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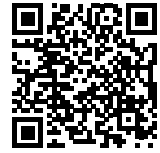
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On behalf of the Quincy Senior & Family Resource Center, I would like to thank you for the generous gift of \$225 Penny Power Grant. Your commitment to helping seniors in our community is sincerely appreciated.

Each year the Quincy Senior & Family Resource Center continues to advance its mission of providing services to any seniors that need them. Through our programs we have seen many lives improved because of the services that we provide.

With the help of donations from supporters such as you we will continue to provide a much needed service to our community.

Thanks again for your generous support in serving the needs of seniors in our community.

Sincerely,
Vanessa M. Keppner
Director, Quincy Senior & Family Resource Center and West Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging

Thank you for supporting Liberty High School. Your generous donation to the After-Prom Party helped make this event possible and allowed us to provide a fun and safe night for the students. Your support is greatly appreciated. Please know that you have created a positive impact on our students and given them a memory that will last a lifetime.

Thank you,
The Students & Parents
of Liberty High School

Thank you so much for the grant to purchase the iPad. This will help us collect data that will better inform our decisions to serve the community.

Sincerely,
Alta King & Sandra Hite
Quincy Art Center

Thank you for providing the Village of Ursa with the grant funds to put towards our pickle ball courts project! We are very excited to start working on the project! Our village residents will greatly benefit from this grant!

Thank you,
Village of Ursa



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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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Project Updates



by Jim Thompson PE,
General Manager

Updates on items happening at your Electric Cooperative:

1. Spray Contractor

The spray contractor started and will be spraying the vegetation on Mt. Sterling and Camden substations.

2. Tree Contractor

The tree contractor has finished the Rushville substation. The contractor is currently working on member tickets to catch up on some of the backlog before starting on the cycle trimming for the Sugar Grove substation.

3. Pole Inspection Contractor

The pole contractor has started and has completed inspecting poles on La Prairie substation. The pole contractor is now inspecting poles on the Rushville substation.

4. Ursa Substation to Big Neck Substation Transmission and Underbuild Project

The contractor has started construction on this project with many of the poles being set. This project will provide a new transmission line and distribution line to improve reliability for our members.

5. New Home Construction

The Cooperative is seeing an uptick in new home construction especially in the Adams County area.

6. New Multi-Occupancy Building

The Cooperative will be installing electric for a new multi-occupancy facility in Quincy.

7. EV Charging Facilities

The Cooperative has received the material and will have these new facilities installed at John Wood Community College (JWCC) and the Holiday Inn by the end of 2025.

8. Solar Facility

The Cooperative continues to work through the process for installing 2 MW of solar at our Sugar Grove substation. This project has been switched from 1 MW of wind and 1 MW of solar to 2 MW of solar. This added generation will help save our membership money.

9. Rural Electric Safety Achievement Program (RESAP)

The Cooperative just completed its onsite audit of our safety program. The audit helps identify risks and hazards to improve our safety program.

10. Meter Shop

The Cooperative moved its meter shop in the Camp Point building to the location of the old appliance parts area to improve the functionality for the employees.

This hopefully provides our members with a snapshot in time of some of the things currently going on at your electric Cooperative. The end goal is to provide reliable, affordable electric power to our members. There are a lot of moving parts that go into this effort.



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JWCC Dean of Career and Technical Education Dave Hetzler gave upper level students a tour of the Workforce Development Center's classrooms for its electrician program.

ELECTRICITY SCHOOL

New Workshop, New Location, & New Partnership

On Wednesday, June 4, approximately 60 students attended Electricity School, a free event sponsored by Adams Electric Cooperative, Ameren, University of Illinois Extension, and JWCC Workforce Development Center. This year, the school was held at John Wood Community College Workforce Development Center. Students, ages 8-18 participated in an energy usage game, watched a Power Town safety demonstration, and attended workshops based on experience levels.

First and second year students built soda can solar cars. This class was taught in two groups, one by Ameren and one by Adams Electric. (Next year, extension cords will become our second year class and soda can solar cars will remain the project for first year students.) Third year students, in the circuits and switches class, were taught the basics of house wiring.

Fourth and fifth year students participated in a new Electrical Careers class. Students learned about the career of a lineman from AEC Line Foreman Brennan Caspermeyer. JWCC instructor Dave Hetzler discussed the career of an electrician and the opportunities provided through JWCC. Last, AEC Manager of Engineering and Operations, Alex Mossman, covered an electrical engineering career and demonstrated the Co-op's drone used to troubleshoot outages. The topic for this class will alternate to provide additional learning opportunities.

