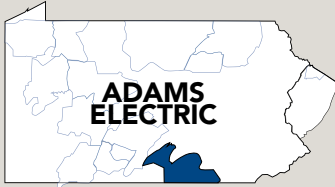




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From the CEO/General Manager



Adjust and move forward

By Steve Rasmussen

OUR TEAM of member services representatives have fielded numerous calls over the last two months asking for more information about the member meetings we are planning for this spring.

Members want to know if the meetings are “really going to happen,” how many seats will be at the tables and if masks will be required.

First, let me remind you that these meetings are completely optional. Every member of the co-op has the right to attend, but the choice is yours. You must know your own comfort level with large crowds and enclosed spaces.

The CDC recommends if you are not fully vaccinated, you should wear a mask in indoor public places. Again, the choice is yours. We will have disposable masks available for those who would prefer to wear them, and bottles of hand sanitizer will be provided.

Rest assured, we will continue to monitor CDC recommendations. If the guidance changes and we are required to cancel, then we will follow the guidelines and notify registered participants by automated phone call.

Realistically, we have to face the fact that this is a pandemic that may never fully go away. Likewise, we are a membership organization, and our member outreach has suffered greatly in the last two years. We can't shut down; we need to adjust and move forward.

This is the same reason our offices are still open by appointment. We can track who is visiting. We know who is coming in the door and why, and we can continue to serve the membership in the best way we know how while keeping our employees' and members' health and safety a priority.

Equally important is our mission to enrich the lives of our members and to serve the long-term interests of the communities we serve. You have a perspective that is valuable — and we invite you to share it with us face-to-face during the upcoming meetings. BUT, if that's not appropriate for you, please stay home. Instead, come see us at our drive-thru member events from 2 to 6 p.m. May 19.

Much the same as last year's annual meeting drive-thru, we will welcome our members back to the cooperative's district offices — by reservation only — to pick up your member gift, receive an annual report of the co-op's activities and get a meal to take home and enjoy.

If you are unable to join us for either event, we will post information, including director candidate videos, at adamsec.coop/2022-director-candidates. And, as always, our dedicated team of member representatives will continue to take your calls and questions, and we'll make sure you get the news and information you need from your cooperative in the way you prefer to get it. 🌟

COMMUNITYconnections

POWERING LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

'Sappers' happy to keep tradition alive

By Kami Noel, CCC, Communications/Member Relations Coordinator

FEBRUARY is more than the heart of love season, it's the heart of syrup season, and the tradition of sapping trees is what has kept two friends out of trouble in the winter.

David Hess and Gene Larrick, both of Hanover, have been individually tapping maple trees and bottling maple syrup in their backyards for several years. For the last four years, they've also involved friends from their congregation at St. David's Evangelical Lutheran Church in West Manheim Township.

"I always thought making syrup was something magical, but there's really nothing to it," Hess says. "You just collect maple sap and make maple syrup."

Despite how easy that sounds, there's a lot of science involved since making maple syrup is highly dependent on the temperature and weather.

"Sap becomes syrup at 7 degrees above the boiling point of water, around here that's about 218 1/2 degrees," Hess says.

Larrick adds that the way he and Hess approach syrup making is more traditional than most "sapper" productions.

"Some people use steel taps and galvanized buckets, but these pipes and water jugs work just fine," Larrick

says. "We need to get out of the house and do something in the winter anyway. We enjoy checking the trees every day and collecting the sap."

The week leading up to Valentine's Day proved to be the best harvest of the season for the duo, who gathered about a gallon of sap per tree per day from nearly a dozen trees. But that doesn't mean the sweet stuff will be in greater supply. According to Hess, producers need 50 to 55 gallons of sap to make 1 gallon of syrup.

"We started today with about 13 gallons of sap," he says, "and we'll leave here with about 2 gallons of dark, filtered sap, which will give us about five 8-ounce bottles of syrup."

Before COVID-19, Hess and Larrick made enough maple syrup for their entire congregation to enjoy at an Easter breakfast. Another year, the congregation held a maple festival, where members demonstrated their hobby and sold their syrups. This year, like the last two, they are bottling



SWEET SUCCESS: Co-op members David Hess, left, and Gene Larrick hold containers of syrup in different stages of production. Hess holds filtered sap, and Larrick, a bottle of completed maple syrup.

mostly to share with friends or family and have donated bottles to holiday bazaars.

"It's good for us, good for the church, good for community, good for fellowship and good for getting people together and involved," Hess says. "We like the idea of keeping this tradition alive for the next generations to come."

"People might think we're crazy," Larrick adds, "but it's something we like to do." ❁



TREE WATER: Gene Larrick pulls a tap line and empties a jug of sap he's collected from a maple tree on the grounds of St. David's Church in West Manheim Township. The sap looks like water, with its clear coloring, but after cooking and filtering, the finished product will produce a dark amber color.

