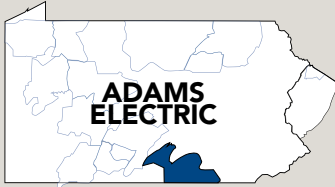




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Guest Column



Exercise smart generator use

By Mike Johnson, *Key Accounts/Senior Safety Specialist*

DO YOU have a portable or whole-house generator? Does it have a double-pole, double-throw transfer switch or another approved fail-safe transfer?

During a power outage, members without power turn to standby generators to help run HVAC systems, keep food fresh, power lights and maintain medical equipment.

However, if used or installed improperly, generators can prove to be a hazard to you, your home, the public and those working to get the power back on. Electrocution, fire and carbon monoxide poisoning are all potential consequences of improper generator use.

As the co-op's senior safety specialist, let me warn you: If you connect an electric generator to the main electrical supply coming into your house, the generator could "backfeed" power onto the distribution system and electrocute workers who are repairing the electric lines, or the public.

To avoid backfeeding electricity, you must install either an automatic or manual transfer switch between the generator and Adams Electric's distribution system in compliance with all state and local electrical codes.

Generator users can be held liable for damage, injuries, or even deaths to the public or utility personnel caused by improperly used or installed generators.

I have several tips I could share about safe-generator operations, but here's a few I feel are the most important:

▶ Never plug a portable generator

directly into your home's outlet — unless you have had a transfer switch installed in your home. If you don't have a transfer switch, power provided by the generator can backfeed, causing damage to electrical wiring or the generator when power returns.

- ▶ For stationary generators that are permanently installed, a licensed electrician will need to install a transfer switch that complies with the National Electric Code. The switch safely cuts electricity to the power lines, either automatically or manually.
- ▶ Generators create carbon monoxide which is odorless and invisible, and the fumes can quickly become deadly. If you use a generator, consider installing a carbon monoxide alarm (with battery backup), especially in sleeping areas.
- ▶ Generators must be operated outdoors and at a safe distance from windows, doors and vents — more than 15 feet is suggested.
- ▶ Connect appliances into the receptacle outlets on the generator using heavy-duty, outdoor-rated extension cords. Make sure the cords have a grounded, three-pronged plug and are in good condition.
- ▶ Shut off the generator before refueling.
- ▶ To prevent a surge from damaging your generator and/or appliances and equipment, nothing should be plugged into the generator when

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An extra blessing for the holidays

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

THE NEED is great, but it is not solitary.

Last year, New Hope Ministries served more than 21,000 guests across its eight locations in south-central Pennsylvania. From job training to resume writing and from utility assistance to fulfilling basic hygiene demands, the organization is “sharing Christ’s love by meeting human needs.”

“The biggest need is food,” says Kristin Warner, gift officer for New Hope. “We have guests shop at our pantries every month, where they pick the foods that will meet their needs.”

Within the cooperative’s service area, New Hope has locations in Dillsburg, Dover, Hanover, Littlestown, New Oxford and Mechanicsburg. The nonprofit organization is a Christian social service agency that serves its neighbors in times of need.

“We help people give themselves a

leg up to make themselves more marketable,” Warner says.

That could be through workforce development programs, such as CDL or fork-lift training, or providing counseling and budgeting classes to residents facing rent eviction and utility shut-off notices.

“We help each guest to evaluate ways we can help them help themselves,” Warner says.

“But we also provide for basic family needs and offer youth programs for children at-risk.”

Sometimes, these needs are greater than others, especially during the holidays when families are looking to provide some “Christmas cheer” for their loved ones. That’s when New Hope’s Christmas Blessing Express rolls into action.

Guests can shop for gifts, provided through community donations of new, unused products and groceries.

“Parents are able to pick out for their kids something for under the tree that their own child would have chosen,” Warner says. “That’s really special in that it’s not just something given, but something chosen.”

