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Let's Highlight Two of Seven!



DOUG ROLES

EACH OF THE SEVEN COOPERATIVE principles is important. Together, they form the business model for your not-for-profit, member-owned electric company. But over the past few weeks, as the weather warmed up and the school year wound down, multiple Valley Rural Electric Cooperative (REC) employees have pumped up the co-op's outreach effort and really exercised the principles of "Concern for Community" and "Education, Training, and Information."

Historically, we electric co-ops have been a bit slow to shine the spotlight on ourselves because we focus on members. But I think members might appreciate their co-op's community involvement if I offer some highlights here.

April was exceptionally busy. For starters, linemen from our Shade Gap district helped to erect a new scoreboard for the youth baseball teams that use the field at the nearby elementary school.

At the other end of our territory, Kathy Luprek, our Martinsburg district secretary, traveled with me to Central High School on her day off to participate in a personal finance event for graduating seniors. We staffed a table and helped students determine how much utility costs would figure into their future budgets.

Father and son linemen Ryan and Ethan Dodson staffed one of 70 tables at the Blair County Convention Center Career Fair, where they met several high school sophomores interested in electrical linework.

A few days later, our staff energy specialist, Travis Kuhstos, took a short break from reviewing load management accounts to help volunteers unload a delivery of canned goods at the nearby Huntingdon Food Pantry.

Lineworkers Logan Booher, Riley Price, Owen Winter and Seth Glover spent an evening with the first responders of Newton-Wayne Fire Company. Using the co-op's hot line demo trailer, they talked about the hazards of downed wires. A similar presentation was given recently at the McVeytown Fire Company.

In late April, New Day Charter School-Huntingdon hosted us for a brief overview of co-op careers. Travis, staff Arborist Kevin Detwiler and Senior Billing Clerk Melissa Shetrom told students about jobs, ranging from tree trimming and residential electrical work to billing and consumer services tasks.

In May, Seth and fellow lineman Josh Gutshall visited two elementary schools in the Huntingdon area to show youngsters the tools lineworkers use to keep the lights on. The kids liked trying on the rubber gloves.

In the vein of keeping things bright, we recently notified the recipients of our Brighter Future Scholarship (for high school seniors) and our Valley Rural Electric Scholarship for High School Juniors of their awards. And from June 15 to 20, five local students who just completed their junior year of high school are traveling to Washington, D.C., as part of the Rural Electric Cooperative Youth Tour.

Valley REC is again participating in the tour, sponsored by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, after a multi-year hiatus, related to COVID-19. Youth Tour brings more than 1,500 high school students to the nation's capital to meet congressional representatives, learn about the cooperative business model and tour sites, such as Arlington National Cemetery.

THE SEVEN COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLES

Voluntary and Open Membership.
Democratic Member Control. Member Economic Participation. Autonomy and Independence. Education, Training, and Information. Cooperation Among Cooperatives. Concern for Community.

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Co-op Employee Marks Year of Martinsburg Coffee Cafe Ownership

DOUG ROLES, VICE PRESIDENT, MEMBER SERVICES

SOME DREAMS HAVE A LONGER brew time than others. Brooke Stonerook's passion for owning a coffee shop percolated for a decade while barista equipment and an eclectic collection of furniture for the future café idled in her basement.

When the dream came to fruition, it poured out quickly. Last month, Brooke celebrated the one-year anniversary of Honey B's Coffee Shop, located in the repurposed Methodist Episcopal Church across Market Street from the Martinsburg Volunteer Fire Company.

Brooke works full-time as assistant secretary for Valley Rural Electric Cooperative's (REC) Martinsburg district office, a position she has held for the past eight years. She is also the mother to two children, Kasen, 8, and Cambrie, 4. For a while, work and parenting kept the coffee café on the back burner.

"I was going to do a trailer. I started collecting stuff, equipment and furniture," Brooke recalls. "My basement was full."

"I had kinda given up," she adds. "I had bought about \$25,000 to \$30,000 worth of equipment. I held onto that

equipment for probably three or four years. I sold it about six months before this opened."

'It was crazy how it all worked out'

Brooke has long had an interest in photography — particularly portraits.

In early 2025, she met local entrepreneur Tracey Shade, a Perry Wellington Realty agent, to tour a property on the 500 block of Market Street for a possible studio space. At the time, Tracey had just started managing tenants for the church building's owner and was moving toward purchasing the property, which, fortuitously, had housed a coffee shop.

"I told her what my big dream was, about having a coffee shop with antiques, and she was like, 'No way!'" Brooke recalls. "It's crazy how it all worked out. I love coffee and I love making different drinks. I thought the space would be nice for people to have a place to come and feel at home."

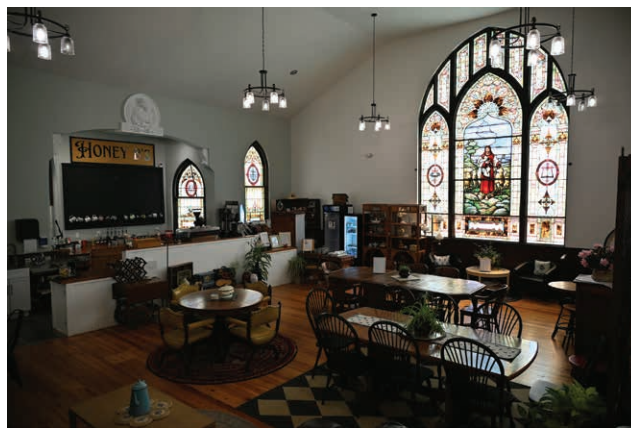
"She jumped on it right away," Tracey recalls. "I think it's fantastic. It definitely was a God thing on both our ends."



