

THE ENERGIZER

May 2017

STEUBEN RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.



General Manager's Message of Appreciation and Recognition

On Tuesday, April 18th, we held an Employee Appreciation Event for all employees. Since both the National Lineman Appreciation Day and the National Administrative Professionals Day are celebrated in April, we decided to join and celebrate both events together this year.

Our Linemen and Line Department employees, dedicate their lives to keeping the power on in our local communities. A total of eleven (11) Lineman maintain 1,200 miles of line, running primarily through the counties of Steuben, Schuyler, Cattaraugus and Chautauqua, in townships such as Wayland, Cohocton, Fremont, Avoca, Hornellsville, Hartsville, Greenwood, West Union, Cameron, Howard, Urbana, Wayne, Bradford, Hornby, Orange, Bath, Canisteo, Jasper, Troupsburg, Woodhull, Thurston, Campbell, Rathbone, Addison, Erwin, Corning, Tuscarora, Lindley, Conewango, Dayton, Leon, Napoli, New Albion, Arkwright, Cherry Creek, Ellington, Gerry, Hanover, and Villenova. Since over half of the employees making up our line crews have been with the Cooperative for over 30 years, they know these rural areas, the places you call home, like the back of their hands.

These Linemen frequently brave dangerous and challenging conditions to repair damaged lines and maintain the system's critical infrastructure, no matter the time of day or night, on a weekday or a weekend—if the lights go out, so do they. Perhaps you have seen them raising their bucket trucks in howling winds and torrential rains, or in freezing, icy conditions. They work around the clock near high-voltage power lines until electricity is restored to every member in our Co-op community.

The Lineman rely heavily on the sup-

port of other line department employees, who serve in positions such as laborer, garage mechanic, staking technician, operations administrative assistant, and stores and facilities clerk. We are proud of the men and women who make our lives a little brighter and safer each day!

We also depend on our Administrative Professionals to keep our Cooperative running smoothly. These employees are deserving of recognition for the services each performs in connection with positions such as receptionist, billing clerk, IT/payroll/benefits specialist, bookkeeper, member services representative, and senior branch office clerk. From assisting co-workers with benefit and payroll issues, maintaining technology and keeping member information safe, answering member concerns and questions, rendering billing statements and taking member payments, and delivering messages to keep members informed of critical information, our employees understand the Co-op difference and appreciate our mission-oriented operating principles. We thank them for their dedication and commitment to each other and to all members of the Cooperative.

This article would not be complete without recognizing members of management who are charged with furthering the strategic mission and goals set by the Board of Directors every year. These individuals serve in positions such as executive and administrative assistant, finance manager, operations/line superintendent, and vegetation manager.

It is also important to recognize the nine (9) dedicated individuals who make up the board of directors. The Cooperative is governed by this board of directors, elected by you - the membership, to provide strategic direction

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Board of Directors:

James R. McCormick - President
Jennifer Thurber - Vice President
Janice L. Hoad - Secretary
Robert V. Nichols - Treasurer
Gordon Foster
Joseph Hauryski
Gary Brockway
William H. Moss, III
Randy Stankey

Office Closings:

May, 29, 2017
July 4, 2017

and guidance to ensure that we, the employees, continue to serve the interests of you, the member-owner. Being a Co-op board director requires a real commitment of time and effort, and an attitude of being a servant leader.

In conclusion, I hope you will join me in recognizing all the individuals mentioned, who together make up your Cooperative, and who day in and day out, seek to make a real contribution to the membership and to our communities.

Legislative Youth Tour 2017 Delegate

Annually, SREC sponsors a "Legislative Youth Delegate". The selected youth delegate receives an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C.

Alexis Nowicki of Bradford Central School was selected by the SREC Board of Directors to be the Cooperative's 2017 Legislative Youth Delegate. Alexis is the daughter of Donald and Melissa Nowicki of Campbell.

As a youth delegate, Alexis accompanied SREC Board of Directors and the General Manager to Washington, D.C. She joined representatives from New York's other rural electric co-ops

in meetings with Congressional leaders on Capitol Hill.

This year's Legislative conference took place from April 23 - April 26.

Alexis is a member of the Class of 2018 at Bradford Central School. She is the Secretary for Student Council, a member of Academic All-Stars, Vice-President of National Honor Society, a member of both band and chorus, and a participant for the Envir-o-thon.

Alexis also spends countless hours during the summer in the hay fields; raking the hay or unloading the bales of hay.

