



The Energizer

MAY 2021 | STEUBEN RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

Office Locations

Bath District Office
9 Wilson Ave
Bath, NY 14810
(607) 776-4161
(800) 843-3414

Cherry Creek District Office
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Office Hours

Bath District Office
Monday - Friday
7:30 am - 4:00 pm

Cherry Creek District Office
Monday - Friday
7:00 am - 3:30 pm



- District 1 - James McCormick
- District 2 - Janice Hoad
- District 3 - Vacant
- District 4 - Gary Brockway
- District 5 - Gerald Chase Jr.
- District 6 - Gordon Foster
- District 7 - Robert Nichols
- District 8 - Randy Stankey
- District 9 - William Moss III

Lineworker Appreciation Day

America's Electric Cooperatives designated April 12th as National Lineworker Appreciation Day!



If you were asked to associate an image or a person with Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative, I bet you would picture a lineworker. One of the most visible employees of the co-op, lineworkers work tirelessly to ensure our community receives uninterrupted power 24/7.

“Lineworker” is listed as one of the top 10 most dangerous jobs in the U.S. This is understandable as they perform detailed tasks near high-voltage power lines. Regardless of the time of day, having to brave stormy weather and other challenging conditions, lineworkers must climb 40 feet in the air, often carrying heaving equipment to get the job done.

Being a lineworker is not a glamorous or easy profession. It takes years of specialized training, ongoing education, dedication, and equally important, a sense of service and commitment. How else can you explain the willingness to leave the comfort of your

home to tackle a challenging job in difficult conditions, when most are sheltering comfortably at home? This dedication and sense of service to the community is truly what sets them apart. That’s why we set aside the second Monday in April to celebrate and recognize the men and women who work around the clock to keep the lights on.

While lineworkers may be the most visible employees at Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative, it’s important to note that there is a team of highly skilled professionals working behind the scenes. Line department support staff pro-

vide ongoing expertise and guidance on the operations side of the co-op and the Office staff are always standing by to take your calls and questions. These are just a few of the folks who work together to ensure we can deliver the service and reliability you expect and deserve. Without them, our lineworkers wouldn’t be able to “bring the light” to our community.

Our dedicated and beloved lineworkers are proud to represent Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative, and they deserve all the appreciation and recognition that come their way on Lineworker Appreciation Day.

Any time you see a lineworker, I hope you’ll join me in thanking them for their exceptional service. I also hope you’ll remember that you have a dedicated team, of professionals working behind the scenes at the co-op whose commitment to service runs just as deep.



NOMINATING COMMITTEE

As a member-owner of Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative, you can vote for or run for a term on the Board of Directors. Districts 5, 7 and 8 are scheduled for election at the October 2021 annual meeting, together with the remaining two years of the three-year term for District 3.

The committee on nominations is tasked to find candidates who would make qualified directors. This is done through a meeting of the committee in which members of the committee discuss potential candidates that will accept the responsibilities of a board position, represent the interest of the cooperative's membership and meet the requirements outlined by Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative and its by-laws.

Members interested in being nominated for one of the districts listed below should contact the Bath office at (607) 776-4161 or (800) 843-3414 for more information regarding the committee, nominations and qualifications of directors. 242300

District 3:
 Urbana, Wayne, Bradford,
 Hornby, Orange
 Incumbent Director:
 Vacant
 Nominating Committee Member:
 Vacant

District 5:
 Canisteo, Jasper, Troupsburg,
 Woodhull
 Incumbent Director:
 Gerald S. Chase, Jr.
 Nominating Committee Member:
 Melinda Morgan

District 7:
 Addison, Erwin, Corning,
 Tuscarora, Lindley
 Incumbent Director:
 Robert V. Nichols
 Nominating Committee Member:
 Mary Ellen Baker

District 8:
 Cattaraugus County
 Incumbent Director:
 Randy Stankey
 Nominating Committee Member:
 Patricia Bromley

Cooperative News

Rate Increase Information

The Cooperative will be implementing a rate increase that will be effective on the July 2021 billing statements, after the traditional heating season. This increase is being implemented in accordance with Policy 218 of the Cooperative. As such, this increase will be less than 2.00% of the average 1,000 kWh residential bill.

The rate increase will be assessed on both the customer and distribution charge. The distribution charge is to recover the variable costs associated with maintaining and operating the Cooperative's distribution system to ensure reliable electricity is delivered to your home or business. The customer charge is designed to recover some of the fixed costs associated with the same. Since all our members need the distribution system available, even if they have little or no usage, we charge a base customer charge to help cover the costs of maintaining the Cooperative's system so it is there when you need it. If a member has little to no usage, there are still costs associated with operating and maintaining their line (i.e. property taxes, interest, customer service, billing etc.). A customer charge ensures that these costs are shared as equitably as possible. The overall impact of the rate increase on an average 1,000 kWh residential monthly bill will result in a \$2.41 increase.

