

# New Enterprise Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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## From the General Manager/CEO



## Interested in a seat on your co-op board?

By Rick L. Eichelberger

NEARLY 80 years ago, local residents wanted the convenience of electricity. However, private power companies weren't interested in providing power to these rural residents because rural areas didn't provide enough profit for stockholders. Area residents in 1938 organized to provide the wonder of electricity themselves. New Enterprise Rural Electric Cooperative, (REC) Inc., a not-for-profit business, was established by members to serve members.

The membership selects directors to serve in each of the seven nearly equal director areas. The board of directors serves as trustee on behalf of the cooperative's consumer-members. Board members are elected at the annual meeting.

When you become a consumer-member of New Enterprise REC, you share in the benefits and responsibilities of the cooperative for as long as you remain a member. Any profits are returned to members in the form of capital credits.

There are three director areas open for election at this year's annual meeting. If you are interested in a seat on your co-op board and meet the qualifications, you could be eligible for nomination. A vote of the members attending the annual meeting on June 14 will determine who serves on the board for the three-year terms.

If you live full time in AREA 1, 2, or 5 and are interested in becoming a director candidate, contact or stop by the cooperative office and we can dis-

cuss the process. Not sure which area you are located in? A detailed map is available at the office for your review.

**AREA 1** can be described as portions of Bloomfield, Woodbury and South Woodbury townships in Bedford County, including Bakers Summit, Lafayetteville, Route 867 to Muley Lane and Middle Ridge Road. (Served by John Dively since 1997.)

**AREA 2** can be described as portions of Bloomfield, Woodbury and South Woodbury townships in Bedford County, including Hickory Bottom, Pulpit Road, Woodbury Pike and Frosty Hollow. (Served by Robert Guyer since 1956.)

**AREA 5** can be described as portions of Hopewell, West Providence and Broad Top townships in Bedford County, including Plank Road to Tatesville, Route 26 north of Everett, the Beach areas along the Raystown, and a few accounts along the western-most part of Sherman Valley. (Served by David Bequeath since 2004.)

The cooperative bylaws outline the qualifications and procedure for the selection of directors. The board of directors selects a Nominating Committee that prepares a list of nominations that is posted at the cooperative office prior to April 30. Any 15 or more consumer-members acting together may make additional nominations after the list is posted and until May 15. Consumer-members attending the New Enterprise REC Annual Meeting may make additional nominations from the floor. 

# Northern Bedford Dance-A-Thon 2016

By CLAY MCILNAY (son of David and Bobbi McIlnay)

WHEN hearing “Dance-A-Thon,” many of you probably think of Penn State University. However, Penn State students aren’t the only ones who dance the night away to raise money to fight cancer. Northern Bedford County (NBC) School District students do as well. For eight years now, NBC’s middle school and high school have been dancing for a cure. As a current sixth-grader, I have been waiting to go to Dance-A-Thon for a long time. Now that I am in the sixth grade, I have started to wonder about its background. Recently, I interviewed Mr. Garry Black, the head of Dance-A-Thon and a sixth-grade teacher.

The Dance-A-Thon started eight years ago when Mr. Black’s father-in-law, Merle Crooks, was diagnosed with cancer.

“When something like that happens to your family, it is life-changing,” he told me.

Mr. Black reminded me that when you have to quit your job because of cancer, that doesn’t mean bills stop coming. The NBC Dance-A-Thon was started as a way to reach out to those in need. Originally, all the money from Dance-A-Thon went to the Cove Relay for Life, but in recent years, the group started “adopting” local families in need.

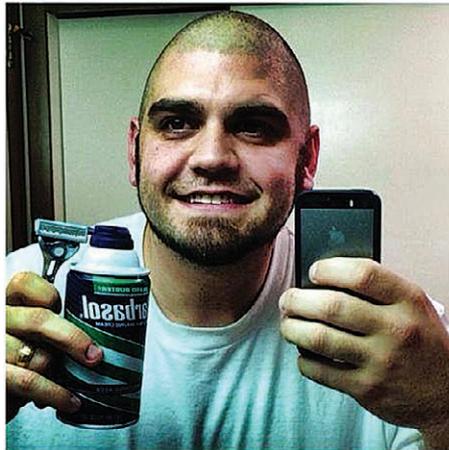
“This has been the game-changer for us and has taken the Dance-A-Thon to new levels,” Mr. Black said.

How does Dance-A-Thon benefit our community? Months before the dance, students go around asking for donations. Over the years,

the student involvement has increased from year to year. In fact, last year they had around 350 students in attendance. That

means 75 percent of the student population was in the Dance-A-Thon. Students have raised over \$130,000 since the event started — \$60,000 of this was raised in just the last two years.