"Electricity School is a unique opportunity for area students to learn about electricity. Although many of our students are 4-Hers, that's not a requirement. Kids come from all over to attend this free event," said Laura Bergman, Manager of Communications, from Adams Electric Cooperative.

Instructors were: Laura Bergman, Joyce Bockhold, Brennan Caspermeyer, Kristi Kirlin, Brad Koenig, Alex Mossman, Brinkley Mueller, Tara Neisen, Mike Ohnemus, Adam Uppinghouse, Chad Reische, Brad Smith, Bill Stalder, and Katina Sunde of Adams Electric Cooperative; Siera Duesterhaus, Shelby Crow, Kristin Huls, Jennifer Shelts, Justin Shelts, and Emma Whitaker of University of Illinois Extension; Chris Brassfield, Lauren Mehaffy, and Greg McMillan of Ameren; Dave Hetzler and Kelly Lewis of JWCC WDC; and volunteer Bill Jaynes.

For more information on Electricity School, contact Laura Bergman at (217) 509-7761 or visit Adams Electric's website at: adamselectric.coop.

NOTIFICATION: Assignment of 2024 Margins

Assignments of 2024 margins to members doing business with Adams Electric Cooperative have been calculated. A total of \$2,136,075 of margins has been allocated as capital credits for the year 2024. Of this amount, \$1,211,013 was Cooperative capital credits and \$925,062 was power supplier capital credits. The power supplier capital credit is the amount that was allocated to the Cooperative from Prairie Power, our Cooperative-owned power supplier. The Cooperative has calculated each member's share of the total margins and credited that amount to your capital credit account.

Allocation notices were sent to each member who received service during 2024. These notices will inform you of your share of the total capital credits and were mailed the week of June 10, 2025. This amount is only an accounting credit. It cannot be claimed at the present time nor can it be applied against your current electric bill.

The board of directors reviews the financial condition of the Cooperative before determining when and how much capital credits can be returned to the members. In November 2024, the Cooperative paid remaining capital credits for 2002 and 35% of 2003. The return of power supplier capital credits may be on a different cycle than the Cooperative capital credits. It will depend on when Prairie Power returns those capital credits to the Cooperative.

Please remember, you must be a member and have service in your name to have capital credits assigned. If you are receiving electric service in someone else's membership or the service is in the name of a deceased person, you will not receive capital credits. The capital credit check will always be issued in the name of the person on the membership or the estate of a deceased member.

If you ever move off Cooperative lines, please provide us with your new address so we can send your future capital credit checks. Please contact Katina Sunde, Member Accounts Supervisor, if you have any questions.

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The West Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging (WCIAAA) is a vital lifeline for older adults and their caregivers in the region. Dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for seniors, WCIAAA provides an array of services designed to support independent living, promote wellness, and protect the dignity of aging individuals. Operating in a multi-county region, this agency helps thousands of residents navigate the challenges of aging with practical solutions and compassionate care.

A Broad Spectrum of Services

WCIAAA's programs and resources address the physical, emotional, legal, and social needs of older adults. Most, but not all, of these programs have age, disability, and/or income requirements. These include:

Nutrition and Meal Programs

Proper nutrition is essential to health and independence. WCIAAA coor-

dinates congregate lunchtime meals at over ten locations (senior centers and senior living sites) within Adams Electric's area. Home-delivered meals (such as Meals on Wheels, likely their most well-known program) ensures that no homebound senior within city limits goes hungry. Alternatively, seniors outside of city limits can have a one- to two-week supply of frozen meals delivered. These programs offer not only nourishment but also opportunities for social interaction, reducing isolation.

Information & Assistance Programs

Understanding various senior-related services can be overwhelming. Many of these services can help seniors save money and reduce stress.

Navigating Medicare can be complex. Through WCIAAA, SHIP (State Health Insurance Assistance Program) counselors offer free, unbiased support to help seniors understand their Medicare options for their annual open enrollment. They can explain coverage and cost, select the

best drug plan that meets their needs, and avoid scams.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program offers free tax preparation for anyone (no age requirement) with an annual income maximum of \$65,000. WCIAAA helps file state and federal income taxes.

Legal services are provided through Land of Lincoln Legal Aid. For seniors age 60+ and those 18-59 with a disability can access legal services to set up a will and power of attorney.

