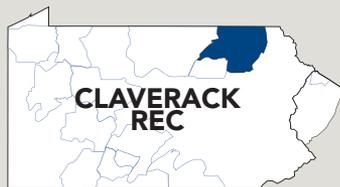


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From the President & CEO



Looking forward to a summer tradition

By Bobbi Kilmer

IT'S THAT time of year! While many of you are thinking about your plans for the summer, maybe even getting ready for a family vacation, your cooperative directors and employees are busy preparing for our 80th annual meeting.

This year's meeting will be held Thursday, July 13, at the Elk Lake High School in Springville.

Doors will open at 4 p.m., and members can enjoy barbecued chicken dinners in the gym from 4 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

We are excited to welcome Van Wagner, a talented singer and songwriter from central Pennsylvania, to the auditorium stage at 5 p.m. Van's website biography describes him as: "Van Wagner. Born in Pennsylvania. Lives in Pennsylvania. Makes Music. Mined Coal. Logged Trees. Teaches Kids."

While you are enjoying Van's music and photography, you may also learn a thing or two about Pennsylvania history from an award-winning performer/educator whose music has been featured on the History Channel, WVIA-TV and Country Music Television.

Following Van's performance, we will gavel in our business meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Members will be able to learn the results of the election for directors in Zones 1, 2 and 3, and hear brief reports about the state

of the cooperative.

Spoiler alert: The state of the cooperative remains strong. After finalizing our 2016 year-end financials, the board of directors recently authorized a capital credits refund for the seventh straight year. We are retiring over \$1.36 million of patronage capital, which will be reflected as a credit on this month's electric bills. We will fill you in on the details at the annual meeting.

We have also invited Stephen Brame, vice president of public affairs & member services at the Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association and Allegheny Electric Cooperative, Inc., to return as our guest speaker for the business meeting. He will update members on issues relevant to the state's rural electric cooperatives.

And, of course, we'll have some terrific door prizes to hand out during the meeting. Even members who don't win a door prize will not go home empty-handed: Every registered member will receive a \$10 electric bill credit, an LED lightbulb and a yardstick.

We know many of you appreciate being able to drive home in the daylight, so we'll try to keep things moving along so it isn't a late night.

We are looking forward to an enjoyable evening and hope you will consider joining us July 13. 

Director elections slated for Zones 1, 2 and 3

DEMOCRACY will take center stage at Claverack's 2017 annual meeting, with director election results highlighting the agenda.

Board seats are up for election in Zones 1, 2 and 3 this year. The election of directors will be conducted via mail-in ballots. Each member will receive a ballot listing the names of all candidates seeking seats on the co-op board.

Members can expect to receive the ballots this month. **The completed ballots should be returned in the addressed, stamped blue envelope included with the annual meeting notice. Claverack must receive members' completed ballots no later than July 11.**

The announcement of election results will take place during the business portion of the annual meeting.

In accordance with Claverack's bylaws, director elections take place on a rotating basis, with three zones up for election each year. Elected candidates serve three-year terms. Directors are responsible for establishing co-op policies and overseeing business operations.

Candidates who have filed petitions to run for board seats are: incumbent Danise C. Fairchild, Zone 1; incumbent Dr. Robert R. Faux, Zone 2; and incumbent Angela S. Joines, Zone 3. A profile of each candidate follows.

Zone 1

Zone 1 serves members in Albany, Asylum, Herrick, Standing Stone, Stevens, Terry and Wyalusing townships in Bradford County.



Danise Fairchild
Zone 1

Danise C. Fairchild
826 Cemetery Road
Wyalusing, PA 18853

Danise C. Fairchild was appointed to the Claverack board of directors in February 2013 and holds the position of vice secretary/treasurer of the board. In addition,

Fairchild serves on the Valley Energy board of directors.

Fairchild has completed the Credentialed Cooperative Director curriculum offered by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. She has also attained her Board Leadership Certificate and Gold Certification.

A resident of Standing Stone Township, she is the accounting manager at Global Tungsten & Powders Corp. in Towanda. Fairchild holds a bachelor's degree from Old Dominion University and has a master's degree in business administration from George Mason University.

She and her husband, Terry, have a daughter, Allison, who lives and works in Baltimore. Danise enjoys traveling, camping, and performing community and church service.

