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Giving back to you again this year

I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE that Valley Rural Electric Cooperative will be returning more than \$945,000 in capital credits this year to eligible members and former members of the cooperative. The funds are being distributed (to active members) in the form of a credit on the December electric bills. Former members will receive a check.

If you get your electric service from a cooperative, you are a part-owner of the business. As an owner, you have the privilege of receiving returns on your investment, based on the amount of electricity you used during the year. At Valley, we are proud to be able to give back a portion of these funds. It is evidence that, even in a turbulent economy, your cooperative maintains a solid financial position.

For the eighth year in a row, the cooperative will use a combination of two methods to retire capital credits.

The first-in/first-out approach enables the co-op to return money to members who have invested for the longest time.

The percentage method is used to ensure that present-day members who are paying for current costs are still rewarded for their patronage of the cooperative.

In addition to monies distributed through these methods, a portion will be earmarked for distribution to the estates of deceased members, allowing those accounts to be retired on a discounted basis.

Including this refund, we have returned nearly \$18 million in capital credits to our consumers over the years.

Unlike private power companies or other stock-funded corporations, a cooperative is owned by its members. That means folks like you have input on how the business is run through an elected board of directors chosen from the membership. If there is revenue in excess of expenses, commonly referred



Wayne F. Miller
President & Chief Executive Officer

to as margins, the board allocates those monies back to the consumers.

Your representatives on the Valley REC board of directors are confident that the co-op is in a secure position to continue retiring capital credits while maintaining fiscal stability.

Valley REC does not exist to make a profit, but rather to provide safe, dependable electricity at the lowest possible cost. Our "not-for-profit" status proves that point.

You can be proud of your cooperative's record of responsibility and reliability. Your refund is a tangible example of our continuing commitment to cooperative business principles.

Cooperatively yours,

Wayne F. Miller
President & CEO

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Practice safety around power lines

MOST OF US don't really notice power lines. They're easy to overlook, strung high along property lines and roadways or near trees. But the old adage, "Out of sight, out of mind," may be dangerous -- power lines pose serious electrical hazards if forgotten.

Trees can be a power line's worst enemy. Strong winds, storms and heavy ice can topple trees or shatter branches that pull down power lines and cause outages. Sometimes, even if heavily damaged, lines remain energized, with the potential to electrify trees and nearby objects.

Arcing and flashovers between power lines and trees are also dangerous. In winter, extra weight from snow and ice can bend or break tree branches, bringing them close to power lines. During warm weather or when power lines are carrying heavy electrical loads, they can heat up, expand and sag, dropping them toward nearby vegetation. This deadly electric current can easily injure or even kill an individual nearby.

Follow these safety tips and be sure to pay attention to power lines:

- ▶ Always look for nearby power lines before cutting trees or trimming branches. If a tree falls onto a power line, contact the cooperative.
- ▶ Treat all power lines as if they're energized. Never climb or attempt to handle a tree that has a limb caught in a power line. You may not see any visible evidence that the tree is "electrified" or dangerous.
- ▶ Be sure to maintain required clearances between equipment and power lines.
- ▶ If a fire starts from a fallen power line, notify the fire department and the electric co-op. Stay away from the site of the electrical hazard. Make sure others stay clear of the line and treat it as energized.
- ▶ Do not use water on or near a fallen power line.

Along with taking necessary steps to respond to an electrical emergency, you can help stop potential power line problems before they start by practicing these safety measures:

- ▶ If you notice anything, such as trees or branches, that might interfere with power lines or pose a serious threat, notify the electric co-op.
- ▶ If you are planning to plant trees on your property, do not plant them directly under or within 25 feet of power lines (for short trees), and keep medium-sized trees at least 40 feet away.
- ▶ Shrubs, hedges and other plants should be kept clear of electric towers and poles.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy

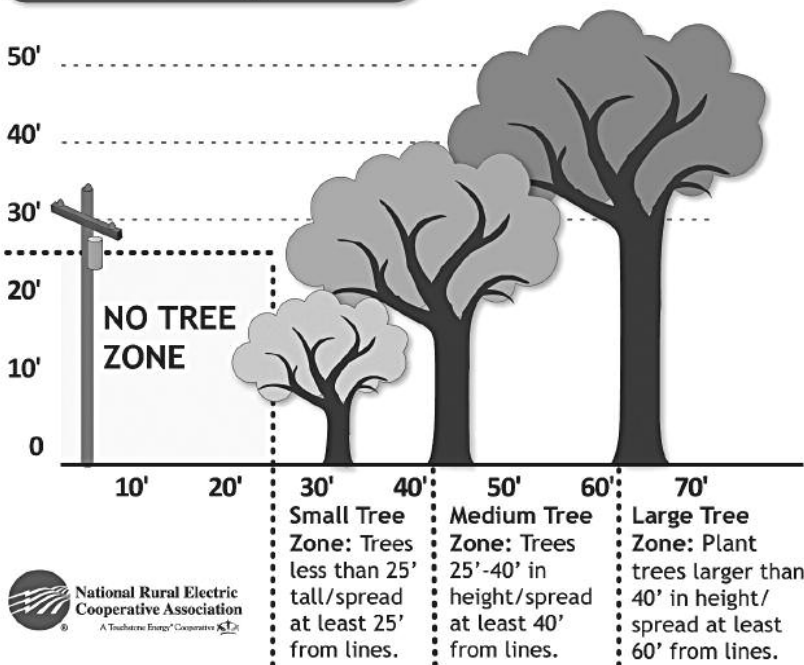


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Linemen for a day

Mark Booher (right), Valley's Shade Gap district supervisor, shows Southern Huntingdon Co. High School students Christian Flasher (left) and Dakota Shope some line worker's tools. The students spent most of Nov. 15 shadowing a line crew, learning more about the trade which they had expressed interest in pursuing after they graduate.

Tree Planting Guide





FULTON FALL FOLK FESTIVAL: An annual celebration of the rural lifestyle

BY SUSAN R. PENNING
Director of Member Services

EACH YEAR, as the leaves turn brilliant shades of red, orange and yellow, and a chilly wind begins to settle on the Commonwealth, artisans and residents in south-central Fulton County are busily preparing for their annual Fulton Fall Folk Festival held in mid-October.

This festival is unique in that it doesn't have a central location.

Sponsored by the Fulton County Chamber of Commerce and Tourism, the weekend-long event involves hundreds of vendors and craftsmen throughout the county setting up outdoor booths along the road and even inviting guests into their home-based businesses to get a taste of rural Pennsylvania life.

Festival visitors can start the weekend with a bellyfull of buckwheat cakes and

sausage cooked fresh at the historic Burnt Cabins Grist Mill. After that, in a long trail that starts in Burnt Cabins and travels on through McConnellsburg, flea market shoppers can purchase anything from tools, hand-made crafts, country furniture, clothes, antiques, yard sale items and, of course, lots of food.

The "barn," located two miles north of McConnellsburg along Route 522, is a tourist favorite, with more than 200 vendors set up in a large field.

At the Fulton County Fairgrounds, machine lovers can enjoy the Grease, Steam and Rust Association's annual Antique Tractor, Small Engine and Machinery Show, which includes an antique tractor parade through downtown McConnellsburg.

This year, more than 50 vendors gathered inside and outside at the Alumni

ABOVE: The "barn" flea and craft market, along Route 522 north of McConnellsburg, is a favorite destination for festival visitors.

BELOW: Glen Emerick, intarsia artist and owner of Trails End Woodcrafts, stocks his shop with handcrafted items in preparation for the festival.



