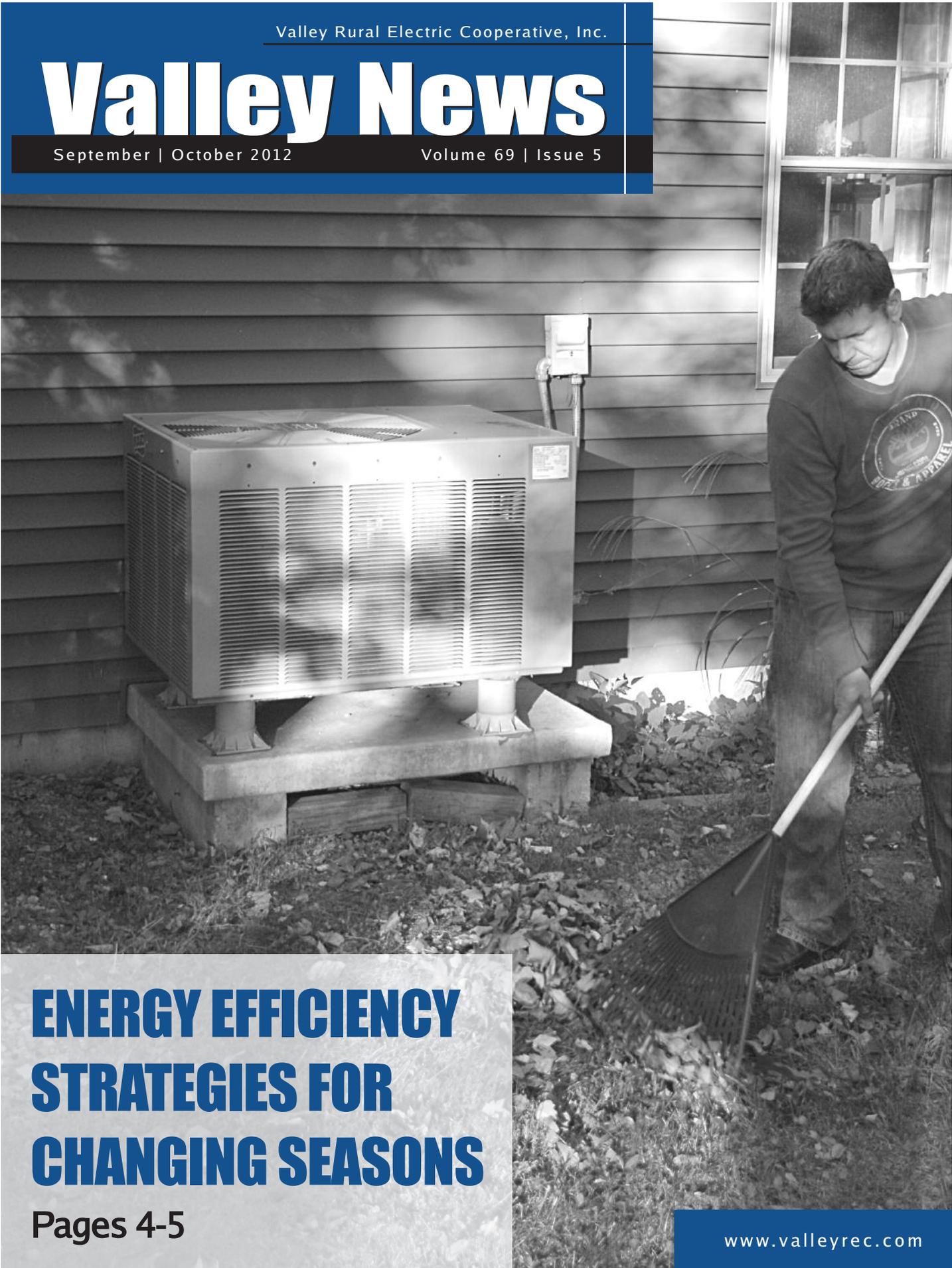


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# Are all fires the same?

