



ANNUAL MEETING

SOMERSET RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

2026



Somerset Rural Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting Schedule - June 11, 2026

5:00 p.m. - Registration

6:00 p.m. - Call to Order - Jerry Engle, Board President

6:05 p.m. - Reading of Minutes & Financial Report

6:15 p.m. - Report of Nominating Committee/Voting Period/Collection of Ballot Boxes

6:35 p.m. - Manager's Report - Ruston Ogburn, General Manager

6:50 p.m. - Speaker - Stephen M. Brame - PREA/Allegheny President & CEO

7:10 p.m. - Unfinished Business/New Business

7:15 p.m. - Report of Tellers

7:20 p.m. - Adjournment & Awarding of Gifts/Grand Prize Items

STEPHEN M. BRAME

PREA AND ALLEGHENY PRESIDENT & CEO

Stephen M. Brame embarked on a career of service out of college, dedicating himself to serving Pennsylvania communities through thoughtful public policy. Born in central Pennsylvania and a lifelong resident of the Commonwealth, he believes in cooperation as a fundamental tenet of building robust communities.

Brame joined the Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association (PREA) and Allegheny Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Allegheny) in 2001. As the organizations' president & CEO, he builds a career of rural advocacy. During his tenure as vice president, public affairs & member services for PREA/Allegheny, Brame touched on the very issues that impact the quality of life in rural areas of the country. He has helped PREA, Allegheny and their member cooperatives gain recognition as leaders in energy, efficiency, innovation, and conservation.

Through his work with the General Assembly, cooperative efficiency and demand-side management efforts are now recognized under Pennsylvania's landmark Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards Act, saving Pennsylvania electric cooperatives more than \$100 million over the life of the act. He has also been instrumental in amending escheats legislation to keep unclaimed property in cooperative communities for the benefit of members - instead of having it revert to the state.

Before joining PREA/Allegheny, Brame served as a senior staffer for former Pennsylvania Lt. Gov. and Gov. Mark S. Schweiker. His responsibilities in the lieutenant governor's office included legislative priorities, General Assembly relations and communications strategy. Brame continues to serve rural Pennsylvania as treasurer on the board of directors of the Center for Rural Pennsylvania and is a former member of the Pennsylvania Rural Development Council.



ABOUT THE COOPERATIVE

Who We Are

Energized in 1940, we are a member-owned rural electric cooperative serving 13,920 members in four Pennsylvania counties - Bedford, Fayette, Somerset and Westmoreland and one county in Maryland - Garrett.

The cooperative maintains 1,847 miles of energized electric lines. Somerset Rural Electric employs 43 full-time employees and is governed by a board of nine directors elected by the membership.

Our Mission

The mission of Somerset Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. is to provide a safe and reliable electric service and seek ways to improve the quality of life of its members and their neighbors.

This applies to all levels of service - residential, agricultural, recreational, commercial and industrial.

The cooperative will be compassionate in dealing with issues of comfort and personal concern, but recognizes an obligation to make wise business decisions.

Somerset Rural Electric Cooperative supports community and economic development activities that benefit the entire area.

OUR DIRECTORS & EMPLOYEES

Directors

District 1 - Floyd Lehman - Conemaugh, Ogle, Paint & Shade Township

District 2 - Russ Hillegas - Allegheny, Juniata, Quemahoning & Stonycreek Township

District 3 - Lowell Friedline - Donegal, Jefferson, Jenner & Lincoln Township

District 4 - Jerry Engle - Brothersvalley & Somerset Township

District 5 - James B. Harrold, Sr. - Middlecreek & Milford Township

District 6 - P. Timothy Vought - Black, Elk Lick & Summit Township

District 7 - Jason Huston - Fairhope, Greenville, Larimer, Northampton & Southampton Township

District 8 - Joshua C. Sechler - Upper & Lower Turkeyfoot, Saltlick, Springfield & Stewart Township

District 9 - Harvey W. Reckner, Jr. - Addison, Henry Clay Township & Garrett Co. Maryland

Jerry Engle - President, Floyd Lehman - Vice President, Lowell Friedline - Secretary/Treasurer

