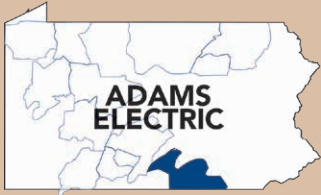




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COOPERATIVE CONNECTION

More Ways to Engage Our Members



STEVE RASMUSSEN

ADAMS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE HAS a deep rooted history of trying to keep its members informed and engaged. It was 1957 when the co-op created its first "Member Engagement Group," at the time called the Membership Educational Board.

The group originally convened to educate members on legislative issues and challenges that cooperatives were facing. The board included 27 men, three from each of our nine director zones. Two years later, the spouses of those men were invited to join and attend meetings as well.

In 1962, the group was renamed the "Minutemen," a title that stuck until 1975, when the mixed-gender committee was revamped and rebranded as the Member Advisory Committee (MAC).

MAC became a sounding board for new ideas and legislative engagement as well as a test group for new technologies. The committee also became the voice that let the rest of the membership know about policy and rate changes; MAC members heard news first and shared it with their neighbors.

Other than some basic reorganization, the MAC engaged 27 members and their spouses twice a year, with members holding six-year terms. In 2022, the group was rebranded again as MEG — the Member Engagement Group — which provides feedback to the board and co-op staff on various topics, legislation, rates, and policy.

I share all that to let you know this: We're losing committee members at an alarming rate. And it's not due to a lack of material, news to share or committee responsibilities.

So, once again, we're going to try something different. Over the last five years, those members who joined our volunteer list, whether serving or waiting to serve, and those who joined our grassroots legislative group — America's Electric Cooperatives PAC — have been invited once a year for a dinner meeting and discussion. But attendance continues to dwindle.

We decided it's time to try "Co-op Conversation & Coffee" — yes, a breakfast-time engagement event. Not only that, but instead of bringing everyone to Gettysburg, we're going to come to you, in your district, and host these events at our district locations. These gatherings are being planned for October.

We're hoping that rather than take up your dinner time, maybe starting your day with us will be more convenient. We will engage you in conversations about power supply, alternative generation, electric vehicle charging, and using less energy — because believe it or not, that is what we'd prefer for all our members.

The invitation-only event will still be for our co-op volunteers and PAC members, but we are hoping this change in time and venue will encourage a few more accountholders to throw their names into that hat. PAC membership is as low as \$2.08 a month, which is added to your electric bill. Adding your name to the volunteer list costs nothing — except possibly your time if you are selected to serve on a committee.

If you would like to learn more about becoming a regular co-op volunteer and serving on the MEG or one of our other two committees — election or scholarship — sign up at adamsec.coop.

Then, let's have coffee this October so I can tell you more! ☕

STEVE RASMUSSEN
CEO/GENERAL MANAGER



Co-op Engages in Day of Service at Shining Stars

KAMI NOEL, CCC, COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER RELATIONS COORDINATOR

ADAMS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE WAS HONORED to work with its trade organization, the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) in Arlington, Va., for a day of service at Shining Stars Therapeutic Riding Program in Gettysburg in late July.

The event brought together about 40 skilled volunteers to complete improvement projects at Shining Stars' new farm along Bon Ox Road in Adams County. The farm is on co-op lines, and the organization is one of the nonprofit agencies that Adams Electric supports through its donation program.

The cooperative's mission includes an ongoing commitment to giving back to the communities it serves. The co-op partnered with NRECA to pool people, tools, resources and equipment for a single, high-impact day of service benefiting Shining Stars, which provides life-changing therapeutic horsemanship programs to children and adults with special needs, veterans, and senior citizens.

Volunteers from Adams Electric and NRECA spent about five hours working on Shining Stars' new 60-acre farm, where a 38,000-square-foot facility is being constructed. Volunteers helped renovate the existing barn, making it safer for horses to move into, and transformed the existing indoor arena into storage space. They also completed small landscaping projects.

"The work will make a real difference for our program and the individuals we serve," says Pam Hoffman, Shining Stars board president. "We are so grateful to Adams Electric Cooperative, NRECA, and every volunteer who gives their time and energy to help us prepare for what's ahead."

With the barn and arena improvements underway and the grounds refreshed, Shining Stars will be better positioned to move into its new property in early 2027 to deliver its therapeutic horsemanship services to the community.

Learn more about Shining Stars at shiningstarstr.org.



SHINING STARS: Volunteers – including more than a dozen NRECA Insurance & Financial Services Department employees and a half-dozen employees and volunteers representing Shining Stars Therapeutic Riding Program – joined 30 Adams Electric employees to complete improvement projects at Shining Stars' new facility in Adams County. The program provides life-changing therapeutic horsemanship programs to children and adults with special needs, veterans, and senior citizens.



