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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 #1** (Consisting of Astoria Township in Fulton County; Littleton, Oakland, Buena Vista, Woodstock, Browning, Rushville, Bainbridge, Hickory, and Frederick Townships of Schuyler County); **District #2** (Consisting of Keene, Northeast, and Houston Townships of Adams County; Augusta, Chili, and St. Albans Townships of Hancock County); and **District #3** (Consisting of Gilmer, Columbus, Burton, and Liberty Townships of Adams County) will be elected at the **September 3, 2025** Annual Meeting. Petitions must be returned to the Cooperative office by 4 p.m., June 6, 2025.

Thank you for your continued support of our 15th Annual Fishing For Freedom event. Each June with your support we are able to host 300 veterans and volunteer anglers to a weekend of fishing and camaraderie in Quincy, Illinois. Thank you again, Holly Cain & The Fishing For Freedom Committee

Thank you so much for your generous donation to Central Mini Relay. Your support helps us provide assistance for those bravely battling cancer and to Central students. We are truly grateful for your kindness and continued support. Central Mini Relay

As a club, we would like to thank you for the \$300 Penny Power Grant. We took delivery of our new scoreboard last week and hope to have it up by the weekend. Ray Holmes, President Clayton Lions Club

Thank you for your generous donation to the 17th Annual CFCAC School Fair. Your generosity will help parents and CFCAC provide school supplies to our community's children. Community For Christ Assistance Center

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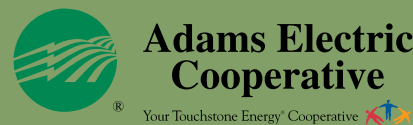
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Adams Electric Cooperative provides safe, reliable service to over 9,000 members in Adams, Brown, Schuyler, Pike, Hancock, McDonough, and Fulton counties. Adams Electric is member-owned, not-for-profit and overseen by a board of directors elected by the membership.

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Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) Capacity Price Increase



by Jim Thompson PE,
General Manager

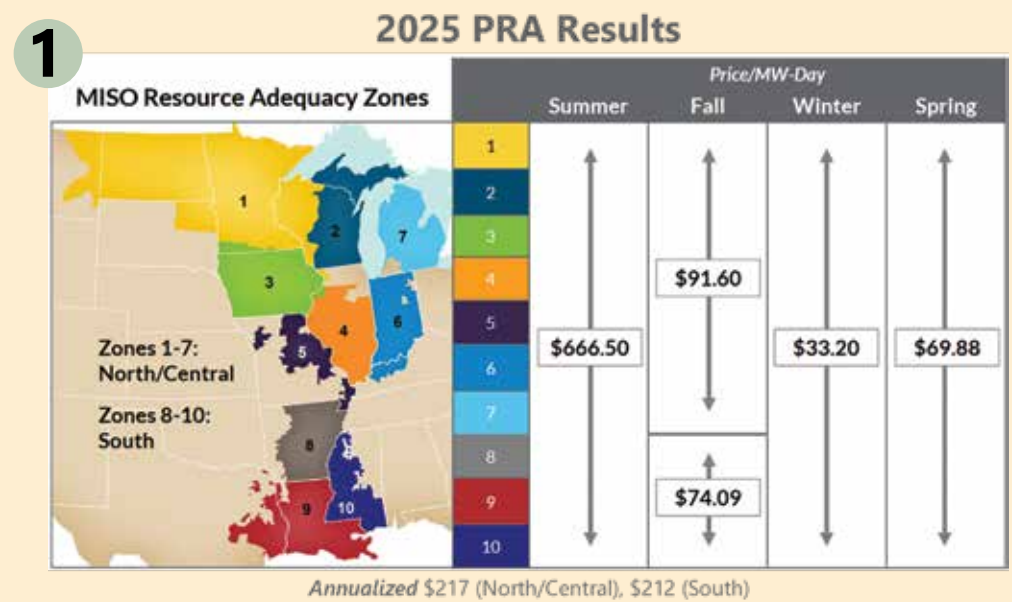
The recent Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) Planning Resource Auction for capacity in Zone 4 (central and southern Illinois) for June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026 came in much higher than last year (see Chart 1). Load serving entities such as Adams Electric Cooperative, through its generation and transmission cooperative, Prairie Power Inc., need to purchase and/or own capacity to serve their customers regardless of whether the entity is a cooperative, retail electric supplier, municipal, or the Illinois Power Agency (IPA). The IPA purchases on behalf of the Investor-Owned Utilities such as Ameren in the State of Illinois.

