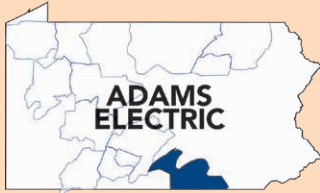




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Help Save Energy This Summer



YOU CAN JOIN THE FIGHT to keep cooperative rates low and service reliable this summer. The U-Shift, U-\$ave program shifts the use of participating electric water heaters, heating and cooling units, and other equipment to off-peak hours when electricity is less expensive.

Currently, just over 7,000 water heaters are interruptible, along with another 1,100 subpanels and just under 1,000 air conditioning units. Collectively, since 1987, our co-op has saved \$25.5 million

during peak demand.

The most popular U-Shift incentive is the water heater program. Once a U-Shift switch is installed on your electric water heater — a free offering by the co-op — you start to receive a \$10 monthly bill credit for as long as you are an active participant in the program.

The most energy-efficient program is the off-peak subpanel program. As a member, you pay to install a separate breaker panel in your home, then we install a free U-Shift switch on that subpanel. After that, anything you connect to that subpanel can be interrupted by the cooperative during periods of peak energy demand. The co-op discounts the power running through the subpanel, so the member receives close to a 50% reduction on the energy supply portion of their bill for any electricity that flows through it. Keep in mind, anything hooked to the subpanel may be interrupted — washers, dryers, pool pumps, even electric car chargers — so you don't want items like deep freezers connected.

If you want to be notified every time your switch is activated, the co-op attempts to send text and email notifications prior to each interruption period — but you have to register to receive them. Notifications are set up by the member on each account through the SmartHub billing portal. Projections are also posted to the co-op's Facebook page. In the warmer months, these interruptions usually take place from 1 to 7 p.m.

Summer peak predictions can be very tricky since we control load against two billing factors. We track the monthly transmission peak as well as the "PJM High 5," which can typically occur any time between June and September. Over the years, PJM has expanded its territory and now coordinates the transmission of electricity through all or parts of 14 states. This means that while it may be a relatively mild day in Pennsylvania, other areas may be experiencing a heat wave. Based on historical data, most High 5 days occur in July. Since weather is the driving force for shifting loads, we could see up to 15 control periods each of the summer months.

Are you interested in helping the cooperative, but aren't ready to install a U-Shift switch? In a smaller way, you can still help us "beat the peak." Members can conserve energy by shifting their use of major appliances to before 1 p.m. and after 7 p.m. on hot weekday afternoons. This decreases the use of electricity during high-energy-demand periods, which in turn helps keep electric rates low. Learn more at adamsec.coop.

Remember, the co-op can't guarantee the duration of any interruption period due to the ever-changing nature of electrical demands. The power grid provides power to the co-op's substations and metering points, and that needs to be maintained. Members participating in U-Shift incentive programs need to understand that periods of interruption can be shortened or extended without notice when electric demand rises or falls. We need as much help as we can get to #ShiftAnd\$ave. 🇺🇸

JEFF TURNER

MANAGER, ENGINEERING - MECHANICAL

Catch a Game from a Simpler Time

KAMI NOEL, CCC, COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER RELATIONS COORDINATOR

Baseball, however evolved, has been a favorite American pastime since the 18th century. Previously referred to as a game of "rounders," and then referred to as base ball — two words — the game has taken on different variations.

Today, base ball clubs celebrate that history by hosting festivals around the country each year between April and November. Playing by the rules of 1864, these base ball players use wooden bats, no gloves and wear poly-wool uniforms.

"Everyone who plays in these games loves the history of base ball," says Bruce Leith, president of the Gettysburg National 19th Century Base Ball Festival.

Leith has been leading this charge since 2009. No stranger to modern day baseball, he spends his days as the director of concession development for the Philadelphia Phillies. He is also president of the Eclipse Base Ball Club of Elkton, Md. He's been with that group since 2005.

"After several years of playing in Washington, where there's no breeze and no privacy, we were looking for a middle ground between Pittsburgh and Philly where we could bring teams together," Leith explains. "We approached Destination Gettysburg, and they were immediately responsive and helpful."

