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Off the beaten path

A look at unique
camp names

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Electronic file storage system on the way

YOUR BOARD AND MANAGEMENT

are endlessly seeking to improve the operating efficiencies of your cooperative. We routinely evaluate our policies and procedures and determine areas of the co-op that will benefit from new technologies or new ways of doing business. For example, we are currently working to streamline our complex, cumbersome paperwork storage and document management process.

With the help of an innovative software development company called docStar (Document Storage and Retrieval), we will soon implement a file storage system that will enable us to electronically scan, store and retrieve important papers. This method of document management will benefit the cooperative in many ways.

First, it will eliminate the need for vast amounts of storage space to house files. As you can imagine, serving more than 23,000 consumers generates a lot of paperwork. We plan to use the system to file records such as check stubs, right-of-way easements, inspection documents, construction cost sheets, membership deposit cards, employee and payroll information, sales tax forms, meter readings, credit reports and power contracts.

Secondly, by storing documents electronically, we greatly increase the efficiency of our data retrieval. Instead of searching through shelves of folders, employees can instantly access the files they need from any co-op computer. They can also fax, print or email these documents if necessary. And multiple users can access the same document at the same time. Of course, in the interest of security, the system allows us to restrict access to sensitive documents, ensuring your privacy is always protected.

Finally, electronic document storage offers greater peace of mind with regard to records retention. Unlike paper, files stored on docStar's system will never deteriorate. And in the much-feared event of a computer "crash," docStar's complex two-tiered backup storage system virtually eliminates the chance that a file could be destroyed. Since the company's inception



Edward A. Dezich
President & Chief Executive Officer

The fact of the matter is, if we continue to store vital information only in paper form, we run the risk of losing it in a fire, flood or other natural disaster.

in 1996, docStar servers have been stolen, water damaged and so on, yet not a single document has ever been lost. We need that kind of protection for our member information!

The fact of the matter is, if we continue to store vital information only in paper form, we run the risk of losing it in a fire, flood or other natural disaster. Off site, backed-up electronic storage is hands-down the best method for safeguarding data.

Limitless storage capacity ... unequaled preservation ... guaranteed security ... This electronic filing system is just another way we are working every day to provide you with the efficient electric service you deserve.

Cooperatively yours,

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On the cover ...



Camp Wahoo in Hopewell Twp., Huntingdon Co., got its name from a local hunting tradition. Before the owners used two-way radios on hunts, they would yell "Wahoo!" when they bagged a deer, letting the others know they were successful. Since then, the Grosko family has given it another meaning. When they visit the camp on vacation, they chant "Wahoo!" in anticipation of the good times they intend to have on their trip. For background information on other camps on Valley lines, turn to Pages 4-5.

Home Energy Calculator

Home energy use costs at your fingertips

Try Our New Online Home Energy Cost & Savings Calculator

HomeEnergyCalculator Valley Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.

This calculator will provide you with estimates of energy use costs based on your inputs. The Annual and Monthly results are not intended to be extremely accurate, but rather, to provide a comparison platform to give you the differences between the energy your home is currently using (Base House) versus various "Scenario" variations. After you run a few variations, be sure to click the View Details and View Chart buttons for different views. To go back to view the details of a "Scenario" variation, click any number.

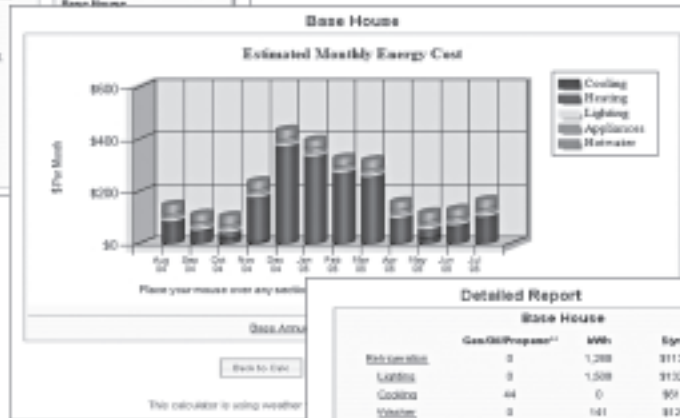
Base House

Home Type: Single Story | Fuel: Gas | Water Heat Type: Tank Water Heat System
 Year Home Built: 1980 to Present | Medium | Water Heat Settings: Air Locks
 Sq Ft Heat Cost: 2000 | Average | Dr. Locks
 Occupants: 4 | Double Pane | Windows (percent):
 Heat Type: Electric | Fan | Cook Method:
 Heat Settings: 75 | Electric | Dishwasher:
 Air Condition: Electric | Electric | Clothes Washer:
 Cool Settings: 75 | Gas | Clothes Dryer:

