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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.

Adams Electric brought the Power Town Safety Display to St. Dominic's School. Manager of Marketing & Member Services Bill Stalder received an envelope full of thank yous from the students. Following are a few of their letters:

Dear Adams Electric Cooperative,
Thank you so much for the electricity you workers provide for us all every day! I loved the example you guys showed us.
Love,
Catherine

Dear Adams Electric Cooperative,
Thank you cause I didn't know that wood is a conductor of electric. I didn't know that my science book is wrong and I didn't know that our muscles tense up when it feels volteg.
Sincerely,
Alaina

Dear Adams Electric Cooperative,
Thank you for teaching us about electircity. You made it fun for us to learn about it and how to stay safe and it was just fun for me. And my two favorite things he did was the exambols and the expolashons!! Thank you again I loved this and Merry Christmas!
Sincerely,
Anna

With the help of donations from supporters such as you, we will continue to provide a much needed service to our community. Thanks gain for your generous support in serving the needs of seniors in our community.

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

Dear Adams Electric Cooperative,
Thank you for coming and showing us about electricity. One reason I am thankful is that you guys showed us how to stay safe. Another reason I am thankful is that it help me know if a power line falls on our school bus and they tell us to get out do not. That is why I am thankful for you coming.
Sincerely,
Sam

Dear Adams Electric Cooperative,
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A Message from Your New Maintenance Supervisor



by Anthony Jarboe,
Maintenance Supervisor

Hi, my name is Anthony Jarboe, but most people know me as AJ. I am proud to say that I have been a part of Adams Electric Cooperative since 2003, starting out as an apprentice lineman, then worked my way up to line foreman. With my background and hands-on experience in the field, I am excited to introduce myself as YOUR new Maintenance Supervisor.

One of my primary responsibilities in this role is overseeing vegetation management and right-of-way maintenance. If you have a tree concern, whether it is just trimming a few branches or a full tree removal near our power lines, I want you to know I am here to help and will make sure your concern is addressed.

I am taking over a strong and well-established program previously led by Steve Fanning. His dedication and attention to detail helped build a

vegetation management program that has played a major role in preventing outages and significantly reducing restoration times during severe weather events. My goal is to continue that legacy by maintaining a safe, efficient, and proactive tree trimming program.

Our current tree trimming schedule hits all thirteen of our substations every five years, ensuring consistent maintenance throughout our service territory. This cycle is followed with a herbicide application, in permitted areas, the following year to help control regrowth and reduce further risks. We also utilize a track machine to access and clear right-of-way in difficult or hard-to-reach terrain, allowing us to maintain reliability even in challenging locations.

Trees and power lines don't mix, but with the right approach, they can safely coexist. Adams Electric performs tree trimming to protect public safety, preserve property, and maintain the reliability of the electric grid. The majority of our trimming work takes place within easements located on privately owned property. We cut and trim trees

to ensure they don't make contact or get close enough to cause a fault on the system, leading to outages that may affect not just one home, but entire sections of line.

Let us know if you notice trees or branches that appear to be a potential hazard. As a general guideline, there should be a twenty foot clearance available on either side of our utility poles and a ten foot clearance in residential areas to give power lines plenty of space. Also, choosing the right species of tree when planting near power lines plays a crucial role in preventing future issues. We are always happy to provide guidance on tree selection and placement.

Thank you for taking the time to read my introduction as Maintenance Supervisor. I look forward to working with our members and continuing our commitment to keeping the lights on safely and reliably. To report trees that might be a future hazard, call (217) 593-7701 and ask for AJ. I will be more than happy to come out and assess the situation.



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Youth Tour in 2026
Youth to Washington Tour will be June 15-22, 2026. Application on page 15.

Bockhold Retires After Nearly 45 Years of Service

Joyce Bockhold retired on January 9, 2026, after nearly 45 years of service to the members and employees of Adams Electric Cooperative.

Joyce began her Cooperative career on March 2, 1981, as a radio-telephone clerk. Since the beginning of her career, she held many positions, with her most recent position being Human Resources/Benefits Administrator. Other positions included Accounting Clerk, Accounting & EDP Assistant, and the Engineering & Operations Office Technician until 2020.



