

## Powering Our Rural Communities

### Amphenol Becomes a DCEC Member...DCEC Secures Franchise for Village of Sidney

In late September, Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee rolled through Delaware and surrounding counties causing devastating damage and hardship. As part of the devastation, the Susquehanna River rose to flood levels encompassing the Village of Sidney and, with that, the main manufacturing facilities of Amphenol Aerospace, a major local employer and manufacturer of high-tech connectors used in the aerospace and defense industries. The company experienced devastating damage to equipment and facilities which disrupted operations for a lengthy period of time causing significant hardship to employees, customers and shareholders.



Having also been flooded in 2006, Amphenol announced that it would re-locate its operations to ensure that it does not experience another devastating flood. With over 1,200 employees and its contribution to the local and NYS economy, state and county economic development officials worked diligently throughout October and November to create a package of incentives that would entice Amphenol to remain in NYS and, specifically, in the Village of Sidney.

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### DCEC Remembers John Lilholt



DCEC was saddened by the loss of one of our employees. DCEC Field Planner John Lilholt passed away in mid-January after a sudden illness.

John, a surveyor by trade, had worked for DCEC for the past 12 years and was instrumental in our AMR implementation as well as creating and maintaining our electronic mapping system. A great deal of the work John did was used in developing our Construction Work Plans. Everything that John worked on was done precisely.

The employees at DCEC extend their prayers to the Lilholt family. A scholarship fund for John's children is being established in his honor. Anyone wishing to contribute can contact Larry (Bucky) Soule at the DCEC office at 607-746-9289 for more information.

**Are You Interested in  
Serving on the DCEC  
Nominating Committee?**

*See page 3 for Details*



### DCEC Installs New Advanced Metering System

A major upgrade to DCEC's metering infrastructure from its historical automatic meter reading (AMR) system has been progressing. DCEC has operated an AMR system for remote meter reading of member's service meters since 2000. Through grants from the U.S. Department of Energy and NYSEDA, DCEC is implementing the project to replace aging equipment and provide members with improved service and more information to allow them to better manage energy consumption.

In December 2011, equipment installations at two DCEC substations were completed and placed in service. Commissioning at three additional substations are expected to be completed in mid-March.

A major component of the upgrade includes the replacement of aging metering equipment. At the end of February, approximately 40% of DCEC members received a new electronic meter. The system will continue to allow DCEC to remotely read member's service meters while also enhancing the detection and reporting of outages or interruptions leading to improved restoration of electric service. Additionally, the system and new meters will support a variety of programs designed to allow members to become more energy efficient.



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*DCEC employee Ryan Sullivan installing a new AMI meter*

## Amphenol Continued from Page 1...

On November 29, 2011 Governor Cuomo announced to the relief of employees and local communities that Amphenol had accepted the State's offer to build the company a new factory on Delaware Street in the Village of Sidney, Delaware County. Included in the economic development package was low-cost electric service by DCEC.

Since that time, work has been proceeding at a fast pace to deliver 4.5 MW of electric service to Amphenol (equivalent to the load of approximately 1,500 average homes). On February 13, 2012, the Village of Sidney granted DCEC a franchise to provide electric service in the Village and on February 28 the DCEC board accepted Amphenol as the newest member of the Cooperative. Other work is continuing including securing additional hydro power from NYPA to serve the new load of the Cooperative, completing the electric design necessary to support the manufacturing and to secure a new wholesale delivery point off of the NYS energy market.

"We are extremely pleased to have the opportunity to be part of something that is so important to our area", says Greg Starheim, DCEC CEO. "This opportunity will keep over a thousand jobs in our area, will protect the viability of our local economy, will make Amphenol more competitive by reducing their energy costs and will add value to our existing membership. We are honored to be part of the project and to have Amphenol join our Cooperative."

## Advanced Metering Continued from Page 1...

The new system will include an upgrade of DCEC's existing electric water heater load control system. The existing load control system has been operating for more than twenty years and is no longer supported by the manufacturer. This program allows members to receive a credit on their electric bill while allowing DCEC to control their water heater helping manage the co-ops system peak demand (and costs).