Employees

Ruston Ogburn, General Manager

Jessi Ditzler, Executive Assistant

Financial and Office Services

Jonathan Hillegas, Director of Finance

Kathy Armstrong, Bookkeeper

Wendy Durica, Work Order Clerk

Kristi Burkett, Billing Clerk

Daniele Anderson, Office Assistant

Jessica Maurer, Office Assistant

Kara Specht, Office Assistant

Mindy Huzsek, Office Assistant

Tim St. Clair, Custodian

Communications/Member Services

Emily Baer, Director of Marketing & Member Services

Information Technology

Gary Gindlesperger, IT Manager

Technical Services

Phil Stern, Manager of Technical Services

HVAC Department

Tony Retassie, HVAC Manager

Steve Tataleba, HVAC Technician

Jarrold Putman, HVAC Technician

Engineering & Operations

Andrew Phillippi, Manager of Outside Operations

Amber Heffley, Operations Assistant

John Hochard, Staking Engineer

Zack Pritts, Staking Engineer

Emily Parks, GIS/Operations Analyst

Dave Dudak, Storeroom Attendant

Roy Bittner, Chief Lineman

Phil Martz Jr., Chief Lineman

Brian Marker, Chief Lineman

Glenn Gross, Chief Lineman

Bryan Schrock, Chief Lineman

Adam Barnes, Lineman

Sam Shober, Lineman

Casey Pyle, Lineman

Alex Mazanowski, Lineman

Carter Engleka, Lineman

Andy Nicklow, Lineman

Drew Boyer, Apprentice Lineman

Cole Glessner, Apprentice Lineman

Austin Hemminger, Apprentice Lineman

Rick Yoder, Groundworker

Jack Gumbert, Right of Way Crew Chief

Peyton Harding, Right of Way Crew

Jacob Knopsnyder, Right of Way Crew

Metering Department

Roger Shroyer, Metering Technician

Jeff Brant, Metering Technician

2026 Director Nominees



RUSS HILLEGAS - DISTRICT 2

RUSS HILLEGAS currently represents District 2 on the Somerset Rural Electric Cooperative (REC) Board of Directors and resides in Allegheny Township, Somerset County. He has completed the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's (NRECA) director training program, receiving his Credentialed Cooperative Director and Board Leadership certificates. He has also obtained Director Gold status.

He graduated from Berlin Brothersvalley High School and continued his education at Williamsport Area Community College, where his focus was on the electrical field. Russ is retired from the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, where he was a foreman and facility manager.

He is married to Jeanne, and they have two adult sons, Brandon and Kyle. Russ is a member of Trinity United Church of Christ in Berlin and a board member for the Berlin Area Historical Society. He is also a member of the Somerset Masonic Lodge 358, the Berlin Sons of the American Legion and New Baltimore Sportsmen's Club.

Russ operates a beef cattle farm in Allegheny Township and enjoys helping his son at Hillegas Sugar Camp. He also enjoys hunting, golfing, traveling and spending time with his five grandchildren.



DOUGLAS BLACK - DISTRICT 3

DOUGLAS BLACK is director nominee from District 3, residing in Jenner Township, Somerset County. He attended Turkeyfoot Area School District until his sophomore year and graduated from Somerset Area High School in 1967. Doug received an associate degree in auto technology from Williamsport Area Community College.

In January 1983, Doug and his wife, Peggy, started their own business, Black's Specialty Service. For more than 38 years, they owned and operated an auto electric repair business. Prior to owning his own business, Doug was employed as an auto, diesel and electrical mechanic.

The couple have two adult daughters, Jennifer and Deborah. Doug has been active in his community for many decades. Now retired, he enjoyed serving as a 4-H leader and was a past member of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau and Somerset County Chamber of Commerce.

Doug has donated his time to judging numerous skills contests for vo-tech events and previously served as a Pennsylvania State Vocational Industrial Clubs of America judge. Through hard work and genuine concern for his community, he supports the Berlin Brothersvalley Tech-Ed program, helping instill an interest in small engines and auto electric repairs. Doug volunteers his time with these students and has taught them how to use a solder gun, heat gun, crimp wires, and more.

In retirement, he enjoys spending time with his three grandchildren and tinkering with race and antique cars. He is also still involved in automotive repair. When they aren't in the shop, Doug and Peggy can be found at the gym or riding bikes on the bike trail.



M. SCOTT ZIMMERMAN - DISTRICT 3

M. SCOTT ZIMMERMAN is a director nominee from District 3, residing in Lincoln Township, Somerset County. He is a graduate of Somerset Area High School and Somerset County Technology Center. Scott received a Bachelor of Science in electronics engineering technology and a Bachelor of Science in automated manufacturing from ITT Technical Institute in Pittsburgh and Indianapolis, Indiana.

He is the owner of Zimmerman Electronics, ZE Wireless, Repeater-Builder and ICS Controllers. He was previously employed as an electronics engineer at Xelatec LLC and Ritron, and as a radio technician for Baer's Electronics.

