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bills from giving you
the winter blues**

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Save energy – one cup at a time

This edition of *Valley News* is filled with energy conservation tips and information on assistance programs for consumers struggling with utility bills. (Please see pages 4-5.) We hope you'll find something that you can use in your effort to keep electric costs in check.

When it comes to using electricity wisely, knowledge really is power (or, in this case, less power). And a little ingenuity, paired with efficient appliances, leads to savings.

One of the time and energy-saving initiatives in place in my household is the "cup of the week" program. The goal is to get my 12-year-old son to not dirty multiple cups and glasses in one day, creating more work for the dishwasher (me) or the other dishwasher (the appliance that my wife uses).

On the surface it seems like a simple plan: Everyone in the house picks a drinking vessel and sticks to it for a week (with some rinsing allowed between uses). At the end of the week, the time spent washing dishes and the amount of hot water used should be reduced. It sounds like a good plan. But how well does it really work?

For starters, everyone in the family has to be on board. For us, that's as simple as counting cups on the countertop. If the count is four or higher, either someone is not being a team player or the dogs are using the faucet again.

We also have to realize that using the dishwasher instead of handwashing can cut the utility bill by \$40 per year (according to the energystar.gov website). Instead of scrubbing, rinsing and drying each dish, just load them all in an ENERGY STAR dishwasher and press start.

I thought I was quick in the sink until I read that using the dishwasher (that I installed but have yet to learn how to use) can save over 230 hours of personal time over the course of a year. That's almost 10 days! I guess it's time to learn what buttons to push and where to put the detergent.

(Maybe I can conquer the satellite TV remote next.)

But let's take one appliance at a time. Many features in an ENERGY STAR qualified dishwasher result in better cleaning. For example, qualified dishwashers boost water temperatures to 140 degrees, which allows for improved disinfection compared to hand washing.

Also, a new ENERGY STAR qualified dishwasher uses less than half as much energy as washing dishes by hand and saves nearly 5,000 gallons of water a year. So no more filling the sink just for plates, glasses and silverware after dinner.

Where does this leave my "cup of the week" program? For it to really pay off, we have to use the dishwasher – the machine, not the person. And we have to be mindful to not use more water rinsing cups than we would just putting them in the dishwasher each evening.

Perhaps "cup of the day" beats "cup of the week" for savings. And to think I was considering expanding the program to "cup of the month and fork and spoon of the quarter."

There are a lot of ways to save energy, without wrangling dogs and 12-year-olds. Read on and decide which ones will work for you.

Cooperatively yours,

Doug Roles
Director of Member Services



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On the cover ...

A programmable thermostat is the first line of defense against high winter utility bills. Set your thermostat no higher than 68 degrees and be sure to lower the temperature when you go to bed or are not at home. This saves money and still keeps you warm. For more energy-saving tips, please see Page 4.

Valley REC earns high marks in annual member satisfaction survey

By John H. Bookwalter, Jr.
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What do Amazon, Apple, Mercedes-Benz, Lexus, General Mills, H.J. Heinz, Quaker and Valley Rural Electric Cooperative have in common? All of them scored an 87 or higher on the 2013 American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI).

For the past three years in late autumn, Valley has conducted an ACSI survey of its members. The survey asked a random sample of our consumers to rate us on a scale of 1 to 10 in four areas: how their experiences with the co-op have been; whether or not their expectations have been met; how Valley REC compares to the ideal electric utility; and how likely they would be to choose Valley for their electric service if they had other choices. For the first two years, the cooperative received a satisfaction score of 91 out of 100. For 2013, Valley earned a 92.

So, how did that high rating compare to other businesses in 2013? The average satisfaction rating for all participating Touchstone Energy cooperatives (including Valley REC) was an

83. That outclassed the private power company (PPC) average of 77. The best scoring PPC was Atmos Energy with an 85. PPL and First Energy obtained marks of 80 and 75 respectively.

Credit unions, another type of cooperative, cashed in with an average rating of 85. This beat out other types of financial institutions. Among banks, JPMorgan Chase deposited a 76; Citigroup, a 74; and Wells Fargo, a 72. Charles Schwab was the top earner with an 84 in the Internet brokerage industry. Next were Fidelity at 81 and E*Trade at 76.

