

Sullivan County Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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SULLIVAN COUNTY REC

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COOPERATIVE CONNECTION

Powering Our Communities



DIANE WHITE

HAPPY 250TH BIRTHDAY, AMERICA! As we mature, we tend to reflect on the life we've lived and the experiences we've had. The same applies to reflecting on the birth of the America we all know and love — not only on what happened to create it, but also what has happened since. We have seen men and women travel to the moon, experienced many medical advances, rallied around each other in times of need, and had many technical advances that have made life easier.

Reflecting on the history of America has made me think about the history of Sullivan County Rural Electric Cooperative (SCREC). Long ago, investor-owned electric utilities wouldn't expand to the rural areas of our country because they would not make a substantial return on their investments. Then, in the 1930s, the Roosevelt Administration took a personal interest in rural electrification and offered low-interest loans to existing power companies with the hopes of luring them into serving rural areas. After they rejected the federal loan program, someone came up with the idea of establishing electric service in rural areas with the help of locally owned and operated cooperatives. SCREC began because volunteers made it happen. They collected \$5 membership fees from potential members and secured rights of way — all in addition to their other daily activities. Today, we would not have electrical service without those volunteers, the very first rural electric cooperative members.

Since then, members continue to own and control the cooperative. Through the years, they've been represented by a board of directors who have moved the co-op forward with system improvements and technology. From 1936 until now, each person who has served as a director has had a personal connection to the cooperative. They all have been rural members living and working in the communities we serve, and the decisions they make in leading the cooperative are done so with forethought and careful consideration for their neighbors. Your board of directors, CEO, and staff completed a strategic planning process in March that will prepare the cooperative for the future. Recently, they also met with federal and state legislators to advocate for rural communities. To emphasize their political commitment to you, all of our directors are members of America's Electric Cooperative Political Action Committee (PAC).

Since 1937, many innovations have made SCREC what it is today. Have there been a few hiccups along the way? Of course. Will we also have hiccups in the future? Sure, we will. To become better you must ride these bumps in the road. Our team here at the cooperative ... the directors, the CEO, our employees, and the subcontractors we hire ... are here for one thing: to enhance the quality of life for our rural neighbors — our members — by powering growth, innovation, and community for a brighter tomorrow.

"O beautiful for spacious skies ... For amber waves of grain ... For purple mountain majesties ... Above the fruited plain! ... America! America! ... God shed His grace on thee ... And crown thy good with brotherhood ... From sea to shining sea!"

That verse from "America the Beautiful" sums up our rural communities best.

Thank you for your continued support of SCREC and your rural neighbors. 🍷

DIANE WHITE

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Sullivan County REC Awards 10 Craig A. Harting Memorial Scholarships

SARAH PARRISH, COOPERATIVE COMMUNICATOR

THE SULLIVAN COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE (SCREC) Craig A. Harting Memorial Scholarship — named in honor of the co-op's former CEO of 32 years — is now in its fourth year. It was the privilege of the Scholarship Committee — Directors Karen Beinlich, Stephan Brady, and Dave Aumen — to award scholarships to 10 graduating high school seniors in our service territory.

To be considered, students had to meet the following criteria:

- ▶ Their guardian must be an SCREC member;
- ▶ They must be a graduating high school senior;
- ▶ They must be attending a public or private school while living in our service territory or be homeschooled/cyberschooled in our service territory;
- ▶ They must be obtaining a post-secondary education (e.g., university/college, trade school, electric lineworker school, etc.) or opening a small business; and
- ▶ They cannot be an immediate relation to any SCREC employee or director.

Students were required to submit an application answering eight questions, submit academic proof (high school transcript, SAT/ACT results, and post-secondary acceptance letter or proof of entrepreneurial business venture), and answer the following essay prompt in at least 500 words: *“Cooperatives are guided by seven principles. The seventh guiding principle is ‘concern for community’ SCREC is deeply rooted in the communities we serve. Please describe in a paragraph or two at least one thing the cooperative has done in the past to give back to the communities we serve, and why it’s important to give*

back. In another paragraph or two, describe activities you have participated in to give back to your community. Finish by describing ways in which you plan to give back once your post-secondary education has been completed.”

