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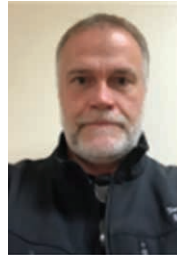
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Guest Column

The More Things Change...



UTILITIES FACE MANY CHALLENGES TODAY on how to most efficiently use dollars and time associated with day-to-day operations. Member feedback continues to note the appreciation for reliability, and your electric cooperative continues to prioritize the same. The more things change, the more they really do stay the same.

From right-of-way maintenance, equipment and pole inspections to daily monitoring of the cooperative's distribution system, we like to give you insight on these activities. You have a vital role in the continued success of these efforts. These core activities will always be a part of the cooperative's game plans no matter how our world changes around us.

Thank you for your help in keeping our rights of way open. Our tree-related outages have averaged less than 2% of our lost service hours over the past 30 years. Meanwhile, many other utilities list tree-related outages as the top cause of lost service hours. Your support of our right-of-way maintenance will be even more important as our contractors transition to a new generation of employees. They play such an important part in the success of our goals, and they appreciate the cooperation from members and the positive comments. We are under constant attack from unwanted or invasive species as well, and we will need your help in the management process.

Methods of manufacturing and preserving wooden utility poles are changing, and these poles are not immune to supply chain challenges. Wooden poles will be with us for the near future, but know that cooperative employees continue to explore inspection new methods to reduce labor and material costs while increasing confidence in the data. Again, your cooperation and understanding when crews visit your property does not go unnoticed. Our staff has a better outlook on the work they are performing when they see the cooperative membership appreciates their efforts.

The evaluation of our substations and our metering, and billing systems is ongoing, especially with constant challenges related to supplies, repairs and component shortages. The focus is on items staff can use on a daily basis that directly benefit the membership.

No doubt change is inevitable, but stay tuned to hear more about these and other areas of your cooperative's day-to-day operations with the knowledge our priorities will stay the same. 📺

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Youth Tour: An Experience of a Lifetime!

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YOUTH TOUR? WHAT IS YOUTH TOUR? “A trip of a lifetime” — that’s how some may describe it. The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association began to coordinate the program as “Youth Tour Week” in 1964. This year, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York shared two charter buses that departed for Washington, D.C., on June 18 with 57 students on board for this all-inclusive trip. Students on this tour learned about electric cooperatives, American history and U.S. government.

Youth Tour offers students going into their senior year of high school the opportunity to go to Washington, D.C., for a week to experience all the beauty and history of the nation’s capital. Participants visit the U.S. Capitol, meet with congressional leaders from their state, tour national monuments and memorials, and visit the National Zoo and the Smithsonian museums. While on the tour, they

also have the chance to meet students from around the country. In total, there were more than 800 students on Youth Tour while Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York were there.

In addition to all these wonderful opportunities, students often make lifelong friendships while learning about the importance of rural electrification. This year, New Enterprise Rural Electric Cooperative sponsored two students from Northern Bedford High School — Aaron Shawley and Elizabeth Berry. When asked what their favorite part of the Youth Tour was, they could not pinpoint one activity. They enjoyed the whole week and everything it offered. They could not wait to tell others about this fantastic opportunity they were fortunate enough to enjoy. 🍷



YOUTH TOUR: Students from across rural Pennsylvania gather on the steps of the Jefferson Memorial during the 2023 Youth Tour in Washington, D.C.



PENNSYLVANIA POWER: Youth Tour students from Pennsylvania take a group photo at the Pennsylvania pillar at the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. Shown, from left, are: Lydia Scardina, Central EC; Joshua Wagner, Somerset REC; and Aaron Shawley and Elizabeth Berry, both representing New Enterprise REC.



RURAL REPRESENTATION: U.S. Rep. John Joyce of Pennsylvania (R-13th), third from right, takes time out of his schedule to discuss issues with a group of Youth Tour students. They are, from left: Blaise Mazey, REA Energy; Carter Sims, Bedford REC; Ian Paul, Adams EC; Braden Ickes, Bedford REC; Anthony Williams, Adams EC; Allison Leader, seated, Bedford REC; Joyce; and Elizabeth Berry and Aaron Shawley, both representing New Enterprise REC.

"Youth Tour is amazing for giving students the opportunity to experience things they might never get to on their own, such as a dinner and dance cruise or meeting your representative and standing in the same room that Abraham Lincoln once did in the Capitol. As cliché as it sounds, my favorite part was meeting new people from across the nation. I also made a new friend that lives less than 30 minutes away, but we had to go to D.C. first to know that the other existed."

- Elizabeth Berry



"My two favorite things were 'The Lion King' and the American history museum. It was incredible to see one of my favorite Disney movies on stage; all the props, costumes and songs were amazing. I've already been to the American history museum, but I still saw interesting and fascinating things I've never seen before. I'm thankful I was 'forced' into talking to new people. I don't normally do that, but now I have some new friends I never would have had."

- Aaron Shawley

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Did you know ceiling fans can make a room feel 4 degrees cooler? To save energy through ceiling fan use, remember to raise your thermostat a few degrees while fans are turned on. Ceiling fans can help improve comfort year-round. In the summer, operate ceiling fans in a counterclockwise direction. Reverse the direction to clockwise during winter months and set fans on a low speed so warm air can circulate from the ceiling to the lower levels of the room.

Remember, ceiling fans cool people, not spaces. Be sure to turn them off when you leave the room.

Source: Dept. of Energy



MONUMENTAL OCCASION: Above, Youth Tour students visit the National Zoo in Washington, D.C., on the final day of the weeklong event. Shown, from left, are: Joshua Wagner, Somerset REC; Elizabeth Berry, New Enterprise REC; Lydia Scardina, Central EC; Aaron Shawley, New Enterprise REC; and Carter Sims, Bedford REC. Below left, Berry and Shawley visit the Tidal Basin. Below right, Shawley poses with the Washington Monument.

