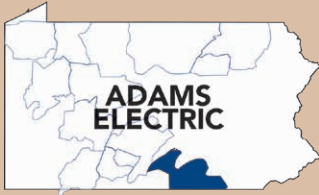




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Co-ops Offer the Perfect Blend



STEVE RASMUSSEN

EACH OCTOBER, WE HIGHLIGHT THE benefits of cooperative membership. This year, we're thinking about the warm, inviting nature of co-ops, just like a good cup of coffee. Our shared values, principles, commitment, members and employees all make Adams Electric Cooperative the perfect blend.

Our communities are at the heart of everything we, as co-ops, do. We believe in democracy, being owned by those we serve, and exceptional member service for you and your neighbors. We believe in the people who live and work here and that they should have the power to make decisions that affect them.

We believe in cooperation among cooperatives, helping each other get through hard times, and cheering each other on during good times. Our principles are what make us strong and help our communities flourish.

Belonging to a co-op is like participating in Small Business Saturday every day — which, by the way, is Nov. 28 this year. Buying local and supporting local are the most direct ways to reinvest in our community.

As we are preparing for our Co-op Conversation & Coffee events later this month in each district, why not grab a fresh cup of Joe and reflect on the Seven Cooperative Principles (perks) of belonging to your local electric cooperative:

Open Membership: Everyone is welcome. Move on to our lines, build on our lines and you're in.

Democratic Control: You have a direct say in the decision-making process. The director election process begins again in December, this year, in Zones 1, 5 and 8.

Member Participation: When you invest in us by using our power, Ownership Rewards are returned to you over time.

Autonomy: Co-ops are strong, independent, self-reliant and self-governed.

Education: Co-ops empower members with knowledge and understanding. All of our employees and directors go through regular training and education programs. We also work hard to educate our members on energy use, safety, saving money and the cooperative way.

Cooperation Among Cooperatives: Different strengths and tastes come together to make something greater than the sum of its parts. We demonstrate this best when a large storm interrupts power to our members or those within (and sometimes outside) the state, and cooperatives work together for faster and more efficient power restoration.

Concern for Community: Grounded in doing good and supporting the communities we serve, your board budgets funds to support the nonprofit organizations and activities of our growing membership.

Adams Electric strives to live by these principles every day — not just in October. Together with our members, we make "the perfect blend."

Thanks for your continued trust, support and membership. 

STEVE RASMUSSEN
CEO/GENERAL MANAGER

Fall Offers Opportunity to Get Lost in Adventure

KAMI NOEL, CCC, COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER RELATIONS COORDINATOR

THERE'S NO BETTER WAY TO CELEBRATE the changing of the seasons than spending some outdoor time on the farm. Changing colors, outdoor fun, family traditions, memories and festive food all make us excited for the new season.

Families can find their farm adventure and all the fall things at Fields of Adventure in Aspers, Pa. Located just 12 scenic miles north of Gettysburg, the farm has been entertaining all ages with their Fall Harvest Festival since 2010.

In 2009, farm owners and Adams Electric Cooperative members Chris and Debbie Smith took their young family to a corn maze and the idea to start one on their farm in Adams County was unearthed.

"Families keep returning to make memories and have good old-fashioned fun," says Courtney Smith, general manager of Fields of Adventure and the second eldest of the Smiths' four children. "It is important to us to not only provide a fun environment but also educate guests about farming, agriculture, and create an experience at our farm that is unforgettable."

This has been the driving factor in hosting school field trips. The children get hands-on learning, supporting what they've learned in the classroom, plus some time for fun and exploration.

The first year of the Smiths' endeavor included just a corn maze, a pick-your-own pumpkin patch, hayride, and a few small activities. Each year since, more attractions have been added to the fun, including sweet and savory fall foods, an expanded corn maze, a jumping pad, slides, goat cuddling and new this year, tractor pulls — a great test of strength.

Guests purchase admission tickets, which include a hayride, corn maze access and a trip into the pumpkin



A FAMILY AFFAIR: Every season at the Fields of Adventure farm is a family affair, and includes, from left, Drew, Connor, Courtney, Delani, Debbie, and Chris Smith.

patch, plus more than 35 other attractions, Courtney says.

