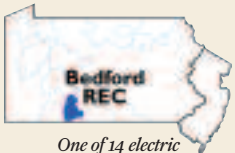


Bedford Rural Electric Cooperative

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 



One of 14 electric cooperatives serving Pennsylvania and New Jersey

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7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Interested in a seat on Bedford Rural Electric's Board of Directors?



Brooks Shoemaker
General Manager

AS A MEMBER of the Bedford Rural Electric Cooperative, you have the opportunity to actively participate in the cooperative's operation by representing not only your district, but also your friends and neighbors by serving on the board of directors. Being an electric cooperative director is an interesting and challenging experience. The position requires individuals with a vision and the willingness to work with others in guiding a complex, multimillion-dollar operation.

The next Bedford Rural Electric Annual Meeting will be April 8, 2009. At that meeting, cooperative members will elect directors from: District 2 (Harrison and Napier townships, Bedford County), District 4 (King and Kimmel townships, Bedford County), and District 8 (West Providence and Monroe townships, and Everett Borough, Bedford County). If you reside in any of these districts, you may be eligible for

nomination to run for a seat on the board.

In accordance with our bylaws, the election process begins with the appointment of a nominating committee. This committee is made up of one cooperative member from each of the nine districts. It is the committee's responsibility to nominate not less than one, but not more than two, qualified members as director nominees to be made from each district in which a director's term of office is ending. No member of the board, employee or close relative shall serve on the committee. The names of cooperative members appointed to the 2009 nominating committee and the qualifications necessary to become a director are enclosed with your September electric bill, which you received in early October. If becoming a director interests you, please contact any member of the committee. You can also contact the cooperative office at 814/623-5101 and we will see that your name is provided to the committee.

Annual Meeting

The next Bedford Rural Electric Cooperative annual meeting of the members will be held on April 8, 2009. During the annual meeting, members will cast ballots to elect three of their fellow members to the Bedford REC Board of Directors.

The following, taken from the Bedford REC bylaws, is printed for your information in compliance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and federal Rural Utilities Services Bulletin 20-19.

Article III, Section 3 Nominations:

It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to appoint, not less than one hundred-twenty (120) days, nor more

than two hundred twenty (220) days, before the date of a meeting of the members at which directors are to be elected, a committee on nominations consisting of one (1) member from each District of the Cooperative.

Said committee shall meet for the purpose of making nominations at least ninety (90) days prior to the annual meeting. Five (5) or more members of the nominating committee shall constitute a quorum for making the nominations. It shall be the duty of this committee to nominate not less than one (1), but not more than two (2) qualified members as director nominees to be made from each District in which a director's term of office is

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FROM THE MANAGER

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ending. No member of the Board, employee, or close relative (as defined by Article III, Section 2) shall serve on such committee.

The committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative, not less than forty-five (45) days before the meeting, a list of nominations for directors, but any fifteen (15) or more members residing in one District not less than ninety (90) days prior to the meeting may make other nominations for their District by a petition in writing under their signatures. The Board Secretary shall cause to be posted the same at the same place as the list of nominations made by the committee is posted. The Board Secretary shall cause to be mailed to each member at least ten (10) days before the meeting, a statement of the number of directors to be elected and showing separately the nominations by District made by the committee on nominations and the nominations made by petition if any. Nothing herein contained shall prevent additional nominations to be made from the floor at the meeting of the members. The chairman at such meeting, after all nominations so made have been duly announced, shall call for additional nominations from the floor and shall ascertain and announce, after any nominations made from the floor, the particular District from or with respect to which any additional candidates have been nominated. Notwithstanding the provisions contained in this Section, failure to comply with any of such provisions shall not affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any action taken by the Board of Directors after the election of directors.

