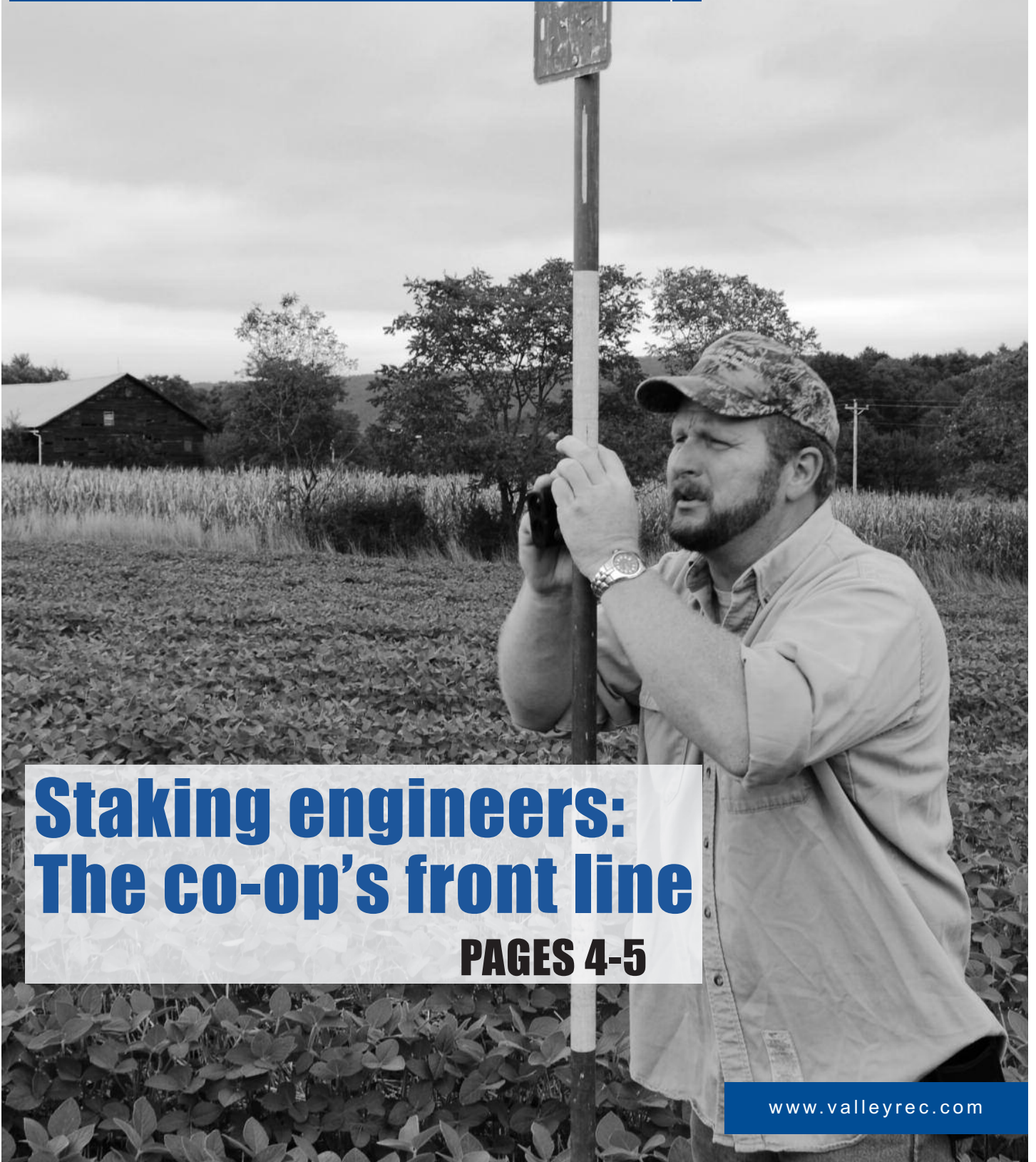


Valley Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Valley News

November | December 2013

Volume 70 | Issue 6



Staking engineers: The co-op's front line

PAGES 4-5

www.valleyrec.com

Valley News

November | December 2013

Volume 70 | Issue 6

Celebrating 75 years of safe, affordable electric service

As the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays approach, many of us will take more time to visit family. Perhaps we'll slow down enough to spend a few hours with loved ones looking through old photo albums. If you find yourself turning through the pages of the past in the coming weeks, I sincerely hope your trip down memory lane is a joy-filled journey.