The capacity component ensures that there are enough generation assets in the zone to provide power during the highest peak hours of each season – Summer, Fall, Winter, and Spring. The capacity component provides payment for owning generation facilities and having them available to provide power during peak times.

The **second chart** shows the change in the capacity prices between 2024/2025 to 2025/2026.

Adams Electric and Prairie Power, Inc. have a good story to tell. To protect our members from the volatility of the market, the Cooperative uses owned generation assets and bilateral contracts to secure our capacity requirements. Being well hedged helps mitigate the risk of exposure for our members. **This recent increase in the capacity auction will have no impact on Adams Electric Cooperative.** The **third chart** is a bar graph of how we are covering our capacity needs.

The Cooperative believes the best way to provide rate stability is through a diversified mixture of various types of owned generation assets and prudent market purchases. Owning

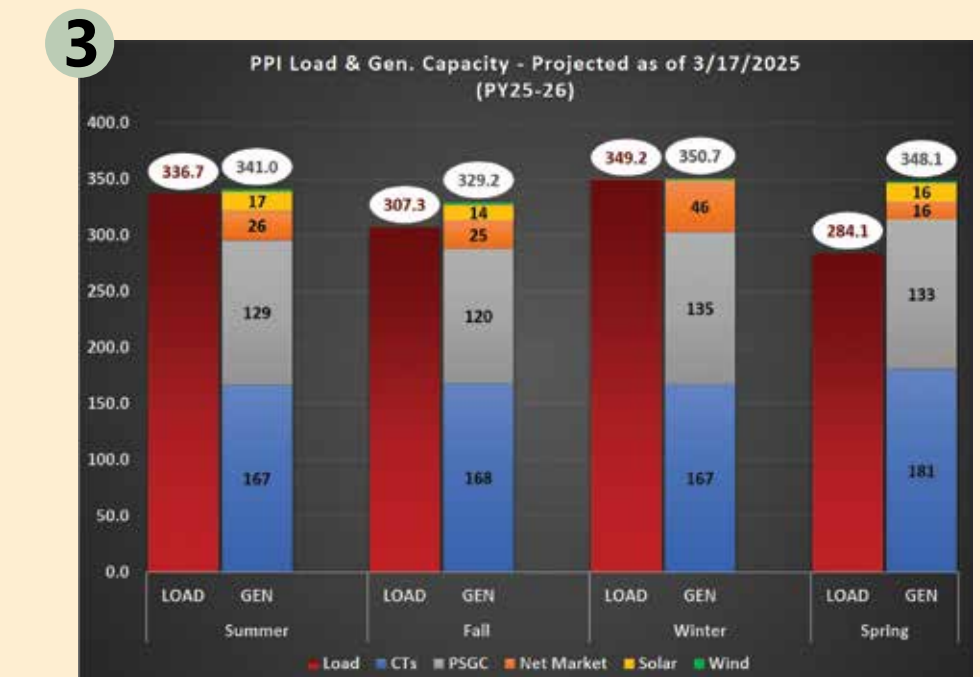


generation assets provides members with a great hedge going forward against high market prices. Members own coal, wind, solar, and natural gas generating assets. This, coupled with a diverse portfolio of both short-term and long-term market purchases and Purchased Power Agreements (PPA) is the basis for how we obtain our electricity that

is sold to you at cost. **A prudent, well diversified approach to power supply is key to both economical and stable pricing for years to come.**

2 **Results of the MISO 2025/2026 capacity auction:**

	2024/2025 \$/MW-Day	2025/2026 \$/MW-Day
Summer	\$30.00	\$666.50
Fall	\$15.00	\$91.60
Winter	\$0.75	\$33.20
Spring	\$34.10	\$69.88



SUMMER HOURS

Due to hot weather, Engineering & Operations line crews will be working from 6:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. from Monday, June 2 through Friday, August 29. The Adams Electric Cooperative Office will be open as usual from 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday.



BARRY RETIRES

Julia Barry retired April 25, 2025 after 28 years of service. Julia began her career at Adams Electric on April 16, 1997 as Billing Assistant, retiring as Member Service Representative III.

Julia and her husband, Jim, live in the Liberty area. They have two children, Leena (Tyler) and Lee (Cierra), and four grandchildren, Tucker, Nolan, Easton, and Kinsley. Julia's retirement plans are to spend more time with family and friends and enjoy her hobbies, quilting, and photography.