**IN EARLY OCTOBER** each year, we commemorate National Fire Prevention Week. It's a chance for all of us to be reminded to stay vigilant about preventing fires in our homes and businesses.

Did you know that just because blazes may initially look the same -- smoke, flames, heat -- they should not all be handled equally? For example, the cause and treatment of an electrical fire may be very different than that of the other three most common types of fires (kitchen, heater and smoking-related).

According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, more than 26,000 electrical home fires result in property damage, injuries and even death every year.

For electrical safety, remember the acronym F.I.R.E.:

**Find the source before it starts.**

Old or faulty wiring often emerges as the main culprit in causing electrical fires. In electrical fires, heat from wiring or an overloaded system can provide the strike that leads to a fire. But there are often signs before a fire even starts.

**Investigate the signs.**

If you notice flickering lights, recurring circuit breaker trips or hot switches/outlet plates or a tell-tale sizzling sound around wiring, call a qualified electrician. These may indicate an imminent fire hazard.

**Remedy the problem.**

If you have any signs of a pending fire or have worries about old wiring, contact a professional electrician. Other precautions include:

- Use correct wattage bulbs to prevent overheating fixtures.
- Avoid using damaged cords or tucking cords under rugs.
- Do not overload outlets or extension cords.
- Do not use appliances in wet areas.
- Routinely check appliances for signs of wear and tear or overheating.

**Exit the building and extinguish properly.**

If you are faced with an electrical fire, call 911 immediately and have everyone



**Wayne F. Miller**  
President & Chief Executive Officer

exit the building. If you feel you must face a small fire, know the proper way to approach it.

- Never use water on an electrical fire. Water conducts electricity, so it will not smother the fire and may lead to electrocution.
- If the circuit breaker does not trip in the area on fire, shut off the main breaker to the house if possible. Be sure to approach the breaker only if the fire is not nearby and your hands are dry.

• Never use a Class A extinguisher on an electrical fire. Use a Class C or a multi-purpose ABC model. If there is no extinguisher available or the class of extinguisher is not known, baking soda may help smother the flames.

- Again, if the fire is not quickly extinguished, exit the building.

Even though the source and treatment of fires may differ, they produce the same results. You are no match for the force of a fire. Learn F.I.R.E. and protect yourself.

Cooperatively yours,

Wayne F. Miller  
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**On the cover ...**

As the seasons change from summer to fall, consumers are urged to follow the co-op's recommended cold weather energy saving tips. For details, turn to Pages 4-5.

# Keep gadgets safe from power surges

BY ANGELA PEREZ

*National Rural Electric Cooperative Association*

High-tech gadgets, appliances and computers all seem to have one weakness in common: the potential to be damaged by deadly power surges. Too much electricity coursing through connecting wires can fry circuitry inside sensitive electronics, reducing them to expensive trash.

Electric current coming from your wall outlet doesn't always remain at a steady, optimal 120 volts. Electricity can spike for a number of reasons, including lighting strikes on power lines. Motor-driven appliances that use large amounts of power, such as washers and dryers, may also cause surges when they kick on and off.

Smaller items, like a hair dryer or iron, have more subtle power cycles than large ones. But even these small appliances may gradually damage the circuitry of a microwave, for example, as each small surge hits its circuit board.

Consumers can help protect digital electronics with surge suppressors. As the term implies, these devices suppress a fluctuating power supply by diverting excess volt-

age to a ground wire. There are several types of whole-house surge suppressors available, although none of them are able to fully stand up to the enormous power spike caused by lightning.

Some protectors mount on your circuit breaker panel indoors or are built into a specific circuit breaker. Others are designed to mount at the base of your electric meter. Suppressors are available for a multitude of applications, from single-plug wall units to rack-mounted setups that cover an entertainment system.