PHOTOS BY KAMI NOEL



MAKING SYRUP: Gene Larrick looks on as David Hess moves boiling sap from one collection pan to the next to remove excess water. The team heats the solution over a wood grill they built on their church's property.

Notifications keep members informed

ADAMS Electric is ready to reach our members with important updates and news where they prefer to receive it. On top of traditional print news stories, Adams has been adding a variety of digital notifications members may opt-in to receive.

Members can set their preferences for any of the available notifications through their SmartHub account. You can choose to receive alerts by text and/or email. Notifications range from U-Shift, U-\$ave interruption periods to weather alerts and overall co-op updates.

In 2021, the cooperative added notification options to include “Member Power” and “Watt’s Trending?” These newsletters, one suited for the residential member and one geared toward our non-residential accounts, offer insights on energy efficiency and up-and-coming industry trends.

To sign up to receive notifications and alerts, do the following:

- ▶ Register for a SmartHub account or log into your SmartHub account at adamsec.smarthub.coop or at the top of the home screen at adamsec.coop.
- ▶ Then, hover over “Notifications” in the green menu bar and select “Manage Contacts” in the drop-down menu.
- ▶ Add your email address or cellphone number as a new contact.
- ▶ Again, hover over “Notifications” in the green menu bar and select “Manage Notifications.”
- ▶ Set your preferences for each type of notification available. 🌟

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME REMINDER

Don't forget to spring forward on March 13!
Set your clocks forward by one hour.



Grove re-elected Allegheny chairman

Jay E. Grove, a member of Adams Electric’s Board of Directors since 1992 and the Allegheny Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Allegheny) Board since 2006, was re-elected to his fourth term as Allegheny chairman during the Nov. 10, 2021, reorganization meeting. Currently secretary of the Adams board, Grove served as the Allegheny board secretary from 2009 to 2013. As an officer, Grove will serve as chair through the 2023 Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association/Allegheny Annual Meeting. 🌟



Jay E. Grove



NEW AND IMPROVED: Contractor E.G. Anderson of Blairs Mill, Pa., working for Adams Electric, has completed an extensive system improvement project out of the co-op’s Brodbeck’s metering point. The line has been converted from a two-phase circuit to a three-phase circuit with new conductor and new poles. These improvements should greatly improve the service and reliability to members around Glen Rock and Bonnair in York County.

A reminder for rental property owners

WHETHER you are (1) a new owner of rental properties on the Adams Electric 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 co-op wants to remind you of certain procedures regarding electric service to rental properties.

When electric service is in the name of a tenant and that tenant departs the rental property, the cooperative shall do the following:

- ▶ If a new tenancy begins upon the departure of the 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 that it is the new tenant’s responsibility to be sure that we receive the new occupancy information and all necessary and completed co-op membership information and documents.

- ▶ If a new tenancy is not beginning upon the departure of the former tenant OR any new tenant fails to timely (when they move in) or properly notify Adams Electric, we will place service in the property owner’s name.

As an alternative, if a new tenant is not moving into a rental property and

you do not want the electric service placed in your name (as the owner), you may choose to have the electric service disconnected. To do so, you must: (1) instruct Adams Electric in writing (signed by you) to disconnect the service and (2) timely notify Adams Electric 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: (a) you or anyone else (whether a tenant, new owner or otherwise) who contacts Adams Electric to again connect 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 (b) acknowledge that such disconnection shall be at your own risk, and you assume any and 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, and so forth), and Adams Electric shall not have any liability for any such damages, injuries, claims, or consequences thereof. ❁

McSherry hired as member services intern

Morgan McSherry of Shippensburg was hired as an intern in Adams Electric’s Human Resources/ Communications/ Member Services Department in January. During her internship, she will work at the co-op’s headquarters office in Gettysburg and report to Rebecca Witherow, member services coordinator.



Morgan McSherry

McSherry is a graduate of Shippensburg Area Senior High School. She is attending Shippensburg University and pursuing a bachelor’s degree in finance. ❁



MARK CRAMER/LEAD LINEMAN

COOPERATION AMONG COOPERATIVES: In early January, in response to a mutual aid request from the Virginia, Maryland & Delaware Electric Cooperatives Association, six Adams Electric lineworkers traveled in four-wheel-drive service buckets and pickups to Northern Neck Electric Cooperative in Warsaw, Va., to help restore power to its members following a heavy snowstorm that moved through that region. As part of a 32-person contingent from Pennsylvania rural electric cooperatives, crews aided service restoration and, once completed, most of the lineworkers, including those from Adams, relocated to Bowling Green, Va., served by Rappahannock Electric Cooperative, to continue restoration efforts. Adams Electric crews were released to return home nine days later.

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