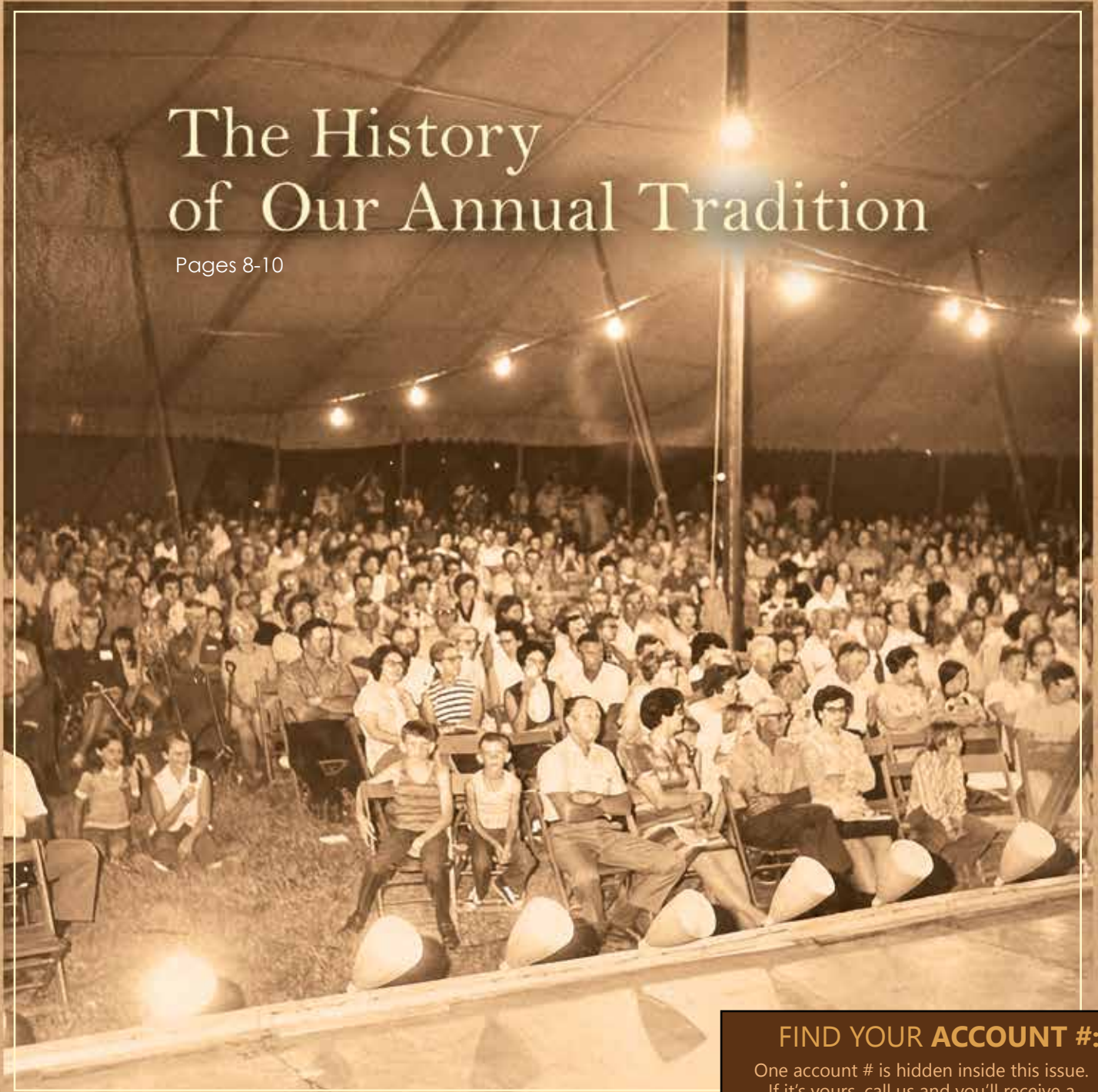


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Matt Schmidt,
Development Director
The Salvation Army

On behalf of the Adams County 4-H, we want to extend our sincere appreciation for your generous donation to support the 2025 Adams County 4-H Fair. Your contribution plays a

vital role in providing youth with leadership opportunities, hands-on learning experiences, and the ability to showcase their hard work and dedication.

