Congratulations, Glenn Allen Yoder, Coloring Contest Winner!
More winners on page 4

Never pull a plug out by the cord.

One account # is hidden in this issue. If it’s yours, call us and you’ll receive a $10 bill credit. *Credit must be claimed by Aug. 31, 2012.
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The Cooperative Desk

Save The Date
The 73rd Annual Meeting will be the evening of Wed., Sept. 5

• Free Meal
• Door Prizes
• Vendors
• Kid’s Activities
• Vote for Directors
• Hear the latest on the consolidation study!

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Adams Electric Cooperative’s Forester
Brandon Brassfield and Lead Forester Kraig Street, assist the Flesners by trimming trees that were too close to power lines.

Adams Electric has always been prompt and efficient in trimming trees that were too close to power lines.

Brent Fischer, Adams County Sheriff

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Meeting with WIEC Members The Consolidation Study Continues

The goal, as long as everything continues to progress, is to have both memberships vote in March of 2013. We hope the late winter/early spring vote will allow our large number of agriculture members to participate in the meeting. We will have two meetings – one for each cooperative. A quorum will need to be present (150 members for WIEC and 200 for AEC).

Keep the meetings going, and we will be able to move forward.

Randy Price will not be able to be at our meeting since he will be in Illinois on September 5!

Learn more about the consolidation study at the Annual Meeting on September 5!
Announcing the . . .

**Coloring Contest Winners!**

Due to a large number of entries, we decided to divide the entries into two age groups, ages 0-6 and ages 7-12 and award a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prize in each category. Glenn Allen Yoder received the most votes overall and was awarded the front cover placement. We received so many beautiful entries. It was a tough decision! Thank you all for your hard work and creativity.

**Ages 7-12**

![Image of coloring contest winners, ages 7-12]

Ages 0-6

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All winners received a goodie bag of surprises.
Area high school students were in Washington, D.C., during the annual “Youth to Washington” Tour, June 15-22, 2012. Tyler Ormond of Liberty and Stephanie Dearwester of Paloma represented Adams Electric Cooperative. Emery Gronewold of Golden, Kassie Henry of Bowen, and Kurt Schuster of Golden represented Adams Telephone Co-op. The students met with Congressman Aaron Schock and were among 75 rural Illinois youth leaders selected for the trip. The Illinois students joined 1,500 young leaders from across the country. In addition to the Capitol, they also visited the Civil War Battlefield at Gettysburg, Arlington National Cemetery, the Washington National Cathedral, the Smithsonian Museums, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, the Vietnam, Korean, World War II, Lincoln, 143664-004 Jefferson, FDR and Martin Luther King Jr. Memorials, the National Archives, and a number of other sites.

When asking the Adams Electric Cooperative student representatives what part of the trip was their favorite, Tyler said immediately “All of it.” Stephanie enjoyed the National Archives. She was surprised to learn that the United States Constitution is guarded around the clock.

For more information about the Youth to Washington program, contact Laura Dotson at Adams Electric Cooperative at (800) 232-4797 or by email at ldotson@adamselectric.coop.

Snack and Pop Shop

Several years ago, a group of students on the Youth Tour from North Carolina recognized a problem. Soda from the hotel vending machines was about four times the cost of soda at a grocery store. The vending machines weren’t reliable and didn’t offer all of their favorite flavors. So, why not solve the problem with the cooperative concept?

Every year, since then, students have organized their own version of the “Soda Pop Co-op” to provide a wide selection of snacks and soda with reliable service at affordable prices.

This year, AEC students, Tyler and Stephanie served on the Nominating Committee of the “Snack and Pop Shop” and helped choose directors for their cooperative. This year’s soda co-op made about $150 in profits. The students, members of the Snack and Pop Shop, decided to put some of their money toward Illinois pins for next year’s Youth Tour students. (Every state has their own state stickers and pins, which students collect on their name badges as they meet students from across the U.S.) Remaining profits were returned to students as capital credits.

The “Soda Pop Co-op” is the perfect way for students to learn about cooperatives.
Your account number is conveniently located in the upper left corner. If you have multiple locations, each location is associated with a different account number.