Congratulations, Julia! Thank you for your service and dedication to the members of Adams Electric. We wish you a long, healthy, and happy retirement!



Above: Julia chaperoned the Youth to Washington Tour in 2019.



Right: Julia in 1997 when she began her career at Adams Electric.



GRANTS AWARDED

Thirty-one Penny Power grants were approved for funding by the grant review committee on April 17. \$12,397.50 was granted to the following groups/organizations:

- **\$225** - West Central IL Aging/Disability Resource Center; programmable locks for facility
- **\$200** - Quincy Junior High School; headset and tablet stands
- **\$500** - Christian Adoption Resources & Education; retreat for adoptive families
- **\$450** - Adams County Old Type Association; new roof and siding for round barn
- **\$250** - Central Adams Firecrackers 4-H; Meating the Need program
- **\$500** - First Christian Church Youth Program; weekly meals for youth
- **\$600** - Jensen Camp Foundation; new slide and benches for camp
- **\$500** - The Salvation Army of Quincy; box fans for needy families
- **\$700** - Central CUSD #3; audiometer and bag
- **\$150** - Schuyler Jail Museum; bicentennial celebration for Schuyler County
- **\$1,000** - Versailles Fire Protection District; two AEDs
- **\$400** - Greater West Central Public Library; STEM kits and outdoor play equipment
- **\$375** - The Hub-Arts & Cultural Center; establishment of a drum circle
- **\$200** - Brown County Public Library; summer reading program prizes
- **\$387.50** - Transitions of Western IL; bounce house
- **\$250** - Liberty CUSD #2 Trap Team; Liberty High Trap Team supplies
- **\$300** - Clayton Lions Club; scoreboard for ballpark

- **\$450** - Golden Historical Society; raise floor at Windmill museum
- **\$400** - Schuyler Industry District 5; landscaping and garden at new building
- **\$275** - Ravenscroft Haunted Society; renovating new building
- **\$375** - Quincy Community Theatre; Triple Threat Boot Camp and Basic Training
- **\$275** - Augusta Public Library; books on homesteading
- **\$500** - West Central IL Nutrition Project; meal prep and delivery
- **\$300** - Good Samaritan Home of Quincy; boardroom chairs
- **\$200** - Tri-State Center for Women's Ministries; public awareness campaign
- **\$330** - Quincy Children's Museum; Tonies Music Boxes
- **\$500** - Village of Ursa; improvements to tennis/pickleball courts
- **\$500** - Crossing Camp; basketball hoop for the camp
- **\$600** - H.E.L.P. Center; restock food pantry
- **\$325** - Blessed Sacrament Catholic School; outdoor digging space for kids
- **\$380** - Quincy Art Center; iPad and tablet to enhance operations



Penny Power grants to date now total **\$703,189.52!**

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Power lines are buried and run underground as well. Always call 8-1-1 or visit call811.com before digging to get underground utilities marked.



BE MINDFUL OF POWER LINES WHEN COMPLETING THESE TASKS:

- Home maintenance: Examples include cleaning gutters, being on the roof or using extended tools to wash windows or skim a pool.
- Yard work: Examples include trimming trees, carrying ladders and digging.
- Transporting tall objects: Ladders are not the only extended objects people use outdoors. Be careful any time you move a tall object or tool.
- Contracted and DIY projects: If you are planning any project that requires digging, ensure underground utilities are marked.

Look up and look out for overhead power lines and think about what is below them. Contact can happen in an instant.

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Historic School Tours

Hop aboard a school bus and journey through the history of education in Adams County! As part of Adams County's Bicentennial Celebration, Paul and Jane Moody are hosting several Adams County school tours. Matt Bergman will also lead a Quincy Parochial School tour. Whether you once sat in a country school or a town classroom or you're simply curious about how students learned in days gone by—these immersive, *free* tours will offer something for everyone!

Each tour will explore some of the county's earliest schools. The first stop is the charming Log Cabin Village on Quinsippi Island. Step inside the Log Cabin Schoolhouse and try your hand at writing on slate boards just like 19th-century scholars and see the puncheon benches (made from halved logs with no backrests!). An array of vintage items will be on display typical of early education.

The county school tours will include a visit to the historic Union One-Room School, lovingly preserved by the Retired Teachers Association and located on the Adams County Olde Tyme Association property by the fairgrounds. While the Quincy Public and Parochial School tours won't stop there during the route, guests are invited to experience it for themselves on *September 6*, during the Adams County Grand Finale Celebration!