Sincerely,
Siera Duesterhaus
Adams County 4-H Coordinator

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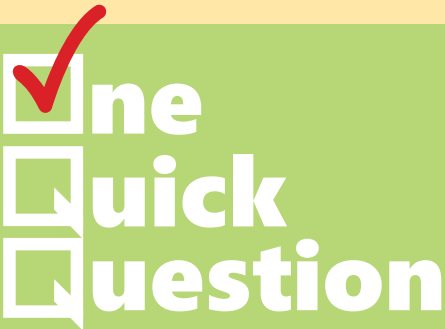
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Shelly Jones
Golden Branch Librarian

On behalf of the West Central Illinois Nutrition Project, I would like to thank you for your generous gift of a \$500 Penny Power Grant. Your commitment to helping seniors in our community is sincerely appreciated. Each year, Meals on Wheels continues to advance its mission of providing nutritious meals to any seniors that need them. Through our programs we have seen many lives improved because of the services that we provide.

Sincerely,
Carrie Dyel, Director
West Central Illinois Nutrition Project



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Luke Muegge was the winner of the **June One Quick Question**.
Congratulations, Luke!

Members: Make sure we have your email on file to be included in the next One Quick Question contest! (We typically email questions about quarterly.)



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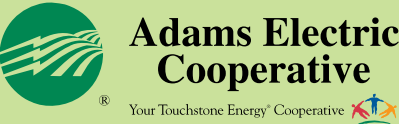
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One Quick Question - Electricity School



By Laura Bergman
Manager of
Communications

About once a quarter, we send out *One Quick Question*—a short email that gives members a chance to weigh in on various co-op programs.

It only takes seconds to answer, and one participant is randomly selected to win a \$20 bill credit. It’s a fun, easy way to stay connected and help shape what we do.

Our latest question, sent June 10, asked about a long-standing tradition: Electricity School.

The Question:

Adams Electric has been hosting Electricity School for most of its history. How many members of your (current) household have attended at least one year of Electricity School?

Simple enough! A total of 744 members submitted a response. Of those, 165 household members had attended Electricity School at least once. Many shared comments—mentioning repeat attendees, attendance by grandchildren, grown children, cousins, and even plans to send kids in the future.

As always, *One Quick Question* generated thoughtful comments—and questions. We wanted to take a moment to respond to a few of the common ones.

What is Electricity School?

Electricity School is a **free** event offered every summer, (usually a Wednesday at the beginning of June). It’s open to all students ages 8-18, not just 4-H members. Students come from across our territory—and sometimes beyond—for a hands-on, fun learning experience.

Here’s what the typical day looks like:

- An engaging game with prizes to kick things off (often tied to energy efficiency or safety)
- An electrical safety or basket truck demonstration
- Hands-on workshops by experience:
1st year - Build a soda can solar car
2nd year - Make an extension cord
3rd year - Learn basic house wiring
4th/5th year - Explore advanced skills (this year was electrical careers)

Over the years, we’ve also featured wind turbine tours, electric vehicles, soda can lamps, and electronics projects. It’s all designed to spark curiosity and confidence around electricity—and maybe even inspire a future career.

How Long Has Electricity School Been Around?

A long time! While a few folks mentioned it didn’t exist when they were kids, others remembered attending decades ago. In fact, two members—both 78—recalled their time at Electricity School, proving it’s been a part of Adams Electric’s history for generations!

One member wrote:

I’m 60 now. Through my 4-H years from the 70s to 1981, I attended electricity school. It has served me well including my military career.

