



Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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The Energizer

The History of Electric Co-ops

What Exactly is an Electric Cooperative? Co-ops were developed to fill a need not addressed by other kinds of businesses. One of every four Americans is a member of a cooperative. The history of the Rural Electric Cooperatives is one of the greatest American success stories.

Take a minute and imagine what your life would be like without electricity. Then think about what rural areas throughout New York must have been like without electricity 75+ years ago.

As late as the mid-1930s, nine out of 10 rural homes were without electric service. The farmer milked his cows by hand in the dim light of a kerosene lantern. His wife was a slave to the wood range and washboard. The unavailability of electricity in rural areas kept their economies entirely and exclusively dependent on agriculture. Factories and businesses, of course preferred to locate in cities where electric power was easily acquired. For many years, power companies ignored the rural areas of the nation.

The Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. was formed in 1941 by rural people in Steuben County, who were told by the local power company that it was uneconomical to serve them. The Cooperative used funds from the Rural Electrification Administration (REA), Washington DC to build electric lines and provide service on a not for profit basis. We are a member - owned Cooperative. You, as a member, will have an ownership share in your electric company.

Our members in Cherry Creek joined the Cooperative in 1970 when the Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Electric Cooperative and the Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. merged. Today, Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. serves members in Steuben, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus and Schuyler counties covering a total of 1,040 square miles.

Nationwide, there are over 900 electric cooperatives operating today. Each one is a locally-owned business, incorporated under the laws of the state in which it operates. Consumers who receive service are members and share the responsibility for making it a success.

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Welcome to Bryant Dillon and Katie Smith!

Steuben Rural Electric Directors and Employees extend a warm welcome to Bryant and Katie.



Bryant recently joined the Steuben REC team in December 2014 as our new CFO.

After graduating from Elmira College with a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting, he obtained his CPA while working with a local firm.

Bryant currently lives in Corning and enjoys spending time with his wife and daughter. Bryant states, "I am very enthusiastic about joining the Cooperative team and look forward to serving our members."



Katie joined the Steuben REC team in July 2014 as the Cherry Creek Senior Branch office clerk.

Katie joined us from the NYS Department of Labor. She brings multiple years of customer service expertise and a Bachelor's in Communication Disorders from SUNY Fredonia.

Katie and her husband Dan reside in Cherry Creek with their two daughters, Brooklyn and Cora. While not busy at work, Katie enjoys crafting, baking, sports and hanging out with family and friends.

SREC Promotes Gauss, Murray, Cleveland & Luther

Steuben Rural Electric is happy to announce the promotions of the following employees:

SREC Lineman 1st Class, Joshua Gauss has been promoted to Operations Manager. Joshua started working at the Cooperative in 2000.

SREC Member Service Representative, Emily Murray has been promoted to Staking Technician. Emily started working at the Cooperative in 2006.

SREC Senior Cashier, Kristen Cleveland has been promoted to Member Service Representative. Kristen started working at the Cooperative in 2010.

SREC Receptionist/Cashier, Lisa Luther has been promoted to Senior Cashier. Lisa started working at the Cooperative in 2011.

11th Grade Student Wanted for Legislative Conference

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SREC announces an exciting opportunity for 11th grade students. Annually, SREC sponsors a "Legislative Youth Delegate". If selected, the student will travel to Washington D.C. to meet with our nation's political leaders and learn about our nation's legislative process. This year the tour will take place Sunday, May 3 to Tuesday, May 5, 2015. The student and other Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. delegates will travel to Washington, DC on Saturday, May 2nd and return to Bath on Wednesday, May 6th.

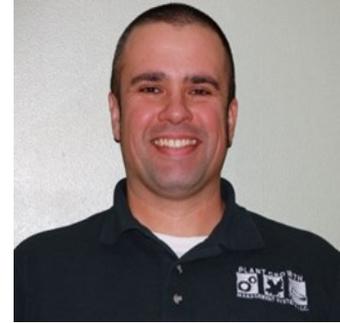
The conference is a national lobbying effort by our nation's rural electric Cooperatives to inform our Members of Congress and/or their staffs about rural electric issues and other important issues affecting rural areas like those in Steuben, Schuyler, Cattaraugus and Chautauqua counties. This is an excellent learning opportunity for students. He or she will gain first-hand experience in how our national government works. Time will also be reserved for visits to historical sites in Washington. This opportunity is an "all-expense-paid" trip except for general spending money that the student may elect to spend on souvenirs and incidentals.

All student applicants must be in the 11th grade and must live in a home served by Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. To receive application materials or more information, contact Kristen Cleveland at (607) 776-4161 ext. 118. The completed application packet must be received by the Cooperative no later than March 24th.

Right of Way – Plant Growth Management Systems

2014 Right of Way Recap

Steuben REC's right of way tree maintenance program was able to complete nearly 5,382 hand-cut tree and brush units and clear 448 spans of primary distribution using mechanical clearing machines for all routine maintenance and construction work projects in 2014. In addition to this work, tall growing vegetation was controlled on approximately 958 spans using low-volume, broadleaf herbicide in the rights of way. The majority of maintenance resources were devoted to working on the south circuit of the Marshall Warriner substation in Bath, and the Conewango Substation in Cherry Creek. Also, some time was spent completing mechanical clearing operations on the Lindley Substation.



2015 Plan

The focus of right of way maintenance for 2015 will be on completing the Marshall Warriner Substation. The remaining 35% of the south circuit of the Marshall Warriner Substation will be completed during the first quarter of 2015, and then the focus will shift to the north circuit of Marshall Warriner. ROW clearing in Cherry Creek will be focused on completing a minimal amount of clearing on the Conewango Substation with the majority of work conducted on the south circuit of the Mile-strip Substation. Cherry Creek is currently reporting a clean system with a minimal amount of tree related outages.

