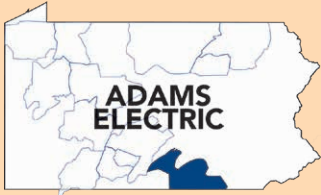




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A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 



One of 14 electric cooperatives serving Pennsylvania and New Jersey

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## We are 85 Years Strong



**STEVE RASMUSSEN**

### DURING THE COOPERATIVE'S ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

in May, board President Glenn Bange and I reported on the financial stability of the co-op and highlights of the last year. We've built a legacy to power the future, and I'd like to share a little of that history with you.

In the early years of the co-op, there were around 5,000 members between Gettysburg and Shippensburg, who each paid \$5 to join our rural electric system. Today, we serve more than 34,000 accounts in five counties. Our members remain our No. 1 priority, and we each play a role in the success of our cooperative's future.

We are owned by the members we serve. Therefore, we invest your money to provide reliable electrical service and maintain a financial reserve to keep rates stable. It's our mission to keep your rates competitive and to keep you informed about changes.

In the 1940s, electric bills for cooperative members were among the highest in Pennsylvania. It's one of the reasons the 14 cooperatives in Pennsylvania and New Jersey formed Allegheny Electric Cooperative, Inc. in 1946. By working together, co-ops could be a bigger player in the purchase of power on the open market. Years later, we were able to take ownership of some nuclear and hydroelectric resources, and today, our rates are among the lowest in the region.

Rates are something we talk about a lot in the community and in the boardroom. It's great that we're able to keep rates low, give you money back in Ownership Rewards and put an appropriate amount into maintenance programs to keep your reliability as high as possible.

We've made a lot of investments through the years to make sure our members have a person to talk to when they call the co-op. We've been helping our members through the Project Helping Hand program since 1985. This program allows members to help another who may be struggling to pay their electric bill.

We also send students on Youth Tour, a weeklong, all-inclusive trip to Washington, D.C., each June. In 2008, we created a committee to award high school seniors with scholarships for college. That program has grown, and today we help trade school attendees, college undergrads and adult members with their continuing education expenses. With no money taken from our rates, these programs are very well received.

In 2025, we introduced yet another program to help our membership. Working with New Hope Ministries, which has offices across our service territory, we launched a Hardship Fund that opens the door for members to apply for funding to help with their electric bills.

Another program saving our members money is the load management program, which has been in place since the late 1980s. The voluntary interruption of power flowing to water heaters and heating systems reduces our peak loads and, in return, we thank our participating members with a credit on their bill.

I prefer the new name for the program: U-Shift, U-\$ave. It can be a tongue twister, but it really explains what we're trying to do for the members. By shifting electric use to off-peak hours, they are saving money by delaying energy-intensive activities, such as washing dishes or running the clothes dryer, to less expensive times of the day. Since the program started, the co-op has saved more than \$30 million in avoided

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# Community Theater to Celebrate 75th Anniversary

**SARAH FRANK**, CCC, COMMUNICATIONS/COMMUNITY RELATIONS COORDINATOR

**DIAMONDS: THEY'RE AN EVERLASTING**, durable gem that can withstand the test of time. By the time a couple or a business celebrates its 75th anniversary, also known as the "diamond anniversary," it stands to reason they will also withstand the test of time.

In 2025, Totem Pole Playhouse is celebrating its 75th anniversary. The community theater, nestled in Caledonia State Park, started in 1950 and has been part of the region's art scene ever since.

The 2025 season runs through Aug. 31. However, the theater plans to celebrate its anniversary all year.

"The entire season is one big party," says Ryan B. Gibbs, producing artistic director. "No sad plays or slow musicals. There will be new types of programming for our community and a focus on productions that celebrate the joy and togetherness Totem Pole has fostered for generations. We're even restoring our iconic totem pole, which once stood as a symbol of our theater's unique charm."

The season has kicked off with "The Marvelous Wonderettes," a feel-good musical packed with hits from the 1950s

and 1960s. Next on the marquee is "9 to 5: The Musical," which is expected to break group sales

records. A fast-paced murder-mystery comedy, "The 39 Steps," will be next, followed by the inspiring Broadway hit, "Beautiful: The Carole King Musical." A playful nod to their anniversary — "Diamond: The Neil Diamond Tribute" — will close the season.

While the theater staff will celebrate all that has been accomplished in Totem Pole's 75 years of business, they will also focus on bringing new arts to the area.

"We've added a brand-new series called Tucked Away Tuesdays," Gibbs says. "It features smaller events like comedians, concerts and specialty programs throughout the summer. These are more intimate, one-night-only experiences that give the community something fresh between our big shows."

With new things on the horizon, Totem Pole will bring its annual holiday show to The Majestic Theater in Gettysburg. According to Gibbs, this year will feature the regional premiere of "Million Dollar Quartet Christmas," highlighting all the holiday hits of Elvis, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins.