Another component of the project will include the installation and testing for up to 35 heat pump water heaters at selected participating members. This test will judge the effectiveness of heat pump water heating equipment versus conventional water heating equipment typically used in the DCEC service area. Members interested in participating in this program should contact the DCEC office.

## Volunteers Establish Delhi Community Fund

A group of local volunteers have established the Delhi Fuel Bank to assist needy residents in the Delhi area in making payments on their home heating energy bills.

The fund is intended to provide short-term assistance to individuals and families who have experienced a personal setback and are having a tough time making ends meet.

"We recognize that people can have setbacks and at times need assistance", says Al Davino, funds volunteer. "A disability, death or loss-of-employment are examples that can cause a family to experience financial distress. We set up the fund to provide assistance in these situations." Eligible expenses include all forms of energy sources used for home heating including heating oil, kerosene, electric and wood purchases.

The fund, in its third full year of operation, is funded through generous individual donations and support from the Delhi Rotary Club, Delhi Women's Club and the Delhi Kiwanis. It is not affiliated with any public assistance or religious entity.

A committee established by the fund reviews applications and decides who receives assistance. Awards are made on a first-come, first-serve basis, and consideration of the severity of need and the amount of funding that is available. Applications are available at the Office for the Aging (Court Street, Delhi), the Delhi Diner, the Law Offices of Bishop and Hill (Delhi) and at the DCEC office (Elm Street).

## DCEC Board Districts and Directors

<u>Northern Region</u> Represented by: <b>David Hartwell &amp; Ed "Rusty" Pick</b>	<u>Central Region</u> Represented by: <b>Paul Menke, Steve Oles &amp; Meg Hungerford</b>	<u>Southern Region</u> Represented by: <b>Frank Winkler, Ernie Bartz &amp; Hartley Russell</b>
<b>Davenport</b>	<b>Bovina</b>	<b>Andes</b>
<b>Gilboa</b>	<b>Delhi</b>	<b>Bainbridge</b>
<b>Harpersfield</b>	<b>Franklin</b>	<b>Colchester</b>
<b>Jefferson</b>	<b>Hamden</b>	<b>Masonville</b>
<b>Maryland</b>	<b>Kortright</b>	<b>Middletown</b>
<b>Stamford</b>	<b>Meredith</b>	<b>Sidney</b>
<b>Summit</b>		<b>Tompkins</b>
		<b>Walton</b>



Frank Winkler



Hartley Russell



Meg Hungerford



Steve Oles



Paul Menke



Dave Hartwell



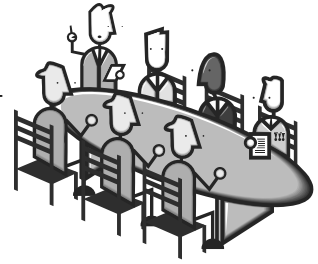
Rusty Pick



Ernie Bartz

## Nominating Committee Forming to Identify Director Candidates

Consistent with Cooperative Bylaws, a Nominating Committee is formed each spring for the purpose of identifying Cooperative members interested in serving on the DCEC Board of Directors. This committee is made up of members of the Cooperative who are interested in learning more about the governance structure of DCEC and working to identify qualified candidates to serve as directors of DCEC. The candidates that are nominated by this committee are included on the ballot for membership vote at the Annual Meeting of the Membership which takes place each September.



“The board takes our governance responsibilities very seriously”, explains DCEC President Frank Winkler. “Over the last few years, we have worked hard in ensuring that our director nomination process is very transparent and fair.”

If you are interested in serving on the Nominating Committee, please contact the DCEC office by March 26, 2012. In accordance with DCEC bylaws, the committee is comprised of between 5 and 11 members representing the geographic diversity of the DCEC service area. Members serving on the committee receive a modest stipend for their service. The committee typically meets 2-3 times from April through June in the evenings.