For those folks who don't like to continually stoop to flip the switch on a power strip, some models even include remote controls or are "smart" enough to power down devices automatically when they are not in use. You can also find pivoting protectors that adjust to accommodate a vari-



**SURGE SAVIOR:** This particular whole house surge suppressor is mounted beneath a circuit breaker panel.

*Source: James Dulley*

ety of adapters, allowing you to plug all your gadgets into one strip.

Both whole house and "smart" surge protection equipment is available for purchase through Valley Rural Electric Co-op. For more information, call 800/432-0680.

Finally, keep a few things in mind before you buy. It's important to re-

member that many of your devices may be connected to other outlets, like satellite, cable, phone and Internet lines. Surge protectors are available with options to protect these conduits as well. And make sure the manufacturer guarantees to cover the cost of replacing any damaged equipment that was attached.

*Susan Penning contributed.*

## Country pumpkins

Bilger's Pumpkins along Ferguson Valley Road, Mifflin County, offers a bonanza of pumpkins and gourds for rural shoppers. Owned by co-op consumers Bryan and Rose Bilger, the farm's annual harvest provides a wide selection of produce in an array of colors to fit any fall decorator's taste and budget.



PHOTO BY SUSAN PENNING

# FALL INTO ENERGY SAVINGS:

## Efficiency strategies for shifting seasons

BY SUSAN R. PENNING  
Contributor

**ACCORDING TO** a recent article published at [dailyfinance.com](http://dailyfinance.com), powering a home costs the average U.S. household \$2,160 a year. While heating and cooling are typically the top energy hogs, lighting and appliances also consume their fair share.

Since the sneezing, sniffing season usually brings with it heftier monthly energy bills, why not commit this year to work extra hard to keep power use in check?

Consider the following tips to boost energy efficiency and save money.

### Take control of your thermostat

Program your thermostat to a "set-back" temperature for cold nights (and when you are away) and keep it set no higher than 68 degrees when you are home. This can save at least 5 to 10 percent on heating bills.

### Take care of your heating system

Have it serviced by a contractor who has a certification through the North American Technician Excellence (NATE) program, and replace furnace filters at least once every three months. Clean filters once a month during the heating season to keep the system at peak performance. Dirty air filters not only affect indoor air quality, they also can reduce airflow, costing more during the winter months when heating is crucial.

### Install compact fluorescent lights

Compact fluorescent lights (CFLs) use a lot less energy than regular lightbulbs. Replace incandescent bulbs with new, energy-efficient ones and also look for LED replacements, which are quickly becoming an affordable alternative. One \$10 bulb saves about \$40 over its lifetime. Find out exactly how much they'll save at your house by using the co-op's free online lighting calculator. Visit [valleyrec.com](http://valleyrec.com), then follow the Save Energy tab to the CFL calculator.

### Wrap your water heater and pipes

Putting an insulation jacket or "blanket"

around your older water heater can prevent a significant amount of heat loss and save money. A \$10 to \$20 blanket can save you 4-9 percent in water heating costs. Also, wrapping water pipes with insulation can reduce transmission losses. Insulating the first three feet of pipe going into a water heater is especially important and can help raise the water temperature by 2-4 degrees.

### Keep Santa in the cold

Closing your fireplace damper when the fireplace is not in use will prevent heat loss and save money.

### Look for leaks

Check your home's weatherstripping for air leaks around doors, windows, baseboards and wherever pipes, wires and vents enter the house. Make sure the warm air you are paying for doesn't escape!

### Time your holiday cheer

Christmas lights can consume a lot of energy. Replacing traditional holiday lights with LEDs (light-emitting diodes) and putting them on timers can help reduce the amount of money and energy they require. LED lights can save up to 90 percent of the energy cost of traditional lights, although they are more expensive to buy.

### Take advantage of solar heat

During the day, open shades and curtains to allow the sun's rays to warm your rooms. Close them at night to retain the day's heat.

