price Is Right with students.

▲ 1987 - AEC's Robert Post helping students wire a junction box.

▲ Adult class practices wiring a machine shed

▶ Feed handling demonstrations for farmers

◀ 1954 - AEC's Roger Mohrman (1st year on the job) teaching Dick Quincy, Ron Freeland, Jon Adams, Jerry Lane, and Tom Alford.

▶ 1983 - C.I.P.S.' Lynne McGinnis with students making test lamps.



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Cannoli Cake

Submitted by Laura Bergman

- 1 box white cake mix, plus ingredients called for on box
- 1 (14 oz.) can sweetened condensed milk, divided
- 1 1/2 cups ricotta cheese, strained
- 1 1/2 cups Mascarpone cheese
- 2 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 cup powdered sugar + extra for topping
- 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 cup mini chocolate chips

Grease a 9x13" baking dish. Bake cake according to box directions. Cool completely. Poke holes in top of the cake using a wooden spoon. Set aside 1/2 cup sweetened condensed milk. Pour the rest over the top of the cake. Cover and refrigerate for 1 hour or until milk is absorbed. In a large bowl, combine cheeses, cinnamon, and vanilla. Mix until smooth. Add powdered sugar a little at a time just until combined. Mix in remaining sweetened condensed milk. Spread frosting over cake. Sprinkle with mini chocolate chips and dust with powdered sugar, if desired. Refrigerate for 2-3 hours before serving. Store in the refrigerator. (379270-001)

Crockpot Spinach Artichoke Dip

Submitted by Laura Bergman

- 1/2 yellow onion
- 6 cloves garlic, minced
- 14 oz. chopped artichoke hearts, drained
- 12 oz. frozen spinach
- 8 oz. cream cheese
- 2/3 cup sour cream
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 2 cups grated parmesan cheese
- 1 1/2 cups grated mozzarella cheese
- 1/2 Tbsp. salt

Add all ingredients to a crockpot except for cream cheese. Mix well. Cut cream cheese into 1 inch cubes. Place on top of mixture inside crockpot. Cook on high for 1 1/2 hours. After cook time, stir thoroughly and cook on high an additional 30 minutes.

Adams Electric Cooperative's Country Kitchen

Nashville Hot Bacon Wrapped Mozzarella Sticks

Submitted by Laura Bergman

- 8 mozzarella sticks
- 8 slices bacon
- 1/4 cup hot sauce (like Frank's RedHot)
- 2 Tbsp. butter, melted
- 1 tsp. cayenne pepper
- 1 tsp. smoked paprika
- 1/2 tsp. garlic powder
- 1/2 tsp. onion powder
- 1/4 tsp. black pepper

Preheat oven to 400 degrees and line a baking sheet with parchment. Wrap each mozzarella stick with a slice of bacon, securing ends with toothpick. In a small bowl, mix together hot sauce, melted butter, and spices. Brush the mixture generously over each bacon-wrapped mozzarella stick. Place the sticks on the prepared baking sheet and bake for 15-20 minutes, or until bacon is crispy and cheese is melted.

Skinny Strawberry Cake

Submitted by Margaret Mealiff

- 1 (15.25 oz.) box strawberry cake mix
- 1 cup fat free vanilla Greek yogurt
- 1 cup water
- Frosting:
- 1 sm. box sugar free instant vanilla pudding mix
- 1 cup skim milk
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 (8 oz.) container fat free whipped topping, thawed
- 1 cup chopped fresh strawberries

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 9x13" baking pan with cooking spray and set aside. In a large bowl, mix together cake mix, Greek yogurt, and water. Mix vigorously for 1 minute, until all ingredients are incorporated. Pour mixture into prepared baking pan and bake in preheated oven for 25-35 minutes. In a medium size bowl, stir together pudding mix, milk, and vanilla until thickened. Fold in whipped topping and chopped strawberries. Spread frosting over top of cooled cake and top with more sliced strawberries if desired.

Sheet Pan S'mores

Submitted by James Mealiff

- 1 (8 oz.) can crescent dough
- 2 Tbsp. cinnamon sugar
- 6 Hershey chocolate bars
- 1 (10 oz.) bag large marshmallows

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Line a medium baking sheet with parchment paper. Place crescent dough on baking sheet and pinch seams together. Fold edges of dough in to create a crust. In a small bowl, combine sugar and cinnamon. Sprinkle over dough. Transfer baking sheet to oven and bake until crust is golden about 10 to 15 minutes. Remove baking sheet from oven. Layer bottom with chocolate bars. Arrange marshmallows on top of chocolate. Return to oven and bake until marshmallows are golden, about 10 minutes. Watch carefully! Once they start to brown, they brown fast!

Pepperoni Pizza Dip

Submitted by Laura Bergman

- 1 (5 oz.) package pepperoni, divided
- 1 (8 oz.) package cream cheese, brought to room temperature
- 2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese, divided
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese, divided
- 1 tsp. Italian seasoning
- 1/4 tsp. garlic powder
- 1 cup pizza sauce

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Spray 9" pie plate with cooking spray. Slice 10 pepperoni slices into quarters. In medium bowl, combine quartered pepperoni, cream cheese, 1 1/3 cups mozzarella cheese, 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese, Italian seasoning, and garlic powder; mix well. Spread cheese mixture evenly in prepared pie plate. Spread pizza sauce over cheese mixture. Sprinkle with remaining mozzarella. Place 30 pepperoni slices around the pie plate. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Bake 25 minutes. Cool slightly before serving.