DCEC would like to thank the members who served on the 2011 Nominating Committee: Nancy Bellinger, Anthony Caruso, Thomas Courtenay-Clack, Frank Eppich, Robert Foote, Stephen Hodge, Richard Kuhn, Carol LaTourette, Steven Mason, Wayne Oliver, and Wesley Warren.

## 2012 Board of Director Nominations

*As a democratic organization, Cooperative members vote each year to elect directors to represent them on the DCEC Board. Elections for director positions occur at the DCEC’s Annual Meeting in September. DCEC currently has 8 directors comprising its board representing three regions of the DCEC’s service territory (see DCEC Board Regions chart on page 2). Directors serve 3-year terms. In accordance with the DCEC bylaws, a Nominating Committee considers members interested in serving on the board and nominates candidates for the election. If you are a full-time residential member of the Cooperative, at least 21 years old and are interested in being a candidate, or if you would like additional information, contact the DCEC office.*

In accordance with DCEC bylaws, the Nominating Committee must prepare a list of candidates for membership consideration at least 60 days prior to the Cooperative’s Annual Meeting. The 2012 Annual Meeting of the Members is scheduled to be held September 21, 2012 at 4:30 p.m.

Elections will occur at the 2012 Annual Meeting for the following regions:

**Northern Region:** David Hartwell —Towns of Davenport, Gilboa, Harpersfield, Jefferson, Maryland, Stamford and Summit.

**Southern Region:** Hartley Russell—Towns of Andes, Bainbridge, Colchester, Masonville, Middletown, Sidney, Tompkins and Walton.

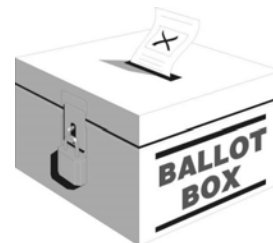
The Committee will meet from April through June at the DCEC office at 39 Elm Street, Delhi, for the purpose of identifying candidates for the above positions.

Nominations for directors are governed by Article 4 of the Bylaws. A director may be nominated either through:

1) The **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**. The Nominating Committee meets to identify at least two candidates to run for each region up for election.

2) The second way is by **PETITION**. Any 15 or more members may petition the Cooperative to place a qualified member on the ballot. This must be done not less than 45 days before the Annual Meeting.

Rules regulating director elections are outlined in DCEC’s bylaws which are available on [www.dce.coop](http://www.dce.coop). Voting for directors is covered by Article 3. Each member may cast one ballot for a nominee in each region. A husband and wife holding a joint membership may cast one vote for two nominees, one from each region.



## Herbicide Treatment for Vegetation Control



### Specialty Herbicide

For the control of woody plants and broad leaf weeds on rights-of-way, industrial sites, non-crop areas, non-irrigation ditch banks, forests, and wildlife openings, including grazed areas on these sites.

**Active Ingredient:** triclopyr, 3,5, 6-trichloro-2-pyridinyloxyacetic acid, butoxyethyl ester 61.6%, **Inert Ingredients** 38.4%, **Acid**

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### CAUTION

**Harmful if Swallowed, Inhaled at Absorbed Through Skin.**

Avoid contact with eyes, skin, or clothing. Avoid breathing mists or vapors. Avoid contamination of food. Wash thoroughly after handling. Remove and wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

### FIRST AID

**If on skin:** Flush skin with plenty of water. Get medical attention if irritation persists.

**If swallowed:** Do not induce vomiting. Call a physician.

### Physical or Chemical Hazards

**Combustible.** Do not use or store near heat or open flame. Do not cut or weld container.

### Environmental Hazards

This pesticide is toxic to fish. Keep out of lakes, ponds or streams. Do not contaminate water when disposing of equipment wash waters.

**Notice:** Read the entire label. Use only according to label directions. **Before buying or using this product, read "Warranty Disclaimer" and "Limitation of Remedies" inside label booklet.**

In case of an emergency endangering life or property involving this product, call collect 517-636-4400.

**Agricultural Chemical:** Do not ship or store with food, feeds, drugs or clothing.

### General Use Precautions

Apply this product only as specified on this label. Be sure that use of this product conforms to all applicable regulations. Before using any recommended tank mixtures read the directions and all use precautions on both labels.

