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Join Us for Our Annual Meeting

Celebrate Success, Share Ideas, Shape our Future!

Wednesday, August 19th - Cooperstown Central School

We hope you will join us on August 19th for our upcoming Annual Meeting! This year's meeting will be held at Cooperstown Central School. Each year, this event allows us time to reflect on the previous year, discuss future decisions for the Co-op and vote on topics.

Registration opens at 5:00 P.M., with our Member Mingle, where members can connect with one another, meet local vendors, and engage with community organizations. Enjoy live local music beforehand to set a welcoming and festive tone. The business meeting will start promptly at 7:00 P.M.

This year, our BBQ Chicken Dinner will be proudly provided by the **Hartwick American Legion**. A portion of each meal sold will go directly toward supporting the **Veterans Memorial Project** in Hartwick, NY. This will help them move closer to the completion of this meaningful tribute. To show our appreciation for our veterans, all veterans in attendance and pre-registered are invited to enjoy a free dinner as a heartfelt thank you for their service.

Each membership in attendance will be entered for our raffle prizes. We will draw 10 lucky winners for early Registrations - each will be for a \$50 bill credit. We truly hope to see you there!
**If you would like to order a dinner - please see coupon on last page and return to us along with the \$10 dinner payment!*

Items for Sale:



Fiberglass Truck Cap

- *Off a Ram 3500
- *Fits a 6.5 foot truck bed

Aluminum Ladder Rack

- *Off a F150
- *Fits a 6.5 foot bed truck

Sealed Bids need to be submitted by June 26th
at 12:00 p.m.

Please Mail All Bids To:

Attn: Cody Allen
Otsego Electric Cooperative, Inc.
P.O. Box 128
Hartwick, NY 13348



Submission of Bids: All sealed bids must be submitted on this form prior to 12:00 p.m. on Friday, June 26, 2026, at which time bids will be opened and awarded to the highest bidder, subject to a reserve.

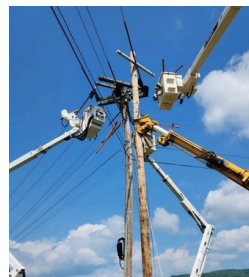
* Forms available online or at the office

Form of Payment: All payments for accepted bids must be made by cash or certified bank check payable to Otsego Electric Cooperative, Inc.

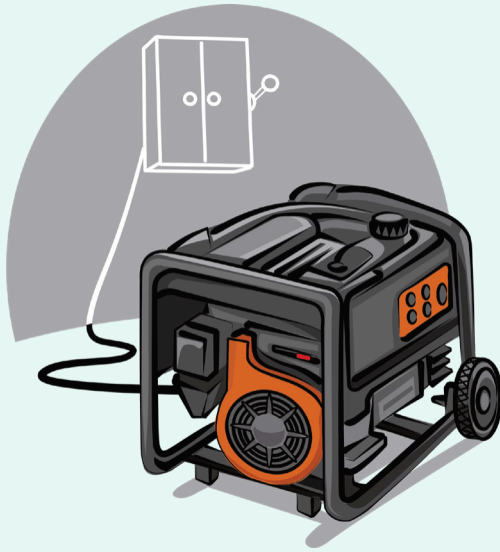
Nature of Title: All property is offered for sale “as is” and “where is” without recourse against Otsego Electric Cooperative, Inc. No guarantee or warranty, expressed or implied, is made as to the condition of the property or its fitness for any use or purpose.

The ladder rack and cap will be sold “as is, where is” to the highest bidder

All bids are subject to a reserve



What is a **TRANSFER SWITCH**?



A transfer or throw switch is an essential mechanism that safely shuts off power to the electrical grid before backup power is used. This switch is sometimes referred to as a double-throw switch, as it controls two separate circuits.

The switch's job is to safely transfer power from its primary source to a backup power source, enabling users to maintain power during an outage. It works by connecting a generator to your home's main circuits to provide backup power.

Properly installed transfer switches are essential because they prevent dangerous backfeed into the power grid, which endangers utility workers and others.