Your school tour hosts, Paul and Jane Moody, taught for 34 years in Adams County. Paul taught in Unit 3 Camp Point School District and Jane taught in Quincy Public Schools. They were directors with Jim Balzar, the first years Union One-Room School was open as a museum. Paul and Jane have taken their collection of historic school items to various locations over many years. The Moodys organized their collection and opened a museum. Today, the Moody Country School Museum at 1918 South 57th Street, Quincy, continues the history of education. Their museum will be included during each school tour.

Some tours will provide the opportunity to go inside additional schools and others may not, based on conditions. Tours will have interesting stories about what school was like many years ago!

Each family on tour will receive a special notebook featuring photos and addresses of school buildings that still stand throughout the area. It's perfect for a self-guided drive-by tour at your convenience—an opportunity to continue your journey through the past!

Please remember: many of these buildings are now private residences or located on private property. We kindly ask that you enjoy them from the road, without entering driveways or walking on private land. While some schools

have been beautifully restored as homes, others remain in a fragile state and are not safe to enter. Enjoy the history, and explore respectfully!

Come relive the past, rediscover our roots, and learn how far we've come—take a ride through history!

For a tour reservation, please call Jane at (217) 653-1918 or Paul at (217) 257-7088. Space is limited, so call early! The Moodys will phone you a couple weeks before your tour as a reminder. All tours are on a Saturday.

Tour Dates and Times* are:

July 12 (1-5pm) -
Unit 1 Payson School District

July 19 (1-5pm) -
Unit 4 Mendon School District

August 16 (1-5pm) -
Quincy Parochial Schools

August 30 (1-5pm) -
Unit 2 Liberty School District
(includes visit to an Amish School)

September 6 (9am-12pm) -
Unit 3 Camp Point School District

September 27 (1-5pm) -
Quincy Public Schools
(includes Quincy Junior High School)

* Ending time is approximate

Country School Museum

After 20 years of taking their vast collection of historic school artifacts on the road, Paul and Jane Moody have created a permanent home filled with fascinating treasures from local one-room schools.

As you step inside, you'll discover vintage lunch pails, slate boards, early maps, handbells, and even a real framed 1918 diploma—and you'll get a copy of the test to try yourself!

Explore recreated classrooms, see rare books, historic flags, and student and teacher mannequins dressed in period clothing. From the Amish school readers to ornate penmanship and the story of schools built for African-American students in the segregated South, every corner of this museum tells a story.

Keep It Simple, Make It Fun

— Visit KISMIF!

The Sunday after each Historic School Tour, the KISMIF building next to the Country School Museum will be open 1-5pm (no reservations needed). Explore hands-on crafts, play old-fashioned games outside, and enjoy a nostalgic display of desks from E. Union School, photos, district maps, and school-related art. Make a checkerboard and take a bag of corn cob checkers made by Paul. Create wooden puppets, corn cob dolls, color historic scenes, and step into a world where learning was simple—and fun. Admission is free!



A school master (male teacher) dressed in period clothing stands next to a desk made in the late 1800s in Quincy.



See how handwriting education has changed over the years. Learn about a local citizen who made a major impact on reading education.

A life-size school room is part of the Country School Museum.

(left) Some of the math manipulatives on display at the Country School Museum.

ELECTRICITY SCHOOL

Electricity School is open to all youth, ages 8-18, not just 4-H members. Invite a friend! All participants must register and complete a health form on the University of Illinois Extension's website (link below) by **Friday, May 31**. If you are new or made an extension cord last year, sign up for "Level 1 & 2". Level 4 & 5 is open to students who completed Level 3 or 4 last year and students who completed all five levels in the past and are interested in our new topic.

All 4-H members enrolled in Electricity or Electronics are strongly encouraged to attend Electricity School. Projects completed at Electricity School may not be used as an exhibit at a 4-H Show.

Students enrolled in **Level 1 & 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.