**Chemigation:** Do not apply this product through any type of irrigation system.

*During the year 2012 DCEC will again be clearing trees and brush from our primary distribution lines in Delaware and Schoharie counties. Once the trees have been cut, a ready-to-use herbicide known as Garlon-4 will be applied to the stump to prevent undesirable future sprouting. DCEC is licensed and registered with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to purchase, store and apply this herbicide. If you would like more information or would like to discuss the herbicide, please feel free to contact Wayne Marshfield at 607-746-9284.*

Do not apply Garlon4 directly to or otherwise permit it to come into direct contact with grapes, tobacco, vegetable crops, flowers or other desirable broadleaf plants and do not permit spray mists containing it to drift onto them.

### Avoid Injurious Spray Drift

Applications should be made only when there is little or no hazard from spray drift. Very small quantities of spray, which may not be visible, may seriously injure susceptible plants. Do not spray when wind is blowing toward susceptible crops or ornamental plants near enough to be injured. It is suggested that a continuous smoke column at or near the spray site or a smoke generator on the spray equipment be used to detect air movement, lapse conditions or temperature inversions (stable air). If the smoke layers or indicates a potential of hazardous spray drift, do not spray.

### DIRECTIONS FOR USE

It is a violation of Federal law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling. Read all Directions for Use carefully before applying. Do not use for manufacturing or formulating.

### General Information

Garlon4 herbicide is recommended for the control of unwanted woody plants and annual broadleaf weeds in forests, and on non-crop areas including industrial manufacturing and storage sites, rights-of-way such as electrical power lines, communication lines, pipelines, roadsides and railroads, fence rows, non-irrigation ditch banks and around farm buildings.

Use on these sites may include application to grazed areas as well as establishment and maintenance of wildlife openings.

### Grazing and Haying Restrictions

#### Grazing or harvesting green forage;

1) Lactating dairy animals 2 quarts/acre or less: Do not graze or harvest green forage from treated area for 14 days after treatment. Greater than 2 quarts to 6 quarts/acre. Do not graze or harvest green forage until next growing season.

2) Other Livestock: 2 quarts/acre or less: No grazing restrictions. Greater than 2 quarts to 6 quarts/acre: Do not graze or harvest green forage from treated area for 14 days after treatment.

**Note: If less than 25% of a grazed area is treated, there is no grazing restriction.**

#### Haying (harvesting of dried forage):

1) Lactating dairy animals: Do not harvest hay until the next growing season.

2) Other livestock: 2 quarts/acre or less: Do not harvest hay for 7 days after treatment. Greater than 2 quarts to 4 quarts/acre; Do not harvest hay for 14 days after treatment.

Greater than 4 quarts/acre: Do not harvest hay until next growing season.

### Slaughter Restrictions:

Withdraw livestock from grazing treated grass or consumption of treated hay at least 3 days before slaughter. This restriction applies to grazing during the season following treatment or hay harvested during the season following treatment.

### Warranty Disclaimer

DowElanco warrants that this product conforms to the chemical description on the label and is reasonably fit for the purposes stated on the label when used in strict accordance with the directions, subject to the inherent risks set forth below. DOWELANCO MAKES NO OTHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE OR ANY OTHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTY.

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## DCEC Completes Annual Audit

Each year, the DCEC board retains an outside accounting firm to conduct a comprehensive audit of DCEC financial practices and internal controls. For the second year in a row, the auditing firm of Buffamante, Whipple, Buttafaro, P.C. (BWB), located in Jamestown, N.Y., was hired and completed a very comprehensive audit of how DCEC processes payments, conducts business and records financial transactions from all departments. They also review the strength of DCEC internal controls to ensure against the risk of fraud or inaccuracies in DCEC's financial accounting practices.

We are pleased to report to our members that the findings from last year and the preliminary findings for 2011 have revealed that DCEC is in good, sound financial standing with no deficiencies identified in internal control practices.



