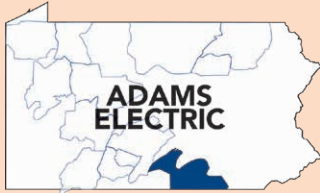




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Help Keep Outages Away



THE CONTRACTED TREE CREWS FOR Adams Electric removed more than 3,000 "danger" trees along our rights of way (ROW) in 2022, and 15% were at the request of our members. This year, we have already cleared trees from 160 miles of ROW and plan to clear another 285 miles by year's end.

Why am I sharing this? Because I'm a numbers guy, and those are big numbers. But even bigger are the outages we've prevented because of vegetation management. Decreased tree growth into our power lines and better line and pole accessibility due to not having to work around as many trees have made a big difference.

I understand not everyone is a fan of our ROW clearing program, but we never asked you to love it; we only asked that you, as a member of the cooperative, support it. Because while people have great attachment to some of their trees and bushes, when this vegetation grows into power lines and equipment, outages are inevitable.

Here, again, the numbers don't lie. We started our migration to a four-year cycle in 2014. At the time, like most electric utilities, our outages were trending upward. But by the end of the first cycle in 2018, our record for tracking power interruption was dropping. This is called the System Average Interruption Duration Index, or SAIDI, and it calculates how long, on average, each member has been without power in a given year. A rolling average calculates trends over short periods of time using a specified set of data.

In July, Manager of Engineering - Electrical Chad Thoman presented your board of directors with the most recent three-year rolling average SAIDI scores for the cooperative. He also offered a comparison of our outage time against neighboring investor-owned utilities, Met-Ed, Penelec and West Penn. (See chart, page 12c.)

I'm proud to say that despite a few recent storms that have caused some bumps in the road, our outage time for the last four years has all but leveled out, while others continue to trend much higher. We recognize being without power is a major inconvenience and we make it a priority to restore your service. We also appreciate the continued patience of our membership when we work to make repairs in the safest and most efficient manner possible.

Now, of course, we can't attribute everything to vegetation management. We have dedicated lineworkers who respond immediately to outages and work quickly and safely to restore power as fast and efficiently as they can. We also have an abundance of technological practices in play, such as backfeeding power and isolating line outages, to keep the most members in power as possible.

As we look to close out this typically stormy season, let me just say thank you to those members who have not put up roadblocks and delays for us when following our policies and best utility practices. We appreciate your support and will continue to actively pursue any avenue that will help us reduce outage time for the membership.

If you have an area you feel needs better or more attention, please let us know. Right-of-Way Coordinator Mickey Brandt would be glad to assess the situation because a correction today helps keep the outages away. 📍

STEVE RASMUSSEN
CEO/GENERAL MANAGER

'A Gettysburg Christmas' Film Nears Premiere Release

KAMI NOEL, CCC, COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER RELATIONS COORDINATOR

CHRISTMAS FILMS ARE GROWING IN popularity across America. You know what you're getting from these films before you even watch — a sweet, simple (love) story.

Director Bo Brinkman is hoping to bring a little piece of that holiday splendor to Adams County this winter with his release of the film, "A Gettysburg Christmas." Written as a novelette by Gettysburg author Craig Rupp, the book was adapted into a movie by Brinkman and premieres in Gettysburg in late November.

"It's his story title, but I took pieces, revamped the story to a female lead and rewrote the book into a script in six weeks," Brinkman explains. "It all fell together perfectly. Then I called some actor friends and said come to Gettysburg ... do this little film with me, and they did."

Brinkman resides in Texas but has ties to Gettysburg from his roles as Maj. Walter Taylor in the motion picture "Gettysburg" in 1993 and again in "Gods and Generals" in 2003. He also dates local salon owner Kris Webb of Sixty East Hair Design.

"People kept asking me to do another film in Gettysburg," Brinkman said. "But Kris was the real ambassador for the film. She got the town involved and garnered all the support we needed to make this project happen."