### Look for Energy Star appliances

Major appliances account for about 13 percent of a home's energy use, with a clothes dryer and washer costing about \$140 a year to use, and a refrigerator costing about \$100 annually. Energy Star has a calculator to determine how much a refrigerator costs to run. Pay attention to the yellow tags on large appliances at the stores. Prices vary widely, but \$1,200 can buy a quality Energy Star refrigerator that uses significantly less energy to run than some other models.



TOUCHSTONE ENERGY PHOTO

**PROGRAMMABLE THERMOSTAT:** You can save at least 10-20 percent on your winter heating bills by setting your thermostat at 68 degrees when you are home and lower when you are away or asleep.

### Get a pair of slippers

Sometimes, staying warm is as simple as putting on a pair of slippers or heavy socks. Add a sweater and you may be able to bump your thermostat down a few more degrees and save even more.

### Unplug while you unwind

Before settling in for a long winter's nap, why not unplug the electrical appliances that are not in use? Even though they might not be running, they're still consuming energy. A startling statistic: The Department of Energy notes that 40 percent of the electricity used for home electronics is used when devices are turned off. Unplug them manually or consider purchasing a "smart" surge protector that will automatically power them down when they are not in use.

Sources: Touchstone Energy Cooperatives, [dailyfinance.com](http://dailyfinance.com)

# Are window efficiency claims accurate?

Federal study leaves consumers unsure

BY MEGAN MCKOY-NOE  
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If replacing drafty windows before this year's first snowfall is on the top of your to-do list, that makes sense. After all, changing out old windows boosts a home's energy efficiency significantly. But by how much exactly? A new study from the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) cautions consumers not to expect all claims to live up to perceived expectations.

Energy-efficient windows offer lower heating, cooling and lighting costs. In fact, replacing old windows with qualified models can cut a home's energy bill 7 to 15 percent, according to the U.S. Department of Energy's Energy Star program. But true energy savings depend on proper installation and the type of windows installed -- facts that folks often miss when reading window advertisements.

"Energy efficiency and cost savings are major factors for many consumers buying replacement windows," explains David Vladeck, director of the FTC Bureau of Consumer Protection. "The FTC is committed to making sure that the information consumers get is accurate and that marketers can back up the claims they make."

To understand how consumers perceive advertised savings, a 2012 FTC study evaluated how 360 consumers in North Carolina, New York, Illinois, Oklahoma and Washington interpreted the potential energy savings of advertised windows.

One of the ads evaluated displayed the following text (in uppercase letters): "PROVEN TO SAVE UP TO 47 PERCENT ON YOUR HEATING AND COOLING BILLS!" Another version removed the words, "up to," while a third version added this disclosure statement: "The average owner saves about 25 percent on heating and cooling bills."

More than one-third of consumers who saw the "up to" version reported the advertised windows would save most homeowners 47 percent on their energy bills -- a far cry from the true average energy savings. However, including a disclosure statement did not weaken the ad's impact.

"The FTC believes this report will help guide advertisers to avoid the use of misleading 'up to' claims," Vladeck notes. Earlier FTC studies stopped misleading or deceptive advertisements from five replacement window manufacturers.

To learn more about energy efficient windows and doors, visit [energy.gov/windows-doors-skylights](http://energy.gov/windows-doors-skylights).

Sources: Federal Trade Commission, Energy Star. Susan Penning contributed.

An important message from the Federal Trade Commission

## Shopping for New Windows?

If you're thinking about replacing windows in your home, the choices you make about style, materials, and installation could have a big impact on your energy bill. Here are some things to consider.

### Choosing Your Windows

#### Cost

Price per window ranges from a few hundred to a few thousand dollars, depending on materials, features, and installation costs.

#### Materials

Wood frames offer good insulation, but are heavy and high-maintenance. Vinyl-frames insulate well and don't need painting.

#### Style

Single-hung, double-hung, and sliding windows leak more air than casement, awning, and hopper windows.

#### Glazing & Glass Technologies

Some glazes and glass provide better insulation, light, and condensation resistance. Windows with low-emissivity (low-e) coatings often are more energy efficient.