If the members of Valley Rural Electric Cooperative had one, all-encompassing photo album, the first pages would date back to the late 1930s, when rural residents were electing the first board of directors and stringing the first lines. The ensuing pages in this album would show successive generations working over a span of 75 years to make our co-op what it is today.

On Nov. 1 Valley REC hit the 75-year mark. I wonder what the co-op's founders would think of this milestone. From those hardscrabble beginnings, the co-op's distribution system now boasts three district offices, a fleet of bucket trucks and an advanced metering infrastructure that can quickly pinpoint the scope of an outage, helping to get power back on for consumers faster.

Members no longer read their own meters and can pay their bills by internet or phone. They can even access www.valleyrec.com and use home energy calculators to learn to use electricity more efficiently.

So much has changed since 1938. But one thing hasn't changed: The co-op runs on the dedication of employees and the involvement of members.

Valley's employees take seriously the mission of providing safe, reliable, affordable electricity to consumers. They also work to improve the quality of life in their communities, in part through an active health and wellness committee that sponsors charitable golf and softball tournaments and participates in other fundraisers.

As a co-op member, you can be involved by attending your district nominating meeting and the annual meeting. They offer you an opportunity to hear an update on the operation of the co-op, to ask questions and to elect board members. You have a say because it's your



business.

For 75 years, employees have been dedicated to and members have been involved in this cooperative. That combination has blessed our area with affordable, reliable electricity — something that has played a big part in making so many of the memories in those old photo albums.

Happy holidays from all of us here at Valley Rural Electric Co-op.
Cooperatively yours,

Doug Roles
Director of Member Services

On the cover ...

Staking engineers, such as Mike Lansberry, travel Valley REC territory meeting members and laying out new services. The job requires people skills, math skills and, sometimes, a lot of hiking. See story on Page 4.

EDITORIAL STAFF

Executive Editor

Luanne H. Eckenrode

Managing Editor/Art Director

Douglas W. Roles

Publication inquiries:

814/643-2650 or 800/432-0680

memberservices@valleyrec.com

Statement of Ownership, Management, and Circulation
(All Periodicals Publications Except Requester Publications)

