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**Serving up summer:
Ice cream stand is hot spot
for cool treats, kids and a
dog or two**

Printing of *Valley News* will conclude with Nov./Dec. issue

Like its sister cooperatives around the state and across the country, Valley Rural Electric looks for the most effective and economical ways to share information with consumers. This has become both more challenging and more exciting as communication options have grown and the make-up of the co-op's membership has changed.

Valley's communication efforts have long included a number of approaches. We use direct mail in the form of bill inserts and messages as well as letters to members about our demand response program, right-of-way maintenance and other topics.

We survey new members after their service has been connected and we participate in the annual American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI) survey of 1,000 of our co-op members.

We also provide an annual report (at the annual meeting and by mail) and run radio ads for our "summer electric shift" and winter "storm watch" programs. And we've expanded our electronic communications as technology has made it possible to share information nearly instantaneously around the globe.

Your co-op also provides information through two publications – *Valley News* and *Penn Lines*. Valley REC has participated in the Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association's (PREA) publication, *Penn Lines*, since it began in 1966. At that time, when communication options were more limited, co-op management decided to maintain both publications.

Fast forward 50 years and the communications landscape has changed dramatically. As little as five years ago, electric distribution co-ops like Valley didn't have much of an electronic presence. Now, in addition to maintaining websites, they're on Facebook, they're "tweeting" and they're posting videos. The same is true for Valley REC. In addition to a recently redesigned website, we're now using Facebook to keep members (and the public) up to speed and we've started an online video presence through Vimeo.

As Valley's managers and board of directors have reviewed all the ways in which we communicate to members, we've decided it is no longer viable to support the printing and mailing costs entailed in having two print platforms. As

times have changed, it's become impractical to offer a black-and-white bi-monthly publication in an era of instant, full-color photo sharing and messaging. Though we're proud of the long history of our newsletter (Please see story on the next page) we will discontinue publication of *Valley News* after the Nov./Dec. 2015 issue.

The Trading Post classified ad service will still be offered through special pages on the co-op's website. And *Penn Lines* magazine will continue to arrive monthly in your mailbox, with additional Valley REC pages when necessary. *Penn Lines* will soon mark its 50th year in print and continues to provide our co-op with a means of sharing timely information and full-color photos and graphics.

Touchstone Energy's 2014-15 National Survey found that the bulk of co-op members, in all age brackets, still get most of their co-op information from one of three sources – a newsletter, a magazine or a bill insert. The study found that co-ops which use the center pages of a statewide publication (such as *Penn Lines*) as their print presence effectively combine the categories of newsletter/magazine and make the monthly publication their dominant communication channel. This is our goal in consolidating our print presence in the PREA publication.

The Touchstone Energy survey also found that America's electric cooperatives across the board need to do a better job of communicating with younger members, who often see themselves as utility customers as opposed to member-owners who share in the heritage of bringing power to America's rural farms, homes and businesses. Increasingly co-ops are needing to educate a new generation of consumers who don't know the history of rural electrification like long-



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time co-op members do.

Valley REC will continue to provide news and feature stories on co-op events and member businesses while looking for ways to engage a new generation of members. We hope that consolidating our print effort while also using newer communication options will better serve both longtime co-op members and those new to our lines.

Earlier this year the co-op celebrated its 75th anniversary. This milestone reminds us that we have a great story to tell. We want to be sure we're doing it in the best way possible.

Cooperatively yours,

Luanne Eckenrode
Vice President of Consumer Services
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Valley News changed over the years to keep members updated on co-op happenings

Focal Points

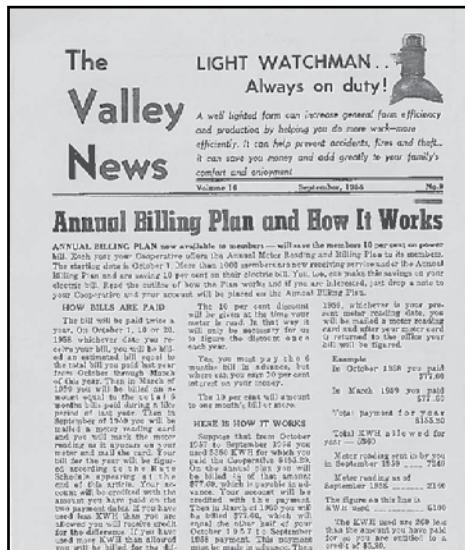
By Doug Roles
Manager of Member Services

If you've ever cleaned out an attic or sorted through a stack of old newspapers, you know how quickly scrapbooks, magazines and other periodicals can transport you back through time. The same is true for back issues of *Valley News*.