The 2016 Dance-A-Thon is scheduled



GETTING READY: Garry Black, a sixth-grade teacher at Northern Bedford County Middle School, checks himself out in the mirror as he shaves his head for the Dance-A-Thon. He started the Dance-a-thon after his father-in-law was diagnosed with cancer.

for March 23. We will dance in the gym from 9 p.m. until 7 a.m. It is for NBC students in grades 6-12. We dance, play games, have competitions, play basketball, and more. There is something for everyone. The 2016 theme is “Disney.”

“We always try to have an idea represented, but we’ve never had a theme quite like this,” said Mr. Black.

It is going to be an interesting and fun year

at Dance-A-Thon.

When asked what his fondest memory of Dance-A-Thon was, Mr. Black said, “Last year’s kickoff assembly that we have before Thon. It was awesome because some of the children we were

adopting came to the event, and it opened the eyes of our students. That personal touch was now there and they got to see who we were helping face to face.”

This year, we are also planning to have an Easter Egg hunt prior to the Dance-A-Thon. Mr. Black hopes it will be a big success in raising money because the plan is to involve older students and adults. The hunt could occur a couple of weeks prior to the Dance-A-Thon and would feature some big prizes. It is still a work in progress, and there is still some planning to be done before we can share more information about it. Be on the lookout for more information.

We are getting closer and closer to the Dance-A-Thon. We have started



gathering items for our online auctions and prizes for the egg hunt. If you have something you would like to donate, please contact Mr. Garry Black as soon as possible. It can be an item or a service, etc.

If you would like to make a monetary donation, checks can be made payable to Northern Bedford Dance-A-Thon and sent to:

**Northern Bedford County School District**  
c/o Mr. G. Black  
152 NBC Drive  
Loysburg, PA 16659

I am more excited than ever to get to experience my first Dance-A-Thon. This is a great way for our students to show support for those who are struggling. Let's get ready to dance! 🌟

## Our directors make a difference

AS AN electric cooperative, New Enterprise Rural Electric Co-op (REC) is guided by an elected board of directors that represents cooperative members' best interests when making important decisions.

Being a member of the co-op's board is an incredibly important position in our community. A director's decisions will impact issues, such as service rates, rights-of-way and work plans. This position holds great responsibility and requires men and women who understand their community's needs and serve the cooperative members' best interest.

It is important for us to elect strong directors to our board. We must have a pool of strong candidates, which is why we encourage new members to run in our board elections. Fresh ideas and new perspectives help us to enact policies that could potentially keep our community competitive. Not only do we need to encourage our friends and family to run for positions on the board, we need to get out and vote for those individuals we think will act in the best interest of our co-op community.

Our board is a democratically elected body nominated by members of the cooperative's service territory and voted into position by any member who chooses to participate in the cooperative's open election. Any co-op member in good standing is welcome to run for an open position on the board. At New Enterprise REC, we hold elections every June at our annual meeting.

Directors matter. Let's make a difference together. Call 814-766-3221 or 800-270-3177 to receive more information on how to run for our board of directors and to find out more about the election process. 🌟

## One adopted family announced

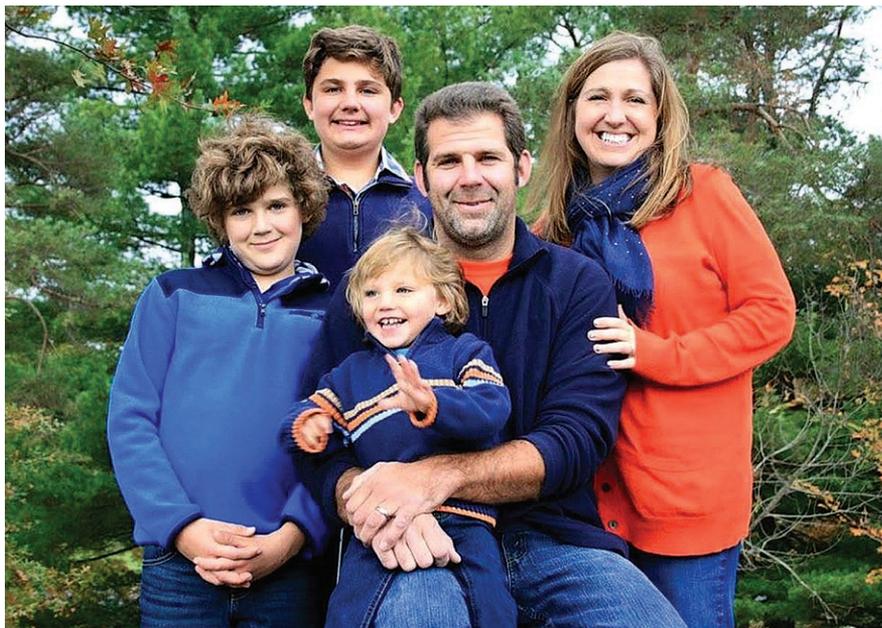
By Garry Black

I would like to formally announce one of our adopted families for Dance-A-Thon 2016. Meet Quincy Sims, son of Jessica and KC. At birth, Quincy had what is called a pediatric stroke. It is believed he actually had his stroke two days before he was born. Pediatric stroke is highly uncommon. The stroke claimed the whole left side of his brain and his right frontal lobe.