#### Cleaning & Maintenance

Some materials and features make windows easier to care for. Tilt-in sashes, for example, make cleaning easier.

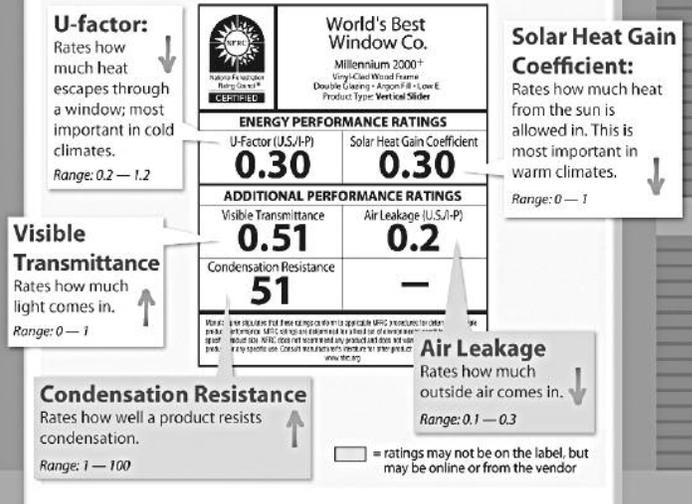
#### Installation

If windows aren't installed according to manufacturer's instructions, you might not get the savings or comfort expected.



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### Real Estate

Recreational log cabin - 4 yrs. old, Raystown area, 12 miles from Snyder's Run. 2.1 acres, pavilion, 12'x16' shed, \$172,000 negotiable. Call 717/930-0764 or 602-0950 for details.

Juniata County - Secluded home on 20.6 wooded acres w/ stream. 2-3 BR, 1-1/2 BA, pine interior, oversized 2-car garage, shed, outhouse. Many unique features, \$205,000. 717/734-0170.

1,296 sq. ft. office/mfg./warehouse space avail. to rent - \$550 plus utilities. Great scenic location close to town w/ plenty of breathing room. Ample parking, easy access, 12' overhead door. Inexpensive & ideal for your business. Located in KOZ enterprise zone for advantageous economic incentives. Call 903/842-3936 or 352-8694 for details.

Commercial income property for sale - Huntingdon Industrial Park. 7,776 sq. ft. multiple tenant building on 3.45 acres, 80% occupied w/ positive cash flow. Some owner-financing avail., listed below appraised price. Call 903/352-8694.

4 miles from Raystown Lake - 6.7-acre wooded retreat, completely "build-ready." Site improvements already in place include driveway, new septic system (can service up to 5 BR home), drilled well & underground utilities (electric, telephone, DSL). Private & wooded yet only 4 miles from Snyder's Run boat launch, 3 miles from Pa. fish & game boat launch on Juniata River, 5 mins. from downtown Huntingdon, 30 mins. from Penn State University, \$124,900. Send e-mail to lbrown2@ptd.net for complete packet of information & additional photos.

Midway between Raystown Lake & Whitetail Ski Resort - Nearly 4 acres w/ 2,700 sq. ft. house. 2-car detached garage, 1-car garage in basement & tons of space for hobby shop, game room, storage. Interlocking smoke/heat detectors in every room, lg. lawn, fruit trees. Nice 4-stall bank barn, hog pen and/or chicken bldg. 1 deck & 4 porches, partially fenced, good pasture, paved driveway. Endless possibilities, quiet location. Moving to warmer climate ASAP. Call 814/259-0090 for appt.

For sale or rent - 80'x84' garage w/ added bay. Total covered space 84'x120'. Located between McConnellstown & Hesston on Rt. 26. 814/627-4259.

1 acre of land w/ 14'x80' mobile home w/ 4 rooms added. Private well, town sewage, oil heat, two sheds, good cond. Along trout stream, 1/2 mi. from Blue Knob Ski Resort, \$60,000. Call 814/710-7547; ask for Wanda.