Valley News began in 1944 as Valley Rural Electric Cooperative was in its infancy. The co-op was incorporated in November 1938 and energized its first lines a year later. Valley's first managers and employees knew the fledgling entity would need a way to keep members informed. The newsletter was created for that purpose.

In the early years much of the content was comprised of home economics information, with lots of recipes offered to homemakers along with directions on how to use new electric appliances to do the food preparation. The newsletter was published every three months through the start of the 1970s.

As times changed, the content became more energy-conservation oriented, especially during the '70s when the energy crunch was making news. The publication



The September 1958 Valley News encouraged members to consider installing an area light and offered a savings of 10 cents to members who used annual billing.

also began to regularly offer features on the interesting pursuits of members or on events with a wide appeal to members. The June 1960 issue offered members a special 25th anniversary annual meeting edition, a first for the publication.

Flipping through the pages of back issues offers a glimpse into farming trends. Information in the earliest publications told farmers how much more productive they could be by using electricity for poultry lamps or feed grinders. Through the late 1950s and early '60s *Valley News* featured information on bulk milk tanks for farmers and warned member farmers against buying new milk cans or related equipment.

This was happening as haulers would no longer accept milk cans and began requiring participating farms to have bulk cooling tanks and pipeline milking systems. By 1960 the co-op had helped plan over 100 new load centers for modern milk houses.

Valley News editors at this time were also suggesting farmers contact "the Valley Rural" about purchasing a stand-by generator to ensure power would be available to the storage tanks in the event of a storm.

With the January/February 1972 issue, newsletter publication moved to a bi-monthly schedule, just as the co-op had completed its first-ever helicopter inspection of all co-op lines (aerial surveying is now commonplace

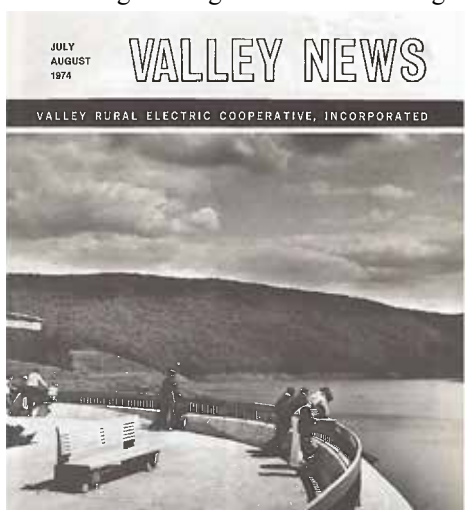
for utilities) and the first computer (an IBM Systems 3 used for billing) arrived at co-op offices.

A staple of the newsletter was the "From the Manager's Desk" column penned by longtime President and CEO D.W. Smith. In July 1974 he told readers about the need for a hydropower study at Raystown Lake. Today, the Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association operates the William F. Matson Generating Station there.

Gov. Milton Shapp's signing of the territory law in 1975 also made the pages of the newsletter as did the use of the first load control (now demand response) devices at the end of that decade along with a letter writing campaign to protest possible cuts to the federal Rural Electric Administration loan program.

The March/April 1983 issue ran the first color photo, a picture of a stone house along Germany Valley Road, Huntingdon County.

Articles on the importance of the district nominating meetings and annual meetings



The cover photo of the July/Aug. 1974 issue shows visitors to the Raystown Lake overlook.

ran periodically as the newsletter also covered progress on the hydro plant. The May/June 1988 issue was a full color annual report that featured the completion of the plant.