1. Publication Title The Valley News	2. Publication Number 6 5 5 - 5 4 0	3. Filing Date Oct. 10, 2013
4. Issue Frequency Bi-monthly	5. Number of Issues Published Annually 6	6. Annual Subscription Price Free to members; \$10 non-members
7. Complete Mailing Address of Known Office of Publication (Not address of printer) Valley REC, PO Box 477, Huntingdon, PA 16652		8. Complete Mailing Address of Headquarters or General Business Office of Publisher (Not printer) Valley REC, PO Box 477, Huntingdon, PA 16652
9. Full Names and Complete Mailing Addresses of Publisher, Editor, and Managing Editor (Do not leave blank) Publisher (Name and complete mailing address) Valley Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Same as above) Editor (Name and complete mailing address) Douglas W. Roles, Valley REC, PO Box 477, Huntingdon, PA 16652 Managing Editor (Name and complete mailing address)		
10. Owner (Do not leave blank. If the publication is owned by a corporation, give the name and address of the corporation immediately followed by names and addresses of all stockholders owning or holding 1 percent or more of total amount of stock. If not owned by a corporation, give the names and addresses of all individual owners. If owned by a partnership or other unincorporated firm, give its name and address as well as those of each individual owner. If the publication is published by a nonprofit organization, give its name and address.)		
Full Name Valley Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.		Complete Mailing Address PO Box 477, Huntingdon, PA 16652-0477
11. Known Bondholders, Mortgagees, and Other Security Holders Owning or Holding 1 Percent or More of Total Amount of Bonds, Mortgages, or Other Securities. If none, check box None		
Full Name Rural Utility Service		Complete Mailing Address 1400 Independence Ave., SW Washington, DC 20260-1500
National Rural Utilities Co-op Finance Corp.		Woodland Park 2201 Cooperative Way, Herndon, VA 20171-3025
12. Tax Status (For completion by nonprofit organizations authorized to mail at nonprofit rates) (Check one) The purpose, function, and nonprofit status of this organization and the exempt status for federal income tax purposes: X Has Not Changed During Preceding 12 Months Has Changed During Preceding 12 Months (If so, publisher must submit explanation of change with this form)		
PS Form 3526, September 2007 (Page 1 of 3) (Instructions Page 2) PSN 7500-01-000-0001 PRIVACY NOTICE: See our privacy policy on www.usps.com		
12. Publication Title The Valley News	14. Issue Date for Circulation Data Below Jul/Aug 2013	
13. Extent and Nature of Circulation	Average No. Copies Each Issue During Preceding 12 Months	No. Copies of Single Issue Published Nearest to Filing Date
a. Total Number of Copies (Net press run)	18,300	18,300
b. Paid or Nominal Rate Distribution (Sum of 11), (2), (3), and (4))	18,236	18,234
(1) Mails Outside County Paid Subscriptions Shown on PS Form 3541 (Include paid distribution on access rates, advertiser's proof copies, and exchange copies)	0	0
(2) Mailed In-Country Paid Subscriptions Shown on PS Form 3541 (Include paid distribution on access rates, advertiser's proof copies, and exchange copies)	0	0
(3) Paid Distribution Outside the Mails (Including Sales Through Dealers and Carriers, Street Vendors, Counter Sales, and Other Paid Distribution Outside USPS®)	0	0
(4) Paid Distribution by Other Classes of Mail Through the USPS in a First-Class Mail®	0	0
c. Total Free or Nominal Rate Distribution Outside County (Classes included on PS Form 3541)	0	0
(1) Free or Nominal Rate Outside County Classes Included on PS Form 3541	0	0
(2) Free or Nominal Rate In-Country Copies Included on PS Form 3541	0	0
(3) Free or Nominal Rate Copies (Not on Other Classes) Through the USPS in a First-Class Mail®)	0	0
(4) Free or Nominal Rate Distribution Outside the Mail (Classes or other means)	3	0
d. Total Free or Nominal Rate Distribution (Sum of 11), (2), (3), and (4))	3	0
e. Total Distribution (Sum of 13c and 13d)	18,239	18,234
f. Copies Not Distributed (See Instructions to Publishers #4 page #30)	81	86
g. Total (Sum of 13f and g)	18,300	18,300
h. Paid or Nominal Rate (PS Form 3541)	99.98	100
16. Publication of Statement of Ownership If the publication is a general publication, publication of this statement is required. Will be printed in the <u>Nov/Dec 2013</u> issue of the publication. Publication not required		
17. Signature and Title of Editor, Publisher, Business Manager, or Owner 		Date Oct. 8, 2013
I certify that all information furnished on this form is true and complete. I understand that anyone who furnishes false or misleading information on this form or who omits material or information requested on the form may be subject to criminal sanctions (including fines and imprisonment) and/or civil sanctions (including civil penalties).		
PS Form 3526, September 2007 (Page 2 of 3)		



Valley REC linemen Jason Wilson (left) and Mike Williams make a live-wire connection. (Photo by Doug Roles)

Safety first:

Valley REC crews complete annual hot line training

By Doug Roles

Director of Member Services

Valley Rural Electric Cooperative's line crews completed on-the-job safety training in October. The annual training, offered through the Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association, provides line crews an opportunity to work with energized lines as a PREA safety instructor ensures safe work practices are followed.

