

Heess and Talcott Join SCREC Line Crew



Hunter Talcott, left, and Josh Heess, Jr., were recently hired as first-year apprentice linemen at SCREC.

Sullivan County Rural Electric Cooperative (SCREC) is proud to announce that Josh Heess, Jr., of Shunk, and Hunter Talcott, of Dushore, have both been hired as first-year apprentice linemen.

Josh is the son of Josh and Tamara Heess. He is a 2021 graduate of Sullivan County High School. Before joining SCREC on May 1 he was employed at Patterson-UTI Energy. Josh's father is also a lineman, who works for Penelec, and he's proud to be following in his father's footsteps. "I always wanted to be a lineman like my dad," Josh commented.

Hunter started his career at SCREC on May 8. He is the son of Brad and Becki Talcott and is originally from Tunkhannock before recently moving to the Dushore area.

Hunter has a lot of background knowledge in climbing; he was formerly employed by Henkels & McCoy as a cell tower climber. In 2021 he completed the Global Powerline Academy climbing school, which is a 10-week lineman school located in Claysburg, PA. Students attending learn pole climbing and get certified in pole top rescue, basic rigging, electrical theory, CPR/first aid, line construction, safety, etc.

During two weeks in May Josh and Hunter both attended climbing school in Indiana, PA. "The course was a good refresher and I learned a lot of new stuff," Hunter said. The two completed basic climbing during the first week, then they hung grounds, crossarms, and transformers during the second week. They also had to complete bookwork.

Josh has one sister, Adalyn. In his free time he likes to work on his truck. "I'm a big diesel guy!" he said. He also enjoys hunting and has 17 dairy cows. Hunter has one brother, Evan, and one sister, Eliza. Since moving to the area he hasn't picked up any hobbies yet, but he is excited to settle into Sullivan County and to start working at the co-op. "I'm excited for the opportunity to get into linework and start a career here at SCREC," he said.

"Being a cooperative lineman is a rewarding career," said Manager of Electric Operations Todd Molyneux. "As Josh and Hunter have joined the line department at SCREC and train as apprentices I believe they will both become great assets to the cooperative members."

Please join the employees and directors of SCREC in congratulating both Josh and Hunter on their new positions at the co-op!