This section lists your service address. However, if you have multiple accounts, we would be happy to include “grain bin”, “garage”, or another description to help you easily identify each of your accounts.

Your map number, located in the upper right corner, identifies your location to our line crew. Please keep this number handy in case you have an outage!

There were 31 days included in this particular billing cycle. Be careful when comparing month to month – the billing cycle can vary from 29-31 days.

You’ll notice that this member, Willie, has two rate codes, which means he has two meters. Willie is on the Controlled Heating & Cooling Rate. The “180” represents the base rate for his main meter. The “182” represents the rate for all of his electric heating, cooling, and water heating usage.

Another popular rate code is a “110” for a single meter base rate.

In this case, Willie has subtractive meters. In other words, the main meter records all of the usage and the second meter’s record of usage is subtracted from the main meter and charged at a different rate. The main meter recorded 2,298 kWhs (354,891 minus 352,593) and the second meter recorded 536 kWhs (28,304 minus 27,768). The final usage from each meter appears in the third column. In some older homes and unique situations, additive meters are used and the totals are added together.

The multiplier depends on the style of meter installed at your location. Some meters record 1/20 or 1/40 of the actual usage and must be multiplied by 20 or 40 to reach the actual usage. Willie’s meter does not require a multiplier which makes the multiplier “1”.

You should only see an amount in this box if a new meter was recently installed at this location.

Note any unpaid balances.

Everyone pays a facility charge which covers fixed expenses such as maintenance, equipment, transformers, insurance, electric lines, fuel and billing costs.

A breakdown of the usage, rate, and costs associated with the second meter, if applicable.

Total for the main meter.

Total for the second meter, if applicable.

Some security lights are located away from the meter and are not included in the main meter usage. They must be billed separately. The amount is based on the type of fixture.

If you have our surge protection service, a monthly fee of $6.99 will appear here.

If you participate in Air Evac’s convenient monthly billing, their $5.00 monthly fee will appear here.

After all charges, your bill is rounded up to the nearest dollar. These funds are used to support worthy projects by organizations in our service territory through our Penny Power program. This round-up helps support items like emergency equipment for our fire departments and police stations, safer playgrounds for children, technology for classrooms, handicapped ramps, literacy programs, food for the needy, and much more. Everyone is automatically enrolled in the program, but it is your option to participate.

When comparing usage from previous months, a lot of factors need to be considered. Your habits, equipment, number of residents, and weather, all can have an impact on these numbers. It is best to give us a call if you have a concern about your usage. Ask for Bill Stalder, Manager of Marketing/Member Services.

These temperatures are an average of all of the high and low temperatures for the month.

Watch this box for important messages.

Your bill is always due on the 21st of the month. The Co-op must receive payment by the due date to avoid a late payment penalty.

Remember if you have switched to a cell phone or have a different daytime phone number, please note this on your bill.

You can pay your bill with automatic bank drafting, a credit card number on file, or with credit card over the phone. Contact the billing department for details.
Energy Myth: It is not worth my time or money to seal leaks around my windows and doors or to adequately insulate my home.

According to Energy Star®, air leaks throughout your home can be the equivalent of leaving a window open all year long.

Energy Efficiency Tips by Doug Rye, the “Doctor of Energy Efficiency - the King of Caulk and Talk”

**Possible solutions to make your attic cooler:**

1. If the ductwork is in the attic, the best answer, in most cases, is to spray the entire sloped roof deck and gables with foam, which encapsulates the entire attic space. By doing this, there is no longer an attic at all. It is now just an odd shaped room upstairs and the ductwork is now inside the conditioned space. In this case, the ductwork leakage does not matter as much because it is inside the house anyway.

2. If the ductwork is in the attic, but costs prevent you from doing the No. 1 solution, you can do what many others have done without you having a past. Make sure that the ductwork leaks are sealed and add insulation [my preference is cellulose] until you have a total insulation depth of about 13 inches. If possible, cover the ductwork with insulation.

3. Another solution, that you may do yourself, is to properly install a radiant barrier on the bottom or between the sloped roof rafters. This can lower the attic temperature by 20 to 30 degrees on a summer day. Installing or rolling out radiant barrier on top of your existing insulation is not a proper installation method. Doing so will render a negative effect.

