

FROM THE MANAGER/CEO

Annual meeting notice

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- Dean Brant, Treasurer**
- David Bequeath**
- Timothy Newman**
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OFFICE HOURS

**Monday through Friday
 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

EMERGENCY OUTAGE NUMBER

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Rick L. Eichelberger
 General Manager & CEO

MARK YOUR calendars now for the 73rd annual meeting of the members of New Enterprise Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. This year's meeting will be held at the Northern Bedford County High School, Loysburg, on Tuesday, June 14, 2011. Attend this year's meeting and join others in:

- ▶ A family-style turkey dinner from 4:30 to 7 p.m.
- ▶ Southern Gospel music by "Heirsman Quartet."
- ▶ Business meeting from 7 to 8 p.m.
- ▶ Reports by officers and general manager/CEO.
- ▶ Election of three directors to serve the cooperative for three-year terms.
- ▶ Transaction of business properly brought before the meeting.

Official annual meeting notices and registration cards will be mailed out in late May. Only consumer-members are eligible to vote at the annual meeting (consumer-members are those who have paid a \$5 membership fee). If you are unsure if you have paid your membership fee, please contact the office for verification.

The Northern Bedford County High School Band students and parents will serve the meal. All members of the household are encouraged to attend. Two free adult and two free children's meal tickets for those living in the same household will be provided for each membership present. In addition, one free guest ticket for someone living outside the household will be allowed. Additional tickets are \$9.50 for adults and \$4.50 for ages 12 and under. Reservations must be made by June 3.

The first 100 members to arrive and register will receive a special gift. If you have paid a membership fee and have not received an official annual meeting notice and reservation card in the mail by late May, please call the office. ☀



2010 ANNUAL MEETING: Directors listen to reports during last year's business meeting.

MAY CO-OP CALENDAR

- May 24 - Disconnection of service for accounts with past due balances. If you need to make a payment arrangement to avoid disconnection, the last day to contact Brawna at extension 224 is May 20.
- May 27 - Regular payment and meter readings are due.
- May 30 - Office is closed in observance of Memorial Day.

Stopping a fire before it starts: things you can do today

When it comes to fire safety, information abounds, but it's often hard to find the time to wade through the information and figure out what you need to do to keep your family safer. Here are five simple things you can do today to help protect your family from fire.



DO A SMOKE ALARM AUDIT

Do an audit of your home's smoke alarms. (If you don't have UL-listed smoke alarms, plan to install them on each level of the home, especially near sleeping areas.) Check placement: smoke rises, so smoke alarms should be located on a ceiling or high on a wall. Alarms mounted on the ceiling should be at least 4 inches away from the nearest wall, and those mounted on walls should be 4 to 12 inches down from the ceiling. Test your alarms and be sure that they can be heard in bedrooms even when the doors are closed. If not, install smoke alarms in the bedrooms. Make sure that your kids know what the alarms sound like. Replace alarms that are older than 10 years and replace any alarm that has been painted over.

Parent tip: Change the batteries whenever you change the clocks for Daylight Savings Time.



MAKE EXTINGUISHERS HANDY

Be sure that you have at least one or more UL-listed fire extinguishers in your home. An ABC-type extinguisher is a good all-purpose choice for fires in the home. Check the gauge located on the extinguisher to see if it needs to be replaced or recharged. Also, be sure the fire extinguisher is in an easily accessible location. Remember that fire extinguishers are not designed to fight large or spreading fires. Your No. 1 priority is to have an escape plan and to get out safely. If the fire is small and contained and the room is not filled with smoke, get everyone out and call the fire department; then, you may use the fire extinguisher to control the fire.

Parent tip: Read the directions and familiarize yourself with the use of your extinguisher now, before you're in the middle of an emergency.



TALK PREVENTION WITH YOUR KIDS

Talk to your kids about how they can prevent fires. Children under age 5 are especially curious about fire and need to

start learning about the tremendous danger. Take the mystery out of fire and make sure that your kids know the following safety tips:

- ▶ Never play with matches, lighters or candles.
- ▶ Never play with electrical cords and never put anything in a socket.
- ▶ Blankets or clothes should never be thrown on top of lamps.
- ▶ Don't turn up a heater without a grown-up's permission.
- ▶ If your clothes catch on fire, stop, drop and roll.

Parent tip: Check under beds and in closets for burned matches or candles. Kids often choose "secret" places to play with matches and light fires. Even "good" kids are curious – teach your kids to always tell you when they find matches and lighters.



LOOK AT YOUR HOME FROM YOUR CHILD'S PERSPECTIVE

Think about how your child sees potential fire hazards in your home by getting down on your hands and knees with them and taking a look around. See any dangling cords that could cause a problem if pulled? Enticing heaters or other appliances? Make adjustments to your home according to what you find.

Parent tip: Make your floor-tour a game with your kids. Have them point out things they see by playing "I spy." You'll be surprised by what catches their attention.



AVOID OVERLOADING SOCKETS AND CORDS

Do a walk-through of your home. If you see sockets with too many cords plugged in or even too many extension cords around the house, it may be time to have extra outlets installed by a professional. Always pay attention to the acceptable wattage for cords and lamps. Also look for extension cords that are "tacked up" or run under a rug as these could be a real fire hazard for kids and adults.