Make sure your permanent generator and switch are installed according to code and working properly. Never plug a portable generator into a wall outlet, as this can cause backfeed.

Learn more at:



Grid Power Players

Electricity is available with the flip of a switch, but it travels great distances and is coordinated among multiple entities before it reaches your home or business. Take a look at the grid power players that ensure you receive reliable electricity.



1. Generation Owners & Operators

Power plants can be owned and operated by electric utilities, government entities or other private companies. Power plants produce electricity by converting energy from various sources—like natural gas, coal, nuclear, or renewables—into electricity.



2. Transmission System Owners & Operators

The transmission grid moves large amounts of electricity over long distances using high-voltage transmission lines attached to large towers. Like power plants, these lines can be owned by a variety of public and private companies.



3. Organized Wholesale Markets

In many parts of the country, Regional Transmission Organizations (RTOs) & Independent System Operators (ISOs) coordinate the flow of electricity across regions by balancing supply and demand in real time and managing the dispatch of electric generation and transmission across large areas with the participation of generation and transmission owners.



4. Electric Utilities (That's Us!)

Electric distribution utilities take electricity from the transmission system and deliver it to homes and businesses through lower-voltage distribution lines. They also maintain local power lines, poles and other essential equipment.



5. End Users (That's You!)

End users consist of the homes, businesses and industries that consume electricity. Their demand drives how much electricity is generated and how the grid is managed in real time.

Other Key Players:

NERC: The regulatory authority that develops and enforces mandatory, reliability standards for the North American bulk electric grid. (Standards are developed through a stakeholder process.)

FERC: Independent federal agency that oversees interstate transmission and wholesale electricity sales, ensuring fair access to the grid.

Paperless Billing

In today's increasingly digital world, many members still receive their monthly bills via paper. However, the benefits of paperless billing—along with ongoing supply chain and postal service challenges—are encouraging more members to switch to the convenience and cost savings of paying online.

We offer multiple payment options, including our user-friendly online app and secure phone pay line. These alternatives help reduce postage and material costs, ensuring you get faster access to your bills, outage reporting, alerts, and full account management—all from the convenience of your device.

We often hear from members about postage expenses and postal delays, which are beyond our control. However, with a variety of payment methods available, we can eliminate those obstacles—helping you receive your bills more quickly, pay efficiently, and cut out the middleman for a smoother experience.

2026 OEC/Marlette Scholarship Winners



We are excited to announce the winners of the OEC/Marlette Scholarship for 2026! We sincerely appreciate all the talented students who applied this year—your dedication and ambition inspire us. Congratulations to our deserving recipients! We wish you all the best in your future endeavors and continued success on your journeys.

Our winners for 2026 are:

Robert Hill - Morris
Myriah Taylor - Unadilla Valley
Anna Bravin - Cooperstown

Rimma Bravin - Cooperstown
Sonam Gyamtso - Cooperstown
Payton Whiteman - Cooperstown



Annual Meeting - BBQ Chicken Dinner Ticket

If you would like to order a dinner or pre-register, please call us or return the coupon located below along with the \$10 per dinner payment. Please make checks payable to Otsego Electric Cooperative. Please do not include your payment in the same check as your electric bill payment. No Dinner tickets will be sold at the dinner.

***Proceeds will be donated to the Hartwick Veterans Memorial - located in Husky Park, Hartwick, NY, which is in the process of being built to honor all of our Veterans**

BBQ Chicken Dinner Tickets

Enclosed please find \$ _____

Please Reserve _____ Dinner Tickets at \$10 each

Name(s) _____

If you are a veteran or active military, please contact the office directly to save your FREE dinner as a thank you for your service.

**Please note there is a limit of 4 dinners per member at the \$10 rate - additional dinners can be purchased at \$20 each if needed.*

Summer Safety for Kids



Teach kids a simple rule: **LOOK UP. LOOK OUT!**
Before climbing a tree, flying a kite, launching a drone or tossing a ball, take a look for overhead power lines and choose open areas away from lines, poles and electrical equipment to play! If something gets stuck near a line, do not try to get it back, ask an adult to contact the electric company!