Crews from all three Valley service districts — Huntingdon, Martinsburg and Shade Gap — participated in the training held Oct. 1-3.

"They usually try to have a job that's a little more complicated than normal," said Bill Succowich, PREA job training and safety instructor. "We just critique what they're doing."

As a crew worked to move an energized line to a new pole along Route 35 in Reeds Gap, Juniata County, Bill monitored their progress, paying particular attention to how the linemen had placed insulating coverings on the wires. A nearby oil-circuit recloser (a switch that can cut power in the event of a fault) was placed on "lockout" to make the work safer for the line crew

by shutting off power at the first fault instead of trying to re-close as usual.

"It's quite a congested pole they're working on," Bill said, noting the placement of the wires, a transformer and an overhead guy wire. "They're doing very well. I didn't see any bad habits."

By the end of the day, the crew had moved the live wire and guy wire to a new 55-foot pole and installed a new transformer. Similar projects were completed in Tyrone and Huston townships, Blair County in the next two days with crews

from Martinsburg and Huntingdon participating.

"All work was done hot, with rubber sleeves, gloves and other safety gear," said Shade Gap District Manager Rick Poleck. "It's energized. It's slow going because they have to use hot sticks and gloves, but it's good training."

Far left: Using four bucket lifts, line crews move an energized line to a new pole along Route 35 in Reeds Gap, Juniata County. **Inset photo:** Linemen Wilmer "Tink" Bucher (left) and Adam Atherton work together to move an old transformer out of the work area. (Photos by Doug Roles)



A lot at stake



Valley's stakers value engineer member dreams

By Doug Roles

Director of Member Services

To the casual observer it might look like a simple job: You go out and pound a wooden stake into the ground where the next utility pole goes. But Valley Rural Electric employees who work as staking engineers know there's much more to it.

The job mixes office and field work. It's part getting your hands dirty and part public relations. To be successful, staking engineers have to have a mix of people skills and technical skills. In fact, in the electric co-op world, "stakers" are called the face of the co-op because they're often the first employees a member meets.

"That first contact is critical," says Tim Cisney, who retired from Valley REC in January after 27 years in staking. "Staking engineers actually start the building process and they're the last ones to handle the work order."

"Stakers are involved in the whole process. Everything done actually goes through the staking engineer," Tim says.

Stakers do some of the initial paperwork to sign up new members. And they talk to property owners about the layout of new services. In this way, Valley's stakers get to be involved as members plan construction

of their dream homes or expand businesses.

Staking engineers work in all kinds of weather, walking rights-of-way and checking lines and poles to find equipment that needs repaired or replaced. During storms they patrol lines to identify places where lines have been damaged. When they find problems, they create a work order for the line crew.

Part of the job is to contact PA One Call to report placement of new poles or other work. In the field, stakers also create GPS data points which they provide to Valley REC's mapping department to keep maps up to date.

While working in Todd Township, Huntingdon County in February, staking engineers Mike Lansberry and Jason Hey explained the process of laying out service to a new home site.

"We have to keep in mind the location of trees and distance from limbs," Jason says, while using a transit to lay out several

spans of wire from the existing line to the build site.

"We like the members to call ahead of construction or even before purchasing ground," Mike says. "It's important for those planning to build a home to know if they'll even have an easement for an electric line. Always make sure you will have a



Valley REC staking engineers, from left, Mike Lansberry, Patrick "Turtle" Lightner and Tim Cisney (now retired) meet at the Shade Gap district office in early 2013 to train on new mapping software. Top: Lansberry (right) and Jason Hey map out service to a home site in Todd Township, Huntingdon County, in February. (Photos by Doug Roles)



Above: Staking engineer Jason Hey uses a transit to select the route of a new line through a right-of-way. At right: Mike Lansberry uses GPS technology to plot a service drop to a turkey barn being built near Marklesburg, Huntingdon County in September. The GPS antennae is on top of his hat. (Photos by Doug Roles)

right of way before buying or building.”