Left: Joyce, in 1981, when she began her career at Adams Electric.

Below: Joyce, at her recent retirement celebration.



Joyce and her husband, Henry, live in the Columbus area and have two sons, Joe (Debbi) and Mike (Molly) and five grandchildren, Caleb, James, Luke, Cordell, and Dottie. In her retirement, Joyce plans to spend time with her kids and grandchildren and traveling with Henry.

Congratulations, Joyce! Thank you for your service and dedication to the Cooperative. The Cooperative wishes you a long, healthy and happy retirement!

IN THE NEWS



Ward Earns 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 Jim Ward, of Mt. Sterling, has fulfilled all the requirements to earn his Director Gold certificate.

Additional directors of Adams Electric Cooperative who have reached Director Gold status are: Becky Barlow of Clayton, Brent Clair of Loraine, Laura Meyer of Liberty, Kris Farwell of Plymouth, and Tom Travis of Payson.



Ewing Earns Board Leadership Certificate

Director Eric Ewing, of Rushville, recently received his Board Leadership Certificate. Directors must first earn their Certified Cooperative Director certificate, which Ewing earned in 2021. In addition, directors must complete ten credits from courses in eight specialty areas.

The Board Leadership certificate program consists of courses focusing in greater depth on specific industry and governance issues such as risk management, ratemaking, and policy development. (908254-001)

Congratulations, Directors Ward and Ewing! We appreciate your dedication to the members of Adams Electric.

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(l-r) Quincy Regional Airport Manager Bill Lantz, Mayor Linda Moore, Adams Electric General Manager Jim Thompson, and City of Quincy's Director of Operations Dan Brink.

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

The City of Quincy and John Wood Community College's capital credit refunds were part of the Cooperative's recent distribution of approximately \$522,000 in capital credits for the remainder of 2003, all of 2004, and 21% of 2005. "Capital credits are a key component of cooperative financing and a valuable benefit of membership in a not-for-profit electric utility," said Thompson.

Adams Electric returned \$2,617.01 in capital credits to the City of Quincy for the Quincy Regional Airport account. General Manager Jim Thompson presented the check to Quincy Regional Airport Manager Bill Lantz, Mayor Linda Moore and Director of Operations Dan Brink.

John Wood Community College received capital credits of \$8,502.17. JWCC Interim President Josh Welker was also presented a check by General Manager Jim Thompson.

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(l-r) John Wood Community College Interim President Josh Welker and Adams Electric General Manager Jim Thompson



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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 Anthony Jarboe or Alex Mossman at the Cooperative at (217) 593-7701 or (800) 232-4797.

2026 Tree Trimming

Adams Electric's tree trimming contractor will be trimming trees in all of the Quincy, St. Anthony, Burton, and Adams substation areas (all of areas **G**, **H**, **I**, and **J**).

