

# Valley Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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## From the President & CEO



### ‘Cooperation among cooperatives’

By Rich Bauer


WEATHER can be the worst enemy of any electric company. When the weather is bad and most people want to stay inside, our linemen are heading out to do their job. When Hurricanes Harvey and Irma hit the United States in back-to-back weeks, several million people lost power in a matter of hours.

Being a part of an electric cooperative, you are owners in a unique company that operates differently than most companies. Even though we are relatively small (approximately 23,000 members), we are part of a much larger network of cooperatives across not only Pennsylvania, but the rest of the country, too. Electric cooperatives operate in 47 states, but all 900-plus cooperatives follow the same set of principles and operate much the same way. One of the most unique aspects of this is that even though we are all separate companies, we don't compete against one another. Instead, we are there to support one another, especially in a time of need.

After Hurricane Irma hit Florida and worked its way up the eastern United States, our statewide organization, the Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association, received a call from Jackson Electric Membership Corp. (EMC) in Jefferson, Ga., for assistance. Within an hour, 10 cooperatives in Pennsylvania, including Valley, offered crews to go to Georgia and help our sister cooperative. Forty-six linemen left the comfort of their homes in Pennsylvania

on Sept. 12 to help their fellow Georgia members. The best part of being a cooperative is that all of the 900-plus cooperatives in the nation follow the same set of construction standards. When our four linemen arrived in Georgia, they didn't have to be trained on how to rebuild the lines, because it was the same way that we do it up here in our service territory.

Jackson EMC requested our crews for a minimum of two weeks to help with the restoration. That may seem like a long time, but as I noted, Valley is a 23,000-member cooperative, while Jackson EMC has approximately 221,000 members, almost 10 times our size. Our crews didn't hesitate when the call came in for help because they know that what goes around comes around. There will be a time, hopefully not for a very long time, that we will need assistance due to a natural disaster, and I know help will only be a phone call away. That is what "cooperation among cooperatives" means. Alone, we can only do so much, but together we can accomplish almost anything.

I hope that you enjoy the season. Please remember that your Valley REC crews will be out there in the worst weather, to make sure that you are enjoying safe, reliable electric service each and every day. If you have any questions, comments or thoughts, please feel free to call me anytime. Take care and God bless. 

# Co-op Connections Card, your link to savings

As a Valley Rural Electric Cooperative member, you can use your free Co-op Connections Card or key fob to receive valuable discounts at the local participating businesses listed on these pages, as well as at more than 90 national retailers.

Keep this directory handy to identify local participants. Also, keep an eye out for the Co-op Connections Card decals on doors or cash registers where you shop.

To see an up-to-date list of participating businesses and their discounts, visit [www.valleyrec.com](http://www.valleyrec.com) and look for the Co-op Connections Card icon on the home page. New discounts are added all the time!



*We're a participating business*

## AUTOMOTIVE/MOTORCYCLE

### Calkins Auto

12951 Ferguson Valley Road, Burnham  
Offer: 50% off tire rotations.

### Huston Ford Motor Company

10719 William Penn Highway, Huntingdon  
Offer: 10% discount on parts and labor; does not apply if customer has other specials and not offered on body shop repairs.

### J & P Auto Mart

1906 Pleasant Valley Blvd., Altoona  
Offer: \$1,000 off purchase of any vehicle. Limit one per vehicle. Can't be combined with any other offer/sale. Not applicable for prior purchase.

### Keystone Kawasaki Yamaha

16432 Dunnings Highway, Duncansville  
Offer: 5% on parts and accessories. Best possible deal on new or used units. Must present card before purchase.

### Pro-Trans

2400 Commercial Blvd., State College  
Offer: 5% off transmission service and repair.

### Route 26 Automotive

8413 Anderson Lane, Huntingdon (on Route 26N past former Valley REC building)  
Offer: 15% off oil changes.

### Steve Seltzer Honda

433 Sabbath Rest Road, Altoona  
Offers: 50% off labor on motorcycle or scooter inspects. 15% off regularly priced parts and accessories. Free gas can with purchase of Honda power equipment (up to \$40 value). Extra year of Honda care on purchase of new motorcycle, ATV or scooter.

## CONTRACTORS/BUILDING SUPPLY

### Adams Electric, Inc.

870 31st St., Altoona  
Offer: 10% on electrical estimates.