Old-time base ball returns to Gettysburg this summer, July 15-16, at 965 Pumping Station Road with 30 teams



GETTYSBURG BASE BALL FESTIVAL

SAFE: A Providence, R.I., player (blue hat) attempts to tag out an Allegheny Iron Sides runner from Donora, Pa., who is trying to make a steal during a game at the Gettysburg Base Ball Festival.

playing on five fields. While there is no admittance fee for the festival, tickets are required and available at gettysburgbaseballfestival.com.

"Fans can see what base ball was like before TV, major league contracts and gloves," Leith says. "We have a rule of 'no modern fare' inside the 'history zone.'"

While spectators are welcome to bring their chairs, picnic baskets and shade tents (no alcohol or pets), the players remain in period posture and dress, wandering the crowd between games, posing for photos, showing off their equipment, and answering questions.

"Each team is based on a historical team that actually played back in the day," Leith says. "Our team, the Elkton Eclipse, researched each of our players, and they were all surgeons for the Union Army, drafted from the University of Pennsylvania Medical School."

The festival relies primarily on fundraising and sponsorships to thrive. Adams Electric has been a sponsor of the Base Ball Festival for several years. The teams travel through the summer months, playing an average of four to five tournaments a year.

"The East Coast games are more orthodox, and the mid-west are more modern-day games," Leith explains. "Every year, participation grows."

The Gettysburg 19th Century National Base Ball Festival has taken place the third weekend in July every year since 2010.

"The festival is meant to show the public what a sporting event would have been like in Adams County and the surrounding region back in 1864," says Leith. "We don't use catching gear; the pitch comes in underhanded from only 45 feet away, and you can catch after one bounce.

"It's an hour and 20 minutes of interaction, entertainment and great family fun." 🍷

GETTYSBURG BASE BALL FESTIVAL



ON THE MOUND: Dressed in 19th-century attire – a poly-wool blend, light blue long-sleeved shirt, long dark pants, black shoes and a yachting cap – this pitcher throws an underhand pitch to an awaiting batter during the 2022 Gettysburg 19th Century National Base Ball Festival.

Electronic Notices Keep Members Informed

THE CO-OP CONSTANTLY ADDS RESOURCES to help reach our members with important updates and news where they prefer to receive it. Adams Electric 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 (bill view/pay) account. Choose to receive alerts by text, email or both. Notifications range from billing reminders to newsletter subscriptions, and from U-Shift peak alerts to planned power outages.

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 page 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. Then elect to activate these accounts.
- Next, again hover over “Notifications” in the green menu bar and this time select “Manage Notifications.”
- Set your preferences for each type of notification type available: billing, miscellaneous, on-demand or service. 📧

Time to Catch Up

AS A REMINDER TO MEMBERS, if you have one or more of your Adams Electric accounts enrolled in the budget billing program, June is the billing “catch-up” month.

If you are a budget member, this means your June bill will be different than your regular monthly budgeted bill. You may see a debit or a credit, and the balance due — if you have one — will need to be paid in full. We suggest that in advance of receiving your June bill, look at the “Account Summary” at the top of your current billing statement and subtract the “Budget Amount Due” from the “Account Balance” to find your total outstanding balance.

Your budget amount is based on your average monthly bill and may be adjusted up to three times throughout the year. However, unpredictable factors, such as weather and increased work from home, may have affected the amount of household electricity you used this year.

If a higher-than-average bill is causing a hardship for you, our member services representatives are available to discuss payment options with you by phone, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. at 800-726-2324. 📞

Protect Your Home From Surges

SURGE PROTECTION FOR YOUR HOME is available and affordable through a program of your local electric cooperative.

SurgeHELP, made available by Adams Electric and independently administrated through HomeServe, helps to provide residential repair and replacement protection for damage resulting from electrical surges and over-voltages. SurgeHELP covers electrical damage (up to your selected level of coverage) due to an electrical surge entering your home through your power lines. The program is optional for members who choose to pay for it.