That’s the kind of impact we love to hear about.

Does Electricity School Influence Careers?

Absolutely. Several members, including a lineman and an electrician, shared that Electricity School helped spark their interest in the trades.

One noted:

It was a lot of fun to attend. I went multiple years, and it’s what lead me to my career path as an electrician.

New Location:

Electricity School was held in Camp Point for many years. This year, for the first time, we moved the event to JWCC Workforce Development Center. This allowed us the opportunity to introduce students to JWCC’s electrical career opportunities. (Not to mention it was a relief being indoors due to the bad weather.) The response was overwhelmingly positive, and we’re planning to return to JWCC WDC again next year.

Other concerns:

There is **no charge** for electricity school. The event is sponsored by Adams Electric, Ameren, University of Illinois Extension, and now John Wood Community College. Over the past two years, we’ve received donations for supplies from Gem City Electric and Home Depot.

One suggested moving the school to July. While we’ve considered this, July and August become incredibly busy for our partners at University of Illinois Extension due to county and state fairs. Electricity School is typically very well attended and it takes a dedicated group of volunteers to make Electricity School happen, so early June has worked well.

Thanks to everyone who participated in our One Quick Question—especially those who shared their stories. Electricity School remains a strong part of our educational outreach, and hearing your experiences helps us plan for future generations.

Stay tuned for our next question—and your next chance to win!

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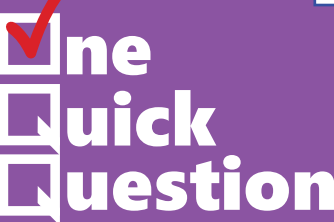
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Youth Tour Opens Minds And Builds Leaders

Local students represent Adams Electric and Adams Telephone in Washington, D.C.

Every June, a select group of high school students from across Illinois leave their rural communities to spend a week taking in the historic sights and bustling energy of the nation's capital.

This year, 48 students sponsored by 25 Illinois electric and telephone cooperatives took part in the Youth to Washington Tour, held June 16-23, for an immersive weeklong experience designed to educate and inspire the next generation of cooperative and civic leaders.

Adams Electric sponsored Kodi Duke and Jamen Tchabda and Adams Telephone sponsored Micah Anderson and Abigail Hildebrand to go on the trip. The students joined more than 2,000 students representing 44 states.

"This trip is so much more than sight-seeing," said Danielle Flesner, Graphic Designer and Youth Tour Coordinator for Adams Telephone. "It's about building relationships, learning leadership, and showing that they have the power to shape their communities and futures."

Learning by doing

Central to the Youth Tour experience is the formation of a mock student-run cooperative called Chip 'n' Pop Co-op. Students began their journey at the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC) in Springfield, where the students selected a co-op board. The board later interviewed and selected a manager.

Throughout the week, the co-op handled snack sales, decision-making and budgeting—giving participants a hands-on look at how cooperatives operate. Adams Electric's Duke served as a director and Tchabda served as board president.

"Being part of a co-op helps students understand what makes a co-op different," said Laura Bergman, Manager of Communications for Adams Electric. "It's all about working together and making decisions that serve everyone—not just one person or company."

A full week of history

Over the course of the week, students visited historic landmarks including Gettysburg, Arlington National Cemetery and, for the first time in many years, toured the White House, where the students caught a glimpse of President Donald Trump. They also toured the U.S. Capitol, strolled the National Mall, stood at the steps of the Supreme Court, and explored the Smithsonian museums.

Midweek, students took part in the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Youth Day, where they joined hundreds of other teens from across the country to hear from national leaders and learn how to use their voices back home.

From sobering visits to the Holocaust Memorial Museum and the 9/11 Pentagon Memorial to moments of laughter at the Museum of Illusions and team-building at the Beat the Bomb (escape room), the experience was unforgettable.

