
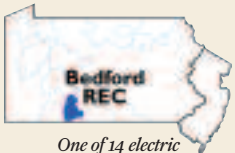


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Monday through Friday
7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Cooperative's 71st annual meeting



by Brooks Shoemaker
General Manager

THE COOPERATIVE'S 71st annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 14, 2010, at Heartland Hall, which is located 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 p.m.

During the registration hour, attendees may take advantage of free blood pressure screening. Light refreshments will be served and every registered member receives a small gift. Be sure to visit the display area for industry-related safety and efficiency information.

The Sadie Green Sales Jugband will provide the musical entertainment. The group is a vaudeville-style musical act performing classic rags and traditional jazz along with crazy versions of jug band music. Audiences of all ages delight in the sounds of the musical saw, washboard jugs, washtub bass and tuned six-pack, accompanied by the more conventional guitar, banjo, clarinet, saxophone and vocals.


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 their member-representatives, the board of directors. What better way of mapping the future of the organization than by helping to decide who represents you 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 three candidates vying for the three director seats being contested this year. The candidates were either selected by the Nominating Committee or they submitted a petition signed by 15 fellow members requesting that they be added to the ballot. Additional nominations may also be made from the floor during the meeting.

Mark your calendars now and plan to join us on April 14. 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!

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

For each degree you turn the thermostat back on your furnace, it saves 2 percent on your heating bill. 

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 14, 2010, at Heartland Hall, Bedford, Pa.



DISTRICT 3
NED H. MCDONALD

Ned H. McDonald currently represents District 3 on the Bedford Rural Electric Cooperative Board of Directors, a position he has held since 1989. Before his retirement, he operated a dairy farm.

McDonald, who attended the Imler School, resides at 291 Green Slopes Road, Imler. He has three children, is a member of the Weyant Methodist Church and serves as a Lincoln Township

Republican Committeeman. He enjoys gardening, bluegrass music and social events that include friends.

Candidate's Comments: *I like representing the members of Bedford Rural Electric Cooperative.*



DISTRICT 7
C. ROBERT KOONTZ

C. Robert Koontz currently represents District 7 and serves as vice president of the Bedford Rural Electric Cooperative Board of Directors. He also represents the cooperative on the board of Allegheny Electric Cooperative, Inc., Bedford Rural Electric's wholesale power supplier. Koontz retired from Promistar Bank at the end of 2000 and from Blackburn Johnson Real Estate as an active agent in 2006.

A graduate of Bedford High School, Koontz also attended Cathermans Business School, Cumberland, Md. He and his wife, Carolyn, reside at 247 Koontzville Road, Bedford. The couple have four children — Rob, Kevin, Deron and Dana — and nine grandchildren. Koontz serves as treasurer of the Colerain/Rainsburg Recreation Council and enjoys spending time with his family and friends, sports activities, and teaching on Sunday mornings at the Chalybeate Springs Ministry.

Candidate's Comments: *I've enjoyed the challenges of being a director. I feel my background in finance has helped structure loans properly. If re-elected, I'll continue to work to ensure reliable service at the lowest cost possible. As a director of the cooperative, I am always available to my fellow members to help in any way possible concerning questions or problems.*



DISTRICT 9
EARL "WALLY" GARLAND

Earl "Wally" Garland currently represents District 9 and serves as assistant secretary of the Bedford Rural Electric Cooperative Board of Directors. Garland, who retired as manager of Battery Warehouse in 2006, works part time for H. Eugene Koontz Bulk Milk Transport and previously was employed at Eastern Express and P.I.E. Trucking.

Garland and his wife, Virginia, reside at 106 Ramsey Road, Breezewood. The couple have four children — Brenda, Sherry, Todd and Troy — and 10 grandchildren. Garland attends Mountain Chapel Church and is a member of Everett Masonic Lodge 524, Bedford Royal Arch Chapter 255, Harrisburg Consistory and the National Rifle Association. He enjoys hunting, fishing and the outdoors.