Much of the success of Steuben's Right of Way program can be attributed to the cooperation of our members. I would like to thank everyone for their continued support as we work to keep your power on. Please feel free to contact me at 1-574-334-0297 with any questions pertaining to vegetation management along the right of way.

Nick Hess
Field Manager/Utility Forester

What is a Substation Transformer?



A substation transformer is used on the SREC system to provide safe and reliable electrical energy delivery. Substation transformers are much larger, physically, and weigh significantly more than distribution or regulating transformers. Due to their size and weight, substation transformers are mounted on concrete pad foundations at all nine of SREC's substations where they are secured, maintained and protected against physical and electrical damage. Substation transformers safely change or "transform" the high voltage used to distribute power along the SREC overhead lines. Inside their steel tanks, these substation transformers contain wire coil windings and magnetic friendly steel cores to function effectively and efficiently. Additionally, these transformers contain mineral oil that helps to cool and insulate the windings and cores.

SAVE \$ for Your CO-OP

Start your year off right—get organized with ebill. Make the switch to ebill to reduce clutter and get organized. Ebill is an easy, convenient way to access your bills when you need them. If you have signed up for ebill and you still receive a paper bill in the mail, you can save your cooperative money by discontinuing the monthly mailed paper bill. To do so, log into ebill and click on the link called "Stop/Start Print Bill" along the left side of the ebill screen. Then "un-check" the box next to "Send Me A Statement By Mail." You will no longer receive a printed bill for each indicated account. Your bill will be sent electronically to the email address you have provided. If you would prefer, you can call the co-op office and ask us to make the change for you.

Explanation of Charges on Your Bill

Energy Supply Costs— The cost for the generation and transmission of power to Steuben's RECs' substations. The energy supply costs are variable. This reflects the monthly charges SREC pays for purchasing the energy used by our members monthly.

Distribution Costs— The cost of delivering the power from the transmission line through the substation to your transformer.

Customer Charge— The Customer Charge includes the costs for the transformer that serves you, the service wires to your meter, your meter and meter base, billing and customer service.

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The Trading Post

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For Sale

Trapping Supplies, Grandview Fur Center, Bill Bowdoin, Bradford, NY. Call 607-583-4600.

Timberline Insert Woodstove, EC, includes surround insert with vent cap, H-22 9/16" X W -28 9/16" Set Back 14 1/2", \$500, Call 607-962-3651.

Hunting and Trapping Supplies, Animal Lures, Deer Lures, Baits, Cover Scents, Supply Catalog \$1.00. Bill Russ Trading Post Store, 25 William St, Addison NY 14801.

4ft Clod Buster, call 607-776-6570.

1994 Short hood 379 Peterbilt Sleeper 63" - \$1000, Cab-\$1800, Radiator (complete) - \$1000, Front & Rear rear-cut off eaton 402 Ratio 336-\$1500. Front axle-Springs & St. box-\$800. Call Kevin at 607-324-0785 and leave message.

Clearing out seasonal cabin, incinolet electric toilet infrequently used, purchased 2007 w/supplies & breaker box-\$1200, 1993 30" electric stove-\$100, older frig runs-\$75 all in working order. Cash only, call 607-324-3324 and leave message.

Customer built truck cap with tool box compartments on each side, fits 8' box-black \$150, 3 sections of triple wall pipe for wood stove chimney, sections are used, 46" in length & 6" diameter-\$50 each firm, used refrigerator (frost free) \$85, wooden shed 8 w x 16 l x 8 h needs repair \$600, 1985 Chevy 22ft Box Van, excellent for storage, 454 CI Engine, Van is complete, sold as parts vehicle (7'wide-7' height) \$2000. Call Mark at 607-661-6348 before 7pm.

10x35 Mobile home frame & axle-reasonable offer accepted, pink mobile home bathtub, toilet & sink-\$50 or best offer for all three, whirlpool air conditioner with remote (17,800 btu's-needs 220 volts) - \$200 or best offer, magnetic mattress pad, queen size-\$50 or best offer, many new parts for 1998-2002 GMC Jimmy SUV or pick up truck with 4.3 liter engine-call for list & prices. Please phone 607-523-7320 for details.

New Year's Special

50% off Lightbulbs

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Wanted

Raw Fur and Deer Hides. Grandview Fur Center, Bill Bowdoin, Bradford, NY. Call 607-583-4600.

3 PL 6 or 7ft Disc., 3 PT 2 Section Drag. Also house trailer tires with wheels. Call 607-776-6570.

House/Mobile Home on its own lot in need of repair, cash sale. Will also consider financially distressed properties. Call Mark at 607-661-6348 before 7pm.

Miscellaneous

The Cala Lily Yarn Shop is open! Beautiful yarns, notions, and gift items, 10% off all regularly priced yarn to members with co-op connections card. Open Sept-June T/Th 4:30-8:00, Sat 10-3 and July/Aug T/Th 4:30-8:00, Weds/Sat 10-3. Call 716-397-9478.

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Steuben REC, Inc.

9 Wilson Ave

Bath, NY 14810

Attention: Kristen Cleveland

kcleland@steubenrec.com



Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month

When buying a new appliance, check the black and yellow EnergyGuide label. This label provides an estimate of the product's energy consumption and efficiency. It also shows the highest and lowest energy efficiency estimates of similar models. Most major appliances—such as refrigerators, dishwashers, and clothes dryers—are required to have these labels.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy

District Contact Information

Bath District Office

9 Wilson Avenue
Bath, NY 14810
1-800-843-3414

Cherry Creek District Office

5966 South Road
Cherry Creek, NY
14723
1-800-883-8236

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