In the late 1980s the publication began to offer longer feature stories that took up the center spread of the publication, a trend that was replicated in *Valley's* center pages of *Penn Lines* magazine. By the mid 1990s bylines were included with stories, so members could know the name of the writer bringing them the co-op's news. The last major change to *Valley News* was a redesign in January 2008.

On the cover ...



Co-op member Gene Rowles, co-owner of Miss Mollies Soft Serve Etc. (Lincoln Township, Huntingdon County), puts a smile on the faces of Nolan Miller, 8, and Hailey Miller, 11, of Osterburg, Bedford County. The youngsters were spending the day with their grandparents, Ray and Jean Belles of Alum Bank, Bedford County, who have a campsite at the Pioneer Family Campground behind the ice cream stand. Gene, his wife, Sheri, and the family dog, Mollie, enjoy making new friends from visitors to their business. Please see story on Page 4-5.

Co-op couple enjoys operating ice cream stand for people and pups



Above: Baka and Melissa Malitz of Macungie (Lehigh County) and their children, Samuel (left), Grace and Alex stop at Miss Mollies Soft Serve Etc. in late June for root beer floats and sundaes. Below: Miss Mollies is located along Route 26, Lincoln Township, Huntingdon County, near the Route 994 intersection. Photos by Doug Roles

By Doug Roles

Manager of Member Services

Who doesn't love a Scooby snack (the crispy cookie for humans, not the actual cartoon dog treat)? And who wouldn't love it even more served atop a hot fudge sundae with graham crackers and a secret-formula sweet sauce.

The soft serve delight is called the "Mollie Doodle" and it's the dish Gene and Sheri Rowles most enjoy serving from their ice cream stand, Miss Mollies Soft Serve Etc. near Raystown Lake, Huntingdon County.

The couple staffs the stand (at the inter-

section of Routes 26 and 994) five days a week, May through September, serving cold treats and hot foods to lake visitors and campers. For them, Mollies is equal portions work and reacquainting with summertime friends.

The Rowles' are marking their fifth summer at the ice cream shop, putting in 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. workdays Wednesday through Sunday. It's their second summer in their building after working previous summers in a 16-foot trailer parked under a canopy at the edge of their parking lot.

"Customers kept asking about food but

the trailer had no room for food," Gene says.

"There was no room for anything."

However, the building was already set up for food service since it had been used as a concession stand to the go-cart

business that operated there prior to the Rowles' purchasing the property. Gene and Sheri did not want to continue the cart business because of insurance and maintenance costs but they've kept some of the racing spirit alive by hosting golf cart rodeos for the many campers from the neighboring property, the Pioneer Family Campground. During the rodeo, a blindfolded driver has to navigate a course of construction zone cones on the old cart track by relying on the directions of his side-seat navigator.

"The winners get gift certificates and T-shirts," Sheri says.

Fun comes in a variety of flavors at Mollies. The couple likes experimenting with new treats and their customers get to create their own banana split toppings. The stand also sells a lot of burgers, steak sandwiches, fresh cut fries and ribbon fries.

"We sample stuff constantly," Gene says of the perks of having such a summertime business. "We get to eat ice cream."

When customers are undecided, they're offered samples or encouraged to give the Mollie Doodle a try. Gene starts by loading vanilla soft serve onto a base of graham crackers and then adds hot fudge and the secret Mollie sauce.

"The spoon is the tail and the Scooby snacks are used for the ears," Gene says, stopping to admire another doodle creation (This one was offered to the author!).

Gene and Sheri are enjoying their snack shop enterprise as the right venture at the right time in their lives. He says one of the things he likes about this business is that he and Sheri are again home every night. Previously they were traveling the county fair and flea market circuit.

"We did that for four years," Gene says. "We wanted to be off the road and not live like gypsies. We were tired of being away from home."

The couple has always been hard working. Gene operated an automotive garage on Burns Avenue, Altoona for 27 years and Sheri had worked as a manager of a Mr. Donut in Altoona before going into nursing. She retired from the medical department of SCI Huntingdon where she worked as the infection control nurse. She is still active in nursing, working as an RN supervisor for Fulton County



Medical Center.