This rate adjustment will allow the Cooperative to accomplish the goals of the 2020 budget, future forecasted system investments and offset continuously increasing costs. The Cooperative takes reliability seriously. To ensure that safe and reliable energy is delivered to your home or business when you need it, the Cooperative strategically plans continuous investments back into the system. That being said, we can assure you that the Cooperative is taking measures to decrease cost, without sacrificing service or reliability. Since December of 2014, the Cooperative has held controllable expenditures to an average of 2.19% growth, while expanding maintenance activities such as vegetation management and an increased frequency of significant storm events.

The Cooperative would like to avoid large rate increases, especially for those that are living on a fixed income. Therefore, our Board of Directors is continuously evaluating costs and rate adjustments to ensure that each member is receiving the best possible service at the least cost. As always, if you have any questions, concerns or comments please feel free to contact us anytime! We will continue to work hard to improve the quality of rural life by providing our members with low cost, reliable electricity and related services in a safe manner.

Rate Schedule	Charge	Type	Before	After
Rate Schedule 1	Customer Charge	Fixed Charge	\$ 25.75	\$ 26.95
Rate Schedule 1	Distribution Charge	Per kWh Charge	\$ 0.068100	\$ 0.069310
Rate Schedule 1A	Customer Charge	Fixed Charge	\$ 19.42	\$ 20.33
Rate Schedule 1A	Distribution Charge - Peak	Per kWh Charge	\$ 0.098768	\$ 0.100523
Rate Schedule 1A	Distribution Charge - Off Peak	Per kWh Charge	\$ 0.025822	\$ 0.026281
Rate Schedule 1B	Customer Charge	Fixed Charge	\$ 25.75	\$ 26.95
Rate Schedule 1B	Distribution Charge	Per kWh Charge	\$ 0.068100	\$ 0.069310
Rate Schedule 2	Customer Charge	Fixed Charge	\$ 48.31	\$ 50.56
Rate Schedule 2	Distribution Charge	Per kWh Charge	\$ 0.046526	\$ 0.047353
Rate Schedule 3	Customer Charge	Fixed Charge	\$ 139.26	\$ 145.75
Rate Schedule 3	Distribution Charge	Per kWh Charge	\$ 0.005217	\$ 0.005310

Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative Welcomes New Employee



Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. is pleased to announce the addition of one full-time apprentice lineman to our operations department.

Scott Jones recently joined Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative in the Bath District as an apprentice lineman on April 12, 2021. Scott is a graduate of

Naples High School. He previously worked for a local telecommunications company. He resides in the Prattburgh area.

Please join us in welcoming Scott to the Cooperative!

Welcome!

Call 811 Before You Dig

BUILDING A DECK? PLANTING A TREE? INSTALLING A POOL?



Please Make Room For
Roadside Crews

When the power goes out, so do Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative line crews. Line workers are the first to respond after an outage occurs and they work tirelessly to restore power to the communities we serve. If you're traveling and see one of our crews on the road, we kindly ask that you move over if possible and give them a little extra space to work. We deeply care about the safety of all and this extra precaution ensures just that. Utility crews aren't the only ones who could use the extra space. If you see police, fire fighters or other emergency personnel on the side of the road, please slow down and move over when possible. Together, we can keep our crews safe.

5 STEPS FOR SAFE DIGGING

Working on an outdoor project? Always call 8-1-1 first, because you never know what's below. Here are five easy steps for safe digging:

Source: call811.com

1. NOTIFY

Call 8-1-1 or make a request online two to three days before you start.



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2. WAIT

Wait two to three days for a response to your request. Affected utilities will send a locator to mark any underground utility lines.



3. CONFIRM

Confirm that all affected utilities have responded by comparing the markers to the list of utilities the 8-1-1 call center notified.



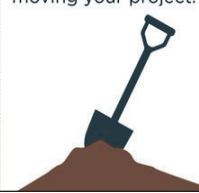
4. RESPECT

Respect the markers provided by the affected utilities. They are your guide for the duration of your project.



5. DIG CAREFULLY

If you can't avoid digging near the markers (within 18-24 inches on all sides, depending on state laws), consider moving your project.



May is National Electrical Safety Month!

CONNECTED to SAFETY
Making your Home Safe and Efficient

While safety for our members is top priority year-round, Electrical Safety Month is a time to acknowledge the importance of safety excellence.

May is National Electrical Safety Month, and Steuben Rural Electric is joining with Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) in launching its annual effort to help reduce electrically-related fatalities, injuries, and property loss. This year's campaign theme is "Connected to Safety," which educates members on the emerging technology that ensures their homes are prepared to keep up with today's energy demands.