Zone 2

Zone 2 serves members in Clinton, Eaton, Exeter, Falls, Lemon, Monroe, North Moreland, Noxen, Overfield, and Tunkhannock townships in Wyoming County; and Exeter and Franklin townships in Luzerne County.



Robert Faux
Zone 2

Robert R. Faux
24 Orchard Hill Road
Tunkhannock, PA
18657

Dr. Robert R. Faux was elected to his first term on the Claverack board of directors on July 19, 2008. He has completed the

Credentialed Cooperative Director curriculum offered by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association and has also attained his Board Leadership Certificate.

Faux is a senior instructor with Penn State University and has been a member of the faculty since 1986. He has taught and continues to teach courses in mathematics, physics and electrical engineering.

Faux holds a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and a master's

degree in engineering science from Penn State University. He also holds a doctoral degree in human development with a concentration in instructional leadership from Marywood University.

A lifetime resident of Claverack's Zone 2, Robert and his wife, Laura, have one son, Christopher. Faux is an avid outdoorsman and enjoys the opportunities provided by living in a rural part of Wyoming County.

Zone 3

Zone 3 serves members in Hop Bottom Borough, and Clifford, Gibson, Harford, Jackson, Lathrop, and Lenox townships in Susquehanna County; and Benton Township in Lackawanna County.



Angela Joines
Zone 3

Angela S. Joines
1661 Stearns Lake
Road
Jackson, PA 18825

Angela S. Joines was appointed to the Claverack board of directors in July 2012. She also serves as a director for Citizens'

Electric Co. of Lewisburg. Joines has completed the Credentialed Cooperative Director curriculum offered by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. She has also attained her Board Leadership Certificate and Gold Certification.

A resident of Jackson, Susquehanna County, Joines is the sole owner of Angie's Place, a deli and pizzeria establishment in South Gibson.

She is a graduate of Broome Community College with an associate degree in business/accounting.

The mother of two children, Joines enjoys outdoor activities. ☀

All Claverack offices will be closed Tuesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day

Join us at the 2017 Claverack REC Annual Meeting

Elk Lake High School Auditorium
2380 Elk Lake School Road
Springville, Pa.
Thursday, July 13, 2017

4 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. - Barbecued chicken dinner, registration, exhibits, children's activities

5 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. - Entertainment by musical historian Van Wagner

6:30 p.m. - Business Meeting

8 p.m. - Meeting adjourns

HIGHLIGHTS

Guest speaker Stephen Brame,
Vice president - public affairs & member services,
Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association/
Allegheny Electric Cooperative, Inc.

- ▶ Door prizes ◀
- ▶ Barbecued chicken dinner ◀
- ▶ Educational exhibits ◀
- ▶ Children's activities ◀
- ▶ Live entertainment ◀
- ▶ \$10 bill credit for all registered members ◀

SmartHub: Manage your account from anywhere

SmartHub, Claverack's online bill payment and account management program, lets you manage all aspects of your account online or with your mobile device.



With SmartHub you can:

- ▶ View bills online
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Signing up for SmartHub is easy. Visit our website, www.claverack.com, click on the "Pay Bill" button on the left side of your screen and follow the registration instructions. The SmartHub mobile app is available for download through your app store.

PAiD program saves time, stamps, late-fee worries

If you are looking for ways to simplify your life, Claverack's Payment Automatically Drafted (PAiD) program may be for you.

By signing up for Claverack's automatic bill payment program, you can avoid

the hassle of searching for stamps, licking envelopes and worrying about whether your payment arrives on time.

When you participate in the PAiD program, the payment for your electric bill is automatically drafted from your checking

or savings account or charged to a credit card each month. Even if you are out of town, your bill will be paid on time. You'll never have to worry about paying a late fee again.

Here's what happens after you sign up:

- ▶ The first automated payment will be made the second billing period after we receive your completed form. The first month will be a trial run to verify account numbers. No money will be moved.
- ▶ You will continue to receive a monthly bill statement.
- ▶ Your bill statement will alert you to the date your payment will be automatically withdrawn.

With Claverack's PAiD program, paying your electric bill is simple. There are no sign-up charges or transaction fees. And you can cancel PAiD at any time by notifying us in writing.

To sign up for PAiD, simply fill out the coupon, left, and mail it to: Claverack Rural Electric Cooperative, 32750 Route 6, Wysox, PA 18854. The PAiD application can also be found on our website, www.claverack.com, by clicking on "Payment Options" under the Your Bill dropdown menu at the top of the homepage. For more information, please call 1-800-326-9799.