"Pumpkin picking is extra at 50 cents a pound up to \$14," she says.

A 600-foot zipline ride and Adventure Valley Gem Mining are activities that are not included in admission but are available for a fee.

"My mom and dad started making kettle corn in 2012 and that's a staple now," Courtney says. "So are our apple cider donuts, which are made fresh every weekend. We can barely keep them in stock!"

The Fall Harvest Festival runs through the first weekend in November and is open Fridays from 6-10 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m.-9 p.m., and Sundays from 1-6 p.m. The farm hosts activities and events year-round.

"In the spring we offer Easter events, and in the summer, we open for our blueberry season," Courtney says. "Last year, we started a Christmas Lights and Country Nights activity in the winter."

The farm employs about 40 staff members, mostly in the fall, to help with the extra activity. The staff members include local students and the family of six, who are on-site nearly every day, too.

"We all play a role in keeping it running," says Courtney, mentioning her siblings Delani, Connor and Drew. Plus, the family raises and sells beef cattle and row crops.

This year's corn maze is an ode to the 250th anniversary of America. It spans seven acres and takes about an hour to complete. There are clues posted throughout the maze to help adventurers find their way through it. There's also a smaller maze for younger and less adventurous guests.

If you would like to find your way to an adventure on the farm this fall, visit Fields of Adventure at 64 Tree Lane in Aspers or learn more at fieldsofadventure.com. 🍁



CELEBRATING AMERICA: This year's corn maze features the word "America," a bald eagle, the dates 1776-2026 and spans seven of the farm's 65 acres. In total, the family farms nearly 700 acres of land with their beef cattle and row crop business and the rest of the Fields of Adventure activities.

Members' Feedback Reflects Co-op Satisfaction

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ACROSS THE NATION, TOUCHSTONE ENERGY cooperatives had the option in early 2026 to participate in the Cooperative Advantage Report, conducted by the CFI Group, founding partner and exclusive reseller of the American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI).

Adams Electric chose to participate, and in April sent its members with active email addresses a survey link to share their opinions about their co-op loyalty and satisfaction. More than 600 residential consumer-members made their voices heard on their co-op's performance on key satisfaction drivers. Nationally, more than 17,500 surveys were collected from 70 electric cooperatives in 32 states.

The Touchstone Energy cooperatives participating in the Cooperative Advantage Report earned a national ACSI score of 86, which is nine points higher than the average cooperative utility score of 77, as reported in the syndicated 2026 ACSI Energy Utility Study. For 2026, Adams Electric received a score of 88 on a 100-point scale.*

Adams's score is higher when compared with publicly measured investor-owned utility (IOU) scores and municipal utility scores reported in the study. The co-op scored higher than the average municipal utility score of 74, as well as the electric IOU score of 72, per the industry ratings.

This was a free survey offered to members of

Touchstone Energy through our annual dues.

ACSI is one of the most highly regarded customer-satisfaction studies. It publishes annual results for approximately 400 companies across an estimated 40 industries and 10 economic sectors based on roughly 200,000 customer interviews. 🗣️

** Compared to publicly measured energy utilities in the ACSI® survey of customers rating their own energy utility. Results based on data provided by Adams Electric, collected during April 2026. ACSI did not regulate the survey administration or sample size. ACSI and its logo are registered trademarks of the American Customer Satisfaction Index LLC. For more about the ACSI, visit theacsi.org.*



Adams Electric is a 2026 recipient of the ACSI Customer Satisfaction Award. Award criteria are determined by the ACSI.



JOIN THE TOUR: The 2026 NRECA Youth Tour group sponsored by Adams Electric stopped for a visit at the Lincoln Memorial while visiting Washington, D.C., this summer. Applications for this year's high school juniors interested in participating in Youth Tour next year will be accepted beginning Nov. 2. Shown above are: front row, from left, Samantha Boyer, Hudson Baker, and Sammi Grant; and back row, from left, Nessa Marks, Rowan Burns, Aiden Snyder, Owen Bilodeau, Ruben Zarraga, Resma Sunuwar, and Supriya Gurung. Learn more at adamsec.coop/rural-electric-youth-tour.

