



The Energizer

DECEMBER 2020 | STEUBEN RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

OFFICE LOCATIONS

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

Cherry Creek District
5966 South Rd
Cherry Creek, NY 14723
(716) 296-5651
(800) 883-8236

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 - Joseph Hauryski
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

Keep the Heat on with HEAP!



Here at Steuben Rural Electric we want you to know there are resources available to help you with your electric bills. First and foremost, contact us as soon as possible if you cannot pay your bill on time. Your household may be eligible for the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP).

HEAP helps low-income New Yorkers pay for their energy bills. If your bills are more than you can handle, HEAP may be able to help you heat your home.

You may be eligible for a Regular HEAP benefit if:

- You and your household members are United States Citizens or qualified aliens and;
- Your household's gross monthly income is at or below the current income guides for your household size. The guidelines can be found at: otda.ny.gov/programs/heap or;
- You receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits or;
- You receive Temporary Assistance or;
- You receive Code A Supplemental Security Income (SSI Living Alone).

HEAP benefit amounts will vary depending on your household income and may be available even

if your heat is included in your rent. You may be eligible for a regular HEAP benefit even if you have money in the bank, stocks, bonds or other resources.

What if you have an energy emergency? If you have an energy-related emergency, such as a utility termination notice, you can apply for a HEAP emergency benefit at your local department of social services.

If you are eligible, a HEAP emergency benefit may be issued in addition to your regular HEAP benefit, if the regular benefit has been exhausted.

You may be eligible for a HEAP Emergency Benefit if:

- Your income is at or below the current income guidelines, or you receive Family Assistance, Safety Net Assistance, SNAP or Code A Supplemental Security Income, and you do not have available liquid resources to meet the emergency and;
- Your natural gas or electric heat is off or scheduled to be terminated or;
- Your electricity is necessary for your heating system to work and it is either terminated or scheduled to be terminated.

The only way to know if you qualify is to apply. Check your eligibility for a range of benefits and apply for HEAP at myBenefits.ny.gov. To find out when HEAP benefits are available during the year, visit otda.ny.gov or call 800-342-3009.

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2020 Annual Meeting Highlights



Following a great deal of thought and constant monitoring of the mandates and restrictions implemented by the State of New York related to the COVID-19 pandemic, a decision was made in late Summer to restructure the format of the Cooperative's traditional annual meeting format for this year. In light of those decisions, the Board decided to offer the members a "drive-thru" chicken barbecue as a token of appreciation for member's understanding and acceptance of the restructured format.

On Saturday, October 17, 2020 members picked up their reserved chicken barbecue dinners at the Bath and Cherry Creek Offices from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. At the time of pickup, members were provided with a calendar, information packet containing all reports that would have typically been provided during the business portion of the traditional meeting and their reserved dinners.

Stearns Poultry Farm of Alfred Station, New York provided the dinners for 650 at the Bath Office and Weidners BBQ of Eden, New York provided 260 dinners at the Cherry Creek Office. Cooperative employees and directors, ever-mindful of all personal protective equipment requirements, were on hand to register members, distribute calendars, informational packets and dinners.

The Board would like to express its thanks to Steuben County for use of its parking lot for overflow traffic, the Village of Bath Police Department for its offer to provide traffic control, and the employees for their assistance with the meeting.

In addition, the Board would like to again, extend a special thank you to the members for your understanding of the decision to postpone this year's meeting and include the 2020 reports and director elections with the 2021 annual meeting.



Holiday Message

On behalf of the employees and directors of Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc., I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a wonderful and joyous holiday season.

Reflecting on this past year, 2020 proved to be a challenging time for everyone with adjustments to the COVID-19 pandemic travel and gathering restrictions. I would like to thank each of the Cooperative's members for your patience and understanding as our offices were closed to the general public in order to protect not only the employees, but the membership as well.

Despite the unprecedented circumstances, the Cooperative had a successful year.

We successfully closed the sale of the 3.2 MW landfill gas to energy generating plant, signed the extension of the power supply agreement, implemented an outage management system, and continued to contribute to the expansion of broadband in our communities. In addition, several infrastructure projects and upgrades were completed, with others scheduled to begin in the first quarter of 2021, contributing to reliability.

In closing, I would like to thank you, the members, for your continued support and wish you a wonderful new year.

From Board President - Jim McCormick

SMART MANAGEMENT. SMART LIFE.
SMARTHUB.



**ON THE GO AND
IN CONTROL.**

MANAGE

your account

REPORT

service issues

VIEW AND PAY

your bill

RECEIVE

key notices

MONITOR

usage 24/7

...all in the palm of
your hand and
online.



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Beneficial Electrification

What is beneficial electrification? Beneficial electrification means using electricity as a power source, where it makes sense for the consumer, as an alternative to fossil fuels. Beneficial electrification is a new approach to the energy sector that looks at energy consumption across the economy.

New York State Rural Electric Cooperatives are uniquely positioned to capitalize on emerging technological advances that reduce greenhouse gas emissions in a way that is cost-effective for our members. As you are likely aware, 85% of Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative's purchased power comes from the New York Power Authority's Robert Moses Niagara Power Plant in the form of low-cost, clean, hydropower. As a result, there are several benefits when a member converts a fossil fuel appliance to electricity that is derived from a clean renewable resource. There are numerous

opportunities to reduce your carbon footprint and potentially save money in the process. Opportunities can be found in transportation, water heating, cooking and so much more!

