



United Electric Cooperative, Inc.

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 



One of 14 electric cooperatives serving Pennsylvania and New Jersey

United Electric Cooperative, Inc.
 Post Office Box 688
 DuBois, PA 15801-0688
 Customer Service: 888-581-8969
 www.unitedpa.com
 Outage: 800-262-8959
 Office Hours: M - F 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chairman

Stephen A. Marshall, District 5
 1030 Donahue Rd.
 Luthersburg, Pa. 15848
 814-583-7320

Vice Chairman

Timothy D. Burkett, District 6
 5059 Hamilton Markton Rd.
 Punxsutawney, Pa. 15767
 814-938-7991

Secretary/Treasurer

Eileen Pisaneschi, District 2
 1964 River Hill Rd.
 Frenchville, Pa. 16836
 814-263-4491

DIRECTORS

Shanelle Hawk, District 1
 502 Pine Run Rd.
 Mayport, Pa. 16240
 814-365-5646

Arden E. Owens, District 7
 505 Trout Run Rd.
 Shawville, Pa. 16873
 814-765-6458

Richard Petrosky, District 3
 P.O. Box 612
 DuBois, Pa. 15801
 814-371-8672

David W. Walker, District 4
 631 Olanta Rd.
 Olanta, Pa. 16863
 814-236-3321

President & CEO
 Brenda Swartzlander

Consumer Advocate
 Paula Pascuzzo, ext. 8501
Richard Heverley, Editor

From the President & CEO



Nuclear power is co-op power

By Brenda Swartzlander

FROM the time our alarm goes off, we're on the grid. For many of us, it's even before that if we leave our smartphones charging through the night. The point is, from morning to night, electricity powers much of our daily lives. And as long as the lights come on, we don't give it much thought. We rarely ever think about where our electricity comes from.

But as a consumer-member of United Electric Cooperative, where your power comes from is an important part of your cooperative membership. After all, rural electric cooperatives in Pennsylvania have an ownership interest in their power supply resources. Did you know, most of the energy used in cooperative homes and businesses throughout the Commonwealth is generated by self-owned nuclear power? It's true. In Pennsylvania, nuclear power is co-op power. As a cooperative member, you own part of a nuclear power plant.

Since 1977, Pennsylvania's electric cooperatives have been partners in the ownership of the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station (Susquehanna), a nuclear facility in rural Berwick, Pa. For decades, this cooperative investment in nuclear power has been a driving force in providing our communities with safe, reliable and affordable electric energy. The plant supplies approximately 60 percent of our energy needs, and is one of the main reasons cooperative consumers enjoy one of the lowest and most stable electric generation rates in the region.

But cooperative members aren't the only Pennsylvanians benefitting from nuclear power. According to a report recently released by the Pennsylvania General Assembly's bipartisan Nuclear Energy Caucus, without the state's five nuclear power plants, Pennsylvanians would pay close to \$800 million more annually for electricity. The plants annually contribute \$2 billion to the state's economy, pay \$69 million in net state tax revenues and employ 16,000 Pennsylvanians.



CO-OP POWER: The Susquehanna Steam Electric Station is located in Berwick, Pa.

Nuclear power also provides 93 percent of the Commonwealth's carbon-free energy, helping Pennsylvanians avoid billions in health and environmental costs. No other generation resource comes close to having this kind of economic and environmental impact.

It's clear that nuclear power plays a vital role in Pennsylvania. It not only powers the state's rural electric cooperatives, it has helped establish Pennsylvania as an energy leader. In fact, the

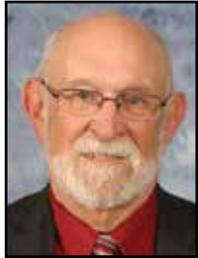
(continues on page 14b)

2019 Board of director elections

Members in District 3 will receive mail-in ballots to vote for one of the following:

