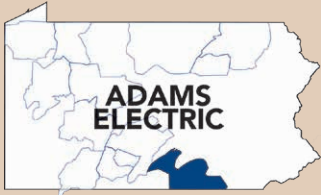




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## Concern for Community



**STEVE RASMUSSEN**

**WE SPEND A LOT OF** time talking about two parts of our mission — rates and reliability. Sometimes the third part, community, isn't talked about as often. In December, my column will be all about rates because a lot is impacting them, and you won't want to miss it. But this column is about sharing some of the great things we're doing to help the communities we serve.

Every year, we support significant community activities. It's part of Co-op Principle No. 7: "concern for community." You've read about some in these pages, such as our Imagination Library sponsorship, which engages early learners in Adams County. But others we've done have been under the radar — like a pole donation we made to a Junior ROTC program or the way we supported a cheer team on its way to the Cheez-It Citrus Bowl.

We also used this year, our 85th anniversary, to engage our community via two larger programs. First, we collected 2 tons of food and personal care items for the New Hope Ministries facilities in Adams, York, and Cumberland counties. Second, we collected winter outerwear items for Coats of Friendship in York County, which were then distributed to various shelters across south-central Pennsylvania.

The outerwear drive was led by our Youth Leadership Council representative Kendall Woods. We think she did a fantastic job, and you can learn more about her endeavors on page 14B.

Kendall came to us through another community initiative, which is rooted in cooperative history: the National Rural Electric Youth Tour program. Every year, we send up to a dozen high school juniors to Washington, D.C., for a week of travel, exploration and self-growth.

The students we sponsor don't need to have a co-op connection; they just have to want to be leaders in their schools and communities. We've sponsored students on this trip for the past 60-plus years, and we are currently taking applications for summer 2026.

Another youth program we support is our scholarship program. In January, we will launch our 18th year of scholarships for high school seniors (we added adult member scholarships in 2009 and college undergraduate scholarships in 2019). On average, we distribute more than 30 high school scholarships to the children of our members, totaling more than \$45,000 a year.

I should note these programs are not funded by rates, but by unclaimed Ownership Rewards (patronage capital credits) returned to the cooperative through the state from members and former members who haven't claimed their funds.

In general, we spend an average of \$50,000 a year in direct donations to fire companies, school groups and nonprofit organizations. We also allot some of our general funds to fundraisers like sporting events and theatrical and musical performances. In those cases, you are likely to see an ad with our logo in a playbill or event program.

We take our mission to be a positive light in the public eye seriously and have worked hard to develop a strong reputation for community commitment. We do this while still providing you with excellent service, lower rates and better reliability than neighboring electric utilities. 🌱

**STEVE RASMUSSEN**  
CEO/GENERAL MANAGER

## Getting to Know Kendall Woods, AEC's YLC

**SARAH FRANK**, CCC, COMMUNICATIONS/COMMUNITY RELATIONS COORDINATOR

**ADAMS ELECTRIC'S 2025 YOUTH TOUR** delegate and Pennsylvania's Youth Leadership Council (YLC) representative Kendall Woods is no stranger to leadership. Vice president of student council, editor-in-chief of the school newspaper, and an active member of the National Honor Society and the varsity track and field team, the Susquehannock High School student may not seem like she has time for much else on her busy to-do list.

But the cooperative was lucky enough to welcome Kendall as one of its delegates on the 2025 National Rural Electric Youth Tour. From there, members of the state and national cooperative organizations, along with her peers, chose her to be Pennsylvania's YLC representative, an honor bestowed on just one person per state on the trip.

### Coming together for a cause

As part of her YLC journey, Kendall organized a community service project, collecting winter outerwear to distribute to community members in need. In conjunction with the cooperative, Kendall collected new and lightly used coats, gloves, and hats at co-op offices and local schools to donate to Coats of Friendship in York.

In addition to leading donation drives, the high school senior volunteers at the local VFW and is passionate about raising money for THON, a student-run philanthropy at Penn State University that supports families impacted by childhood cancer.

"I am most proud of the project I helped with during my sister's senior year and my sophomore year of high school when we raised money for THON," Kendall says. "We organized a white-out for the homecoming game and sold shirts that said, 'Keira Strong' in honor of my sister who was recovering from a life-saving bone-marrow transplant at that time.

"We sold over 500 shirts and raised about \$1,000," Kendall adds. "To tie it all together, she was crowned Homecoming Queen that night, which I knew meant a lot to her. That experience showed me the strength of community support and how powerful it can be to come together for a cause."

