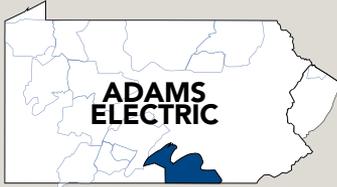




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From the CEO/General Manager



Thank you

By Steve Rasmussen

IT'S HARD to monitor the pulse of the community when you suddenly feel detached from it. There have been no in-person community organizational meetings, no First Friday gatherings, no Saturday deck parties, and rarely a Sunday church service in way too long.

How do we begin to reconnect? It starts with two words: Thank you!

We owe you a debt of gratitude. You have been so flexible with us, our changed hours, closed lobbies, rescheduled meetings. Thank you for your patience. Thank you for adjusting the way you pay your bill. Thank you for sharing your stories of need and giving back. We hope you'll continue to share those messages with us!

We've been encouraged by the comments of so many members, who graciously accepted the co-op's return of Ownership Rewards checks in March and the special bill credit we offered in April. Thank you to those members who said, "Thanks but no thanks," and then gave that money back through Project Helping Hand, so we could help other members with past due bills. Your generosity does not go unnoticed.

Thank you to our employees! Our line crews never took a break from repairing outages and making system improvements. Our member service representatives never missed a call or a callback, reaching out daily, sometimes from home or after hours to make sure every member who wanted to talk to us had the opportunity. Thank you to all employees for being flexible with their schedules, especially the many

who had children they needed to stay home and teach or those who had parents they needed to care for.

Thank you to the directors who held virtual meetings to keep the business of the cooperative moving forward. Under their direction, Ownership Rewards retirements were approved, the special bill credit was created and applied, board policies were updated, and for the first time in the co-op's 80-year history, board officer elections were held electronically, as was our audit virtually certified and accepted.

Thank you to our volunteers. Because of their commitment, our scholarship winners were selected and awarded virtually, our election ballots were certified and our election cycle closed out via teleconference.

Thank you to our partners, vendors, and contractors who modified the way they make and accept deliveries, take and fulfill orders, continue to work on behalf of the co-op, and conduct meetings with our employees virtually. Their adaptability has made it possible for us to keep working efficiently.

All these interactions — whether through a computer screen, a mask, a face shield, or a telephone — have made a difference in keeping our employees healthy and able to continue working to provide our members the high level of service they have come to expect. Thank you for helping us to forge a new path to "normal." Every interaction, every outpouring of kindness, every shown ounce of patience has been appreciated, and I sincerely thank you! 

COMMUNITYconnections

POWERING LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

Favored local deli closes amid coronavirus fight

By Duane Kanagy, *Penn Lines Correspondent*

FOR evidence of the negative impact the coronavirus has had on local businesses — particularly restaurants and caterers — look no further than the 800 block of West King Street (Route 11) near Shippensburg in Franklin County.

That was the site of Kathy's Deli, a well-known dining and catering firm, until April when the owner, Kathy Pugh, was forced to close the business after 17 years. Public safety efforts designed to stem the spread of the virus included social distancing, stay-at-home orders and advice to avoid large gatherings. This resulted in the cancellation of company meetings and the postponement of numerous weddings and other events on Kathy's Deli's schedule. At the same time, foot traffic in the deli dropped as former customers ventured out only when necessary.

Kathy's Deli was well-known to Adams Electric members who attended the co-op's March member meetings in Shippensburg and in York,

plus the co-op's recent annual meetings held in Gettysburg. Food from Kathy's Deli was wildly popular with members at those meetings and Pugh's culinary gifts will be missed.

"I loved working with Adams Electric," she says. "It was a wonderful experience and the co-op was always very supportive."

In fact, Pugh and her husband, Glenn, were co-op members when they were first married.

There are things she will miss about the business, including seeing the customers who regularly visited the deli.

"I wanted to get out before the business took me down and while I could still pay the bills," says Pugh, who made the hard decision to close after it looked

like the efforts to stem the reach of the virus were not going to be short-lived.

Pugh notes she decided against applying for emergency government assistance because the rules kept changing and there was no assurance the loans would not have to be repaid.