Richard A. Petrosky

Richard (Pete) Petrosky is a 1965 graduate of DuBois Area High School. After graduation, he served in the U.S. Army before going on to attend Duquesne University as an accounting major. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration in 1973. He was a certified public accountant in the state of Pennsylvania. Pete has served on the board of directors of United Electric since 2007. During his tenure on the board, Pete has completed the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's training requirements to receive his Credentialed Cooperative Director certification and Board Leadership Certificate, as well as Director Gold, and has served as the secretary/treasurer of the board. Pete was the general manager and part owner of Shaw Mack, Inc. until 1985. He then assumed the position as general manager of the entire leasing operation for Hunter Leasing, Inc. in Butler, where he received the Ideal Gold Award 10 years running, achieved the top award with Idealease in 2010, and earned Diamond status in lease and rental management as the most profitable Idealease location in the United States. The final two years of his employment, he was the general manager of Hunter Keystone Peterbilt, a heavy truck dealership in Clearfield. Pete is a member of the Tri-County Harley Owners Group and the American Certified Public Accountants, and is a former board director of the Pennsylvania Truck Dealer Association. He is a member of St. Michael's Parish in DuBois, as well as an auxiliary member of Christ the King Nursing Manor in DuBois. Pete retired in March 2013 and resides in the Gelnett area with his wife, Janice. They have one daughter, Kimberly, who is a graduate of Penn State and Dickinson School of Law, and is employed at Penn State University in State College.



Henry H. Daugherty

Henry Daugherty is a 1970 graduate of the DuBois Area School District/Jeff Tech in Reynoldsville. He served in the U.S. Army Reserves, where he attained the rank of sergeant first class, serving as detachment first sergeant, and acting warrant officer, before retiring in 1996. He started his own business, Henry Industries of DuBois, operating continuously since 1970, providing excavating, hauling, snow removal, and equipment sales. He also owns Tri-County Contractors Supply, Inc. (producing asphalt), Tri-County Resources Supply (producing aggregate), Site Support Cooperative Inc. and Daugherty Acquisitions, LLC (property management). Henry is a former director, serving on United Electric's board of directors from 2003 to 2007. During his tenure on the board, he completed the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Director Training Program, becoming a Credentialed Cooperative Director. He also completed the advanced training to earn his Board Leadership Certificate. Henry has been a member of Clearfield Farmland Preservation Board since 2016, and was a former member of DuBois Lions Club, where he has served on the Building Committee. He has served on the board of the CMA Church in Reynoldsville, and on the Reynoldsville Community Food Pantry's Board of Directors. He is also a life member of the Sabula Fire Company. Henry resides in Sabula. He has two sons, Dillon and Dalton, and he attends the Narrows Creek Church.



From the President & CEO

(continued from page 14a)

Commonwealth ranks second only to Illinois in terms of nuclear generation capacity, with its nuclear plants providing 42 percent of the state's total electricity production.

The future of our nuclear plants, however, is a matter of serious concern. Recently, two plants — Beaver Valley in the western part of the state and Three Mile Island in Southcentral Pennsylvania — have announced premature closures if action is not taken to correct current market dynamics. Such closures would have devastating, long-term economic and environmental consequences, because once a nuclear plant closes, it's closed forever.

While our Susquehanna plant is not currently in danger, if this troubling trend continues, it will result in higher energy prices and higher environmental costs for us all — something that will hit our rural communities particularly hard.

To avoid this fate, Pennsylvania needs a market design that recognizes nuclear power's positive contributions to the Commonwealth. Electric cooperatives are working with legislative leaders on a bipartisan effort to secure the future of nuclear power in Pennsylvania. These lawmakers are introducing legislation to equitably compensate nuclear power for its zero-carbon emissions and its grid dependability.

Rural electric cooperatives understand the benefits of nuclear power, and we can help to educate others on its importance. So, after you switch off your alarm clock and get your day started, please take a moment to visit PARuralAction.org and send an email to your local legislators urging them to support efforts to ensure nuclear power remains viable in Pennsylvania. After all, nuclear power is co-op power.

Until next month,


Brenda

Rustic Views

Nature is in charge... not us

By Glenn Schuckers

NOBODY has any guarantee that we will get warm, sunny days, flowers and green grass this month. Coming after about three months of snow, cold winds and gray skies, I am ready for some springtime sunshine and warmth. Honestly, I am really tired of putting on coats, hats and gloves whenever I go outside. I am ready to just open the door and walk out in shirtsleeves and maybe even shorts.

I am ready to do all that. It doesn't mean that weather like that is ready for me. Just because I think this is what should happen does not mean it will happen. The photo accompanying this column was taken at our house in Luthersburg on April 2, 2018. At that time, I think we called it our "April Fools Surprise." It was not what we had in mind for the spring season.

Of course, even the definition of what I mean by "spring season" has more than one meaning. The astrological definition of spring starts in late March. That date changes from year to year and from one place to another. It depends on a lot of astronomy about where the sun is in relation to the earth. In short, it was some of the stuff I was supposed to learn in science classes I have long since forgotten.