2026 Spraying

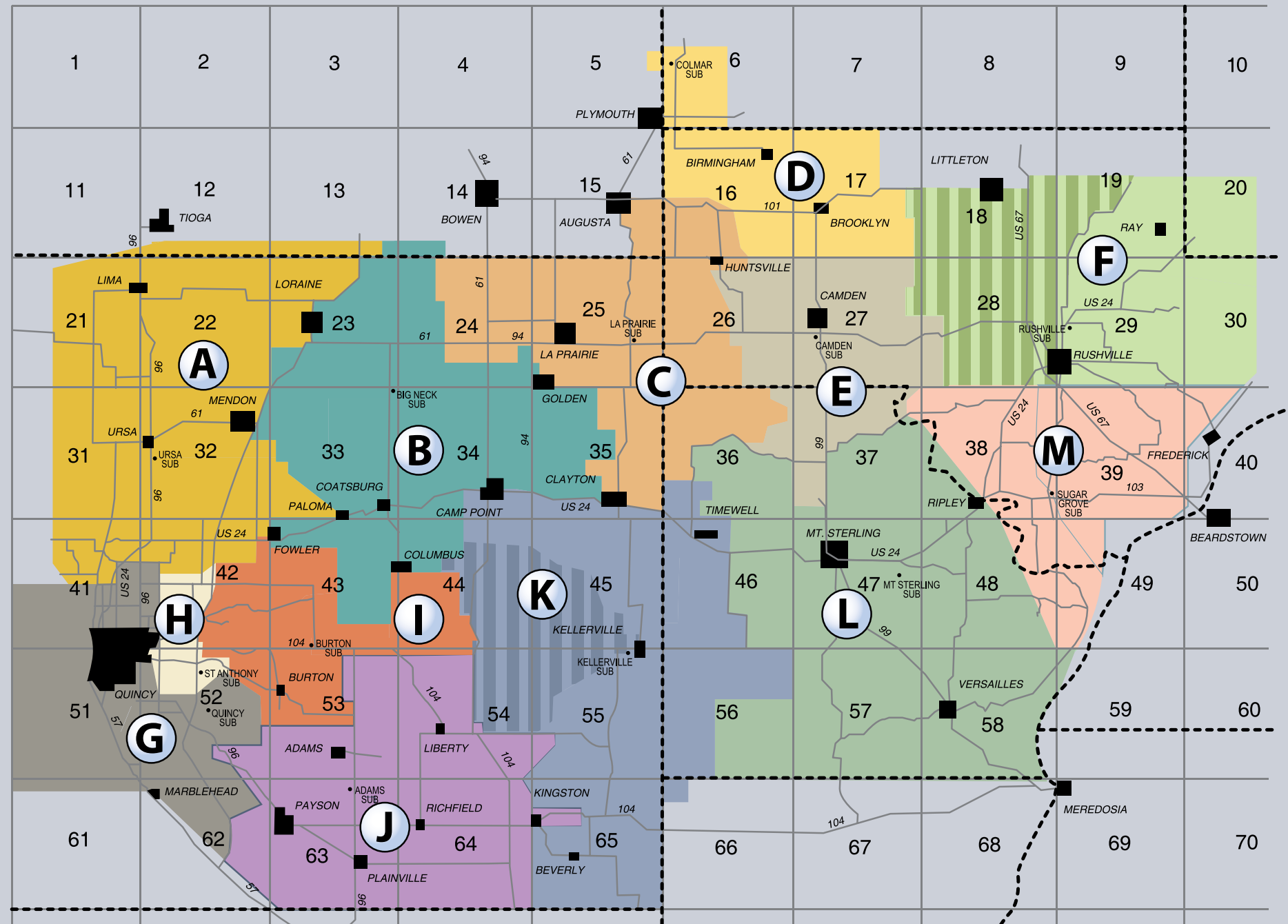
Adams Electric's spray crew and contractor will be working in the Rushville and Sugar Grove substation areas (all of areas **F** and **M**).

2026 Pole Inspection

A contractor for Adams Electric Cooperative will be working on the west circuit of Rushville and Kellerville substations and all of the Burton substation (the striped areas of **F** and **K** and all of area **I**).

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

*Areas **A**, **B**, **C**, **D**, **E**, and **L** are not scheduled for specific maintenance in 2026. If vegetation problems should arise in these areas, please contact the Cooperative for assistance.



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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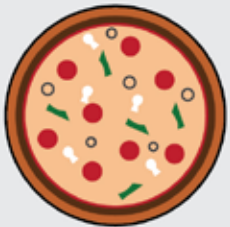
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Sourdough Cinnamon Rolls

Submitted by Laura Bergman

Dough:

4 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup active sourdough starter (must be bubbly and active)
1 cup milk
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup butter, melted
1 tsp. salt
2 large eggs
2 tsp. vanilla extract

Cinnamon-Sugar Filling:

1/2 cup brown sugar
2 Tbsp. cinnamon
1/4 cup butter, softened

Cream Cheese Glaze:

4 oz. cream cheese
1 cup powdered sugar
1 tsp. vanilla extract
2-3 Tbsp. milk

Mix sourdough starter, milk, and sugar. Add flour, melted butter, salt, eggs, and vanilla. Knead for 5-7 minutes with a mixer or about 10 minutes by hand. Transfer to an oiled bowl and bulk ferment for 4-6 hours until doubled. Roll dough into a 16"x12" rectangle. Spread filling evenly over dough. Roll tightly, cut into 12 rolls (1 1/2-2" wide). Place in greased baking dish. Cover and proof for 2 hours at room temp or refrigerate overnight for 8-12 hours. Pre-heat oven to 375 degrees. Bake for 20-25 minutes, rotating halfway through. Rolls are done when golden and a toothpick comes out clean. Make the glaze. Mix cream cheese, powdered sugar, and vanilla. Add milk slowly to reach pourable consistency. Drizzle over warm rolls.