Coverage begins at \$1,000 per year and increases in \$1,000 increments to a maximum of \$5,000 per year. These monthly payments can be added to your bill. You are free to cancel your coverage at any time.

Adams Electric has been providing this service to members since 2013. The pricing has not changed. We refer all claim questions and policy cancellation requests to HomeServe. HomeServe also sends the terms and conditions, and a welcome packet to new clients of the program. To place a service call, use the Emergency Repair Hotline at 833-521-4824 and provide the representative with your service agreement number. A local, licensed technician will then be directed to your property, as needed. Once a covered repair is completed, pay nothing up to your selected benefit amount. For more information, call 888-848-7893 or visit MyHomeServeUSA.com.

To enroll, call 800-726-2324 and ask to speak to a member services representative. Learn more at adamsec.coop/surge-protection. 📞



Is Co-op Owners a Good Fit for You?

CO-OP OWNERS FOR POLITICAL ACTION®

(Co-op Owners) is a nonpartisan political action committee designed to direct financial contributions from co-op members to legislators who actively support issues of importance to electric cooperatives. Co-op Owners is a part of the Action Committee for Rural Electrification (ACRE), a political action committee founded by members of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association that has collected contributions from co-op members across the nation since 1966.



Co-op Owners supports candidates for state and federal office who speak for and protect the interests of electric co-ops and their members. The group aims to provide a voice for electric cooperatives at all levels of government.

As a member of Adams Electric, you are among the more than 42 million Americans who can claim ownership in a not-for-profit, member-owned electric distribution utility. By joining Co-op Owners, you can support those legislators who support cooperative programs and initiatives.

The cooperative program is facing many challenges in the coming months and years, from policy shifts in energy and environmental arenas to continued pressures on how cooperatives operate. Co-op Owners helps protect these cooperative efforts by connecting us with our legislators as we work to provide safe, reliable power at competitive rates and improve the quality of life in the communities we serve.

Maintaining a strong grassroots presence in the political process is critical to the long-term success of electric cooperatives. Help your cooperative support local legislators who help improve our rural communities. Consider a Co-op Owners membership, starting at \$2.08 per month and payable on your electric bill. Call 800-726-2324 for more information or an application. 📞



RURAL POLITICS: In mid-April, more than 2,000 electric cooperative leaders, including Adams Electric Cooperative representatives, met with members of the U.S. Congress in Washington, D.C., to talk about their work to promote a strong and reliable electric grid for our rural membership and communities. With U.S. Rep. Lloyd Smucker (R-11th), third from left, we discussed H.R.1, the Lower Energy Costs Act, and how we can avoid rolling blackouts in the winters to come by using the energy resources that are beneath our feet here in Pennsylvania. We also met with lawmakers to highlight co-op policy priorities, with a major emphasis on prioritizing reliable electricity, and fixing permitting and production issues causing major supply chain disruptions, especially for transformers. Finally, co-op members pushed for a timely passage of the U.S. Farm Bill, the current iteration of which expires Sept. 30. Co-op members met specifically with U.S. Rep. Glenn "GT" Thompson (R-15th), the newly elected chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, which will be steering the upcoming Farm Bill discussions, as well as Rep.'s John Joyce and Scott Perry, and Senator Bob Casey Jr. In early May, the co-op continued its lobbying in Harrisburg, with local legislators Rep.'s Torren Ecker, Kate Klunk, Perry Stambaugh, Dawn Keefer, Barb Gleim and Rich Irvin.

Co-op Employees Earn Promotions

KEVIN DEHOFF, OF LITTLESTOWN, a service dispatcher, was promoted to dispatch coordinator within the engineering-electrical department in Gettysburg on April 6. He started at the co-op in 2016.