Kendall hopes to attend a four-year university and double major in sociology and criminology, with a minor in politics, philosophy, and economics, in hopes of becoming a prosecutor.

She credits her time on Youth Tour and YLC with helping her foster skills that will help in her career.

"I have gained so many new relationships with people of various backgrounds," she says. "By learning how to



**FUNDRAISING FOR A CAUSE:** Adams Electric's Kendall Woods, who is Pennsylvania's Youth Leadership Council representative, attends a THON pep rally, where she helped raise money for families impacted by childhood cancer.

make connections, it has allowed me to understand the importance of building meaningful relationships, networking with purpose and maintaining a strong sense of empathy. These skills will be invaluable in my future career, where understanding diverse perspectives and fostering trust will be essential to seeking justice and serving my community."

### 'A second family'

Kendall is strongly motivated by her family, including parents Jeff and Cherie Woods of New Freedom, and the support they give her as she strives to make them proud. While Kendall and her family are not co-op members, Adams Electric has gained a supporter for life.

"It is quite simple actually: They are a second family," Kendall says, addressing her favorite thing about cooperatives. "From the very beginning, Adams Electric welcomed me with open arms and genuine support, making me feel like more than just a participant. Attending the regional co-op meeting showed me that this sense of family extends far beyond one local cooperative — it's a statewide and even nationwide network of people who care deeply about service, leadership, and each other."

Do you have a high school junior interested in following in Kendall's footsteps? Students interested in the 2026 Youth Tour can learn more or apply online at [adamsec.coop](http://adamsec.coop).

"YLC has provided me with a forever family, and I do not know what I would do without them," Kendall says. "Anyone who can apply for Youth Tour absolutely should because I can guarantee it will change your life for the better. I know it has for me." 📸

## Prepare Now to Prevent Surge Situations

**EVERY DEVICE OR APPLIANCE POWERED** by electricity is subject to damage from spikes and surges while they are plugged into an outlet. Luckily, there are some rather simple and relatively inexpensive options to help with prevention and protection.

Before we get to those options, let's explore what causes electrical surges in the first place.

A surge is a sudden, unexpected increase in voltage on an electrical circuit. Most only last about a thousandth of a second. But when a power line is struck by lightning or taken down by a tree or car accident, those fluctuations in power can travel the line — sometimes into a home or business.

Many homeowners don't realize that they, not their utility provider, are responsible for these repairs. We certainly hope you never have a surge, but if you do, we want you to be prepared.

A residential meter hardwire protector can be connected at the meter base by a trained professional electrician (some can also be installed inside the home). This device protects major appliances, like refrigerators, washing machines and larger electronics. Adams Electric offers members the protector with a 15-year warranty for a unit price of \$165.36. If you want us to install it, the cost is \$271.36.

Remember that any work done behind the meter, which meter is owned by the cooperative, requires a scheduled disconnection and reconnection of the electric service by an employee of the cooperative. They are the only

party authorized to pull an Adams Electric meter. The procedure for this work is outlined on the co-op's website, [adamsec.coop](http://adamsec.coop).

There are many other high-quality surge protectors on the market, and these are a worthwhile purchase, especially for anyone who might regularly work from home. But today's homes have an average of 25 appliances and electronics, so protecting them from every source of an electrical surge can be expensive.

Another option is to insure your powered devices through SurgeHELP. The co-op is a pass-through provider of the program offered by HomeServe. SurgeHELP covers your appliances and electronics in the event of a surge for a low monthly fee.

Residential members can pick a plan that works best for them and add it to their electric bill. Plans start at just \$3.50 a month (\$42 a year) for up to \$1,000 worth of protection a year. Many home insurance plans don't cover this type of damage, and often the deductible for a claim can be as much as or more than the repair. HomeServe is an independent company that helps homeowners have the best possible service when an issue arises.

Learn more at [adamsec.coop/surge-protection](http://adamsec.coop/surge-protection). 📺



**LIFE-SAVING RESPONSE:** Cpl. Morgan McGovern climbs into Shippensburg Emergency Medical Service's newest addition to its ambulance fleet. Purchased using low-interest financing from Adams Electric Cooperative's Community Development Fund, the ambulance will provide reliable and improved medical responses to residents in the greater Cumberland Valley area. Adams Electric offers financing options to nonprofit and community organizations that are working to improve conditions in our service territory. Learn more at [adamsec.coop](http://adamsec.coop).





## Are You Interested in a Seat on the Board?

**DO YOU HAVE TIME TO READ POLICIES** and attend committee or board meetings? Do you enjoy occasional travel, all while learning and applying for a leadership position in your community? If your answer is “yes,” then you have what it takes to be a director of your local rural electric cooperative.

