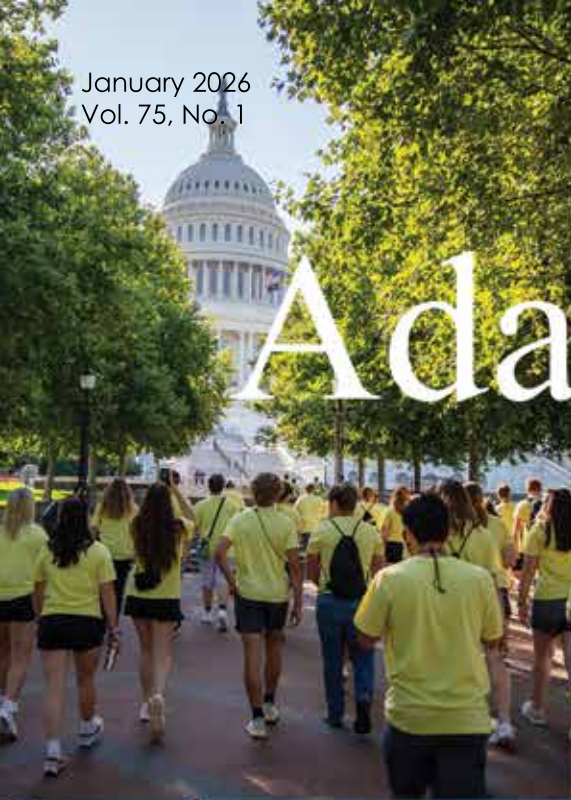


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Thank you for taking the time and speaking to our class! I loved hearing about the commitment you have for community. It was interesting to hear about everything cooperatives do to serve their members. Sincerely, Adams County CEO Class of 2026

Thank you so very much for your grant of \$900 for deer processing. We anticipate another 6,000 pounds of deer burger again this year. This greatly helps our meat supply. Thank you, Community for Christ Assistance Center Dorothy Dieterle, Assistant Director

On behalf of all of us at Transitions, thank you for Adams Electric's Penny Power grant of \$600. We deeply appreciate this grant that will enable us to purchase items that can help us in our work with youth who have complex behavioral health problems.

The staff in our Pathways to Success Program look forward to having items that can help them in their work with youth – items like games, fidgets to reduce anxiety, etc. A tote bag to carry the engagement toys and games will assist the staff in having these items with them as they travel to meet with youth and their families.

We deeply appreciate Adams Electric's generous grant and belief in the work we do. Sincere thanks... all good wishes for a happy Thanksgiving holiday. Sincerely, Barbara Baker Chapin Director of Development Transitions of Western Illinois

Thank you so very much for the Penny Power grant given for harp regulation for Javaux Music School. This is a big help in servicing the school's instrument and all harp students benefit from this. We are grateful. Stephanie Javaux

Thank you for your generous grant toward our art studio renovation. The funds will go toward purchasing furniture that is more safe, functional, and accessible than our current set. Sincerely, Alta King Quincy Art Center (901199-002)



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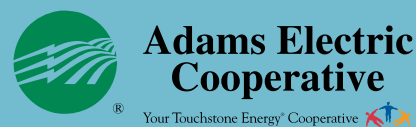
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by Jim Thompson PE,
General Manager

One of Adams Electric's seven cooperative principles is Concern for Community. The Cooperative is an integral part of our communities and

helps make West Central Illinois a great place to live. This area is our home. Members are our friends, neighbors, and families. If our communities thrive, the Cooperative thrives. We have a full range of involvement from youth education to economic development to community enrichment. The featured article this month is our involvement with Youth Tour.

In our most recent member survey, we scored 94% in being committed to local communities.

Youth Education

We sponsor the Youth to Washington Program. This program allows youth to learn about government, the Cooperative, and help transition younger members into active member-owners. The annual 4-H Electricity School continues to be a favorite with over seventy participants this year. The Cooperative remains active in judging electricity entries at the county fair and sponsors the Grand Champion Electricity Trophy. To educate

Concern for Community

young adults, the Cooperative sponsors the Live Line Demo at area schools. Lives are saved because of this program. For smaller venues such as individual classrooms, scouts, and Ag Day, the Cooperative uses the Power Town Safety Display that teaches electricity safety principles. We are also active in Career Days to help educate area students on potential career paths and encourage young people to future employment opportunities in their communities. Hopefully, they will bring their education, skills, and talents back to our local communities. The IEC Memorial Scholarship program has also helped many of our member youth. Over the years we have had several winners. The Cooperative also remains active in the First Responder Training Program.