If I mean spring by the meteorological definition, that is a lot easier. The meteorological definition of the seasons is a lot easier to remember — summer is June, July, and August; fall is September, October, and November; winter is December, January, and February; and spring is March, April, and May. Four seasons in 12 months, three months for each season. Even I can remember that.

The trouble is, nature does not

PHOTO BY GLENN SCHUCKERS



A YEAR AGO: This was the view that welcomed us April 2, 2018. Although we usually expect to see flowers about this time, we have come to expect the unexpected. This may have been a forewarning that the coming spring, summer and fall would be some of the wettest on record.

always abide by any of those neat divisions.

We used to count on our apple trees being in bloom on Mother's Day for many years. The date for that holiday doesn't change very much; it is always the second Sunday in May, established there by law.

Last year, the second Sunday in May came and went and not one tree here in the hills was in bloom. Apple trees bloom depending on lots of factors, such as the length of day and average temperature. Temperature is one of the major factors and it is a way nature has of protecting trees. Were they to bloom too early, it is more than likely the blossoms would be destroyed by a frost.

But last year, spring was late, almost two weeks behind "schedule."

That schedule also determines when crops will be mature. Trees and plants do not play "catch up" if they start their season later than usual. Depending on the variety, it can take from

about 90 to 100 days from their bloom for apples to be mature. Gardeners all know that "early" sweet corn ripens between 60 to 70 days after planting; late corn like Silver Queen takes about 110 days.

So no matter how warm or cool, wet or dry the summer days get, the natural cycle of blooming and ripening depends a lot less on the weather than it does on the genetics of the plants themselves.

If our apple trees bloomed two weeks later than usual, it would follow that having mature fruit would be about two weeks later than average.

So, I can look at the trees or corn stalks, or tomato plants all I want. I can stand and shout encouraging words, I can cheer them on as much as I want, but 66-day sweet corn will ripen in about 66 days; 70-day tomatoes will ripen in about 70 days.

I can shout and cheer all I want, I can expect all summer long, but my
(continues on page 14d)

Committed to the job.
Committed to safety.
Committed to you,
our members.

Lineworker Appreciation Day
April 8, 2019



Thank You for Your
Dedication!

ANNUAL MEETING

will be held at the Brady Township Community Center, Luthersburg, Pa. Wednesday, May 15, 2019, at 7 p.m. for United Electric Cooperative's Members

• Directors' Report • Business Session •
CEO's Report • Director Election Results in
Districts 3 & 6



A Touchstone Energy® Partner

FREE REGISTRATION GIFT
& DOOR PRIZES

Rustic Views

(continued from page 14c)

shouting, cheering and expecting will not change the course of nature.

There may just be a lesson there I should learn. Nature has a lot of lessons to teach, but we have to be willing to watch and listen to those lessons. Learning to adjust expectations is just one of those lessons.

Expectations are necessary and we all should have them. We expect the sun to show up early in the morning and most likely it will, even if clouds are too thick to see it. We plant seeds and plants and trees expecting them to grow. I have been known to go back looking hopefully at the field where I planted corn three days after I planted it, knowing full well that it probably will not show up for at least another week.

But I also have to realize that expectations are just that. Just because I expect my favorite ball player to get a hit every at bat, or my favorite team to win every game, I have to know that those expectations will not always come true, that the world will go on even if that favorite player strikes out or if my team loses a game.

If the tomato plant does not yield a bushel on each plant as the catalog said it would, if the sweet corn stalks are not seven feet tall as the pictures showed them and they do not all have two ears on every stalk, I need to remember it is not the end of the world.

If this month fails to meet my expectations and I can't barbecue in shirtsleeves next week, it is not a failure of nature. My expectations may have been too high, and just because I thought this would be the first month of spring, I may have to let Mother Nature take her course and take what she gives me. ☀



Glenn Schuckers, a longtime member of United Electric, operated Schuckers' Orchard in Luthersburg until the mid-1990s. He is a retired high school teacher and a contributing writer for *The Courier Express*.

We are pleased to have Glenn provide our *Penn Lines* readers with his take on rural life.

2016 United Electric Board elections will be held for District 2

United Electric Cooperative members residing in District 2 will be eligible to vote in the 2016 director elections.

The 2016 United Electric director elections will be held in May. Members residing in District 2 are eligible to run for the board (see District 2 by county and township listed below). A mail-in ballot will be sent to every member in District 2. Mail-in ballots provide everyone in this district the opportunity to vote, including those who do not,

or cannot, attend the annual meeting. United Electric's 2016 annual meeting will be held Wednesday, May 18, 2016, at the Brady Township Community Center in Luthersburg. More information about the 2016 election will be printed in future issues of *Penn Lines*.

