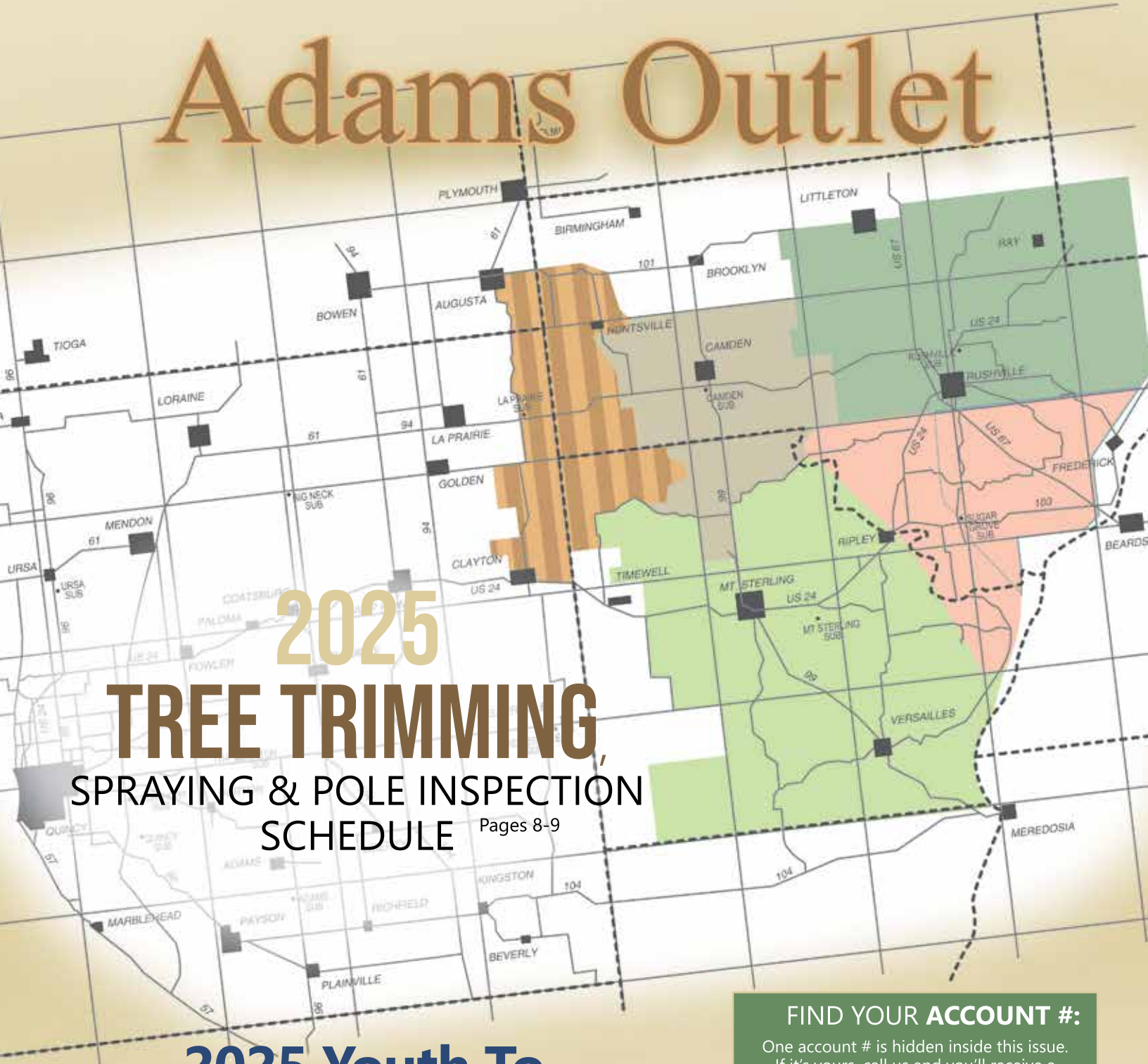


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Quick

Question

WIN A \$20

ELECTRIC BILL CREDIT

Amanda Baucom was the winner of the December One Quick Question. Congratulations, Amanda! Amanda will receive a \$20 electric bill credit.