### Center Region Stone Supply

3462 Birmingham Pike, Tyrone  
Offer: 10% off retail prices on Appleridge Stone, FireRock fireplaces and Holland grills.

### Central Penn Patio & Awning

321 Park Road, Mount Union  
Offer: 3% discount.

### Dennis A. Heeter, Heating & A.C.

7583 Bridge St., Alexandria  
Offer: \$100 off installation of new heating or cooling unit.

### Fink Brothers Supply

961 Pennsylvania Ave., Tyrone  
Offer: 20% off in-stock PPG paints.

### G. B. Wineland & Son, Inc.

201 S. Railroad St., Martinsburg  
Offer: 5% off Polaris insulated doors and/or 5% off five or more Polaris windows.

### Gary's Homes, Inc.

13270 Lincoln Highway, Everett  
Offer: 10% discount on parts purchased in our parts store.

### Impressive Floors, Inc.

118 S. Richard St., Bedford  
Offers: 10% off any cash-and-carry item from the store. \$20 off any ordered special materials 144 sq. ft. or more. \$20 off any two or more Hunter Douglas window treatments. These offers cannot be combined with any other offer.

### Joseph T. Berrena Mechanicals, Inc.

279 Standing Stone Ave., Huntingdon  
Offers: 20% off Hydroflow S38

chemical-free water treatment device.  
10% off parts and service.

### Lewistown Floor Company

518 W. 4th St., Lewistown  
Offer: 10% off any carpet purchase over 450 square feet (50 square yards).

### PJs Hearth & Home Heating

2447 Quaker Valley Road, New Paris  
Offer: 5% off anything in the store, including installations and cleanings.

### Rick Worthy Contracting, Inc.

10321 Sugar Grove Road, Huntingdon  
Offer: 5% discount.

### Superior Floorcoverings & Kitchens, LLC

904 Lincoln Way West, Chambersburg  
Offer: 7% discount; cannot be combined with other discounts.

## DINING/FOOD

### Allegro Restaurant

3926 Broad Ave., Altoona  
Offer: Buy one dinner entree and receive \$5 off the second dinner entree. Not applicable to alcoholic beverages, lunch menu, family-style menu and dinner-for-2 menu. Maximum value \$5. Not redeemable for cash.

### Back Yard Burgers

360 Travelers Road, East Freedom  
Offer: 15% discount.

### Couch's Subs & Groceries

13605 Greenwood Road, Huntingdon  
Offer: 5% discount on any menu item.

### Doan's Bones Barbecue

3507 McAlevy's Fort Road, Petersburg  
Offer: Free large fry with any purchase (must show card before order). \$4.95 value.

**Fox's Pizza Den**

128 W. Allegheny St., Martinsburg  
Offer: \$2 off any large pizza.

**Hobo's Restaurant**

180 Hyndman Road, Hyndman  
Offer: 10% off daily special or dinner entree (dine-in only).

**J.P. Edward's Grill and Bar**

203 S. Logan Blvd., Burnham  
Offer: 10% off, excluding alcohol and specials

**Jethro's, LLC**

417 Parkview Lane, Altoona  
Offer: 10% off. Not valid after 4 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; not valid on holidays; not valid with any other discount; excludes tax, alcohol and gratuity.

**Keystone Candies & Gifts**

123 E. Pitt St., Bedford  
Offer: Free peanut butter meltaway bar with any purchase of \$15 or more.

**Queen City Fruit & Produce**

125 E. Central Way, Bedford  
Offer: 50 cents off product not already discounted.

**Speck's Deli & Gourmet Pizza**

12144 William Penn Highway, Huntingdon  
Offer: 10% off menu-priced items; value meals and promotions excluded.

**ENTERTAINMENT****Chambersburg Skydiving Center, Inc.**

3506 Airport Road, Chambersburg  
Offer: \$10 off any student training jump: tandem, static line or accelerated free-fall.

**Holiday Bowl**

11862 William Penn Highway, Huntingdon  
Offer: Free shoe rental for cardholder.

**Isett Acres Museum**

11941 Stone Creek Ridge Road, Huntingdon  
Offer: \$1 off admission cost.

**Lincoln Caverns & Whisper Rocks**

7703 William Penn Highway, Huntingdon  
Offer: \$1 off all adult tickets during regularly scheduled tours. Not valid during special events or in combination with other discounts.

**Rockhill Trolley Museum**

430 Meadow St., Rockhill Furnace  
Offer: Buy one ticket; get one ticket free.

Not valid for special events.