Adams Electric Cooperative has been a longtime Totem Pole supporter and show sponsor since both organizations share a common mission: being community-minded.

"Live theater is personal — it's storytelling with your neighbors," Gibbs says. "At Totem Pole, we bring in professional artists from around the country, but the heart of our work is local. And it's not just about entertainment — it's about connection, identity and investing in the culture of our region."

Celebrate Totem Pole Playhouse's diamond anniversary and join it for a show this summer. Learn more at [totempoleplayhouse.org](http://totempoleplayhouse.org) or call 717-352-2164.

"Whether they're longtime fans or brand new, we've built this season with our central Pa. and northern Maryland community in mind," Gibbs says. "There's something for everyone — musicals, comedy, tributes, youth camps and more."

"We're affordable, accessible and a short drive away. Bring the kids, plan a date or make it a group outing. And thanks to generous local support, we're keeping ticket prices as low as possible and expanding our outreach so that every family has a chance to make memories at the playhouse."



Join the Party!

## TOTEM POLE 75 2025

<p><b>May 30 - June 8</b>  <b>The Marvelous Wonderettes</b>            Travel back to the 1958 Springfield High School prom, and 1968 class reunion, for laughter, nostalgia and over 20 iconic hits.</p>	<p><b>June 20 - July 6</b>  <b>9 to 5 The Musical</b>            Based on the hit 1980 film, Dolly Parton herself provides the music and lyrics for this outrageous workplace revenge comedy set in the Rolodex era.</p>
<p><b>July 18 - July 27</b>  <b>The 39 Steps</b>            Framed for murder and on the run, Richard Hannay faces plot twists galore in this parody of Alfred Hitchcock's classic film. Four actors! Fifty characters! One riotous farce!</p>	<p><b>Aug 8 - Aug 24</b>  <b>Beautiful: The Carole King Musical</b>            Featuring her timeless music, this Broadway mega hit tells the inspiring tale of Carole King's journey from schoolgirl to superstar.</p>
<p><b>Aug 27 - Aug 31</b>  <b>Diamond: The Neil Diamond Tribute</b>            Scott Moreau rocks the look, sings the songs, and tells the stories that bring the legendary performer to life.</p>	<p><b>Tucked Away Tuesdays</b>            Two performances each of rollicking great acts "tucked" into the Tuesdays between our regular season shows!</p>
<p><b>Plus! Our Holiday Show</b>  <b>Million Dollar Quartet Christmas</b>            at Gettysburg's Majestic Theatre            'Nuff said!</p>	<p><b>June 10</b>  <b>The Spouse Whisperer</b>            Mark Cordes, a "One Man Laugh Factory," takes the audience from meet cute to matrimony with hilarious insights into the dos and don'ts of relationships.</p>
<p><b>July 8</b>  <b>Brady &amp; Caroline: Piano Bar Duo</b>            An evening of song and celebration! These two Totem Pole veterans bring their globe-trotting, sing-along dueling piano show to our very own stage.</p>	<p><b>July 29</b>  <b>Boston Babes</b>            Get ready for an unforgettable experience as Boston's renowned family-friendly magic comes to Totem Pole! A dazzling variety show packed with magic, jaw-dropping juggling, and nonstop fun for audiences of all ages.</p>

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**FROM THE  
CEO/GENERAL MANAGER**

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power purchases thanks to the more than 10,000 members participating in the program. This program has expanded over the years to include interruption for items like electric car chargers, hot tubs and pool pumps, as well.

The reliability these investments bring to our membership is priceless. Speaking of reliability, it's safe to say that, years ago, we weren't always the best at timely outage restoration. But that's no longer the case.

Thanks to the practices we now have in place for routine vegetation management and equipment inspections, like aerial patrols, our reliability numbers are hard to beat. We also have dedicated employees who work tirelessly

to ensure the safe restoration of your electricity when outages occur.

Our cooperative board and staff have a wealth of knowledge and experience. The cooperative is more than just your electric distribution utility. We are committed to bringing you, our consumer-members, the safest, most reliable and affordable power every day, as well as helping to improve the quality of life in the communities we serve. 🐾

**STEVE RASMUSSEN**  
CEO/GENERAL MANAGER



**ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:** Adams Electric Cooperative held its annual business meeting and drive-thru events May 7 and 8. Members were able to cast their ballots in the director elections as well as pick up to-go meals, a copy of the 2024-2025 annual report and a commemorative 85th anniversary gift. Left: Volunteers Carr Marks and Deb Sites, who serve on the 2025 Credentials & Election Committee, collect ballots from members at the Gettysburg drive-thru. Below: Employees Meredith Miller, Noah Staub, and Wes Ashton check in attendees at the York District drive-thru and offer treats to their furry friends.



## Help Us Give Back on Our 85th Anniversary

**WE'VE HEARD HOW MUCH OUR** members enjoy our drive-thru dinners, so we're doing it again! Come and help us celebrate our 85th anniversary between 2 and 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21.