General Mills, H.J. Heinz and Quaker tied for the gold in the food manufacturing category with scores of 87. Kraft and Hershey tied with results of 86 and Kellogg followed with an 85. Among limited-service (fast food) restaurants, Subway served up an 83. Little Caesar and Papa John's each delivered an 82 and Domino's and Kentucky Fried Chicken tied with an 81. The highest rated full-service

restaurants, Olive Garden and Red Lobster, tied at 83. Trailing slightly behind were Applebee's with an 82 and Outback Steakhouse with an 81. The top three soft drink companies were Dr. Pepper Snapple, 86; PepsiCo, 85; and Coca-Cola, 84.

In transportation, Mercedes-Benz was ahead of the automobile and light vehicle pack with an 88. Following closely behind was Lexus at 87. Honda, Subaru and Toyota were grill to grill at 86. Jet Blue flew away with the premiere spot among airlines, soaring with a result of 83. Southwest scored 81. Delta landed at 68.

After their stays in hotels, travelers rated Marriott top-notch with an 82. Hilton checked in with an 80. Best Western and Hyatt tied at 79.

Among retailers, Publix was the uppermost supermarket at 86. Kroger was next at 80. Whole Foods obtained a mark of 78. Amazon cashed in with the best marks in Internet retail. Its score of 88 topped Newegg's 83 and eBay's 80. Nordstrom led the department and discount stores with an 83. Dillard's and Kohl's registered results of 81. Dollar General rang up an 80. Specialty retail stores saw Costco warehouse an 84. Barnes and Noble, Lowe's and OfficeMax shelved an 82. Staples filed an 81. The ratings for health and personal care stores were CVS Caremark, 76; Walgreens, 76; and Rite Aid, 74.

In the telecommunications arena, Verizon had the top spot in four areas. Verizon

Communications and Cox Communications tied at 74 for fixed-line telephone service. AT&T was only slightly lower at 73, and Charter Communications was a bit lower still at 72. Verizon Wireless garnered a 73 in wireless tele-

phone service. Sprint and AT&T Mobility rounded out the top three with a 71 and a 70 respectively. With another score of 73, Verizon Communications led the subscription television service field. Next were DIRECTV at 72 and AT&T at 71. Among Internet service providers, Verizon Communications had a mark of 71. Cox Communications

came in at 68. AT&T and Charter Communications tied with a 65.

Once online, people were most satisfied with Google in the Internet portals and search engines category, giving it a 77. Bing (Microsoft) and Yahoo tied insignificantly lower at 76. MSN (Microsoft) returned a result of 74. Among social media companies, Wikipedia earned the highest satisfaction level at 78. Pinterest pinned up a 72, and YouTube and Google+ displayed a 71.

For accessing the Internet, Apple personal computers obtained the best rating, an 87. Much lower were Hewlett-Packard with an 80 and Dell with a 79. Apple also had the most satisfied customers in the cellular telephone market. They gave the tech company an 81. Motorola Mobility rang in at 77. Samsung Electronics was a bit lower with a 76.

Compared to these other companies, Valley REC's stellar ACSI score of 92 is impressive. That does not mean we'll coast on your accolades. We'll continue to strive to offer great value and excellent service. If you receive one of our 2014 ACSI surveys this month, please tell us how we rate.

To learn more about the American Customer Satisfaction Index, visit www.theacsi.org. Once there, you can check the results of other companies. You can also see how the 2014 ratings for various businesses are progressing.

The American Customer Satisfaction Index is a uniform and independent measure of household consumption experience. As an economic indicator, the ACSI tracks trends in customer satisfaction and provides benchmarking insights of the consumer economy for companies, industry trade associations and government agencies. The ACSI is produced by the Stephen M. Ross Business School at the University of Michigan, in partnership with the American Society for Quality (ASQ) and the international consulting firm, CFI Group.



Congressman visits VREC office



The Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association (PREA) hosted U.S. Rep Glenn "G.T." Thompson (R - PA 5th District) at a press conference held at the Valley REC corporate headquarters Monday, Sept. 29. PREA announced its endorsement of Thompson in the fall general election. Thompson stressed the importance of affordable electricity to manufacturing and agriculture.

Members helping members

Valley REC's Members Helping Members Program assists consumers who are facing tough times. The program provides a way for members to donate to a fund that is used to help other members pay their electric bills.