## Community Calendar

### 17th Annual Maple Open House

Shaver Hill Farm  
Harpersfield, NY  
March 24-25  
9:00 am—4:00 pm

### 2nd Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade

Saturday, March 24  
Main Street Delhi  
Parade starts at noon



## Sportsfield Specialties Announces Deal with Spalding

On January 5th, Sportsfield Specialties, a DCEC member and Delhi-based manufacturer of sporting equipment, announced an agreement with Spalding, the world-renown sporting-goods company, that significantly expands the company's product line and presence in the professional, collegiate and high school sporting equipment markets. The agreement involves Sportsfield Specialties co-branding and exclusively selling and manufacturing all indoor sporting equipment previously marketed under the Spalding brand.

"This is a major deal for us", says Wayne Oliver, CEO of Sportsfield Specialties. "Under this agreement, our Delhi manufacturing facility will expand to produce indoor basketball equipment, scoring tables, score boards, indoor wall padding, divider curtains and other related equipment. This agreement complements our existing products and makes Sportsfield Specialties a major national supplier of sporting equipment across the United States."

Sportsfield Specialties was founded by Scott Clark in 1998 and, in January 2004, the company became a member of DCEC. Their current facility in Delhi, NY, along with the electricity they need for the expansion of their operation, is served by low-cost hydro power that DCEC secured on its behalf from the New York Power Authority (NYPA) Economic Development Program.



*Congressman Gibson with Sportsfield Specialty CEO, Wayne Oliver*

## Thank you FEMA

There are many benefits of belonging to a cooperative. What you may not know is that one of the benefits is that DCEC is eligible to receive FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) reimbursement in cases where the Cooperative's electric lines and poles have been damaged in events deemed to be "disasters". We all have heard the term 'declared disaster area' either by the state or federal government. When that declaration is made, DCEC staff begins to open a special "work order" to track and compile a record of all costs incurred in the repair to damaged lines and poles. "We are very happy to report that DCEC was awarded a total of \$143,625 in FEMA aid in 2011 to help offset the costs for damages done during the April storms as well as Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee. Without this assistance, the cost would be absorbed by our membership", says Millie Faulkner, DCEC Finance Manager. DCEC would like to thank everyone at the local FEMA offices for their assistance in securing these funds to offset the costs to our Cooperative members.



*DCEC Operations Manager, Wayne Marshfield shakes hands with Tom Tobin of FEMA as John Fink, also from FEMA, stands behind them.*

## Operations Update



### Line Reconstruction:

DCEC crews have completed reconstruction of 1.9 miles of electric line on Holiday Brook Rd. in the Town of Andes and Colchester. Currently, DCEC crews are relocating and rebuilding 0.7 miles of line on Sal Bren Rd. in the Town of Meredith and 1.2 miles of line in the County Route 33 and North Rd. area in the Town of Kortright.

### Right of Way (ROW) Clearing:

DCEC ROW clearing crews have finished tree clearing in the Town of Masonville and have moved to the Delhi area just south of our Delhi substation on Scotch Mountain Rd. and surrounding area.

DCEC contractor, KW Reese, will begin clearing right-of-way in March beginning at our Delhi substation and go north to State Rte. 10 and Platner Brook Rd.

Members affected on all the above stated projects will be notified more specifically of the projected dates.



DCEC Linemen donate their time to help SUNY Delhi students in the Electric Utility Operations class set poles on campus that are used as part of the students training.

## Quotes to Live By

“The purpose of life is a life of purpose.” - Robert Byrne

“There are 3 ways to get something done: Do it yourself, employ someone to do it, or forbid your children to do it.” - Monty Crane

## Energy Efficiency Tip

### Insulation Quick Tip: Blow in some insulation

Attics can be great sources of heat loss in the winter and heat gain in the summer. Payback will vary depending on your region, but you will usually recover the cost within 2 years.



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### Mark Your Calendars!

**DCEC Annual Meeting**  
**Friday**  
**September 21, 2012**

**More information to come in upcoming newsletters**

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