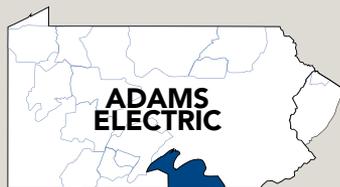




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From the CEO/General Manager



New year, great news

By Steve Rasmussen

AS WE move into a new year, we wanted to share some great news with you. Your cooperative remains financially solid with another strong year recorded for 2021 and forecasted rate stability for 2022.

Due to unanticipated non-rate-related income and lower energy supply and distribution costs in 2021, the cooperative's board of directors voted in November to return more than \$1 million to the membership in December. Every member's primary electric account received a one-time credit of \$35.75 under the non-basic charges section of your bill. Since the cooperative's financial performance was so strong and the extra margins were not needed, the board wanted to return a portion of this margin to you now. We hope you noticed the surprise on your December 2021 electric bill.

At the same time, your board also acted on new capital and operating budgets. I'm happy to announce that rates will stay the same in 2022. The only difference you will see on your bill is an increase in the wholesale power

cost adjustment (WPCA) credit. The average member using 1,250 kilowatt-hours (kWh) of electricity a month will see a monthly bill that's been lowered by \$1.13. Yes, bills are actually going down a little next year with this increased credit. If you use less than the average kWh per month, your credit will be less, and if you use more than the average, your credit will be more.

We continue to work on your behalf to ensure the safe, reliable delivery of electricity at reasonable rates. That is part of our mission at the cooperative, and one that we take seriously. Not only do we look forward to stable rates in 2022, but we also look forward to continuing to provide you with the best service possible.

Should you ever have concerns about the service we provide, the rates we charge, or if you need help paying your bill, please don't hesitate to contact me or the cooperative at 800-726-2324. You may also send an email to memberservices@adamsec.coop. While our offices remain open by appointment only, co-op personnel will always assist our members in the best way possible. ❁

COMMUNITYconnections

POWERING LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

Student saved by AED donated by co-op

Kami Noel, CCC, *Communications/Member Relations Coordinator*

DEVIN SANABRIA may have taken years off instructor Dave Snyder's life on Oct. 6, but Snyder's quick reactions may have given Devin many more years to live.

That morning, Devin recalls going through his normal routine, sitting in his building trade course as a junior at Adams County Technical Institute, and watching a table saw demonstration when his heart started to race and his vision went blurry. When he woke up a short time later, there were people "beating on his chest."

"I felt fine that morning," Devin says. "I was sitting in class; I fell on the floor and woke up with a bump on my head."

Snyder remembers the scene a little differently.

"We were in the shop that day, and I was instructing," he says. "I heard a thud, someone hollered, and I looked back. Devin was on the floor. The sound was his head hitting the concrete. I yelled for help, sent someone for the nurse, and went to him."

Help arrived quickly in the form of two nurses, Karen Morris and Sarah Kollars, and a tech-ed teacher, Kevin

Hardy, who is also an EMT.

They found Devin unconscious and started chest compressions while Snyder retrieved an automated external defibrillator (AED) from his storage closet. The unit was a recent addition to the classroom, donated to the program by Adams Electric just over a year ago.

"I got the unit set up and let it go," Snyder says. "It said, 'Shock advised,' and did its thing and shocked Devin's heart back into rhythm."

By the time paramedics arrived, Devin was sitting up and alert.

His mom Christina had meanwhile received a call from the school.

"They told me Devin had an accident, and I thought he cut his thumb sawing or something," she says. "Then, they said he'd gone unconscious, CPR had been performed, and he'd been shocked — but he was alert and OK. I don't think it was until later when it really hit me

what was going on and how bad it could have been."

His dad, Rene, adds that by the grace of God and everyone working together, his son is still with them.

"He was in the right place at the right time," Rene says. "The teachers had the right equipment and the right training to help him, or he



FRESH START: Devin Sanabria, front, and his parents, Christina and Rene Sanabria, are thankful to be starting the new year as a family after Devin suffered a cardiac event in school Oct. 6. His heart was shocked back into rhythm with an AED donated to the Adams County Technical Institute building trade program by Adams Electric in June 2020.

wouldn't still be with us."