Members residing in District 2 who are interested in running for the United Electric Cooperative Board of Directors should read the following bylaws carefully.

UNITED ELECTRIC BYLAWS

ARTICLE IV – BOARD MEMBERS

SECTION 2. Districts (excerpt).

DISTRICT NO. 2. Cambria County: Elder and Reade Townships. Cameron County: Gibson Township. Centre County: Burnside and Snow Shoe Townships. Clearfield County: Beccaria, Bigler, Boggs, Bradford, Covington, Cooper, Decatur, Graham, Karthaus, Morris and Woodward Townships. Clinton County: West Keating Township. Elk County: Benezetze Township.

SECTION 3. Qualifications.

No person shall be eligible to become or remain a Director of the Cooperative who is not a member in good standing of, and receiving electric service as required in Section 2 hereof from the Cooperative at such member's primary residential abode for a minimum period of one continuous year immediately preceding his/her election within the particular district which such member is to represent. No person shall be eligible to become or remain a Director of, or to hold any other position of trust in, the Cooperative who:

- (a) is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise; including, but not limited to, the sale and distribution of electric power;
- (b) is engaged in regularly selling, at wholesale or retail, goods, equipment, or material that is used in and about the business of the Cooperative;
- (c) is unwilling to become acquainted with the business and working of the Cooperative;
- (d) does not complete half (50%) of the required NRECA Director Certification Training within three (3) years of election or appointment, and complete NRECA Director Certification at the conclusion of the Director's second term in office;
- (e) shall miss three (3) consecutive regular meetings of the Board without just cause and excuse filed with the Secretary and approved by the Board;
- (f) is not willing and able to attend all regular and special meetings of the Board, unless prevented by unavoidable circumstances;
- (g) is in any way employed (or is the spouse of an employee) by the Cooperative or has been an employee (or is the spouse of a former employee) of any electric cooperative or association;
- (h) has been convicted of a felony within the last five (5) years;
- (i) is the parent, husband, wife, son, daughter, brother or sister of a person regularly employed by the Cooperative, whether by the

whole or half blood or by adoption.

- (j) has been removed as a Director of this Cooperative by vote of the Members or the Board. 'Ineligibility' under this subsection may be waived by the Board, at the Board's sole discretion, if the Director was removed by the Board.

Upon establishment of the fact that a nominee for Director lacks eligibility under this Section or as may be provided elsewhere in these bylaws, it shall be the duty of the Judge of Elections, as hereinafter provided, to disqualify such nominee. Upon the establishment of the fact that any person being considered for, or already holding a position of trust in the Cooperative lacks eligibility under this Section, it shall be the duty of the Board to withhold such position from such person, or to cause such person to be removed therefrom, whichever be the case. Upon establishment of the fact that a Director is holding office in violation of this Section, it shall be the duty of the remaining Directors on the Board to remove such Director from office. Nothing contained in this Section shall, or shall be construed to, affect in any manner the validity of any such action taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors; PROVIDED the action taken was one in which none of the Directors had an interest adverse to that of the Cooperative.

SECTION 4. Nominations.

All incumbent Directors are automatically nominated to run for the office of Director and shall be one of the nominees to run for the office of Director, unless they decline and/or refuse to run. Any additional nominations for director shall be made by the submission of a written petition signed by not less than twenty-five (25) members of the Cooperative in their respective district. Such petition shall contain the following information:

1. Statement Release for Background Check Information;
2. Signed Review of the Director Oath of Office;
3. Signed statement that petitioner has reviewed the qualifications and is eligible to be elected as a Director of United Electric;
4. Brief Biography of Petitioner.

All such nominations by petition shall be addressed to the Judge of Elections and must be received at the Cooperative headquarters office no later than 4:30 PM on the last business day in January immediately preceding the annual meeting.

Nominations by petition not received in a timely manner or with incomplete, untrue, or inaccurate documentation will be disqualified. There will be no nominations taken from the floor and there will be no write-in candidates.

To receive the petition forms and additional information to be completed for nomination for director, please contact Richard Heverley, marketing and member services manager, at the cooperative office by calling 1-888-581-8969, extension 8506.

* Please note that completed petitions must be returned to the cooperative headquarters in DuBois by the close of business on the last business day of January 2016 (Friday, Jan. 29, 2016).