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From the President & CEO



Cooperation among Cooperatives

By Rich Bauer

THE OLD saying, “April showers bring May flowers,” could have been rewritten to say, “April showers bring May devastation.” The front that passed through our area May 1 brought extremely high winds that knocked down trees and power lines throughout our service territory. Northern Huntingdon County bore the brunt of the damage.

Calls began pouring in around 6:30 p.m. Outages started in the Martinsburg area and moved up the valley to northern Huntingdon. Crews worked through Monday night and into Tuesday. We got the Martinsburg area back in service, but the areas in Huntingdon were more severely damaged.

At the height of the storm, we had 8,635 members without power. Of those, 3,258 were out because FirstEnergy/Penelec lost power to two of our substations. They restored service to our Little Valley Substation on Tuesday, but were not able to restore service to our Center Union until late Wednesday afternoon. Without power to our substations, we couldn't tell exactly what problems we had versus what was caused by the substation outage.

The devastation in northern Huntingdon County was almost unbelievable. Meteorologists called it straight winds, but to me it resembled a tornado. In certain areas, we had every tree and pole broken. Two specific sites will stick in my mind. The first was a white oak tree, at least 3 feet in diameter, snapped off at the base. This was a very healthy tree with no rot, and it was snapped like a twig. The second was a maple tree twisted 360 degrees, 8 feet

up its trunk, and it was bent over. It reminded me of a towel that had been wrung out. Mother Nature is amazing; I can't imagine the force it took to do this type of damage. We ended up with 33 broken poles and numerous spans of wire that had to be put up.

One of the biggest blessings that our cooperative has is the ability to call in other cooperatives to assist us when we have a severe storm. Not only do we have 12 other cooperatives in the state, but there are numerous other cooperatives in neighboring states that will drop what they are doing and come at a moment's notice. After making a few calls, we had a crew from Adams EC in Gettysburg, two crews from Bedford REC and a crew from Somerset REC headed here to help restore your power. We also had seven tree-cutting crews from Penn Line Service and B&L Tree Service onsite to help with the cleanup work.

When it was all said and done, our permanent residents (except for two who had severe damage) had their power restored by 11 a.m. Thursday. Restoring power to seasonal camps took several more days.

I would like to thank our members for their understanding. This was our worst storm since the snowstorm of 1992. You can never predict Mother Nature. But we are fortunate to have sister cooperatives we can rely on.

As always, thank you for being a part of this cooperative and if you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to give me a call. Thanks and God Bless. ☀

Co-op needs your help locating members

Do you have a missing piece of this year's capital credits return?



Late last year, more than \$903,000 in capital credits refunds were distributed to eligible members and former members of the co-op.

Since that time, more than 290 of those checks were returned by the post office because of incorrect address information.

We are making every effort to return this money to its rightful owners.

Listed on the following pages are the names of the consumers whose checks have not been able to be delivered.

If you recognize a name and can provide an up-to-date address (or information about the executor of the estate or nearest relative if the member is deceased), please call us at 814-643-2650 or toll-free 800-432-0680.

You can also write to the Capital Credits Department, Valley REC, P.O. Box 477, Huntingdon, PA 16652-0477.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

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Meet your employees

FEATURED in this column is a recent addition to the Valley REC team, Matthew Fagan. Hired in October, Matthew works as a journeyman lineman installing new services, conducting line maintenance and responding to outage calls.

“I like it here,” he says. “It’s a smaller-scale utility.”

Matthew is a 2005 graduate of Altoona Area High School (AAHS). He attended the University of Alabama and the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg, each for one year, and studied business and pre-law.

Line work runs in the family for Matthew. His father worked as a lineman for more than 25 years and several cousins are also linemen working out of the Altoona area. Matthew got his start in line work as an apprentice with IBEW (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers) Local 126 in Altoona in the fall of 2007.

“I wanted the opportunity to work outside,” he says. “I like the job itself and I like high wire work. I always enjoyed climbing. I always liked the work because I felt it was something not everyone can do.”



WELCOME: Journeyman Lineman Matthew Fagan is the newest member of Valley REC’s Huntingdon District line crew.

Matthew spent nine years working for various utilities through IBEW. As he logged enough hours and completed the required on-the-job academic work, he moved through the ranks to become a journeyman lineman. Coincidentally, two of his co-workers at Valley REC, Journeyman Linemen Justin Berrier and John Fogelsonger, had started with Matthew at IBEW on the same day.