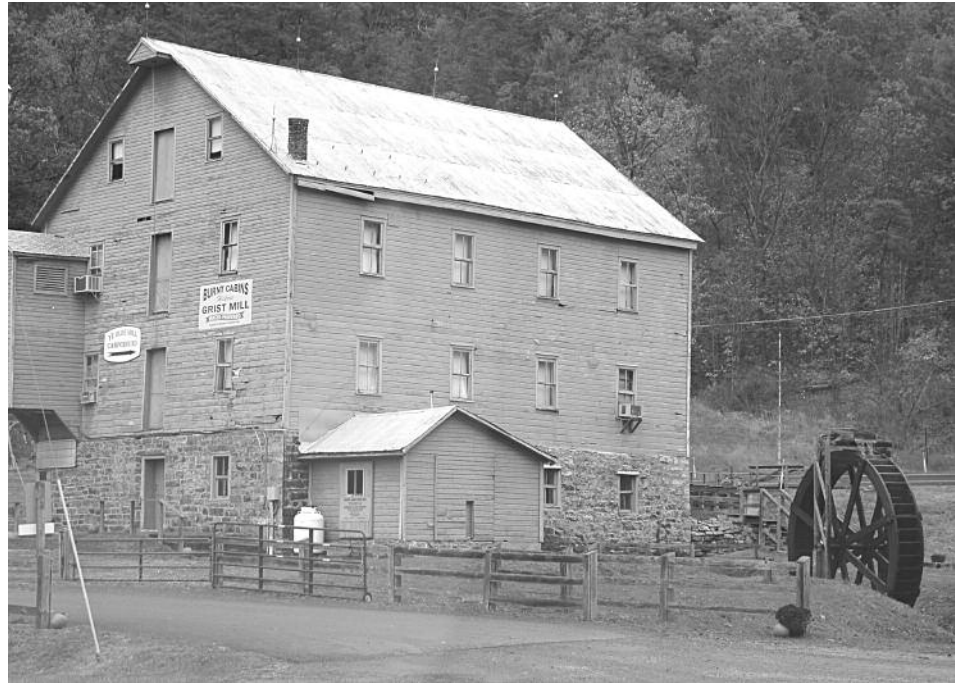


Community Building and parking lot on Maple Street in McConnellsburg to host an antiques and craft show.

The Fulton County Historical Society gave free admission to its Fulton House Museum all weekend this year. And the society offered a look back at local history with guest Peggy Ann Bradnick Jackson, who made national headlines in 1966 after she was kidnapped near Shade Gap by ex-convict and ex-mental patient William Diller Hollenbaugh, a.k.a. "Bicycle Pete."

Festival events in Needmore this year included an all-you-can-eat country breakfast, a memorial 5K run/walk at the square and a car show at the Needmore Bible Church.

In the tiny coal-mining town of Waterfall, the Fulton Fall Folk Festival was



celebrated with coal-mining displays, a candy scramble, pet parade, fashion show and various craft and food vendors.

During the annual festival weekend, many local stores and shops throughout the county, such as Glen and Gerry Emerick's Trails End Woodcrafts, host specials and extend their hours.

With the historic focus, variety of activities and eclectic lore, it's easy to see why the Fulton Fall Folk Festival has become one of the area's must-attend autumn events.

Look for information about next year's festival at www.fultoncountypa.com.

LETTING OFF STEAM: The Grease, Steam and Rust Association, Inc. hosted its 30th Annual Antique Tractor, Small Engine and Machinery Show at the Fulton County Fairgrounds during the Fulton Fall Folk Festival.



ABOVE LEFT: Festival visitors check out the wares at the Antiques and Craft Show in McConnellsburg.

ABOVE: At the historic Burnt Cabins Grist Mill, guests can enjoy buckwheat pancakes and sausage plus a mill tour during the festival.

HISTORY LESSON: FULTON COUNTY

Settlement of Fulton County began as early as 1719.

By 1850, many residents in the region wished to create a new county from the eastern edge of Bedford County. To do this, the passage of a bill in the Senate depended upon the action of Senator Parker of Lycoming County. He agreed to support the bill provided he be allowed to name the county. On April 19, 1850, the new county became Fulton, named for Robert Fulton of Lancaster, inventor of the steamboat.