We asked:
How much would it cost to light the Griswold house in National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation?
Let's assume the lights were on for 5 hours per day for the month of December. Keep in mind, this was 1989 so the lights were incandescent. We'll assume they were C7 incandescents which are about 5 watts each. (Based on images, Clark didn't use mini lights.)

Answer: \$2,693 - Griswold, who was the star of the 1989 holiday classic National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation, was determined to have a "fun, old-fashioned, family Christmas," complete with 25,000 twinkling incandescent lights on the outside of his home. This estimate is based on 13.9 cents/kWh without

any discounted rate blocks, no facility charge, or tax. In 1989, our rate was 11.8 cents/kWh which comes to \$2,050.25 without any discounted rate blocks, etc. (Our rate book from 1989, technically, doesn't go that high.) Something else to consider...this much usage would require a bigger service than a typical 200 amp service.

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Cycle Trimming for Safety & Reliability

Your Cooperative strives to supply reliable electric to the membership. One of the most important areas from a maintenance standpoint is residential and

rights-of-way trimming, mowing, etc.

Hiring qualified contractors trained in the practices from the ANSI-A300 standards for tree trimming has been a proven method for reliability on our system. Early in my career the Cooperative would top trees for the members as a service per their request. As we became more involved with the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), we were taught that topping trees was hard on the tree, weakening the branch unions and allowing disease to enter into the tree. Directional pruning is proper pruning for the health of the tree. This method allows the tree to heal itself naturally and prunes the tree to provide the clearance needed for the Cooperative to continue supplying reliable power to its members.

Safety is also a major factor in cycle trimming. Potential tree hazards have been a concern of mine throughout my career. As an ex (old) lineman/tree trimmer driving along our

7,200 volt system and over 2,200 miles of line, seeing these trees growing close to the primary line and noticing toys or swings in the area of the base of the trees gives a lineman/tree trimmer chills of the possible danger that could arise. Kids climbing trees near power lines could be disastrous. That's why safety awareness is crucial when planting trees.

Consideration of where trees should be planted could be beneficial to the member/owner and the Cooperative. When a tree is planted with the electric line in mind at full maturity, allowing for the clearance needed for safety and reliability, the tree may not require future trimming because of good planning. If space is limited, a few possible suggestions I would recommend are trees such as crabapple, hawthorn, dogwood, hedge maple, and Japanese lilac. Try to picture the tree at its maturity, not out of the planting pot. These trees could benefit the property owner and the

Cooperative in the long run by remaining relatively small at full maturity. As a member/owner myself, I need to practice what I preach on my own property.

On pages 8 and 9, we have provided our tree trimming, spraying, and pole inspection schedule for 2025. As always, if you have concerns that arise that are not part of our scheduled maintenance, don't hesitate to contact us.

I recently announced my retirement at the end of March. As my nearly 40 year career comes to an end, it has been an honor to work alongside so many dedicated employees and I'm grateful for the opportunity I had to serve the membership and help keep the lights on. The friendships I've built along the way have made this journey unforgettable. I will leave knowing I've contributed to something truly vital. It has been a privilege to work for such an amazing team.

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Director
Becky Barlow

Barlow Maintains Director Gold

Director Gold recognizes directors who have already earned their Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) or Board Leadership Certificate (BLC) and who wish to continue to learn throughout their service on the board.

Director Becky Barlow of Clayton earned her first Director Gold credential in 2016 from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA). She has fulfilled all the requirements to

maintain it, earning certificates in 2019, 2021, 2023, and most recently in 2025.

Director Gold includes a continuing education requirement which calls for directors to earn three credits of approved course work and or conferences every two years to maintain their Director Gold status.

