


# Bedford Rural Electric Cooperative

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FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

## Honoring a local high school senior



by Brooks Shoemaker  
General Manager

**FOR OVER** 40 years, Bedford Rural Electric has participated in the Rural Electric Youth Tour. During that time, over 130 fine young people have represented your cooperative. In 2009, for only the second time in our history, and the second year in a row, a Bedford representative was selected as Pennsylvania's representative on the

NRECA Youth Leadership Council.

Adrian Calhoun, a senior at Chestnut Ridge High School, received the honor during the 2009 Youth Tour. He represented Pennsylvania at the 2009 NRECA Youth Leadership Conference, which focuses on leadership and presentation skills, and provides a broader understanding of electric cooperatives. He will also be attending the 2010 NRECA Annual Meeting in mid-February. Congratulations, Adrian!



Adrian Calhoun

### Carbon regulation: with or without congressional action

In December, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) declared that six key greenhouse gases, including carbon dioxide, are endangering public health and welfare.

"This action puts a 'foot in the door' for EPA to promulgate sweeping new regulations that could impose strict limits on carbon emissions from power plants, driving up electric bills," warns Glenn English, CEO of the Arlington, Va.-based National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), which represents the interests of the nation's 900-plus consumer-owned and governed electric cooperatives.

The concern is that fossil fuel-fired power plants, which emit carbon dioxide, may soon be subject to EPA oversight.

"The Clean Air Act as written was never designed to deal with carbon, and it would be awkward at best and probably a disaster at worst," English adds.

Electric co-ops believe that any controls on carbon dioxide should be established by Congress, where the impact of these proposals can have a full public debate. Unfortunately, a climate change bill passed by the U.S. House last summer (H.R. 2454) and another reported by the

U.S. Senate Environment and Public Works Committee in November (S. 1733) include unachievable goals and timelines for reducing carbon dioxide emissions, inadequate technology development incentives, and no guarantee that electric bills will remain affordable. Current proposals will unfairly penalize consumers in fossil fuel-dependent

states by saddling them with higher bills to essentially subsidize and lower electric bills for those in other regions.

"Regulation of carbon dioxide as a pollutant will occur with or without congressional input," English explains. "Any climate change bill should become the roadmap — the single strategy — for reducing carbon dioxide emissions at federal, state and local levels. By staying engaged in the process, electric co-ops can have a measurable impact on the outcome."

Co-ops are fighting to ensure that any climate change policy goals adopted are fair, affordable and achievable.

### Food bank donations

During the holiday season, the cooperative sponsored a food drive to benefit

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**FORMER 1700S TAVERN:** The Defibaugh Tavern, built in 1760, was a haven for travelers along early Route 30. Today, it is a private dwelling.

## Historical sites discovered by James Hostetler

BY LINDA WILLIAMS

**EVERY** now and then, you find that absolutely perfect gift for a dear friend. Such was the case upon discovering “Historical Sites of Bedford County” written by James Hostetler. My sister-in-law would like to spend several weeks touring the local history spots. Thus, this book became the “just right” Christmas gift.

Mr. Hostetler has covered the county, dividing his book into seven parts. He delves into history before 1776 when Native Americans roamed these scenic hills. Of course, he includes Fort Bedford. But, how many of us knew another fort — Fort Deward — was located along Forbes Road about seven miles west of Schellsburg?

Part II focuses on graves and monuments, including the first white child

born in Bedford County. Indian Eve, a well-known Bedford County historical figure, is buried at the Messiah Lutheran Church cemetery. If you have not heard of Indian Eve, get a book about her at the local library. She was a Bedford County pioneer woman who survived against all odds. Her husband, Adam Earnest, was murdered by Native Americans as were several neighbors. The grave and site of the massacre are clearly marked along Route 538 eight miles north of Bedford. Many folks in this area have descended from Indian Eve and Adam Earnest.

Part III includes covered bridges. There are 14 in Bedford County. While New England and Lancaster County brag about their quaint bridges, this area probably surpasses all of them. The only problem is, it would take a full day or maybe several days to travel to all of

them. Bridges include the Juniata Crossings Covered Bridge, Palo Alto, Colvin, Hall, Knisely, Ryot, Jackson, Herline, Felten, Claycomb, Cuppet, Osterburg, Snook and Turner.

Part IV includes grist and woolen mills. Most of these 14 vital links to economic prosperity in days past are still standing. Some are in ruins, but all make for great photographs. They produced flour, wool and grain. Each has a unique story regarding the operators and operation. Locations are everywhere from the Nawgel’s at Bedford Springs to Yellow Creek.

Part V includes churches and schools. There was a seminary in Rainsburg, which still exists, an African American School in Bedford, and numerous historic churches still standing. Hostetler’s book gives a brief history regarding each of these structures.