**HEALTH, BEAUTY & FITNESS****Angelina's Invigorating Hour**

103 E. Beaver Ave., Suite 10, State College  
Offer: \$5 off any massage service and/or product order, or gift card of \$35 or more.

**"BEE" Unique Hair Boutique**

17759 Beavertown Road, Todd  
Offer: 10% off perms, colors, highlights, manicures and pedicures.

**HMJ PATCH Program**

900 Bryan St., Suite 5, Huntingdon  
Offer: Free quit tobacco program: free support, free resources, free nicotine patches/gum.

**Huntingdon Vision Center, Ltd.**

828 Washington St., Huntingdon  
Offer: 5% off total bill when paid with cash/check at time of service (excludes vision plans).

**Modern Family Dentistry**

3195 Cold Springs Road, Huntingdon  
Offer: \$75 off a new patient exam, cleaning and X-rays (must be a new patient of record).

**S'Hair-Eng Styling Salon**

139 Kelly Alley, State College  
Offer: 10% discount on all chemical and color services.

**HOME, GARDEN & FARM****Antietam Iron Works & Powder****Coating, LLC**

201 Lincoln Way W., Suite 100, McConnellsburg  
Offers: Powder coating: 10% off order (for first-time customers). 10% off iron fence or railings (max. discount \$200). 10% off gift shop items. Must mention card when placing order.

**BluAcres, LLC**

1301 Allegheny Street, Suite 112, Hollidaysburg  
\$250 discount on pond dredging and permit plan. \$100 discount on wetland delineation.

**CCI Cleaning Connection, Inc.**

1107 Locust St., Chambersburg  
Offer: Save 20% on initial service(s) with signed contract; save 10% on any other service. Not valid with coupon offers.

**Chimney Doctor**

268 Upper Snake Spring Road, Everett  
Offer: \$20 off chimney sweep; \$50 off

chimney repair.

**Envinity, Inc.**

331 East Foster Ave., State College  
Offer: \$100 toward a comprehensive home energy audit. Audit includes a blower door test, thermal imaging, a solar site assessment and a comprehensive report on all energy-saving opportunities in your home.

**Hines Feed Store**

210 S. Juniata St., Hollidaysburg  
Offer: 5% off excluding feed and fertilizer.

**Kelsey Springs Landscaping**

21 Buckingham Drive, Chambersburg  
Offer: 5% off maintenance invoices (mowing, fertilizing, lawn service); 10% off new installations (including walkways, patios, ponds, planting beds).

**M & T Vacuum Systems**

515 Washington St., Huntingdon  
Offers: Free estimate on vacuum tune-up or service. 10% off any new vacuum.

**Mid State Chimney Sweeps, LLC**

595 Calhoun Road, Everett  
Offer: \$10 off any chimney cleanings; 10% off any chimney liner installed.

**Mill Hill Farm Supply, Inc.**

161 Mill Hill Road Williamsburg  
618 Canal St., Williamsburg  
Offer: \$5 off any \$25 purchase.

**Potted Memories Greenhouse**

5118 Piney Creek Road, Williamsburg  
Offer: 10% off purchase of \$50 or more.

**Raystown Decorator Fabric**

7163 William Penn Highway, Alexandria  
Offer: 20% off fabrics in stock.

**Roberts Four Season Power Equipment**

613 N. Logan Blvd., Altoona  
Offer: 5% off purchase of new mower.

**Stoudnour Petroleum, Inc.**

8853 Raystown Road, Saxton  
Offer: 1 cent per gallon discount.

**OFFICE/PROFESSIONAL SERVICES****Beacon Light Photography**

2519 Lower Snake Spring Road, Everett  
Offer: 15% off any order.

**D-Signs**

2816 US Highway 522 South, McVeytown  
Offer: 10% off all purchases.

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**Ellis Office Supply Inc.**

1640 E. Pleasant Valley Blvd., Altoona  
Offer: 10% off any supply order of \$50 or more.

**Film Center (The)**

3415 Pleasant Valley Blvd., Altoona  
Offer: 50 4x6 photo-lab quality prints from your digital camera for just \$10.

**Freedom Rentals**

360 Travelers Road, East Freedom  
Offer: 15% discount.

**Grove's Inc.**

9154 William Penn Highway, Huntingdon  
Offer: 5% off in-store purchases of \$25 or more. Good on any in-stock items. May not be combined with other discount coupons.