Each New Hope location has a collection site, a list of most-needed items and dates for donations to be received. While teens may be the most difficult and expensive to provide for, they are also the most under-gifted group. They often request items such as skin- and body-care products, electronics, clothing, and sporting goods. Next would be seniors and adults, who are often in need of household goods,



NEW DIGS: New Hope Ministries dedicated its New Oxford center on Aug. 19, 2021, the newest of eight locations within the service organization. Managing the center is Linda Vesey, left. Joining her is Gift Officer Kristin Warner, who works in the Hanover center.

such as cleaning products or small appliances (electric razors, hair dryers, Crock-Pots). A full list, divided by age, is available on the New Hope website, nhm-pa.org/Christmas-blessing-express.

“Teens are often overlooked in the gift department,” Warner says, “but we aim to support the whole family. Everyone deserves a gift at Christmas.”

New Hope relies heavily on corporate giving, grants and community support to meet the growing needs of their guests. Its biggest push for donations will come Dec. 9-10 during the Feed-a-Friend campaign, typically a partnership with HAPPY 95.3 and Rocky 98.5. Learn more at nhm-pa.org/give-food.

To donate to the Christmas Blessing Express or Feed-a-Friend, call 717-432-2087, the organization’s general number, and then follow the prompts to choose the county in which you live and connect with the center that is closest to you. Currently, most New Hope facilities are open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays or by appointment. ☀



SHOPPING DAY: New Hope volunteer Lynne Spangler helps a guest select items for her grocery cart during a monthly shopping visit to the New Oxford center. Each guest gets a limited number of supply selections, per category available, based on their current needs.

Finance manager counts down to retirement

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

HER FIRST day started in the middle of winter, in a shared office, under an acting CEO, as a bookkeeper for a fledgling cable TV service. Nearly 37 years later, Lynn Wallas is planning her retirement as the manager of finance for Adams Electric.

“SCATCOM was only around for a few years here,” Lynn recalls during a fall interview. “I was 23. I was looking for a paycheck to pay my monthly bills, and the only form I remember completing when I was hired was for health insurance.”

SCATCOM was a brief investment for the cooperative, from 1982 to 1987, when the co-op sold it to PA Classic Cable. But for the short term, Lynn had made an impression on those around her for being dedicated to her role and interested in learning more.

“I always wanted to be and stay busy,” she says. “I learned to be a backup for maintaining our one computer, was helping with other projects, taking payments, data processing, and the position grew from there.”

About 10 years later, Lynn moved into her first supervisory role as the supervisor of member/office services. By the late '90s, she was overseeing all accounting processes and personnel.



LOOKING BACK: Hired in February 1985 as a general bookkeeper for Adams Electric and SCATCOM, Lynn Wallas has spent her years crunching numbers, running spreadsheets for the co-op, and keeping our checks and balances in order.



CONGRATULATIONS: Lynn Wallas, a manager since 2006, will retire from the cooperative this year after 37 years of service.

“I was going through a divorce,” she says, “and this was the one thing that was going right.”

Between 1999 and 2000, the co-op team was growing rapidly; first, because of the prospect of electric choice coming to Pennsylvania — it no longer exists — and then because of the dreaded Y2K predictions.

“A six-person call center was added, the bill was redesigned to split energy and distribution ... it was a huge conversion to give our members a choice ... but then the day arrived, and we didn’t get a hundred phone calls,” Lynn recalls. “The whole concept fell flat for co-ops.

“Then, the night before 2000 arrived, when every computer was supposed to blow up, I remember we all had to be here,” she adds. “We didn’t know what was going to happen, but we were certain something was going to crash, but nothing did.”

Fast forward another few years, Lynn then added information technologies (2002), billing (2006), call center (2007) and the member services representatives in the district offices (2009) to her domain.

Technology was taking over with the addition of automated meters, and the co-op began the integration of the National Information Solutions Cooperative program, iVUE.

“Before iVUE, billing and accounting didn’t tie together on our system,” Lynn explains. “Everything was its own bubble, and X didn’t balance with Y. Today, we have so many internal, automatic checks and balances behind the scenes that we’re always in balance — or should be.”