Devin was transported to WellSpan Gettysburg Hospital and almost immediately transferred to Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center. After numerous tests, the doctors still aren't sure what triggered the event for Devin, an otherwise healthy 17-year-old boy, but there was still a course of action to be taken.

Devin underwent a six-hour surgery. An EMBLEM defibrillator was implanted in his left side with a steel lead running across his chest. With only two incisions showing any indication of his recent battle, Devin is returning to life as usual.

"I just wanted to go back to school," Devin says. "I wanted to see Mr. Snyder ... see my friends ... and they were all really happy to see me."

Devin also had an upcoming field trip he didn't want to miss — a timber-framing demonstration at a local Civil War farm on Oct. 19 — and he was lucky enough to get to go. 🌟



HEROES AMONG US: The teachers and staff shown above were responsible for saving two lives, Devin Sanabria's and that of an electrician who was electrocuted recently on Gettysburg Area School District property. The employees were recognized at a recent school board meeting for their quick responses. Shown, from left, are: Jeremy Lusk, Sarah Kollars, Karen Morris, Mike Rupp, Kevin Hardy, Brenda McDannell, Dave Snyder, Kyle Sokol and Stan Licharowicz.

Interested in board service? Apply now

DO YOU have what it takes to be a director of your local rural electric cooperative? 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 2 – ADAMS COUNTY – Townships of Butler, Franklin, Hamiltonban, Highland, Huntington, Menallen, Straban and Tyrone.
- ▶ Zone 6 – YORK COUNTY – Townships of Codorus, East Hopewell, Fawn, Hopewell, North Hopewell, Shrewsbury, Springfield, Windsor, York and the boroughs of Cross Roads, Fawn Grove, Jacobus and Winterstown.
- ▶ Zone 7 – FRANKLIN COUNTY – Townships of Greene, Letterkenny, Lurgan, Shippensburg, Southampton and

St. Thomas; CUMBERLAND COUNTY – Townships of Hopewell and Upper Mifflin; and PERRY COUNTY – Township of Toboyne.

Director candidates must meet all membership qualifications as set forth in the co-op's bylaws.

Each candidate must complete a petition packet and secure the signatures of at least 15 Adams Electric members on an official petition.

All required paperwork must be "actually and physically received" at the co-op's headquarters office in Gettysburg before 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27. For more information, contact the cooperative's communications department at 800-726-2324.

Applicants wanted for scholarships

ARE YOU an Adams Electric member and the parent of a high school senior? Adams Electric offers \$1,000 college scholarships to high school seniors who are sons and daughters of co-op members. The cooperative works in partnership with the Adams County Community Foundation to administer these scholarships.

Scholarships for seniors

A minimum of *one student per school* (if eligible applicants) attending each of the following:

Bermudian Springs, Biglerville, Big Spring, Chambersburg, Dallastown, Dover, Fairfield, Gettysburg, Kennard-Dale, Littlestown, New Oxford, Northern, Red Lion, Shippensburg, South Western, Spring Grove and Susquehannock.

Up to five high school seniors attending cyber, private, home schools and other public schools in Adams, Cumberland, Franklin, Perry and York counties.

Up to five high school seniors with plans to attend a post-secondary career or trade school. This scholarship program specifically benefits



pursuits of vocational-technical school students who must become accepted in educational programs leading to certificates/degrees related to building/construction trades, cosmetology, culinary arts or vehicle technology.

Once the minimums are met in each of these categories, then other eligible applicants within each category who meet the program's criteria will be considered.

Applicants should apply online through the Adams County Dollars for Scholars (DFS) web portal at adamscountydfs.org. Applications must be submitted between *Jan. 1 and April 1* to be eligible for review and possible selection. Recipients are selected by the Adams County Community Foundation and reviewed/approved by Adams Electric and its board of directors.