Scott lives on his fourth-generation family farm and has been a local business owner for 26 years, specializing in custom-built amateur radio repeaters, radio-to-computer interface modules and repeater controllers.

He is a lifetime member of Christ Casebeer Lutheran Church, where he formerly served on church council as treasurer and as property committee chairman. Recently, Scott served on the cooperative's Credentials & Elections Committee. He is the former president of the Cambria Radio Club and a former Cub Scout assistant troop leader.

His hobbies include amateur (ham) radio, programming, displaying an annual Christmas light show at his residence, woodworking, cooking, traveling, and spending time with his wife, Elisha, and their three children, Avery, Addison, and Lincoln.

2026 Director Nominees

JASON HUSTON - DISTRICT 7



JASON HUSTON currently represents District 7 on the Somerset Rural Electric Cooperative (REC) Board of Directors and resides in Northampton Township, Somerset County. He has completed director training through NRECA, where he earned his Credentialed Cooperative Director certificate.

Jason graduated from Meyersdale Area High School and received an associate degree in architectural design from Thaddeus Stevens College in Lancaster, Pa.

He has been self-employed as a residential contractor for 29 years.

He and his wife, Julie, have four children, Keegan, Cooper, Ellery and Maverick. Jason volunteers on the Somerset Vo-Tech Occupational Advisory Committee for carpentry. He is also a member of Berlin Brethren Church, the Pennsylvania Builders Association and the Berlin Fire Department.

Jason enjoys spending time on the family farm, Cider Valley Farm, in Northampton Township, where he raises grass-fed beef and pigs.



LOWELL L. FRIEDLINE

FORMER SECRETARY/TREASURER OF SOMERSET REC BOARD OF DIRECTORS



1975-2026

Lowell L. Friedline was elected to the cooperative board in 1975 to represent District 3 and replaced the board's lone charter member, E.K. Ankney, who had served continuously since 1939. Since the formation of Somerset Rural Electric Cooperative (REC), only two directors have represented District 3, which covers Donegal, Jefferson, Jenner and Lincoln townships.

Lowell's leadership, guidance and advocacy have shaped decades of growth and change at Somerset REC. Through storms, system upgrades, industry shifts, and new technologies, he has remained a steady voice for members and a champion for the cooperative principles on which we stand.

We are truly grateful for his insight, collaboration, and leadership throughout an extraordinary 51 years of service as a Somerset REC director. As he steps away with a heartfelt farewell, the cooperative extends a deep appreciation to Lowell for his five decades of unwavering dedication.

thank you!

ANNUAL REPORT

Serving You Through Energy Uncertainty

Despite another unpredictable year in the energy industry, Somerset Rural Electric Cooperative (REC) continued to deliver reliable electricity to our members in 2025. Through the many unknowns that impact our members, we believe the cooperative must move forward to improve our operational readiness and continue to build our financial strength.

Recent wholesale market changes provide the most significant example of these unknowns and our need to evolve. For instance, there's a greater emphasis on our system's peak demand as well as the broader electric grid.

These demands led the cooperative to develop control strategies decades ago to keep our members' rates low. We are in the midst of reviewing and updating this program to continue to capture the benefits of load control for our members.

Our current control plan focuses on two key areas: water heaters and electric thermal storage, referred to as ETS units. We plan to continue our water heater program for the foreseeable future, so we will apply a \$75-\$150 bill credit for each member with a control unit on their eligible appliance this year. For ETS units, all kilowatt-hours consumed save a member about 40% when compared with regular electric heat.

While both programs continue to have value, we want to be proactive when considering enhancements to make them more effective for a broader range of our members. If you do not currently participate in our water heater program, more information will be available in the coming months on how you can sign up to keep rates low and receive your electric bill credit.

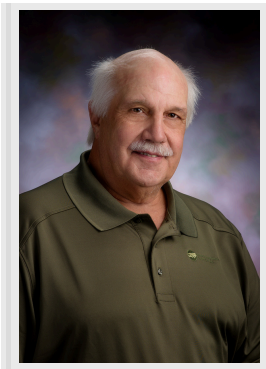
Additionally, we are actively evaluating projects at the substation level that could provide similar benefits. These larger projects would require a significant investment today with payback coming in the form of lower wholesale costs going forward. These decisions require us to evaluate the energy markets and our members' needs over the next decade. While nothing is certain, the upward pressure on power costs in the wholesale market continues to build.

These efforts to control our kilowatt demand align with our proactive stance toward everything we do. Operationally in the past year, we continued reliability upgrades with pole inspections and replacements, reconductoring miles of lines and substation upgrades.

