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COOPERATIVE CONNECTION

Affordability: Our Commitment to You



RICH BAUER

IF YOU'RE LIKE MANY FAMILIES and small businesses across our community, you've felt the pressure of rising costs over the past few years. Groceries cost more. Fuel costs more. And electricity — something none of us can do without — is taking up a larger share of household budgets.

At Valley Rural Electric Cooperative (REC), we understand that concern and take it seriously. Demand for electricity, driven largely by the rapid build out of data centers, continues to outpace the industry's ability to supply it as older power plants shut down faster than new facilities can come online. As your electric cooperative, we have a responsibility to do everything we can to ensure your power is reliable and affordable.

This commitment is built into the cooperative model. Through partnerships with other cooperatives and our statewide organizations — the Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association (PREA) and Allegheny Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Allegheny) — we've been able to control costs and protect members from skyrocketing rates.

Through Allegheny, the 14 rural electric cooperatives in Pennsylvania and New Jersey own generation resources, including nuclear and hydroelectric facilities based right here in the Commonwealth. These facilities provide most of our electricity at stable, predictable costs and shield us from much of the energy market's volatility. That stability is critical as the electric grid faces record demand and costs continue to climb.

Another key piece of affordability is managing when electricity is used.

Through the Coordinated Load Management System, an innovative demand-response program developed by cooperatives in partnership with Allegheny, we work with consumer-members who volunteer to shift their electric use away from peak periods. This, in turn, lowers the amount of expensive power that must be purchased on the open market.

Those savings flow directly back to our members, and it's a practical example of cooperation among cooperatives: small actions, taken together, to produce real savings.

Affordability doesn't end with managing costs; it also means returning value when expenses are lower than expected. Because electric cooperatives are not for profit, we have no incentive to collect more than is necessary to deliver safe, reliable electricity. Any margins remaining after covering operating costs are assigned to members as capital credits. As the cooperative's financial position allows, those capital credits are retired and returned directly to members — either as bill credits or checks in December.

This represents a fundamental difference between cooperatives and investor-owned utilities. Instead of profits leaving the community to pay shareholders, margins stay here and are eventually returned to the people who paid them in the first place.

At the heart of all these efforts is the cooperative business model itself.

Electric cooperatives exist for one reason: to serve their members. Board members are elected from the community. Directors live where you live. Decisions are made locally, focused on safety, reliability and affordability — not on maximizing profits.

Through PREA and Allegheny, cooperatives also come together to share resources, expertise, and long-term planning. This model has delivered value for nearly 100 years and continues to prove itself in an increasingly complex energy landscape.

For co-ops, affordability is more than a buzzword; it means keeping the lights on without stretching the budgets of our friends, neighbors and families even further. While we can't control every factor that affects energy costs, we can control how we plan, how we invest and how we work together.

That's our commitment to you: thoughtful decisions, long-term planning and a cooperative approach that puts members first. 

RICH BAUER
PRESIDENT & CEO

Annual Golf Tournament Benefits Area Families

DOUG ROLES, VICE PRESIDENT, MEMBER SERVICES

VALLEY RURAL Electric Cooperative's (REC) employee team spent the day at the golf course June 25 to run the cooperative's 2026 Benefit Golf Outing. This year's event at the Huntingdon Country Club aided six area families facing serious medical conditions and raised approximately \$90,000.

A committee of employees from the co-op's corporate and district offices selects beneficiaries each year and begins planning the event in February. The co-op closes all four of its locations on tournament day so the entire employee team can support the fundraiser, which includes a silent auction and raffles.

"We hope this tournament is a bright day in the journey of these families who have faced so many challenges," Valley REC President & CEO Rich Bauer says. "We are extremely grateful for the support of everyone involved with this tournament, our sponsors, donors and golfers who all joined together to ease the burden on these families."

Valley REC's Health and Wellness Committee organized its first benefit golf tournament in 2012. Through the generous support of a wide



TEED UP: From left, Valley Rural Electric Cooperative employees Chris Myers, Brandon Clemens and Seth Glover wait quietly as fellow employee Adam Atherton prepares to tee off at Huntingdon Country Club. The group was among those helping to raise funds for the co-op's 2026 Benefit Golf Outing.

range of businesses and individuals, the co-op's golf outings have raised approximately \$568,000 to date.

Fifty-two teams registered for the day-long, best-ball scramble. The first flight hit the course at 8 a.m., while the afternoon flight began at 1 p.m. Players were able to purchase "cheats" — an extra swing, a move to a closer tee or the movement of a ball closer to the cup — as part of the fundraising effort.