Doctors told the Sims family that Quincy's outlook was very grim and they basically said the couple should take him home and enjoy a couple of weeks with him. Here we are two and one-half years later and "Q" continues to amaze.

He goes to therapy six days a week and is progressing nicely. He has learned how to "combat crawl" and he is able to sit up. He has problems using his right arm and both of his legs. At this point, it still isn't known how Quincy will come out of this as some doctors say he may walk some day and others say he could have a seizure that doesn't stop until he passes. Quincy is also blind on the right side of each eye, but he has learned to compensate very well.

As the family deals with these treatments and questions, we are here to help them out. Jessica was a long-term substitute teacher at Bedford waiting for a full-time job, but when this happened to Quincy, she was no longer able to work and spends 365 days a year with her son. Sims family, welcome to the Northern Bedford Dance-A-Thon family!



## KIDZcorner

### Static electricity facts

Did you know there are different types of electricity? Well, there are, and one of them is called static electricity.

We're going to give you all the cool facts about static electricity and you'll be one smart kid!

Amazingly, we see static electricity every single day; it even builds up on us. Wow! Have you ever rubbed your feet on the carpet and then zapped something when you touched it? Well that's exactly what static electricity is.

If you've had a bad hair day and it sticks straight up, well, this means your hair has been charged. You don't want to go to school like that.

Then there's another irritating one, when pants or skirts stick to your legs, and they just keep on irritating you no matter what you do. There you go — that's how we see static electricity every day.

#### What is static electricity?

- ▶ Static electricity is the build-up of an electrical charge on the surface of an object. The reason that it's called static electricity is because the charges stay in one area for some time and don't flow or move to a different area. Makes sense, doesn't it?
- ▶ Atoms are made up of neutrons, protons and electrons. The electrons spin around on the outside. A static charge happens when two surfaces touch each other and the electrons move from one object to another. One of the objects will have a positive charge and the other a negative charge. If you rub an object quickly, like a balloon or your feet on the carpet, these will build up a rather large charge.
- ▶ Items with different charges (positive and negative) will attract each other, while items with similar charges (positive and positive) will push away from each other. It's kind of like a magnet.
- ▶ So you've gone flying down a slide and your hair stands up straight up. This is because of the friction of sliding. It has caused a positive charge on each piece of hair. As each hair has the same charge, they all try and push away from each other, causing that funny straight hair to stand right up on end.
- ▶ The same happens with your skin. If it's charged with static electricity, and then you touch something metal, your skin will get rid of the static electricity when you touch something metal. Pretty cool what it can do.

#### How is static electricity used?

Static electricity has quite a few uses. Here are some:

- ▶ It is used in printers and photocopiers where static elec-



tric charges attract the ink or toner to the paper.

- ▶ Other uses include paint sprayers, air filters and dust removal.

#### Can static electricity cause damage?

- ▶ Some electronic chips, like those you find in computers, are very sensitive to static electricity. There are special bags that they are stored in.
- ▶ People who work with these types of electronics wear special straps that keep them "grounded" so they won't build up a charge and ruin the electronic components.

#### Cool facts about static electricity

- ▶ A spark of static electricity can measure thousands of volts, but has very little current and only lasts for a short while. It has small amounts of power or energy.
- ▶ Lightning is also static electricity, but it is powerful and dangerous.
- ▶ Even though lightning is really dangerous, about 70 percent of people who are struck by lightning survive.
- ▶ Temperatures in a lightning bolt can hit 50,000 degrees Fahrenheit or 27,760 degrees Celsius. Wow, that's seriously hot.

#### Words you need to know

**Atoms** – the smallest particle of a chemical element that can exist

**Neutrons** – a particle of about the same mass as a proton, but without an electric charge

**Protons** – a stable particle with a positive electric charge equal in size to that of an electron

**Electrons** – a stable particle with a charge of negative electricity, found in all atoms and it acts as the primary carrier of electricity in solids

**Friction** – this is the resistance that one surface or object meets when moving over another

**Volts** – a volt is the unit of electric potential difference, or the size of the force that sends electrons through a circuit