

FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER/CEO

A cooperative day in YOUR life

Co-ops are all around us

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SO HOW DID you spend your day? Chances are, cooperatives were a big part of it from dawn until bedtime. Take a moment to read this quick overview of how co-ops might be impacting you every day.

Your morning orange juice might have come from Florida's Natural, a producer-owned cooperative based in — you guessed it

— Florida, but distributed throughout the U.S. If your morning coffee came from Equal Exchange (www.equalexchange.coop), you get bonus points because they source their coffee from farmer-owned co-ops in developing countries, and they are a worker-owned co-op. If you like milk in your coffee or cereal, check this out: more than 86 percent of all fluid milk flows through a co-op.

The wheat in your muffin or toast was most likely processed through a farmer-owned grain elevator in the Midwest. If you had cranberries in that muffin, they likely came from Ocean Spray, or maybe you used Land O'Lakes Butter or Welch's Concord Grape Jam — all producer-owned co-ops that make the products we love on our toast.

After that big co-op breakfast, it is time to start the day. Working parents might drop off their young children at one of the over 1,000 preschool co-ops that operate throughout the U.S.

Perhaps this is the day to make some improvements to your home. Ace Hardware, True Value and Do It Best are all examples of purchasing co-ops. These are small businesses that come together

to form a co-op so they can compete with "big-box" retailers that are not owned by people in the local community.

You might need to stop by the credit union for a loan or to pick up some cash for that home project from one of the 25,000 ATMs in their network. More than 100 million people in the U.S. are members of a credit union, and yep, you guessed it, credit unions are co-ops.

On your way home, you may stop at one of the 300 community-owned cooperative grocery stores in the country. Many of the meat products and vegetables are also sourced from co-ops. If you are in a hurry, maybe you swing by KFC, Taco Bell or Pizza Hut to pick up dinner. The franchise owners of these fast food restaurants are all members of a purchasing co-op, just like the hardware stores above. So are the owners of Dunkin Donuts and many other franchises.

After dinner, perhaps you are watching TV from one of the more than 1,000 small cable companies that serve rural America that have come together to form a co-op that helps keep costs as low as possible. Or maybe you are surfing the internet through services provided by your local telecommunications co-op.

Travel plans? If you are on a business trip or vacation and staying in a Best Western — that is also a purchasing co-op.

And when it's time for "lights out," you can flip that switch knowing you're receiving safe, reliable electricity from your local electric cooperative, your friends at New Enterprise Rural Electric Cooperative. From morning until night, you can have a very cooperative day. 

Huntingdon and Broad Top Rail Trail nears completion

BY VICKIE SWOPE

OUTDOOR enthusiasts can soon walk, run, bike and even cross-country ski over the river and through the woods on the Huntingdon and Broad Top (H&BT) Rail Trail. Trail users will have an additional four miles of scenic trail to enjoy in northeastern Bedford County as the last phase of trail development is expected to be completed this fall.

Rails to Trails of Bedford County, Inc. was organized in 2010 to support the development, maintenance and promotion of the H&BT Rail Trail as a public resource offering a year-round, multi-use recreational trail — and to represent the interests of non-motorized trail users. This project offers scenic year-round trail use while preserving the heritage and history of the H&BT Railroad.

The Huntingdon and Broad Top Mountain Railroad operated from 1852 to 1954, hauling coal from the Broad Top

area to Pennsylvania Railroad in Huntingdon. Broad Top Township acquired a 10.6-mile right-of-way from the railroad, running from the north end of Riddlesburg south along the bank of the Juniata River to Cypher, crossing the river over a trestle bridge and then heading overland away from the river to Tatesville.

Phase one of trail development was completed in 2012. Trailheads at Riddlesburg and Hopewell include parking lots and bike racks. This 2.3-mile section of trail is easily accessible. The trail is 10 feet wide with a gentle grade and the base is covered with crushed stone. Rustic split rail fence enhances the trail by separating the trail from privately owned land.

Phase two of trail development was completed in 2014. This stretch of approximately four miles runs from the Cooper Recreational Area, an 80-acre public recreational area over more durable road surface materials and then

to the old H&BT Railroad trestle. The 350-foot long, three-pier railroad bridge near Cypher was re-decked in the fall of 2014. The bridge is located in a picturesque location as it spans the Raystown Branch of the Juniata River about midway on the 10.6-mile rail trail.

H&BT Rail Trail is moving forward with trail development. Representatives of a citizen's advisory group have been meeting with Broad Top Township to plan for the use and development of the most southern portion of the trail. This section will wind through beautiful wooded areas and over unique stone arches left behind by the railroad. This stretch of approximately four miles will lead to the trailhead in Tatesville, where parking is available for over 30 vehicles. Target completion date for these sections of trail development is this fall.

Construction and site improvements on all phases of the project have been



SAFE PASSAGE: The recently rehabilitated 350-foot H&BT Railroad trestle bridge near Cypher allows passage over the Raystown Branch of the Juniata River.



H&BT Rail Trail

Presents the 1st Annual:

Fun Run • Wellness Walk • Bike Event

LOCATION: Cooper's Recreational Area crossing the Juniata River on the newly decked trestle bridge to the Cypher Trailhead. (Total distance of approximately 5 miles out and back)

DATE: Saturday, September 26, 2015

PHASE 1- FUN RUN/WALK

TIME: 10:00 AM - Run or walk distance of choice out and back on the scenic H&BT Rail Trail beginning at Cooper's Recreational Area toward Cypher Trailhead.