Admittedly, Lynn is a spreadsheet guru, and her favorite part of her day is manipulating the numbers in front of her and finding the answer to outstanding questions. Excel is her “best friend,” but she realizes very few people share her excitement for numbers.

“Sometimes,” she jokes, “my husband (Mark) needs to remind me that others aren’t as excited about spreadsheets as I am.”

Looking back over it all — 36 years of growth and development in the co-op finance world — her greatest accomplishment has nothing to do with numbers.

“As a single mother for a long time, I worked full time and still raised two kids, with one graduating from college, while the other went on to serve our country,” Lynn says. “They are now both employed and doing well. I also have three grandchildren to spoil. But now it’s my turn ... time to go somewhere and enjoy my time.”

As her time at the co-op winds down — and yes, while she is counting the days, the spreadsheet isn’t necessary — Lynn has two things she looks forward to most: no more alarm clocks and lots of travel. With Mark, her husband of 10 years, also retiring this December, the two have a bucket list of adventures to be planned, including spending more time with their families, taking in some national parks and touring Alaska and the Canadian Rockies. 🌞

Co-op seeks owners of unclaimed 'rewards'

When Adams Electric retires Ownership Rewards to its current and former members, traditionally some of that money remains unclaimed after a year. By law, this money cannot be used to affect rates; therefore, the co-op uses the unclaimed funds to support post-secondary education scholarships, invest in community projects and events, and aid members struggling to pay their electric bills. Ultimately, however, the goal is to return the funds to their proper owners.

The list printed below includes the names and last known

locations of former co-op members who are owed a minimum of \$50 and have not yet claimed their 2020 returns. A complete list of all members who have yet to claim their Ownership Rewards is available at adamsec.coop.

If you know any of the individuals on the list below or published online, please have them contact Billing Coordinator Jayme Hawn at jaymeh@adamsec.coop or call 800-726-2324 so we may take the proper steps to return these rewards to their rightful owners. Thank you!

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- Anderson, Essie, Thomasville, PA
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- Anderson, OD, Littlestown, PA
- Anderson, Walter W, York, PA
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you start it.

We all know that winter is prone to ice and snow, both of which cause extra weight on trees, branches, and power lines, often pulling them to the ground. Now is the time to make your investment to avoid winter discomfort.

The days of running C-PAP machines without battery backup are gone. Electricity, once seen as a luxury, is what many now consider a necessity. Do yourself a favor and beat weather-related outages to the punch.

Don't wait until you find your home without power to visit the local home improvement store. Your power will have been restored by the time you find a dealership, make a purchase and hire an installer. Not to mention, the cost will be higher as the demand for generators will be expanded.

Your family will thank you. 🌟

Director candidate packets available Dec. 1

DO YOU have 30 hours a month to read and to enjoy occasional travel while learning and applying yourself to a leadership position in your community? 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, Shrewbury, 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. The membership will then elect one director each from Zones 2, 6 and 7 to help direct the business of the cooperative for the next three years. Each candidate must complete a petition packet, including filling out a personal profile and statement of candidacy, among other requirements. Candidates must also secure signatures and addresses of at least 15 Adams Electric members on an official petition.

Candidate packets may be picked up by appointment only at any office of Adams Electric, beginning Dec. 1. All required paperwork must be "actually and physically received" at the co-op's headquarters office in Gettysburg before 5 p.m. Jan. 27, 2022. For more information, contact the communications department at the co-op at 800-726-2324. Learn more about being a co-op director at adamsec.coop/director-responsibilities. ⚡

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1. Keep flammable items at least 3 feet away
2. Place on a flat, level surface
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7. Do not use around small children or pets
8. Do not use one with a damaged plug or prongs

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COOK UP ENERGY SAVINGS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON.

- Clean oven burners regularly.
- Match the pan size to the burner you're using.
- Use small appliances like slow cookers and toaster ovens when possible.

From our table to yours, Happy Thanksgiving!

Hodges promoted

Following a written exam and series of field tests, lineman Gary Hodges stepped up to journeyman second class in the operations department at the Gettysburg District on Aug. 18. He started with Adams Electric in 2017. ⚡



Gary Hodges