In his free time, Matthew, who played basketball and baseball for AAHS, en-

joys hunting, fishing, watching football and spending time with family.

Matthew resides in Liberty Township, Bedford County, with his wife, Courtney, their 22-month-old son, Cooper, and their Lab-mix dog, Benson.

“I love it here. It’s the best job I ever had,” Matthew says. “The guys are all great.”


Valley’s line crews and staff are glad to have Matthew on board, too. He’s one of the people you can count on. ☀



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- ▶ Run pool pumps at night.

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Swap out of old load control switches ongoing

By Doug Roles, *Vice President, Member Services*

VALLEY Rural Electric needs the help of members to complete an effort to collect aging load control receivers (LCRs). The so-called water heater switches are the predecessor to the demand response unit (DRU) now used in the co-op's load management program, which aims to stabilize future power costs.

Co-op staff would like to get the remaining LCRs gathered up by the end of the year. While they don't pose a hazard, they are getting old, some of them having been in place since the late 1980s.

"The equipment is outdated; it could fail and run you out of hot water," says Travis Kuhstos, Valley REC energy specialist.

Have you seen this piece of equipment?



LCR

L-C-R: These three letters could be worth a \$100 bill credit when you change them to D-R-U.

"Also, the equipment in our substations that communicates with the LCRs is being removed," Travis says. "So basically, we'd have 'dead' equipment sitting out there."

The goal of the load management program is to lessen the amount of power co-op members use during periods of peak demand, when

electricity costs can skyrocket. LCRs, and now DRUs, allow for the temporary remote shut-off of power to water heaters. Since electric storage tank water heaters are well insulated, water in the tank stays warm during the control period.

Members who swap out an LCR for a DRU (or who enroll in the demand response program for the first time) will receive a \$100 bill credit. The program also offers a rebate on the purchase of a new water heater.

"Let us come and update it and give you a \$100 bill credit," Travis says. "All you have to do is give us a phone call and an hour of your time."

Travis, a co-op member who has participated in the program for eight years, says the program helps the co-op and members.

"The demand response program is a program for everyone," Travis says. "It's an adaptive program because the period of time the DRU is activated can be adjusted to family size. The program has proven itself."

"Why not swap it out and get \$100?" he adds. "We have a better program and better equipment now. And if your water heater ever dies, which they all do, you'll get a rebate on the purchase of a new one."

Members who have an LCR, as well as those interested in enrolling as a new demand response program participant, are asked to call 800-432-0680 or to send an email to memberservices@valleyrec.com. ☀



Aerial patrol, pole inspection slated for summer months

Aerial patrol

Valley Rural Electric is again conducting an aerial inspection of its distribution system this summer. Getting a bird's-eye view of lines and equipment allows co-op staff to better plan improvement projects and right-of-way trimming.

Todd Ross, Valley REC vice president of operations, says the helicopter fly-over enables operations personnel to quickly and efficiently find areas where maintenance is needed, especially in areas that are difficult to reach from the ground.

"We can cover a lot more territory by flying compared to driving," Todd says. "It's also more efficient because you get a better view of pole tops and equipment from the air than you would from the ground looking up into the sun."

"It's also easier to spot dead trees from the air," he adds.

Valley REC is again contracting with Pine Bottom Aviation Services, LLC of Martinsburg. The fly-over is low enough to allow the co-op employee accompanying the pilot to see cracked insulators and cross arms and other equipment that needs to be repaired or replaced. Members should not be impacted by the aerial inspection work.

Pole inspection

The co-op has contracted with Osmose Utilities Service, Inc. to conduct pole inspection work. Osmose crews began inspection and treatment work last month.

"Pole inspection work will likely go into September, depending on weather," Todd says.

Pole inspection work is scheduled for the following locations:

Shade Gap District — Metal Township, Franklin County; Springfield Township, Huntingdon County.

Martinsburg District — Huston, North Woodbury and Woodbury townships, Blair County.

Huntingdon District — Carbon, Clay and Todd townships, Huntingdon County.

Extending the useful lives of utility poles through inspection and treatment is cost effective for the co-op, since the price of a pole can range from \$130 to more than \$260. Identifying deteriorating poles can save the co-op money and spare consumers the inconvenience of an outage.