Article III, Section 4 Credentials and Election Committee:

The Board of Directors shall, at least twenty (20) days before any meeting of the members at which election of directors shall occur, appoint a Credentials and Election Committee. The

committee shall consist of an uneven number of members of the Cooperative who are not existing Cooperative employees, agents, officers, directors or known candidates for director election, and who are not close relatives (as defined in Article III, Section 2) or members of the same household of existing Cooperative employees, agents, officers, directors or known candidates for director election. In appointing the committee, the Board shall have regard for the equitable representation of the several areas served by the Cooperative and shall not appoint more than one (1) committee member from a District. The committee shall meet and elect its own chairman and secretary prior to the member meeting. It shall be the responsibility of the committee:

- (1) to establish or approve the manner of conducting member registration and to decide all questions regarding registration of members;
- (2) to count all ballots cast for the election of directors or other voting by count;
- (3) to rule upon the effect of any ballot or vote irregularly or indecisively cast;
- (4) to rule upon all other questions that may arise relating to member voting and regularity of the election of directors including the qualifications of director nominees nominated by petition or from the floor; and,
- (5) to pass upon any protest or objection filed with regard to the election of directors or conduct affecting the results of any election.

In the exercise of its duties, the committee shall have available to it the advice of legal counsel provided by the Cooperative.

In the event a protest or objection is to be filed concerning any election or voting matter, such protest or objection must be in writing and filed with the chairman of the committee not later than three (3) business days following the date of meeting adjournment. The chairman shall reconvene the

committee for a hearing not later than ten (10) business days following the filing of such protest or objection. The committee shall hear such evidence as may be presented by the protester(s), the objector(s), who may be heard in person, by counsel, or both, and any opposing evidence, and the committee, by majority vote of the committee members present and voting, shall decide the matter within a reasonable time thereafter, but not more than thirty (30) days following close of the hearing. The committee may affirm the initial results of the election, in whole or in part, or the committee may change the initial results of the election, but only upon recount of ballots and only in conformity with law, or the committee may set aside the results of the election and call for a new election, but only for proper and lawful cause shown. The committee's decisions shall be final and binding. The committee shall not act unless at least a quorum is present. A quorum shall be a majority of committee members.

Article III, Section 5 Elections:

At each annual meeting directors shall be elected by secret ballot by and from the members to succeed those directors whose terms of office are ending. Their respective terms of office shall be for a period of three (3) years, or until their successors shall have been elected and shall have qualified. Each member of the cooperative present and registered to vote at the meeting shall be entitled to vote for one candidate from each District in which a director's term of office is ending. The candidate from each District receiving the highest number of votes cast at this meeting shall be considered elected as a director to represent his or her District. In the event of a tie vote, the tie shall be resolved by a drawing of lot between or among the candidates in the tie. The drawing of lot shall be conducted under the supervision of the Credentials and Election Committee. Cumulative voting shall be allowed during the election of directors. ☀

Snyder/Snider reunion held at Snake Spring Church

BY LINDA WILLIAMS

FOLKS WERE FRIENDLY and anxious to learn of each other's lineage to the Jacob Snyder/Snider family.

There were at least 150 who gathered from all parts of the country for the dedication ceremony of the Mar-

garet Snider monument at the Ritchey Cemetery in Snake Spring Valley.

Held on a perfect summer day on Aug. 2, the celebration of the life of Margaret Snider had been planned by Kathy Snyder Williams.

After retiring to Bedford County, Ms. Snyder-Williams joined the Daughters of the American Revolution. Through research, she learned of the Snyder clan and traced Jacob Snider to the Virginia Militia in the Revolutionary War.

Kathy's interest spawned more research and she learned Jacob Sr. and Mar-

MARKED: The gravestone of Jacob and Margaret's son, Jacob, and his wife, Catherine, is located in the Ritchey Cemetery behind the Snake Spring Church of the Brethren.

garet Snider, of Back Creek, Berkeley County, Virginia (now West Virginia), were the parents of 13 children: Jacob, John, Mary, Abraham, David, Joseph, Susanna, Hannah, Elizabeth, Daniel, Rosanna, George and William. The Sniders had a large plantation and gristmill on Back Creek.

In the Revolutionary War, Jacob provisioned the Army of Virginia at Berkeley County in October 1780. He died on March 3, 1790. His widow, Margaret, made wealthy from the estate settlement, moved to Bedford County.

Of their children, only Abraham, who inherited his father's farm, and Hannah, who married Jacob Riner, stayed in Berkeley County. The older sons, Jacob Jr., John, David and Joseph, were each willed land that Jacob had

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EXTENDED FAMILY: Many descendants of Jacob and Catherine from all parts of the country attended the reunion.



