

# Bedford Rural Electric Cooperative

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One of 14 electric cooperatives serving Pennsylvania and New Jersey

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## From the General Manager



# Electric Appliance Rebates!

By Brooks Shoemaker

BEDFORD Rural Electric is pleased to announce that you may be eligible to receive a rebate for installing qualifying Energy Star®-rated appliances.


### Program Procedures & Requirements:

- ▶ Qualifying appliances must be certified as Energy Star to be eligible. Verify your appliance by visiting [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov).
- ▶ Limited to one rebate per appliance type per year.
- ▶ Appliance must be installed within Bedford Rural Electric's service territory.
- ▶ Members are responsible for proper disposal of pre-owned appliances.
- ▶ After all program requirements are met, a rebate in the form of a bill credit will be issued to the member's account.
- ▶ All applications must be complete and include a payment receipt.
- ▶ All projects must comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws

and building codes.

We reserve the right to inspect the member's home for installation of materials listed on the rebate application and to verify the installation meets program guidelines. We must be able to verify the information on the rebate application in order to process and issue the rebate.

Why are we doing this? Well, everyone likes to save money. This program benefits each of us. You get a new, energy-efficient, appliance which will reduce your home's operating costs; and we also benefit by reducing the amount of energy we need to purchase. A classic win-win situation!

Funding for the rebate program comes through the Local Energy Efficiency Program (LEEP) offered by the Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association. LEEP is designed to assist Pennsylvania electric distribution cooperatives in supporting the development of local energy-efficiency and conservation programs. 

### Rebates are available for:

|                                 |                        |                      |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Heat Pump Water Heaters = \$200 | Clothes Washers = \$50 | Dishwashers = \$25   |
| Air Source Heat Pumps = \$200   | Clothes Dryers = \$50  | Dehumidifiers = \$25 |
| Window Air Conditioners = \$25  | Refrigerators = \$100  | Freezers = \$50      |



**THE COW AND HER CALF:**  
The Cow includes an ice cream stand and sandwich shop.

## ‘The Cow’ celebrates 60 yummy years

By Linda Williams

IT'S BEEN 60 years since Dale Claycomb told her husband, Stanley, and her brother-in-law, Ernest, that she would like to open an ice cream stand. The trio was en route from Pleasantville to Bedford at the time.

The two men thought it was a great idea and began looking for land. They found it along Route 56. Borrowing \$2,000 to buy the land and paying \$1,200 for the cow statue out front, they were off and running. “The Cow” opened on June 21, 1958.

Eventually Stanley, who until his death was a fixture at the establishment, bought out his brother's share.

It is now owned by his children, Jim, Linda, Joe and Jeff. A well-liked citizen, Stanley was a farmer, auctioneer, county commissioner and World War II veteran.

While the kids grew up with the business, the boys were needed on the farm, but Linda remembers working there with one of her good friends from high school.

“We wore white uniforms,” she says.

Grandson Scott recalls being told he could begin working in the business at age 14. At 54, he is still there.

Dale always liked to keep the place attractive with many summer flowers. Since her death, the gardening has been maintained by Jim. The effort

earned them the Garden of the Month Award from the Bedford County Garden Club several years ago.

Each year, The Cow, which is legally called “Cove Soft Ice Cream,” opens the first weekend in April and closes after the first weekend of Fall Foliage. With nasty weather throughout much of April this year, the cow statue had to wear a winter scarf to ward off the harsh winds.

On Mother's Day, The Cow had her first calf, adding to the attraction of The Cow sign.

Linda says it was the cow statue that gave the business its name as folks would casually say, “Let's go to The Cow and get some ice cream.”





**CELEBRATION:** Customers are frequent on Ice Cream Day, which was July 15 this year.

The Cow's mix was originally purchased from Johnstown Sanitary Dairy and has always been known for its smooth texture. There are four flavors daily — vanilla, chocolate, orange pineapple and one other that varies from week to week.