LUNCH: 11:30 AM-1:00 PM - \$5 Menu: Half Marianna Sub, bag of chips, cookie and drink.

PHASE 2- BIKE EVENT

FOLLOWING LUNCH: Bike the distance of your choice. Bike north on the trail from Cooper's to the Riddlesburg Trailhead. (Total distance of approximately 10 miles out and back) or bike south toward the Cypher Trailhead.

1:15 PM - Annual Meeting/Election of Officers and Advisory Committee Chair Person

1:45 PM - RAFFLE DRAWING/DOOR PRIZES

Historic Foundry Museum located close to Hopewell will be open for tours from 1-4 PM

Pre-register online by 9/23/2015. Download application: www.railstotrailsofbedfordcounty.org
 Live registration at Cooper's Recreational Area: 9:00 AM-9:45 AM.
 Event medal to first 80 registered participants.

No Cost. FREE Family Fun

Memberships/donations appreciated. Proceeds of T-shirts sales, membership drive, bench sales, raffle ticket sales to benefit:
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done by Broad Top Township maintenance personnel. Memorial benches offer seating along the trail. Bulletin/message centers for each of the six trailheads have been constructed by the Huntingdon County Vo-Tech students using a \$3,500 REI Grant. Other sources of funding for this final phase include \$513,712 in federal monies, as well as through triathlon proceeds, ongoing raffle ticket sales, memorial bench sales and memberships to the Rails to Trails of Bedford County, Inc.

Areas of historical significance in close proximity to the H&BT Rail Trail include the coke ovens at Riddlesburg that were part of the area's historical iron industry and the historic Keystone Foundry Museum in Hopewell. The museum is open on Saturday and Sun-

day from 1 to 4 p.m. from Memorial Day through Labor Day and for small group tours by appointment. The Hopewell Senior Citizen Center owns and maintains the museum and would welcome volunteers to help staff and maintain the historic structure. For more information, call Bonnie Burr at 928-5014.

Rails to Trails of Bedford County, Inc. is planning its first Fun Run/Wellness/Bike Event, raffle drawing and membership drive on Saturday, Sept. 26, 2015. For more information or directions, visit the trail on Facebook at Rails to Trails of Bedford County, Inc. or at www.railstotrailsofbedfordcounty.org. For general trail information or volunteer opportunities, call David Thomas, township secretary, at 928-5253. ☀

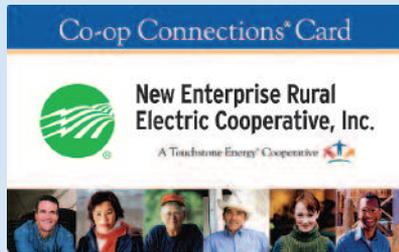
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Have you come across your Co-op Connections Card and wondered what it is for? Don't toss it out because it can provide awesome savings. Just look at the benefits you will receive by using your card:

- ▶ 10 to 85 percent discounts on most prescriptions at over 60,000 participating pharmacies. This includes national and local independent pharmacies.
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- ▶ Big savings when you shop online.
- ▶ Printable coupons for groceries that update daily.

Log on to www.newenterprise-rec.com and click on the Co-op Connections Card. You will be redirected to their website and you will be able to click on healthy savings to find a participating provider near you. If you shop online, then click on "Cashback Mall" and download the shopping assistant to start earning cash back on purchases you make online.

If you cannot find your card or to request a second card, contact Wendy at New Enterprise REC at 814-766-3221 or toll-free at 1-800-270-3177, extension 4612.



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Energy around the world

»» *Did you know?*

In Brazil, they grow a special type of sugar-cane (called energy cane) that they use to produce ethanol. Ethanol is a kind of fuel that can be used in cars. Corn can also be used to create ethanol.

»» *Did you know?*

Because Iceland has the largest number of hot springs in any country, it is the perfect place to use geothermal energy. In Iceland, 7 percent of the energy comes from the geothermal sources, while 93 percent is from hydropower, and only 0.1 percent is from oil.

»» *Did you know?*

Did you know natural gas was originally used to light the night? Manufactured gas was used for street lighting in Baltimore in 1816. Later in the 1800s, some of the larger homes were equipped with gas lights for indoor lighting. Back then, gas was produced from coal or oily liquids.

»» *Did you know?*

The first power plant in the United States was owned by Thomas Edison and opened in New York City in 1882.

»» *Did you know?*

There are currently over 100 nuclear power plants operating in the United States.

Check out our new website design

On July 8, we launched a new website design at www.newenterpriserec.com. There is something for everyone: adults and children alike. Below are just a few of the items you can find:

- ▶ Past billing statements
- ▶ Payment history
- ▶ Kilowatt-hour (kWh) history
- ▶ Forms to print out
- ▶ Information about electricians
- ▶ Safety tips
- ▶ Past local pages of *Penn Lines*
- ▶ Kids Zone

Take a few minutes to explore this new site. If you have suggestions for the site, please contact Brawna at bsell@newenterpriserec.com or 814-766-3221 or 800-270-3177, extension 4602.



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Looking for an easy efficiency upgrade? Additional insulation can make a difference! The Department of Energy estimates you can reduce heating and cooling needs up to 30 percent by properly insulating and weatherizing your home.

Source: energy.gov