"During Youth Tour, I learned more about what our country is built on," Hildebrand said. "I was able to learn about the advancements this nation has accomplished through adversity, as well as the impact each decision can have on an individual's life no matter how big or small. I had the opportunity to

experience why it is such a blessing to say that I'm proud to be an American."

A trip that lasts a lifetime

An important component to the trip — the students voted for one of their peers to represent Illinois on the Youth Leadership Council (YLC). Those interested, submitted an application, and five were selected to give a speech in front of their peers.

Adams Telephone's Micah Anderson was selected as the 2025-2026 YLC representative for Illinois. He will represent the state at national and state events in the year ahead.

For students interested in Youth Tour in the future, Anderson said, "Take advantage of every opportunity you have. Go to every museum, take every tour, and try to make as many friends as possible."

The week concluded with a farewell dinner and dance, and by the time students returned home on June 23, many said they felt changed by the experience.

"Thank you for this unforgettable experience," Duke said. "I have had my mind blown by all the breathtaking memorials, museums, and everything in between. Without your selection I would have missed one of the greatest trips of my life, I am so grateful for this opportunity."

High school sophomores and juniors are eligible to participate in the annual program. To learn more, view photos from their trip, or to be added to the mailing list for future contest information, visit adamselectric.coop or contact Laura Bergman at (217) 509-7761.



Welcome, Kurfman!

Grady Kurfman of Liberty has been offered and has accepted the Apprentice Lineman position in Camp Point. His first day of work was Monday, June 23, 2025.

Kurfman was previously employed at Pella Cooperative Electric Association in Pella, Iowa as an Apprentice Lineman.

Kurfman is a graduate of Liberty High School and received a Powerline Technology degree from Northwest Iowa Community College in Sheldon, IA. He also received a Manufacturing Technology/Engineering Design degree from John Wood Community College.

He enjoys hunting, fishing, and being with his family and friends.

Please join us in welcoming Grady to Adams Electric!

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for Districts 1, 2 & 3

Pursuant to the Cooperative's Bylaws, any 25 or more members acting together may make nominations by petition ninety days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting. At the 2025 Annual Meeting to be held on Wednesday, September 3, directors for District #1, District #2, and District #3 will be elected. The following members submitted petitions for candidacy:

Eric Ewing of Rushville - District #1 Representing Astoria Township in Fulton County; Littleton, Oakland, Buena Vista, Woodstock, Browning, Rushville, Bainbridge, Hickory, and Frederick Townships of Schuyler County.

Brent Clair of Loraine - District #2 Representing Keene, Northeast, and Houston Townships of Adams County; Augusta, Chili, and St. Albans Townships of Hancock County.

Laura Meyer of Liberty - District #3 Representing Gilmer, Columbus, Burton and Liberty Townships of Adams County.

The qualifications of each director candidate were reviewed and approved at the June 25, 2025 board meeting.

Laura Meyer
Laura Meyer, Board President

Tom Travis
Tom Travis, Board Secretary

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The History of Our Annual Tradition

Adams Electric was officially incorporated on May 11, 1938. The first Annual Meeting (on record), was held on February 27, 1941 in Camp Point. The promotional message from that year read:

"Mark your calendar – Thursday, February 27, 1941. That's a date you don't want to miss. It's your Co-Op's Annual Membership Meeting in Camp Point, Illinois – your chance to learn how your Co-Op is being run and to have a say in its future. Bring your wives – they're probably more interested in electricity than you are! Come hear the reports, ask questions, and get involved in the business that belongs to you."

That meeting drew 450 members to the Camp Point Community Building. Board President Roy Sharrow addressed the crowd. And yes, even then, members went home with door prizes! Attendees had the chance to win a coffee maker, two kitchen clocks, two chicken water warmers, and even an "electrically broiled steak dinner" from Louisan Mamer, an REA Representative.

In the early days, meetings were held on weekdays which accommodated the schedules of our mostly farming members and the wives who managed their homes. Electrical demonstrations were a big hit as rural families were still learning how to use electricity. Our meeting was cancelled a year or two most likely due to gasoline rationing during World War II.

