

**ROLLING HILLS  
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**

# NEWS

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## Member Meeting Notice

The Rolling Hills Electric Cooperative Board of Trustees will discuss and consider action on the following items of member interest:

- ▶ Proposed changes to the Parallel Generation Rider and Net Metering Rider.
- ▶ Adoption of a formal tariff form for the Parallel Generation and Net Metering Riders.

Changes to the Parallel Generation Rider and the Net Metering Rider are necessary to align with recently updated laws passed by the Kansas Legislature during the 2025 Legislative Session and to provide greater clarity for members. These changes include but are not

limited to: clarification of “appropriately sized solar systems,” the modification of availability limits for solar installations on the Rolling Hills system, defining the avoided cost of energy, and setting the payment for member-produced energy under the Parallel Generation Rider to 100% of the avoided cost of energy.

All members of Rolling Hills Electric Cooperative, Inc., are welcome to attend. This is your opportunity to learn more about the proposed changes and provide comments to the board before any action is taken. This meeting will be held on Oct. 21, 2025, at 9 a.m. at the cooperative’s principal office at 3075B US Highway 24 in Beloit.



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**NATIONAL  
CO-OP  
MONTH**

## WELCOMES NEW EMPLOYEES

We are pleased to welcome Alex Bell as a new apprentice lineman based out of our Beloit office. His skills and dedication will be a great addition to our team as we continue providing safe and reliable service to our members.

Additionally, Rolling Hills has hired four of the lineworkers who interned with our co-op this summer. Join us in welcoming them to our team:



### ALEX BELL

- ▶ **HOMETOWN:** Beloit
- ▶ **HOBBIES:** Fishing, Kansas City Royals, and taking care of his lawn
- ▶ **DISTRICT:** Ellsworth



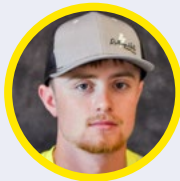
### WYATT PELZEL

- ▶ **HOMETOWN:** Ellsworth
- ▶ **HOBBIES:** Hunting, fishing, enjoying family and friends
- ▶ **DISTRICT:** Ellsworth



### NICK MEIER

- ▶ **HOMETOWN:** Beloit
- ▶ **HOBBIES:** Golfing with buddies
- ▶ **DISTRICT:** Beloit



### DYLAN BUDIG

- ▶ **HOMETOWN:** Hill City
- ▶ **HOBBIES:** Fishing and playing golf
- ▶ **DISTRICT:** Beloit



### WYATT BOHNEN

- ▶ **HOMETOWN:** Wilson
- ▶ **HOBBIES:** Hunting, sports, gym activities, and cattle
- ▶ **DISTRICT:** Ellsworth

## Linemen Participate in Kids Ag Day



Rolling Hills employees were joined by 135 local fourth graders for the 2025 Jewell-Mitchell County Kids Ag Day. Rolling Hills shared the importance of electrical safety and how to best exit a vehicle or equipment in an accident involving electrical lines.





# Bailey Retires After 30-Plus Years at RHEC

After 36 years of service, **JOHN BAILEY** is closing out his career at Rolling Hills Electric with a well-earned retirement.



John Bailey served Rolling Hills members for more than three decades before his recent retirement.

Growing up in Ellsworth County, Bailey comes from deep local roots. His family history traces back to early settlers in the area, including ancestors who lived in a dugout on the prairie and others who were known for repairing boots for cattlemen on the trail. He attended Ellsworth schools before earning an associate degree in automotive and diesel mechanics from Barton County Community College.

His career began on the family farm and at local businesses, from stocking shelves at Novak's IGA to serving as a mechanic and shop foreman at Robl Farm Supply. In 1988, he joined Smoky Hill Electric as an apprentice lineman. He worked his way to journeyman, then crew chief, before moving into the office as operations assistant in 2012.

Over the years, he witnessed countless changes — new facilities, the consolidation that formed Rolling Hills Electric Cooperative, and the evolution of equipment, technology and safety practices.

When asked what advice he'd give to new employees, he said: "The

more knowledge you have, the more you secure your position. Be humble — you'll never know it all, and sometimes the person you least expect might be the one who saves your life."

Family has always been at the center of his life. He and his two sons, Tyler and Kristofer, have built a proud legacy — Tyler following in his dad's footsteps as a journeyman lineman at Rolling Hills, and Kristofer working in construction. Bailey's greatest joy now comes from his grandchildren, with whom he looks forward to spending much more time.

In retirement, he plans to tackle projects around the house, travel, golf and most of all — enjoy family. He says what he'll miss most are his coworkers, but he's ready to "unwind" after years of taking the work personally and carrying its responsibilities heavily.

Reflecting on his journey, Bailey credits his faith. "God has gotten me through a lot of pinches in life and work. He's provided me with success, opportunities, and most of all — family."

Rolling Hills is deeply grateful for his years of dedication and wishes him the very best in this next chapter. Happy retirement, John!



Rolling Hills Operations Manager Marc Martin (left) presents John Bailey with a meter lamp to commemorate his service to the electric co-op.



John Bailey celebrates his retirement with five recent Rolling Hills retirees. **FROM LEFT:** Craig Clark, Cregg Jeffery, Kenneth Castor, John Bailey, Pete Orozco and Rodney Payne.



John Bailey (left) with his son and fellow Rolling Hills Electric lineman, Tyler.

# YOU'RE INVITED TO THE CO-OPPORTUNITY DAY PICNIC

**FRIDAY, OCT. 3 | 11 A.M. - 1 P.M.**  
**ROLLING HILLS ELECTRIC CO-OP, BELOIT**

**Join Central Valley Ag, Farmway Credit Union and  
Rolling Hills Electric Co-op at a FREE Community Picnic  
as they kickoff October National Co-op Month!**

*Please bring a Food Pantry Item to donate.*

*All are welcome.*

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