Additional directors of Adams Electric Cooperative who have reached Director Gold status are: Brent Clair of Loraine, Laura Meyer of Liberty, Kris Farwell of Plymouth, and Tom Travis of Payson. (901754-001)

Capital Credits Returned to City of Quincy & John Wood Community College



Mayor Mike Troup (left) accepts a capital credit check for the City of Quincy's Quincy Regional Airport account from General Manager Jim Thompson (right).



General Manager Jim Thompson (right) presented a capital credit check to JWCC President Dr. Bryan Renfro (left).

The City of Quincy and John Wood Community College's capital credit refunds were part of the Cooperative's recent distribution of approximately \$500,000 in capital credits for the remainder of 2002 and 85% of 2003. "Capital credits are an integral part of the financing of cooperatives and a very positive part of being a member of a not-for-profit electric utility," said Thompson.

Adams Electric returned \$2,673.88 in capital credits to the City of Quincy for the Quincy Regional Airport account. General Manager Jim Thompson presented the check to Mayor Mike Troup. John Wood Community College received capital credits of \$6,425.55. JWCC President Dr. Bryan Renfro was also presented a check by General Manager Jim Thompson.

Members of cooperatives pay for service at cost and share in the annual margins by earning capital credits.

Preparing for Storm Season?

DON'T FORGET TO READY YOUR CAR

According to the National Safety Council (NSC), every vehicle should have an emergency supply kit onboard. Kits should be checked twice a year and expired items should be replaced regularly. Emergency supply kits should include:

 Snowbrush
 Shovel
Windshield washer fluid
Cat litter for traction

 Warm clothing
Blankets
Drinking water
Nonperishable foods

 Properly inflated spare tire
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Jumper cables
Fire extinguisher

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To Tackle This Winter

Stuck inside due to cold weather? Now's the perfect time to reduce your winter energy bills with these simple indoor projects.

Don't let the cold weather get you down. These simple indoor projects will help reduce your winter energy bills and improve the comfort of your home.

Install low-flow showerheads

Standard showerheads use 2.5 gallons per minute or more. *WaterSense*-labeled models can save water and energy while still providing a comfortable flow.



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- Turn off water sources for both hot and cold at the faucet.
- Unscrew your existing showerhead by turning the fixture counterclockwise.
- Clean off the shower arm threads and make sure they are dry.
- Apply Teflon thread-sealing tape, wrapping the tape two or three times around the threads.
- Hand tighten the new showerhead onto the shower arm. Be careful not to overtighten.
- Run the shower and check for leaks. If it leaks, gently tighten it with a wrench using a cloth to protect the finish.

Air seal your basement

Air leaking into your basement can make the space feel colder and increase your winter energy bills.

- Check for gaps in the rim joists where the wall meets the ceiling, as well as plumbing and wiring holes on outside walls.
- Caulk is best for sealing gaps or cracks that are one-quarter inch or smaller.
- Use spray foam insulation to fill gaps up to three inches.
- Fill larger gaps by cutting and stuffing pieces of insulation.

Insulate hot water pipes

Heat loss through unprotected hot water pipes can cost you. Pipe insulation is readily available at your local DIY retailer.

- Starting at the water heater, measure the length of insulation needed to cover accessible pipes.
- Cut the insulation to the lengths needed.
- Place the insulation on the pipe with the seam or opening facing down.
- Tape the insulation every foot or so to secure it to the pipe.



Air seal your attic

Leaks in unfinished attics can waste energy, even when adequate insulation is installed.

- Locate all ceiling fans, recessed lighting fixtures and electrical outlets in the ceiling below your attic. Each of these is a potential source of air leakage.
- From the attic, pull back the insulation to find the cutouts and seal them with caulk or expandable foam.
- Check for and seal gaps around plumbing vents, furnace flues and ductwork.
- Seal the attic access with weatherstripping.

Switch to smart outlets

Replace older electric outlets with smart models. Smart outlets automatically shut off power to unused plugged-in devices. You can control them from your smartphone or voice assistant.