Additionally, assistance is available for property tax relief paperwork, notaries, and benefits screening for a license plate sticker discount.

Transportation

Many seniors struggle with access to transportation, especially in rural areas. The agency connects individuals with affordable and accessible transportation services for medical appointments, grocery shopping, and social events. Medical appointments are given first priority.

Caregiver Support

Caring for an elderly loved one can be overwhelming. WCIAAA provides support groups, training, and resources to help caregivers manage their responsibilities and maintain their own well-being.

Adult Protective Services

Protecting vulnerable adults from abuse, neglect, or exploitation is a top priority. WCIAAA manages a confidential reporting and response system that investigates concerns and ensures seniors are safe and secure. The APS hotline is 1-866-800-1409.

APS case workers also conduct assessments to determine needs and goals. These needs might include in-home help with cleaning, laundry, bathing, meals, counseling, legal referrals, transportation, housing, etc.

In-Home Support

To help seniors remain in their homes longer, WCIAAA coordinates skilled nursing, personal care aides, and rehabilitation. This support is often critical to preserving independence and preventing premature nursing home care.

Medication Management

Proper medication use is crucial for chronic condition management. WCIAAA offers medication review services and guidance to help seniors avoid dangerous drug interactions and adhere to their prescriptions. For instance, a medication automation device dispenses medication on a set schedule and alerts caregivers when medication is not taken. Lifeline buttons are also among the benefits.

Technology Assistance

As technology becomes essential for healthcare access and social connection, WCIAAA provides training and support for seniors learning to use smartphones, computers, and online platforms. This helps them stay connected with family, manage telehealth appointments, and maintain independence.

Building Community and Independence

The West Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging is more than a service provider—it is a trusted partner in aging. Through community partnerships, volunteer programs, and government support, WCIAAA works tirelessly to

advocate for the needs of older adults and ensure they are treated with the respect and dignity they deserve.

You can learn more on the wcian.org website or by calling (217) 223-7904.

It is important to note that funding for some of these programs is at risk. To show your support for the continuation of these services, learn more at: www.IL4A.org.

For those navigating the journey of aging or caring for an elderly loved one in west central Illinois, WCIAAA stands as a reliable resource and a compassionate guide.



Camp Point 4th of July & Chautauqua Event

Guest Article by Janet O’Leary



Bailey Park in Camp Point will be the setting for a joint celebration on July 3-4, 2025. For many years, Camp Point has held traditional Fourth of July activities including a parade, music, Baby Contest, and choosing Little Mr. and Little Miss representatives. A vibrant fireworks display concludes the evening. Those events and others will take place again this year.

In honor of the Adams County Bicentennial, a Chautauqua-style event will also take place on July 4. The Chautauqua Assembly was held in Camp Point from 1907 until the early 1930s and referred to traveling tent shows that were popular throughout Canada and the United States.



Chautauqua programs included speakers, humorists, musicians, and clergy and usually took place over several days. Camp Point was the site of one of the largest and best organized Chautauqua programs in the area.

The week-long Chautauqua was held in Camp Point’s Bailey Park. Some people rented tents and camped there for the entire week. A dining hall

served meals three times a day. The price for a single all-day ticket was thirty-five cents and tickets for the entire week cost \$1.50. Some of the most notable speakers through the years included William Jennings Bryan, an orator and politician, and Billy Sunday who was a professional baseball player and evangelist.

In addition to the speakers, popular singers and even orchestras often performed. Between the morning and evening presentations there was always a ball game. Competition between teams from the area towns was always very intense. Billy Sunday was the catcher for Camp Point when he preached there in 1909 and 1921, and he was credited with helping the home team win in those years.

The 2025 Chautauqua program will host several renowned speakers and musicians. Dr. Tim Jacobs of Quincy spent his early life in Camp Point, and will be the Master of Ceremonies for the day. He will also portray William Jennings Bryan who was the featured speaker at Camp Point’s 1909 and 1921 Chautauqua programs.

Dr. Curt Fields, Jr. will portray General Ulysses S. Grant. Dr. Fields is a native of Tennessee and had a long career in education and law enforcement. He is also a lifelong student of the Civil War and has a striking resemblance to U.S. Grant. Dr. Fields travels extensively and portrays both General Grant and President Grant in first person while dressed in elaborate and accurate costumes. His topic will

be “General Grant’s Travels through Illinois at the Beginning of the Civil War.”