By the 1950s, the Annual Meeting was moved to Bailey Park and evolved into a two-day summer event. The first day was reserved for members, while the second repeated the entertainment for the public. Acts ranged from comedians and balancing acts to musical bottle performances and organ solos.

In 1951, neighboring co-ops formed the IEC Caravan Association to share



tents and equipment. These tents were used for many years.

The Annual Meeting introduced new machinery never seen before in this part of the country. In 1952, members were the first to witness a new feed grinding machine. A light lunch was provided, but Members were encouraged to bring a picnic and enjoy the day.

The "Big Top" made its debut in 1953 – a 90-by-187-foot tent that took employees two days to erect. This giant tent was used for the next 21 years. *(Shown on the cover from the 1972 Annual Meeting)*

In 1954, our event featured high-profile speakers like Senator Paul Douglas and Republican nominee Joseph Meek. That same year, the Co-op held its first beauty contest, open to unmarried daughters of members. The prize at the national level was an electric range (\$279.95 value), silver trophy, and sash.

The Talent Show was introduced in 1955. Marilyn Myers won with her performance of "Pass It On". Two thousand people attended even with the temperature hitting 99 degrees!

Our attendance jumped again reaching a new record 2,500 people in 1956. We offered a free frypan or electric sheet with the purchase of an appliance at the meeting. That year's highlight was General Motors' Sunmobile, a miniature car powered by the sun and a miniature gas turbine. The car "entertained all except the very young who cried every time the miniature jet motor was set off". In addition, we organized a demonstration of cutting-edge communication – showcasing a microwave relay which sent television programs and long distance telephone calls across the country.

In 1957, Country Mutual Fire Co. presented a "Farm of Hazards" display which demonstrated overloaded circuits, dust explosions, lightning, and careless handling of gases. The Co-op followed with an important discussion on buying fire extinguishers.

Many still remember the iconic red "All Electric Farm" signs, which members proudly displayed on their farms. These were ordered ahead and displayed on the fence at the park for members to take home.



Also in 1957, our "Partner Prize" contest brought in 1,092 members. Paired randomly with another member, those who registered together each won an electric clock. Some members pinned the names of their partners to their hats; others used the PA system to try to find their partners. A total of 692 people found their partners (346 pairs) and 400 went home empty handed, but the contest was well received and repeated the next few years.

In 1958, speaker REA Administrator David Hamil praised members, employees, and directors for "...building this into a better than average Co-op."

1960 marked the Silver Anniversary of the Rural Electrification Administration (REA, where we got our loan to start the Co-op). We welcomed speaker National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) President Walter Harrison. We celebrated with the first year of the porkchop dinner, grilled on site. It took 14 employees cooking assisted by 90 members of the Maplewood PTA. There were 10 serving lines which served 3,500 people in 30 minutes! Our grocery list included: 1,200 pounds of charcoal, 7,400 pork chops, 126 #10 cans of apple-sauce, 192 #10 cans of baked beans, 18 gallons of pickles, and 280 loaves of bread. Fortunately, this was also the year that modern toilet facilities were added to Bailey Park.

In 1962, we reached 1,670 members registered, our largest attendance to date!



Including their families, we served 5,500 people with 12 serving lines (3,000 lbs. of pork chops)!

Our 25th Annual Meeting was held in 1964. Cactus Jim (Prairie Farms) performed for the kids and gave away a free bicycle. Mr. & Mrs. Chester Guenther of Coatsburg received a plaque for attending all 25 meetings.

The 1960s brought additional tents, major appliance sales (over 40 sold in 1966), the announcement of a new headquarters, and resolutions urging Congress to expand Co-op borrowing options.

The tradition of the night meeting began on August 16, 1967, drawing 1,302 members and serving 4,500 meals.