Economic Development

The Cooperative believes we can create strong communities through economic development. The Cooperative needs to be a catalyst for economic development in rural areas to keep them thriving. We want to do our part in creating jobs. Economic development helps to increase the tax base and helps to keep electric rates lower for our members. We have a revolving loan fund to help with low-cost financing for businesses.

The Cooperative also sits on the boards for the Rural Adams Development Corporation (RADC) and is a member of the Great River Economic Development Foundation. What is good for our members is good for the Cooperative and good for our communities.

Community Enrichment

The Cooperative is in a unique position to help facilitate member dialogue and identify community goals and well-being. This position allows us to be a catalyst for improving the quality of life in our area. We receive a constant stream of requests for non-electric-related support for our area. The employees do a great job of donating their time to support these requests because it is the right thing to do. It would be difficult to find a sports field in the area that the Cooperative has not played a role in building or maintaining. The Penny Power Program helps provide necessary funding to organizations. Member involvement is the key to this program. Three members from the Advisory Committee help determine how the funds are allocated. The Cooperative wants to provide a high quality of life by improving schools, creating more recreational opportunities, nice and safe surroundings, and civic pride.



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Youth to Washington 2026
It's time to apply for Youth Tour 2026. Learn more on page 6 and at: adamselectric.coop.



Welcome, Sueanne Spencer

Sueanne Spencer, of Quincy, joined Adams Electric on Monday, November 10 as a Member Service Representative. Sueanne previously worked for the City of Quincy and works as a part-time book-seller at Enchanted Books. She is also a certified yoga instructor.

Sueanne and her husband, Travis, live in Quincy and have two children, Nolan and Katelyn. She enjoys spending time with her two Siamese cats (Ernie and Owen), going to concerts, exploring bookstores, and reading.

Please join us in welcoming Sueanne to the Cooperative!



Dustin Waddell Promoted to Journeyman Lineman

Dustin Waddell was promoted to Journeyman Lineman. He recently completed the Lineman's Apprenticeship Program and can now perform all aspects of line work. Congratulations, Dustin, on your accomplishment!

BOARD MEMBERS Discuss Director Education & Annual Meeting

Adams Electric's Advisory Committee met on November 13, 2025 to learn more about Director Education and discuss the length of Co-op Annual Meetings.

The meeting was led by Board President Laura Meyer, Vice President Kris Farwell, and Director Becky Barlow. The directors covered the three levels of training: Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD), Board Leadership Certificate (BLC), and Director Gold Certificate (DGC). The CCD provides foundational knowledge. BLC delves into specific industry and governance issues. The DGC allows directors to continue board leadership classes demonstrating their commitment to the cooperative, its members, and advancing their knowledge.

Directors also led a discussion on the length of the Co-op's Annual Meeting. The majority was in favor of keeping most agenda items the same.

Retiring committee members who had finished their service on the Advisory Committee were honored. Five



Board President Laura Meyer led a discussion on Director Education requirements at the recent Advisory Committee Meeting.

new members/couples will be selected by the board of directors in January to fill the vacancies.

If you have any interest in serving on Adams Electric Cooperative's Advisory Committee, contact Bill Stalder at (217) 509-7760.

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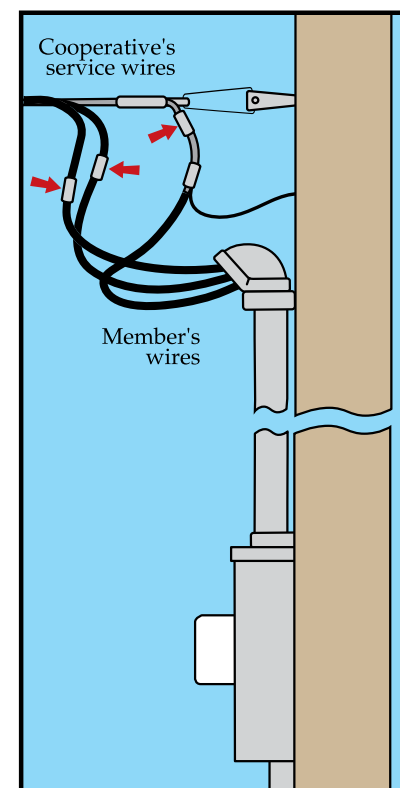
At Adams Electric Cooperative, we take fast, reliable service very seriously. We know how important it is to you to have an electric utility you can count on.

