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Bi-Monthly Newsletter

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Powering Our Rural Communities

SAVE THE DATE!



Friday, 9/21/18 Annual Meeting of Members

Brook's BBQ Dinner at 4:30 pm
Business Meeting to Follow at 6:30 pm
Located at Delaware Academy
2 Sheldon Dr., Delhi, NY

Early Electrification

Can you provide special memories or do you know someone who can share memories of when the Delaware County Electric Cooperative was first formed and able to provide power to the local residents of Delaware County and surrounding counties? If so, please call the office at (607) 746-9299. The co-op would like to invite you to the Annual Meeting where the main focus and showcase will be the Co-op celebrating 75 years of service. Those members will be specially recognized and honored.

Highlights include...

- 75th Anniversary Book FREE Gift
- 75th Anniversary Video
- Live Music
- Win \$500 in CASH
- Win bill credit
- Door prizes



**Keynote Speaker
Author of the 75th Anniversary Book
Ray LaFever**

MEET THE CANDIDATES

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Can't Make the DCEC Annual Meeting? Vote by Absentee Ballot...Page 7...



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2018 Official Candidates

Each member shall be entitled to only one vote. All questions shall be decided by a vote of a majority of the members voting thereon in person or by absentee ballot. Questions resulting in a tie vote shall be decided by a second round of voting in like manner. If a second round of voting results in a tie, the question shall be decided by a flipping of a coin, which shall be administered by a duly elected officer of the Cooperative. During the Annual Meeting, or by absentee ballot, eligible voters can vote for one (1) nominee from each region. Below, is a list of candidates representing each region up for election. Please be aware that the member can vote for all regions up for election. For example, if you live in Delhi you are considered part of the Central Region and you can vote for one (1) nominee to represent each of the two Regions including the Northern and Southern.

Northern Region: left to right David Numbers and Laurie Wehmeyer



- 2018 Candidates**
- Northern Region: Towns of Gilboa, Jefferson, Summit, Davenport, Harpersfield, Stamford, and Maryland**
 - David Numbers
 - Laurie Wehmeyer
- Southern Region: Towns of Andes, Colchester, Masonville, Middletown, Sidney, Tompkins, Walton and Bainbridge**
 - Dominick Dominguez
 - Steve Hodge
 - Kate Marsiglio
 - Jeffrey Russell

Southern Region: left to right Dominick Dominguez, Steve Hodge, Kate Marsiglio, and Jeffrey Russell



NORTHERN REGION

David Numbers

Hello. My name is Dave Numbers. I am a 69 year old retired Stamford Central School Band Director. I moved to the area in 1990, after 19 years in the Hudson Valley. I joined the Stamford Rotary Club in 1995 and have enjoyed serving the club as President three times. I was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the Stamford Healthcare Society, most well-known for operating the Robinson Terrace Skilled Nursing Facility and the Robinson Terrace Senior Living buildings, where I also volunteer at the Front Desk. I am also the Chairman of the Town of Harpersfield Board of Assessment Review (property tax grievance board).

My interests are varied. I have learned that the more I know about a subject the more there is to learn. It is a humbling but important lesson. I have two items I would like to explore, in addition to learning the ins and outs of a cooperative electricity delivery operation. One is the real effect, not just the fear inducing effect, of an EMP event. Coronal mass ejection seems to be the most likely source of concern, but there are other possibilities. The other is that of cyber threats. If high security businesses and government agencies are at risk, I would like to know what can be done to secure the power grid.

I am honored to be a candidate for Director. I hope you will feel comfortable voting for me.

Laurie Wehmeyer

Laurie graduated from South Kortright Central School, married and moved to Jefferson 38 years ago where her husband had a small business. They added a home alongside the business where she still resides even though her husband passed away in 2005. She has 2 children. Her son Adam is an OEM Services Brand Advisor for Dealer.com in Burlington, Vermont. Her daughter Kyra is the 5th grade teacher at Jefferson Central School. Laurie has been in the

2018 Official Candidates, Northern Region, Continued from Page 2...

Healthcare field for over 21 years. She was a Recreational Therapist for 18 ½ years and the Activities Director of The Pavilion at Robinson Terrace for 3 years now.

“As a working parent I was always thankful for a company that gave us cost effective electric. That’s why I would love to have the opportunity to share with others what this organization stands for, how it works and why it is so valuable to its members.”