The Cooperative looks forward to offering several fossil fuel conversion incentives that promote the concept of beneficial electrification. To be an effective beneficial electrification incentive program, it must satisfy one (or more) of the following without adversely affecting the others:

- * Saves consumers money over time;
- * Benefits the environment and reduces greenhouse gas emissions;
- * Improves product quality or consumer quality of life;
- * Fosters a more robust and resilient grid.

These 4 pillars of beneficial electrification are the key principals to ensuring that programs meet the needs of the members

and the Cooperative as a whole. Through the use of rebates and energy efficiency obtained from newer appliances, members will be incentivized to convert certain appliances as they have a tangible benefit of cost savings. Due to advances in newer technologies, many of these appliances in your home will improve the overall quality of life. Combining these with electric distribution system level technologies such as a demand side management program can lead to further savings on the cost of purchased power, which would be reflected in your energy costs on your power bills. A prime example of a demand side management is the Cooperative's water heater load control program. Whenever there is a risk of reaching a system usage peak, the receiver attached to the water heater is activated, temporarily interrupting electricity. Since the water in the electric water heater stays warm

for several hours without power, most members never even notice the temporary shutdown. Purchase power costs for utilities are largely driven on peak usage. Load control or demand response programs help to flatten that curve, resulting in lower purchase power costs being passed down to our members. These pillars of beneficial electrification also place an emphasis on solutions that are better for the environment.

Converting from carbon based fuel sources to electricity that is fueled by a renewable resource, such as hydropower, could prove to be beneficial for the environment.

Beneficial Electrification is a win for the members, a win for the Cooperative and a win for the environment. For more information on the Cooperative's energy efficiency and beneficial electrifications programs, please visit our website at steubenrec.coop.

Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative is pleased to announce the addition of four lineman to our Line Department.



Kevin Hunt joined the SREC team on July 20, 2020 as a Line Apprentice I in the Cherry Creek District. Kevin is a graduate of the Lineman Institute of the Northeast in Saugerties, New York. When not at work Kevin enjoys hunting, fishing and watching & playing sports. Kevin resides in South Dayton.



Robert Cornell, III joined the SREC team on August 17, 2020 as a 1st Class Lineman in the Bath District. Robert is a graduate of the Northwest Lineman College in Fairport, NY. Robert worked as a Journeyman Lineman for Northline Utilities and First Energy, Penelec. Robert resides in Andover.



Douglas Smith joined the SREC team on August 31, 2020 as a 2nd Class Lineman in the Bath District. Douglas is a graduate of the Southeast Lineman Training Center in Trenton, Georgia. Douglas worked at Harlan Electric and Thayer Power & Communications. Douglas resides in Hornell.



Trenton LaBarr joined the SREC team on September 8, 2020 as a Line Apprentice II in the Bath District. Trenton is a graduate of the Southeast Lineman Training Center in Trenton, Georgia. Trenton worked at BNF Powerline Construction. Trenton resides in Campbell. 769400

THE TRADING POST

For Sale: Water Quest 14 ft. canoe with 2 brand new adult life vests, 3 padded seats and 2 paddles included - \$125 or best offer; Hoyt USA Rebel XT 60 lb. left-handed bow with sights, hand release and 3 target arrows. Case included - \$150 or best offer. Call 607-377-2546.

For Sale: 1998 Jeep Wrangler rims, original equipment 4 rims - \$100; 2018 Steel Basket Cargo carrier, 500 lb. capacity, 5 ft. x 1 1/2 ft. x 6 in., fits 2" receiver, like new - \$50. Call 607-776-5271.

For Sale: Old Hoosier kitchen cabinet w/flour bin & oak cutting board, needs re-doing - \$125; 5 drawer metal filing cabinet - \$65; parts for '62 Chevy C-10 pickup; 1950 Norge refrigerator - \$125; four blade hunter ceiling fan - \$55; Dynamark 4.5 snow blower - \$75; 26" Diamond back 18 speed-step-through frame,

good condition - \$100; updated 1200 sq ft. (30'x40') commercial building, village of bath, parking for 10 cars - \$65,000. Call 607-661-6348.

For Sale: Seasoned hard wood firewood, \$50 per face cord. Call 607-968-0420.

Wanted: Looking for house to buy that needs repair, will consider any condition or location, prefer rural. Cash buyer. Call 607-661-6348.

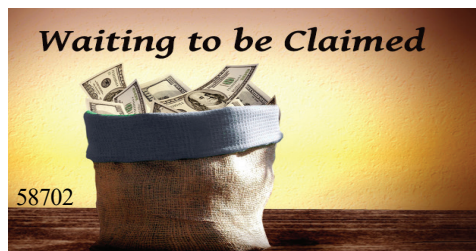
Wanted: Good used PTO or ground driven hay rake. Call 607-382-6358.

Wanted: Front end loader for John Deere 1050 tractor. Call 716-870-1142.

Wanted: Raw fur and deer hides. Call 607-583-4600.

Who may submit ads? Only members of SREC may submit ads. Ads must be submitted by January 2, 2021 for the February issue of The Energizer. You can submit ads by mailing them to Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative, 9 Wilson Ave, Bath, NY 14810 or by email to kcleland@steubenrec.com. 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.



CHECK THE LIST... Unclaimed Capital Credits

A list of unclaimed capital credit checks can be found at www.steubenrec.coop/content/unclaimed-capital-credits

STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION

Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. is an equal opportunity provider and employer. In accordance with Federal civil rights laws and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its agencies, offices and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, domestic violence victim status, family/parental status, salary history, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the responsible Agency or USDA's TARGET center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender.



Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Day
Dec. 25 - Christmas Day
Jan. 1 - New Year's Day
Jan. 18 - Martin Luther King Jr.
Feb. 15 - Presidents' 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!