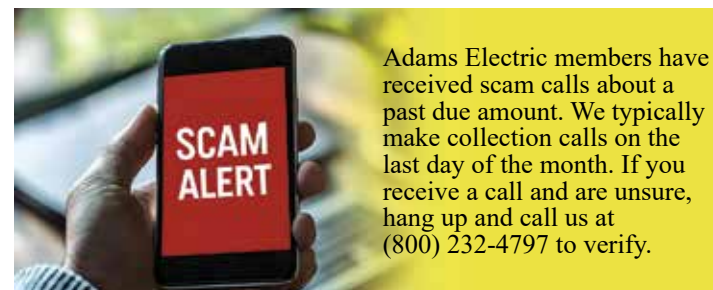
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JDUB Academy

Registration opens April 28. 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

Pike County Spring Pickin Days

May 2-4, Pike County, IL. Explore the winding roads while discovering hidden treasures at yard sales and flea markets. More info can be found at "Pike County IL Fall Pickin Days" on Facebook.

Quincy Farmers' Market

May 3 (8am-1pm), Washington Park, N. 5th St., Quincy. Experience the best of local agriculture, artisanal crafts, live music, and entertainment. Every Saturday thru October.

Dogwood Parade

May 3 (Parade starts at 9:25am), Maine St. (24th to 6th St.), Quincy. Theme "Celebrating Our Heritage" will tie parade with year-long celebration of Adams County's 200th Anniversary.

Dogwood Downtown Art Walk

May 3 (11am-4pm), downtown Quincy. 19 downtown businesses will host pop-up galleries from local artists, interactive art activities, shopping perks, treats, face painting, and more! Organized by Quincy Art Center. (217) 223-5900

Wednesday Night Wheel Throwing

May 7 (6-8pm), Quincy Art Center, 1515 Jersey. Register online at: quincyartcenter.org. (217) 223-5900

VFW Fish Fry

May 9 (4-7pm), VFW Post 11041, 316 S. Main St., Palmyra, MO. Catfish fillet, VFW Spuds, baked beans, cole slaw, cornbread, dessert, & drink. Adults: \$12, children \$5. (573) 260-0915 or (573) 769-3163.

Bridge The Gap To Health Race

May 10 (7:30am), Quincy. 5K run/walk, 10K run, half marathon, & Paul Arndt Kids Fun Run. Visit bridgethegaptohealth.com to register.

Mayfest

May 10 (12pm-10pm), Dick Brothers Brewery, Quincy. Live music, food trucks, craft beer, and tunnel tours. Family activities from 12-5pm. We're turning up the gemütlichkeit. Raise a stein to the Adams Co. Bicentennial.

Flea Market & Crafts

May 17 & 18 (Sat. 7:30-5pm, Sun. 8am-3pm), Adams Co. Fairgrounds. Antiques, new & old tools, collectibles, new & used toys, crafts, gas engines, tractors. Food stand & kettle corn. Free admission. Sponsored by Adams Co. Olde Tyme Association. For vendor information, contact (217) 219-0272 or (217) 430-4434

Cancer Survivor Day

May 30 (1-3pm), Lot 21 of Blessing Hospital (11th & College), Quincy. Make a tie-dye t-shirt, enjoy snacks and refreshments, photos, and trunk party.

Golf Outing Benefiting Jensen Woods Camp

May 31 (8am Registration, 9am Shot gun start), Rolling Greens Golf Course, Mt. Sterling. 4 person scramble. \$300 per team (includes 18 holes, golf cart, food, & beverages). Cash prizes, raffles. Call (217) 773-3085 or (217) 223-7659 to register.

Summer Reading Kickoff

May 31 (8am-12:30pm), Quincy Public Library. Join us for our summer reading event. Grab your gourmet mini donuts, donut sundaes, and fresh squeezed lemonade.

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Electricity School

June 4, John Wood Community College Workforce Development Center, 2710 N. 42nd, Quincy. New Level 4 & 5 class on Electric Careers featuring the use of our drone for troubleshooting outages. Level 1 class is now soda can solar cars. Class sizes are limited. Registration is first-come, first served.



Adams County Bicentennial Events

Dogwood Parade

May 3 - Catch the Bicentennial Drumline Sendoff at 9:00am at Madison Park. Watch for the bicentennial float during the parade!

"City of Refuge" All Faiths Symposium

May 10 (10:30am-1:30pm), John Wood Community College, Mary Ellen Orr Auditorium. Keynote: "Basic Human Need: Religion and a Pluralistic Society" Lunch provided. Breakout sessions.

Musical Celebration of Religious Freedom Concert

May 10 (7:30pm), Quincy Junior High Morrison Theatre. Premiere of "City of Refuge" Symphony.

Tickets: Symposium: \$10, Concert: \$18/ adults, \$15 adult seniors, students under 17 are free (must have ticket). Combo tickets: \$25 Visit: adamsco200.org for details.

Speaker Series

"Underground Railroad"

May 14 (6:30pm), John Wood Community College Orr Auditorium. Presented by Terrell Dempsey and Patrick Hotle. Part of a year-long speaker series on second Wed. of every month. Free and open to the public. (217) 222-1835

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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 #.

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