Cassville - 2 BR, 1 BA w/ laundry, dining & living rooms, kitchen, screened porch, shed. New roof, windows, furnace & oil tank. Close to state game lands & 20 mins. to lake. Can be used as home or second home. Visit raystownrealty.com or call 800/610-3663. \$45,000.

### Autos/Trucks

1980 Dodge Power Wagon 1500 4x4 pickup w/ snow plow, 48,000 orig. miles, \$1,500. 1994 Chevrolet S-10 extended cab 4x4, power windows, 215,500 orig. miles, good cond., auto., upgraded, \$2,500. Call 717/987-3619 after 6 p.m.

4 Cooper Lifeline 20570R15 tires on GM rims, \$50 each OBO. 814/685-6118.

Parts for '09 Dodge Ram 1500. Hard tri-fold tonneau cover (Extang) for 6-1/2 ft. bed, \$350. K&N hi-flow filter intake system, \$125. "Flowmaster" muffler, Super 44 series, slightly used, \$15. 1 Goodyear SR-A P265/70R17 tire, slightly used, \$35. Husky liners Weatherbeater black floor mats, front & back, fits extended cab, \$50. Buy all for \$500. 814/386-3309.

Exhaust system for 2011 Dodge Challenger RT. 5.7 liter, V-8, orig. equipment, \$250. 814/832-2801.

5 Kelsey-Hayes 14" wire wheels. 4 are complete w/ Coker Classic wide whitewall P205/75R14 tires & 1 w/o tire. Included are 4 spinners w/ Thunderbird logo. Nice cond., bright chrome, \$1,600. Call 814/386-3203. Huntingdon area.

1993 Chevy 1500 truck w/ 193,000 miles. Fair running cond., good tires, new battery, \$1,000 as is. Call 814/643-2854. Calvin area.

### Recreational

1974 Lastrada tag-along camper. 24' long, 1 BA, AC, good refrigerator, 2 new (extra) wheels, great cond., \$1,700. 814/239-5992.

RV hydraulic motorcycle lift, good cond. RV Blue Ox tow bar. 814/658-3202.

Pontoon Boat. 1999 Party Kraft boat & trailer, no motor, 20', \$3,250 OBO. Extras include front-mount trolling motor, depth/fish finder, gas grill, 2 anchors, starting & deep-cycle batteries. Call 301/662-8797 after 6 p.m.

### Vacation Rentals

South Myrtle Beach year-round vacation rental. 2 BR, 2 BA condo at oceanfront resort. Fully furnished including linens,

towels, cable w/ HBO, wireless Internet, AC, 6 pools including lazy river, lighted tennis courts, saunas, jacuzzis & more. \$425-\$1,000 weekly. Monthly rates avail. Call 717/263-2717.

Lake Raystown house rental. Sleeps 11, lg. great room w/ fireplace, 4 BR, dining table for 12, central AC, 2 satellite TVs, 2 full BA, 2 half BA, large recreation room, fully equipped kitchen & laundry rooms, screened-in porch. 1 mile from lake (Snyder's Run boat launch), lg. parking area. Think Thanksgiving, Christmas or long weekend getaway. Linens & towels provided. Visit laurelwoodsretreat.com or call Dianne at 814/931-6562.

### Wanted

Used propane heater. Vented, 100,000 BTU or larger in good cond. 814/542-4779.

Active bald-faced hornets nests to be used for allergy shots. Free removal, Huntingdon Co. & State College areas. 814/667-2136.

### Tools/Equipment

White Yardbug riding mower. 814/658-3557.

2-row, pull-behind corn planter. 814/658-3205.

International Farmall 140, Serial #54762J, includes Woods L59 Mower. Tractor & mower in great cond. Mower just had new spindle bearings & seals installed. Tractor has orig. 12v generator & wiring plus tool box & high/low-beam headlights & taillights, new brakes & seals. Tin very nice, garage-kept entire life, \$3,850 for both. 717/576-9115. Mechanicsburg area.