We slightly exceeded our vegetation maintenance goal with more than 240 miles of lines cleared or maintained. This work helped to limit power outages during several violent storms that swept through our territory last summer and during the coldest periods of winter.

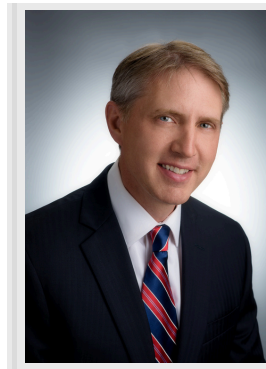
On the financial side, we recognize that electric rate increases impact every member. Our focus on running a streamlined business leads to decisions after we evaluate how they will improve service to our members. Our members' service expectations start with reliability, but must be done economically. Our board of directors understands this balance and works to ensure that our employees have the tools to safely provide this value to our members.

Our work serving our members includes seven new employees who have joined the cooperative in the past year. We have a history of long-serving employees who learned member service from their predecessors and now pass that knowledge on to a new generation. We look forward to providing this essential service to our members.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jerry Engle".

Jerry Engle, Board President



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ruston Ogburn".

Ruston Ogburn, General Manager

Somerset Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Member's Financial Report of 2025

Balance Sheets - Dec. 31, 2025 & 2024

	2025	2024		2025	2024
Assets			Equities and Liabilities		
Electric plant in service	\$ 68,136,611	\$ 65,923,050	Equities		
Construction work in progress	\$ 350,791	\$ 316,661	Memberships	\$ 94,324	\$ 96,735
Total Utility Plant	<u>\$ 68,487,402</u>	<u>\$ 66,239,711</u>	Patronage capital	\$ 40,452,454	\$ 39,224,791
Accumulated provision for depreciation	\$(31,419,264)	\$(30,073,843)	Other equities	<u>\$ 2,020,187</u>	<u>\$ 1,914,987</u>
Net Utility Plant	<u>\$ 37,068,138</u>	<u>\$ 36,165,868</u>	Total Member's Equities	<u>\$ 42,566,965</u>	<u>\$ 41,236,513</u>
Investments			Long-Term Liabilities		
Investments in associated organizations	\$ 785,732	\$ 818,382	CFC mortgage notes, less current portion	\$ 3,659,548	\$ 4,664,656
Patronage capital, due from other cooperatives	<u>\$ 10,488,471</u>	<u>\$ 10,238,459</u>	Post-retirement benefit obligation	<u>\$ 936,640</u>	<u>\$ 974,163</u>
Total Investments	<u>\$ 11,274,203</u>	<u>\$ 11,056,841</u>	Total Long-Term Liabilities	<u>\$ 4,596,188</u>	<u>\$ 5,638,819</u>
Current Assets			Current Liabilities		
Cash, general	\$ 455,550	\$ 29,047	Current portion CFC mortgage notes	\$ 1,005,108	\$ 984,572
Accounts receivable, consumers, net of accumulated provision for uncollectibles	\$ 2,578,537	\$ 2,589,726	CFC line of credit	\$ 750,000	-
Unbilled electric revenues	\$ 499,5416	\$ 550,623	Accounts payable - purchased power	\$ 1,744,655	\$ 1,348,302
Other receivables	\$ 622,131	\$ 518,355	Accounts payable - other	\$ 305,515	\$ 114,361
Materials & supplies	\$ 1,019,245	\$ 908,920	Consumer deposits	\$ 1,185,471	\$ 1,203,533
Prepaid expenses	\$ 100,757	\$ 93,588	Other current liabilities	\$ 503,525	\$ 535,204
Prepayments	<u>\$ 28,998</u>	<u>\$ 52,430</u>	Deferred credits	\$ 369,722	\$ 222,371
Total Current Assets	<u>\$ 5,304,759</u>	<u>\$ 4,742,689</u>	Accumulated miscellaneous operating provision	<u>\$ 619,951</u>	<u>\$ 681,723</u>
Deferred Debit	-	-	Total Current Liabilities	<u>\$ 6,483,947</u>	<u>\$ 5,090,066</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 53,647,100</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 51,965,398</u></u>	Total Equities and Liabilities	<u><u>\$ 53,647,100</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 51,965,398</u></u>

Statements of Revenue and Patronage Capital For the Years ended Dec. 31, 2025 & 2024