At this job, Mike, who works out of the Huntingdon district office, had a preliminary appointment with the property owner. Then he and Jason staked out the line. Mike points out that staking engineers have to lay out new service in the most economical fashion.

“You have to value engineer it,” he says. “You don’t want these costs so high that operational costs to the entire membership go up. You have to do what’s best for the membership, not just the member.”

Once the staking engineers have completed the field work, they load the data into a computer and create a work ticket. The district manager (or other personnel) will then visit the site to see what all is entailed in the line construction and will then schedule the job.

“Design. Stake. Collect data. Populate to our database. It’s a step-by-step process,” Mike explains. “It’s very rewarding; you get to see the job from the start to the end.”

“It’s one of the most diverse jobs at the co-op,” adds Jason, who works from Valley REC’s Martinsburg office.

On a site visit in another location in Todd Township, in September, Lansberry had to lay out a connection to a new turkey barn.

Using a laser range finder and GPS, he found that the new line crosses a soy bean field for 1,200 feet to the underground connection at the barn. The distance of the new line was divided into four 300-foot spans, equally distributing the weight of the line. Mike then put together a materials list — an item that is critical beyond the initial building of the new service.

Inventory created by stakers is invaluable to the co-op in outage restoration. For example, if a car crashes into a co-op pole, staking engineers can check their records and see the size of wire and equipment (nuts, bolts, crossarms, etc.) at the site, enabling a repair crew to head out carrying the necessary supplies.

Work orders created by staking engineers also drive inventory. They tell warehouse

personnel what materials are being drawn and what quantities of supplies to order.

It’s a process that evolves to become ever more efficient. Tim points out that stakers today can complete a site visit and input their notes into handheld computers while in the field.

“Everything was paper and pencil when I started out. You’d handwrite on a staking sheet and draw a diagram and then go back and put it in a computer; now it’s all computers and GPS,” Tim notes.

Patrick “Turtle” Lightner has been learning the new technology over the past year. After working for a decade as a lineman, he

joined the staking ranks. He says it can appear that staking engineers “just ride around in their trucks.”

“You look at it from a lineman’s perspective and think ‘How hard can it be?’” says Turtle. “It’s a lot more involved. It’s not easy. There’s a lot of behind the scenes work — phone calls to members, getting permissions and rights-of-way.”

“It’s hugely important for inventory. The work orders for the guys have to be right — for cost, for the company and for making sure the member and the co-op are getting a fair deal.”

Turtle says that larger projects often require stakers to work together to make the work of determining spans and

angles go more quickly. He enjoys both the technical and human aspects of the job.

“It’s challenging. And I enjoy meeting people. Occasionally there are issues to resolve with members but I look to go out and put a good foot forward for the co-op and let the members know we’re here to serve them,” he says. “I think the biggest thing is making sure that the member is clear on how things are going to work when it comes to rights-of-way and costs of installing service. Tim used to say it all the time: ‘Be sure the member understands what we’re doing together.’”



THE
Trading Post

Classified Advertising



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. 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

Blue Knob Resort. Great opportunity. Studio condo, sleeps 4. Kitchen, BA, fireplace, balcony. Completely furnished. \$25,600. Owner financing, no closing costs. Not a time share! Ski, swim, golf, tennis, mountain bike, hike. 410/267-7000. g.schaaf@comcast.net

3 BR/2 BA home located just south of Walmart in Huntingdon. Built in 1930's. 1,285 sq. ft. Paved drive, wood/oil heat, 2 car garage, small storage building. Picnic pavilion in back yard w/brick barbeque. Approx. 1 acre lot. Well maintained. \$105,000. All offers will be considered. Call David. 814/448-2169. Leave msg.

Beautiful 2 acre +/- building lot located in Saxton, Pa. Small subdivision less than 10 min. from Lake Raystown/Shy Beaver boat launch. Level, easy buildable lot. Perc. approved. Electric & cable at property line. Paved road. Protective covenants in place. Located less than 2 hrs. from Frederick, Md. & 3 hrs. from Lancaster, Pa. Perfect for a weekend getaway or permanent residence. \$30,000. Please call 814/658-7363. Leave msg. if no answer.