- Turn off the power to the outlet you're working on.
- Remove the outlet trim and disconnect the old outlet.
- Connect the new outlet wires — white to white and black to black.
- Attach the green wire to the bare ground wire.
- Attach the wired outlet to the box and install the new trim.
- Download the outlet control app and add the outlet to your system.

Contact a qualified electrician if you don't feel comfortable doing the work yourself.

These projects will keep you occupied during the dreary days of winter, and the lower energy bills will give you a warm feeling inside.



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2025 TREE TRIMMING, SPRAYING & POLE INSPECTION SCHEDULE

Adams Electric Cooperative maintains an annual schedule for tree trimming, spraying, and pole inspections. The contractor crew has magnetic signs on the sides of their vehicles that indicate they are contractors for Adams Electric Cooperative. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Steve Fanning or Alex Mossman at the Cooperative at (217) 593-7701 or (800) 232-4797.

2025 Tree Trimming

Adams Electric’s tree trimming contractor will be trimming trees in all of the Rushville and Sugar Grove substation areas (all of areas **F** and **M**).

2025 Spraying

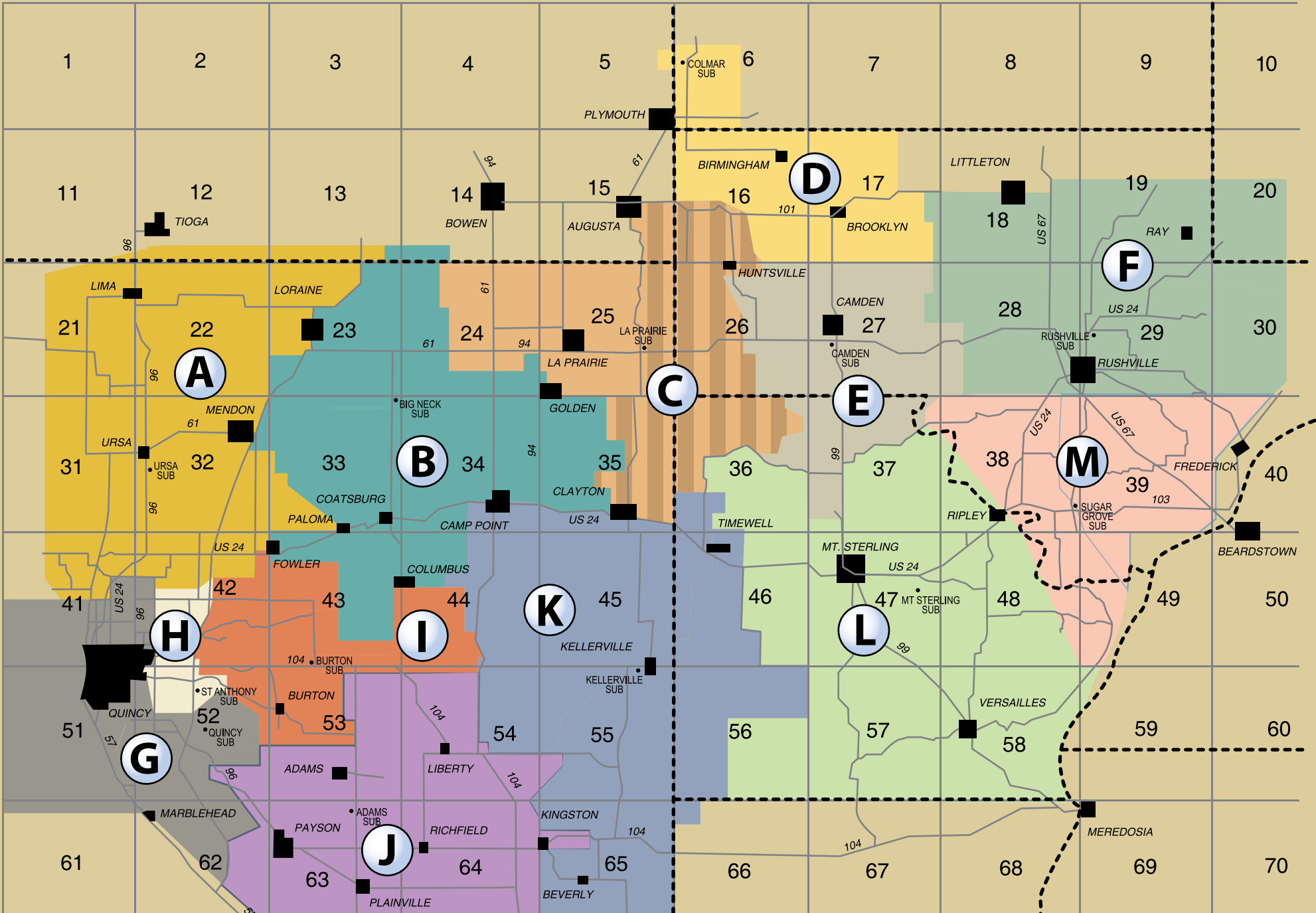
Adams Electric’s spray crew and contractor will be working in the Mt. Sterling and Camden substation areas (all of areas **L** and **E**).

