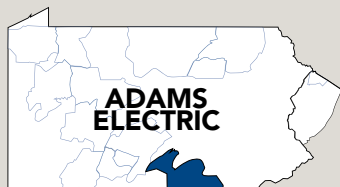




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## From the CEO/General Manager



# Revisiting the June storm

By Steve Rasmussen

SEVEN feeder outages in seven minutes! That is not the statistic we want to report to our membership. When a major storm moved rapidly across our service area June 21, that's the reality of how hard our power system was hit.

The summer storm only raged for 51 minutes as it swept from west to east across south-central Pennsylvania, landing most severely on our Gettysburg District, including our headquarters office. During that time, we lost power to 10 feeders, plus a substation. A feeder is one of the major circuits out of a substation, the three-phase backbone of the circuit, or mainline.


Essentially one-third of our system's delivery points were affected — 110 locations and 8,500 households. That's a major undertaking for our 12 line crews. They were supported by the work of a dozen dispatchers, staking technicians, engineers, and others who were directing crews, patrolling line outages, and backfeeding power through other parts of the power system. The co-op also called in contracted tree and construction crews to help restore power.

I can understand the frustrations of our members who were without power. However, during a major event like this, it takes a while to move resources, stage materials and get the hardest-impacted areas back in power. There is a method to why we do what we do and the order that we do it (see page 13). Despite the adversities, I think we really performed well, having all members back in power within 48 hours.

In addition, members were asking for information on when power would

be restored. While we try to provide estimated response times on our online outage map and over the phone, these really are "guesstimates" based on information our office personnel receive. During major events, this is very hard to predict because it takes a long time to assess damages and prioritize repairs/resources. Keep in mind that one broken pole on a good day takes an average of three hours to replace. Now multiply that by bad weather, long overnight hours, many poles down, and work hindered by down trees and wires. Time predictions can change and extend quickly. While we want to share outage information with our members during these major events, we admit it's a struggle for it to be always accurate.

An extended outage is also a reminder to our members that if you have a serious medical necessity or are dependent on electricity for some reason, you should consider getting a battery back-up system or generator and have a plan in place for when and how to use it. If you add a generator, please work with a certified electrician to set it up for the protection of you, our personnel, and the public.

We all hope this is the last major storm of the season; however, we know Mother Nature is far from predictable. I'll finish by saying thank you to our employees and contracted crews who helped respond to our system emergency. With full service restored and no injuries, we all breathe a sigh of relief for another successful restoration process. To our members, I also say thank you. Your patience and understanding during difficult situations is always appreciated. 

# COMMUNITYconnections

POWERING LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

## Big plans underway for Community Park upgrades

By Sarah Frank, *Communications/Community Relations Coordinator*

NESTLED at the foothills of the South Mountains of Adams County and with picturesque views, the Hamiltonban Community Park provides something for every family, and the Hamiltonban Township and Fairfield Borough Joint Parks and Recreation Commission (JPRC) wants to include even more through enhancements and additions.

A “platinum” campaign sponsor of the park project, Adams Electric Cooperative has contributed to the building and upgrades through two phases of the park’s construction, and recently donated funds for Stage III. Through grants, business and individual donations, the commission plans to begin the final stages of construction next summer, in 2022.

Plans for Stage III include extension of the walking path, adding two water lines to picnic pavilions for drinking and handwashing, and adding additional benches along the walking path. Also included in the plans are enlarg-

ing the pavilion area with a pergola extension, paving the parking and driving areas, enhancing the rain garden, and providing a permanent park entrance sign.

The community park already features Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) parking and access to all core facilities, grills, picnic tables and pavilion, train play station and a flag dedication area (completed in Stage I in 2017). Stage II, which was finished in 2019, included the extension of an ADA walking path, five outdoor fitness challenge stations, swing set with therapeutic ADA seat and tot seat, natural play area, and a pollinator meadow.

The vision of the park was conceived by the Board of Supervisors of Hamiltonban Township and the many volunteers who founded the Hamiltonban Parks and Recreation Commission in 2007. The commission later teamed with Fairfield Borough to become the JPRC.

“We wanted an educational and multi-generational area for our community,” says Coleen Reamer, grant coordinator, whose



PHOTOS BY SARAH FRANK, ADAMS ELECTRIC


**POWERFUL CONNECTIONS:** A team of volunteers constructed a bridge that will connect parts of the walking path as it is expanded. The pillars of the bridge are made from used electric poles donated by the cooperative.

husband, Terry, is a retiree of the co-op. “You, your kids, your mother, and your grandmother can come as a family, and all find something to enjoy here.”

The park features community events for families, as well. One such event, the Annual Kite Fly, was held in April 2021 and welcomes resident competition kite flyer, Joe Whitmore, to come help children and families build and learn to fly kites.

Another event, Music in the Park, is the concept of the JPRC Chair John Strahler. The monthly event brings local musicians to the park the third Sunday of the summer months (fourth Sunday in August) and draws families from all over Adams County.