Calculator View Details View Chart E-mail Report

Online Success

- Estimate your home's monthly and annual energy costs



- See how much you can save by making changes to your home
- View charts showing where your energy dollars are going

Detailed Report

Base House

| | Gas/Gel/Propane** | kWh | Eqv |
|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Refrigerator | 0 | 1,288 | \$113 |
| Laundry | 0 | 1,508 | \$130 |
| Cooking | 44 | 0 | \$51 |
| Water | 0 | 141 | \$12 |
| Dish | 38 | 0 | \$30 |
| Dishwasher | 0 | 157 | \$14 |
| Cooling | 0 | 4,044 | \$361 |
| Heating | 0 | 18,181 | \$1,673 |
| Other | 289 | 0 | \$403 |
| Total Heating | 324 | 25,200 | \$2,479 |
| Total Cooling | 38 | 2,187 | \$202 |

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*Note: You must enter a valid e-mail address to receive your report.

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What's in a name?

Background on various camps and cottages served by Valley REC

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Communications Specialist
Member Services Department

Although we serve only about 12 percent of the nation's population, rural electric cooperatives own and maintain about 43 percent (2.4 million miles) of the country's electric distribution lines, covering 75 percent of the nation's land mass.

As part of an area coverage policy that has been embraced since our beginnings, rural electric co-ops like Valley extend service to virtually all regions despite the cost or difficulty.

Because of our willingness to travel "off the beaten path," it stands to reason that we would provide service to a number of hunting camps, cottages and vacation retreats. In fact, Valley REC delivers power to more than 3,700 seasonal properties in an eight-county service territory.

With all the interesting data available on these wilderness havens, we thought it might be interesting to offer some background information on how some of them got their names.

ABOVE: The *Senator Boyhese Camp* in Henderson Twp., Huntingdon Co., was named after Senator Boyhese Green. When the camp was incorporated, his grandson, Bob, dropped the Green, but kept the first and middle names intact as a tribute. Bob says his grandfather's unique middle name (Boyhese) came from the family's Sioux Indian heritage. Interestingly, the Greens enjoy their *Senator Boyhese Camp* and its woodland surroundings so much they plan to permanently relocate from their current home in Perry Co. and take up residence in Huntingdon Co.

RIGHT: *Camp Ring-A-Ding-Ding* in Shirley Twp., Huntingdon Co., got its name in the 1970s from a group of hunters linked to the Orbisonia/Rockhill Furnace Sportman's Association. The 10 buddies, only four of whom are still alive, found a way to incorporate the old-fashioned dinner bell outside the camp into their hunting plans. When one of the men finished a deer drive, he'd ring the bell to signal the hour. Hunters on the mountain then knew dinner would soon be served.



Local Feature



LEFT: The *Future Hope Lodge* in Belfast Twp., Fulton Co., was built by a group of hunters who decided about 15 years ago that they wanted to purchase land and build a camp. The six families involved constructed the entire camp themselves. The structure boasts a full basement, one-car garage, oak kitchen and great room with a fireplace and loft above. Wood from the property was used to make the stairway and loft railing as well as the window and door trim. The lodge now serves not only as a hunting camp but also as a well-equipped vacation retreat.



ABOVE: When the Valentine family bought land in 1955 in Oliver Twp., Mifflin Co., they dreamed of building a cabin on the property that would serve as a vacation oasis away from the bustle of everyday life. When their dream was realized about five years later, they named the place *The Mirage*, representing their vision for a vacation home that finally became a reality.

RIGHT: Built in the mid 1940s, *Mark Me Off Camp* in Barree Twp., Huntingdon Co., has been a favorite getaway for a group of conductors and engineers from Norfolk Southern Railroad Company and their friends. Traditionally, when the railway men wanted to take a vacation, they had to mark "off" on the company calendar, noting the dates they would be out.



ABOVE: The *Shawnee Reservation* in Jackson Twp., Huntingdon Co., was named by a group of volunteer fire fighters who belonged to the Shawnee Fire Co. in Columbia, Pa. The borough of Columbia, which sits on the banks of the Susquehanna River in Lancaster Co., was once home to a Shawnee Indian village. The Native Americans used the nearby river for everything from fishing to travel and trade.