Why Our PAC Matters

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CO-OPS CONTINUE TO BE VERY active

in the 2026 election cycle thanks to our members' continuing support of the America's Electric Cooperatives PAC. We're pushing to maintain that momentum heading into the November general election. Our political action committee is the foundation of electric cooperatives' engagement in the political process.

America's Electric Cooperatives PAC works closely with local cooperatives and state associations to identify candidates who understand and support cooperative goals. The candidates who receive PAC contributions know that the funding comes from co-op members and employees who are dedicated to their cooperative and community.

A few key issues for co-op communities include energy innovation and infrastructure investment, broadband expansion, FEMA assistance, and environmental



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regulations. These issues affect our ability to provide safe, affordable and reliable energy.

This year marks a milestone for cooperatives as America's Electric Cooperatives PAC is celebrating 60 years of action. Generations of cooperative leaders, employees and supporters have helped build a strong voice for electric co-ops in Washington, D.C., and Harrisburg.

As we celebrate six decades of engagement and impact, we're looking to you, our engaged members, to help shape the next 60 years of action with one strong, unified voice. Thank you to those participants who already provide the support that ensures our cooperative voice — and the voice of 42 million consumer-members — is heard in Washington.

Join the celebration by making a one-time commemorative \$60 contribution and become a part of the PAC's next chapter. Send a separate check, payable to America's Electric Cooperative PAC, to Adams Electric Cooperative with your next bill payment.

Our 2026 PAC membership campaign wants to build upon our successes in 2025 by retaining current members and adding more to our ranks. There are three primary membership categories for the PAC: Regular (\$25), Ambassador Club (\$50) and Century Club (\$100). Contributions are payable by check or can be deducted from your monthly electric bill. To those who opt for automatic renewal of their PAC contributions, thank you for your continued membership in the cooperative's grassroots program.

Elections matter and that is why America's Electric Cooperatives PAC matters. Dates to remember:

- ▶ **Oct. 19:** Last day to register to vote in the November election.
- ▶ **Oct. 27:** Last day to request a mail-in or absentee ballot. Applications must be submitted by 5 p.m. at your county election office.
- ▶ **Nov. 3:** Election Day poll hours: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

For more information about the cooperative's PAC, visit adamsec.coop or voicesforcooperativepower.com.

TIPS TO AVOID ENERGY SCAMS



October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month, which is the perfect time to take a fresh look at your passwords. Forget the old advice about cramming passwords with symbols and random capitalization. Today's cybersecurity experts recommend using longer passphrases. A password made up of four or five unrelated words is easier to remember and much harder for criminals to crack than a short, complex password. Use a unique passphrase for every account and enable multi-factor authentication whenever available for added protection.

Source: NIST



OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT PROMOTES TWO

Shawn Dehoff of Dover was promoted to operations coordinator in the Operations Department on Aug. 17. He started with Adams Electric Cooperative in 2001 as an apprentice and was promoted to journeyman in 2004, lead lineman in 2014, and line superintendent in 2022. He will continue to report to Mike Feathers, director of operations.

In this role, Dehoff will be assisting with annual pole inspections, quality-control checks, and billing, scheduling contractors and projects, ensuring proper workflow, and implementing the yearly construction work plan.

Also in the Operations Department, **Caleb Fowler** of East Berlin was promoted to second-year apprentice at the Shippensburg District on Aug. 13. He started with Adams Electric in December 2025 as a first-year apprentice.



**SHAWN
DEHOFF**



**CALEB
FOWLER**

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Don't let phantom energy haunt your electric bill this October. Many electronics continue using electricity even when they're turned off. TVs, gaming systems, coffee makers and phone chargers can quietly draw power around the clock. While each device uses only a small amount, the energy waste can add up over time. Before heading out for Halloween fun, unplug devices you don't use regularly or plug them into a smart power strip that automatically cuts power when equipment is off. It's a simple trick that can help keep phantom energy waste in check.

Source: Dept. of Energy



October is Co-op Month



**Thanks for
being part
of what
makes us
strong,
bold and
bright.**