	2025	2024		2025	2024
Operating Revenue			Operating Margins Before Interest Expense		
Sales of electric energy	\$ 26,956,816	\$ 25,695,835	Interest expense	\$ 270,967	\$ 319,633
Other operating revenue	<u>\$ 2,497,562</u>	<u>\$ 1,273,372</u>	Operating Margins After Interest Expense	<u>\$ 1,359,551</u>	<u>\$ 1,679,085</u>
Total Operating Revenue	<u>\$ 29,454,378</u>	<u>\$ 26,969,207</u>	Non-Operating Margins		
Operating Expenses			Interest income	\$ 38,736	\$ 39,161
Cost of power	\$ 16,399,071	\$ 14,522,706	Gain (loss) on disposition of property	\$ 3,700	\$ (178,153)
Distribution - operation	\$ 2,647,187	\$ 2,310,486	Total Non-operating Margins	<u>\$ 42,436</u>	<u>\$ (138,992)</u>
Distribution - maintenance	\$ 3,771,174	\$ 3,405,204	Capital Credits	\$ 651,696	\$ 1,321,528
Consumer accounts	\$ 1,220,210	\$ 1,007,311	Net Margins	<u>\$ 2,053,683</u>	<u>\$ 2,861,621</u>
Consumer service & information	\$ 314,313	\$ 313,632	Patronage Capital, Beginning of Year	\$ 39,224,791	\$ 37,165,792
Administrative & general	\$ 1,398,787	\$ 1,319,487	Retirement of Capital Credits	<u>\$ (826,020)</u>	<u>\$ (802,622)</u>
Depreciation & amortization	<u>\$ 2,073,118</u>	<u>\$ 2,091,663</u>	Patronage Capital, End of Year	<u>\$ 40,452,454</u>	<u>\$ 39,224,791</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 27,823,860</u>	<u>\$ 24,970,489</u>			

Note: The complete 2025 Audit Report, as audited by Beer Ream Co., is available for inspection at the offices of Somerset Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.

2026 Scholarship Recipients

For the 25th consecutive year, Somerset Rural Electric is providing financial assistance to local students who are seeking to advance their education beyond high school. This assistance recognizes well-rounded high school seniors for outstanding academic careers, scholastic activities and community service, not financial need. Somerset REC is awarding \$1,000 scholarships. The winners were selected from a group of qualified applications received from high schools and numerous communities throughout Somerset REC's service territory. The scholarship committee congratulates our scholarship recipients' incredible accomplishments. These bright young students are motivated and excited about embarking upon the challenge of following the varied career paths they have chosen.



Gabriel Barlow



Addison Barto



Rianna Culp



Taylor Demchak



Madolyn Kimmel



Seth Kimmel

Gabriel Barlow finished his senior year at Turkeyfoot Valley High School. He is the son of Megan Barlow of Fort Hill and William Barlow of Confluence. His future plans include attending Shenandoah University and Western Iowa Tech College to major in musical performance and musical instrument repair. In school, Gabriel was a member of National Honor Society, Tri-M Music National Honor Society, choir, band, Student Council and Drama Club. He was also a finalist for county, district, and regional choir and band and participated in theater productions. Outside of school, Gabriel is a member of the Frostburg Community Band, Laurel Highlands Searchers Metal Detecting Club and Turkeyfoot Historical Society. He enjoys antique repair, practicing instruments, metal detecting and spending time with friends and family.

Addison Barto is the daughter of Steve and Shiryl Barto and completed her senior year at Rockwood Area High School. In the fall, she plans to attend the University of Pittsburgh to earn a masters degree in psychology or sociology with a focus on being a therapist or clinician. She served as president of Future Business Leaders of America, senior class treasurer, Sr.High Chorus president, National Honor Society historian. She was also varsity cheer captain and participated in varsity golf and softball. Outside of school, Addie enjoys volunteering at community and church events. She also loves traveling visiting historic destinations and state parks. Addie was a 2025 Youth Tour delegate.

Rianna Culp graduated from Turkeyfoot Valley Area High School and is the daughter of Jeff Culp and Jessica Ehrhardt. Her future plans include attending West Virginia University to receive a bachelors degree in entrepreneurship and innovation with a career goal to open her own business. In school, Rianna was the Art Club secretary, a member of STEM Club, Prom Committee, SADD Club, National Honor Society, Student Council and Drama Club. She also participated in varsity volleyball and softball and the vice president of the senior class. In her non-school time, she likes to ski, read, bake, swim, hike, bike, paint and take photos.

Taylor Demchak graduated from Rockwood Area High School and is the daughter of Joseph and Misty Demchak. After graduation, she plans to attend Waynesburg University and receive a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing with a career goal of becoming a neonatal nurse. In school, Taylor was a member of National Honor Society, where she served as vice president, as well as Future Business Leaders of America secretary. She was also captain of the varsity soccer, basketball, and softball teams and participated in Spanish Honor Society, broadcast production, and daily announcements. Outside of school, Taylor plays competitive soccer for Alleghany Force Soccer Club, works as a lifeguard, referees games for PA-West Soccer, and volunteers with youth basketball camps. She also represented Somerset REC as a 2025 Youth Tour ambassador.