Whether you're working from home, learning from home, or just spending more time at home, it is important to make sure your home is electrically safe, secure, and efficient. Members are

spending more time at home than ever before, so it's imperative they don't overload their electrical systems and cut energy costs where they can. For example, air conditioning contributes to 17% of average yearly home energy usage, while space heating contributes to 15%, and lighting to 10%. Heating only the areas occupied with energy-efficient space heaters and utilizing home automation to control HVAC systems can improve your heating and cooling efficiency. Using energy-saving LED light bulbs and automated lighting will further promote safe and efficient energy use.

Home safety devices, including arc-fault circuit inter-

rupters, ground-fault circuit interrupters, grounded outlets, and surge protective devices, are an essential element in any smart home. These devices keep you safe from fires, electrical shock, and costly damages from power surges. As many members consider or purchase an electric vehicle, they should be aware of safe vehicle charging practices. ESFI recommends having a qualified electrician inspect your home to ensure your electrical system can handle electrical vehicle charging.

Electrical safety awareness and education among members, families, and communities will prevent electrical fires, injuries, and deaths.

Source: ESFI



Wind Storm Friday, March 26, 2021
Bath District



Outage, Cherry Creek District



Attaching Items to Utility Poles Presents Safety Hazards

Although it may seem innocent, placing signs and other items on utility poles creates a serious safety hazard. Drive down the road and you'll see utility poles covered with a wide range of signs.

You'll see everything from no parking to directions to a graduation party, balloons or a local yard sale. We have also recently noted many deer stands, bird houses and satellite dishes on poles, which can create a significant climbing hazard.

By attaching items to poles - from the tiniest of posters to something as large as a birdhouse or deer stand - you are risking the lives of others, especially the linemen, whose jobs are already dangerous. It may not sound like a big deal, but a small nail, tack or screw partially driven into a pole can tear a lineman's

glove and clothing, compromising their safety and making them vulnerable to electrocution.

Not only do the attachments put line crews at risk, but anyone placing items on poles comes dangerously close to energized power lines.



A secondary concern is that moisture and insects get into holes surrounding nails, damaging the poles and increasing maintenance costs.

The Cooperative appreciates your help in keeping utility poles clear and our linemen safe.

For Sale: Seasoned hard wood firewood - \$50.00 per face cord. Call 607-968-0420.

For Sale: Craftsman lawn tractor 14 HP, Kohler engine, runs well, 48" mower deck. Located just outside of Bath - \$300.00. Call 585-456-4247.

For Sale: 2008 Victory Vision Premium Motorcycle, 27,653 miles, garaged, scheduled maintenance, heated seats and hand grips, toe/heel shifter, Garmin navigation and more - \$7,400.00. Call or text 540-420-5755.

For Sale: 1986 Yamaha Moped - \$550.00; 1985 Ford 4x4, 6 cylinder, Standard pickup truck - \$1000.00. Call 607-527-8891.

For Sale: No grains, all natural, grass fed Angus hamburger, very lean no fat added -\$4.00/lb. Call 585-991-9173.

For Sale: Animal lures & baits, deer lures & cover scents, hunting/trapping supplies. Supply catalog - \$1. Bill Russ Trading Post Store, 25 William St in Addison.

For Sale: Trapping Supplies. Grandview Fur Center in Bradford. Call Bill at 607-583-4600.

Wanted: Raw fur and deer hides. Grandview Fur Center in Bradford. Call Bill at 607-583-4600.

7TH ANNUAL MEETING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16TH 2021



**** SAVE THE DATE ****

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The Trading Post Rules: Only members of SREC may submit ads. Ads must be submitted by the 26th of July in order to be published in the August newsletter. You can submit ads by mailing them to Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative, 9 Wilson Ave, Bath, NY 14810 or by email to kleveland@steubenrec.com. All ads must be typed or printed clearly. Include your name and account number on all submissions. Ads are not allowed to be automatically repeated. They must be resubmitted for each issue. The co-op reserves the right to edit material for content and/or space as necessary. Ads are published on a first-received basis with no guarantee your ad will appear.

Disclaimer: Items in the Trading Post are published at the request of our members. SREC does not endorse, recommend or assume any responsibility for the products advertised.



May 31 - Memorial Day
July 5 - Independence Day
September 6 - Labor Day
October 11 - Columbus Day
November 11 - Veterans Day

THIRD PARTY NOTIFICATION

In accordance with the provisions of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations, Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative 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.



Please read your newsletter carefully. If you spot your account number hidden in this newsletter, please contact Steuben Rural Electric immediately to claim a \$10 credit on your bill!