Beneficiaries

The six beneficiaries of this year's event included **Abby Sholly**, 5, who

was diagnosed with leukemia in June 2025. She has endured a bone marrow biopsy and blood transfusions and recently spent 20 days at a hospital in Hershey due to an infection. She is the daughter of Glenn and Sarah Sholly of Mill Creek.

Still grieving the sudden loss of her grandson Carter Wagner in July 2025, **Sherry Honstine Miles** and her husband, Wes, of Hesston learned that Sherry had esophageal

OUT FOR A STROLL: Valley Rural Electric Cooperative Executive Secretary Liz Morocco pushes Liam Hughes, 1, in his stroller during the co-op's annual benefit golf tournament in June. Liam is one of the fundraiser's six beneficiaries.

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FOR A GOOD CAUSE: Golf tournament beneficiaries Sherry Honstine Miles, left, and Alyssa Starr, second from left, spend time together at the Huntingdon Country Club. They are joined by, from left, Tim Starr, Alyssa's father; Alyssa's children Ivy and Grayson; Alyssa's nephew Daydrik Vasgar; and Missy Hetrick, Alyssa's mother.

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cancer. A November surgery to remove part of her esophagus revealed complications with a blood vessel. After more testing, she had reconstructive surgery in December, and that surgery will be followed by chemotherapy.

Sherry says she has good insurance, but medical bills, travel expenses and missed workdays all add up. She was also a recipient of this year's CHAMP fundraiser and a beneficiary of the Stone Creek Valley Lions Club's Hootenanny music event.

"I'm a Valley member," Sherry says. "I've seen information about the golf tournament before. I never in a million years thought I'd be a recipient. I'm humbled by all the support I've gotten."

Alyssa Starr of Huntingdon is a devoted mother of two beautiful children, Grayson, 13, and Ivy, 4. On her 32nd birthday last August, she was diagnosed with Stage 4 metastatic breast cancer, which has spread throughout her body. She is undergoing chemo and radiation treatments and has leaned on her strong faith in God through the ordeal.

Blake Grove, 4, of East Waterford loves to play outside. He enjoys trucks, cars and dinosaurs. Recently, he was diagnosed with three brain tumors. He had surgery in January to

remove two of them, and his medical team is planning the best path forward for the youngster. Blake is the son of Steve Stoutzenberger and Maddie Grove.

"This is really something special, just amazing," says Art Grove, Blake's grandfather. "It's great that the community is there to support people. It feels good to have community support."

Since his birth in June 2025, **Liam Hughes** has required many surgeries to his spine and abdomen. He has spina bifida and complications from having just one kidney. He remains a happy boy despite his medical conditions. He is the son of Shawn and Brooke Hughes of New Enterprise.

Izzy Boyd, 14, of Huntingdon has a progressive and terminal degenerative disease. Her condition has advanced significantly, and her mobility has declined. As Izzy's needs increase, providing her care has become increasingly challenging. Izzy's brother Alex, 21, has the same condition and is further along in the disease's progression. Izzy's mother, Samantha Gladfelter, has faced the grief of the sudden passing of her husband, Johnny, in January as the family continues to face these medical conditions. 🧡

PUTTING FUN: Abby Sholly, 5, and Valley Rural Electric Cooperative Vice President of Member Services Doug Roles spend some time on the practice green.



KEVIN DETWILER

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WINNING TEAMS: Team Brown, above, won the morning flight at Valley Rural Electric Cooperative's 2026 Benefit Golf Outing. Team members were, from left, Ryan DelBaggio, Tyler Brown, Kasey Kuhns and Brandon Brown. Team Strickler, below, won the afternoon flight. Its members were, from left, Al Weyant, Ryan Strickler, Scott Ulrich and Ed Strickler.

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MATCHING SHIRTS!: Blake Grove, 4, visits the Huntingdon Country Club during Valley Rural Electric Cooperative's annual benefit golf tournament. Blake is one of the six beneficiaries. He is joined by, from left, his mother Maddie Grove, father Stevie Stoutzenberger, and grandparents Tara and Art Grove.

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CLOSE FAMILY: Izzy Boyd, front, is shown with siblings Aurora, left, and Max, right, and her mother, Samantha Gladfelter, in this recent family photo. Izzy is a beneficiary of Valley Rural Electric Cooperative's annual golf fundraiser.

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