

The Outlet

September 2026

SAVE THE DATE MEMBER APPRECIATION DAY!

Tuesday, October 6, 2026

Onalaska Omni Center

4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

- Free meal & milkshakes
- Entertainment:
 - Balloons by Kevin
 - Madlee Band
- Registration gift
- Chance to win electric bill credits

Update Your Contact Info:

Have you moved, changed phone numbers or updated your email address? Riverland Energy Cooperative needs accurate contact information to share important details about your electric service, including outage updates and restoration information. Please take a few minutes to confirm the name, phone number and email address on your account.

How to update your information:

- Online through SmartHub
- Calling 800-411-9115
- Update Contact form on our website

Keeping your account current helps us keep you informed when it matters most.

National Preparedness Month: Get Ready Before Severe Weather Arrives

Storms can happen in any season. The best time to prepare is before severe weather is in the forecast.

During National Preparedness Month, Riverland Energy Cooperative encourages members to take a few minutes to build or refresh an emergency kit. Keep enough supplies on hand for your household, including bottled water, nonperishable food, flashlights, extra batteries, a first-aid kit, needed medications, phone chargers and copies of important documents.

Staying informed matters just as much as having supplies. Make sure Riverland Energy Cooperative has your current phone number and email address so you can receive outage updates and restoration information.

A family plan can also make an outage less stressful. Talk through where you will meet if you are separated, how you will communicate if cell service is limited and who will check on older relatives or nearby neighbors. Include a plan for what your household will do if power is out for several hours or longer.

Portable generators can help during an outage, but they must be used safely. Always operate a generator outdoors, well away from doors, windows and vents. Never connect a generator directly to your home's electrical system. Follow the manufacturer's instructions and allow the unit to cool before fueling.

When outages occur, Riverland Energy Cooperative crews are prepared to respond safely and restore service as quickly as conditions allow. Preparing now helps keep your family safe while our crews work to restore power.

OPERATING STATISTICS

July 2026

	Monthly		Year-to-date	
	2025	2026	2025	2026
KWHS PURCHASED	32,104,347	57,673,047	180,243,513	297,674,719
KWHS SOLD	31,283,051	56,717,572	174,657,196	291,824,419
REVENUE	\$27,245,351	\$33,519,720	\$4,833,117	\$5,997,327
COST OF PURCHASED POWER	\$15,296,884	\$21,159,549	\$2,853,802	\$3,690,668
OTHER EXPENSES	\$11,219,357	\$11,442,961	\$1,666,229	\$1,868,148
OPERATING MARGINS	\$729,110	\$917,210	\$313,086	\$438,511
NON-OPERATING MARGINS	\$188,555	\$37,095	\$4,669	\$2,778
CAPITAL CREDITS-ASSOC. ORGANIZATIONS	\$709,994	\$1,273,834	\$126,438	\$184,157
TOTAL MARGINS	\$1,627,659	\$2,228,139	\$444,194	\$625,446

RIVERLAND ENERGY COOPERATIVE POWER YOUR FUTURE

Join the Youth Ambassador Program

High school juniors, power your future with Riverland Energy Cooperative's Youth Ambassador Program.

Explore the electric cooperative industry and build leadership skills! You'll learn about electrical safety, renewable energy, energy efficiency, and career opportunities in utilities!

Apply online by **September 30, 2026** on our website:
www.riverlandenergy.com/youth-ambassador-program.



Questions?

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ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

September kicks off the fall shoulder season, when cooler mornings and milder evenings often mean you can give your heating and cooling system a break. Open windows, use ceiling fans and enjoy the fresh air whenever temperatures allow. It's also the perfect time to schedule annual HVAC maintenance before colder weather arrives. Because demand is typically lower during the fall, heating and cooling professionals often have greater availability, making it easier to book an appointment. Regular maintenance can improve your system's efficiency, help prevent unexpected breakdowns and keep your home comfortable all year long.

Source: Department of Energy

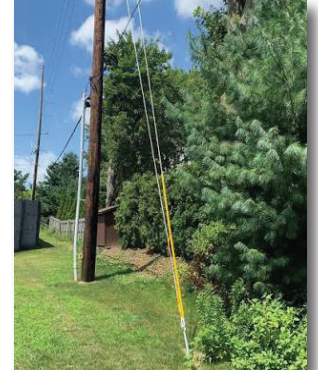
Make Time For Safety This Harvest Season

Harvest season often means putting in long hours, which can make it difficult to stay alert and on the lookout for potential hazards. Safety starts with preparation:

- Be prepared for potential emergencies before the rush of harvest season begins.
- Have a safety plan, and make sure that farm workers and family members are aware of the procedures in it.
- Be sure that you can see well in the areas where you are working. Consider adding extra lighting around grain bins and augers.

Take the time to look up and look out for electrical lines.

Always be aware of where they are in relation to your equipment. Keep a minimum of 10 feet away from all electrical equipment, and lower extensions before moving equipment. If you see a power line that is sagging or low, contact your utility. Also keep an eye out for guy wires. Although these wires are not energized, they can bring down live lines.



In equipment with auto-guidance systems, less focus is needed on steering, which may lead some drivers to think that they do not need to be as aware of navigation issues. However, even while using a GPS with auto-steering, farm workers need to keep safety in mind and stay focused on their surroundings.

Slow down, always stay alert, and take all recommended precautions. To help you do so, recognize when you need to take breaks so that you can be active and engaged in the farm work.

Additional electrical safety tips include:

- Use a spotter when operating large machinery near lines.
- Inspect the height of farm equipment to determine clearance.
- Look up and use care when moving any equipment such as extending augers or raising the bed of grain trucks around power lines.
- Always set extensions to the lowest setting when moving loads to prevent contact with overhead lines. Grain augers should always be positioned horizontally before being moved.
- Never attempt to move a power line out of the way or raise it for clearance.

If the machinery you are operating does make contact with a power line, stay on the equipment. Immediately call 911, warn others to stay away, and wait for the utility crew to cut the power. Only on the rare occasion that the machinery catches fire should you leave the vehicle after contact is made. If this is the case, jump off the equipment with your feet together and without touching the ground and machinery at the same time. Then, still keeping your feet together, hop to safety as you leave the area. Never touch anything that is in contact with a power line.

Even during the busiest days of harvest, make safety a priority. Look up for overhead power lines, identify other hazards and stay safely clear.

Month of September

Billing Date:

September 1, 2026

(August usage)

Current amount due:

September 30, 2026

Past due balance must be paid **BEFORE**

September 22, 2026 to avoid disconnection.