We will hold a drive-thru at each of our district offices in Gettysburg, Shippensburg and York on the same date. Please register at [adamsec.coop/85thanniversary](http://adamsec.coop/85thanniversary) or use the bottom portion of our event advertisement on the opposite page to submit your registration.

Registration is required by July 1 to receive the carry-out meal, which will be provided to each person in the vehicle.

If you bring items to donate to New Hope Ministries, our Hardship Fund provider, we will have a special gift for you. Scratch off and win one of several small 85th anniversary tokens of appreciation, such as pens, stickers, magnets, and more.

The items we collect will be our

way of giving back to the community that has given so much to us over the last 85 years. The New Hope locations across our service territory will

receive all items to restock their food and supply pantries.

We hope you'll join us! 🍷



### Food Pantry Grocery List

- ☐ Applesauce
- ☐ Boxed meal mixes (chicken helpers; home style bakes)
- ☐ Breakfast cereals and pancake mix, instant oatmeal
- ☐ **Canned chicken, tuna or beef stew**
- ☐ **Canned fruit and fruit cups**
- ☐ Canned milk
- ☐ Canned ravioli or other canned pasta
- ☐ **Canned vegetables**
- ☐ Cookies or cookie mix
- ☐ Dry milk, flour; sugar; brown sugar
- ☐ Ground coffee; tea bags; iced tea mix
- ☐ Infant formula
- ☐ Instant potatoes; rice mixes
- ☐ **Juice and juice boxes**
- ☐ **Ketchup and mustard**
- ☐ Mayonnaise, Miracle Whip
- ☐ Muffin, cake, bread mixes
- ☐ Pancake syrup
- ☐ **Peanut Butter**
- ☐ Powdered drink mixes
- ☐ Pudding or Jell-O

- ☐ Raisins
- ☐ Vegetable oil, including spray
- ☐ Pasta
- ☐ Macaroni and cheese
- ☐ Jelly or jam
- ☐ Canned gravy
- ☐ Saltine crackers; snack crackers
- ☐ Salt, pepper
- ☐ Popcorn

#### Cleaning and Hygiene items

- ☐ Bar soap
- ☐ Deodorant (men's and women's)
- ☐ **Diapers, wipes, diaper cream**
- ☐ Dish soap
- ☐ Disposable razors (men's and women's)
- ☐ **Feminine hygiene products**
- ☐ **Laundry detergent**
- ☐ **Shampoo**
- ☐ Shaving cream
- ☐ **Toilet paper; paper towels**
- ☐ Toothpaste
- ☐ Toothbrushes



**MEMBER MEETINGS:** Getting out and about in our communities is important to the co-op mission. In March, Adams Electric Cooperative hosted member meetings in all three districts, including one at the Wyndham Gettysburg, shown above. We had 1,250 guests in attendance among the three meetings. Each gathering included a program with reports by a director, the Credentials & Election Committee, the CEO and a panel discussion from the directors.

## Lineman promoted

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Adam Waldron of Aspers, who earned a promotion to journeyman first class in the operations department at the Gettysburg District, effective March 18. He started with Adams in 2013.



**ADAM WALDRON**

You're Invited!



**85 YEARS  
STRONG:**

BUILDING ON A LEGACY TO

**POWER  
THE FUTURE**

# Adams Electric's 85th Anniversary Celebration!

## Aug. 21, 2025

Pre-registration is required!



Bring a non-perishable  
donation for New Hope  
Ministries food pantry and  
get a scratch-off ticket for a  
**FREE GIFT.**

## RSVP by July 1, 2025

**CHOOSE ONE DRIVE-THRU EVENT:** SELECT A TIME BLOCK AT THE LOCATION YOU PLAN TO ATTEND  
(If a time block fills up, you may be asked to choose another option.)

DATE	LOCATION	2-3 p.m.	3-4 p.m.	4-5 p.m.
Aug. 21	York District drive-thru, 200 Trinity Road			
Aug. 21	Shippensburg District drive-thru, 10 Duncan Road			
Aug. 21	Gettysburg District drive-thru, 1338 Biglerville Road			

How many members (meals) will be attending the drive-thru? \_\_\_\_\_

## PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED!

Registration also available:  
call 1-800-726-2324  
or visit [adamsec.coop](http://adamsec.coop)



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Note: By registering, I/we agree to receive to any phone numbers on my/our accounts, periodic: (a) auto-dialed voice calls; (b) artificial or prerecorded voice calls; and/or (c) SMS and/or text messages, about meeting information, alerts, changes, and reminders. I understand my consent is not a condition of registration, and I may opt-out of such communications at any time. Data and message rates may apply. Photos, video, and audio of you may be taken throughout this event. Your attendance indicates your agreement for any photos, video, and audio recorded of you to be used without written consent for co-op purposes.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

ACCOUNT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_