

# Bedford Rural Electric Cooperative

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Monday through Friday  
7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

## From the General Manager



# Interested in a seat on Bedford Rural Electric's board of directors?

By Brooks Shoemaker

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, 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 Cooperative Annual Meeting is April 12, 2017. At that meeting, cooperative members will elect directors from: District 1 (Juniata Township, Bedford County; and Allegheny Township and New Baltimore Borough, Somerset County), District 5 (East St. Clair Township, Bedford County), and District 6 (Bedford Township and Cumberland Township, 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 2017 Nominating Committee and the qualifications necessary to become a director are enclosed with your September electric bill, which you receive 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 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 12, 2017. 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 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

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# Quilt show scheduled for fall foliage

By Linda Williams

THIS Fall Foliage will mark the 26th quilt show sponsored by the Bedford County Historical Society.

Those who tire of crafts, crowds and food vendors at Fall Foliage can take a short drive to the hall at Kinton's Knob located on 6441 Lincoln Highway to take in brilliant colors of a different nature.

Quilts, wall hangings and other small items are exhibited by area quilters. Judged by a professional, the entries are separated into hand-quilted and machine-quilted.

Judging is not necessary, but most quilters prefer having their work analyzed. The judges award a "best of show" entry.

After meandering through the quilts, visitors are asked to vote for their favorite, thus giving a "People's Choice" award. You can purchase a chance on a locally made quilt, made this year by the Peaceful Quilters Guild. The group



**QUILTS AND MORE QUILTS:** A display of the quilts at the annual quilt show shows the diversity of entries.

is led by Shirley Whetstone, Breezewood, an award-winning quilter for many years. Shirley machine-quilted this year's quilt, appropriately named "Scattered Leaves."

Shirley says this is the first year the Peaceful Quilters Guild has donated a quilt. It was constructed by 16 local women who meet at the First Christian Church. Each member made a specific number of blocks from fabric they had at home with the only stipulation being that the blocks needed to be fall colors.

It took three club meetings to put the blocks together, and then Shirley did the quilting with her long-arm machine. Shirley says machine-quilting has become very popular in recent years. Like many quilters, she enjoys hand-quilting, but hand-quilting takes a very long time.

The Quilt Challenge theme for this year is "Red, White and Blue."

Show hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends of Fall Foliage, which will be Oct. 1, 2 and 8. Hours on Oct. 9 will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hours during the week are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., which coincides with the Historical Society hours. Admission is \$2.

The idea for a quilt show was born with a group of Bedford County Quil-

ters who thought it would be good to add something different to Fall Foliage. Among those early quilters were Thelma Lafferty and Kay Williams.

There was a Pioneer Quilt raffled off, and 25 years later it came back to be a permanent part of the show. Likewise, a Bedford County historical quilt made by Rose Koontz, Ima Bassler, Gail Taylor and Marie Drake has been added as a show regular. Known as the Bicentennial Quilt, it was created in 1976. The quilt features scenes from around the county.

When the show first opened, it was held at various locations in town, eventually moving to the Bedford High School. Historical Society members still remember having to move everything to the high school on the Friday evening before Fall Foliage. It was quite a process to put up the quilt frames and hang the quilts. Gillian Leach, Historic Society coordinator, remembers being there until midnight.

On Sunday evening, it all had to be taken down and moved back to the society headquarters until the next Friday when construction was done



**2015 BEST OF SHOW:** "Spiral Bargello," hand-quilted by Heather Koontz, is the 2015 "Best of Show" quilt, which also placed first at the Pennsylvania Farm Show.

again. It was quite an ordeal.

Since moving to the hall at Kinton's Knob, the society's headquarters, the quilts can be set up and displayed throughout the entire two-week event.



2015 SHOW: Roberta Raffensberger is the creator of this Lenten Rose Diamond quilt.

There are a lot of local, well-known quilters participating in the show. Among them are some cooperative members, including Shirley Whetstone, Roberta Raffensberger, Geraldine Beegle and Patricia Burkett.

While attending the quilt show, spectators can also take in the American Revolutionary War display. This display is the work of Larry D. Smith. Smith is both a collector of American Revolutionary War artifacts and a scholar of Bedford County history. He is a descendant of 14 patriots who supported the revolution.

The display will be open through 2016 and is free, but donations are appreciated.

Quilts pictured here are from the 2015 show. 🌟



WINNING QUILT: Valerie Taylor shows off her Whiskey Rebellion quilt, which took first place in the Pioneer Challenge.



YOUR CHANCE TO OWN A QUILT: The quilt to be chanced off at this year's event is "Scattered Leaves," made by the Peaceful Quilters Guild and machine-quilted by Shirley Whetstone.



BEST OF SHOW: "Autumn Glory" by Libby Goulioni is an earlier "Best of Show" winner.



HISTORICAL SITES: Edna Snyder is the creator of the Bedford Village and Historical Sites quilt.

## TROUBLE CALL SCHEDULE

### In case of trouble...

- 1 Check your fuses or circuit breakers.
- 2 Check with your neighbors, if convenient, to see if they have been affected by the power failure.
- 3 Call the 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 the person receiving the 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 ...

Al Hileman..... 766-9971 (Week of October 3)  
 Jim Seymour..... 839-2848 (Week of October 10)  
 Dennis Tursich..... 623-0922 (Week of October 17)  
 Scott Shook..... 623-2395 (Week of October 24)  
 Ed Hankinson ..... 733-4005 (Week of October 31)

### In case you cannot reach any of the above, call:

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

*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.*

**From the General Manager**

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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 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. ☀