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Real Estate

Williamsburg, Blair Co. - 11-acre farmette, private bridge, 200 yds. of Clover Creek frontage. Wild trout stream, ranch home, out-buildings, 9 miles from Raystown Lake, \$425,000. Call owner, Glen. 814/832-3134.

Springfield Twp., Huntingdon Co. - 49+ wooded acres, perfect for the outdoorsman or that quiet place to relax. Mix of hardwood & pine, perk-approved, 10 min. to PA Turnpike Exit 201, \$250,000. 814/599-7195.

1.38 acres on Stone Creek Ridge, 2 miles from Huntingdon, perked. 814/643-3706.

Juniata Co. - 55'x400' double-story chicken house, includes a double-story feeding building and equipment on 12 acres of ground. Was perked for a home, \$325,000, will finance. 717/734-3275 or 994-5683.

Wanted

Collector/Boy Scouts historian will buy old Boy Scouts items: patches, uniforms, books, anything relating to Boy Scouts. 814/448-3458 or 643-2162.

Left-handed golf clubs for first-timer. Call 814/696-8568 & leave message or call cell at 414-5475 or send photos to PO Box 534, Huntingdon, PA 16652.

Gas-powered log splitter, portable w/ wheels. Recent model, good working cond. Drop card to PO Box 350, Altoona, PA 16603.

Old red bricks (approx. 1,000). 814/667-3125.

Men's pants size 56 wide, 29 long, reasonable. 717/734-3630.

Autos/Trucks

Roll bar for 6' pickup bed, \$50. 814/447-3956.

Service

Rockhill Cottage Bed & Breakfast, Rockhill Furnace - Located behind the East Broad Top Railroad, recently renovated 1870s dwelling w/ great vintage appeal, allows visitors to step back into an earlier time. Can sleep up to 9. Reserve by the day, wk., or whatever suits your needs. 814/599-4066 or 447-3147.

Peters Excavating - Site preparation & clearing, foundations, septic systems, roads, ponds, limestone & shale. We have over 35 years experience. 814/667-2240.

Antique clock repair & restoration. Call Richard Port. 814/643-1582.

Wedding flowers - Fresh, dried, herbal & silk, custom designs. Consultation when & where it's convenient for you. Evening & weekend hours, free service. Call 814/667-2315 & I will answer your questions about flowers.

Richardson's Forklift Service - Specializing in gas, diesel, LPG & some electric units. Have 33+ years as a field tech. w/ dealers. Can work w/ all makes, models at fair price. All work done on site. Meticulous, clean. If my name's on it, it's done right. Call Malcolm at 717/485-0425.

Rick Worthy Contracting, Inc. - 5" & 6" seamless gutter, spouting, leaf guard, snow guard, gutter cleaning, general contracting. Free est., fully insured. 814/643-6953.

MTG Excavating - Foundations, sidewalks, septic (city or private), driveways, shale, stone or if you need a large piece of equipment hauled. Call the company that cares about its work. Matt Gilliland, owner. 814/448-2254.

Yard work wanted. 814/259-3634.

Frank's Backhoe Service - Offering digging in tight areas, septic & water line repair. Fully insured. Call 814/643-3343.

Tom's Tree Service - 7 days a week, no job too big or small. Tree trimming & removal, stump grinding, bucket truck & chipper, storm damage clean-up, brush mowing, land clearing. Free est., fully insured. 814/627-0550 or 448-3052. Backed by the Better Business Bureau.

Darrin Fillman, Wildlife Management Specialist - We can handle all of your nuisance wildlife concerns. We remove bats, skunks, groundhogs, squirrels, birds, snakes, raccoons, flying squirrels. If it's a problem, we can solve it. Licensed & insured. 717/436-9391.

ES Ministries Thrift Shop is located in the Mooresville United Methodist Church, 5468 Charter Oak Road, Mooresville. Open Thursday & Friday 9 a.m.-6 p.m. & Saturday 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Selling clothing, household goods & toys.

Buck Hollow Taxidermy, Orbisonia - Full-time licensed taxidermist Michael Bish. 814/447-3744 or visit www.buckhollowtaxidermy.com

Fair Valley Pet Resort - Daily outdoor exercise, walks on woodland trails, large fenced play area, ABKA member. Martinsburg. 814/793-3727.

For the Lamb Christian Recording Studio - Would you like to record your church choir or ensemble? Or are you a small acapella or acoustic group? I also sell Christian music. Visit www.forthelambstudio.com or call 717/899-5717.

TLC Power Wash - Steam pressure washing: home, truck equipment, commercial, agricultural, etc. 814/643-4367, 643-2975 or 644-1173.