"I did not want to go into debt," she says. "We were debt-free before this, and we did not want to go through that again."

The Pughs spent 20 years as dairy farmers and know what it is like not to have enough money. One year in the 1980s, a check from the sale of bull calves that was going to fund Christ-



DELI WILL BE MISSED: Many locals, including Adams Electric members, will fondly remember the soups, sandwiches, hot entrees and plentiful banquet fare offered by Kathy's Deli in Shippensburg. Owners Glenn and Kathy Pugh closed the deli in April after public safety efforts to stem the spread of coronavirus took away most of the deli's dine-in and catering business.

mas gifts for their children came up a bit short.

"We expected about \$100, but the check that showed up was for only about \$28," she says, adding, "I realized I needed to look for a job."

She went to work for a food market where she became deli manager and helped the market cater local events. She also worked for a restaurant, sold advertising and was manager for a convenience store chain. In those jobs, she gained valuable experience that paid off when the couple opened the deli in late 2002.

Kathy's Deli will not be gone com-
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HUGS: Terri Ferguson, owner of Put On The Feedbag Catering, hugs her granddaughter, Lainey.

Three incumbents reelected to board service

Glenn Bange of Hanover, Daniel Eisenhart of Newville, and Thomas Knaub of Wellsville were each elected to new three-year terms on the Adams Electric Cooperative Board of Directors during an election process that ended during an Adams Electric Credentials & Election Committee teleconference May 14.

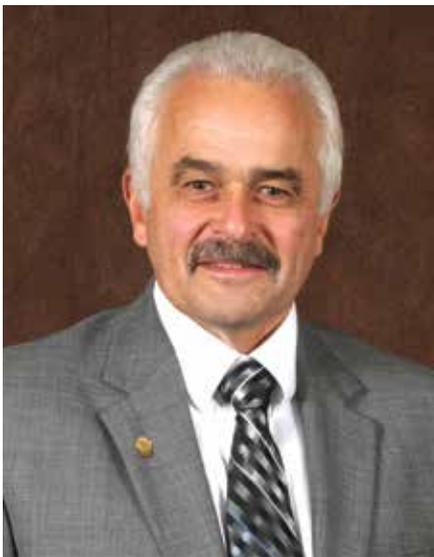
Due to the coronavirus/COVID-19 global pandemic and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's gathering size recommendations, the

cooperative's in-person annual meeting scheduled for May 16, during which the election would have historically ended, was canceled. The director election continued, with member-owners voting online and through mail-in ballots.

Following the Credentials & Election Committee meeting, the board of directors held a reorganizational meeting May 19 during which Glenn Bange of Hanover was reelected to serve as board president, Nadine Hubner of Felton was reelected as board vice

president, Dan Eisenhart of Newville was reelected as board secretary, and Tom Knaub of Wellsville was reelected board treasurer.

The Credentials & Election Committee is made up of 12 member-volunteers, serving one-year terms, who oversee the annual director election process. One member from each of the nine director zones is selected for the committee annually, plus an additional three member-volunteers from director zones up for election. ☀



Glenn Bange



Daniel Eisenhart



Thomas Knaub

Favored local deli closes

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pletely. Her panini recipes are now offered by Pizza House in Shippensburg. There are also plans for a cookbook to be published with a local printer in October just in time for the holidays.

Feedbag Catering hit hard by coronavirus

Adams Electric member Terri Ferguson has firsthand knowledge of the impact a pandemic can have on the hospitality business. Her business, Put On The Feedbag Catering (Feedbag) of Orrtanna, lost most of its bookings in March, April and May as efforts to limit

the size of large gatherings took hold.

Feedbag built its reputation and business over three decades by catering large company gatherings, family events, and weddings along with providing concessions at numerous local festivals.

"As soon as they limited the size of any group to 10 or less, the phone started ringing with cancellations," Ferguson notes. "It may be awful to say, but you can't make money on a group of less than 25. This virus has had a huge impact on business. We need large groups to survive."

Ferguson is waiting to hear about assistance loans through the Small Business Administration.

"I don't want to go into debt; I am very careful about that," she notes, adding some other emergency loans were not a good fit for her business.