Daniel McConnell deeded land for the town of McConnellsburg in 1786, which later became the seat of government for rural Fulton County. This small town grew quickly after it became a popular stopping place on the main route to the great west from Philadelphia.

Information from the Fulton County Chamber of Commerce

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Immaculate, totally updated 4 BR, 1.5 BA ranch home on 14.5 acres. 2-car attached garage & separate 2-car shop. Rear deck & covered front porch. Oil heat & central air. Lg. eat-in KT w/ pantry. Master BR features lg. walk-in closet. Main bath w/ granite countertop. Gorgeous property & views. Well landscaped w/ mature fruit trees. 1 mi. to state game lands & trout stream. Near Shirleysburg, Huntingdon Co. (Germany Valley). \$239,000 OBO. 814/644-8402 or 542-4965. Too many extras to mention.

Raystown - Very close to Seven Points. 5+ acres mostly wooded. Sandmound septic, well & 200 amp. elec. service. 2 outbldgs. Serious inquiries only. \$105,000 OBO. 814/822-2002.

For sale by owner. 42 x 28 2-story home, Southern Huntingdon Co. 5 acres, sm. orchard, remote setting, plenty of privacy. Well & septic. Good water & plenty of it. Several storage sheds. House has built-in garage w/ elec. door. 3 BR, 1 BA, lg. LR & KT. Lg. wrap-around deck. 2 mi. from state game lands. 20 mi. from Raystown Lake. 13 mi. from PA Turnpike. House built w/ 12 x 12 floor joists, 12" apart. Very solid home. Asking \$165,000. 814/899-5830.

Wooded building lot at Blue Knob Ski Resort. Located on the 6th hole of the golf course. Water, sewer & electric avail. The dimensions are 106' x 174'. The lot is partially cleared. \$14,500. Inquiries - jhost@comcast.net

House for sale - 2 BR, 1 BA on 1.5-acre lot. Huntingdon Co. 1 mi. from Cassville. Asking \$62,000. 814/448-2817.

Wanted

Virginia Metalcrafters brass leaf trays. 814/667-2752.

Collector looking for any old gas, oil & car advertising items. Signs, clocks, thermometers, neon, globes, air meters, pumps, car dealer items, promos, displays, etc. Call Mike at 814/695-5712 or email munion@atlanticbb.net

4 ATV tires. 2 - 25 x 10-12 & 2 - 25 x 8-12. 814/448-3083.

Will do leaf raking. Doug Wilson, 23662 Wilson Lane, Shade Gap. 814/259-3634.

Scrap gold, gold jewelry, sterling silver & coins. High prices, cash payment, fair & courteous. No item too small. Call Cathy at 814/695-7219 for price quote & appt.

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1994 Nissan Altima, 5 sp., radio, 141,251 mi., \$600 OBO. Fair cond. 814/224-4904.

Mopar parts. Engines, accessories & cars for sale. Call 717/816-3748; ask for Bill. Or email wjcardwell@earthlink.net

1985 Cadillac Fleetwood Brougham. Dk. teal, power windows & locks, A/C, AM/FM. Must sell to settle an estate, \$4,000 OBO. 814/693-5907.

2003 Chevy Explorer Express Limited SE1500. Fully loaded, 50,575 mi., silver/gray, sunroof, cooler, rear power sofa, blinds, tow hitch. Must sell to settle an estate, \$20,000 OBO. 814/693-5907.

Motors. Early Chevy 283 (rebuilt). Missing carburetor. Engine head complete. Chevy

350 or 305. Take-out complete. Auto. w/ trans., \$250 ea. 814/667-3668.