10-acre level lot, perfect for farmette. Great view of Jack's Mountain between State College & Raystown Lake near McVeytown. Close to Rt. 22 but back on Jack's Mountain Road for peace & quiet. Next to horse farm. Newly-drilled well & septic in place ready for home/trailer/RV. Enrolled in Clean & Green for low taxes. Phone 814/669-4612 for directions or more info.

Commercial rental. Ardenheim Business Center. Office or small retail business unit located along the busy traffic area of Rt. 22 in the Ardenheim area. Approx. 400 sq. ft. Rent

\$295 a month plus electric w/one-year lease. Call 814/599-4284 or 814/643-3775.

9-yr.-old modern year-round residence. 5.2 acres in gated community. Great room, 3 BD, 1-1/2 BA, adjacent to Raystown Lake and Army Corps forest. Gas fireplace & whole house back-up generator. \$189,900. 717/653-5109. MLS #2812167.

Single-wide mobile home on Virginia's Eastern Shore. 3 BR, 2 BA w/attached screen porch, shed & dog kennel. New plumbing, exterior paint & interior upgrades. In park on Chincoteague Island overlooking Assateague Island & Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge. Includes access to marina, fishing/crabbing piers, swimming pool, club house & playground. Ten-minute drive to beach. Sells furnished for \$35,000. Call 717/682-4800.

Mountaintop level wooded lot w/ mature trees in Tioga County. 7.59 acres on private road w/electric available. Driveway installed, perc. tested & approved for sand mound. Close to Rt. 6, Tioga State Forest, Pine Creek & Beechwood Lake for excellent hunting, fishing, snowmobiling & ATV riding. \$37,500. Call 717/682-4800.

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 & 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. \$119,000 negotiable. 856/816-6968.

3 BR home on Cooks Rd. in Cassville. Located close to Raystown Lake area. Lg. family room w/ fireplace & insert. 2 car garage, 2 BA, KT, DR, LR, laundry on bottom level, circular driveway. 1.6 acres. All reasonable offers will be considered. Please call 412/655-7842 & ask for Dianne.

House situated on 51 acres in Huntingdon County. Well kept & clean, 3 BD, 2-1/2 BA, insulated Anderson windows throughout, full basement, spiral staircase, electric heat, beautiful fireplace w/ wood-burning insert & scenic atrium room w/ hardwood floor. Handy 3-story barn. Good hunting. \$475,000. 215/410-7947.

BUSINESS FOR SALE

Hilltop Tank & Supply. 42-year-old flourishing business. Manufacturer of precast concrete products. Turnkey operation. Time to retire. Two experienced, dependable, wonderful employees go w/ business. All serious inquires call 814/599-0081 or fax interest to 814/819-0006.

AUTOS/TRUCKS

Truck cap for a Ford w/ 8' bed. Gray, sliding windows. Very well kept, washed & waxed at least 3 times /yr. Asking \$500. Call 814/695-2719.

2010 Cobalt. 2.2 L, L4 engine, auto. trans., front-wheel drive, teal w/ gray interior, front bucket seats, tach., AC, On-Star, Sirius XM radio, manual seats, windows, door locks, 56,000 miles. 32-33 mpg. R-title (reconditioned flood vehicle). Asking \$8,500 neg.. 814/259-3663 after 5 p.m. or leave msg.

RECREATIONAL

2003 Silver Harley Davidson V-Rod 100 yr. anniversary edition. Gold key customized. Some accessories. 16K miles. \$12,000 OBO. 717/264-3416 or 814/448-2519.

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. \$425-\$1,000 weekly. Monthly rates available. Phone 717/263-2717.

