
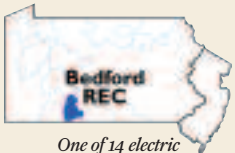


Bedford Rural Electric Cooperative

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 



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Monday through Friday
7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Join us for cooperative's 69th annual meeting



Brooks Shoemaker
General Manager

THE COOPERATIVE'S 69th annual meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 9, at Heartland Hall, 2.5 miles north of the Bedford turnpike interchange, on Business Route 220, near Cessna. Registration starts at 12:30 p.m., and the meeting begins at 1:30.

Each year, the annual meeting is the defining moment for all cooperatives

across the United States. Why? Because it presents the opportunity for voting members to democratically control the future of their cooperative. Each member, young or old, large or small user of electricity, has an equal voice by voting for his or her member-representatives, the board of directors. What better way to map the future of the organization than by helping to decide who sits on the nine-member board of directors?

Directors are elected for three-year terms, with three of the nine seats up for election each year. The following pages contain profiles of the seven candidates vying for the three director seats being contested this year. Candidates were either selected by the nominating committee or they submitted a petition signed by 15 fellow members requesting they be added to the ballot. Additional nominations may be made from the floor during the meeting.

Mark your calendars now and plan to join us on April 9. The official notice of the meeting will be mailed to you in late March. To simplify registration, please tear off the bottom section of the notice and bring it with you to the meeting. Remember, every vote counts!

During the registration hour, atten-


dees may take advantage of free blood pressure screenings. Light refreshments will be served and every registered member will receive a small gift. Be sure to visit the display area for industry-related safety and efficiency information.

Again this year, we have scheduled entertainment instead of a guest speaker. The performing duo of "Dan & Galla" advertises itself as a "fun musical show for all ages." The two performers have been featured on TNN, and have appeared at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville and Caesars in Atlantic City. Galla embraces her Russian heritage by playing her three-stringed balalaika. She also plays the guitar, flute and ukulele. Dan is an accomplished pianist and also plays the keyboard and accordion. Their unique vocals define their sound.

Interesting tidbit

To earn the ENERGY STAR designation, compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) must provide at least three times more light output per watt than standard incandescent bulbs, which means you get the same amount of light for one-third of the energy cost. They also must turn on instantly, produce no humming sound and fall within the warm color range. With an average rated life of 8,000 hours, a CFL that is used three hours per day lasts about seven years. Since CFLs are economical and use less energy, the initial purchase price is usually recovered during the first year of use!

Energy efficiency tip of the month

Replacing a 1990 model refrigerator with an ENERGY STAR model will save enough energy to light the average household for four and one-half months! 

Director Nominees

Following are profiles of cooperative members nominated for the three seats up for election this year on the Bedford REC Board of Directors. Elections will be held at the Bedford REC Annual Meeting, set for April 9, 2008, at Heartland Hall, Bedford, Pa.



DISTRICT 1
REUBEN R. LAFFERTY

Reuben R. Lafferty currently represents District 1 and serves as treasurer on the Bedford Rural Electric Cooperative Board of Directors. A graduate of Hyndman High School, he served for six years in the United States Marine Corps and 17 years in the United States Army Reserve. He retired from Bedford Farm Bureau as a deliveryman.

Lafferty and his wife, Barbara, reside at 130 Minnesota Road, Manns Choice. They have four children: Ruby, Don, Shannen and David. A member of Hyndman VFW, Bedford Masonic Blue Lodge No. 320 F&AM, Harrisburg Consistory and the Bedford County Detachment Marine Corps League, he enjoys hunting and the outdoors in his spare time.



DISTRICT 1
HORACE H. DRAKE

Horace H. Drake, a director nominee in District 1, retired from Roadway and Morris International, Inc. and works part-time for Bedford Chrysler. He served in the United States Army from 1956-59.

Drake and his wife, Joyce, reside at 2099 Smokey Ridge Road, Schellsburg. A member of Bedford Presbyterian Church, he enjoys hunting, fishing, NASCAR and golfing in his spare time.



DISTRICT 5
OWEN MILLER

Owen Miller currently represents District 5 and serves as president of the Bedford Rural Electric Cooperative Board of Directors. He previously served as secretary of the board from 1993 through 2003. In addition, he represents Bedford REC on the board of the Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association, the co-op's statewide service organization, and has completed all training and course work required to achieve Credentialed Cooperative Director status from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

Retired after 35 years as a maintenance supervisor in the trucking industry and as an assemblyman for JLG Industries, Miller resides with his wife, Llène, at 130 Cherry Lane, New Paris. They have three children: Dale, Karen and Lorne, and six grandchildren.

