



## Our 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

We held our Annual Meeting on August 17<sup>th</sup> at the Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton School. We had a nice turnout with food, vendors, and music, and prizes were provided to many attendees. Steve Child of New Lisbon and Patrick Hooker of Richfield were elected to 3-year terms on the Board of Directors. The Amendments to the Bylaws, which were submitted to all of our Members with the Notice of the Meeting, were also adopted with a few minor changes. An updated version of the Bylaws will be posted on our website soon. We thank everyone who attended and we look forward to next year's meeting!

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# The Power of Preparation

**September is National Preparedness Month. Make preparations to keep you and your family safe!**

September is National Preparedness Month so we want to remind you about the power of preparation. With severe weather events occurring more frequently, it makes sense to be prepared. While we always work as fast as we can to restore power quickly, it is not always possible to get power back on within a few hours. NYSEG Transmission Lines go down sometimes and they are beyond our control. So, during a prolonged power outage or other emergency, you should gather enough food, water, and supplies to last at least a few days.

**Here are some general guidelines to consider:**

- Consider a generator for your home if you are able to.
- Make sure you have a source of light as backup, such as a flashlight or lantern.
- Develop a backup plan for communicating with emergency personal, family and friends.
- Ensure you have nonperishable food items available to eat.
- Create an emergency kit for pets (include shelf-safe food, bottled water, medications needed and other supplies).
- If you have an older family member or one with special needs, make sure they have enough medication, oxygen and other supplies for a few days.

At Otsego Electric Cooperative, we care about your safety. Planning for an emergency situation today can give you more confidence to deal with severe weather and potential outages in the future.

Welcome Back  
TO SCHOOL



As we enter a new school year, please remember to drive safe near school buses and in school zones!

## NEW EV Rebate!



Otsego Electric Cooperative, Inc. will offer a \$150 Rebate to owners of Electric Vehicles (EV) who will be charging their EV on our system. If you own an EV and are charging it from our system, please contact the office to receive your rebate at 607-293-6622.



## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Water heating accounts for a large portion of home energy bills. To save energy (and money!) used for water heating, repair any leaky faucets, install low-flow fixtures and insulate accessible hot water lines. When it's time to purchase a new washing machine or dishwasher, look for models that are ENERGY STAR®-certified.

Source: Dept. of Energy