One year after the ice cream stand opened, the Claycombs added a lunch-type addition, selling a variety of sandwiches and fries. All of the hamburger sold is from beef cattle raised on the Claycomb farms. They sell an average



**DREAM COME TRUE:** Dale and Stanley Claycomb are shown at the The Cow, which was Dale's dream that Stanley followed through to provide.

of 300 to 400 hamburgers a day during the summer months. Linda remembers running out of the ice cream stand and into the sandwich stand. In 1968, the family connected the two with a hallway.

Open seven days a week from 9 a.m. until 10 p.m., the business keeps the entire family plus 20 employees hopping. Customers are both local and from far away. They include folks who stop after work or after picking their children up from a local day care. Others come for lunch and enjoy the shaded outside tables. Seniors enjoy a light dinner.

Linda says potential customers who are up to two hours away sometimes call, asking if they can make it in before closing time. And she recalls a couple of motorcyclists who said they stopped in because they had heard about The Cow at a bar in North Dakota. At least one customer from every state has eaten at The Cow.

Stanley is still missed and remembered for his habit of sitting at the picnic table and enjoying the steady stream of customers on warm summer nights. If he saw a dog in the car, he always gave it a dish of ice cream and added a doggie treat. It's a tradition still in effect today.

In August, the Claycombs held their 60th anniversary celebration complete with T-shirts, mugs, key chains and ice cream specials. ☀



**BANNER YEAR:** Sign celebrates 60 years of The Cow.

## OUTAGE REPORTING

### In case of an outage...

- 1** Check your fuses or circuit breakers.
- 2** Check with your neighbors, if convenient, to see if they have been affected by the power failure.
- 3** Call the 24-hour number, 623-7568, OR call 800-808-2732\* during office hours.

*\*(Please help us save money – only use this number if toll charges apply.)*

Please give the person receiving the call your name as it appears on your bill, your telephone number and your map number if known. Any specific information about the outage will also be helpful in pinpointing the problem.

**To report an outage call:  
(814) 623-7568**

*During widespread power outages, many members are calling to report power failures. You may receive a busy signal, or in certain cases your call may go unanswered. This occurs in after-hours outages when the office is not fully staffed. Please be patient, and try again in a few minutes.*

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Submit completed rebate form and copy of sales receipt to:

*Bedford Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Attn: Appliance Rebate (Member Services)  
P.O. Box 335 ~ 8846 Lincoln Hwy  
Bedford, PA 15522***Member Information**

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Installed: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (where installed): \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Acct #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Equipment Information**

Appliance Type (check):

 Heat Pump Water Heater  Air Source Heat Pump  Freezer Refrigerator  Clothes Washer  Clothes Dryer Dehumidifier  Window Air Conditioner  Dishwasher

Manufacturer: \_\_\_\_\_ Model #: \_\_\_\_\_ Serial #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Member Certification / Confirmation**

Under penalty of perjury, I certify that the appliance for which I am claiming a rebate is a qualifying Energy Star rated appliance, and that it has been, or will be, installed at the address listed above and this address represents a valid cooperative account. Rebates are available only for the purchase of new Energy Star rated appliances purchased on or after April 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>. The appliance must be installed where electricity is supplied by Bedford Rural Electric Cooperative (BREC). Rebate submittal must follow the guidelines spelled out in the terms and conditions of this rebate program. BREC is not responsible for inaccurate information supplied by the appliance dealers. Rebates will be issued only for appliances listed as Energy Star rated during the current year. Energy Star occasionally removes appliances from qualifying lists, and BREC will not rebate appliances that have been removed from said list as of the purchase date, nor will BREC rebate for appliances mislabeled as Energy Star. To verify Energy Star status, visit [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov). Rebate program is subject to change or cancellation without notice. Call BREC @ 814-623-5101 or visit [www.bedfordrec.com](http://www.bedfordrec.com) to verify rebate program status.

I also understand that the submission of this application does not guarantee a rebate. The program will end when funds are depleted. Call (814-623-5101) or visit [www.bedfordrec.com](http://www.bedfordrec.com) to verify rebate program status. I agree to a one-time electric bill credit as my rebate payment. Member agrees to the Electric Appliance Rebate Program 2018~2019 Terms and Conditions.

Member's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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