2025 Pole Inspection

A contractor for Adams Electric Cooperative will begin by inspecting poles in the remainder of the the La Prairie substation area then start on the Rushville substation area (the striped area of **C** and all of area **F**).

The Adams Electric crew will do additional right-of-way mowing and low volume spraying throughout our territory as needed.

*Areas **A, B, D, G, H, I, J,** and **K** are not scheduled for specific maintenance in 2025. If vegetation problems should arise in these areas, please contact the Cooperative for assistance.



An illustration of a utility worker in a bucket truck trimming a large tree next to a house. The logo for SafeElectricity.org is visible.

WHY DOES YOUR POWER PROVIDER TRIM TREES?

Although most trees do not present a problem, some of them grow into or crowd power lines, poles or other utility equipment and cause service issues. Unruly and overgrown trees can:

- ⚠️ Cause outages.
- 🔥 Create fire hazards.
- 🌳 Break off and land on power lines.
- 💡 Cause lights to flicker during high winds.
- ❄️ Get weighed down with ice and cause issues.

Proper pruning techniques are used to preserve tree health, although sometimes a tree must be removed. This is a last resort, but it can be necessary if there are:

- 🌳 Fast-growing trees directly under power lines.
- 🌳 Trees that are leaning into lines.
- 🌳 Trees that are declining, cracked or split.

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Do you have what it takes to be the energy efficiency MVP (most valuable player) in your home? When you take proactive steps to save energy at home, you can help your family save on monthly energy bills *and* help the environment—that's a win-win!

Read the sentences below and unscramble the **bolded** letters to complete the energy efficiency tips. Check your work in the answer key.



1. Turn off **glhsit** when you leave a room.

2. Unplug smaller electronic devices like phone **reahgcsr** when you're not using them.

3. Reduce your **nesecr** time to save energy and spend more time outdoors.

4. Turn off the **reatw** while brushing your teeth.

5. Keep doors and **swdwnio** closed when your home's heating/cooling system is running.

6. When it's cold, wear an extra layer of **tohgncil** inside instead of adjusting the thermostat.

Answer Key: 1. lights 2. chargers 3. screen 4. water 5. windows 6. clothing



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Fresh Raspberry Cheesecake

Submitted by Donna Vollbracht

1 1/2 pkgs. graham crackers
1/2 stick butter, melted
3/4 cup powdered sugar, divided
8 oz. cream cheese
8 oz. container Cool Whip
1 1/4 cup water
3/4 cup sugar
3 Tbsp. cornstarch
1 quart (more or less) fresh red raspberries
1 sm. box raspberry jello (regular or sugar free)

Melt butter and mix with graham crackers and 1/4 cup powdered sugar. Press into a 9x13 pan or dish. Mix cream cheese, remaining powdered sugar, and Cool Whip. Spread on top of crust. In a sauce pan, cook together: water, sugar, and cornstarch, stirring until thick and clear. Remove from heat and add jello. Cool. Stir in raspberries and pour mixture on top. Chill and serve.