SOUTHERN REGION

Dominick Dominguez

Dominick is the owner of D & N Improvements LLC, a General Contracting Company and Mountain Graphics, a Printing and Graphic Design Company both based in DeLancey. He is also currently the President of the Colchester Chamber of Commerce. Dominick has been married for 27 years to Marlene Dominguez. They have two children, Nicole, who resides in Rochester and a son Dominick who will be a senior at SUNY Buffalo this fall.

“I would like to utilize my business experience to help the Cooperative move forward in its goals of providing low cost, safe, reliable electric service to its members and contribute to the development of the Cooperative while recognizing the needs of the communities it serves.”

Steve Hodge

Mr. Hodge grew up on a small dairy farm outside of Trout Creek where three towns came together on the farm – Tompkins, Walton, and Masonville. After graduating from high school on 1966, he spent a year on the farm before joining the Army. In the Army for three years he served as a mechanic, specializing in engines and transmission. After a year in Vietnam he returned home and received an honorable discharge.

Steve worked for Lane-Way in Oneonta from 1970 to 1972 and spent 15 years with Agway in Walton, specializing in repair to lawnmowers and light automotive work. In 1987 he purchased a building on Howell Street where he established his business, Hodge’s Outdoor Power Equipment.

He is a 45 year member of the Walton Fire Department where he served as treasurer for 9 years. He also served as Vice President and President. He is an active member of the Walton United Presbyterian Church. He was elected and served eight years as a town councilman. After that he was appointed to the Walton Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA).

Steve and his wife Lois have been married for 48 years. They built their home on Russell Road and have been members of the Cooperative since 1971. They have two sons, a daughter and four grandchildren.

Kate Marsiglio

For 25 years, Kate Marsiglio has known and loved the Walton Farm that is now

WE HAVE A SPECIAL CONNECTION.



We’re not your typical electric company, we’re a local not-for-profit electric cooperative. We don’t have customers, we have members. People aren’t just our number one priority, they’re the reason we’re here.

**WE HAVE A SPECIAL CONNECTION.
YOUR SOURCE OF POWER.
AND GREAT SERVICE.**

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2018 Official Candidates, Southern Region, Continued from Page 3...

Stony Creek Farmstead on Freer Hollow Road. Today at Stony Creek Farmstead, she and her husband, Dan, care for beef cows, a flock of sheep, pigs and chickens and an organic vegetable garden. They have also built a thriving agritourism business and host guests for overnight stays in platform tents.

Kate has a Bachelor's degree in Photojournalism and English Literature from Syracuse University as well as a Master's in Education from the University of Oklahoma. She spent much of her childhood and young adulthood living in other countries - first because her father was in the Army and then because her husband was a Lieutenant in the US Army.

Kate is grateful to be a member of the cooperative as it has always provided the farm and her business with cost effective electricity and reliable service. She is excited to represent other farmers and business owners in the area. She looks forward to learning more about the Cooperative and how it can improve energy efficiency. As a director, Kate wants to help the Cooperative continue to be financially prudent while also reaching out to other cooperatives and encouraging them to embrace more renewable energies.

Jeff Russell

Mr. Russell lives in the Town of Walton in the original farm house on the family's century owned dairy farm. Mr. Russell and his family have been lifelong DCEC members with his Uncle being an active board member.

Mr. Russell graduated from Walton Central High School in 2002. He holds an associate's degree in construction management. He also attended Rochester Institute of Technology for Civil Engineering. He has been employed with the Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation district for nine years, working both with the Watershed Ag Program, and currently the Stream Corridor Management Program.

He would be pleased to have your support to serve as a director in order to provide reasonable electric options for the local communities. Delaware County is where he was born and raised and continues to live and work. He loves and respects the land and it's his hope that future generations may be able to enjoy a strong electrical cooperative.

This Year's Annual Meeting of the Members

The meeting will be held on Friday, September 21, 2018 at the Delaware Academy and Central School in Delhi. Members can enjoy a Brooks' Barbeque chicken dinner starting at 4:30 p.m. before the business meeting, which starts promptly at 6:30 p.m.