Join us **June 4, 2025**
from 8:30-11:00 am at
**JWCC Workforce
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Schedule

8:30-9:00 am - **Registration**

9:00 am - **Welcome & Game**

9:30 am - **Power Town Safety Demo**

10:00 am - 11:00 am - **Workshops**

Level 1 & 2 - (2 classes of 30 each) -
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Adams Electric Cooperative's Country Kitchen



*Risotto w/Prosciutto
& Asparagus*

Risotto with Prosciutto & Asparagus

Submitted by Bill Stalder

2 lbs. fresh asparagus, cut into 1-inch pieces
12 thin slices prosciutto
5 1/2 -6 cups reduced-sodium chicken broth
1 shallot, chopped
2 garlic cloves, minced
2 tsp. olive oil
2 cups uncooked arborio rice
1/2 cup white wine
1/2 tsp. pepper
1 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Place asparagus in an ungreased 15x10x1-in. baking sheet. Bake, uncovered, at 400 degrees until crisp-tender, stirring occasionally, 20-25 minutes. Meanwhile, place prosciutto in another ungreased baking pan. Bake at 400 degrees until crisp, 10-12 minutes. Crumble prosciutto; set aside prosciutto and asparagus. In a large saucepan, heat broth and keep warm. In a large skillet, saute shallot and garlic in oil until tender. Add rice; cook and stir for 2-3 minutes. Reduce heat; stir in the wine and pepper. Cook and stir until all the liquid is absorbed. Add heated broth, 1/2 cup at a time, stirring constantly. Allow the liquid to absorb between additions. Cook until risotto is creamy and rice is almost tender, 20 minutes. Add asparagus, prosciutto and cheese; cook and stir until heated through. Serve immediately. (921378-001)

Flourless Pumpkin Brownies (Gluten Free)

*Submitted by
Laura Bergman*

3/4 cup almond butter (or
other natural butter)
3/4 cup canned pumpkin puree
2 eggs
1/2 cup maple syrup or honey
1 tsp. vanilla
1/2 cup cocoa powder
1/2 tsp. baking soda
Pinch of salt
1/2 cup chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 350 degrees and prepare an 8x8 baking dish with grease or parchment. In a large bowl, mix together almond butter and pumpkin. Whisk in eggs, add maple syrup (or honey), and vanilla. Add cocoa powder, baking soda, and salt, and stir until combined. Add in chocolate chips. Pour into pan and bake for 25 minutes until toothpick comes out clean. Different size pans yield different baking times. Let cool before serving. (Optional topping: Melt 1/2 cup chocolate chips in microwave with 1 tsp. coconut oil. Stir and pour over brownies.)

Texas Hashbrown Casserole

Submitted by Laura Bergman

6 slices bacon
2 Poblano peppers, diced
16 oz. Velveeta Queso Blanco
1 can cream of poblano soup (or cream of mushroom)
8 oz. sour cream
1 stick unsalted butter
4 oz. can diced green chiles
2 (20 oz.) bags shredded hashbrowns

For topping:
8 oz. tortilla chips, crushed
1 stick unsalted butter, melted

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cook bacon in a large skillet before transferring to a paper towel and setting aside. Chop or crumble once cooled. Add diced poblano pepper to the remaining bacon grease and cook for 2-3 minutes to soften. Add queso blanco, sour cream, cream of poblano (or cream of mushroom), green chiles, 1 stick butter, and

cooked bacon. Reduce heat to low and stir everything together until evenly melted. Add shredded hashbrowns to a large baking dish and pour cheese sauce over top. Fold everything together and smooth top to create an even surface. Top with crushed tortilla chips and pour melted butter over the top. Cover with foil. Bake for 50-60 minutes at 350 degrees until crispy golden brown. Remove foil during last 15-20 minutes.

Gluten Free Cream of Mushroom Soup

Submitted by Laura Bergman

2 Tbsp. butter
1/2 lb. fresh mushrooms, chopped
1/4 cup chopped onion
1 clove garlic, minced
6 Tbsp. all purpose gluten-free flour blend
2 cans (14.5 oz. each) chicken broth
1 cup heavy cream
Salt and pepper to taste

In a large saucepan, heat butter over medium-high heat. Add mushrooms, onion, and garlic to the pan. Saute them until mushrooms and onions are tender. In a medium mixing bowl, whisk 1 can broth and gluten free flour until smooth. Add broth mixture to the pan and stir until combined. Stir in remaining can of broth. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low and stir in heavy cream. Simmer uncovered for 10-15 minutes, stirring often. Continue to stir until thick. Remove pan from the heat and add salt and pepper to taste. Let soup cool for 10 minutes before serving. Store in refrigerator in airtight container for up to 3 days or freeze up to 3 months. Note: This soup is great for recipes like casseroles that call for cream of mushroom soup. If you're using this soup in a casserole, omit 1 can of broth. (I used this in the Texas Hashbrown Casserole!)