“We’re not doing this for ourselves,” says Strahler. “The locality of the area is really growing. We’re doing this for the future.”

To learn more about the Hamiltonban Community Park and its featured events, visit <http://www.adamscounty.us/Munic/HamiltonbanTownship/> and click on Parks & Recreation. 



**HISTORIC INFLUENCES:** The train playground honors the Tapeworm Railroad, constructed in the 1800s and running through Hamiltonban Township. Educational panels appearing at the park explain the historical significance, as well as other cultural and local area facts.

# Co-op awards \$19,000 in scholarships to HS seniors

In 2021, the co-op continued its mission of improving the quality of life in the communities we serve by distributing \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors across its service territory. Eight Career and Trade School Scholarships were available, although no applications were received, therefore, \$8,000 went unclaimed.

This brings the total donated to continuing education scholarships to more than \$380,000 since 2008. This amount includes scholarships to undergraduate college students and

adult members of the cooperative.

*\*Scholarships are funded through unclaimed Ownership Rewards and do not affect rates.*

Also, congratulations to Haily Showers, Biglerville High School; Marleigh Miller, Kennard-Dale High School; Alexis Gardner, New Oxford High School; Scarlet Mitzel, Red Lion High School; Mia Dills, Susquehannock High School; and Louella Girroir, Home-schooled, whose photos were not received in time for publication. 🌻



Lianyin Mellinger,  
Bermudian Spring  
High School



Maggie Byers,  
Big Spring High  
School



Bryce Miller,  
Dover Area  
High School



Morgan Dennison,  
Fairfield Area  
High School



Hayley Cisney,  
Gettysburg Area  
High School



Wendi Snyder,  
Littlestown Area  
Senior High School



Jeremy Rodgers,  
Northern High  
School



Kyle Buchheister,  
Shippensburg Area  
Senior High School



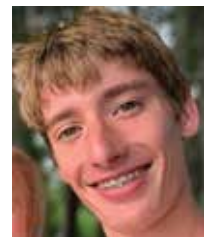
Makayla Dyson,  
Southwestern  
High School



Brian Kramer,  
Spring Grove Area  
High School



Katelyn Laughman,  
Home-schooled



Declan Phelan,  
Home-schooled



Jonah Yingling,  
Home-schooled



**SAFETY FIRST:** Nearly two dozen Adams employees accept Safety Awards, recognizing no lost-time accidents or unsafe work practices in 2019 or 2020. Employees are recognized for every five years of working safely.



# NEWSworthy

NOTES FROM AROUNDYOUR COOPERATIVE

## Cyber hire and tech promotion

Paul Blessing started June 28 in the newly created cybersecurity specialist position at the co-op's headquarters in Gettysburg. Before joining Adams Electric, he worked for Ryan Specialty Group, based out of Chicago, Ill., as a business analyst.



Paul Blessing

Blessing received his associate degree at Carroll Community College in computer information science and his bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland in computer networks and cybersecurity.



Greg Gamble

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**STORM DAMAGE:** During the peak of a recent June storm, the co-op had 5,800 outages in the Gettysburg District of Adams County, and another 1,600 outages in York County. This uprooted tree on Mount Hope Road, in Hamiltonban Township, shows one of the worst-hit areas of the cooperative's service territory.




**CO-OP DONATION:** Two retired digger trucks and one retired bucket truck are on their way to Coopelesca, RL, Costa Rica, after personnel from the operations department handed over the vehicle keys. The donation is one of more than 20 the co-op has done over the years through the NRECA International Program.

# Powering Up After an Outage

When the power goes out, we expect it to be restored within a few hours. But when a major storm or natural disaster causes widespread damage, extended outages may result. Our line crews work long, hard hours to restore service safely to the greatest number of consumers in the shortest time possible. Here's the order for power restoration that we typically follow:



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## 1. High-Voltage Transmission Lines:

Transmission towers and cables that supply power to transmission substations (and thousands of members) rarely fail. But when damaged, these facilities must be repaired before other parts of the system can operate. Adams will refer to this as a power supply outage.

## 2. Distribution Substation:

A substation can serve hundreds or thousands of consumers. When a major outage occurs, line crews inspect substations to determine if problems stem from transmission lines feeding into the substation, the substation itself or if problems exist further down the line.

## 3. Main Distribution Lines:

If the problem cannot be isolated at a distribution substation, distribution lines are checked. These lines carry power to large groups of consumers in communities or housing developments.

## 4. Tap Lines:

If local outages persist, supply lines (also known as tap lines) are inspected. These lines deliver power to transformers, either mounted on poles or placed on pads for underground service, outside businesses, schools and homes.

## 5. Individual Homes:

If your home remains without power, the service line between a transformer and your residence may need to be repaired. Always call to report an outage to help line crews isolate local issues.