
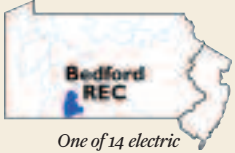


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FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

**Do the 'Electric Shift' - help us COOL future power costs**



by Brooks Shoemaker  
General Manager

**DID YOU** know our future electric rates are partially based on how much power you use on hot summer days? It's true. Through the end of September, when demand for electricity is high (typically hot, humid weekdays between 1 and 6 p.m.), we pay premium prices for the energy our members consume.

Fortunately, you, as an owner-member of Bedford Rural Electric, can help us contain these costs. During periods of peak demand, when you hear our broadcast alerts on local radio and television stations requesting that our consumers reduce or eliminate nonessential electricity consumption, help us and do "The Electric Shift." It's easy to do — for example, set air conditioners at 78 degrees, or better yet, use fans instead; close curtains and blinds to keep the heat outside; postpone running the dishwasher, washers or dryers until later in the evening or early the next morning; instead of using the stove, cook on the grill or use the microwave; turn off any non-essential lights; and run pool pumps at night. We realize these are inconveniences. However, if we all work together and do our part, we can make a difference — and help reduce future power costs in the process. Remember, as a member of a non-profit cooperative, when we save money, you save, too!

**Balancing renewable energy with affordability**

While renewable energy is often embraced as the answer to America's energy crisis, the price tag associated with its development — and how reliably renewable projects operate — often leaves a lot to be desired. No matter how you slice it, developing power generation resources like solar, wind and biomass won't come cheap.

Bedford Rural Electric, like our sister cooperatives across the country, is com-

mitted to providing you with reliable and affordable power in an environmentally responsible fashion. That involves working with Congress to ensure that rates for electricity don't rise too much as a result of any federal mandates requiring utilities to add a certain percentage of "clean and green" power to their generation mix.


In Pennsylvania, 65 percent of our power is generated by green hydroelectric or clean-burning nuclear sources. Nationwide, co-ops are well ahead of the curve when it comes to investing in renewable resources. In fact, 11 percent of the power co-ops deliver nationwide comes from renewables, compared to 9 percent for the entire utility industry.

When it comes to meeting our nation's energy challenges, not-for-profit, locally owned and governed electric cooperatives are offering Congress our experience on how to make the right choices on behalf of consumers. But we need your help.

If you haven't already done so, get involved in the "Our Energy, Our Future"<sup>™</sup> grassroots awareness campaign and ask lawmakers to focus on issues related to generation capacity, new technologies and keeping electric bills affordable when developing energy and climate change policy. Most importantly, ask if they are willing to work with electric cooperatives to ensure our nation has reliable power at a price consumers can afford.

To learn how to begin a dialogue with your elected officials, visit [www.ourenergy.coop](http://www.ourenergy.coop) today. Affordable renewable energy is possible — IF we work together!

**Energy efficiency tip of the month**

Check your heating and air conditioning filters every month. This is especially important during winter and summer. At a minimum, change or clean the filter every three months. A dirty filter makes the system work harder and wastes energy. A clean filter prevents dust and dirt from building up in the system. 

# Tough times don't stop fundraisers for horse barns

BY LINDA WILLIAMS

**HORSE BARNs** built at the Bedford County Fairgrounds in the 1950s are in drastic need of being replaced and a decision about the barns was made early in the spring of 2007 by a committee chaired by Nora Williams, Breezewood.

"The barns simply are no longer safe for the kids or the horses," says Nora, who has two children in the 4-H program. "They have rotting wood and poor wiring."

The fair board is doing what it can to support all of the planned fundraising projects, including pursuing grants.

"The problem with grants is that you have to have matching funds and sometimes there are a lot of strings attached," notes Bob Tichnell, a member of the committee. "Therefore, we are not going to turn any money down, but we are also going into this with our eyes wide open."

To date, approximately \$35,000 has been raised through various avenues.

"The public has been extremely generous," Nora says. "We've had a tack swap, raffled off a colt, and the local Hoss's held a fundraising night for us."