**GRIST MILL:** The Sarah Furnace Grist Mill is located off a side road near Claysburg. It operated into the 1950s.



**OLD MILL:** There is a movement under way to restore the old Juniata Woolen Factory at Lutz. This mill manufactured Army blankets, woolen socks and flannels. It produced some of the clothing worn during the Civil War. It is located along the Juniata on Lutzville Road.

Part VI covers taverns, inns and hotels. Always a main thoroughfare, the county has had a need for lodging. Several of these accommodations are still in use, much to the delight of many tourists. One is the picturesque, stone Jean Bonnet where George Washington passed by on his way to quell the Whiskey Rebellion. Said to be haunted, it attracts many visitors in search of ghosts. The Bedford Springs Hotel and its delightful history were a welcome comeback to the area. Others still standing and in good condition are used for various purposes, including private dwellings.

Part VII focuses on special buildings and businesses, and ranges from the Riddlesburg Coke Ovens to the Allegheny Bank of Pennsylvania located on Pitt Street. The book includes a brief history on such interesting sites as the Espy House, the Everett Railroad station, the Bedford County jail and the Everett Foundry to name a few.

Buying one of these books for a friend makes a

great gift, but you also have to have one for yourself. Traveling from site to site would make a delightful way to spend a day with visitors.

Mr. Hostetler has written several other local history books, including "Bedford County Indians," "Massacres Across Pennsylvania" and "The Grist and Woolen Mills of Bedford County."

He enjoys photography and while volunteering at the local historical society, he found many visitors who wanted to know more about the buildings and structures of the area.

He taught world history at Bedford High School for 37 years and is a volunteer at the Fort Bedford Museum and the historical society. 🌞



**PART OF BEDFORD SPRINGS:** Nawgel's Mill, built in 1797, produced flour and grain. It was once owned by Dr. John Anderson and also was used as a bottling plant for Bedford Springs.

**FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER**

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local food banks. I would like to thank our members for their generous donations and contributions. Both the Everett and Bedford food banks benefited from your generosity. Every member who donated had their name entered into a drawing to win a \$25 credit on their bill. Congratulations to the winner, Richard Weicht of Breezewood.

**Need help paying your bill?**

We understand that many families are struggling to make ends meet because of the economic climate. If you are finding it difficult to pay your bill, please call the office, and discuss your situation with a billing department representative. Our customer service representatives may be able to offer suggestions or refer you to agencies that can help. ☀

**Pay your bill online with E-Bill**

Pay your bill each month by E-Bill! With the use of secure, state-of-the-art technology, it is a safe and convenient way to receive your bill. As a cooperative member, you now have the ability to view and pay your bill online!

As an E-Bill user, you will be notified every month by email that your bill is available to be viewed and paid. A link will be provided to take you directly to our website where you can log in and view your billing history, look at several different graphs to analyze your consumption, and ultimately select your method of payment using electronic check or VISA, MasterCard or Discover credit card. As an added convenience, meter readings can also be submitted through the E-Bill site, as a final step in the payment process or in a separate transaction.

With the ability to view your bill online in a printer-friendly version, E-Bill eliminates paper waste and the added cost of printing and mailing your bill. It's a fast and simple way to manage your electric bill and best of all, it's free!

**Please note that E-Bill is an electronic bill presentation and payment program. As a registered E-bill user, you will no longer receive a paper bill.**

**Emergency Power Needs**

*As a service to our members, Bedford Rural Electric needs to be aware of situations where special needs exist. Please provide the following details:*

(Please print clearly)

Account: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs:  Medical  Farming/Livestock

Other \_\_\_\_\_

*Each year, our goal is to provide service with no outages. Unfortunately, that is not a realistic expectation. Outages do occur, and especially during severe storms, service restoration may take several days or longer. Therefore, we strongly recommend that our members with special needs install standby backup generation equipment. Please contact our office for more information on this type of equipment.*

**TROUBLE CALL SCHEDULE**

**In case of trouble ...**

First ..... Check your fuses or circuit breakers.

Second ..... Check with your neighbors, if convenient, to see if they have been affected by the power failure.

Third ..... **Call 24-hour number, 623-7568  
OR call 800/808-2732 during office hours**

(Please help us save money - only use this number if toll charges apply.)

Please give person receiving call your name as it appears on your bill, your telephone number and your map number if known. Any specific information about the outage will also be helpful in pinpointing the problem.

**Alternate numbers ...**

Scott Shook .....	Week of February 8 .....	623-2395
Troy Mock .....	Week of February 15 .....	276-9759
Greg Miller .....	Week of February 22 .....	839-0037
Al Hileman .....	Week of March 1 .....	766-9971
Jim Seymour .....	Week of March 8 .....	839-2848
Ed Hankinson .....	Week of March 15 .....	733-4005

**In case you cannot reach any of the above ... Call:**

Jim Wood .....	Bedford .....	623-6121
James Clark .....	Everett .....	652-9791
Mark Rowan .....	Bedford .....	623-7890

*During widespread power outages, many members are calling to report power failures, so you may receive a busy signal. Please be patient and try again in a few minutes.*