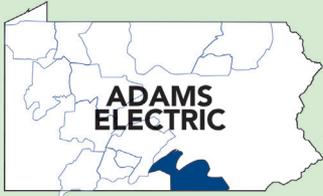




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## Guest Column

# Reliable Power Takes Effort



**MIKE FEATHERS**

**ENSURING RELIABLE POWER** is a co-op priority. We prioritize it through ongoing investments in system inspections, preventative maintenance, and technology.

At Adams Electric Cooperative, we always strive to be as prepared as possible when Mother Nature or unforeseen accidents affect our system and the power we deliver to our members. To that end, a major aspect of the cooperative's preparedness is the number of inspections we conduct to keep our system as resilient as possible.

Each year, the cooperative contracts the services of Pine Bottom Aviation of Martinsburg, Pa., to fly the entire overhead system of at least one of our three districts and the critical lines — mainly three-phase lines and substation tie points — of the remaining two.

In 2026, the pilot, along with an Adams Electric lineman, will inspect all overhead lines in the Gettysburg district before moving on to the cooperative's York and Shippensburg districts. In total, this inspection by helicopter allows us to see about 65% of our total system from above each year.

As an enhancement to the yearly helicopter patrol, the cooperative's five licensed drone pilots use our three drones to conduct bi-monthly inspections of circuits experiencing recent issues or outages. The pilots can get a closer look at the poles and equipment while staying current on their training.

Typical items found on both aerial inspections include broken wooden crossarms or braces, phase conductors off insulators, deteriorating pole tops, danger tree issues and loose hardware. Any issues are immediately reported to the district superintendent to be addressed according to severity.

Each year, the cooperative also conducts a pole inspection program. Osmose Utility Services is contracted to physically inspect about 10% of the cooperative's nearly 53,500 poles. This inspection is conducted on a rotating basis in one of our three districts.

Osmose employees visit each pole location and inspect it visually and internally for signs of decay. Any pole that doesn't meet established strength requirements is classified as "rejected" and then documented and reported back to the cooperative for timely replacement. Poles with less decay will have it removed and a treatment applied to the remaining "good wood," giving the pole many more years of useful life.

Another inspection the cooperative implements is its yearly infrared inspection, which is performed by Infrared Predictive Surveys (IPS). This job requires a certified infrared thermographer to scan all cooperative substations, metering points, tie-point switches and other critical system components.

The IPS employee, accompanied by a cooperative lineman, is primarily looking for temperature anomalies that indicate loose connections, failing equipment or other critical issues. Again, any issues are reported immediately to the district superintendent to be addressed according to severity.

In addition to the contracted inspections, Adams Electric also conducts several in-house inspections, such as its padmount (underground facilities) and service location inspections. Each year, cooperative lineworkers inspect about 10% of our underground distribution facilities, which include padmount transformers and switch gear, secondary service pedestals, as well as the primary and secondary wire terminations within them.

A member's service inspection consists of an Adams Electric lineworker visiting each service location, whether overhead or underground. There, they evaluate and

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# ACCF is Building Community for Generations to Come

**KAMI NOEL, CCC**, COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER RELATIONS COORDINATOR

ADAMS COUNTY IS HOME to about 100,000 people and in one day, they raised \$4.3 million for charity. Held in November, the Giving Spree is one of the largest per-capita “give days” in the country.



**RALPH SERPE**

“People here like to give and give generously,” says Ralph Serpe, president and CEO of the Adams County Community Foundation (ACCF), and the person in charge of the Giving Spree.

ACCF exists to grow permanent endowments for the community it serves through targeted grants, initiatives and advocacy.

Adams Electric has been a long-time investor in the Giving Spree and ACCF, including endowing the co-op’s Project Helping Hand and scholarship funds at the foundation.

“Anyone can create a charitable fund to support a cause,” Serpe says. “Adams Electric entrusted us with helping their members keep their lights on and their students get scholarships before it was even a thing.”

## A long tradition of support

Community foundations have been “a thing” for nearly 100 years, and in Adams County, the organization just celebrated its 40th year. It did so with an anniversary campaign that raised more than \$60 million for the community and its programs.