Spinach Souffle

Submitted by Barb Cate

2 (10 oz.) boxes of chopped frozen spinach, thawed and squeezed dry
1 (8 oz.) cream cheese, cut in tiny cubes
2 cups shredded monterey jack cheese
4 eggs, lightly beaten
1/4 cup melted butter
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp baking powder

In a large bowl, combine all ingredients and transfer to a greased 1 1/2 quart baking dish. Bake at 350 degrees F. for 35-40 minutes until edges and top are lightly browned. Optional: Sprinkle the top with Parmesan cheese during the last few minutes of baking or after it comes out of oven. Note: *Our family has had this dish for years on Thanksgiving or Christmas or other family get togethers. I started out making one dish and it went over so well, we did two. Even those who would claim, "I hate spinach" ended up liking it. It's a versatile side to go with any meats (turkey, ham, roast, etc.). Give it a try. I'm sure you'll like it!*

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Adams Electric Cooperative's Country Kitchen

Chicken Alfredo Rollups

Submitted by Bill Stalder
Manager of Marketing/Member Services

3 Tbsp. butter (plus more for greasing the dish)
3 Tbsp. flour
2 1/4 cups milk (preferably 2% or whole)
Juice of 1 lemon
2 tsp. chopped parsley
2 garlic cloves, minced (or garlic powder)
1/2 cup whipped cream cheese
2 cans chicken breast, drained
1/2 c. finely grated Parmesan cheese
8 cooked lasagna noodles
Kosher salt
Freshly ground black pepper

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Butter a large casserole dish and set aside. Melt butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Add garlic and sauté until garlic is fragrant, about 30 seconds. Whisk the flour into the butter and garlic and cook until the mixture is bubbling and golden, 1 minute more. Gradually pour in milk, whisking constantly. Bring mixture to a simmer, then stir in cream cheese and Parmesan. Let simmer until the sauce thickens, about 2 to 3 minutes. Add lemon juice and about 1 teaspoon of parsley. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Then stir in shredded chicken. Spoon a thin layer of sauce onto the bottom of the baking dish. Lay cooked noodles in a single layer on a cutting board or baking sheet. Spread chicken Alfredo mixture on each noodle, then roll up the lasagna noodle. Lay the roll-ups in the baking dish seam side-down. Spoon more sauce on top of the roll-ups. Bake for 15-20 minutes, until the sauce is bubbly and beginning to brown. Garnish with more parsley and serve.

Grilled Ham & Swiss on Rye

Submitted by Laura Bergman
Manager of Communications

4 oz. sliced honey ham
4 slices Swiss cheese
2 Tbsp. coarse ground mustard
1 1/2 tsp. honey
1/2 tsp. prepared horseradish
4 slices rye bread
1 Tbsp. salted butter, softened

Combine mustard, honey, and horseradish. Spread the mustard mixture on one side of each slice of bread. Layer two bread slices with ham and cheese. Top with remaining bread. Spread the butter on the outside of the sandwiches. Grill the sandwiches about 2-3 minutes on each side until golden and the cheese melts.

Sugar Cookies (Roll Out)

Submitted by Julia Barry
Member Service Representative

1 cup butter, softened
1/2 cup powdered sugar
1/2 cup sugar
1 egg
1/2 tsp. vanilla
1/2 tsp. cream of tartar
1/2 tsp. baking soda
2 1/4 cups flour

Heat oven to 375 degrees F. Combine butter and sugars in a large bowl. Beat at medium speed, scraping bowl often, until creamy. Add egg and vanilla, cream of tartar, and baking soda. Continue beating until well mixed. Reduce speed to low and add flour. Roll out on floured surface. Cut out desired shapes using cookie cutters and place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 7-9 minutes or until edges are lightly browned. Makes about 4 dozen small-medium cookies.