She has found some help from the Adams Economic Alliance and The Chamber of Gettysburg and Adams County. She has also worked with state and federal legislators to stay abreast of assistance that might be available.

Despite the hardship, Ferguson soldiers on.

"I've been contacted by clients who are concerned about how we were doing," Ferguson says. "I'll just say we are going to stay in this business. We are not going anywhere." ☀

NEWSworthy

NOTES FROM AROUND YOUR COOPERATIVE

Adams names undergrad scholarships winners

CONGRATULATIONS to eight undergraduate students who were selected to receive an Adams Electric undergraduate college scholarship. Each student, either the son or daughter of a co-op member, receives \$1,000 toward their continued higher education studies. The winners were selected after being individually scored by each member of the co-op's volunteer Scholarship Committee and were recommended to the board of directors for final approval in April. This scholarship will reopen to new applicants in January.

Adams Electric's adult scholarship program opened in May and will continue to accept applications through July. The \$1,000 scholarships are offered to 10 member-owners continuing their studies through higher education programs. Members can apply online at adamsec.coop.

Scholarships come from unclaimed Ownership Rewards and do not affect rates. 🌞

And the winners are:



Sarah Cooper,
Hanover
University of Pittsburgh



Leanna Miller,
Spring Grove
Elizabethtown College



Devin Peart,
Littlestown
Susquehanna University



George Sebright,
East Berlin
Virginia Polytechnic
Institute and State
University



Lauren Slonaker,
New Oxford
Millersville University



Emma Snyder,
Fairfield
Harrisburg Area
Community College



Megan White,
Red Lion
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Allison Wolf,
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Source: American Red Cross, Federal Emergency Management Agency.



TURN IT OFF *Turn it Up!*

Conserve energy by shifting your use of major appliances to before 1 p.m. and after 7 p.m. on hot weekday afternoons. This decreases the use of electricity during high energy demand periods, which in turn helps keep electric rates low. No sign up or switch is necessary – anyone can participate! Specifically, members are encouraged to:



Move the use of air conditioners, dishwashers, clothes washers and dryers, pool pumps and dehumidifiers to early morning or late evening through the week.



Try grilling instead of heating up your oven to cook.



Unplug unnecessary items, like gaming consoles and chargers.

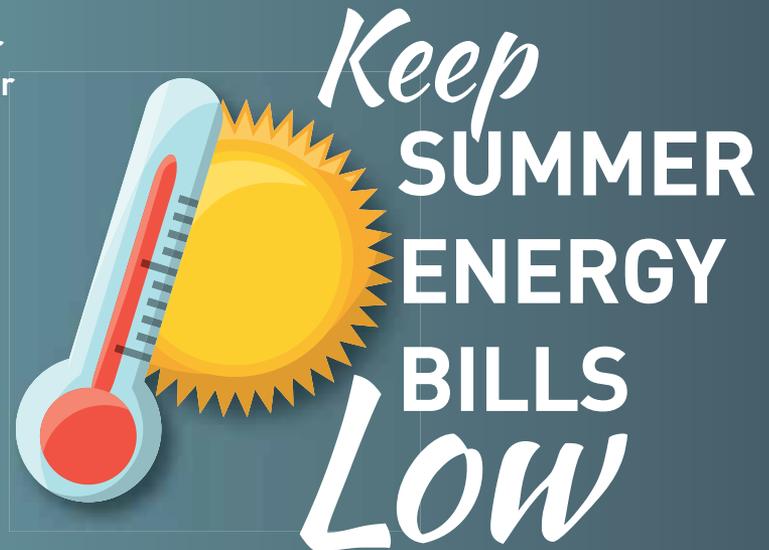


Turn off unnecessary lighting.



High temperatures don't have to mean higher energy bills. Here are more ideas to keep your electricity bill affordable this summer.

- Set your thermostat to 78 degrees or higher. Better yet, use a programmable thermostat that automatically adjusts the set temperature times when you know you'll be out of the house.
- Keep your air conditioning unit filters clean. A clean unit is an efficient unit.
- Block the sun coming from your windows with blinds and drapes.



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