Records indicate that our 1968 Annual Meeting was held at Clayton Recreation Park but we do not have a copy of the September Adams Outlet covering how that went. (So if you have a copy, we'd love to see it!)

In 1971, G.E.'s Electrak, an electric tractor for garden and home use appeared

at our Annual Meeting, another regional first.

In 1972, we welcomed Illinois Governor Richard Ogilvie as our speaker. Approximately 4,000 people attended.

1974 was a milestone: the final year under the "Big Top" and the year we celebrated paying off our original, \$400,000 REA loan. To mark the occasion, Beulah



Sharrow (widow of first Board President Roy Sharrow), Harriet Sims (widow of former director Ray Sims), and Clara Robertson Neuer (only original director) were present to ceremoniously burn the mortgage. That year, we also recognized longtime employees, Jim Carpenter and Marion Young, who were retiring.

With the introduction of air-conditioned high school gymnasiums and junior college auditoriums, neighboring co-ops were moving their meetings indoors and no longer needed the IEC Caravan of tents and chairs. With no replacement tent in place, 1975 was our first (and only) open-air meeting. The shelter house construction began the following year.

1977 was another hot year -- a 98 degree day! Dean Searls, former General Manager said, "We always seem to hold the meetings on the hottest days of the year."

Our first "Woman of the Year" contest was introduced in 1979. Mrs. Ruth Shupe was our winner, selected based on civic and family accomplishments, leadership, poise, and charm. This year, we served our first ham-dinner.

Throughout the 1980s, the ham dinner continued with chief cook Tom Frazier who was a sales manager for Moorman Manufacturing. The entertainment welcomed more kids with petting zoos, kiddie rides, stagecoach rides, and the ring toss.



Appliance sales remained strong through the 1990s. New features included tractor displays, a picnic area, and basket truck rides. Air Evac made its appearance, and Crimestoppers fingerprinting became popular.

The 2000s brought pony rides, bounce houses, and Prairie Power, Inc.'s Energy Efficiency Booth.

Rain in 2008, moved our meeting to Central High School for the first time.

Our pole climbing demonstration was introduced in 2014 at our 75th Annual Meeting. This year, employees dressed in clothing from the 1930s and 1940s to commemorate our anniversary.

In 2016, pork chops were again grilled on site, but to the relief of employees, The Butcher Block handled this service with ease. Special needs rides (golf carts) were added in 2017 which have become very popular. General Manager Jim Thompson's presentation was a quiz for members but with employees' "secretly" revealing answers to the audience. In 2019, Thompson hosted a Family Feud-style game show to deliver updates.

Then came 2020. Our Annual Meeting was postponed due to the pandemic and replaced with a Member Appreciation Drive-Thru. In 2021, we hosted our first drive-thru meeting at Bailey Park, serving 2,000 porkchop dinners. New

playground equipment arrived in 2022, a welcome addition for families.

In 2023, Thompson recognized the employee team effort and welcomed guest speaker Eric Hobbie from Prairie Power, Inc. The following year, in 2024, our meeting moved to the Adams County Fairgrounds for another drive-thru meeting. It was well attended, moved members through quickly while still providing radio updates and serving nearly 2,000 meals.

This year, we return to Bailey Park. We'll have our usual vendor booths, bounce houses, door prizes, and a delicious pork chop dinner grilled on site.

Our plans going forward are to rotate the meeting in Brown, Schuyler, and Adams County with drive-thrus and offer the Bailey Park meeting every other year.

We hope you'll join us this year and help write the next chapter in our history!



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Peanut Butter Cups

Submitted by Wendy Willey

- 2 cups graham cracker crumbs
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- 1 pound box of powdered sugar
- 1 cup peanut butter
- 2 cups chocolate chips

Melt the oleo. Mix in graham cracker crumbs, peanut butter, and powdered sugar. Spread in a 9x13 pan. Melt chocolate chips and spread over the mixture. Cool, cut into squares.