If you'd like to help a co-op neighbor get back on track, please complete the form on the back cover and return it with your next bill payment. Whether you can give 50 cents or \$50, your contribution, combined with those from other caring co-op consumers, could make a difference for an elderly member living on a reduced income or a young family facing the challenges of rearing children. Members may experience a financial difficulty for many reasons, including hospitalization, divorce or a job loss.

To make lending a hand easy, you have a choice of several billing options, and all donations are tax-deductible. If you'd like, you can round up your bill to the nearest whole dollar, with the difference earmarked for needy members. For example, if your monthly charges total \$86.32, you could choose to round up the amount to \$87, with 68 cents going to Members Helping Members. Using this method, your average annual contribution would be about \$6.

If you'd prefer, you can simply add \$1 to the total due on your bill, for an annual contribution of \$12. Actually, any amount you wish may be added to your bill. Or you can also opt for a one-time donation.

Apply for financial assistance

If you are a full-time resident on co-op lines and believe that your situation meets the criteria for assistance through Members Helping Members, please take advantage of this worthwhile program. If you know of a household served by Valley that could benefit from the program, you may apply on their behalf.

To receive assistance, an application form must be completed and returned to the cooperative's headquarters in Huntingdon. Applications will be kept on file for one year. Consumers may reapply annually; however, first-time applicants will be given preference over those who have received funds in prior years. All applications will be kept confidential. There are no income restrictions for applicants.

Dollars will be allocated based on the amount of funding available. Grant levels will be calculated according to electric use, and will be credited to an account only once per year. An account does not have to be in arrears to qualify. However, if the account is in arrears, the consumer receiving funds must sign a payment arrangement form and agree to pay the entire balance plus the current bill within six months.

For more information or an application, contact the co-op's billing department at 814/643-2650 or toll-free 800/432-0680. Or download an application at www.valleyrec.com. Follow the Programs & Services link to Members Helping Members.

Cut winter energy bills

By Doug Roles

Director of Member Services

Winter can be tough on household budgets. One way to keep the sledding smooth is to look for small energy-saving steps that, combined, can keep electric bills from snowballing.

Luanne Eckenrode, Valley REC's vice president of consumer services and public relations, says consumers can see higher bills in the winter even if they don't heat their homes with electricity. Shorter days cause people to spend more time indoors, using lights, televisions and appliances.

Luanne advises members to have a household budget, to keep tabs on utility bills and to take action right away if managing your electric bill becomes problematic.

"The time to make payment arrangements is not the day that you're being disconnected," she says. "If you're having a problem paying your bill, get in touch with the co-op right away."

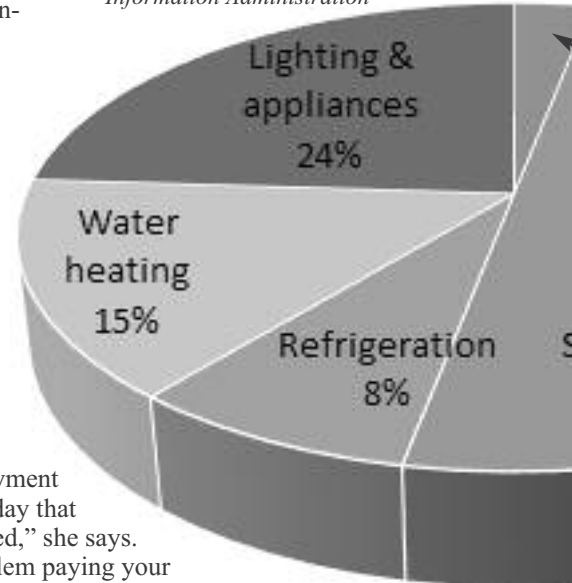
She and Travis Kuhstos, Valley REC's energy specialist, say there are a number of low cost/no cost steps that members can take to save energy when the temperature drops. For starters, lower your thermostat to 68 degrees (or lower). Forty-two percent of total home energy use goes to heating, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration. If you decrease the temperature by just one degree, you can save up to 5 percent on heating costs. Consider a programmable thermostat that you can set to lower the temperature when you're away from home and increase before you come back.