**Huntingdon Offset Printing Company**

10722 Fairgrounds Road, Suite 4, Huntingdon  
Offer: Buy 500 full-color, one-sided business cards, get 500 free of the same card.

**Ink Garage (The)**

1100 W. 4th St., Suite B, Lewistown  
Offers: 15% off first compatible toner cartridge purchase, 5% off all subsequent compatible toner cartridges. 50 cents off refilled ink-jet cartridges.

**Julie's K-9 Kuts**

14310 Croghan Pike, Mount Union  
Offer: 10% off merchandise (except those sold on consignment) and 5% off all grooming services.

**Kavazea Designs**

398 School House Road, McVeytown  
Offer: 10% off any new design service.

**Manning Photography**

28 W. 10th St., Tyrone  
Offer: \$50 gift certificate (cannot be combined with other offers).

**MJH Services**

123 E. Pitt St., Suite 1, Bedford  
Offer: \$10 discount on tax return preparation.

**One-Stop Communications**

126 Electric Ave., Lewistown  
Offers: \$10 off any wireless phone and 20% off standard phone accessories.

**Paul Prough Photography**

59 Lower Country Club Road, Mount Union

Offer: 10% discount off all orders.

**PPCS Consulting, LLC**

195 Bean Hill Road, Suite 200, Martinsburg  
Offer: 15% off any service - PC repair/virus removal.

**Stone's Notary Service**

2183 Cow Path Lane, James Creek  
Offer: 10% off one notarized document.

**Tiny Tots Childcare and Learning Center, LLC**

22965 Croghan Pike, Shade Gap  
Offers: 5% discount to families that are enrolled Monday – Friday. \$25 per child for date night care or “Parents Night Out.”

**RECREATION/SPORTS**

**Bear Creek RV**

17481 Raystown Road, James Creek  
Offer: 10% off regular-priced items

**Ed's Train Repair & Sales**

1317 Vira Road, Lewistown  
Offer: 10% off all train track purchased.

**Reed Defining Taxidermy**

207 Holly Acres Road, Tyrone  
Offer: \$25 off the purchase of any mount or service.

**Saxton Outdoor Supply**

10520 Raystown Road, Saxton  
Offers: 15% off any in-stock bait. 10% off any in-stock Carhartt item (one item only discounted) per purchase.

**RETAIL**

**Everett Shoe Sales & Repair**

18 E. Main St., Everett  
Offer: 20% off all shoe and boot repairs.

**Franklin Frames**

911 Logan Blvd., Altoona  
Offer: 5% discount on custom framing orders.

**Hometown Delights**

7133 Petersburg Pike, Petersburg  
Offer: 10% discount.

**Log Cabin Gallery Shop**

Hartslog Valley Road, Huntingdon  
Offer: 10% off the item of your choice.

**Mount Union True Value Hardware**

135 E. Shirley St., Mount Union  
Offer: 10% off regularly priced items. Not valid on sales.

**Prospector Jewelers**

1514 Cove Lane Road, Martinsburg  
Offer: 10% discount.

**Raystown Electronics, Inc.**

14188 Croghan Pike, Mount Union  
Offer: Discount varies with product.

**Saxton Station Pharmacy**

509 Main St., Saxton  
Offer: 20% off regular priced gift dept. items.

**Trough Creek Candle Co.**

17958 Cooks Road, Cassville  
10% off in-store purchase of \$25 or more.

**Vintage Art Glass & The Foxy Grape**

9561 Main St., Huntingdon (Mill Creek)  
Offer: Friends and family 10% discount on purchases.

**Vintage Jewelry Chest**

8493 Woodbury Pike, Hollidaysburg  
Offer: 20% discount.

**Western Auto of Huntingdon**

701 Washington St., Huntingdon  
Offers: 10% off computer repair. 10% off gift department.

**TRAVEL**

**Crampton Manor Bed & Breakfast**

270 Country Lane, McConnellsburg  
Offer: 20% off any accommodation.

**Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel (The)**

215 Innovation Blvd., State College  
Offer: Complimentary guestroom upgrade (based upon availability).

**Riley's Bed and Breakfast**

863 Washington Ave., Tyrone  
Offer: Sunday through Thursday - 15% discount.

**Have a story idea for Valley REC's Penn Lines pages?**

**We'd like to hear about it!**

**Contact our Member Services department:**

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## Meet your employees ...