Herbs & alternative healing - Are you interested in healing your body naturally but don't know where to begin? Let me help! I am a Nature's Sunshine herb specialist & manager who has helped many people. Free counsel. 717/573-4004 or visit www.mynsp.com/rhondahoffman. Order or take a free body systems test. Super trio is an excellent pre-package w/ super omega 3, super antioxidants & super supplemental vitamins & minerals.

Recreational

1979 Arctic Cat w/ cover, 1980 Arctic Cat w/ cover, trailer for hauling both, \$2,000. 2 3-wheeled mud buggies, \$100 each. 814/359-2191.

Vacation Rentals

Myrtle Beach, S.C. - Aug. 16-23, lovely beach-front 1BR condo, sleeps 4, 4th-flr. balcony, full kitchen, elevator, private parking spot, use of pool, ocean temp. in 80s, \$750/week. 610/358-1776.

Livestock/Pets

2 wild mustangs, 8-yr.-old & 4-yr.-old mares, halter broke & gentle, have the wild horse papers on shots & tests, make offer. 814/643-5248.

Sheep & lambs. 814/667-2272.

Reg. 6-yr.-old Dapple Grey, 16 hands; 10-yr.-old Blood Bay, 15.2 hands; \$4,000 for the 2 of them, buyer must transport, selling due to owner's poor health. 717/734-3415.

Two female goats (w/ horns) to loving home, will not separate. 4 years old, mixed Nubian/Pygmy, Orbisonia area, best offer. 814/447-3744.

Alpacas for sale - Choose from pet/fiber boys (cheap pkgs.), show quality alpacas & on-site breeding services. Visit our farm store for unique alpaca gifts, Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. or Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. & by appt. Farm tours are always free. Call to set up appt. 814/643-2854 or visit terracemountainalpacas.com.

Tools/Equipment

John Deere 2010 diesel track loader, runs good. \$6,000 cash. Call 814/667-3668 evenings.

Mandis rototiller motor, runs, tines do not turn, \$50. 814/447-3956.

22-ton Huskey log splitter, 6.5 Briggs & Stratton engine, vertical & horizontal, used 3 hours, \$1,000. 814/448-9985.

2002 Kubota tractor L185DT, 4WD, 2 cyl., diesel, 6' finish Befco mower on 3-pt. hitch & PTO, heavy-duty dozer blade & single-bottom plow, tire chains, used 1,800 hours, excellent cond., \$5,500. 814/448-9985.

Miscellaneous

Hand-made toy boxes for sale. 15" high x 15" deep x 30" wide, \$49. 814/658-3557.

One complete set of Avon Cape Cod cranberry dishes, service set for 4 plus approx. 10 to 12 center serving pieces plus candle holders and hurricane light candle. Started set when they first started to sell them. Have about \$1,200 in set. Will sell for \$500 because I'm moving. Never used. Call 814/658-7376 after 5 p.m. or before 8:30 a.m.

2 very old brass & porcelain table lamps. Long 9-drawer dresser in good cond. 5'x7' air mattress, 8" thick. 814/658-2235.

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Coors pool table light, \$50.
Complete bedroom suite - 2
dressers, 1 night stand, bed,
frame, box spring & mattress,
\$150. Paper shredder, new in
orig. box, does 5 sheets at a
time, \$40. Electrolux tank-type
vacuum w/ hoses etc., \$90.
Assorted table lamps from \$10
each. 814/696-0575.

55-gallon drums, \$5 each. Carl
Rosenberry & Sons Lumber,
Fort Loudon. 717/349-2289.

Burn barrels for sale. 2 electric
sewing machines, 1 portable,
good cond. 814/447-3735.

Pellet stove w/ chimney pipe,
\$450. 814/643-5609.

Home Interiors products.
814/259-3634.

American Rifleman maga-
zines, 1970s through early
1980s. 717/527-2383.

Air-tight wood stove w/ circula-
tor, 6" stainless steel insulated
pipe also available. Excellent
cond. 814/643-0484.

Historic Lakemont Park 1894-
1989. Personal Narrative Trav-
els in Pa., pub. 1906, rare.
Doughboys Diary (1917 Hunt-
ingdon soldier), pub. 1998.
Murder on (Pa.) Appalachian
Trail, 1984, plus 25 news clip-
pings. All first edition, good to
fine cond., \$25 each. Can
mail. 814/643-3197.

4 swivel bar stools w/ backs,
\$150. 2 end tables w/ glass tops,
\$50 each. Console TV, works,
\$50. 814/643-5038 or 599-2968.

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