Kevin Dehoff

Effective April 18, 2023, Brad Varner, of Newville, was awarded the line serviceman position within the operations department at the Shippensburg District. He started at Adams Electric in 2011 as a trainee and was promoted to journeyman in 2015. 📞



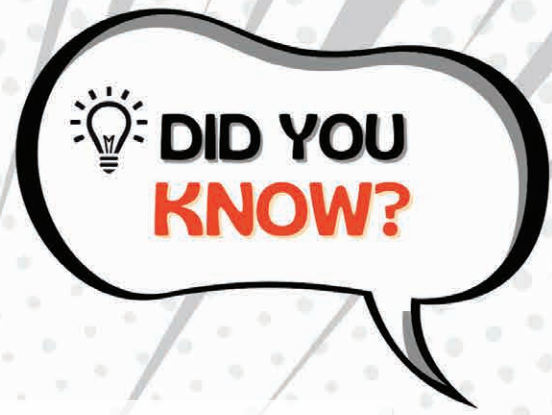
Brad Varner

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Looking for additional ways to save energy this summer? Your laundry room is a great place to start. Wash clothes with cold water, which can cut one load's energy use by more than half. Your washing machine will use the same amount of energy no matter the size of the clothes load, so fill it up when you can. When drying clothes, separate the heavier cottons. Loads will dry faster and more evenly if you separate heavier cottons like linens and towels from your lightweight clothing.

Co-op Spotlight

Getting to know your employees and directors



S. Eugene Herritt



Who am I: I am a director of the Adams Electric Cooperative board, first elected in 1985. I have served as president, vice president and secretary of the board at various times. I was president for 13 years. I am currently a member of the Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association board representing

Adams and a member of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association representing Pennsylvania.

Family life: I've been married to my wife, Sally, for over 36 years. I have one daughter and a grandson, who is a college student. My wife is treasurer of the church and sings in the choir. She is active in community theater and other choral groups. I am a past Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania and still participate in those activities when I

can. While I used to be more active in other activities, I find my cooperative board responsibilities take up more time than allows me to continue in some of my past interests. I do manage to play a good bit of golf, and both Sally and I enjoy traveling and cooking.

Co-op future: As the industry changes and technology advances, we will continue to see the distribution cooperative be an important part of providing electricity to our members. There will be additional opportunities to serve the members by providing advice and information on technology, battery storage, electric vehicles, and how to control and lower monthly bills. The cooperative, because of its business model, will be in a better position to help members take advantage of those changes and advancements.

Brian Shearer



Who I am: I am a senior staff engineer working with the AMR/Load Management System, the SCADA system and commercial/industrial metering. With almost 35 years of service, I currently direct two technicians and two field service personnel. I attained the Management Internship Program certification in 2010.

Family life: My wife and I enjoy spending time with our children and grandchildren. Our 4-year-old black Lab,

Bear, keeps us busy most evenings. We enjoy movies and visiting antique stores. I recently "retired" from slow-pitch softball after 38 years of playing in various church leagues.

Co-op future: The co-op can survive well into the future as long as it continues to serve the membership and provide the "down-home customer service" that is part of the founding principles. We need to keep it personal in our interaction with the membership. Technological changes have made major advances during my tenure and will continue to influence decision making for reliable service.

Kornell Kuntz



Who I am: Technically, I'm a Serviceman A, who does three-phase and single-phase account metering installation and troubleshooting; substation equipment installation; regular interval maintenance programs with engineering; troubleshooting of issues with engineering; and many other ancillary duties that may arise that need our attention.

Family life: I am married with three kids — all college graduates — two spoiled dogs and a cat. I helped coach sports when the kids were growing up. I've worked 23 years part time at Lowe's and still going. I love getting together with family and the kids' friends at the house for gatherings

and cookouts/fun and games (very competitive).

Favorite part of the job: Working with the many different teams within our organization daily. Everyone seems goal oriented and easy to work with in completing any tasks that need dealt with. The cooperative keeps safety in mind from top to bottom, which I was very impressed with coming from the military because that's the way we were, too. There are always challenges, and no two days are the same, so it keeps you on your toes. This also requires you to remain open-minded and open to learning since our equipment is ever-evolving and improving. Overall, the membership is easy to work with and extremely appreciative of what we are able to do for them. 🍷