Spring is coming. Lake Raystown vacation house rental. Sleeps 11. Lg. great room w/ fireplace, 4 BR, dining table for 12, central AC, 2 new flat-screen satellite TVs, 2 full BA, 2 half BA, lg. recreation room, fully equipped kitchen & laundry rooms, screened-in porch. 1 mile from lake (Snyders Run boat launch), lg. parking area. Linens & towels provided. Minimum 2 nights. Available March-December. Visit www.laurelwoodsretreat.com or call Dianne at 814/931-6562.

WANTED

1998 Chevrolet Silverado hitch, has to be 35". Quilt frame in good cond. 814/386-2650.

Cash paid for items marked Benson's Dairy in Huntingdon. 814/832-3297.

Medium to large-size male puppy to a good home. Doesn't matter what breed even if it is a mixed breed. 814/542-8654.

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

Rider(s) wanted. Port Royal/Thompson-town/Newport to capital complex/Harrisburg Hospital, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Parking Chestnut St. garage. No Smoking. 717/783-2551 work, 717/527-0217 after 6 p.m. or jbachman@pa.gov

TOOLS/EQUIPMENT

Danuser 3-pt., post hole digger w/ 12" & 6" bit. \$225. 814/643-0513.

3-pt. hitch cutoff saw frame, \$30. 8N belt pulley, \$40. 18" exhaust fan, new, \$75. 717/987-3619.

Dovetail jig. Works great, used once, good for hobbyist. \$50. Tenoning jig for table saw, never used. \$100. Call after 5 p.m. 814/643-5438.

1974 Ditch Witch, Model R30, 4-wheel drive w/ trailer and hydraulic pusher and approx. 60-feet of push pipe. John Deere 310B backhoe (1970s model), runs but needs engine work. Can be seen by calling 814 643-2650, Ext 1666. Make offer.

SPORTING GOODS

Buck Hollow Taxidermy. Selling big game heads, fake bear rugs, jackalopes, fawn/lamb/goat mounts, tanned fur hides, animal replicas, man cave gifts. 814/447-3744. Near Orbisonia or ebay store. www.buckhol-lowtaxidermy.com

MISCELLANEOUS

Schrader wood stove . 22'x35' , \$500. 412/559-5728.

Gas fireplace w/ black tile surround & hearth. Comes w/ outside vent & wires. Will send pictures if needed. \$200. Call 814/599-5775.

Hunting & fishing, gun book collection. 100 books. 100 state game & fish maps, etc. All for \$200. Call Jake Webb 814/643-3197.

White cook stove, \$400. 4, 8" I-beam columns, 8' long. \$40/ea. 2 aluminum tool boxes for on side. \$75/ea. 717/987-3619.

Lennox forced hot air oil furnace. 72,000 BTU, new January 2012. Used 2 seasons. \$800. Call Jim at 814/667-4446.

King's Down full-size mattress & box springs. 17" deep mattress. 2 yrs. old., barely used, like new. Paid \$1,500 will take \$500 OBO. 717/483-6410.

Queen-size floral comforter. Never used. \$10. Large dresser w/ mirror & chest of drawers, fair cond. \$75 for both. Call after 5 p.m. 814/643-5438.

SERVICES

Affordable Pet Grooming by Paws Beaks & Claws Grooming & Supply, located at 9481 Main St., Huntingdon. We are at the intersection of Rt 22 and Rt 829. Convenient, reliable and professional services provided. Baths start at \$15 and full grooms at \$30. We do canine, feline and exotic. Avian wing clipping and nail trimming is also offered. Please call

Classified Ads

to set up an appointment or check our rates on your pet at 814-643-3336. Loyalty and referral credits given along with senior citizen, veteran and multi-pet discounts. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Dublin Electric, LLC - Wiring Yolutions for Your Bright Ideas! Providing a wide variety of electrical services to Fort Littleton & surrounding areas. Fully insured & free estimates. Please call Jeff Croft at 717-491-0676. PA.Reg.#075050

Keller's Home Improvements. Replacement windows, doors, siding, soffit, fascia, porches, decks, other home improvements. Free estimates & fully insured. 814/667-2236.