Do you have a recipe you'd like to share?

Send your recipes to: Attn: Laura Bergman, Adams Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 247, Camp Point, IL 62320

Adams Electric Cooperative's Country Kitchen

Ultimate Coffee Cake

Submitted by Bill Stalder

18 unbaked frozen dinner rolls
1 (3 oz.) pkg. regular (not instant) butterscotch pudding mix
1/2 cup packed brown sugar
1/2 cup chopped pecans
1/2 cup melted butter

The night before, place frozen rolls in a well-greased Bundt pan. Sprinkle dry pudding mix over rolls. Sprinkle brown sugar over pudding mix. Sprinkle chopped pecans over brown sugar. Pour melted butter over all. To prevent the dough from forming a hard crust while its rising overnight, cover with a damp towel or tightly with plastic wrap. Let rise overnight at room temperature, about 8-10 hours. The next morning, preheat oven to 350 degrees. Bake in oven for 25-30 minutes. Remove from the oven and allow to cool for 5 minutes. Turn pan over onto serving platter to remove. Serve by pulling apart chunks with forks.

Cherry Cake

Submitted by Judy Huber

1 cup butter, softened
1 2/3 cup sugar
4 eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
1/2 tsp. almond extract
3 cups flour
1/2 tsp. salt
1 1/2 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. cinnamon
1 can cherry pie filling

Cream butter & sugar. Add eggs, one at a time. Beat well after each one. Add remaining ingredients, except pie filling. Set aside one cup mixture and spread remainder in a parchment lined 11"x17" pan. Spread cherry pie filling over dough. Drop reserved dough randomly over cherry layer using a spoon. Sprinkle with cinnamon sugar. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. If using a dark colored pan, reduce temp to 325 degrees. Check center with tooth pick to validate fully baked. Be careful not to overbake. Optional: When cool, drizzle powdered sugar icing on cake. Note: This was one of my Mom's recipes. Always a hit!

Sausage Cheese Balls

Submitted by Linda Waller

2 lbs. ground pork or sausage
Salt and pepper, if needed
1 1/2 cups Bisquick
16 oz. shredded cheddar cheese
1/2 cup minced onion
2 Tbsp. minced garlic

Mix ingredients well. Roll into small balls. Place on ungreased baking pan. Bake at 375 degrees for 20 minutes.

Sweet Potatoes

Submitted by Bridgett Zanger

3 cups canned sweet potatoes, drained and mashed
1 cup white sugar
2 eggs, beaten
1 tsp. apple cider vinegar
1/2 cup melted margarine (don't double margarine if doubling recipe)

Topping:

1 cup light brown sugar
1/3 cup flour
1/2 cup soft margarine, cut
1 cup pecans, chopped

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix ingredients for potatoes. Spray 9x13 pan. Pour in mixture. Combine ingredients for topping. Sprinkle topping over potatoes. Bake for 35-40 minutes.

Crockpot Pizza

Submitted by Donna O'Dear

1 lb. hamburger
1 pkg. egg noodles
1 jar pizza sauce
1 jar spaghetti sauce
Mushrooms and green pepper, optional
8 oz. shredded cheddar cheese
8 oz. shredded mozzarella cheese
1 pkg. pepperoni

Cook and drain noodles. Brown ground beef and drain. Add sauces and optional ingredients to the meat and simmer well. Layer noodles, meat sauce, cheese, and pepperoni in crockpot; repeat layers. Turn crockpot on low, and serve when cheese is melted, or set on high for 30 minutes.