For more information about eligibility and applications, visit adamsec.coop. Scholarships are funded by unclaimed ownership rewards and do not affect rates. ❁

Co-op promotes Johnson to manager

Michael "Mike" Johnson was promoted to manager, safety/key accounts/accounting, effective Jan. 3, 2022.

He continues his existing role with safety and key accounts and has been training on the accounting/billing tasks with Finance Manager Lynn Wallas, who recently retired. He adds the responsibility of supervising the accounting and billing personnel and the co-op's safety/energy use specialist. He will report to Steve Rasmussen, CEO/general manager.

Mike started with Adams Electric as a first-year apprentice in 2005. He was promoted through the apprentice classifications up to journeyman second class in 2010, and then to safety/energy use specialist in 2010. He was named senior/safety energy use specialist in 2014 and finally key accounts/senior safety specialist in 2018.

Mike is currently enrolled in accounting classes through Liberty University. He received his associate degree from Muscatine Community College in 2004.

He lives with his family in Aspers. ❁



Mike Johnson

NEWSworthy

NOTES FROM AROUNDYOUR COOPERATIVE

Adams recognizes years of service milestones

ADAMS Electric Cooperative recently recognized 18 employees and directors for a combined 275 years of dedicated service to the cooperative at its annual employee/director recognition event held in October in Gettysburg.

“Our personnel are the cooperative’s greatest asset, and I’m pleased to recognize the years of commitment and service each employee and director has given to the co-op, its members, and our community,” says CEO/General Manager Steve Rasmussen.

Recognized were:

- ▶ 5 YEARS: Kevin Dehoff, service dispatcher II; Cortney Knotts,

billing associate; April Krumrine, warehouse clerk A; Travis Rawlings, engineering technician; and Josh Wayne, GIS specialist.

- ▶ 10 YEARS: Sarah Frank, communications/community relations coordinator; Dan Leonard, journeyman 1st class; and Brad Varner, journeyman 1st class.
- ▶ 15 YEARS: Georgie Drowsky, member services representative; Sheila Neil, billing associate; Tasha Sanders, purchasing/work order coordinator; and Ray Schwartz, director.
- ▶ 20 YEARS: Cindy Brodbeck,

member services representative; Shawn Dehoff, lead lineman; and Jon Fetter, line serviceman.

- ▶ 25 YEARS: Mike Feathers, manager, operations.
- ▶ 35 YEARS: Kelly Murren, member services representative.
- ▶ 40 YEARS: Sam Teeter, board solicitor. ❁



SERVICE RECOGNITION: Board members and employees gathered in October to celebrate five-year-increment service anniversaries. Above, board President Glenn Bange and CEO/General Manager Steve Rasmussen, front row, center, present awards to those celebrating employment milestones. Shown, from left, are April Krumrine, Mike Feathers, Ray Schwartz, Sam Teeter, Sheila Neil, Kevin Dehoff, Cindy Brodbeck, Josh Wayne, Bange, Georgie Drowsky, Travis Rawlings, Rasmussen, Cortney Knotts, Jon Fetter, Sarah Frank, Kelly Murren, Brad Varner, and Tasha Sanders. Missing from the photo are Shawn Dehoff and Dan Leonard.



AROUND THE TOWN: Top, Fourth-Year Apprentice Jason Stanley places a star atop a Christmas tree at the East Berlin Area Community Center in November. Above, GIS Specialist Josh Wayne, center, shows off two drones – his personal one and one owned by the co-op – to members of the Member Advisory Committee during their fall meeting. Those shown include Jim and Enid Morhaleck, Carr and Nora Marks, and George and Sandra Weikert. The co-op is always looking for opportunities where we can meet, engage and assist our membership.



THANKFUL FOR COMMUNITY: The co-op recently hosted a meeting for representatives from more than 75 different organizations the cooperative supports through in-kind, monetary and advertising support. During the event, the co-op explained its more streamlined process for reviewing donation requests and introduced the committee of employees who help to vet each submission. Living up to its mission of “concern for community,” the cooperative invests funds each year in the service territory where we work and live.