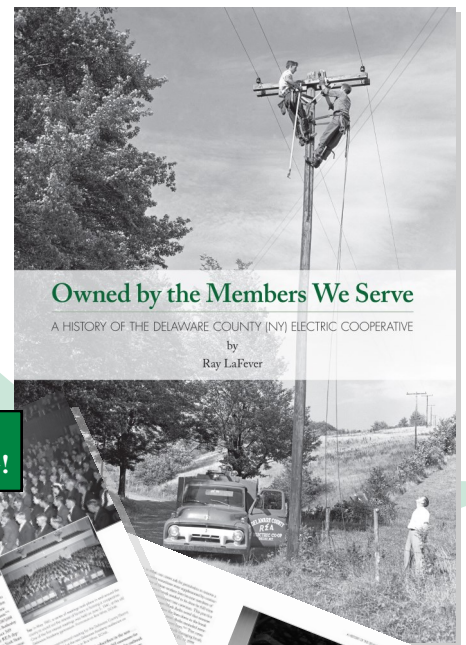
Highlights for this year's meeting include guest speaker Ray LaFever, local historian and author of the 75th Anniversary Book; 75th Anniversary Video; The Nelson Brothers Band; and plenty of chances to win cash and door prizes!

During this year's meeting, members will elect two members of the Board of Directors, one from each of the Northern and Southern regions.

Members can still become candidates for the Board of Directors by filing a petition signed by 15 members by Tuesday, August 7, 2018 (Bylaws Article IV, section 3). There will be proposed bylaw changes and a complete list will be available on DCEC's website and in the official notice of the meeting. For more information about becoming a board member, please contact General Manager, Mark Schneider at (607) 746-9282 or visit the website at www.dce.coop.

The Annual Meeting special edition of Catskill Hi-Line will be included within the August bills and contains the financial report, and your Brooks BBQ Chicken ticket order form.

We hope to see you at this year's meeting!



Owned by the Members We Serve

A HISTORY OF THE DELAWARE COUNTY (NY) ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
by
Ray LaFever

**FREE GIFT AT
ANNUAL MEETING!**

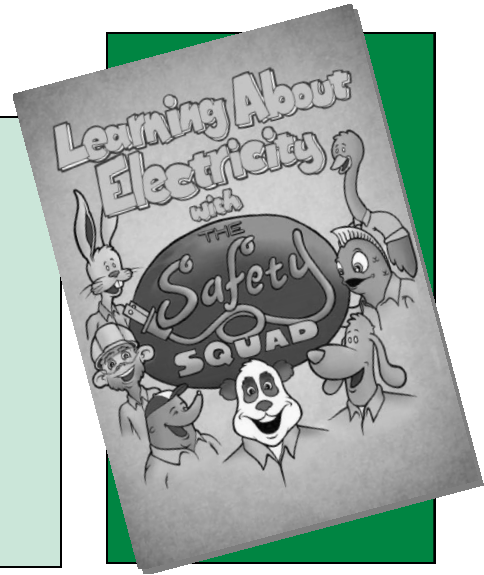


The Safety Squad & Learning about Electricity Safety Practices

DCEC's Line Foreman Douglas Rosa and Systems Coordinator Larry Soule are pictured here providing a free Safety Demonstration for Walton Headstart.

DCEC encourages schools, community groups and businesses to utilize an Electrical Safety Demonstration as part of their educational activities. The Safety Demonstration dramatically emphasizes the dangers posed by high-voltage electric lines, both underground and overhead.

For more information please contact Operations Manager Ryan Sullivan at ryan.sullivan@dce.coop or 607-746-9284.



Safety Tips to Always Remember...

1. Never put an object into a power outlet (other than a power plug).
2. Don't overload one power outlet or power strip.
3. Use plug caps when you have small children in the house.
4. Pull from the plug, not the cord.
5. Never put metal objects in the toaster.
6. Don't put objects containing metal in the microwave. Watch out for gold-lined cups and plates as well as kitchen foil.
7. Never touch a worn, frayed or damaged electrical cord. If you find one, tell an adult immediately.
8. Never use electrical appliances if you're wet, standing in water or near water.
9. Never put drinks on top of your video game console or other electrical devices.



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Save the Date



DTC Open House 2018
Wednesday, August 1st
11:00am – 2:00pm

107 Main Street, Delhi
607-746-1500

10. Keep electrical wires and appliance cords away from heaters.
11. Always turn off a light at the switch before changing a globe.
12. Stay away from power lines. Never climb trees near power lines or touch power lines if they fall.
13. Don't use kites, balloons or remote-controlled drones or planes near power lines.
14. Never throw things onto power lines.
15. Stay away from transformers and electricity substations.
16. Never swim during a thunderstorm.
17. Never plug in an electrical appliance near a pool.