Hot showers are especially nice in winter but cutting them short reduces costs. Water heating accounts for 12-18 percent of home energy use, so conserving here can really help.

Set your water heater's thermostat to 120 degrees or lower – that's usually sufficient for a household's hot-water needs. Also, if you've

How energy is used

Information from U.S. Energy Information Administration



LIHEAP announces 2014-15 program details

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) helps low-income families pay their heating bills. LIHEAP offers assistance in the form of a cash grant, sent directly to the utility company, or a crisis grant for households in immediate danger of being without heat.

The program reopened Nov. 3 and closes on April 3, 2015. The Department of Public Welfare may extend or shorten the program depending upon the availability of federal funds. You may complete an application at your local county assistance office or apply online at www.compass.state.pa.us.

For more information, please contact your local county assistance office or contact the LIHEAP hotline

at 1-866-857-7095, Monday through Friday. (Individuals with hearing impairments may call the TDD number at 1-800-451-5886.)

Households experiencing a heating crisis may be eligible for additional benefits through the LIHEAP Crisis Program. Emergency situations include:

- Broken heating equipment or leaking lines that must be fixed or replaced
- Lack of fuel or less than a 15-day supply
- The main heating source, or a source used to operate the main source, is not working or has been completely shut-off
- Receipt of a notice that service will be shut off within the next 60 days

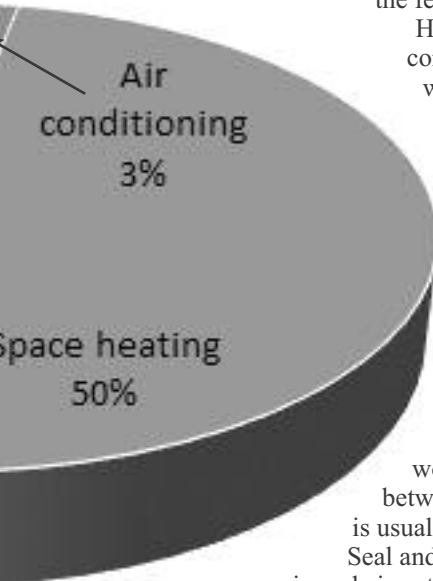
Household size	Household income
1	\$17,505
2	\$23,595
3	\$29,685
4	\$35,775
5	\$41,865
6	\$47,995
7	\$54,045
8	\$60,135
9	\$66,225
10	\$72,315

with low cost/no cost fixes

had your water heater for more than 12 years, you might want to consider replacing it with a more energy-efficient model.

Consider replacing old appliances, doors, and windows with ENERGY STAR-rated models. You can save about 15 percent of your normal energy use with these appliances and get better insulation on doors and windows for the price you pay. ENERGY STAR-rated items meet special efficiency standards set by the federal government.

in Pa. homes



HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) systems will have to work twice as hard if vents are blocked by rugs, furniture or doors. Keep vents clear for proper air flow and check ductwork for leaks by carefully holding a stick of lighted incense near each joint while the furnace is running. Seal leaking joints with heat tape.

Lighting and appliances (including refrigeration) account for 35 percent of home energy use. Don't make your fridge work too hard. A temperature set between 34 and 37 degrees Fahrenheit is usually sufficient.

Seal and insulate your home to keep heat in and air out. Keep blinds and curtains open to let in sunlight during the day and close at night to keep heat inside and protect from drafts. Areas that may need sealing include corners, cracks, door frames, and windows.

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"There are little things people can do that add up," Travis says. "And you can do some of your own testing."

For instance, he explains that members can utilize Valley's digital meters to conduct their own breaker test. The test helps consumers determine which household circuits use the most power.

To test, have someone flip breakers off one by one while a second person watches the dashed line that shows use on the meter display. The line will get smaller as larger loads are shut off via the breaker. Cell phones or walkie talkies can be used if the meter and the panel box are not within shouting distance.

"A well pump tank pressure gauge test is another test homeowners can perform," Travis adds.

This check ensures a well pump isn't running needlessly and wasting electricity. To test: Observe the water pressure gauge while the pump cycles. (You may have to run some water out of a spigot to trigger the pump.)

Does the pressure hold or fall? If it falls, you have a leak, probably in the well drop pipe or in the foot valve (pump's check valve). If this is the case, when you shut down pump power, you probably only have water pressure for a minute or two. The system should hold pressure as long as water isn't used.