Timothy Good of Springfield will also be present. He is an author and former National Park Service employee who is now the Superintendent of the Lincoln Home in Springfield. He is a noted Abraham Lincoln historian who has written several books about the former president. One of his most popular books is about Lincoln’s Assassination and he will talk about that on July 4.

Two musical groups will represent the type and style of music that was common in Chautauqua programs. Mike Anderson of Jacksonville, Illinois, is a musician, singer, storyteller, writer, author, workshop leader, and educator. He is one of the most versatile folk entertainers in the Midwest. He will present a program with the mountain dulcimer.

The Pike Pipers consists of four women from Pike County, Illinois who form a recorder ensemble. They play a variety of music and travel throughout the area playing for groups and events to entertain but also to educate others about the versatile recorder. Their group uses several types of recorders to offer a unique and pleasant sound.

In 1855 four men combined their properties to develop the town of Camp Point, and several local speakers will represent those founders on July 4. Thomas Bailey was a renowned businessman who donated much of the land now called Bailey Park. Benjamin Booth was the first blacksmith in the Camp Point area, William Farlow was a farmer and livestock dealer, and Peter B. Garrett built the first house in Camp Point which is still a family home.

There will be historic displays and items of interest at the park. Dean Huber will share pictures of local homes and businesses that were in Camp Point. Many of those buildings were designed and built by Dean’s ancestor Lambert Huber. Steve Louderback will demonstrate a broom making machine that was originally used by his grandfather.

Everyone is invited to attend this special July 3-4, 2025 celebration in Bailey Park, Camp Point. Along with traditional Fourth of July activities and events, people will be entertained and educated in a manner which resembles the historic Chautauqua event of days gone by.



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Konni's Favorite Cheesecake

Submitted by Konni Pioch

3 cups graham cracker crumbs
1/2 cup sugar
1 tsp. cinnamon
3/4 cup butter, melted

Filling:

3 (8 oz.) pkgs. cream cheese, softened
1 1/2 cups sugar
1 1/4 tsp. vanilla
4 eggs, separated

Topping:

1/2 cup sour cream
2 Tbsp. sugar
1/2 tsp. vanilla
1/2 cup whipping cream, whipped
Canned cherry or strawberry pie filling

Combine cracker crumbs, sugar, and cinnamon in a small bowl. Stir in melted butter. Press onto bottom and sides of a 9" or 10" springform pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 7 minutes. Cool on a wire rack. Turn oven down to 325 degrees. In a mixing bowl, beat cream cheese, sugar, and vanilla until smooth. Add egg yolks and beat on low just until combined. In another mixing bowl, beat egg whites until soft peaks form. Fold into cream cheese mixture. Pour into crust and bake at 325 degrees for 1 hour or until center is almost set. Cool on a wire rack for 5-10 minutes. Carefully run a knife around the edge of the pan to loosen the crust from the sides. Cool for another hour then refrigerate until completely cooled. Combine sour cream, sugar and vanilla. Fold in whipped cream and spread over cheesecake. Refrigerate overnight. Remove sides of pan. Serve slices of cheesecake covered with cherries or strawberries.



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Penne Rigate w/Pink Sauce & Chicken

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Submitted by Bill Stalder

4-6 chicken breasts
1 lb. box Penne Rigate (or similar) pasta
1 (15 oz.) jar alfredo sauce
1/2 (24 oz.) jar marinara sauce
1/2 cup parmesan cheese
2-3 Tbsp. cream cheese
1/2 cup half & half
1/4 cup pasta water
2-4 Tbsp. butter
Olive oil
Pepper, garlic powder to taste

Season (blackening works well w/ pink sauce) and sauté chicken in oil until browned on both sides. Finish in 350° oven approx. 20 minutes. Let rest before slicing. Boil pasta until al dente. In a saucepan, add sauces, parmesan cheese, cream cheese, pasta water, and half & half. When heated through, add to the drained pasta. Add butter and oil as needed to loosen mixture. Serve pasta with sliced chicken on top.

Chewy Fudge Brownies

Submitted by Linda Kill

3/4 cup cocoa
1/4 cup oil
2/3 cup shortening
2 cups sugar
4 eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
1 1/4 cup flour
1 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. salt

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Melt together cocoa, oil, and shortening. Mix in sugar, eggs, and vanilla. Stir in flour, baking powder, and salt. Spread in a 9x13 pan. Bake for 30 minutes. DO NOT OVERBAKE. Cool slightly, cut into bars.

