

Rolling Hills Electric Co-op, Inc.

Board of Trustees

Michelle Brokes, President
Wilson — District 1

Paul Wilson, Vice-President
Burr Oak — District 2

Justin Trost, Secretary
Concordia — District 3

Corey Dlabal, Treasurer
Wilson — District 1

Eric Andersen, Trustee
Jamestown — District 3

Mike Brzon, Trustee
Courtland — District 3

David Dubbert, Trustee
Beloit — District 2

John George, Trustee
Lebanon — District 2

Sarah Goss, Trustee
Kanopolis — District 1

Tom Marr, Trustee
Formoso — District 2

Staff

Douglas Jackson, General Manager

Contact Us

3075B U.S. Hwy. 24 | P.O. Box 339
Beloit, KS 67420
785-534-1601 or 800-530-5572

Like us on Facebook

For outage
updates,
energy
efficiency
tips and cooperative news.



Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) Application Period Opens Jan. 3

Rolling Hills Electric receives requests for assistance with member electricity bills throughout the year. The Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) is a federally funded program that helps eligible households pay a portion of their home energy costs by providing a one-time per year benefit.

The 2023 LIEAP application period is from **TUESDAY, JAN. 3, 2023, THROUGH THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2023, BY 5 P.M.** To qualify, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- ▶ An adult living at the address must be personally responsible for paying the heating costs incurred at the current residence, payable either to the landlord or the fuel vendor.
- ▶ Applicants must demonstrate a recent history of payments toward purchases of the primary heating energy.

The combined gross income (before deductions) of all persons living at the address may not exceed 150% of the federal poverty level.

The benefit levels vary according to the following factors:

- ▶ Household income
- ▶ Number of persons living at the address

2023 Income Eligibility Guidelines

Persons Living at Address	Maximum Gross Monthly Income	Persons Living at Address	Maximum Gross Monthly Income
1	\$1,699	7	\$5,239
2	\$2,289	8	\$5,829
3	\$2,879	9	\$6,419
4	\$3,469	10	\$7,009
5	\$4,059	11	\$7,599
6	\$4,649	12	\$8,189
+1	\$590 for each additional person		

- ▶ Type of dwelling
- ▶ Type of heating fuel

For more information and/or to apply online, visit www.dcf.ks.gov, select the **SERVICES** tab at the top, then scroll down and click on **ENERGY ASSISTANCE (LIEAP)**. Applications must be received at the DCF office **PRIOR TO 5 P.M., MARCH 30, 2023**. Late arrivals will not be considered for assistance. The state will contact Rolling Hills Electric to verify payments are being made on the account and the account is active in the applicant's name. LIEAP payments will come directly to Rolling Hills Electric and be applied directly to the account.

For more information or assistance in completing the application, please contact the LIEAP office by calling 800-432-0043.



Lineman Adam Badger's son, Krew.



Rolling Hills Trustee John George's grandkids, Henry, Oliver and Parker.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

from our co-op family to yours!

2023



Manager Doug Jackson with his grandchildren.



Accounting/CSR Manager Angie Behymer's husband with their grandchildren.



Lineman Adam Badger's kiddos, Trey, Bristol and Parker.



Lineman Doug Errebo's kiddos, Brayton and Rae.



Lineman Tyson Knox's son, Brody.



Accounting Assistant Kaitlyn Nick's kiddos, Dani, Bella and fur baby, Luna.



Lineman Tyler Roesti's son, Huxtyn.



Operations Manager Marc Martin with grandson Gage.



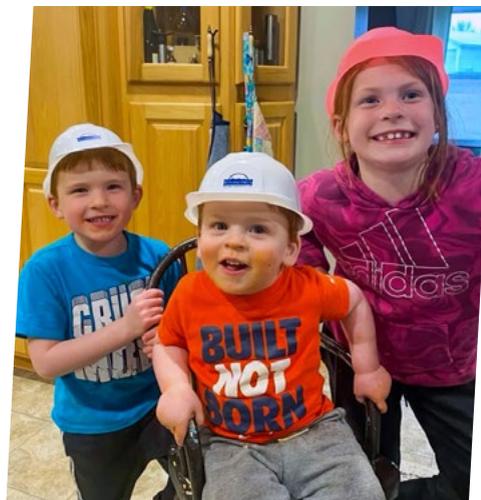
Member Services Catie Mellies' kiddos, Trey and Walker.



Billing Clerk Tanya Peters' fur-baby, Millie.



Lineman Trent Webb with his kiddos, Isabelle and Colton.



Lineman Tyler Bailey's kiddos, Cooper, Kaiden and Isabell.



Lineman Tyler Roesti's son, Cooper.

Are Space Heaters Making Your Bill Higher?

"Why is my electric bill so high? I have one of those energy efficient space heaters. There must be something wrong with my meter! Can someone come check the meter? Something has to be wrong!"

In the electric business, we hear the above scenario quite often during the colder months. Some members resort to using electric space heaters throughout their home to save on propane or to warm a specific area of the home. Let's break this down a bit to show how these "energy efficient" electric space heaters take a big bite out of your checkbook.

If you have a 1,500 watt space heater, regardless of brand name or efficiency rating, it will use 1.5 kWh per hour. Let's say that in January, you run this heater for only eight hours daily Monday-Friday and 16 hours daily on Saturday and Sundays.

9 days at 16 hours per day =

144 hrs x 1.5 kWh = 216 kWh

22 days at 8 hours per day =

176 hrs x 1.5 kWh = 264 kWh

216 kWh + 264 kWh = 480 kWh used

480 kWh x 12.7¢ per kWh = \$61.12

(plus tax, franchise fee where applicable, power cost adjustment (PCA), etc)

If more than one space heater is used for the same hours, take the above calculation and multiply it by the number of heaters in use. If you use a space heater to keep pipes from freezing constantly for the month of January:

24 hours per day x 31 = 744 hours x 1.5 kWh =

1,116 kWh x 12.7¢ = \$142.11

(plus tax, franchise fee where applicable, power cost adjustment (PCA), etc)

These examples are based on the single phase winter rate and in addition to your regular household usage. Knowing this information before you use supplemental heating can help alleviate the "ouch!" in upcoming heating bills.



Retiree Hooley Alcorn Visits Co-op



The crew enjoyed hearing Hooley's stories from his years working as a lineman.

We had a very special visitor swing by our office a few weeks ago. **DOYLE "HOOLEY" ALCORN**, who worked for the Jewell-Mitchell Rural Electric Co-op for more than 40 years, came by for a tour of our shop in Beloit. Between the increased size of our bucket and digger trucks and the advanced technology of our mapping system — a lot has changed since he first started working for the co-op in 1944!

Our staff enjoyed hearing his stories about how different times were back

then compared to now: hand digging holes with "spoons" (a long handled shovel with a round spoon-like shovel head at the end) for pole placement, not having bucket trucks, and when a lineman left for an outage they took their radio (if they were lucky and had one) and hoped you came back!

We were so honored to have Hooley visit for an afternoon. We thank Hooley for his service in our armed forces and for his dedication and passion in keeping our lights on.

Employee Christmas Luncheon

Rolling Hills Electric hosted its annual Christmas luncheon following the November board meeting, bringing all employees and board members together for a great feast and fellowship.

TYSON KNOX was recognized with a certificate of appreciation for his 10-year anniversary with RHEC. This event is held ahead of the Christmas bustle to work around everyone's busy holiday schedules.

Top right: Employees and board members enjoy great food and fellowship.

Lower right: Manager Doug Jackson (right) presents Tyson Knox with a certificate of appreciation for his 10 years of service.