Gene and Sheri have been Valley REC members since 2004. Mollies uses a good bit of electricity over the course of a summer. The business depends on reliable

service to keep ingredients refrigerated and to run appliances. Between their business and their home, Gene and Sheri have four Valley REC meters, two at the business, one for the house and one for the garage.

Sheri said she and Gene enjoy seeing customers

return each season and seeing their children grow. She says in the past five years they've seen kids go from being held by parents to boldly stepping up to the window to order their favorite dish.

"I just love watching the kids grow up," Sheri says.

Gene and Sheri have one other family member at the business but she's there only for moral support, and some petting.

"Our stand is named after our dog,

Miss Mollie. She's here every day," Gene says.

The Rowles' say the beagle showed up at their house in Todd Township seven years ago, when she was about eight



Gene Rowles puts together the "Mollie Doodle" sundae (inset). The Scooby Snack crackers are the ears and the spoon serves as the tail. Photos by Doug Roles



the family and spends her summer days lounging on the porch of her dog house or wading in her pool. A step next to the chain link fence puts her within reach of customers who slurp ice cream cones with one hand and pet Mollie with the other.

"She'll take all the attention you give her," Sheri says.

Mollie sometimes gets a companion when Sheri and Gene's neighbor comes for lunch and puts his dog inside the fence.

Other visitors who have a dog with them get a free "pup cup" of soft serve.

The size of the dog's snout determines if he or she gets the large or small dish.

"You get to know them by their bark," Sheri says.

Mollies is easily accessed from Route 26. There is plenty of parking and seating is available under roof in case of summer showers.

weeks old. The Rowles' posted photos and asked around to find an owner. They even took Mollie to a veterinarian to have her checked for an ID chip.

"We weren't in the market for a dog," Sheri says.

Now Mollie is part of

Annual training



Matt Andradi, Valley REC mapping technician, uses a laser-pointing fire extinguisher to put out a computer-simulated fire during safety training in late June. Joe Selnekovic (right), Pennsylvania Rural Electric Cooperative Association's manager of job training and safety, provided the instruction. Valley employees complete fire safety and hazardous materials training annually. Photo by Doug Roles



Gene and Sheri Rowles's beagle, Mollie, watches over her namesake business from a comfortable perch. Canine visitors to Miss Mollies Soft Serve Etc. receive a complimentary "pup cup" of soft serve. Photo by Doug Roles

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Here are some tips on how to keep these energy hogs in check!

• MAKE THE SWITCH.

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Any energy efficient bulb is a better option when compared to traditional incandescents, but LEDs are the most efficient. Residential LEDs use at least 75 percent less energy and last 25 times longer than incandescent lighting.



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ANIMALS

Baby jack donkey. Male Alpaca. 814/448-3713.

TOOLS/EQUIPMENT

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EVENTS

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Atkinson Mills Sportsmen's Club 2015 3-D Shoots at 55 Sportsmen Club Lane, McVeytown. July 12, August 16, & Sep-

tember 20. Registration from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. \$10 to shoot. Children under 12 shoot free w/ paying adult. Crossbows & recurves are welcome. Every time you shoot you'll be entered to win a brand new Hoyt Ignite & other prizes from Valley Sports N Outdoors, Reedsville.

The Atkinson Mills Sportsmen's Club will be holding a 3-D shoot on July 25 & 26 with all proceeds going to Wade Stains, a local teen who is battling cancer. Registration will be from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday & 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday. Cost is \$10. Children 12 & under shoot free. Crossbows & recurves are welcome. Kitchen will be open. Please join us at 55 Sportsmen Club Lane, McVeytown. This shoot is not eligible for the 2015 raffle.

National Alpaca Farm Days will be held at Terrace Mountain Alpacas Sept. 26 & 27, 10A-4P, near Calvin. Come meet the newest cria's, pull up a chair and stay awhile. Check out all the new items in the farm store, some made from our alpacas. Farm open most days. For your convenience, please call 814/643-2854, open Fri. & Sat. 9A-4P. Website: www.terracemountainalpacas.com. 11th Annual Open House is Nov. 7 & 8, 10A-4P.