

# NEWS

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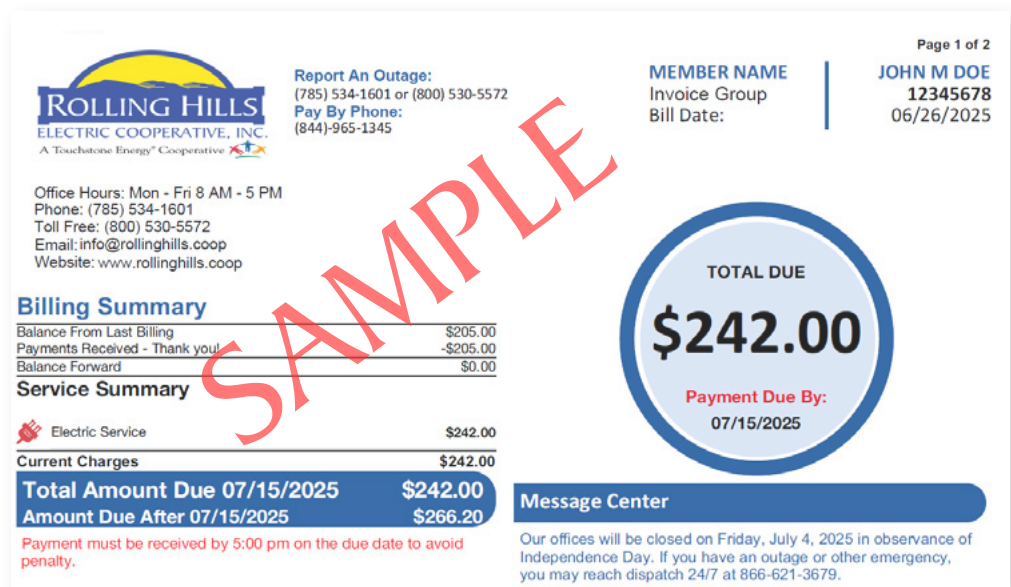
3075B U.S. Hwy. 24  
P.O. Box 339  
Beloit, KS 67420  
785-534-1601 or 800-530-5572

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For outage updates,  
energy efficiency tips and  
cooperative news.

## Easier-to-Read Bills Are on the Way!

A clearer, more user-friendly billing statement is coming.



Report An Outage:  
(785) 534-1601 or (800) 530-5572  
Pay By Phone:  
(844)-965-1345

MEMBER NAME | **JOHN M DOE**  
Invoice Group | **12345678**  
Bill Date: | **06/26/2025**

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Office Hours: Mon - Fri 8 AM - 5 PM  
Phone: (785) 534-1601  
Toll Free: (800) 530-5572  
Email: info@rollinghills.coop  
Website: www.rollinghills.coop

**Billing Summary**

Balance From Last Billing	\$205.00
Payments Received - Thank you!	-\$205.00
Balance Forward	\$0.00

**Service Summary**

Electric Service	\$242.00
Current Charges	\$242.00

**Total Amount Due 07/15/2025 \$242.00**  
**Amount Due After 07/15/2025 \$266.20**

Payment must be received by 5:00 pm on the due date to avoid penalty.

**TOTAL DUE**  
**\$242.00**  
Payment Due By:  
07/15/2025

**Message Center**

Our offices will be closed on Friday, July 4, 2025 in observance of Independence Day. If you have an outage or other emergency, you may reach dispatch 24/7 at 866-621-3679.

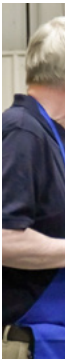
Rolling Hills Electric is excited to announce an upcoming update to our billing statements. In the coming months, you will receive bills with a fresh, redesigned look that makes it easier than ever to find the information you need, while preserving all the details you count on. We look forward to sharing more information soon. If you have any questions or need assistance, our dedicated team is always ready to help. **We appreciate the opportunity to serve you.**

# 2026 ANNUAL MEETING


The Rolling Hills Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting was both informative and enjoyable for all who attended. Members received important updates on cooperative operations from Kevin Noblet of Kansas Electric Power Cooperative (KEPCo) and Mikey Goddard of Kansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc. (KEC), and enjoyed an engaging safety presentation. The evening also provided an opportunity to welcome RHEC's new CEO/General Manager Jon Robinson, as well as extend our appreciation and farewell to interim CEO/General Manager Tom Ruth for his dedicated service.

The event featured a delicious meal catered by Texas Red's, which was enjoyed by members and guests alike. To conclude the evening, numerous door prizes were awarded, adding an extra level of excitement and appreciation for those in attendance.

We sincerely thank everyone who joined us and for your continued support of Rolling Hills Electric Cooperative.



## 2026 BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION RESULTS

	
<b>Corey Dlabal</b>	<b>David Dubbert</b>
	
<b>Tom Marr</b>	<b>Eric Andersen</b>



# HIGHLIGHTS



1. Jon Robinson (left), CEO/general manager, and Marc Martin, operations manager, answer member questions.
2. Guests enjoying the meal and fellowship.
3. From left: Tom Marr, trustee; Jason Gilley, Texas Red's; and Sherry Marr serve members during dinner.
4. Robert Fredrickson (left) and Marc Martin sharing stories.
5. From left: Paul Wilson, trustee; Senator Dinah Sykes; and Justin Trost, trustee; pose between serving.
6. Board members serve the meal to the members.
7. Member Service Representative Remi Eilert with her son, Tucker.
8. Interim CEO/General Manager Tom Ruth (second from left) with his wife, and CEO/General Manager Jon Robinson (center in white) with his family.
9. Future co-op leader in the making, growing up cooperative strong.
10. Members got an up-close look of an electrifying safety demonstration.
11. Safety in action! Members watch and learn during an important safety demo.