"A Gettysburg Christmas" follows the story of a woman who moves to Gettysburg to get away from her estranged family, but they end up following her and a heartfelt holiday reunion commences. The film includes the talents of Kelley Jakle, Sean Faris, Tom Vera, Sarah Burkett, and Jake Busey in starring roles, alongside more recognizable names Kate Vernon, Lee Majors, and Bruce Boxleitner.

"There's a scene with Bruce and Lee on a park bench that I could picture as it was being written," Brinkman says. "I knew exactly where the scene was going to take place, what it would look like, and how it would sound,

and that's exactly how it played out.

"Then there's a scene in the farmhouse," Brinkman recalls. "Ann and Mike Showers let us shoot in their home. I don't think they expected the 40 people that were in there, but I could picture the room while I was writing, and I knew exactly what it would look like."

"A Gettysburg Christmas" premieres Nov. 27 at the Majestic Theater (sold out), as a kickoff to the annual "A Gettysburg Christmas" festival. The two-day event is a growing holiday draw for the historic town, and Brinkman and Webb hope to give it an extra boost this year with the release of the feature film.

"Drawing more tourists to Gettysburg during the winter when tourism can be slow was a big part of the importance of this project," Brinkman says. "We're hoping for a lot from this little film."

Some of those goals include additional shows at the Majestic and possibly other local theaters, and a TV deal Brinkman says is "in the works."

"The timing could be perfect," Brinkman says. "A true Christmas card from Gettysburg to the nation, just in time for the holidays.

"We're not Hallmark, and it's not your typical Hallmark special, but it's real and relatable," he adds. "A father-daughter relationship that went sour, a bad breakup and a touch of holiday magic."

And not to be missed, an original song by Gettysburg native Greg Platzer — "It's Christmas" — to serve as the end piece to the film.

For more information on the film's release and the Christmas Festival in Gettysburg, visit agettsburgchristmasfestival.com, as well as gettysburgmajestic.org and destinationgettysburg.com.

CANDLELIGHT: When Hope, played by Kelley Jakle, gives up on relationships it takes a Christmas miracle to mend her heart. This scene of A Gettysburg Christmas was shot in the Springhouse Tavern, in the basement of the Dobbin House in downtown Gettysburg.



DAVE JOHNSON/GETTYSBURG IMAGE



LOCAL SCENE: A Gettysburg Christmas, which premieres this November in Gettysburg, stars Jake Busey, left, as a bartender, and Bruce Boxleitner, right, as the father of lead character, Hope. This scene is shown taking place at the bar in The Pub & Restaurant in downtown Gettysburg.

BO BRINKMAN/A GETTYSBURG CHRISTMAS

No Signs on Utility Poles

WHILE WE UNDERSTAND YOUR INTENTIONS are good, it's very important to know hanging signs on power poles creates a safety hazard for the lineworkers at your local, member-owned, not-for-profit electric cooperative. It's also illegal in Pennsylvania.

Staples, nails, and tacks used to hang signs and flyers create dangerous obstacles for utility workers, can damage the protective equipment they wear to stay safe while working on high-voltage equipment, interferes with system maintenance, and can compromise the structural integrity of the poles over time. For these reasons, our lineworkers immediately remove any signs they see, which diverts their time and our members' resources