Deco Sealers. Providing damp & waterproofing materials to concrete, masonry & poured wall contractors, do-it yourselfers, painters, basement & home improvement companies. Visit our distributors including Mt. Union Lumber & Supply & Juniata Concrete Co. If these distributors are not in your area & you would like to become a distributor, an applicator or are in need of our products, visit our website: decosealers.com or call 717/484-6131.

Custom-made, child-safe, teddy bears. For over 25 years I have specialized in "Memory Bears" lovingly hand crafted from items which recall those special times or memories. All bears are thoughtfully designed & reasonably priced. Call Ruth at 814/643-2809.

Decker Electric, Inc. Call us for all your electrical needs. We do quality work & comply with all electrical codes. We offer free estimates and are totally insured. Call 814/599-0835 or 814/643-4338.

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

Forestry Consultant. Timber sales, appraisals & management. B.S. in forest management, Penn State 1964. 45 years local forestry experience. Mark Kane, consulting forester, 6118 Geisler Run Road, Huntingdon. 814/667-3620.

Valley News

(USPS 655-940)

November | December 2013

Volume 70 | Issue 6

Periodicals postage paid
at Huntingdon, PA 16652

Bimonthly publication of
Valley Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.
PO Box 477, Huntingdon, PA 16652-0477

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

Will mow small & large lawns & do other various lawn jobs. 814/259-3634.

Country Stone. Professional installation of precast stone veneer & thin brick. Call for free estimates. 814/695-8693 (H) or 814/312-8214 (c).

Kenneth W. Reigh Carpentry & Masonry. Kitchen & bathroom remodeling, laminate hardwood, ceramic tile flooring, additions, screened-in porches, natural stone, brick, block & concrete. Fully insured, 35 yrs. exp. For estimates call 814/658-9998.

Book Construction – Excavation, clearing, roads, ponds, septic systems, foundations, prep. sites for bldg., snow plowing, snow removal & anti-skid. Check our prices. Fully insured, free estimates. 814/448-0186 or 814/599-6262.

Get ready for the holidays w/ \$5 off of a perm or highlight. Mention this ad to receive the special. Only at Bee Unique Hair Boutique located at 17759 Beavertown Road, Todd. Call 814/448-4914 to schedule your appointment.

Princess Within Formal Wear Boutique. Gift certificates available, just in time for the holidays! Most girls start looking to purchase their prom gowns just after the new year. What better way to help them get that special gown. We also accept clean, quality consignments of current styles & trends. Call for more details & see what your local Dress Boutique can do for you. 814/204-2233. Located at 508 Penn St. Huntingdon. Hours of operation are Tues. & Wed. 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Thurs. 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Fri. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. & Sat. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. New gowns arriving weekly & featured on our facebook page.

Under new management. The Ragged Edge. 718 Washington St., Huntingdon. Interiors and gifts for your country home. Open M-F, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. 10-4 p.m. Hours extended for the holidays to include some Sundays. 814/599-7520.

Valley News

November | December 2013

Volume 70 | Issue 6

Valley News (USPS 655-940) is published bimonthly by Valley Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc., 10700 Fairgrounds Road, PO Box 477, Huntingdon, PA 16652-0477.

Periodicals postage paid at Huntingdon, PA 16652

Subscription Rate: \$3 per year

Statement of ownership, management and circulation as required by act of Oct. 23, 1963, Section 4369, Title 39

Postmaster: Please send address changes to: Valley Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc., 10700 Fairgrounds Road, PO Box 477, Huntingdon, PA 16652-0477.

Advertising: The deadline for Trading Post ads is the 25th day of the month prior to the issue months. Acceptance of advertising does not imply co-op endorsement of any product or service.

Reproduction of Valley News in whole or in part without permission from the editorial staff is strictly prohibited.

Statement of Nondiscrimination

In accordance with federal law and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age or disability. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.)

To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410, or call 202/720-5964 (voice or TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.