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE

## RESIDENTIAL BUDGET PAYMENT PLAN

OPTIONS AT ROLLING HILLS ELECTRIC



We offer a **VARIABLE** and a **FIXED BUDGET** option for the **RESIDENTIAL BUDGET PAYMENT PLAN**. Both plans are based on a 12-month average, and both plans still require the member to pay their bill on time each month. We feel both plans can be beneficial to our members should they choose to participate. The fixed option uses a set 12-month average and has a catch-up month that is due in May each year. The variable plan recalculates the 12-month average each month, with no catch-up month unless the member is removed from the plan or moves from our lines.

If you are interested in either of these options, please call the office during normal business hours of Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and we would be happy to determine which plan fits your needs best.

**CALL 800-530-5572 TO REVIEW OPTIONS AND FIND THE PLAN THAT FITS YOUR NEEDS TODAY!**

## HEAT PUMPS EXPLAINED: How They Heat and Cool Your Home

Heat pumps aren't brand-new technology anymore. What's changed is how well they work (including in colder weather) and how many options homeowners have, from ductless mini-splits to high-efficiency, variable-speed systems. If you've heard the term and wondered what a heat pump actually does, here's the simple idea: It doesn't "make" heat like a furnace. It moves heat, making it an efficient way to keep your home comfortable year-round.

### WHAT ARE HEAT PUMPS AND HOW DO THEY WORK?

In general, a heat pump extracts heat from one place and transfers it to another, similar to how an air conditioner or refrigerator cools. In warmer months, a heat pump takes heat from inside a home and relocates it outdoors, helping to make your home cooler. In cooler months, it pulls heat from the outdoor air (even when it feels cold) and transfers it indoors. Some newer models use variable-speed (inverter) compressors that adjust output in small increments for steadier comfort and better efficiency.

### DO THEY SAVE ENERGY?

Because heat pumps move heat rather than generate it, they can be very efficient — especially when replacing electric-resistance heat (like baseboard heaters). The U.S. Department of Energy notes that today's heat pumps can cut electricity use for heating by up to 75% compared with electric resistance heating, though actual savings depend on your climate, home and the system you're replacing.

Heat pumps for larger homes can save energy with a zone-heating feature that warms only the rooms in use. High-efficiency heat pumps also dehumidify more effectively than standard systems, resulting in lower energy use.

### IS THERE MORE THAN ONE TYPE?

Four primary types of heat pumps exist:

**1 AIR-TO-AIR OR AIR-SOURCE PUMPS** are the most common and are powered by electricity. They have an outdoor compressor/condenser unit that warms or cools the coils inside the air handler. It then circulates the warmed or cooled air through the system and pushes it back into rooms through ducts. For homes without air ducts, air-source heat pumps are also available as ductless mini-split heat pumps.

**2 ABSORPTION HEAT PUMPS** are similar to air-source heat pumps except that, instead of using electricity to operate, they use alternative energy sources such as natural gas, propane, or solar- or geothermal-heated water.

**3 GEOTHERMAL/GROUND SOURCE HEAT PUMPS** can heat, cool, and even supply hot water to a home by transferring heat to or from the ground (or nearby water source), according to Energy.gov. They have higher installation costs but lower operating costs because they take advantage of relatively constant ground or water temperatures. They're usually more efficient, provide steadier performance, and work better in extreme climates than air-source heat pumps. However, air-source models have improved: cold-climate versions can still heat efficiently below freezing, so they can be a good option in many northern states.


**4 AIR-TO-WATER HEAT PUMPS** are a special type of air-source heat pump called a "reverse cycle chiller" that generates hot and cold water rather than air, allowing it to be used with radiant floor heating systems.

### WHAT TO ASK:

- ▶ Ask about cold-climate performance for your area (and whether you'll need backup heat).
- ▶ Confirm the system is right-sized (bigger isn't always better).
- ▶ If you're choosing ductless, ask about zoning and placement for comfort.
- ▶ Ask what electrical work (panel/circuit) might be needed before installation.

Heat pumps are electric appliances, so safe installation matters. Use a qualified contractor to determine the best heat pump system for your home, and if your installer recommends electrical panel upgrades, have them done by a licensed electrician.

To learn more about energy efficiency and safety around electricity, go to [www.SafeElectricity.org](http://www.SafeElectricity.org).



### HEAT PUMP AND WATER HEATER REBATE INFORMATION

Did you know we offer rebates for installing electric water heaters and heat pumps? Contact Rolling Hills Electric once your new water heater or heat pump has been installed to submit for a rebate and schedule an inspection of the unit (required for rebate).

Contact RHEC at 785-534-1601 for more information and details about the rebate program.

#### REBATE AMOUNTS HEAT PUMPS

- ▶ **AIR-SOURCE HEAT PUMP**
  - ▶ \$150 per ton 14.3 SEER2.
  - ▶ \$200 per ton 15.2 SEER2.
  - ▶ \$250 per ton 16 SEER2 and above.
- ▶ **GEOTHERMAL HEAT PUMP**
  - ▶ \$300 per ton (minimum efficiency requirement).
  - ▶ Closed Loop = 3.3 COP, 14.1 EER.
  - ▶ Open Loop = 3.6 COP, 16.2 EER.

#### WATER HEATERS

- ▶ Standard Water Heater: \$175.
- ▶ Lifetime Water Heater: \$325.