Madolyn Kimmel is the daughter of Joe Kimmel and Megan Kimmel and completed her senior year at North Star High School. Her future plans include attending PennWest Clarion-Somerset to obtain an Associate of Science degree in nursing. In school, she was a member of Pep Club where she helped plan t-shirt sales and create banners to support sports teams. She was also a member of the sports media team. In her spare time, she enjoys being outdoors, hunting and fishing with her dad, and going to the gym with her friends.

Seth Kimmel is the son of Irvin Jr. and Lisa Kimmel and graduated from Rockwood Area High School. His future plans include attending and playing football at Juniata College to earn a bachelor degree in criminal justice and/or environmental science with a career goal of working as a warden for the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission or Pennsylvania Game Commission. In school, Seth participated on the varsity football and wrestling teams and was a member of National Honor Society and Rockwood FFA. He was also named Homecoming King. Seth has served as a junior firefighter with the New Centerville Volunteer Fire Department since 2022. In his spare time, he enjoys volunteering with youth football organizations, participating in mission trips with Berlin Brethren Church, and working part-time for Bowman Landscaping.

2026 Scholarship Recipients



Jessica Pepe



Arabella Renna



Gianna Rosman



Lindsey Shaffer



Josiah Smith



Kaydence Smith



Addison Younkin

Jessica Pepe graduated from Turkeyfoot Area High School. She is the daughter of Harry and Shannon Pepe. Her future plans include attending West Virginia University to major in exercise physiology with a career goal of becoming a travel physical therapist. In school, Jessica served as senior class president, National Honor Society president, Student Council secretary, Drama Club secretary, and SADD treasurer. She also participated in varsity softball and volleyball, where she was co-captain. Outside of school, she has three jobs and is a member of the Confluence Historical Society.

Arabella Renna is the daughter of Damien and Stacey Renna and graduated from Bishop McCort Catholic High School. In the fall, she plans to attend West Virginia University with a career goal to be a forensics examiner. In school, Arabella participated in Mini-THON childhood cancer fundraising events, Spanish Honors Society and Spanish Club. In her non-school time, she is active in martial arts and her church and enjoys completing logic puzzles.

Gianna Rosman graduated from Somerset Area High School and is the daughter of Joshua and Stacey Rosman. Her future plans include attending Allegany College of Maryland to receive an associates degree as an allied health care provider with a career goal to become a physical therapy assistant. She was involved in Spanish Club, Spanish Honor Society, Fellowship for Christian Athletes, high school musicals, varsity volleyball, student council and Health and Science Club in school. In her free time, she is an active youth group member at New Centerville Church of God and attends Kingwood Church of God where she volunteers in her community with the mobile food bank, highway cleanup, and spaghetti dinners. Gianna enjoys helping her neighbors with cleaning and yard work and hanging out with friends and family.

Lindsey Shaffer attended Somerset Area High School and is the daughter of Shane and Duana Shaffer. After graduation, she plans to attend Washington and Jefferson University and major in biology with a career goal of becoming a patent law attorney. In school, Lindsey was active in volunteer organizations, including Interact Club, where she served as co-president, and National Honor Society, where she served as president. She was also captain of the varsity rifle team, vice president of Youth and Government, president of Environment Science Club, vice president of French Honor Society and French Club, and secretary orchestra and chorus. In addition, she was a member of Student Council and Mu Alpha Theta and participated in the school musicals. Outside of school, Lindsey is involved in her church youth group, works at a daycare, and enjoys baking and reading. She was also selected as a 2025 Youth Tour ambassador.

Josiah Smith attended homeschool and is the son of Jason and Julie Smith. His future plans include attending Liberty University to obtain a degree in education with a career goal to become a middle school or high school teacher. Josiah enjoyed participating in the Game Changers Sports Ministry Club where he served as president for two years. When he is not doing schoolwork, he enjoys playing sports, volunteering, working out, attending church and being involved in local youth groups. You can also find him mowing, reading, playing music and hiking.