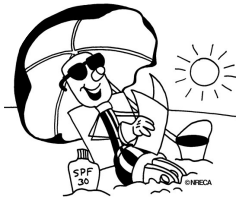
Source: <https://lumoenergy.com.au/blog/electrical-safety-tips-for-kids#.WzZN4tVKiUk>

Summertime Energy Efficiency Ideas

If you're planning to vacation away from home this summer for a period of time, various electronic or entertainment devices, such as cable boxes, printers and TVs should be turned off during your absence. These devices consume power, often called "phantom load" even though they may be turned off. Plugging these devices into a power strip which may be switched off is a convenient way to implement this energy saving idea.

If you use a window A/C unit, check its weather stripping to ensure that air leakage from outdoors is minimized. In addition to higher temperatures, the moisture contained in the warm, humid summertime outdoor air requires the A/C unit to consume additional energy as it removes this moisture from the conditioned space, allowing for increased comfort.

Around the kitchen there may be a number of ways to save money and become more efficient by reducing energy consumption. Cleaning the refrigerator's coils at least once annually will ensure proper and efficient operation of your refrigerator. Also, setting your refrigerator's temperature control in the 34 to 37 deg. F. range and the freezer temperature in the 0 to -5 deg. F. range should help to preserve food adequately while minimizing energy consumption.

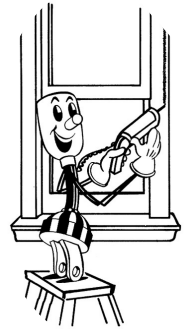


If your refrigerator or freezer is not frost-free, regularly defrost them to avoid ice buildup to help assure maximum efficiency. It's recommended that you follow the manufacturer's instructions for any of your appliances to avoid damage.

It's always best to only run your dishwasher when

it is fully loaded. Doing otherwise will require additional water and energy. Determine if you really need to wash the dishes right away. If it's not necessary to do so, simply load the dishwasher and wait until you have a full load to run it. If you rinse dishes prior to putting them into the dishwasher, do so with cold water when practicable to further reduce your hot water consumption.

Please be sure to turn off coffee makers and other electronics in the kitchen if possible to ensure safety and to save energy. Unplugging some devices may also reduce energy consumption which may occur if they remain plugged into your home's electrical system. Caution is advised regarding the use of switched power strips with wall outlet connected kitchen appliances as such appliances may have electrical current ratings that are in excess of the safe rating of the switched power strip.



Any unused refrigerators or freezers should be unplugged from your home's electrical system to eliminate energy waste. If they are truly not needed, then arrange to recycle them. An unused refrigerator or freezer may present a suffocation hazard to children. As a safety precaution, please securely lock the doors of any unused refrigerator or freezer.

These ideas represent only a small number of ways that you may be able to reduce energy consumption and consequently save some money in your home.

For more energy savings tips and ideas, please visit the DCEC website at <http://www.dce.coop/content/save-energy-money>

**FREE
ADMISSION
TO ALL**

DCEC's Family Fun Event

Saturday, August 4, 2018

2 pm—7 pm

Courthouse Square in Delhi, NY



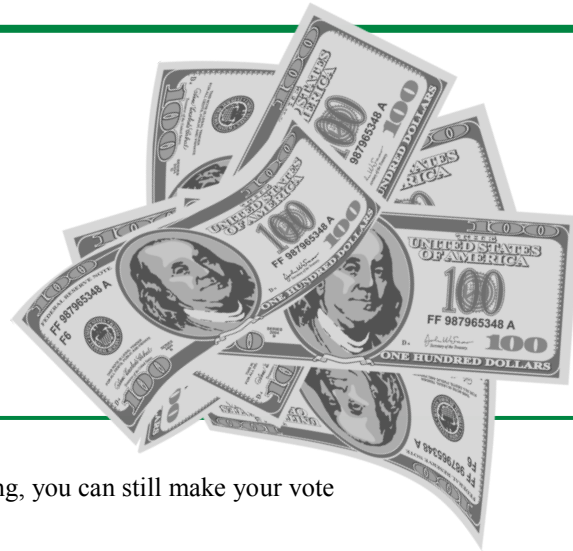
For more information call (607) 746-2341
or visit www.dce.coop/content/familyfunevent



Which Charity Will You Vote For?