Rhubarb Crisp

Submitted by Linda Hoskins

3 cups diced rhubarb
3 Tbsp. flour
1 cup sugar
Topping:
1 cup flour
1 cup brown sugar
1 cup oats
1/2 cup butter
1/2 cup shortening

Mix rhubarb, flour, and sugar and place in baking dish. For topping, mix flour and sugar together. Add oats. Then cut in butter and shortening. Sprinkle over fruit. Bake at 375° until brown and bubbly. *May add cinnamon and use recipe for Apple Crisp.

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July

Schuyler County Fair

June 29-July 4, Schuyler Co. Fairgrounds. Carnival, rodeo, demo derby, queen contest, more. schuylercountyfair.org

Quincy Farmers' Market

July 5, 12, 19, 26 (8am-1pm), Washington Park, Quincy. Experience local agriculture, artisanal crafts, and community spirit. Live music. Runs every Sat. thru Oct.

Mt. Sterling Farmers' Market

July 5, 12, 19, & 26 (9am-Noon), Uptown Mt. Sterling. July 26 is Kids Day. Runs every Sat. thru Sept. 27.

Quincy Summer Flavor Tours

July 5, 12, 19, 26 (11am-2pm), Starts at The Pour Haus. Meander through Quincy's Downtown District while a Food Ambassador offers colorful insights along the way. Adventure includes a mix of venues. Tickets: \$50/person. Visit seequincy.com/product/flavor-tour-reservations/ or call (800) 978-4748

QCT's Jersey Boys

July 10-13, 17-20 (Thurs.-Sat. at 7:30pm, Sun. at 2pm), Quincy Community Theatre. Story of Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons. For tickets, call (217) 222-3209

VFW Fish Fry

July 11 (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.

Blues in the District

July 11, 25 & Aug. 11, 22 (5:30-9:30pm), Washington Park. Bring food, drinks, friends, & lawn chairs. Food vendors on site. No tents or glass, please.

St. Joseph Ice Cream Social

July 13 (4-9 pm), St. Joseph Church, 1435 E. 1500th St., Quincy. Homemade ice cream & sandwiches. Games & activities.

St. Anthony Parish Picnic

July 19 (Mass 4pm, Festivities 5pm-Midnight), St. Anthony Church, 2223 St. Anthony Rd. Games, food, basket raffle, silent auction, and air-conditioned bingo. Live band 7:30-11:30pm. Kiddieland w/ crafts, games, and rides.

Huntsville Church & Community Reunion

July 20 (5-8pm, meal at 6pm), Weinberg King State Park, Main Shelter House, Augusta. Potluck supper w/meat, drinks, and table service provided. Bring lawn chairs. Visit w/old and new family & friends. Pass the hat for minimal expenses. (217) 430-9726

Special Needs Bingo

July 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 third Monday of each month. Handicap accessible from southeast entrance. (217) 434-8638

Adams County Fair

July 23-29, Adams County Fairgrounds, Mendon. Sara Evans and Mark Wills perform on July 26. Tractor pull, queen pageant, demo derby, and more. Visit adamsfair.org or (217) 936-2230

Anticipation Quartet & Anticipation in Concert

July 27 (6pm), Clayton Christian Church, 202 E. Main. Southern Gospel music. Freewill offering.



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.

Camp Point 4th of July Celebration & Bicentennial Chautauqua Festival

July 4, Bailey Park, Camp Point. Food, fun, games, music, and more! Chautauqua hosted in conjunction with the Camp Point Fourth of July Celebration. A Chautauqua was held in Bailey Park in Camp Point starting in 1907, originally started in upstate New York as a cultural and social movement in the 1870s.

Speaker Series "Was Lincoln a Dictator?"

July 9 (6:30pm), John Wood Community College Orr Auditorium. Presented by Sam Wheeler and Steve Belko. Part of a year-long speaker series on second Wed. of every month. Free and open to the public. (217) 222-1835

Historic School Tours

July 12 (1-5pm), Unit 1 Payson
July 19 (1-5pm), Unit 4 Mendon
Tours by school bus. No charge. Call early to make reservations. Hosted by Jane and Paul Moody. Call (217) 653-1918 for reservations and/or questions. See our feature story on pages 8-9 of this issue!

Country School Museum Open

July 13 & 20 (1-5pm), 1918 S. 57th St., Quincy. KISMIF crafts & games available. No reservations needed.

Bicentennial Churches Honored

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