“We’re one of 850 foundations across the country,” Serpe explains. “Eight years ago, when I came here, we had 12 endowment funds; now we have 114.”

During 2025, the foundation processed \$5.5 million in grants and

scholarships. Of that, \$45,000 was for Adams Electric’s scholarships, which are awarded to high school seniors. ACCF was also instrumental in the passage of state legislation aimed at stopping scholarship displacement.

“Colleges and universities used to reduce a student’s financial aid package based on the total amount of scholarships that they earned,” Serpe says. “Pennsylvania is one of six states where that is no longer allowed. Now, in-state public schools must stack scholarships on top of financial aid packages.”

This is just one of the advocacy initiatives the foundation has taken on. Others include At Home in Adams County, which focuses on affordable housing, transportation and workforce development. The foundation also supports reverse scholarship initiatives, which encourage college graduates to return to the area where they grew up by paying down their debts and getting them re-established in the community.

For many graduating students, scholarship application time is now, as high school seniors pick their future college and complete financial aid forms. But there are also many adults investing in their next endeavors, and for them, reverse scholarships could

be the difference between enrolling in a certificate program locally or relocating.

“We’re advocating for these payouts to be nontaxable,” Serpe explains, “and for our legislators to make informed decisions.”

## Carrying the next generation forward

While the Giving Spree doesn’t return until November, the foundation will continue to raise funds for new endowments and initiatives that will carry the next generation of business and tradespeople into the future with less up-front debt.

“There’s never a day that goes by that we don’t encourage people to give, give generously, learn about a new and growing organization, or create a new program for the things they love and want to support,” Serpe says.

The foundation has more than 100 Adams County scholarships currently available, and the deadline to submit applications for them is March 15. Recipients, which include Adams Electric high school recipients, will be announced at the annual foundation scholarship breakfast on April 29.

For more information, visit [adamscountycf.org](http://adamscountycf.org).



**SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS:** High school seniors were honored at the 2025 Adams County Community Foundation scholarship breakfast for earning one of several scholarships, including those sponsored by Adams Electric.

# Plan Ahead for Medical Emergencies

IF YOU OR SOMEONE IN YOUR HOME relies on electric-powered life support or emergency medical equipment, Adams Electric Cooperative wants to help you prepare.

While our crews work diligently to ensure reliable service, we cannot guarantee uninterrupted power, especially during major storms or unforeseen incidents. To ensure your personal safety, we encourage members to take proactive steps to plan for power emergencies.

## Register your medical needs

If you depend on electricity for medical reasons, please consider having your physician send the cooperative a signed letter that will be filed with your account. The letter must include:

- ▶ The member's name and electric account number
- ▶ The service address
- ▶ Specific electric-powered equipment required

Please mail the letter to: Adams Electric Cooperative, 1338 Biglerville Road, P.O. Box 1055, Gettysburg, Pa., 17325-1055.

*Note: Adams Electric does not provide a sample letter. Even with a medical note, the co-op cannot guarantee uninterrupted power, nor does it prevent an account from going through the service disconnection process for unpaid bills.*

You may also want to consider these proactive safety practices:

- ▶ **Purchase a backup:** Invest in a generator or battery backup system for your medical devices.
- ▶ **Create a plan:** Identify friends, family or local agencies to contact during an extended outage. Know where you can go, if necessary.
- ▶ **Stock supplies:** Keep extra prescriptions and medical supplies on hand during storm season.
- ▶ **Stay informed:** Keep a battery-operated radio to monitor power restoration and find emergency shelters.
- ▶ **Keep devices charged:** Maintain full charges on phones and medical equipment whenever possible.
- ▶ **Report immediately:** Call Adams Electric at 1-800-726-2324 as soon as the power goes out.

If you need additional information or resources, visit Storm Central at [adamsec.coop](http://adamsec.coop), follow the co-op on Facebook or call 1-800-726-2324. 📞

## RESTORING YOUR POWER



### Powering Medical Equipment During an Outage

If you or a loved one use assistive technology or medical devices that require electricity to operate, power outages can be dangerous if you're unprepared. Stay safe by planning ahead and taking these actions before an outage.