In the last issue of the Catskill Hi-Line, DCEC’s newsletter, we asked members to nominate a charitable organization, 501(c)(3), by June 15th. The Cooperative received nominations and they will be published in the next newsletter.

Representatives from each organization will be present at the Annual Meeting on Friday, September 21st with a display table. Please attend the meeting to learn more about each organization and cast your vote for the winner at the business portion of the meeting!



Vote by Absentee Ballot

If you are not planning to attend the 2018 DCEC Annual Meeting, you can still make your vote count by requesting an absentee ballot.

VOTE BY MAIL

One method for a member to be eligible to vote by absentee ballot is to request a ballot by completing an official form (available below) and submitting it to the Cooperative by September 1, 2018. Once the Cooperative receives your form we will provide you with an official absentee ballot which you can then complete and send back to the DCEC office. DCEC will count properly completed absentee ballots as long as they are received by September 19, 2018 (4 business days prior to the Annual Meeting). Once DCEC has received a member’s absentee ballot it cannot be revoked if the member decides to attend the Annual Meeting and vote once there.

VOTE EARLY AT THE CO-OP OFFICE

Members can also complete an absentee ballot in person at the Co-op office during regular business hours between September 1, 2018 and September 18, 2018. You must have a government issued photo ID with you to vote by absentee ballot in the Cooperative office.

Members can return the below form either in person to 39 Elm Street, Delhi, by mail to the DCEC office at: P.O. Box 471, Delhi, NY 13753, fax to (607) 746-7548, or email to office@dce.coop.

REQUEST FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT

The Delaware County Electric Cooperative (hereinafter “Cooperative”) will hold its Annual Meeting on **September 21, 2018** for the transaction of all lawful business in accordance with its Bylaws and the New York State Rural Electric Cooperative Law.

The Annual Meeting will be held at the Delaware Academy Central School, located at 2 Sheldon Drive, Delhi, NY, and the business meeting shall begin at 6:30 pm.

Members who are unable to attend in person are permitted under Article III of the Cooperative’s Bylaws to vote, by absentee ballot, on any and all issues presented to the general membership at that meeting.

To be eligible to vote by absentee ballot, members may request that an absentee ballot be sent to them by providing the following information and returning this completed form to the Cooperative. **The Cooperative must receive this request no later than September 1, 2018.** Upon receipt, the Cooperative shall send to the requesting member an absentee ballot with instructions for its completion and submission.

I HEREBY REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR THE SEPTEMBER 21, 2018 ANNUAL MEETING.

Member’s Name: _____

Account Number: _____

Member’s Address: _____

If you have any questions with respect to this form or the Annual Meeting, please contact DCEC at (607) 746-2341 or (866) 436-1223, or at Delaware County Electric Co-op, P.O. Box 471, 39 Elm Street, Delhi, NY 13753.

2018 Business Of The Year Award

Mark Schneider the CEO/General Manager of Delaware County Electric Cooperative proudly accepted the 2018 Business of the Year Award along with Delhi Telephone Company (DTC) and Margaretville Telephone Company (MTC) for their joint work on the Delaware County Broadband Initiative (DCBI) project. Mr. Schneider thanked the Delaware County Chamber, for the honor. He thanked Jason Miller and the team from DTC and Glen Faulkner and the team from MTC. Mr. Schneider continued to comment that together we can accomplish things that we are incapable of accomplishing alone.

Schneider is pleased to announce members will no longer be limited for lack for access to broadband which hampers families and businesses by limiting access to economic, educational, healthcare and entertainment options.

For additional information about this project please visit our website at <http://www.dce.coop/content/delaware-county-broadband-initiative-dcbi> or call office at (607) 746-2341.



Donald Bramley of MTC, Jason Miller of DTC,
Ray Pucci of Delaware County Chamber of
Commerce, Mark Schneider of DCEC.
Picture by Lillian Browne of the
Delaware County Chamber of Commerce.



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VENDORS & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

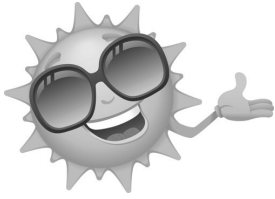
In addition to the balloons, live music, and carnival fun, the Family Fun Event features arts & crafts vendors, as well as commercial exhibitors. This event draws approximately 300 visitors and provides an excellent opportunity for vendors to market goods and support the community at the same time.