WELCOME! Honey B's Coffee Shop owner Brooke Stonerook has created a relaxed, homey space for folks to enjoy lattes, sandwiches and fruit parfaits while hanging out with friends.



ALL ARE WELCOME: Honey B's Coffee Shop is in the former church at 202 S. Market St., Martinsburg, Blair County.



COLORFUL SPACE: Original stained glass windows paint the cafe's tables with radiant light.

The community loves it. A lot of people come and just sit back and talk to their friends and hang out.”

Brooke planned a slow opening, but the shop quickly became popular. Honey B's is now staffed by seven part-time employees who Brooke says are wonderful. The crew includes a manager who is in charge of employee scheduling and ordering supplies.

Honey B's has 13 signature lattes, including a sugar cookie latte, the Shug B; a chocolate caramel latte, the Sweet Ember; and Brooke's favorite, the Honey B, which is served with whipped honey, vanilla, and sweet cream. In addition to coffee and espresso, the café serves breakfast sandwiches — “sammies,” as they're called — egg salad and chicken salad sandwiches, fruit and yogurt parfaits, and salted pretzels.

“We make all our own syrups for lattes. They're all homemade,” Brooke says. “We have fresh-squeezed lemonade. We have teas. In the fall and winter, we do soups.”

Outdoor seating is offered, and the café has a kids' corner to occupy youngsters while parents relax with their favorite drink. The vintage décor, featuring antiques and thrift items, creates a relaxing, homey space “you can feel when you walk in,” Brooke notes.

Lots of support

The church has been renamed the Anchored Hub building after a nonprofit organization that Tracey founded. The building also houses Ander's Barber Shop in the back and Pretty Paws pet grooming on the bottom floor.

Brooke, a native of South Woodbury Township in Bedford County, enjoys being part of the Martinsburg business community, where she says owners support each other. Honey B's receives much of its breakfast meat from nearby Rhodes Meat Market. Local businesses that often place food orders from Honey B's include Kurtz & Kurtz Dental Office and Traditions Restaurant & Bakery. Appalachian Coffee Roasters of Hollidaysburg, owned by Martinsburg native Scott Miller, supplies the coffee.

Tracey and Brooke share an interest in thrift shops, antiques and helping people. The Anchored in Faith Foundation operates a thrift store next to the coffee shop

seating area. Proceeds from the thrift store are donated to local charitable organizations. Tracey receives many donations for the store, and she and Brooke team up on special events and fundraisers, such as a food drive at Thanksgiving and an angel tree at Christmas.

Brooke, a member of Valley REC's sister co-op, New Enterprise REC, says her co-workers at Valley REC have been very supportive of Honey B's and often order food and drinks.

“It all just kind of worked out. It was a lot at first,” Brooke says of working seven days a week, between the cooperative and the coffee shop. “At first, I was like, ‘What am I getting myself into?’ Because I'm a mom first. It was a lot of work.”

Brooke feels she's reached a good place with balancing parenting, working full-time for Valley REC and being a small business owner.

“Here, at the shop, I get to use my creativity,” she says. “At Valley, there's much more structure and stability. Having a store manager is wonderful because whenever I'm at work, that's where I am. I have it set up now to where it's manageable — work and family. It's a good feeling”

Honey B's is open from 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. ☺



ORDER UP: Honey B's barista Janelle Mauk, left, of Roaring Spring, hands a latte to customer Kathy Luprek, district secretary of Valley Rural Electric Cooperative's Martinsburg office.

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Later this month, our biggest “Concern for Community” event takes place when our entire employee team conducts our 2026 Valley Rural Electric Benefit Golf Outing at Huntingdon Country Club. The June 25 tournament will raise money for six area families facing serious medical conditions. This event never fails to remind us to take nothing for granted, particularly our

health and that of our loved ones.

While Valley’s first priority must always be to deliver safe, reliable, and affordable power, if we can take some opportunities along the way to guide a student into a career path or help a first responder stay safe on a call, I hope our community-mindedness and our dedication to learning will always shine through. 🍎

DOUG ROLES

VICE PRESIDENT, MEMBER SERVICES

CO-OP SEEKS INFORMATION TO RETURN CAPITAL CREDITS

Late last year, more than \$2.4 million in capital credits refunds were distributed to eligible members and former members of Valley Rural Electric Cooperative (REC). These funds are disbursed either in the form of bill credits in December for current members or as checks for former members.

We are making every effort to return this money to its rightful owners. The following is a list of memberships for which we need either next-of-kin or updated address information. If you recognize

a name and can provide a current address (or information about the executor of the estate or nearest relative, if the member is deceased), please send an email to capitalcredits@valleyrec.com or call us at 814-643-2650 or toll-free at 800-432-0680.

You can also write to the Capital Credits Department, Valley REC, P.O. Box 477, Huntingdon, PA 16652-0477. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

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