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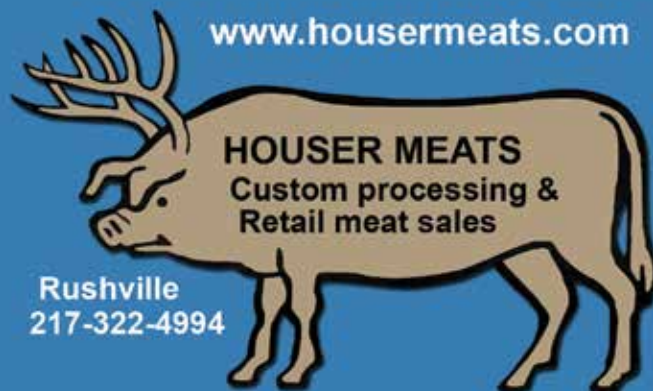
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VFW Fish Fry
Feb. 6 (4-7pm), VFW Post 11041, 316 S. Main St., Palmyra, MO. Catfish fillet, VFW Spuds, baked beans, cole slaw, cornbread, dessert, & drink. Adults: \$12, children \$5. For more info, call Gene Ash at (573) 260-0915 or leave message at (573) 769-3163.

Quincy Symphony Orchestra Concert: Heroic Vision
Feb. 7 (2:30pm), Quincy Jr. High. Adventures & Explorations. Wear your favorite team apparel. QSOA.org (217) 222-2856

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

Heart Gala Fundraiser
Feb. 7 (6pm), Oakley Lindsay Center, Quincy. Cocktail hour w/passed hors d'oeuvres followed by dinner and musical entertainment by Griffin and the Gargoyles. Raise awareness for heart disease and support Blessing Foundation's work to improve heart health. Red dresses and ties recommended, but not required. Ticket sales through Jan. 30 at: blessinghealth.org/heartgala

St. Edward Church's Annual Whole Hog Sausage & Pancake Breakfast
Feb. 8 (7:30am-12pm), St. Edward Church Hall, 214 S. State Rd., Mendon. Sausage, pancakes, biscuits, and gravy. Dine in and carryouts available. Pork available for purchase. (217) 242-7599

Adult Book Fair
Feb. 8 (1-4pm), Enchanted Books, 100 S. 6th St., Quincy. Adult books and bookish items.

Chocolate Bliss: Valentine Edition
Feb. 11 (5:30-8:00pm), John Wood Community College, Quincy. Indulge your creative (and romantic) side in this hands-on chocolate-making class! Just in time for Valentine's Day, you'll create beautifully decorated chocolate-covered strawberries. No experience necessary. Cost: \$65. Register at: jwcc.edu/communityed/

QHS Winter Play
Feb. 12-14 (7:00-9:00pm), Quincy Senior High Theatre. \$15 adults, \$10 students. (217) 224-3774

Special Needs Bingo Night
Feb. 16 (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. 6 early bird deadline). High school sophomores and juniors have a chance to win a trip to Washington, D.C. Details at right.

Hairball
Feb. 21 (7pm), Oakley Lindsay Center, Quincy. All your favorite legendary hairball hits. Expect lights, fire, smoke, and the ultimate Rock & Roll party that has to be seen to be believed. Tickets at: tickets.oakleylindsaycenter.com/p/tickets

Cancer Crush Bingo
Feb. 25 (5:30-7:30pm), Quincy Brewing Company, 110 N. 6th. Bingo from 6-7pm. Suggested donation for bingo is \$10. Cash, check, or Donorbox link accepted day of. House prizes!

Cake Decorating Basics
Feb. 25, & March 4 & 11 (5:30-8:00pm), John Wood Community College, Quincy. Unleash your inner cake artist in this hands-on decorating class. Learn how to professionally stack and ice cakes, master smooth buttercream finishes, and explore a variety of icing types. Dive into piping techniques for borders and lettering, experiment with coloring icings, and get creative as you craft fondant figures and decorations. Each student will complete a beautifully decorated 8-inch cake as their final project. Cost: \$65. Register at: jwcc.edu/communityed/

Wedding Expo
Feb. 28 (12-4pm), Oakley Lindsay Center. Featuring local venues, caterers, florists, and more. Learn more at: qabmagazine.com

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2026 YOUTH TO WASHINGTON CONTEST

Youth Day in Springfield - March 25, 2026
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Completed applications must be postmarked and mailed to either co-op by **Tuesday, February 17.**
This application can be completed online at:
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Contact information:



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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

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