DCEC's Family Fun Day is accepting applications from craft & commercial exhibitors for the 2018 Event, August 4, 2018 at Courthouse Square in Delhi, NY. Apply online at <http://www.dce.coop/content/familyfunevent> or call 607-746-9299.

“On behalf of the entire DCBI team I extend our heartfelt thanks to the NYS Broadband Office and the Southern Tier Regional Economic Development Council, both of whom have administered significant grants, which have helped make possible the roll-out of high speed broadband internet over fiber to 100% of the members of the Cooperative and to many more homes, businesses and institutions throughout the Central and Western Catskills. We also recognize the hard working folks from the Delaware County Economic Development office as well as the IDA. They work tirelessly to support job creation, which is critical for us to be able to hand down to our children and grandchildren a viable and sustainable community.”

- CEO/GM Mark Schneider





Member Participation in Annual Meeting

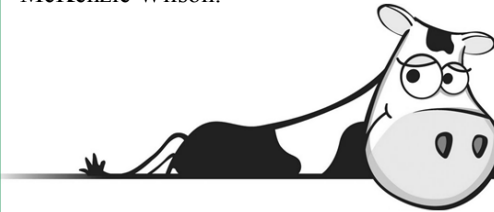
For complete instructions for members who wish to add business to the agenda, make statements, and for members who wish to witness the counting of any ballots cast at the Annual Meeting of Members please visit our website at: http://dce.coop/sites/dcec/files/PDF/Policies/Member%20Participation%20in%20Annual%20Meeting%202015JMar2%20Approved_revised.pdf

Hungerford Crowned 2018-2019 Delaware County Dairy Princess

Congratulations to 16 year old Morgan Hungerford, junior at South Kortright Central School, she was crowned the 2018 Delaware County Dairy Princess. Also from South Kortright Anna Reinshagen was named the alternate. Additional members of the Dairy Court include Madison Albano, Theresa Cersaletti, Jessica Coleman, Chloe David, Morgan Kuhn, Meredith McCann, Ava Pieper, Katherine Reinshagen and McKenzie Wilson.



Clockwise, from top, outgoing Dairy Princess Juliana Archibald, crowned Morgan Hungerford, and alternate Anna Reinshagen pose at the 56th Annual Delaware County Dairy Princess Coronation Dinner. Source of photo <https://www.facebook.com/DelawareCountyDairyPromotionCommittee>



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Operations Update

Right of Way Clearing: The Right of Way (ROW) Crew is working on clearing in the towns of Sidney, Masonville, and Tompkins. The ROW Crew is also working on County Route 35, State Route 206 and anywhere the Cooperative is obligated to keep clear and safe for the membership and DCEC staff. DCEC Spray Crews will be working in Hamden, Andes and Colchester this summer. For a complete understanding of the DCEC's Vegetation Management Program and procedures please visit our website at <http://www.dce.coop/content/vegetation-management>.

Pole Replacement & Line Reconstruction: The Line Crew is working on various make ready jobs for Spectrum, Margaretville Telephone Company and Delhi Telephone Company in Jefferson, Tompkins, Walton, and Masonville. The Line Crew is also planning on working on Randall Hill in the town of Masonville.



FIVE CHANCES TO WIN

Is Your Location Number in This Issue?

Your service location number begins with two letters and is located on your bill next to your account number. Keep your eyes peeled for the "hidden location number" in this newsletter! If you find the number, and it is your service location you will receive a DCEC fleece sweatshirt!

This edition has *FIVE chances to win!!!!*

Call (607) 746-2341 if you find your number. Good luck!



Fridays 4-7 PM
June—Sept.
101 Maple Ave.
Hobart, NY
Town Green

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NOTICE

Keep Contact Information Updated



It's important to keep your contact information including all your contact numbers and current address up to date with the Cooperative. If any of this information has changed please give the office a call at, (607) 746-2341.

Generlink Transfer Switches

Plugs into 200 amp Meter Socket
20 ft Cord to Connect to Generator | Built in Surge Protector
Accommodates 10,000 watt Generator

Available for Purchase at our Office

For More Information
or to Confirm Compatibility
Contact DCEC at (607) 746-2341.