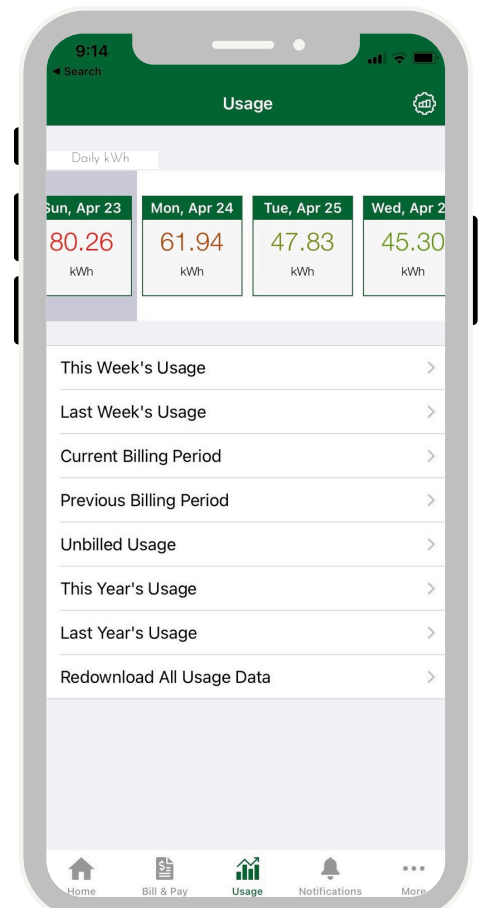
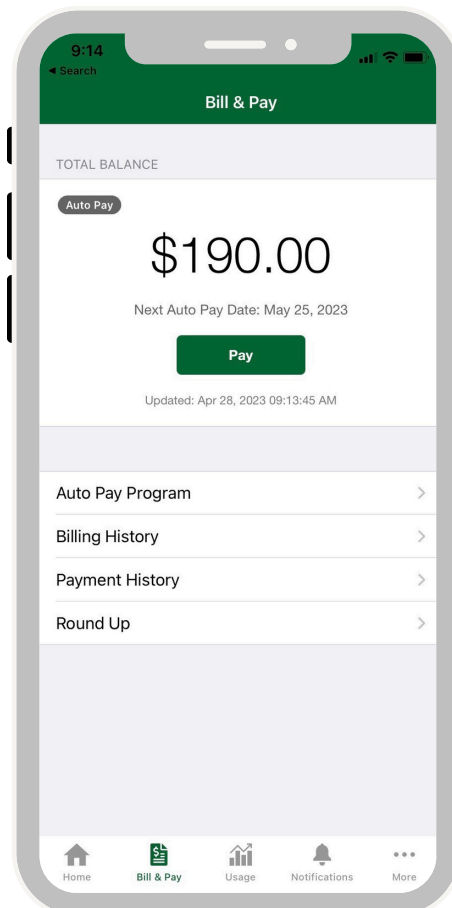
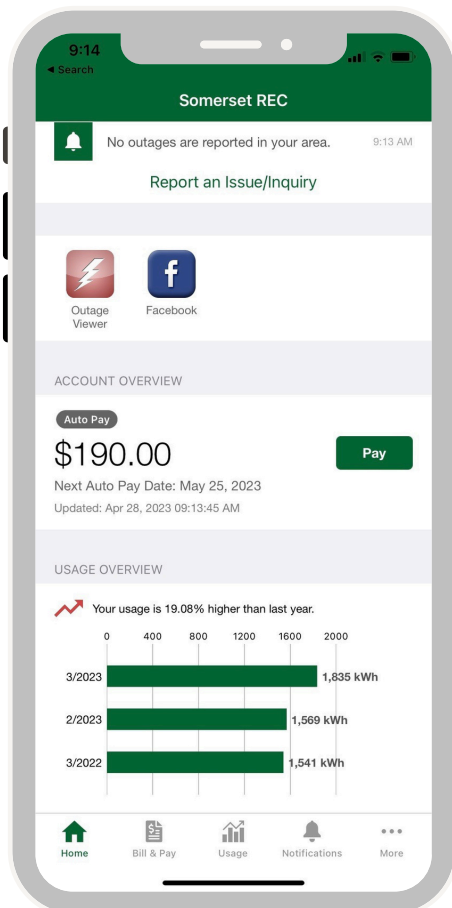
Kaydence Smith graduated from Meyersdale Area High School and is the daughter of Matt and Genna Smith. After graduation, she plans to attend PennWest California with a career goal of becoming a certified veterinary technician. In school, she was a varsity athlete on the softball team, vice president of Future Business Leaders of America, a member of National Honor Society, president of Business Club, and participated in jazz band. In her spare time, Kaydence works at the International Conservation Center in Fairhope, plays guitar, volunteers at HART for Animals, and enjoys hunting, playing pickleball and golfing.