Microwave Bread Pudding

Submitted by Kay Little

- 4 cups bread cubes, lightly packed into cup (about 4-5 slices)
- 1/2 cup brown sugar, packed
- 1/2 tsp. cinnamon + extra to sprinkle on top
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/2 cup raisins, optional
- 2 cups milk
- 1/2 cup butter
- 2 eggs

Spread bread cubes evenly in 8 inch round dish. Sprinkle evenly with brown sugar, cinnamon, salt, then raisins. Measure milk into 1 quart measuring cup. Add butter. Microwave on high (10) for 4 minutes, until butter is melted and milk is warm. Rapidly stir in eggs with a fork and mix well. Pour over bread cubes in dish. Microwave at medium heat (7) for 9-12 minutes. When cooked, center may still be slightly soft but it will set up as pudding cools. Sprinkle top with cinnamon. Serve warm or chilled. Makes about 6 servings. (141620-001)

Adams Electric Cooperative's Country Kitchen

Peanut Butter Swirl Brownies

Submitted by Mary Wilson

- 1/2 cup soft margarine
- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1 cup white sugar

- 1 cup brown sugar
- 4 eggs
- 2 tsp. vanilla
- 2 cups flour
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- Chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large bowl, combine margarine and peanut butter. Add white sugar and brown sugar. Beat in eggs and vanilla. Mix ingredients well. Add flour and baking powder. Spread onto a greased jelly roll pan. Sprinkle with chocolate chips (amount as desired). Bake for 5 minutes or until chocolate chips look softened and can be swirled well. Take out of oven and marble with a knife. Return to oven for about 15 minutes (Best when brownies look barely done.)

Butter Pecan Fudge

Submitted by Cindy Smith

- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 1 cup pecan halves, toasted
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 2 cups powdered sugar

Coat an 8" square baking dish. In a large saucepan, bring butter, heavy cream, granulated sugar, brown sugar, and salt to a boil over medium heat, stirring frequently. Boil for 5 minutes, stirring constantly, then remove pan from heat. Stir in pecans and vanilla. Add powdered sugar and stir until smooth and well combined. Spread mixture into baking dish. Allow to cool to room temperature, then cut into 1 inch squares and serve. Yields about 5 dozen squares.



Cucumber Salad

Cucumber Salad

Submitted by Laura Bergman

- 2-3 cups sliced cucumbers
- 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/3 cup cooked and crumbled bacon
- 1/2 cup ranch dressing or sour cream
- 1 tsp. dill (optional)
- Salt and pepper to taste

Combine all ingredients except cucumbers and mix well. Add in cucumbers and toss. Chill and serve.



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Mt. Sterling Farmers Market

Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, & Sept. 6, 13, 20, & 27 (9am-Noon), Uptown Mt. Sterling. August 9 is Dog Day @ the Market. Sept. 13 is Art @ the Market.

Quincy Summer Flavor Tours

Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 (11am-2pm), Starts at The Pour Haus through Quincy's Downtown District. Food Ambassador offers colorful insights along a mix of venues. Tickets: \$50/person. Visit seequincy.com/product/flavor-tour-reservations or call (800) 978-4748

Loraine Community Church Rummage Sale

Aug. 8 & 9 (Fri. 3-7pm, Sat. 7:30am-2pm), Loraine Community Church, 610 E. Center St., Loraine. Something for everyone! Freewill offering. Proceeds go to missions in Unit 4 school district.

Adams Brown Co. Old Settlers

Aug. 8-11, Clayton. Fri. - Fried fish, home run derby, Little Miss/Mr, pageants, Liz Bentley performs. Sat. - Parade, Boys baseball, short order stand, kids' games, greased pig, tractor & pickups pull, pony pull, baby toddler contest, fried chicken, Exit 52 performs, bike drawing, and fireworks. Sun. - Church serv., Knapp Memorial, lunch, girls softball, music bingo, antique tractor pull, Fireman's barrel race, pedal tractor pull & race.