SNYDER/SNIDER REUNION

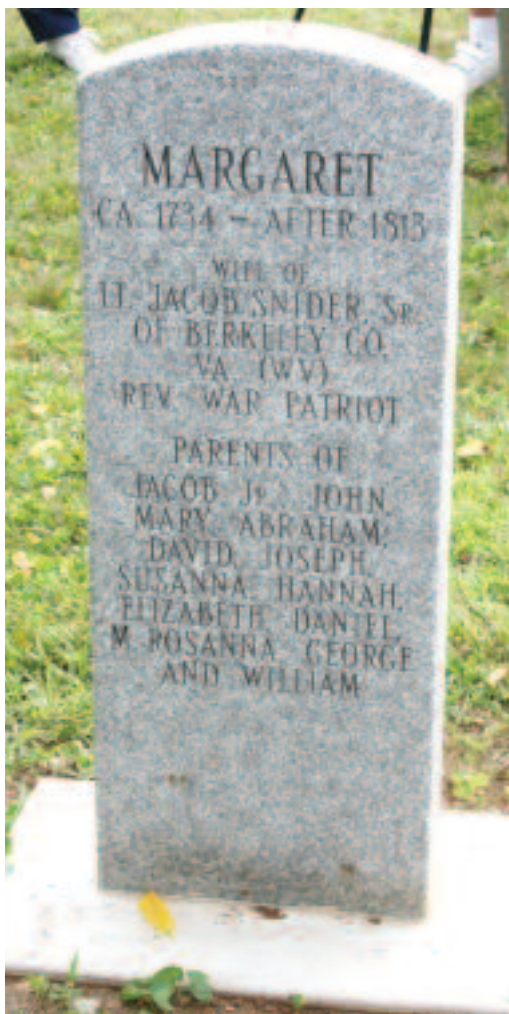
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owned in Bedford County. The younger sons, Daniel, George and William, did not receive any land, but shared equally in the estate. The daughters were not named.

Oral history indicates Margaret's maiden name was Studebaker.

Margaret moved to Snake Spring with her three older sons. Several sons and a daughter were already here. The exact date is unknown, but there are deeds in 1796 showing the sale of land to son-in-law, John Hendricks. Her name also appears in the 1796 Tax Book for Providence Township with 180 acres valued at \$752.

Margaret left no will. It is believed she disposed of her property and lived with her children in her final years. She is listed in the 1812 tax records but not in 1813.



MODERN: A new stone at the gravesite of Margaret Snider has replaced the flat stone in the ground. Funds were raised with donations from descendants.

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 ...

John Karns	Week of October 6	977-5109
Troy Mock	Week of October 13	276-9759
Greg Miller	Week of October 20	839-0037
Al Hileman	Week of October 27	766-9971
Jim Seymour	Week of November 3	839-2848
Ed Hankinson	Week of November 10	733-2495

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.

In the fall of 2007, the descendants of Margaret and Jacob Snider gathered in Berkeley Springs, WV., to dedicate a monument for Jacob. Research done by Helen Hill, an early historian, indicates a site in the Snake Spring Cemetery was thought to be the grave of Margaret Snider. The marker was a large flat field stone with "Margt" engraved on the stone.

Margaret is thought to have been among the first people to have been buried in the old Snake Spring Valley graveyard. Originally on the property of John Snyder, the graveyard was renamed the Ritchey Cemetery. It is located on the hill behind the Snake Spring Valley Church of the Brethren.

Funding for the new tombstone, as

well as one for Jacob, was raised by email and mail solicitations from the Snyder/Snider families. Kathy Williams presented a check to the Snake Spring Valley Cemetery Association for more than \$600, the amount left over after the stone purchase.

Descendants of the various Snider children posed for pictures around the tombstone. Some of the states represented included West Virginia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Mississippi, and Ohio.

Local burial sites for the Snider children include: Jacob Snyder Jr., Ritchey/Snyder Cemetery; John Snider, South Woodbury Township.; Joseph Snider, Providence Township; and Margaret Rosanna Snider Stuckey, Solomon Reighard Cemetery, Snake Spring Township.

An afternoon of good food, fellowship, games, history and reenactments followed the dedication. ☀