I hereby authorize the CLAVERACK RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC., hereinafter called COMPANY, to initiate savings/checking/credit union/credit card withdrawal debit entries; and to initiate, if necessary, corrections that may take the form of debit or credit entries as adjustments for any debit entries made in error, to my (select one):

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This authorization is to remain in full force and effect until COMPANY has received notification from me of my desire to terminate or change the instructions contained herein.

CLAVERACK ACCOUNT NUMBER: _____

If you have more than one account, please list all account numbers you want automatically paid.

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(Please print)

DATE OF AUTHORIZATION: ____/____/____ MEMBER SIGNATURE: _____

Six high school students to represent co-op on Youth Tour

SIX high school students from Claverack's service territory have been selected to join more than 1,700 students from all over the United States in June for the National Rural Electric Youth Tour, a weeklong tour of the nation's capital.

During the tour, students will visit historical sites including the Vietnam and Korean war memorials, the Smithsonian museums, National Cathedral, National Zoo, and the World War II Memorial.

Selected on the basis of an application, essay and extracurricular activities, the following students will represent Claverack on the 2017 Youth Tour June 11-16: Delia Geyer of New Milford, Emma Bly of Granville Summit, Whitney Madill of Monroeton, Benjamin Alderson of Warren Center, Emma Mangel of Hallstead, and Steven Chenot of Towanda. All of the students will be entering their senior year of high school this fall.

Delia Geyer, daughter of Chris Geyer and Lisa Geyer, attends Blue Ridge High School. She is class secretary and has participated in volleyball, cheerleading and chorus. Delia enjoys playing instruments, skiing and volunteering. She is considering pursuing a career in law following high school.



Delia Geyer

Emma Bly, the daughter of Bernie and Lonna Bly, is a student at Canton Jr.-Sr. High School. A member of the National Honor Society, Emma plays on her school's basketball team and participates in band, orchestra and chorus. She is treasurer for her local 4-H club and has been active in youth group, Giving Tree, and Students Against Drunk Driving. Her interests include riding horses, milking cows and feeding calves. Emma is considering a career in agriculture and educa-



Emma Bly

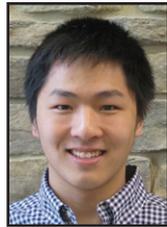
tion following high school.

Whitney Madill, the daughter of Drew and Carol Madill, attends Towanda Area High School. She is active in chorus, participating in show choir and concert choir, plays in the band, and participates in forensics. Whitney's extracurricular activities include church choir, youth group and voice lessons. She has received dance instruction through the Endless Mountains Dance Center for 14 years. Whitney enjoys baking and being politically conscious. She aspires to appear on Broadway and to choreograph a Broadway show.



Whitney Madill

Benjamin Alderson, the son of Larry Alderson and Beth Alderson and stepson of Janet Alderson, is a student at Northeast Bradford High School. He competes on the school's soccer and track teams, participates in school musicals, and has received the Presidential Award. He is active in youth group, indoor soccer and Big Buddy, and is a member of the National Honor Society. Benjamin enjoys tutoring younger students in pre-algebra. His major study interest is economics and



Benjamin Alderson

law, with a career goal of becoming a professional adviser for a large company.

Emma Mangel, the daughter Kathleen Mangel, is a student at Blue Ridge High School, where she is a member of the National Honor Society and Leo Club. She also plays on her school's basketball team and participates in band. Emma's extra-curricular activities include volunteering with Feed my Sheep. She enjoys playing sports, including basketball and track, and learning about government. Emma's career goal is to work in nursing or sports medicine.



Emma Mangel

Steven Chenot, the son of Andre and Donna Chenot, attends Towanda Area High School, where he participates in wrestling and track and field. He has been involved with SADD and student council. Steven's extracurricular activities include volunteering at a soup kitchen and coaching youth wrestling. He enjoys biking, guitar, fishing, hunting and coaching. Steven plans to join the military following high school, with a goal of becoming a Navy Seal. 🌟



Steven Chenot

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Avoid setting your thermostat at a colder setting than normal when you turn on your air conditioner. It will not cool your home any faster and could result in excessive cooling and unnecessary expense.

Source: energy.gov