Alexis stated, "Today's youth are the future and maybe it is a small step in gaining insight on the day to day running of our country, something textbooks cannot always teach. Maybe if the youth are given opportunities to meet with fellow legislators we may want to get more involved in our local communities; see what programs are in place now, what changes we would like to see in the future, and if any programs need restructuring."

"Perhaps, programs like the one SREC is offering may help increase youth involvement and volunteerism in our local area."

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May Billing Reminder

As a brief reminder, you will begin to see a new charge for Zero Emissions Credits ("ZECs") on your May bill.

This charge is being implemented as a result of the New York Public Service Commission's August 1st order, adopting the Clean Energy Standard.

For more information on the ZECs or the Clean Energy Standard, please refer to the December newsletter.

Archived newsletters can be found on the Cooperative's website at www.steubenrec.coop.



In the picture above are the four student delegates from New York State sight seeing at the Lincoln Memorial. From left to right is: Molly Gavett (DCEC), Molly Head (OMEC), Corbin Learned (OMEC) and Alexis Nowicki (SREC). Not pictured is Owen Kennedy from OTSEGO.

"In accordance with the provisions of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations, the Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. is required to permit a residential customer to designate, in writing, a third party to receive a copy of every notice of discontinuance of service to the customer, provided that such third party indicated in writing a willingness to receive such notices. If you wish to designate a third party to receive these notices, please contact the main office at (607) 776-4161 for a copy of the applicable paperwork."

SREC Welcomes New Employees



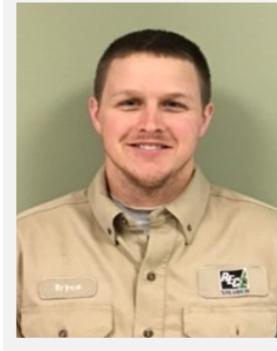
sor. Prior to 2017 Nick worked as a subcontractor for SREC in a similar capacity.

Nick has a forestry degree from Penn State and is a certified arborist through the International Society of Arboriculture.

When not at work Nick enjoys spending time with his wife and three children.

Please join us in welcoming Nick to the Cooperative.

Nick Hess joined the SREC team on February 27th as the Operations and Right-of-Way Supervi-



Bryce is a graduate of the Southeast Lineman Training Center and completed the electrical line work program through Northeast Public Power Association.

Bryce previously worked for Bath Electric & Gas as a lineman.

Bryce and his wife reside in Hornell with their two children. When not at work Bryce enjoys spending time with his family and racing.

Please join us in welcoming Bryce to the Cooperative.

Bryce Davis joined the SREC team on March 13th as a Lineman in the co-ops Bath office.

A Note About Ash Trees

Ash trees are dying in large numbers along the SREC system due to a beetle called the Emerald Ash Borer. We are addressing dead and dying trees as well as other types of trees that threaten our system through the efforts of our right-of-way program and internal line crews.

The large volume of dead and dying ash trees coupled with the vast miles of overhead primary lines on our system prohibit us from being able to remove all the dead ash trees in the Cooperative's right-of-way at one time. Many ash will fall or drop large limbs before we can get to them.

SREC is responsible for keeping our right-of-way as clear as possible to

minimize outages and keep your power on. If an ash tree or any type of tree is a threat to our system, and cannot be safely removed by an accredited and insured tree service, then the tree(s) will be assessed by cooperative personnel. If the assessor agrees the tree is a threat that cannot be safely addressed by a private tree service, then the tree will be placed on a list based on urgency of removal.

Cooperative personnel or subcontractors will make arrangements to cut the tree below the line. The homeowner is then responsible for hiring a private tree company to finish the removal of the tree and clean up the material on the ground.

For dead ash trees or other trees that are on your property, but do not threaten the Cooperative's system, you - the homeowner, are responsible for their removal.

Again, our main focus is to minimize outages caused by this devastating beetle. For more information about Emerald Ash Borer please visit <http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/7253.html#Linkstogeneral>.

Nick Hess - Utility Forester and Operations Right-of-Way Supervisor.