Do you have
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Event Listings

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March Events.....Feb. 1
April Events.....Mar. 1
May Events.....Apr. 1
June Events.....May 1
July Events.....June 1
August Events..... July 1
Send event title, date(s), time(s), address, town, brief description, cost (if any), and contact phone #.
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Annual Soup Supper

Feb. 1 (4-7pm), Union United Methodist Church, 1101 State St., Quincy. Chili, chicken noodle, vegetable beef, loaded baked potato, and ham & bean soups. Hotdogs, maidrites, and a variety of desserts. Freewill offering for the meal.

Prom Unlimited

Feb. 1 (5-8pm), The Crossing, 48th St., Quincy. To celebrate, love, and appreciate individuals and their families affected by disabilities. Parents/caregivers encouraged to attend with their child, teen, or adult. Dress appropriately for prom night. Free event. Register at: thecrossing.churchcenter.com

51st Annual High School Art Student Exhibition

Feb. 1-27, Quincy Art Center, 1515 Jersey. Teen Take Over (Sat. 1-3pm) and awards (Sat. 2:30pm). Exhibition through Feb. 27.

Adult Book Fair

Feb. 2 (1-4pm), Enchanted Books, 100 S. 6th St., Quincy. Adult books and bookish items.

QHS Winter Play: The Rich Full Life

Feb. 6-8 (7:00-9:00pm), Quincy Senior High Theatre. \$15 adults, \$10 students. (217) 224-3774

Cornerstone's Dancing with Local Stars: Goes to the Movies

Feb. 7 (6-7pm social hour, 7pm dinner, 7:30pm Humanitarian Award Winner, 8pm dancing competition), The Ambiance. Watch 10 dynamic teams compete in hopes of winning the mirror ball trophy

Quincy Symphony Orchestra Performance

Feb. 8 (2:30pm), Quincy Jr. High. Adventures & Explorations. Featuring cimbalom (Hungarian dulcimer) master Alex Udvary. Guests: Quincy Area Youth Orchestra and Young Artist Compition Winners. QSOA.org (217) 222-2856

Heart Gala

Feb. 8 (6pm), Oakley Lindsay Center, Quincy. Cocktail hour w/passed hors d'oeuvres followed by multi-course dinner and musical entertainment by KC Flo. Raise awareness for heart disease and support Blessing Foundation's work to improve heart health. Red dresses and ties recommended, but not required. Tickets at: blessinghealth.org/heartgala

St. Edward Church Annual Sausage & Pancake Day

Feb. 9 (7:30am-12pm), St. Edward Church Hall, 214 S. State Rd., Mendon. All you can eat sausage, pancakes, biscuits and gravy with a drink. \$12 adults. Children 10 and under are \$6. To place a meat order in advance you can email us stedwardsmeatorders@gmail.com or call Lindsey at 217-430-7437.

Piano Duets & Duos

Feb. 10 (6:30-9pm), Salem Evangelical United Church of Christ, 435 S. 9th, Quincy. Hosted by Quincy Conservatory of Music. Theme: Disney Plus, including a variety of Disney classics from Taylor Swift hits to Star Wars. Featuring nearly 65 students, ages 5 to senior citizens from multiple studios. \$10 adults and students 13 and up. \$5 children ages 5-12. Free for children under 5.

Bicentennial Speaker Series

Feb. 12 (6-8pm), John Wood Community College Orr Auditorium. "Quincy's William Dallas, First Black Police Officer", presented by Dr. Justin Coffey and "Quincy's Emma Coger, Civil Rights Activist", presented by Macy Ferguson-Smith. Part of a year-long speaker series on second Wed. of every month. Free and open to the public. (217) 222-1835

Candlelight Dinner & Concert

Feb. 14 (6pm appetizers, 6:30pm dinner, 8pm concert), Quincy Unitarian Church, 1479 Hampshire. Appetizers, dinner, and candlelight concert presented by Emily Dozier. \$60/person. Call (217) 257-1413 for reservations.