It is also important for you to understand that we can only fix what belongs to the Cooperative; that is, everything before the service point. You are responsible for everything after the service point. What's the service point? In general, the Cooperative is responsible for everything before the meter and the member for everything after. For a typical residential service, this is the case. However, to better understand the "service point," please look at the illustrations provided.

Your meter is on a pole near your home...

The Cooperative is responsible for the meter, the connection at the top of the pole, the pole, ground wire, and ground rod. The member is responsible for the meter base, breakers, the wire running up the pole, and the service wire running from the pole to the house. *The meter loop is purchased from the Cooperative.*

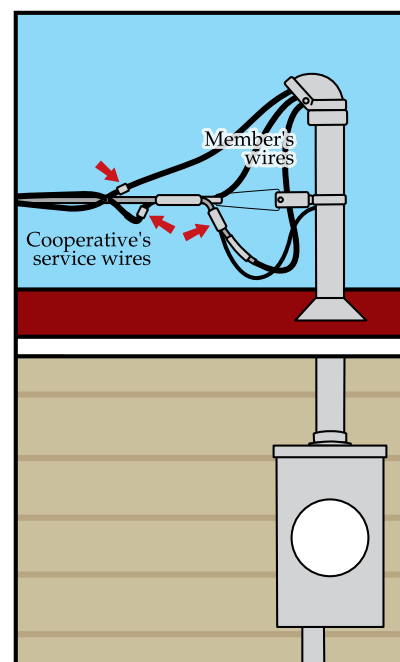
Point of Service



Your meter is attached to your home with overhead wires...

When the metering is on a member's house, the overhead wire to the top of the mast and the connection are the Cooperative's responsibility. The meter base, mast, service wires, ground wire, and ground rod are the member's responsibility. *In a new service, the metering equipment is set up by the member's electrician before service is connected. The meter base is purchased from the Cooperative.*

Point of Service



Your meter connects from your home to a pad-mounted transformer...

The Cooperative is responsible for the pad-mounted transformer and the underground line running to the meter. The member is responsible for the meter base. *The meter base is purchased from the Cooperative.*

These examples illustrate the most common residential services. In some cases, the set-up may look different. If you are unsure of what is your responsibility and what belongs to the Cooperative, please give us a call at (217) 593-7701 or toll free (800) 232-4797.

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YOUTH TOUR '26

It's Your Turn!

Hey Sophomores and Juniors,

Looking for something BIG to add to your summer 2026 highlight reel? Youth Tour may be full of some epic firsts: leaving the state, leaving home for a whole week, touring Washington, D.C., and experiencing the world through your own eyes. That shift is powerful. It's a leap toward independence, confidence, and an exciting next phase in life!

Before heading to Washington, we'll give you an intro to the program. You'll learn about electric cooperatives, their history, and why we think it's important for young people to visit their elected officials and experience the sites in Washington, D.C., firsthand.

Each year, more than 1,800 students from 44 states travel to D.C. for this unforgettable experience. Our Illinois delegation typically includes about 60-70 students, with two representing Adams Electric and two representing Adams Telephone, and YOU could be one of them! If you're selected, you'll join students your age, from across the country for an all expenses paid week packed with learning, exploration, and new friendships. This year's trip will be June 15-22, 2026.

During the trip, you'll visit major D.C. landmarks, including Capitol Hill, the war memorials, Smithsonian Museums, U.S. Holocaust Museum, Arlington National Cemetery, and many of the monuments you've only seen in textbooks. But the experience goes far beyond sightseeing. Youth Tour gives you a chance to meet other motivated students from all over the U.S. It's a fresh slate—a place where you can be yourself, push beyond your comfort zone, and talk with people you may never have met otherwise.

You'll see firsthand how your elected officials work for you and your community. Many students even get the chance to ask their representatives questions face-to-face. Learn how the decisions that shape your future actually get made. The week ends with a meaningful closing event that challenges you to think about the impact you want to make back home. Most students return seeing the world, and their role in it, a little differently.