In February, the group sponsored a spaghetti dinner, raising close to \$2,000. Adults and kids worked side by side selling tickets, making sauce, creating salads



**JUST DESSERTS:** Jessica Miller and Jamie Dively, both 4-H members, cut cakes donated by the community at the spaghetti dinner held to raise funds for the new horse barns at the fair.

and waiting tables. The general public pitched in to provide cakes for dessert and items for a bake sale and silent auction.

Also, 4-H youth have a concession stand during horse shows with all profits going to the barn-building project.

Nora says many folks have donated sums of money ranging from a few dollars to more than \$100 just by reading

articles in the newspaper or in response to a letter distributed by the 4-H clubs.

Mable Jordan, widow of longtime fair legal counselor, John Jordan, and the Blaine Barron family both gave substantial amounts. Pleas to the Rotary, Lions, American Legion and Moose members have not been ignored. The Rotary holds an annual lobster fest and agreed to give at least \$2,800, a large part of its profits from that event.

While the barns are used mainly by 4-H or FFA members, the "Build the Barn Committee" is under the auspices of the Bedford County Fairgrounds and all donations come through the Bedford County Fair for equine activities.

In 2008, 1,309 youth — 16 percent of the Bedford County school-aged population — were served through 4-H programming in Bedford County. Horse project membership has been the highest enrolled project with shooting taking a close second. Approximately 130 local youths use the horse barns each year.

In May, a District VII 4-H Horse Camp was held at the fairgrounds with participants coming from Cambria, Somerset, Bedford, Blair and Huntingdon counties. Fifty-four kids and their horses



**EDUCATIONAL:** Abbiann Foore shows off a display made by 4-H members hoping to raise funds for the horse barns.



**HOUSE HUNTING:** A horse looks out the door of the old horse barns, which are in need of replacement.



**OUT FOR A STROLL:** Corey Clingerman of Everett walks past the old horse barns at the District 7 Horse show held in May.

attended this skill-building event. They learned safety features, how to groom a horse, walk a horse and ride a horse.

“It’s a much-anticipated event,” Nora notes. “For some, it is almost like Christmas. Some of the counselors had been there as 4-H members and are now giving back.”

Horse and pony competitions are held regularly at the fairgrounds.

“With all this activity, we are concerned about the rotting wood and bad wiring,” says Nora. “We actually ask the kids to bring a hammer, screwdriver and hinges, to get their own stall in shape.”


Half-jokingly she says the decorations the kids place in their stalls help to keep the barn together.


Randall Kring of Keller Engineers has designed a 228-foot by 68-foot barn to replace the three existing structures. One barn, built in the 1970s, is still in acceptable condition.

Anyone donating \$50,000 will have a barn named in his or her honor. A \$15,000 donation will purchase the naming rights to the center aisle way and \$10,000 will buy a row of 10 stalls in the donor’s name.

A gift of \$5,000 to \$9,999 will be a

gold sponsorship; \$1,000 to \$4,999 will be silver; and \$500 to \$999 will be bronze.



Donations may be sent to the Bedford County Agricultural Society in care of Linda Tichnell, P.O. Box 244, Bedford, PA 15522. Checks are to be made payable to the Bedford County Fair Barn Account. 




### Doing THE ELECTRIC SHIFT This Summer Can Help Cool Future Power Costs!

Our future electric rates are partially based on how much power you use on hot, humid weekdays between the hours of 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. this summer. When you hear an announcement from your local electric cooperative about doing the electric shift, try these simple steps:

- Set air conditioners at 78 degrees or use fans instead.
- Close your curtains and blinds to keep things cooler inside your home.
- Operate washers, dryers, dishwashers, stoves and other major appliances in early morning or evening.
- Minimize the number of times you must open your refrigerator and freezer.
- Cook with an outdoor grill or a microwave oven.
- Turn off any non-essential lights.
- Run pool pumps at night.

Please help keep future power costs lower for you and your neighbors by using electricity more wisely!

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 Clip and Save

## 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 ...

Al Hileman .....	Week of July 6 .....	766-9971
Jim Seymour .....	Week of July 13 .....	839-2848
Ed Hankinson .....	Week of July 20 .....	733-2495
Scott Bischof .....	Week of July 27 .....	839-4640
Gary Lafferty .....	Week of August 3 .....	842-9925
Scott Shook .....	Week of August 10 .....	623-2395

### 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.*