FEATURED in this column is a recent addition to the Valley REC team, Eric Yingling. Eric was hired in February as an electrician for Valley's new service arm, Valley Rural Energy Services (VRES).

Eric is from Hesston, Huntingdon County, and is a 2004 graduate of Huntingdon Area High School. He enlisted in the Marine Corps while a junior. After graduation, he served four years in the corps as an electrician and was stationed at Camp Lejeune, N.C. His service included three tours in Iraq.

After being honorably discharged, Eric worked for his father's business, J.D. Yingling Construction of Hesston, building custom homes. He also worked for three years as an electrician for Norfolk Southern Railway, at the Juniata shop near Altoona.

"It was interesting work; we built new locomotives," Eric says.

A Valley member now, Eric also grew up in a household served by the co-op. When he had the opportunity to come on board, he knew he'd be an integral part of Valley's new venture designed to provide electrical services to residents who need smaller jobs done in a hurry.

"We do new installations, upgrades and services for campers, anything electrical," Eric says. "It could be as simple as moving

a receptacle."

His work also includes installation of Bosch heat pumps, Marathon water heaters and Generac whole-house generators sold by the co-op.

Eric says his co-workers have been great to work with. And he enjoys the challenge presented by VRES.

"No two days are the same," Eric says. "It's always something new."

Eric and his wife, Kylie, have two daughters, Lennox, 3, and Sawyer, 1.

"They keep me plenty busy," he says.

When he does have some spare time, Eric enjoys hunting, fishing and long-range shooting.

Eric's co-workers are glad to have him on the job. He's one of the people you can count on. 🌟



ON BOARD: Eric Yingling is one of Valley Rural Electric Cooperative's newest employees. He was hired in February as an electrician with the co-op's new service arm, Valley Rural Energy Services (VRES).

## Valley REC hits two-year mark for Marathon water heater sales

By: Doug Roles

*Vice President, Member Services*

THIS fall marks the two-year anniversary of Valley REC offering Marathon water heaters, a top-of-the-line electric storage tank heater that is durable and efficient.

The co-op has sold more than 120 of the units in the past two years. Many of them were bought by members who received substantial rebates on the purchase because they participate in Valley's demand response program.

"The reaction has been very positive," says Travis Kuhstos, Valley REC's energy specialist. "This is basically the Cadillac of water heaters."

Travis says consumers don't give much thought to their water heaters, until they either quit heating or have a structural failure and cause a small flood. But Marathon owners shouldn't have to give much thought to their water heaters because they should be the last ones they ever buy.

"The lifetime warranty offered by Rheem is huge in the water heater world," Travis says.

And the warranty is transferable. So, if a homeowner sells a property, the

new owner gets the warranty.

Travis says the Marathon is timeless because there are no materials on it to degrade or degenerate. The water heater features a seamless fiberglass shell and two and one-half inches of spray foam insulation. Marathon uses a titanium heating element that is resistant to corrosion and the tank is resistant to lime build-up.

They don't use an anode rod, the sacrificial metal fixture that reacts with minerals and can cause the all-too-common sulfur smell.

"Depending on where you're located, calcium buildup and sulfur smell can be a real issue," Travis says.

The water heaters feature a factory-installed vacuum-relief fitting, a valve that prevents air bubbles from developing in the tank. And they're easier to flush out because of the bowl-shaped drain at the bottom of the unit.

"Even the wiring box on them, I think, is a lot easier than those on your run-of-the-mill water heaters," Travis adds.

That's good for do-it-yourselfers. For those not comfortable with wiring, the co-op offers installation through Valley Rural Energy Services.

Prices range from \$800-\$1,200, depending on the size of the unit. Valley members who participate in the co-op's demand response program are eligible for a \$2-per-gallon rebate on water heaters of 50-79 gallons. A \$3-per-gallon rebate is offered on water heaters 80 gallons and larger.

The rebate applies to any water heater with a 0.9 or higher Energy Factor rating.

Valley's demand response program is a load management program in which participating members help the co-op stabilize its wholesale power bill by allowing their water heaters to be temporarily shut off during peak-use periods.

"These Marathon units are a perfect fit for our demand response program," Travis says. "You could shut them off for 24 hours and they're only going to lose 5 degrees of water temperature. We don't control that long during our demand response control periods, but in a multi-day outage, those people with Marathon water heaters would still have hot water." 🌟