Past participants often say the week was one of the most memorable experiences of their high school years. Many make lifelong friends. Some even describe Youth Tour as life-changing. Parents regularly tell us their teens come home more confident, more mature, and more inspired—with bigger dreams and a stronger sense of purpose.

Youth Tour is one of the most important programs our cooperative supports, and every year we're amazed by the outstanding students we send. You are the future of our communities—and from what we see, that future is bright.

If you're ready to grow, explore, and take a leap into something new, we hope you'll apply for the 2026 Youth Tour. The first step is completing the application at right (or on our website). We'll select up to 34 local students (sophomores and juniors) to travel with us by charter bus to Springfield, Illinois, for Youth Day on Wednesday, March 25. We'll announce our winners at the end of Youth Day!

For more information, contact Laura Bergman at (217) 509-7761 or visit adamselectric.coop.

Adams Electric Cooperative, thank you for this unforgettable experience. 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.

~ Kodi Duke, representing Adams Electric Co-op

So my advice for the next group is just take advantage of every opportunity you have, every museum, all the tours, and try to make as many friends as possible. Talk to everybody you can.

~ Micah Anderson, representing Adams Telephone Co-op

I started out the trip just wanting to see the sites. But the true highlight of the trip was making new friends. This sounds cheesy, but I basically got a second family out there.

~ Garrett Koester, representing Eastern Illini Electric Co-op

Don't be scared. You are gonna meet 50 people in the beginning, and you're gonna feel like you've known them your whole life at the end.

~ Will Mason, Illinois Electric Co-op

I would like to give the hugest thank you EVER to my co-op for sending me to D.C.! Being on the Board of Directors taught me what a co-op is all about through first hand experience, and I've become so much more appreciative of everything that JCE Co-op is doing for me. They gave me the opportunity to look into the past of our country, and now I can't wait to help build the future.

~ Hazel Harris, representing JCE Co-op

During Youth Tour I learned more about what our country is built on. 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.

~ Abigail Hildebrand, representing Adams Telephone Co-op

APPLICATION FORM

Adams Electric Cooperative & Adams Telephone Co-Operative's 2026 YOUTH TO WASHINGTON CONTEST

Youth Day in Springfield - March 25, 2026
Youth Tour in Washington, D.C - June 15-22, 2026

Completed applications must be postmarked and mailed to either co-op by **Tuesday, February 17**. This application can be completed online at: **adamselectric.coop or adams.net**

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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.

SEVEN COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLES CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Did you know electric co-ops are guided by a set of seven cooperative principles? These principles ensure co-ops like ours remain focused on member needs, community impact and co-op values.

Complete the crossword below to learn more about the cooperative principles. Use the word bank to check your work.



ACROSS

- 2. Cooperation Among Cooperatives: Co-ops _____ and learn from other co-ops.
- 5. Autonomy & Independence: Co-ops are _____ and can operate on their own.
- 6. Member Economic Participation: Members _____ money to ensure the co-op runs smoothly.
- 7. Open & Voluntary Membership: Co-op membership is open to _____.

DOWN

- 1. Concern for Community: Co-ops give back to their local _____ to help them thrive and grow.
- 3. Education, Training & Information: Co-ops focus on _____ to ensure employees and members have the info they need.
- 4. Democratic Member Control: Members get to make _____ about the co-op.

ANSWER KEY

2 ACROSS: SHARE 6 ACROSS: CONTRIBUTE 7 ACROSS: EVERYONE
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Chocolate Sourdough Discard Cookies

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Submitted by Laura Bergman

8 Tbsp. unsalted butter
3/4 cup light brown sugar
2/3 cup granulated sugar
3/4 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. baking soda
1/3 cup sourdough starter, unfed/discard
1 large egg
1 tsp. vanilla extract
1 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 cup cocoa
1 cup milk chocolate chips

In a large bowl in the microwave, heat the butter until just melted. Remove from heat, add the sugars, and whisk until fully combined and creamy, 1 full minute. Add the salt, baking powder, and baking soda, and whisk until combined, with no streaks of discard. Switch to a flexible spatula and stir in the flour and cocoa until just a few dry patches remain. Stir in the chocolate chips. Cover the bowl and refrigerate the cookie dough for at least 2 hours and up to 12 hours. Once the dough has chilled, pre-heat the oven to 350 degrees with racks in the upper and lower thirds. Line two baking sheets with parchment. Scoop the cookies into 2-tablespoon portions and distribute evenly among the prepared baking sheets (a jumbo cookie scoop works well). Bake for 14-16 minutes, rotating top to bottom

◀ This recipe is for those maintaining a sourdough starter. This is an easy and delicious use of your sourdough discard.