GETTING TO WORK: In a matter of hours, more than 40 volunteers renovated a barn owned by Shining Stars Therapeutic Riding Program. They installed new floors in 20 stalls, ripped out old wood, and removed old bedding to create a safe staging area, which will temporarily house horses and operations during construction at the organization's new farm in Adams County. They also cleaned gutters, repaired fans, replaced lighting, deep-cleaned the feed and tack rooms, and helped with landscaping and clean-up around the barn. Clockwise from top left: Adams Electric employees replace the lighting in the feed room and deep clean the feed and tack rooms in the barn. Volunteers from Adams Electric and NRECA work on removing old temporary horse stalls. Lineman Brad Varner prepares for a bucket ride to the top of the barn to power wash the gutters. Co-op employees move wheelbarrows full of stone dust, which were used to level the new stall floors. Co-op employees clear old landscaping in front of the barn entrance and rebuild a wall of pavers before fresh mulch is laid.



Semiquincentennial Secures Spot in Top 30 Storms

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THE STORM OF THE CENTURY? Not quite, but the Semiquincentennial Storm on July 4 does fall among the top 30 storms Adams Electric Cooperative has faced in terms of outages, landing at No. 27 on the list of major events.

The co-op recorded the storm's first outage at 6 p.m. July 4, and restored the last outage at 7 p.m. July 5. There were 64 separate outage locations, and 3,400 accounts without power at the storm's peak.

The co-op had 10 repair crews in the field, including seven crews of Adams Electric line personnel, a mutual aid crew from Bedford Rural Electric Cooperative, and contractor crews from O'Connell Electric and E.G. Anderson. Two off-system crews from Choptank Electric Cooperative of Maryland also arrived to assist along with five crews from Asplundh Tree Expert Company.

"As multiple outage locations started stacking up over the holiday weekend, we jumped into action quickly," says Steve Rasmussen, CEO/general manager of Adams Electric. "We started to call in our own team, plus much-needed reinforcements due to the number of outage locations."

"The ability to bring in additional people helps tremendously when the number of outage locations far exceeds our own resources," he adds. "This extra help reduces outage times for the members. What could have been a few days without power for some of our members during the holidays and high heat only turned into a one-day event for us with all hands on-deck."

Major impacts included:

- ▶ 1,345 members at Lake Meade, Adams County, who lost power after a tree took out a switch bank capacitor pole. The damage faulted the line, causing an



WEATHERING THE STORM: Adams Electric Cooperative recently faced the aftermath of one of a storm that provided some of the most outages the cooperative has ever experienced.

upstream protective device to lock out and interrupt power. The cooperative was able to backfeed this system after about an hour.

- ▶ 1,076 members served out of the co-op's McCrea feeder in Newville, Cumberland County, lost power due to downed trees.
- ▶ 289 members near Parkville, York County, lost power when a three-phase circuit locked out due to a downed tree.
- ▶ 116 members near Stewartstown, York County, lost power after two phases of a three-phase circuit locked out toward Winterstown due to fallen trees.
- ▶ Three broken poles were replaced.

"It was an amazing effort to limit this outage to 25 hours, and we thank our members for their patience as we safely and efficiently restored power to the system," says Chad Thoman, Adams Electric's manager of engineering — electrical. 🛠️

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

September kicks off the fall shoulder season, when cooler mornings and milder evenings often mean you can give your heating and cooling system a break. Open windows, use ceiling fans and enjoy the fresh air whenever temperatures allow. It's also the perfect time to schedule annual HVAC maintenance before colder weather arrives. Because demand is typically lower during the fall, heating and cooling professionals often have greater availability, making it easier to book an appointment. Regular maintenance can improve your system's efficiency, help prevent unexpected breakdowns and keep your home comfortable all year long.

Source: Department of Energy

PROMOTIONS IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Effective July 20, the following promotions and organizational changes took place:

Travis Rawlings of Chambersburg was promoted to technical services coordinator in the Engineering-Mechanical Department. He started with Adams Electric in 2016 as a staking technician and was promoted to engineering technician in 2018.

Adam Willman of Gettysburg was promoted to field service person A in the Engineering-Mechanical Department. He started with Adams Electric in 2023 as a field service person B.



**TRAVIS
RAWLINGS**



**ADAM
WILLMAN**

APPRENTICE PROMOTIONS

Effective July 9, **Brady Kuhn** of Shippensburg earned a promotion to third-year apprentice at the Shippensburg District following a series of skills tests. He started with Adams Electric in December 2025 as a second-year apprentice.

Effective July 10, **Aaron Fuhrman** of Hanover earned a promotion to second-year apprentice at the York District following a series of skills tests. He started with Adams in December 2025 as a first-year apprentice.



**BRADY
KUHN**



**AARON
FUHRMAN**

FARM SAFETY

Make sure EVERYONE is trained on safe practices around electricity. Utilize these safety tips for you, your employees, seasonal workers, family members, and anyone else accessing your farm.

- Keep equipment at least 10 feet from lines — at all times, in all directions.
- Know all power line locations on your farm and routes between fields.
- Always use a spotter when moving equipment near power lines.
- Don't completely rely on autosteer or GPS to detect and clear power lines or poles.
- Never attempt to move a power line out of the way or raise it for clearance.
- If a power line is sagging or low, contact us.

If your equipment does hit a power line, pole, or guy wire, do not leave the cab. Immediately call 9-1-1, warn others to stay away, and wait for the utility crew to cut the power.

POWER LINE AWARENESS