4. If your ductwork is not in the attic, you may only need to add cellulose insulation.

**Energy Star®**
Boston Cream Cupcakes
Submitted by Laura Dotson

For cupcakes:
1 1/2 cups cake flour
1 1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. baking soda
1/2 cup butter, softened
2 large eggs
1 tsp. vanilla extract
2/3 cup buttermilk
Heat oven to 375°F. Line a 12-cup muffin tin with cupcake liners.

Spray top of muffin tin with non-stick cooking spray. Sift cake flour, baking powder, salt, and baking soda. Set aside. With a mixer, cream butter and sugar on high speed. Beat in eggs, one at a time. Beat in vanilla. Add 1/3 of flour, beat until barely combined. Beat in half of buttermilk. Alternate between flour and buttermilk, ending with the last of flour. Divide batter between cupcake liners. Bake for 18-20 minutes, until cupcakes are domed and beginning to turn golden. Let them cool.

To make the filling:

Have a strainer over a heat-proof bowl ready near the stove. Whisk sugar, flour, and salt in a small bowl. Whisk in egg yolks to form a paste. Warm the milk in a small saucepan just until it begins to steam. Remove from heat and pour a little into the egg mixture. Quickly whisk eggs to thin out paste. Slowly pour the rest of milk into the eggs while continuing to whisk. Pour the milk and egg mixture back into saucepan and set over medium heat. Whisk constantly while it starts to thicken. Keep whisking so eggs don’t cook. When cream thickens to the consistency of pudding, stop whisking and check for bubbles. As soon as bubbles are popping on the surface, cream is done. Remove the pan from heat and whisk in vanilla. Pour cream through strainer set over bowl, stirring as it falls through. The strainer will catch any eggs that started to curdle. Press a piece of wax paper to the surface of the cream and refrigerate until completely chilled.

Cut cones from the center of each cupcake. Angle knife toward center and cut a quarter-size circle. Fill the hole with a tablespoon or two of cooled cream filling.

To make the glaze, set the chocolate in a heat-proof bowl. Warm heavy cream until it’s steaming and pour it over the chocolate. Let stand for 1 minute, then mix until it forms a thick, glossy glaze. Pour a generous spoonful over each cupcake, spreading it out with the back of the spoon. Serve immediately or refrigerate until glaze is set.

Editor’s Note: This recipe makes 12 cupcakes. Considering the time investment, I would recommend doubling the batch!

Pizza Casserole
Submitted by Rita Terstriep

7 oz. spaghetti
1/4 cup Parmesan cheese
2 eggs, beaten
2 Tbsp. margarine
1 1/2 lbs. ground beef
1 cup diced onion
1 lb. (10 oz.) spaghetti sauce
3 cups grated mozzarella cheese


Breakfast Casserole
Submitted by Ncsya Turpin

12 eggs, beaten
2 1/2 cups milk
1 lb. sausage, ham or bacon
8 slices bread, crusts removed and diced
2 cups shredded cheese.

Combine all ingredients in an 9x13 pan. Bake one hour at 350°F. Serve.
 These units will be sold as is. Adams Electric Cooperative is accepting sealed bids on each of these units until 5:00 p.m. Friday, August 10, 2012. Contact Tim Breetz or Rick Bruns at (217) 593-7701 or (800) 232-4797.
These poles stand for something. They bring us reliable, affordable electricity.

They also carry a vision that began back before the 2nd world war. These poles rose above the dust of the Great Depression, through blood, sweat, and tears. Cooperatives brought light to darkness, and electrified this country.

Power would no longer be confined to the big city limits. Lines stretched out to farms, ranches and schoolhouses. Appliances came to life. Factories sprouted up. America spread her wings.

But these poles didn’t just appear out of thin air. These poles are pillars that were founded on principle by people with principles. Neighbors banded together, and communities came together to share ownership of the electricity that would advance everyone.

Today, these poles are yours. They come to you with a history. And they come to you with a responsibility.

It’s up to all of us to take care of what we have and use only what we need. It’s the cooperative way. It also happens to be the right thing to do.

By using electricity wisely, we can continue to build on a dream that started decades ago. And we can ensure that the spirit on which it was built continues for generations to come. Reliable, affordable electricity, for all.