Victory Belles

Aug. 9 (7:30-9:30pm), Quincy Community Theatre. The Victory Belles from The National WWII Museum will perform. This charming trio brings the spirit of the 1940s to life. Call (217) 222-3209 for tickets.

The Inspirations at the Mill

Aug. 22 (7pm), Golden Windmill. Gospel is Golden Ministry welcomes one of Southern Gospel Music's favorite quartets. Freewill love offering. Sandwiches & concessions at 4:30pm. faithandgraceparish.org/concerts (217) 593-7455

Clayton Christian Church Ice Cream Social

Aug. 24 (11am-1pm), Clayton Christian Church, 202 E. Main. Sloppy Joes, chili dogs, hot dogs, ice cream, & desserts. Carry outs available. Free will offering.

VFW Fish Fry

Sept. 1 (4-7pm), VFW Post 11041, 316 S. Main St., Palmyra, MO. Catfish fillet, VFW Spuds, baked beans, cole slaw, cornbread, dessert, & drink. Adults: \$12, kids \$5. Call Gene Ash at (573) 260-0915 or leave message at (573) 769-3163.

Flea Market & Crafts

Sept. 20 & 21 (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 korn. Free admission. Sponsored by Adams Co. Olde Tyme Assoc. For vendor info, call (217) 219-0272 or (217) 430-4434

Adams County Bicentennial Events

Payson Old Settler's Picnic

Aug. 1-3, Payson. Community picnic, pageant, baby contest, grand parade, carnival, and food.

Loraine Fall Festival

Aug. 9 (Starts at 10am), Loraine. Sports tournaments, games, Little Miss/Mr, obstacle course, fish fry, food, and fun.

Speaker Series

Aug. 13 & Sept. 10 (6:30pm), John Wood Community College Orr Auditorium. "Tuskegee Airman George Iles" on Aug. 13, presented by Rob Mellon. "City of Refuge Illinois Mormons" on Sept. 10, presented by Dave Harbin. Part of a year-long speaker series on second Wed. of every month. Free and open to the public. (217) 222-1835

Historic Schoolhouse Tours

Aug. 16 (1-5pm), Quincy Parochial Schools Aug. 30 (1-5pm), Unit 2 Liberty Sept. 6 (9am-12pm), Unit 3 Camp Point Sept. 27 (1-5pm), Quincy Public Schools 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. Country School Museum Open Aug. 17, 31 & Sept. 7, 28 (1-5pm), 1918 S. 57th St., Quincy. KISMIF crafts & games available. No reservations needed.

ICONS of Adams County Design Exhibit

Aug. 20, Quincy Art Center. Exhibit opens featuring entries for the township logo design contest. (Contest for 9th-12th grade students living in Adams Co. townships. Entry deadline: Aug. 1. Details at: quincyartcenter.org.)

Grand Finale Celebration

Sept. 6 (11am-11pm), Adams Co. Fairgrounds. Dedication of Heritage Farm Pavilion. Honor Bicentennial Farmers (2pm @ Legacy Pavilion). Hall of Villages Expo, Honor Artists Display, & Scholar Awards. Quincy Park Band and high school marching band performances. Veteran appreciation & meal w/meet & greet, military trucks & vehicle display, and military band performance. Adams Co. Emergency vehicle display, Lugnuts car show, and agriculture machinery expo. Vendor market, food trucks, Children's Museum. Beach Boys performance. Balloon glow & fireworks.

Liberty Fall Festival

Sept. 6 (Starts at 10am), Liberty. Chicken dinner, concessions, opening ceremonies, Little Mr/Miss, talent show, parade, kids' games, Miss/Jr. Miss pageant, and raffle. Hosted by Liberty Lions Club

Golden Fall Festival

Sept. 12-14, Golden. Kids' games, live music, car/truck/tractor show, market, tournaments, and run/walk. Hosted by Golden Historical Society.



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