
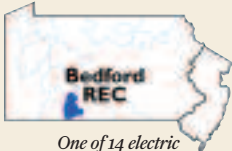


# Bedford Rural Electric Cooperative

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 



One of 14 electric cooperatives serving Pennsylvania and New Jersey

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

FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

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



by 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 your friends and neighbors, 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 held April 13, 2016. At that meeting, cooperative members will elect directors from: District 3 (Lincoln, Pavia and West St. Clair townships, Bedford County), District 7 (Colerain, Snake Spring and South Woodbury townships, Bedford County), and District 9 (East Providence Township, Bedford County, and Brush Creek Township, Fulton 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 2016 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 814-624-3808 and we will see that your name is provided to the committee.

### Bedford REC Annual Meeting

The next Bedford Rural Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting of the Members will be held on April 13, 2016. 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:

Section 3. Nominations. (a) It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to appoint, no later than August 31 of each year, a committee on nominations consisting one (1) member from each District of the Cooperative.

Said committee shall meet for the pur-

pose 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 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, by January 20 of each year, a list of nominations for directors. Any fifteen (15) or more members residing in one District, by January 15, may make other nominations for their District by a petition in

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# Senior Expo has great attendance

BY LINDA WILLIAMS

**MORE THAN** 250 people from all parts of Bedford and Somerset counties attended the first Jesse Topper and Carl Walker Metzgar Senior Expo.

Held at the Crossroads Bible Church (formerly Heartland Hall) on Aug. 12, the event offered information on agencies and businesses that are related to seniors. Attendees were met at the door with a bright yellow bag contributed by an insurance service from Somerset.

By the time attendees left, their bags were heavy with information and sample items given out by the 54 vendors. At the Bedford UPMC Memorial Hospital booth, folks could get osteoporosis detected with a foot examination. They also learned from Alice Foor, hospital dietitian, about the importance of consuming enough liquids throughout the day. Not consuming enough liquids may cause such symptoms as dizziness or being lightheaded, dry eyes or a fast heart rate.

While not a lot of seniors seek advanced education, Allegany College of Maryland and the Bedford County Technical Center provided information for possible courses. They offer some fun courses to be completed in an evening or two. They have computer classes at various levels. There is an Intro to MS Publisher, or you might want to learn How to Buy &



**FREE CHECK:** Pat Goodrich of Clearville has an osteoporosis check by Kendra Free from the UPMC Bedford Memorial Hospital.

Sell on eBay. If you always wanted to design your own webpage, you can learn how at the college.

Other fun courses include Beginning Yoga, Sewing for Beginners, Couponing 101 or Beginning American Sign Language. Seniors might even qualify for a 10 percent discount.

The Center for Community Action was conducting a Senior Housing Survey in

order to determine housing needs in the surrounding communities and aid in finding adequate housing.

Information on early detection for Alzheimers was available.

Banks provided information on what to do with 401(k) funds and reverse mortgages.

The Office on Aging gave refrigerator magnets with telephone numbers for the



**LARGE CROWD:** Folks from all over Bedford and Somerset counties attend the first Jesse Topper and Carl Walker Metzgar Senior Expo. Photo provided by Rep. Jesse Topper's office.



**GOOD CROWD:** Traffic was steady throughout the day at the Crossroads Bible Church for the first Jesse Topper and Carl Walker Metzgar Senior Expo.



**SPONSORS:** State Rep. Jesse Topper (R-Bedford) speaks to the crowd with state Rep. Carl Metzgar (R-Bedford) in the background. Photo provided by Rep. Jesse Topper's office

CART van for anyone needing transportation.

Numerous home nursing agencies explained their purposes in the lives of seniors.

If you have retired and are bored, you might find a job through Pennsylvania CareerLink. CareerLink is located at 1 Corporate Drive, Suite 103, Bedford. It is held every other Tuesday from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. It might be just what you are looking for in the golden years.

Various services around Bedford gave out plenty of information, including the Bedford County Library and Downtown Bedford. Events remaining in 2015 and early 2016 will include a Merchant Pink Block Party with Special Store Events on Oct. 18, and a PumpkinFest and Halloween Costume Promenade on Oct. 24. Downtown merchants will have a holiday open house event Nov. 13-15. There will be a Snowflake Social at the Omni Bedford Springs Resort on Dec. 4 and Christmas Family Fun on Dec. 5.

For those who enjoy cooking, the Pennsylvania Preferred Culinary Connection and Weis Markets gave away recipe books full of healthy meal-planning ideas.

Topper said for a first-time event, he was extremely pleased with the attendance from both vendors and the public. One attendee said she found a lot of good information, as well as fellowship.

A nutritious lunch was provided by the Office on Aging and on this sunny summer day, could be enjoyed outside.

Topper and Metzgar say the event will be held again. ☀



**A FAMILY EVENT:** Ruth Topper right, mother of state Rep. Jesse Topper (R-Bedford), takes part in the Senior Expo sponsored in part by her son.

## 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 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 ...

Gary Lafferty .....	Week of September 28.....	842-9925
Troy Mock .....	Week of October 5 .....	276-9759
Greg Miller .....	Week of October 12 .....	839-0037
Al Hileman .....	Week of October 19 .....	766-9971
Jim Seymour .....	Week of October 26 .....	839-2848

### 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. You may receive a busy signal, or in certain cases your call may go unanswered. This occurs in after-hours outages when the office is not fully staffed. Please be patient, and try again in a few minutes.*

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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 by March 31, 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:**

Section 4. Credentials and Election Committee. The Board of Directors shall, at least twenty (20) days before (or by February 28, for the Annual Meeting) 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 to:

- (1) Establish or approve the manner of conducting member registration and to decide all questions regarding registration of members;
- (2) Count all ballots cast for the election of directors or other voting by count;
- (3) Rule upon the effect of any ballot or vote irregularly or indecisively cast;
- (4) Rule upon all other questions which 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) 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 protestor(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. ☀

**Emergency power needs**

*As a service to our members, Bedford Rural Electric needs to be aware of situations where special needs exist. Please provide the following details:*

(Please print clearly)

Account: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cellphone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs:  Medical

Farming/Livestock

Other \_\_\_\_\_

*Each year, our goal is to provide service with no outages. Unfortunately, that is not a realistic expectation. Outages do occur and during severe storms, service restoration may take several days or longer. Therefore, we strongly recommend that our members with special needs install standby backup generation equipment. Please contact our office for more information on this type of equipment.*