

Bedford Rural Electric Cooperative

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Monday through Friday

7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

From the General Manager



Season's greetings

By Brooks Shoemaker

Season's Greetings from all of us at Bedford Rural Electric Cooperative

Board of Directors: Bob Koontz, Don Hoenstine, Ronald Wilkins, Reuben Lafferty, Earl Garland, Paul Rummel Jr., Howard Atkinson, John Oldham, Dale Sprigg II

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Bedford REC will be closed on Monday, Dec. 26, for Christmas and Monday, Jan. 2, for New Year's Day

Food not wasted at North and South Midways

By Linda Williams

ABOUT one-third of the nation's food is wasted each year. Despite the fact that prices keep soaring in the supermarkets, about the same percentage continues to go into the garbage. Much of that food is wasted because it has passed its expiration date and can no longer be sold by restaurants or grocery stores, although it can still be safely consumed.

That food can be given away, and that is exactly what HMSHost does nationwide. HMSHost operates about 99 highway food courts across the country, as well as in multiple airports. The company, which has been recognized for its leadership in design and comfort for weary travelers, partners with well-known national brands including Starbucks and Subway.

HMSHost operates both the North Midway and South Midway on the Pennsylvania Turnpike near Bedford. These rest stops, both of which are Bedford Rural Electric Cooperative members, have received state historic recognition for being the oldest rest stops on the turnpike.

Both rest stops were recently renovated and now offer spacious, clean



eating spots for travelers, as well as up-to-date restrooms.

Carrie Miller, manager of the South Midway, says it the policy of HMSHost to seek out organizations in a community that help the less fortunate, including the Salvation Army, mission fields, churches, halfway houses and

VOLUNTEER: Keith Croyle, a Love Inc. volunteer, picks up a one-day load of food from North Midway and South Midway. The quantity of food donated varies from day to day.

other charitable organizations.

In Bedford County, Love Inc., the food bank, and Chaleybeate Springs get Christmas presents every week from the two Midway locations. Volunteers pick up the outdated food items, which are then transported to various locations where they are divided and given to needy individuals.

Volunteers never know what they might get. One time, it was a trunk full of hamburger buns. There are usually multiple containers of yogurt, fruit, salads, sandwiches, and nearly always bagels. Occasionally, there is a package of coffee from Starbucks.

Carrie Miller, supervisor at South Midway, and Melissa Alt, North Midway, oversee the project giveaways.

"I think it is wonderful that we don't have to throw it away," Miller says.

Once the food is picked up by the volunteers, it is taken to the Love Inc. office in Everett, where it is sorted into various piles by more volunteers.



DISTRIBUTION TIME: Glen Turner carries several cartons of food onto the loading dock for Love Inc. volunteer Linda Williams.



PICK-UP: Volunteer Jay Williams accepts a load of donated food at North Midway from employee Greg Edwards.

Occasionally, it is frozen for later distribution. Bev Patton, Love Inc. director, says they take items that must be given away quickly to the subsidized senior apartments. There is also a mobile home park that gets regular donations, along with families who might go hungry without these donations. The list of families being assisted can change depending on the circumstances.

There are seven volunteers who pick up the food for Love Inc. twice a week. On Mondays, the food goes directly to the Hyndman area. On other days,



PACKED AND READY TO GO: North Midway Manager Melissa Alt oversees the packing of food for distribution.



READY FOR DISTRIBUTION: Keith Croyle and Terri Dibert unload a one-day donation of food from North Midway and South Midway. The food is distributed to needy individuals.

there are volunteers for the Food Bank or Chaleybeate Springs, where young men getting out of prison are attempting to make a new life.

“It’s a wonderful program,” Patton says. “I would really like to see more restaurants or food services do similar things with their excess food.” ☀

Holiday gift certificates available

Make your gift-giving easy this Christmas by purchasing an electricity gift certificate. The gift of electricity would be welcomed by anyone. If you would like to present a relative or fellow member with a gift certificate, just fill out the coupon below and return with payment enclosed to Bedford Rural Electric Cooperative. We can send the certificate to you or, if you wish to remain anonymous, we can send the acknowledgement to the member.

If you have any questions, please call our office at 814-623-5101.

To: _____

Address: _____

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Phone: _____

I would like to purchase a \$ _____ gift of electricity to be credited to the account above.

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Phone No.: (If we have any questions) _____

Please remember to enclose payment.
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Bedford, PA 15522

NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

Bedford Rural Electric Cooperative will be awarding four scholarships of \$1,000 each to non-traditional students whose primary residence is served by Bedford Rural Electric Cooperative.

For an application, go to our website at www.bedfordrec.com and click on **scholarship information**. Applications are also available at the office.

All applications and required information must be received no later than Feb. 1, 2017.

**Mail application to:
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Bedford, PA 15522**

DONATIONS FOR LOCAL FOOD BANKS

Bedford Rural Electric directors and employees are asking the members to join in and make donation to the area food banks. Those wishing to donate items should bring them to the Bedford Rural Electric office on Lincoln Highway between now and Dec. 21, 2016.



Items needed include: canned goods, paper products, soap and other hygiene-related items, food products such as noodles, cake mixes, spaghetti, or boxed foods of any kind. The items will be donated to local food banks throughout the county.

Your help and kindness will be appreciated during this holiday season.

Anyone making a donation will have their name entered for a \$25 gift certificate toward their electric bill.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Bedford Rural Electric Cooperative will be awarding four scholarships of \$1,000 each to seniors whose parents' or guardians' primary residence is served by Bedford Rural Electric.

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All applications and required information must be received no later than March 1, 2017.

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TROUBLE CALL SCHEDULE

In case of trouble...

- 1** Check your fuses or circuit breakers.
- 2** Check with your neighbors, if convenient, to see if they have been affected by the power failure.
- 3** Call the 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 the person receiving the 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 ...

- Troy Mock..... 276-9759 (Week of November 28)
- Greg Miller..... 839-0037 (Week of December 5)
- Al Hileman..... 766-9971 (Week of December 12)
- Jim Seymour..... 839-2848 (Week of December 19)
- Dennis Tursich 623-0922 (Week of December 26)

In case you cannot reach any of the above, call:

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

During widespread power outages, many members are calling to report power failures. You may receive a busy signal, or in certain cases your call may go unanswered. This occurs in after-hours outages when the office is not fully staffed. Please be patient, and try again in a few minutes.