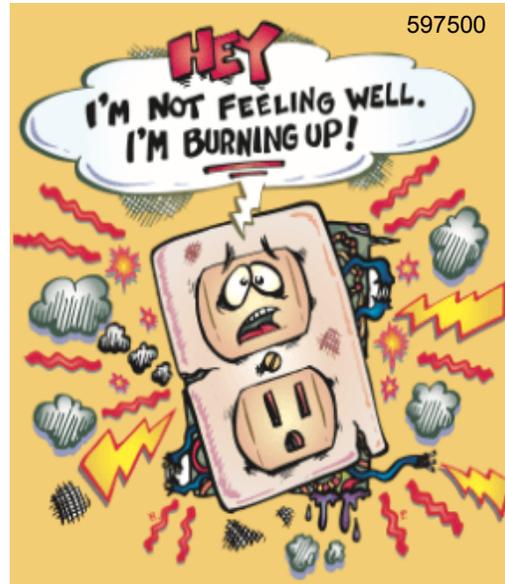


May is National Electrical Safety Month

Safety is the number one priority at Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative and we would like to remind you, our members, that May is Electrical Safety Month.

Did you know that electricity is the cause of more than 140,000 fires each year, resulting in more than 500 deaths, 4,000 injuries and \$1.6 billion in property damage? Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) has some helpful tips to help you safeguard your home:

- Test smoke detectors every month to ensure they are properly working.
- Using a window A/C unit this summer? Make sure the electrical circuit and outlet are able to handle the load.
- Light bulbs with wattages that are too high for the light fixture can overheat the fixture, causing a fire hazard.
- Surge protectors are used to protect your computer and other electrical equipment from damage caused by voltage changes. If you are relying heavily on power strips, it might be an indication you have too few outlets to address your needs.
- Extension cords should not be used to provide power on a long term or permanent basis. If you are using several extension cords, you should look into additional outlets installed by a qualified, licensed electrician.
- Make sure the proper type plug is in each outlet. Never force a plug into an outlet if it doesn't fit. This could lead to fire or shock.
- Appliances can pose hazards if not properly cleaned and maintained. When was the last time you thought about your dryer as a fire hazard? Clean the lint filter before and after each use to reduce the chances of a fire starting and to increase the energy efficiency.



Listed below are some of the warning signs that we want to make you aware of:

- Dimming or flickering lights
- Sizzle or buzzing sounds
- Odor of overheated plastic
- Plugs that pull out of the receptacle easily
- Flashes or showers of sparks
- Hot switch plates and outlet covers
- Fuses burn out or circuit breakers need resetting frequently



If you have any of these indicators that something is wrong, call your electrician to check to see what the cause may be.



A smarter way to pay and manage your account



Manage your electric account 24/7 by
accessing SmartHub at www.steubenrec.coop.

Nominating Committee - 2017

<p>District 1 JAMES R. MCCORMICK</p> <p>Mr. Curt R. Williamson 992 County Route 62 Greenwood, NY 14839 607-225-9907 (Home) 607-590-8072 (Cell)</p>	<p>District 2 JANICE L. HOAD</p> <p>Mrs. Donna Bossick 5416 Stone House Road Cameron, NY 14819 607-794-0281</p>	<p>District 3 JOSEPH HAURYSKI</p> <p>Camelia Oswald 2570 Yawger Hill Road Bradford, NY 14815 607-583-7331</p>
<p>District 4 GARY BROCKWAY</p> <p>Mr. Walter Longwell 7582 Telegraph Road Bath, NY 14810 607-776-4938</p>	<p>District 5 JENNIFER THURBER</p> <p>Mr. Loren Hayes 3780 County Road 21 Cameron, NY 14819 607-695-2340</p>	<p>District 6 GORDON FOSTER</p> <p>Mr. Willard A. Caudill 4534 County Route 11 Cameron Mills, NY 14820 607-661-3802</p>
<p>District 7 ROBERT NICHOLS</p> <p>Mary Ellen Baker 8185 County Route 5 Lindley, NY 14858 607-523-8040 (Home) 607-369-3041 (Cell)</p>	<p>District 8 RANDY STANKEY</p> <p>Patricia Bromley 12091 Ruckh Hill Road South Dayton, NY 14138 716-296-5709</p>	<p>District 9 WILLIAM MOSS, III</p> <p>John D. Robinson, Sr. 9200 Round Top Road Forestville, NY 14062 716-965-4211</p>

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Director Nomination & Election Procedures

As a member-owner of Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc., you can vote for or run for a term on the Board of Directors. Three of the nine seats will be up for election at the Annual Meeting in October:

District 3 - Joseph Hauryski; District 4 - Gary Brockway; District 6 - Gordon Foster.