Hairball XXV:

Silver Anniversary Tour

Feb. 15 (7pm), Oakley Lindsay Center, Quincy. All your favorite legendary hits from Van Halen, KISS, Motley Crue, Queen, Journey, Aerosmith, and more. Tickets at: tickets.oakleylindsaycenter.com/p/tickets

Special Needs Bingo Night

Feb. 17 (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!

Youth to Washington Contest

Feb. 17 application deadline (Feb. 3 early bird deadline). High school sophomores and juniors have a chance to win a trip to Washington, D.C. Details at right.

Wedding Expo

Feb. 22 (12-4pm), Oakley Lindsay Center. 10th Annual Wedding Expo. Featuring local venues, caterers, florists, and more. Learn more at: qabmagazine.com

Quincy Astronomy Club

Feb. 27 (7-8pm), John Wood Community College Rm. D022/023. Monthly lectures, usually last Thurs. of the month. Evening observation sessions, as weather and conditions permit. Formed by amateur astronomers to teach, explore, and expand minds about space and our universe. For more information, contact Susan Asher at (217) 653-5074 or asherte@yahoo.com

WGEM Home & Living Show

March 1-2 (Sat. 10am-6pm, Sun. 11am-4pm), Oakley Lindsay Center. 2-day show with everything you need for your home and life! Featuring nearly 100 businesses with answers to your questions all under one roof. \$4/Adults. Children 12 and under are free. (217) 228-6600

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2025 YOUTH TO WASHINGTON CONTEST

Youth Day in Springfield - March 5, 2025

Youth Tour in Washington, D.C - June 16-23, 2025

Completed applications must be postmarked and mailed

to either co-op by **Friday, February 17.**

This application can be completed online at:

adamselectric.coop or adams.net

Contact information:



Adams Electric Cooperative

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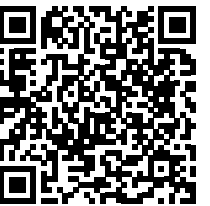
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Early Bird Prize

Send us your completed application by **February 3** and you'll be entered to win a **\$25** prepaid debit card!

Complete your application online with this direct link QR code!



Name: _____

Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Parent/Guardian's Phone Number: _____ Participant's Cell Number: _____

Email Address: _____ T-Shirt Size: _____

High School: _____ Grade: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Gender: _____

How did you hear about the program? _____

Using additional paper, please provide the following information:

1. Personal Achievement (Include both School & Non-School Activities)

Please list your participation in school-related activities, community involvement, religious, jobs, or other non-school related organizations. Include the organization, number of years, special awards, recognitions, accomplishments/remarks.

2. What are your plans after high school?

3. What moment in American history do you wish you had been a part of and what would you have contributed?

4. Cooperatives can provide any needed service such as electric, telephone, water, food, insurance, etc. Explain a benefit of being a cooperative member.

5. If you win the Youth to Washington program, you may be asked to help promote the program to fellow classmates next year. Describe one way you would promote the program. Be creative!

6. Why are you applying for the Youth Tour Program?

By completing and submitting this application, I verify my eligibility to attend Youth Day in Springfield. If chosen as a Youth Day participant, I commit to the trip to Springfield. I also understand that if I should be selected as one of the winners of this contest, I would take the all-expense paid tour of Washington, D.C.

Student's Signature

I hereby give my consent for _____ to participate in the "Youth to Washington" contest and take the all-expense paid tour** to Washington, D.C. if selected as a winner.

Parent or Guardian's Signature

Relationship

* The entire tour will be properly chaperoned. Additional information regarding this program may be obtained from Laura Bergman at Adams Electric Cooperative or Danielle Flesner at Adams Telephone Co-Operative.



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