Candidate's Comments: *Keeping the interest of the members in mind and helping keep energy prices affordable.*

Retiree takes up painting

BY LINDA WILLIAMS

UPON HIS retirement from the police department in Chester County, William (Bill) Miles and his wife, Sarah, looked for a quiet nest in rural Bedford County. They found one between Everett and Breezewood.

"I used to hear a friend at the police department talk about what a beautiful area this is," Bill says. "We came to see for ourselves and liked it so much, we stayed."

As a child, Bill liked to draw and sketch and he gives a lot of credit for his artistic ability to his high school art teacher.

"That was the only professional

instruction I ever had," he says.

While serving in the U.S. Navy, he found time to do some very limited painting, and during his police career, he designed a seal for Will Town Township.

His real art work, however, began after his retirement to Everett.

"I read books and watched videos," he notes.

He found he especially enjoyed the works of G. Harvey, who liked to paint buildings with lighted windows during the Victorian era. He also enjoyed wildlife artist Robert Bateman.

Bill likes painting buildings of the Victorian era because the light was softer, more yellow,

ANDERSON HOUSE: Bill Miles' painting of the Anderson House was commissioned by Lynn Ashe in memory of her late husband.

low, than modern lighting. Two of his paintings depicting that time period hang in the Anderson House. One — a scene of Pitt Street with the Pennsylvania Hotel — is in the gift shop. The other is a piece commissioned by Lynn Ashe to hang over the fireplace in the Rotary board room. It is in memory of her late husband, Craig.

This second painting shows the opposite side of Pitt Street with people
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SOLITARY WOLF: Bill Miles and wife, Sarah, hold the gray wolf painting he entered in the January art show at the Anderson House.

RETIREE TAKES UP PAINTING

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dressed in Victorian finery milling about. Craig Ashe is shown riding in a horse-drawn carriage. Bill says getting the people the correct size in proportion to the buildings is the most difficult part of this type of painting. He sometimes uses Sarah as a model and takes photographs to get the proportions correct. The Graystone Hotel is shown in a corner of the Anderson House painting.

“I had to take pictures several times to get the windows exactly right,” he reports.

Since many of the original buildings are now gone, the paintings require research to determine what buildings existed in the Victorian era.

Another painting by Bill was on display during January as a part of the monthly art show. This one featured a lone gray wolf under a silver moon in the woods near the couple’s home.

“I get a picture of the animal and paint the surroundings from my imagination,” says the artist.

Miles also enjoys cold casting.

“There is a big difference between cold-cast bronze and hot-cast bronze,” he notes. “Cold cast can be done at home.”

Sometimes referred to as bonded bronze, it is a product made from polyester, epoxy or another resin. The resin is mixed and blended with bronze powder and pigments to give it the appearance of true bronze. One of Bill’s creations hangs in the gift shop. He also



STREET VIEW: Bill Miles’ painting of the Pennsylvania Hotel is for sale at the gift shop.

has bronzed foxes embellished to the side of his car.

All of his work is sold through the gift shop at the Anderson House or from displays at art shows.

It’s a very different life than the one Bill had as a policeman. A graduate of FBI

training, he did a lot of criminal work and investigations extending into Philadelphia.

Sarah says she isn’t an artist, but she does enjoy horses. Prior to moving to Bedford County, she enjoyed fox hunts.

The couple have twin daughters who live in the eastern part of the state. ☀



BRONZE CREATION: Cold casting is another one of Bill’s art interests.

TROUBLE CALL SCHEDULE

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- 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 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 ...

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| Jim Seymour | Week of March 8 | 839-2848 |
| Ed Hankinson | Week of March 15 | 733-4005 |
| Scott Bischof | Week of March 22 | 839-4640 |
| Scott Shook | Week of March 29 | 623-2395 |
| Troy Mock | Week of April 5 | 276-9759 |
| Greg Miller | Week of April 12 | 839-0037 |

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

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