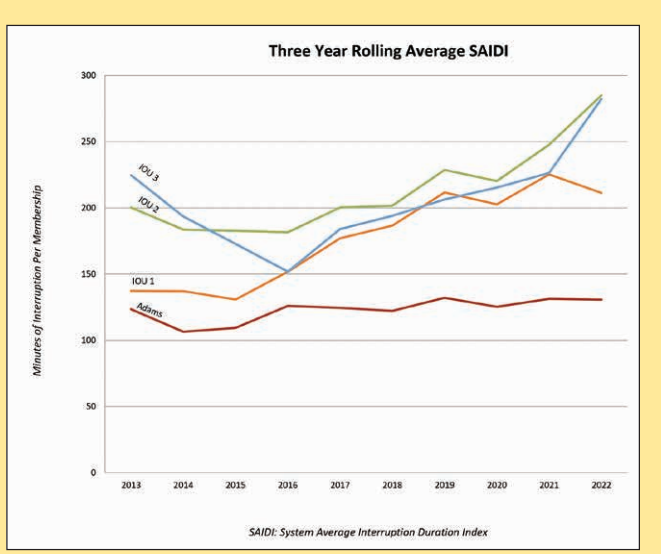
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COOPERATION AMONG COOPERATIVES: Journeyman First Class Ty Hensley attaches a conductor to a steel pole with the Arenal Volcano in the background during a week of cross-training with lineworkers from Adams Electric's sister cooperative, Coopelesca RL, in Costa Rica, July 16-21. Hensley, Operations Manager Mike Feathers, Lead Lineman Tony Spangler and Journeyman First Class Jake Strausbaugh gained hands-on experience working with steel and concrete poles while helping to build a 69-kilovolt transmission circuit that will help to balance load for Coopelesca in the La Fortuna area of their service territory. This trip afforded cooperative lineworkers valuable experience in how lineworkers in other parts of the world perform and accomplish similar tasks. (Note: All work was performed under de-energized conditions, and all lines were grounded for safety.)

away from maintaining the electric system.

So, we remind our members: Please never attach anything to co-op equipment. Also, please help keep our co-op employees safe by not attaching anything to power poles. We sincerely appreciate your help. 🙏



KEEPING AN EYE ON OUTAGES: Adams Electric Cooperative continuously monitors its member outage time using the System Average Interruption Duration Index, or SAIDI. The chart above shows the co-op's three-year rolling average from 2014 to 2022, with each year mark indicating that year and the previous two years' total average outage time per membership. Where the trend shows the cooperative has leveled off, other local utilities are trending upward with outages.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Did you know fall is the perfect time to schedule a tune-up for your heating system? Home heating accounts for a large portion of winter energy bills, and no matter what kind of system you have, you can save energy and money by regularly maintaining your equipment.

Combining proper equipment maintenance and upgrades with recommended insulation, air sealing and thermostat settings can save about 30% on your energy bills.

Source: Dept. of Energy

Online Bill Pay Portal to Undergo Updates

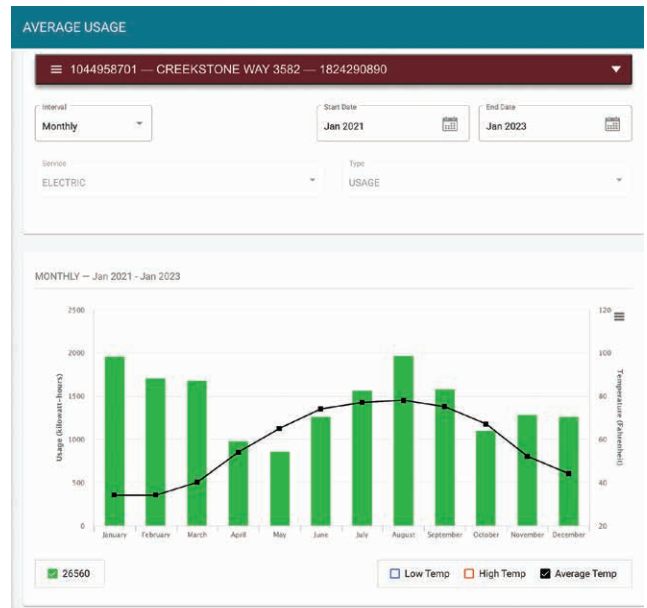
THE CO-OP'S SMARTHUB INTERFACE FOR bill viewing and paying will get a facelift this fall.

Used to engage our members and help them monitor their own energy use and spending, the application has come a long way since its original launch in 2012 and its refresh in 2019.

The upgrades planned for 2023 include technology changes and a more user-friendly interface. Users will still find the bill payment tools and monitoring assets previously available.

The new version of SmartHub puts your usage and payment details front and center for faster access. The simplified menu structure makes navigating the site easier.