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Event Listings

Deadlines:

July Events.....June 1 Nov. Events...Oct. 1
Aug./Sept. Events.....July 1 Dec. Events...Nov. 1
October Events.....Sept. 1 Jan. Events.....Dec. 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

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Electricity School

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Townwide Garage Sales

June 6 & 7 - Liberty
June 6 & 7 - Payson/Plainville
June 6-8 - Rushville (City Wide & Sidewalk Sales). Visit Rushville Chamber of Commerce Facebook page for addresses.
June 7 - Mendon

Germanfest

June 6 & 7 (Fri. 5-11pm, Sat. 3-11pm), South Park, Quincy. Authentic German food, music, 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.

St. Dominic School Junefest

June 7 (Mass 4pm, Festivities 5pm-Midnight), St. Dominic School, Quincy. Food, games, basket raffles, silent auction, 50/50 raffle, bingo, cornhole tournament, kiddie land, & more! Live band "Southern Rail" at 7pm.

Cinderella

by Chicago Festival Ballet

June 7 (7:30pm), QJHS Morrison Theater, Quincy. Presented by the Quincy Civic Music Assoc. \$25/person. Students are free. Tickets at door or at: HyVee & Niemann's.

Mt. Sterling Farmers Market

June 7, 14, 21, & 28 (9am-Noon), Uptown Mt. Sterling.
June 21 is Yoga @ the Market.
Runs every Sat. thru Sept. 27.

Quincy Summer Flavor Tours

June 7, 14, 21, 28 (11am-2pm), Starts at The Pour Haus. Meander through mix of venues in Quincy's Downtown District while a Food Ambassador offers colorful insights. Tickets: \$50/person. Visit seequincy.com/product/flavor-tour-reservations/ or call (800) 978-4748

Clay Your Way 4-H Pottery Workshop

June 9, 10 or 12 & June 23 for glazing (9am-2pm),

Windsong Acres, Camp Point. Open to 4-Hers & Cloverbuds in Adams, Brown, Pike, & Schuyler counties. Make 3 pottery items. \$40/member (\$100 max. per family). Wear old clothes & bring a sack lunch. Register at: extension.illinois.edu.

Holy Cross Ice Cream Social

June 14 (4:30-6:30pm), Golden Community Building, Golden. Hotdogs, BBQ, homemade ice cream, & desserts. Freewill offering. Ice cream available to purchase.

Father's Day Car, Truck, & Bike Show

June 15 (Registration 8am-12pm, Judging 12-2pm, Awards 3pm), Rushville Square. 3 trophies per class, door prizes, best of show, 50/50 drawing. Hosted by Late Knight Cruisers. Pre-registration by 6/12 \$15 or day of show \$20. (217) 248-6593

St. Paul UCC Ice Cream Social

June 22 (11:30am-3:30pm), St. Paul UCC, 1319 N. 1720 Ave., Fowler. Sandwiches, hotdogs, homemade ice cream, toppings, & desserts. Carryouts available. Freewill offering. (217) 440-8190

The Browders Live!

June 28 (Concessions at 4:30pm, Concert at 6pm), Golden Windmill. Southern gospel. Freewill offering. Sandwiches & concessions. Visit Gospel is Golden on Facebook or faithandgraceparish.org/concerts



Adams County Bicentennial Events

Township Logo Contest

Thru Aug. 1, Quincy Art Center. Open to 9-12th grade students in Adams Co. townships. Design an iconic logo to represent your community/township. Learn more at: quincyartcenter.org. Entries will be featured in an exhibit opening Aug. 20.

Speaker Series

"Black Churches of Adams County"

June 11 (6:30pm), John Wood Community College Orr Auditorium, Quincy. Presented by Orville Jones. Part of a year-long speaker series on second Wed. of every month. Free and open to the public. (217) 222-1835

Ursa Park Festival 2025

June 21 (Starting at 8am), Ursa Park, Ursa. Sand volleyball tournament, pickleball tournament, car show, baby contest, food truck, lemonade shake-ups, and kettle corn. Kids Zone w/games, bounce house, and activities. Music trivia in the park. Visit "Ursa Park Festival" on Facebook or call (217) 617-6131 for more information.

Nature Night Hike

June 28 (8pm), Nature Trails East, 3420 Kochs Ln., Quincy. Enjoy nature at night with a guided hike. Explore Quincy's newest addition of nature trails in a unique and fun way. Hosted by Madison & Davis Bicycles.

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