New Holland TN 65 tractor, Serial #001327840. Possibly a 2003, very nice cond., only 775 hours, 4X4, LA32 loader. New New Holland quick attach, new New Holland front bucket, new front tires. 2 rear remotes w/ "top-&-tilt cylinders" on 3-pt. hitch, \$21,995. 717/576-9115. Mechanicsburg area.

1989 Model 870 dresser grader. 12' blade, rear ripper, cab, heat, lights, good tires. 1986 953C cat loader, cab, heat & lights. Thomas 1700 skid steer w/ bucket, tooth ball, post-hole auger w/ 9 & 12", 156 hrs. 1999 FL 112 Freightliner tri-axle, 17' steel dump, C12 Cat 15-speed air ride, air to rear, pintle hitch. 1986 International 2010 trailer, 17' deck, 5' beaver tail, 5' ramps, air brakes, good tires. 814/447-5504.

3-pt. cut-off saw frame, \$30. 30" cut-off saw blade, \$45. 8N belt pulley, \$40. 18" exhaust fan, \$75. Call after 6 p.m. 717/987-3619.

Allis Chalmers 5015 3-cylinder diesel tractor, 3-pt. hitch, 5' belly mower w/ extra belt, very nice cond., plenty of power, \$3,200. John Deere 4310 w/ bucket loader & JD 48 backhoe w/ only 10 hours, e-hydro 4-wheel drive, 3-pt. hitch, complete auto., like new, great cond., \$15,000. 814/448-9925.

### Livestock

Baby miniature donkeys. 814/448-3713.

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Draft horse stocks, good. cond. Bob sled (new bed), forecart w/ shafts (rubber wheels). Leather spotted draft horse harness, bridles, lines, good cond. 814/832-3454.

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### Miscellaneous

Denim quilt patches & scraps, material, grapevine wreath, 3' decorative grapevine, plastic canvas patterns, craft supplies, embroidery hoops, ribbon, bell collection, sleeping bag. 1938, 1940 & 1941 Huntingdon Argus yearbooks, jigsaw puzzles, Christmas pine, lights, misc. 814/658-3081.

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Kenmore chest freezer. 5.3 cu. ft., \$85. 814/239-5992.

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Propane fireplace insert. 18" wide w/ "birch" logs. Still in box w/ complete instructions, good looking. \$300 value, will sell for \$100. 814/944-5814.

One dry transformer. 15 KVA, phase converter, 3-phase to single phase, \$200. 814/542-4779.

Toy box. 814/658-3557.

Commercial Vulcan gas range on wheels. 6 burners, lg. griddle, 2 ovens, set for propane, can be converted to natural gas. Buyer must pick up, \$500. 814/667-4446.

Hammond organ, exc. cond., \$200. 814/667-2213.

Lazy Boy big-man recliner, green, \$175. Ethan Allen chair & ½, sage green, \$175. Both in exc. cond. 814/251-3701.

American Harvest pellet stove, \$100. 814/643-0832.

At least 1 pickup load of misc. lumber, must take all, \$25. 717/899-6201.

Bowflex Extreme 2 home gym machine, \$650. 814/832-2473.

12'x10' carport, \$1,000. 814/259-0054.

Efficient Morso ceramic-coated cast iron woodburner, 6" flue, 18" log capacity, \$400. Cast iron Franklin woodstove w/ doors, \$200. Antique cast iron clawfoot bathtub, \$200. All very good cond. 814/667-2124.

Pfaff industrial sewing machine for heavy materials, perfect cond., \$400. 814/937-8832.

Kimball organ w/ all features, like new, best offer. 814/239-8289.

White cookstove, \$400. 4-8" I-beam columns, 8' long, \$40 each. 11 concrete, 2-hole posts, \$20 each. Used tin, 8 sheets, 2'x7'x10", \$75 & 27 sheets, 2'x9', \$200. Call after 6 p.m. 717/987-3619.

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## Events

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