2 Glacie Grip winter tires, 17" rim. Fits 225/55R17, \$50 for the pair. 814/695-8710.

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1997 Kawasaki motorcycle, exc. cond. Call 717/816-3748; ask for Bill. Or email wjcardwell@earthlink.net

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Vacation Rentals

Spacious house rental at Lake Raystown, sleeps 11. Lg. great room w/ FP, dining table for 12, 2 Dish TVs, 2 full BAs, 2 half BAs, lg. rec. room, fully equipped KT & laundry rooms, screened-in porch. Half mile from lake. Boat parking. PSU football weekend or anytime. 35 minutes from Beaver Stadium. See at www.laurelwoodsretreat.com or call 814/931-6562.

Livestock/Pets

Alpaca/llama feed, 50 lb. stall dry in 40-lb. bags. Unique alpaca clothing for sale at TMA Farm Store. Shop online at terracemountainalpacas.com or call 814/643-2854. Starting a 4-H Alpaca Club in January. Ownership not required to join. Calvin area.

Tools/Equipment

Craftsman radial arm saw. 2-1/2 hp on stand, \$150. Craftsman 12" 2-speed band saw w/ 1-1/8 hp motor, 6" cut depth, 24" to 27" work surface, 12" throat & 0 to 24-degree tilt blade, \$200. 814/448-9985.

Oliver horse-drawn single-bottom scoring out plow, \$68. 814/448-9985.

John Deere 4310 4x4 tractor w/ backhoe & loader, fully auto., exc. used cond. w/ manuals, \$15,800. 814/448-9985.

Allis Chalmers 5015 tractor w/ 3-pt. hitch & 5' 3-pt. hitch belly mower, great used cond., \$3,500. 814/448-9985.

Utility trailer - 6-ft.-wide axles. 4' x 6' x 10'. Inside fenders, 5' good cond. Pintle hitch, tilt bed, \$425. 814/667-3668.

1996 (6036) Skytrak high-reach forklift. 8-man basket. 20,000-lb. triple-axle equipment trailer. Great cond. 717/816-4800.

Craftsman electric cultivator. Used only 2010 season, \$50. 814/259-3817.

New Holland silo blower. New Holland grinder/mixer. Both in good cond. 814/447-3735.

Metal trailer. Can be hauled behind truck. 814/447-3735.

Miscellaneous

5 White Pine Christmas trees. 10' to 12' tall. Suitable for town square, \$10 ea. 20 White Pine Christmas trees, \$5 ea. 814/447-3956 after 4 p.m.

Metal toy replica tractor trailers. One ea. Yellow Frt., C. F. Frt., Ranger Frt., Carolina Frt., U. S. Envelope Frt., \$100. 814/695-9556.

Huntingdon Bicentennial History 1767-1967, by Rung, \$15. Letters from the mine. History of Broad Top Railroad, etc. by Morgan, \$15. Can be mailed. 814/643-3197.

Armstrong 3.5-ton air-conditioning unit w/ A coil. Exc. cond. Almost new, \$600 OBO. 814/224-4904.

Pellet wood stove Harmon fireplace insert. 3 yrs. old. Used 6 mo., exc. cond., \$500. 814/658-3430.

Pool table w/ new purple top. All accessories included. Call 717/816-3748; ask for Bill. Or email wjcardwell@earthlink.net

Napoleon gas pedestal free-standing fireplace, beautiful cond. 44,000 BTU w/ secondary booster burner. Black w/ polished brass trim. Model #GDS 50. Fire box has ceramic fireplace logs w/ auto igniter. Includes built-in fan. This stove is approved for inside the home, camp or mobile home. Included are the following: inside home Durawall, gas-approved dbl.-wall black flu pipe, gas-approved aluminum chimney liner & cap assembly. Can be converted to natural or LP gas. Can be controlled by room thermostat or by on/off manual switch, \$600. Call 814/696-3612.

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Good used furnace, 80,000 BTU in good cond., \$300. TV, 21" w/ box in good cond. Mountain bike in good cond. 717/369-2563.

Bargain Hound fold/carry dog crate. Wire w/ black finish. Plastic pan. 48" x 30" x 33", \$50. 814/259-3817.

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