Parent tip: The den and the nursery are particularly susceptible to overloaded outlets. Never plug something in unsafely "just this once" or "until I get another power strip tomorrow."

For more useful tips and information, visit the National Fire Protection Association at www.nfpa.org.

Electrical Fire Safety

About 28,600 home electrical fires occur during a typical year, leading to \$1.1 billion in property losses. Faulty electrical outlets and old wiring are the main causes of electrical fires, as are damaged cords, plugs, switches, and light fixtures.



The number one priority in a fire is to escape safely.

Only use a fire extinguisher if:

- 🔥 The fire department has been called.
- 🔥 Everyone has exited the building.
- 🔥 The fire is confined to a small area, such as a wastebasket, and is not growing.
- 🔥 The room is not filled with smoke.

Not all fire extinguishers are alike. Only a Class C extinguisher can be used on an electrical fire. Remember the word **PASS**:

Pull the pin. Hold the extinguisher with the nozzle pointing away from you and release the locking mechanism.

Aim low. Point the nozzle toward the base of the fire.

Squeeze the lever slowly and evenly.

Sweep the nozzle from side-to-side.

Remember: Know when to go.

Make sure you have a home fire escape plan and working smoke alarms.

Source: U.S. Fire Administration, National Fire Protection Association



Home Safety Calendar

Use this handy calendar to help keep your home safe all year long. Visit <http://virtualhome.esfi.org> to learn more about home electrical safety.

JANUARY

- Test GFCIs & AFCIs
- Test smoke & CO alarms
- Inspect electrical/appliance cords for damage
- Check and replace furnace filters

FEBRUARY

- Test GFCIs & AFCIs
- Test smoke & CO alarms
- Inspect electrical/appliance cords for damage
- Vacuum refrigerator coils

MARCH

- Test GFCIs & AFCIs
- Test smoke & CO alarms
- Inspect electrical/appliance cords for damage
- Replace smoke/CO alarm batteries if not done in the past 12 months

APRIL

- Test GFCIs & AFCIs
- Test smoke & CO alarms
- Inspect electrical/appliance cords for damage
- Check and replace furnace filters

MAY

- Test GFCIs & AFCIs
- Test smoke & CO alarms
- Inspect electrical/appliance cords for damage
- Vacuum refrigerator coils
- Clean air conditioners or schedule annual inspection

JUNE

- Test GFCIs & AFCIs
- Test smoke & CO alarms
- Inspect electrical/appliance cords for damage
- Dust light fixtures and lamps
- Schedule annual inspection of gas-powered dryer

JULY

- Test GFCIs & AFCIs
- Test smoke & CO alarms
- Inspect electrical/appliance cords for damage
- Check and replace air conditioning filters

AUGUST

- Test GFCIs & AFCIs
- Test smoke & CO alarms
- Inspect electrical/appliance cords for damage
- Vacuum refrigerator coils

SEPTEMBER

- Test GFCIs & AFCIs
- Test smoke & CO alarms
- Inspect electrical/appliance cords for damage
- Schedule annual furnace cleaning and inspection

OCTOBER

- Test GFCIs & AFCIs
- Test smoke & CO alarms
- Inspect electrical/appliance cords for damage
- Check and replace furnace filters

NOVEMBER

- Test GFCIs & AFCIs
- Test smoke & CO alarms
- Inspect electrical/appliance cords for damage
- Vacuum refrigerator coils

DECEMBER

- Test GFCIs & AFCIs
- Test smoke & CO alarms
- Inspect electrical/appliance cords for damage
- Dust light fixtures and lamps

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2011 Youth Tour participants

New Enterprise REC will have three students representing the co-op this year during the Youth Tour in June in Washington, D.C. They will be among 1,500 rural electric cooperative high school juniors from across the nation who are participating in Youth Tour.

Courtney J. Reasy will be attending from Northern Bedford County High School. The daughter of Chris and Tammy Reasy of New Enterprise, Courtney is active in soccer, student council, FBLA and band, and she is a majorette. She is also involved in Southern Cove Oinkers 4-H Club and Koontz Church of the Brethren. She is enrolled in college prep-science in school and plans to be a dental hygienist.

Adriene L. Walls, a junior from Tussey Mountain High School, is the daughter of Leroy and Suellen Walls from Saxton. She is studying science and plans on working in the science field. Currently her class president and a majorette, Adriene is a member of National Honor Society, yearbook staff, student council, after-school program tutor and Second Mile Leadership. She is involved with Raven Run OACS and Raven Run Church of Brethren, and is a volunteer for Relay for Life.

Joy L. Ford will be representing Forbes Road High School. The daughter of Dana and Becky Ford of Wells Tannery, Joy is the bookkeeper for the Forbes Road field hockey team and participates in the Juniata College Math League and in the Drama Club. She also participates with the New Grenada Church of God youth group and Hustontown Area Volunteer Fire Company. Joy's career goal is to be a psychologist.



Courtney Reasy



Adriene Walls



Joy Ford