Fixing this problem will prevent wasting electricity and prolong the life of the pump.

Here's a special holiday tip: Use LED lights to decorate. They're up to 75 percent more energy efficient than traditional incandescent lights and last much longer. But check for an ENERGY-STAR rating before you buy. Cheaper LEDs tend not to last as long or be as durable.

For more ways to save energy, visit the Valley REC website (www.valleyrec.com) and click on the "Save Energy" tab in the center of the page.

Jump-start your holiday shopping

VALLEY REC GIFT CERTIFICATES make great gifts for the co-op members on your list.

To purchase one, complete the information below. If you'd like to surprise more than one person, please list the names, addresses and amounts for each on a separate sheet. Then mail this form with your check or money order for the total amount to: Valley REC, PO Box 477, Huntingdon, PA 16652-0477.

After we receive your payment, the co-op member's account will be credited with the amount you've specified. The gift certificate may be mailed directly to the recipient, or it can be sent to you for personal delivery.

Recipient's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Amount of Gift (\$5 minimum) \$ _____

(Make check or money order payable to Valley REC)

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (including area code): _____

- Return certificate to me.
- Send certificate directly to recipient prior to _____ (date).
- I wish to remain anonymous.



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Co-op members may submit ads via e-mail at valleynewsads@valleyrec.com; by phone at 800/432-0680; by fax at 814/643-1678; or by mail at Valley REC, PO Box 477, Huntingdon, PA 16652-0477. There is no charge for this service. Members submitting ads are asked to provide their member number. If consumers wish to continue running particular ads, they are required to resubmit the information on a bimonthly basis. The deadline for submission is the 25th day of the month prior to the issue months. Submissions are viewable on the co-op's website at www.valleyrec.com. Items published are printed at the request of our members. The co-op does not endorse, recommend or assume any responsibility for the products or services advertised. The co-op also reserves the right to edit material for content and/or space as necessary.

REAL ESTATE

10-acre level lot. High land for great views but not mountain land. Perfect for farmette. Currently being used for haying. Next to horse farm on Jack's Mountain Road. Close to Rt. 22 for convenience but on quiet road. Mifflin County between State College & Raystown Lake. Enrolled in Clean & Green for low taxes. Can build house w/ no roll back taxes or use for trailer or RV. New septic & well - ready to build & scoped for electric w/ Valley Rural Electric. Fenced boundaries. 814/669-4612.

Historic 1847 brick home in rural Juniata Co. Sits on 14 tillable Pa. Certified Organic acres! Features wood floors, 4 BRs, 6 fireplaces, front & rear stairways, open foyer. Some TLC still needed. Potential for lg. family or a B&B! \$249,900. MLS#10253973 <http://3857rt35s.c21.com/> Home, barn & 21 additional acres across Rt. 35 available also. 717/994-6627 or kgraybill21@aol.com

Juniata Co. farmette - 21.5 tillable Pa. Certified Organic acres. Home needs brought back to life but has so many timeless features. Outbuildings include 72 x 46 barn. \$229,900. MLS#10254025 <http://3876route35s.c21.com> Home & additional 14 acres available across Rt. 35. 717/994-6627 or kgraybill21@aol.com

Lg. 2 BR rancher sitting on 3+ acres of ground overlooking Seven Valleys. All new carpet & flooring. All new appliances - refrigerator, stove, stove-top microwave. Well & septic. Installed unbreakable pipes, new water softener & hot water heater. Can be bought fully furnished if you want. Only used one time. 3-yr.-old wood stove, airtight. Electric heat. Stove sits on ceramic & surrounding walls are ceramic. Very well kept. Clean. Very easy to winterize. One large garage. 2 yrs. old. One smaller garage. Sleeps 8 or more people. 15-20 minutes from Lake Raystown.

\$99,900 furnished. Seller will pay all closing costs. Price is negotiable. 856/816-6968.

1985 Champion 14 x 54 mobile home. Great hunting camp or vacation home. Good cond. Ready to move to your pad. 814/329-2681.

Mobile home. 14 x 70. 3 BR, 1BA, all appliances & shed. 814/327-6818. 2 acres, wooded lot, suitable for building. Blair Co., Huston Twp., Williamsburg RD, Spring Cove School District. Asking \$40,000. 814/793-9827.