A member of the Pine Grove United Methodist Church, Miller enjoys hunting and fishing in his spare time. He attended Chestnut Ridge School District.

Director Nominees



DISTRICT 6 JOHN R. KOONTZ

John R. Koontz currently represents District 6 and has served on the Bedford Rural Electric Cooperative Board of Directors since 1999. He worked for Bedford Farm Bureau and Agway as a truck driver; attended Bedford High School, and served in the United States Army from 1956-58 and in the Pennsylvania National Guard from 1958-60.

Koontz and his wife, Evelyn, reside at 218 Shangri Lane, Bedford. They have three children: Sharon, Sheila, Shawn, and seven grandchildren. A past president of the Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society, he serves as an elder of the Pleasant Hill Bible Church. In his free moments, he enjoys listening to southern gospel music and spending time with his grandchildren.



DISTRICT 6 WILLIAM F. "B" WISE JR.

William F. "B" Wise Jr., a director nominee from District 6, serves as vice president of commercial lending at Hometown Bank of Pennsylvania. He resides at 1475 Belden Road, Bedford.

A graduate of Bedford High School, Wise received a bachelor's degree in finance with a minor in economics from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and attended the Central Atlantic School of Commercial Lending at Bucknell University.

A past president of the Bedford Jaycees, he is a member of Downtown Bedford, Inc., and the Bedford Elks Club, where he served as exalted ruler and board member. In his spare time, he enjoys hunting and golfing.



DISTRICT 6 PEGGY HENRY

Peggy Henry, a candidate for director in District 6, resides with her husband, Landon, at 1856 Imlertown Road, Bedford. They are the parents of four children: Duane, Kelly, Mark and Wanda (Detwiler), and grandparents of five.

Henry works for Greengarden, Inc., Keifer Motor Sports, and on the family's beef farm. An active member of the New Enterprise Church of the Brethren, she serves on the Bedford County Farm Service Agency Committee, and as a Bedford Township auditor and poll worker.



DISTRICT 6 J. ROY BENCE

J. Roy Bence, a candidate for director in District 6, owns and operates Bence's Farm Equipment and a family farm. He serves on the Bedford Township Ag Security Board, Bedford Area School Board and Bedford County Technical Center Board. He has received numerous awards for outstanding sales through his business.

Bence and his wife, Joyce, reside at 116 Willow Brook Lane, Bedford, and have three children: David, Sharon (Herline) and Donna (Gibbs); and three grandchildren. They attend Manns Choice Church of God, where Bence serves as a member of the church council and assistant adult Sunday School teacher. In his free moments, he enjoys hunting, fishing and spending time with his family.

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 Bedford REC's office will be closed on Fri., March 21 in observance of Good Friday.

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SERVICE: Custom Poultry Butchering. Phone Gerald Mowry, Osterburg 276-3952.

FOR SALE: Fresh dressed chickens. Phone Gerald Mowry, Osterburg 276-3952.

WANTED: Local farmer looking for land to lease in Bedford County area. Phone 484/797-2670.

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The person responsible for coordinating this organization's nondiscrimination compliance efforts is Barbara J. Duvall, human resources manager. Any individual, or specific class of individuals, who believes that this organization has subjected them to discrimination, may obtain further information about the statutes and regulations listed above and/or file a written complaint. To file a complaint of discrimination, write: USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410, or call (202) 720-5964 (voice or TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Complaints must be filed within 180 days after the alleged discrimination. Confidentiality will be maintained to the extent possible.

Brooks Shoemaker
 General Manager

TROUBLE CALL SCHEDULE

In case of trouble ...

First Check your fuses or circuit breakers.

Second Check with your neighbors, if convenient, to see if they have been affected by the power failure.

Third **Call 24-hour number, 623-7568**
OR call 1-800-808-2732 during office hours -

Please help us save money - only use this number if toll charges apply.

Please give person receiving call your name as it appears on your bill, your telephone number and your map number if known. Any specific information about the outage will also be helpful in pinpointing the problem.

Alternate numbers ...

Ed Hankinson	Week of March 3	733-2495
Scott Bischof	Week of March 10	839-4640
Gary Lafferty	Week of March 17	842-9925
Scott Shook	Week of March 24	623-2395
John Karns	Week of March 31	977-5109
Troy Mock	Week of April 7	276-9759

In case you cannot reach any of the above ... Call:

Jim Wood	Bedford.....	623-6121
James Clark	Everett	652-9791
Mark Rowan	Bedford.....	623-7890

During widespread power outages, many members are calling to report power failures, so you may receive a busy signal. Please be patient and try again in a few minutes.