Adams Electric Cooperative's Country Kitchen

and front to back halfway through, until the cookies look matte on the top; they will still feel a bit soft but will firm up as they cool. Let the cookies cool completely on the baking sheets before serving. Store leftover sourdough discard cookies in an airtight container at room temperature for several days. To freeze the dough, place the dough balls close together on a parchment-lined baking sheet after scooping, then freeze until solid, about 1 hour. Transfer frozen dough balls to a freezer safe container and freeze for up to 2 months. To bake from frozen, add an additional 2 minutes to bake time.

Chocolate Covered Cherry Cookies

Submitted by Margaret Mealiff

1/2 cup butter
1 cup white sugar
1 egg
1 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract
1 1/2 cups all purpose flour
1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
1/4 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. baking soda
1/4 tsp. baking powder
1 (10 oz.) jar maraschino cherries
1/2 cup sweetened condensed milk
1 cup semisweet chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Beat the butter and sugar together in a bowl. Add eggs and vanilla and beat well. Add flour, cocoa powder, salt, baking soda, and baking powder and stir until smooth. Roll the mixture into balls about the size of a walnut (larger, if desired). Place on ungreased cookie sheet. Press center of each ball with thumb. Drain cherries and reserve juice. Place a cherry in indentation of each cookie ball. In a saucepan, heat condensed milk and chocolate chips until chips are melted. Stir in 4 tsp. of cherry juice. Spoon about 1 tsp of mixture over each cherry and spread to cover cherry. (More cherry juice may be added to keep frosting of spreading consistency.) Bake for 10 minutes.

Peanut Blossoms

Submitted by Sabina Fessler

1/2 cup margarine
1/2 cup peanut butter
1/2 cup white sugar + extra for coating
1/2 cup brown sugar
1 egg
2 Tbsp. milk
1 tsp. vanilla
1 3/4 cup flour
1 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. salt
Hershey's Kisses

Cream together margarine, peanut butter, white sugar, and brown sugar. Then add egg, milk, and vanilla. Add flour, baking soda, and salt. Round into balls then roll in sugar. Bake 8 minutes at 350°F. Remove from the oven and press a Hershey's Kiss on the top of each, then return to the oven. Bake 2-5 minutes longer.

Grandad Murphy's Cake Cookies

Submitted by Daniel J. Gasparovic

1 cup shortening
2 cups sugar
4 eggs
4 cups flour
3 tsp. baking powder
1 cup milk
2 tsp. vanilla

Cream sugar and shortening. Add eggs and mix well. Mix flour and baking powder. Add vanilla to milk. Add flour mixture alternately with milk. Empty cookie dough onto flour on counter. Knead until no longer sticky. Roll to 1/4 inch thick. Cut with cookie cutter. Transfer to baking sheet. Bake at 350°F for 8-10 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool, ice, and decorate as desired.

This has been in my family since my mother was little, over 100 years ago. My Grandfather made these and decorated them every year at Christmas. His name was Clarence Murphy.



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School Out Days

Jan. 2, 19 (7:30am-5:30pm), Mt. Sterling YMCA. Kids can enjoy a day full of fun. To register, visit: mtsterlingymca.net/register

Wild Game Chili Cookoff

Jan. 3 (Doors open at 6pm), Golden Windmill. Admission: \$10, Kids 10 & under are free. Raffle items. Vote for your favorite chili. All proceeds for Central Trap Team.

Bingo

Jan. 9 (10am-11:30am), Mt. Sterling YMCA. All adults are welcome to join us for bingo. Coffee and refreshments. Visit mtsterlingymca.net to learn more.

Mary S. Oakley & Lee Lindsay Showcase

Thru Jan.10 Quincy Art Center. Showcase of artists 18 years and older from 100-mile radius of Quincy.

Rhinestones & Rodeo

Jan. 10 (5-11pm), The Ambiance, 5225 Kochs Lane, Quincy. Live and silent auctions, music, dancing, food stations, plated dinner, and open bar. Menu, suggested dress, and tickets at QR code link. Down Country fundraiser.