Chalet, A-frame, two miles from Blue Knob Ski Resort. Main floor, loft & basement. About 100 yards off Blue Knob Road (129 Frigid Road), accessed by right-of-way. 1-1/2 acres shared w/ second owner. Shared well water pump on my property & shared septic field on other owner's property. Chalet inside recently upgraded. Existing furnishings in chalet included ("move-in" ready). Three BRs in main floor & loft & two BRs in fully furnished basement apartment. Central heat oil furnace. One newly-built owner's tool shed & one shared tool shed. For sale by owner \$60,000 OBO. 703/421-5088.

19-hole Pro Putter Mini Golf Course. 2.69 acres including caddy shack/snack building, 10 x 20 w/ deck & handicap ramps. Picnic pavilion 10 x 20 w/ metal roof. Utility/storage building, 10 x 14 w/ double doors. Many other details too numerous to list. Call 570/956-9827 for further information.

Hunters/developers. 100 wooded acres w/ 8-room home, 10 min. from Lake Raystown Resort. Bordered on 2 sides by state game lands. Stone home is 13 yrs. old in very good cond. Geothermal heat. Price \$699,900. Phone 717/991-7481.

AUTOS/TRUCKS

Chevy heavy duty truck (1500 - 3500) 8 bolt hub cap (1). Fits '01 - '05 models. \$40. GMC heavy duty truck (1500 - 3500) 8 bolt hub cap (1). Fits '99 - '06 models. \$40. Call Ken at 814/448-2896 or 814/599-1923.

Antique auto mouldings. Stainless steel w/ clamps. From a 1964 Pontiac. Bumpers & hood ornaments could be used in other restorations. 814/515-2565.

RECREATIONAL

2006 Hurricane Model 34B. 7,000 miles, 3 slides, sleeps 8, rotating TV satellite dish, AC, automatic levelers, awning, Ford Workhouse Chassis Vortec V10, length 35.5'. \$65,000. 814/448-0094.

Chrysler, Vintage 1980, SnoRunner single blade snowmobile for \$825 OBO. Works good, garage kept, only used for about 100 miles. Needs track replacement that can be bought online for about \$125 & some TLC. Have manual w/ schematic diagram. Be the only one in your neighborhood with a single blade snowmobile! 717/426-4426.

1984 Searay Cuddy Cruiser. 24-1/2", 260 hp inboard/outboard. Sound system, water skis, extras. 2005 dual axle boat trailer. Must sell-make an offer. 814/684-4986 after 6 p.m. or leave message.

FOR RENT

Daily, weekly, monthly refrigerated trailer, 7 x 12, 10-50 degrees digital control. Runs on 115 volts, available with generator. Great for deer season storage! 814/329-0408 or chilled@iceboxtogo.com

VACATION RENTALS

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

towels, cable w/ HBO, wireless internet, AC, 6 pools including a lazy river, lighted tennis courts, saunas, jacuzzis & more. \$450-\$950 weekly. Monthly rates available. Phone 717/263-2717.

Spring is coming! Lake Raystown Vacation House Rental. Sleeps 11. Lg. great room w/ fireplace, 4 BRs, dining table for 12, central AC, 2 new flat screen satellite TVs, 2 full BAs, 2 half BAs, lg. recreation room, fully equipped kitchen & laundry rooms, screened-in porch, lg. parking area, 1 mile from lake (Snyders Run boat launch). Linens & towels provided. Minimum 2 nights. Available March-December. For more information see www.laurelwoodsretreat.com or call Diane at 814/931-6562.

ANIMALS

2 beautiful quarter horses. No reasonable offer refused. Selling due to poor health. 814/696-9050.

FREE

Very nice 24" floor model TV. You haul. 814/658-3557.

WANTED

Good items for our auction. We sell it all, guns, boats, cars, household items, big items, small items, estates, partial estates & more. YOU BRING IT - WE'LL SELL IT! For more info, Gene's Auction, Fairgrounds Road, Huntingdon. 814/643-2734. Auction every Friday 6 p.m.

2-cycle outboard, 1-1/2 - 4 hp. Mercury, Evinrude or Johnson. Will trade 2004, 2-1/2 hp, 4-cycle Yamaha or buy outright. 814/448-9599.