Are You Eligible?

SREC encourages eligible, interested members to consider running for the Board of Directors. The qualifications are specified in the Bylaws as follows:

No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director or hold any position of trust in the Cooperative who:

1. Is not a member and domiciliary of the district within the Cooperative for which the director was elected to serve;

2. Is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise or a business selling electric energy, equipment or supplies to the Cooperative; or
3. Is an employee of the Cooperative or has been an employee of the Cooperative within five (5) years from the date of the annual meeting at which the nomination will come to a vote.
4. Is unable to read, write and speak in the English language.
5. Is not able to legally enter contracts.
6. Is a convicted felon.
7. Who has had bills owed to the Cooperative delinquent for more than ninety (90) days within the past two (2) years.

Three Ways To Run!

The first way to be placed on the ballot is to be nominated by the nominating committee. For further information please call your nominating committee appointee listed above.

The second method is by petition. Any fifteen (15) or more members acting together may make other nominations by petition not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting and the Cooperative shall post such nominations under the direction of the Secretary of the Board of Directors, at the same place where the list of nominations made by the committee is posted.

The last method is to be nominated from the floor at the annual meeting.

For more information on meeting dates, forms, etc. call the Bath office at 1-800-843-3414 ext. 114.

STEBEN RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

Bath Office
9 Wilson Ave
Bath, NY 14801
Phone: 607-776-4161
Phone: 800-843-3414

Office Hours: (M-F) 7:30-4:00 pm

Cherry Creek Office
5966 South Rd
Cherry Creek, NY 14723

Phone: 716-287-3602
Phone: 800-883-8236

Office Hours: (M-F) 7:00-3:30 pm



Cherry Creek Office
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To advertise in the next issue of The Energizer, please mail or email your ad by July 10, 2017 to:

Steuben REC, Inc.
9 Wilson Ave
Bath, NY 14810
Attn: Kristen Cleveland
kcleland@steubenrec.com

The Trading Post

For Sale

Red Wing Men's Supersole 11 inch pull on steel toe work boot. Pecos style 2231, new never worn, still in the box. Size 11 1/2 EEE - \$100; Gander Mountain Guide Series Storm Tech20 camouflage waterproof insulated winter jacket. In very good condition, Size XL - \$60. Call 607-225-4694.

Painting equipment for sale: 6 step ladders (4-8ft); 10 extension ladders (16-34ft); 16ft aluminum plank; ladder jacks extensions, 1 pivot & 1 roof hook; drop clothes; 25 paint brushes (some new). All for \$1800. Call 315-589-2782.

Cedar cabinet with glass doors (6'x2'd). Great for a man cave - \$50. Call 607-776-2078.

Medium sized wood stove, (6) cords of free wood included - \$125. Call 607-776-4847.

289 Mustang engine out of a 1965 2+2 with lots of extra's and a pallet full of mustang parts - \$1500 for all or will separate. Call 585-403-0438.

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

Animal lures & baits, deer lures & cover scents, hunting & trapping supplies. Supply catalog-\$1.00. Bill Russ Trading Post Store, 25 William St, Addison NY 14801.

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. Country Shop open March-December, Wednesday & Saturday, 10-3 and Thursday, 4:30-8:30. Closed Jan & Feb. Call 716-397-9478.

Welder hats & doo rags. Hand made in many patterns including sports. Embroidery also available on plain colored hats. Many designs, including IBEW and fist

with lighting bolts. Have your local # and name embroidered on your hat or doo rag. Call or text for pricing, free shipping is available. SEW MANY THINGS By Judy. Call 912-655-8336. Also search for me on Facebook.

ANN's Housekeeping & Cleaning Service, "Old Fashion Cleaning, We Get In All The Corners". References and reliable! Homes, offices, cottages, parties & seasonal cleaning. Call 607-329-4906. Gift certificates available.

Custom Welding - aluminum, stainless and brazing. Light fabrication & repair. Call for appointment at 607-776-8018.

Wanted

Raw fur and deer hides. Grandview Fur Center, Bill Bowdoin, Bradford, NY. Call 607-583-4600.

"Fatso" wood stove. Call 716-410-0315.

Happy Hunting!
In the body of this newsletter are five (5) account numbers. If you find your account number in this newsletter call the office within fifteen (15) days and your account will be credited \$10.00.



71st Annual Meeting
Saturday, October 14, 2017
Canisteo-Greenwood High School