Inform your energy company and fire department that you have power-dependent medical equipment.



Plug your medical device into a surge protector to keep it safe from sudden increases of electrical voltage.



If your device can run on a backup system — like a generator or batteries — learn how the backup system works and how long it will last.



Keep a cooler and ice packs nearby to store medications that need to be kept at a certain temperature in case the refrigerator loses power.



Prepare an emergency kit with any additional supplies you may need to last up to three days without power.



Create an emergency file with instructions for device usage, who should help in case of an emergency, medical records and other essential information

With a backup plan in place, you can keep yourself and your loved ones safe in the event of a power outage.



## A Reminder to Rental Property Owners

**WHETHER YOU ARE** 1) a new owner of rental properties on the Adams Electric Cooperative distribution system or otherwise own rental properties that are new to our system, and/or 2) a continuing owner of rental properties on the Adams Electric system, the cooperative wants to remind you of certain procedures for electric service to rental properties.

If a new tenant moves in upon the departure of a former tenant AND the new tenant properly notifies Adams Electric, we will place the service in the name of the new tenant(s). “Properly notifying us” means the new tenant is responsible for providing the cooperative with the new occupancy information as well as all necessary and completed co-op membership information and documents.

If a new tenant does not move in upon the departure of the former tenant OR the new tenant fails to timely or properly notify Adams Electric, we will place service in the property owner’s name.

**Remember:** It is the property owner’s responsibility to notify their tenant(s) of the need to properly contact Adams Electric in a timely manner if the property owner wants to avoid the electric service defaulting to his or her name.

As an alternative, if a new tenant is not moving into a rental property, and as an owner, you do not want the

electric service placed in your name, you may choose to have the electric service disconnected. To do so, you must 1) instruct Adams Electric in a letter signed by you to disconnect the service and 2) notify Adams Electric in a timely manner and before the service defaults to your name. This must be done each time you want a service disconnected.

**If you choose to disconnect the service:**

- ▶ You or anyone else (whether a tenant, new owner, or otherwise) who contacts Adams Electric to reconnect electric service and establish an account shall be required to first pay all applicable fees, including without limitation, a re-establishment fee, a reconnection fee, and any other applicable fees and costs; AND
- ▶ You must acknowledge that such disconnection shall be at your own risk and you assume all risks whatsoever regarding potential damage and/or injury from any consequence thereof (including but not limited to injuries to any person, any property damage, pipes freezing, etc.), and that Adams Electric shall not have any liability for any such damage, injuries, claims, or consequences thereof.

If you have questions, please call our member services representatives at 1-800-726-2324. 📞



**JASON STANLEY**

### LINEMAN PROMOTED

Jason Stanley of East Berlin was promoted to journeyman first class on Dec. 19, 2025, in the operations department. He began working at Adams Electric in September 2019 and is assigned to the York District.

**GUEST COLUMN**

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document the condition of each meter, meter base, conduit riser, and service wire connection, including the weather head and entrance cable on overhead services. Issues documented during the padmount inspection are again forwarded to the district superintendent for repair or replacement. However, when an issue is found on the member’s side of a service location — the point of connection at the weather head on an overhead service and the conduit riser and meter base on an underground service — the cooperative will send a letter to the affected member alerting them that they are responsible for the repairs.

At Adams Electric, we believe in the adage, “An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.” In this case, prevention equates to improved electrical service for our members and fewer outages or reduced outage times when accidents occur or Mother Nature strikes our area. You can rest assured the various inspections discussed here are a major benefit in helping us attain that goal. 📞

**MIKE FEATHERS**

MANAGER OF OPERATIONS

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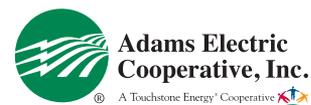
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- 1** Present your Co-op Connections Card at check out. If you have insurance, present your insurance card as well.
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- 3** You pay the lowest price between the two.



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- Go to [www.connections.coop](http://www.connections.coop)
- Set up your account.
- Enter your zip code to search for providers near you.



Visit [adamsec.coop](http://adamsec.coop) or contact Adams Electric at 1-800-726-2324 with any questions.

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