Director candidates must meet all membership qualifications as set forth in the co-op’s bylaws. Now is the time to get engaged in the director election process if you are a cooperative member in good standing and reside in:

**Zone 3:** ADAMS COUNTY — Townships of Berwick, Conewago, Germany, Hamilton, Mount Pleasant, Oxford, and Union; and the Boroughs of Abbottstown, Bonneauville, and Littlestown.

**Zone 4:** YORK COUNTY — Townships of Conewago, Dover, Fairview, Jackson, Newberry, Paradise, Warrington, and Washington; and the Borough of Dover.

**Zone 9:** ADAMS COUNTY — Townships of Latimore and Reading. CUMBERLAND COUNTY — Townships of Dickinson, Lower Frankford, North Middleton, South Middleton, and West Pennsboro. YORK COUNTY — Township of Franklin.

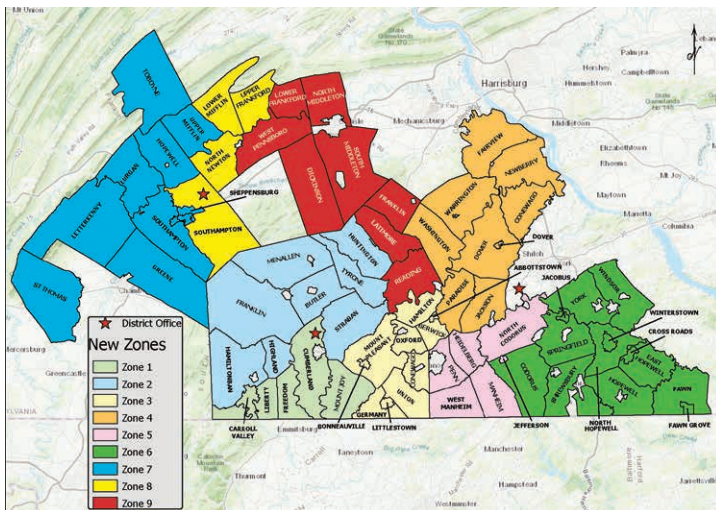
This year, the membership will elect one director each from Zones 3, 4 and 9 to help guide the business of the cooperative for the next three years. Board responsibilities may include mitigating risk, setting rates, understanding power supply, participating in strategic planning, making financial decisions, promoting the cooperative business model, gaining insights on political and environmental impacts, and meeting member expectations.

Each director candidate must complete a petition packet, including a personal profile and statement of candidacy, among other requirements. Candidates must also secure signatures and addresses of at least 15 Adams Electric members on an official petition.

Candidate packets may be picked up, by appointment only, at any Adams Electric office, beginning Dec. 1. All required paperwork must be “actually and physically received” at the co-op’s headquarters in Gettysburg before the close of business on Jan. 29, 2026.

Learn more about being a co-op director at [adamsec.coop/director-responsibilities](https://adamsec.coop/director-responsibilities) or contact the co-op’s communications department at 800-726-2324.

**IN THE ZONE:** Director zones are re-evaluated every five years, based on the population of residential accounts living within each service territory and the need to give each director zone an equitable share of member representation. At left is the current map, which was redrawn in 2020. No changes are planned this year.



## ADAMS EMPLOYEES PROMOTED

Two employees recently passed their skills tests to move to the next level in their positions. Effective Aug. 27, **Wyatt Taughinbaugh**, of Hanover, was promoted to fourth-year apprentice in the operations department at the York District. He started with Adams in January 2023.

Effective Sept. 8, **Greg Gamble**, of Dillsburg, was promoted to staking technician A in the engineering department at the Gettysburg District. He started with Adams in 2020 as a staking technician C.



**WYATT  
TAUGHINBAUGH**



**GREG  
GAMBLE**

## LIHEAP FUNDING DELAYED

In late October, we learned that due to the federal government shutdown, the opening date of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) has been delayed from Nov. 3 **until at least Dec. 3**. As a result, the state Department of Human Services will not be accepting applications for regular LIHEAP cash or crisis grants until the season officially opens. As always, we will do our best to keep our members informed as updates become available. Visit [adamsec.coop](https://adamsec.coop) for more information.



# How will you **MAKE YOUR MARK?**



A week of building memories, skills, leadership  
and friendships that will last a lifetime!



Experience the trip of a lifetime with Youth Tour!

- Explore Washington, D.C. through historic monuments, world-class museums, and visits with elected officials.
- Build leadership skills and discover how you can make your mark on the future.
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