Ice Skating at The Rink

Thru Jan. 11 (Su 1-6pm, M-W private rentals only, Th-F 3-8pm, Sa 11am-8pm), 200 Court St., Mt. Sterling (behind Brown Co. Courthouse). Festive lights, fire pits, concessions, and ice skating. Children 12 & under: \$5, adults: \$10.

Mother Daughter Glow Party

Jan. 17 (6-8pm), Mt. Sterling YMCA, 896 IL-99. Moms, stepmoms, grandmas, and aunts are invited to grab their favorite girl, throw on comfy white and neon apparel and party under the black lights. Glow sticks, face paint, neon decor, and great music. Refreshments will be served to fuel an evening of dancing and fun! Visit mtsterlingymca.net/register

Special Needs Bingo Night

Jan. 19 (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!

Playdate at the Library

Jan. 23 (10-10:45am), Quincy Public Library. Duplo Lego blocks, liquid sensory floor tiles, stepping stones, and more! Designed for ages 6 & under, but all are welcome. Free, but registration required. Register at quincylibrary.org

Quincy Shootout

Jan. 23-24, Quincy High School & Quincy Notre Dame. 13 games at QHS Blue Devil Gym & 4 games at The Pit at Quincy Notre Dame (including 5 EYBL prep basketball teams, a six-time NBA all-star's prep school team, and a school that hasn't played in the Blue Devil Gym in more than 30 years! Find the schedule at quincyshootout.com

Mini Movers

Jan. 24 (9-11am), Mt. Sterling YMCA. Birth to Pre-K. Come jump, run, and play during our open gym time. Bounce house, trampoline, soft climbing equipment, slides, tunnels, balance stones, and more! Visit mtsterlingymca.net to learn more.

Great River Eagle Days

Jan. 24-25 (10am-5pm), Oakley Lindsay Center. Honors Native American traditions surrounding bald eagles. Ceremonies & entertainment. Food & crafts. Educational activities for children. Eagles will be present for viewing at the Locks.

Astronomy Club Meeting

Jan. 29 (7-8pm), John Wood Community College, Rm D022/023. Lectures held monthly, usually last Thurs. of the month. Observing sessions scheduled as weather and conditions permit. Open to the public. (217) 653-5074

Costaki Economopoulos Live

Jan. 31 (7:30-9:10pm), ONE Event Venue, Quincy. Costaki is a stand up comic who has written jokes for Bette Midler, Jay Leno, MTV, and BET. You may know him best from his regular appearances on the nationally syndicated Bob & Tom Radio Show. Presale tickets are \$20. \$25 at the door.



Youth to Washington Contest

Feb. 17 application deadline (Feb. 6 early bird deadline). High school sophomores and juniors have a chance to win a trip to Washington, D.C. Details on pages 8 & 9.

FREE

Town-wide yard sales, concerts, car shows, craft shows, parades, festivals, plays, fairs, special sporting events, benefits, activities for children, bake sales, demonstrations, or something else? Tell us about it! Space permitting.

Event Listings

Deadlines:

February Events..... Jan. 2 May Events..... Apr. 1
March Events..... Feb. 1 June Events..... May 1
April Events..... Mar. 1 July Events..... June 1

Send event title, date(s), time(s), address, town, brief description, cost (if any), and contact phone #.

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Before a winter storm

Perform seasonal maintenance on your car to ensure:

- Batteries are charged.
- Tires have sufficient tread.
- Spare tire is inflated.
- Jumper cables are in good condition.
- A winterized car emergency kit.
- Windshield wipers work.
- Headlights, brake lights and turn signals work.
- At least a half-full tank of gas.

Prevent frostbite and hypothermia

If you are stranded in your car after an accident, observe the following precautions:

- Do not stay in one position for too long.
- Stay awake.
- Do not overexert yourself to avoid strain on your heart.
- Watch for signs such as a change in skin color, numbness, shivering, slurred speech, loss of coordination or confusion.

Winter storms and power lines

Always treat sagging and downed power lines as energized and dangerous. Keep at least 50 feet away from the area.

- If your vehicle hits a power pole, stay inside.
- Contact 9-1-1 and wait for the power to be shut off by utility workers.
- If your vehicle is on fire, jump clear with feet together, avoiding contact with both the vehicle and ground simultaneously.
- Shuffle or "bunny hop" away from the vehicle, keeping feet together to prevent different electric currents through your body.
- Never drive over a downed power line, which can cause additional hazards.





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