Military collector seeks U.S. military items. World War I, World War II & Korea. 240/367-6667 or 814/448-9977.

TOOLS/EQUIPMENT

9' Reading utility bed w/ Reading walk-in utility cover. 3 Durbin CT Series chain binders made by Durbin Durco, Inc. in the USA. 814/542-2045.

Homelite portable generator. LR4400W, 120/240V, manual start, good working cond. 814/543-7652.

Woodmaster 18" planer, molder, gang rip-saw & drum sander. \$1,300 OBO. 814/695-4224.

Bryant oil hot air furnace, 105,000 BTU w/ power vent. NuTone 3-ton air conditioner, like new. For details call 717/734-3775.

MISCELLANEOUS

USA made buildings, carports, & agri covers. Free installation on your leveled lot.

Burn barrels, \$10. R&D Recycling, 27438 Great Cove Road, McConnellsburg, Pa. 17233. 717/987-3884 or 717/860-6718.

Husky brand tool box. Aluminum, 60" compartment insert. Gently used on Ford Ranger. Two keys & no drill mounting brackets included. Serious inquiries only, cash only, you haul. 814/696-4706.

Portable waste tank. 18 gal., 4 wheels, 34" pull handle. 36"L x 18"W x 12"H, side drain, top fill, includes hose, \$50. RV leveling blocks. Set of 10, nylon storage bag, high density 8-1/2" square interlocking blocks. \$15. Both items like new condition. 814/685-3747.

Antique railing, posts & spindles. Rail 13' x 9" (for stairs). 13 spindles 28-1/4"; 12 spindles, 32" (1 broken). Rail, 8' x 3-1/2." 16 spindles, 32" long. 1-5" x 5" post, 36-1/4" high (top of steps). 1-7" x 7" post, 46" high (bottom of steps). \$250 OBO. Please call 814/695-2144 w/ questions. Please leave message if no answer.

Jacuzzi whirlpool for use in bathtub. Excellent relief for aching muscles, portable. \$75. 814/239-2570.

3-250 gallon oil tanks. 814/832-3661.

Lift chair. \$100. 7 pc. living room set. \$250. 814/695-3492.

Oak headboard, 5' H, queen size. \$25. 814/448-9599.

Home Interior for sale. 814/259-3634.

Long Arm Quilter Pro-Flex quilting frame w/ Bailey machine. \$1,699. 814/766-9988.

Never used 2.5 gallon mini tank, 110-volt electric water heater. \$150. Reason for sale, ordered wrong size & non-returnable. Call 717/858-5266 & leave message if no answer.

Antique horse drawn sleigh. Good cond. 814/224-2390. Wahl Deluxe razor, good cond. Old wooden desk from the '50's. 814/447-3735. 4 8" I-beam columns, 8' long, \$40 ea. 11 concrete 2-hole posts, \$15 ea. Used tin roofing various lengths. 8N belt pulley, \$40. 18" exhaust fan, new, \$75. 4-drawer filing cabinet, heavy, \$40. 2 aluminum tool boxes, side mount, \$75. 3 pt. hitch cut-off saw frame, \$30. 717/987-3619.

Toy box. 15" x 15" x 30". \$45. 814/658-3557.

SERVICES

Moore Hair - Where looking good is still affordable. 814/667-2221 for appt.

Dublin Electric, LLC - Wiring solutions for your bright ideas! Providing a wide variety of electrical services to the Fort Littleton & surrounding areas. Fully in-

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sured & free estimates, please call Jeff Croft at 717/491-0676. PA. Reg. #075050.

Charter Oak Forestry working w/ forestland owners to achieve the highest sale value for your timber & focused on regenerating a future forest. Timber sales, appraisals, trespass values & wildlife enhancement. PSU Forestry graduate. Galen Baney 814/667-2018 or charteroakforestry@yahoo.com

Mom's Pets, a non-profit organization started in 2009, focuses on saving the lives of animals. We have three different programs. Spay & neuter, rescue & foster, trap & release. If you are interested in more details on any of these programs, contact Laura Meyers, owner & president, 814/658-2621 or moms_pets@hotmail.com or Terri Keene, primary vet-tech, 814/644-8866.

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