To register for an online bill-pay account, visit adamsec.coop and click on the “Pay Your Bill” button on the homepage.



TRACK YOUR USE: Adams Electric members can monitor their energy use in the SmartHub app to help track when they are increasing or decreasing their energy consumption, which, in turn, relates to higher or lower monthly electric bills.

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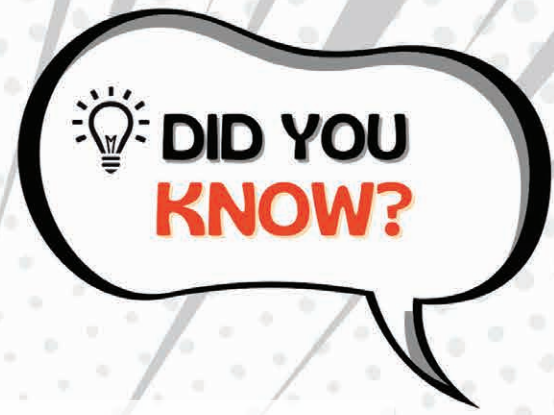




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Co-op Spotlight

Getting to know your employees and directors



Mark Cramer



Who am I: Lead lineman with 25 years of experience.

Family life: I enjoy being outdoors, camping, boating and fishing.

Co-op difference: The members! Definitely the members!

The co-op stands out because: The employees are considerate and helpful toward the members!

With a magic wand I would: ... make myself CEO of the co-op for a few weeks.

Favorite Friday night: Watching my sons play football.

Shawn Dehoff



Who am I: My role as York line superintendent is to schedule work for crews and the maintenance and testing of vehicles and tools. I have been with the cooperative for 22 years.

Family life: I am married with two young boys. I enjoy antique tractors and tractor shows. I have a collection of farm toys and farming-related advertising and O-gauge model trains.

Co-op difference: The importance of taking care of members.

Co-op future: That people look to co-ops as a better business model.

The co-op stands out because: We want to provide reliable service.

With a magic wand I would: ... eliminate cancer.

Favorite Friday night: Going to the drive-in movies with my family.

Cecil Knotts



Who am I: Line serviceman. I run trouble calls — they can be outages, partial power calls and many other duties. I have 21 years of service at Adams Electric. I have been in the electrical field since 1987.

Family life: Spending time with my wife and daughter. I enjoy going to our cabin, taking trips on our Harley Davidson, and hunting in the fall and spring.

Favorite part of the job: I enjoy running outages and

helping our members with voltage problems they may have.

Co-op difference: They are more family-oriented.

Co-op future: That it will continue to thrive and keep up with technology.

The co-op stands out because: Our outage response time. Members have told me many times!

With a magic wand I would: ... retire!

Favorite Friday night: Sitting outside by the fire pit, enjoying the evening with friends at our cabin.

Chad Thoman



Who am I: I am the manager of engineering — electrical, focused on system planning, overcurrent protection and device coordination, load flow analysis, and reliability while supervising dispatch center and GIS/mapping groups. I am a licensed professional engineer

with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Lehigh University and a master's degree in transmission and distribution engineering from Gonzaga University. I have been working at Adams Electric since June 2002.

Family life: I enjoy sports, music, and staying busy around the house and pool with my amazing wife and kids.

Favorite part of the job: I love playing a role in helping restore power to members following storms. Outages happen, but playing a role in minimizing them is very satisfying.

Co-op difference: Being not-for-profit, we are able to engineer the system in a manner to provide better service to the members and community.

Co-op future: The cooperative will continue to play a critical role in providing safe, reliable and affordable power to the Adams EC service territory for many years to come.

The co-op stands out because: We are members of the community we serve, and as a result, we have a vested interest in the performance of the cooperative and our services.

With a magic wand I would: ... place a force field around our electrical facilities to protect them from trees, small animals/birds, wind, lightning, vehicles, etc.

Favorite Friday night: Two large pizzas and a baseball game with the family, and no nighttime storms.