Addison Younkin completed her senior year at Somerset Area High School and is the daughter of Norman Jr. and Aimee Younkin. After graduation, she plans to attend Duquesne University and major in occupational therapy with a career goal of becoming a pediatric occupational therapist at UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. In school, Addison was captain of the varsity tennis team, co-president of Interact Club, member of National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, and French Club. She served as treasurer of National French Honor Society and orchestra, participated in Environmental Science Club, chorus, Youth and Government, and musical theater. Outside of school, Addison enjoys spending time with family and friends, playing tennis, and reading. She is also very active in her church youth group and volunteers in many community service events with her church.

Have you tried the app?

Smarthub is a convenient way to manage your Somerset Rural Electric account. This free app is available to download on your tablet or mobile device with easy to use features such as:

- ✓ VIEW OR PAY YOUR ELECTRIC BILL
- ✓ ENROLL IN AUTO PAY OR ROUND-UP PROGRAM
- ✓ CHECK DAILY, MONTHLY & YEARLY ELECTRIC USE
- ✓ REPORT AN ISSUE OR OUTAGE
- ✓ VIEW OUTAGE MAP



LOAD MANAGEMENT

Help stabilize future power costs by balancing electric supply and demand.



OVERVIEW OF PROGRAM

By participating in our program, you agree to have a load management switch installed on your electric water heater. During a peak demand period, we will send out a signal to the switch to temporarily interrupt electricity to the water heater. When the signal ends, the water heater returns to normal.

INCENTIVES

Members can select the load management option that best suits their household. A *one-time \$75-\$150* electric bill credit will be offered for existing members and new member sign-ups.

- **Tier 1** - Full participation - **\$150** credit
- **Tier 2** - Moderate control periods - **\$100** credit
- **Tier 3** - Limited control periods - **\$75** credit

FREE element & thermostat replacement with active load management switch; labor not included.

INSTALLATIONS

WILL TAKE PLACE BY **SUBSTATION** LOCATION. IF YOU CURRENTLY HAVE A LOAD MANAGEMENT SWITCH, SOMEONE WILL CONTACT YOU FROM THE CO-OP TO SET UP A TIME TO INSTALL AN UPDATED SWITCH.

Requirements	Yes or No?
Water heater must be a minimum capacity of 40-gallons.	✓
Water heater is fully electric and not connected to additional fuel source.	✓
3-year commitment	✓
Possible Control Times: 6:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.	✓
Possible Control Days: Weekdays & Weekends; excluding major holidays.	✓

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

As a member of your electric cooperative, you have the power to help keep future energy costs down. Peak demand periods occur when electricity is in highest demand and costing the most.

In 2025, the cooperative saved more than \$300,000 due to the nearly 2,000 members currently participating in our load management program.

SIGN-UP TODAY!

Call the co-op office, scan the QR code below or send an e-mail to our member services department to sign-up today for a *one-time* electric bill credit.

Phone: 814-445-4106

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LOAD MANAGEMENT

Working together to support the cooperative's efforts to manage energy use efficiently, reduce strain on the electric grid during peak demands periods, and help control wholesale power costs.

OVERVIEW OF PARTICIPATION LEVELS

<u>Program Tier</u>	<u>Member Participation Level</u>	<u>Typical Control Frequency</u>	<u>Member Flexibility</u>	<u>Bill Credit Amount</u>
Tier 1 – Maximum	Full participation	Most peak demand events	Lowest flexibility	\$150
Tier 2 – Enhanced	Moderate participation	More frequent peak demand events	Moderate flexibility	\$100
Tier 3 – Basic	Minimal participation	Occasional peak demand events	Highest flexibility	\$75

Tier 1 – Maximum Participation

Designed for members who want to maximize their savings and support the cooperative during high-demand periods. Electric water heaters will be controlled for the entire demand period. Members receive the highest incentive with a \$150.00 bill credit.

Tier 2 – Enhanced Participation

A balanced option for members willing to participate more often for additional savings. Electric water heaters will experience more frequent control periods during peak demand events. Members enrolled in this tier receive a \$100 bill credit.

Tier 3 – Basic Participation

Ideal for members who want to participate occasionally while maintaining the greatest flexibility. During periods of high electricity demand, your electric water heater will have the lowest control time during peak events compared to Tier 2 and Tier 3. In return, you'll receive a \$75 bill credit.

By committing to the Load Management Program for three years from the date of device installation, participating members will receive bill credits determined by the cooperative. Credit amounts may be revised periodically based on program requirements and available funding. If A MEMBER REQUESTS TO CHANGE TIERS OR HAVE the device removed within the three year time frame, a portion of the originally applied bill credit will be charged back to your electric account.



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