The 2026 scholarship recipients are listed below in alphabetical order:

- ▶ **Theadora Bagley**, Sullivan County High School, attending Bloomsburg University for early childhood education.
- ▶ **Malika Bangoura**, Sullivan County High School, attending Denison University for Spanish.
- ▶ **Madalyn Broschart**, Wyalusing Area High School, attending Misericordia University for speech and language pathology.
- ▶ **Kira Hottenstein**, Sullivan County High School, attending Lycoming College for early childhood education.
- ▶ **Lily McCarty**, Sullivan County High School, attending Penn State University for communicative sciences and disorders.
- ▶ **Laura Ochs**, Hughesville High School, attending Bloomsburg University for early childhood education.
- ▶ **Kiana Peck**, Hughesville High School, attending Penn State University for agricultural science.
- ▶ **Bailey Ulmer**, Montoursville Area High School, attending Lycoming College for biochemistry.
- ▶ **Emilia Viveiros**, Commonwealth Charter Academy, attending Susquehanna University for biology.
- ▶ **Hailey Whittaker**, Sullivan County High School, attending Misericordia University for digital marketing.

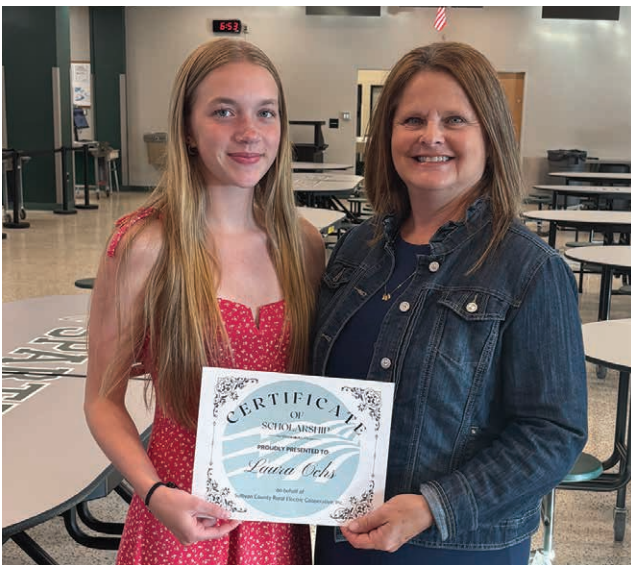
The late Craig Harting believed in education, and the power to change lives and strengthen community. He was a passionate advocate for learning and personal growth and dedicated his life to serving others. Craig gave back to the community through leadership, generosity, and commitment to making our community a better place to live. This scholarship honors his legacy by supporting the next generation of leaders, entrepreneurs, and skilled professionals who will contribute to a bright future for our community.

Since the scholarship's inception in 2023, SCREC has awarded a total of \$32,000 to high school seniors attending Hughesville, Montoursville Area, Sullivan County, and Wyalusing Area high schools and those being homeschooled. The funding comes from capital credits retirements that members have donated to the cooperative or have gone unclaimed after a three-year waiting period.

Everyone at SCREC wishes the students good luck in all their future endeavors. 🍀



FIRST WYALUSING RECIPIENT: Madalyn Broschart is the first student from Wyalusing Area High School to receive the SCREC scholarship. She is shown with SCREC CEO John Lykens.



HUGHESVILLE RECIPIENTS: Laura Ochs, left photo, and Kiana Peck, right photo, graduates of Hughesville High School, receive their scholarship certificates from Sullivan County Rural Electric Cooperative (SCREC) Director Karen Beinlich.



MONTOURSVILLE RECIPIENT: 2026 Montoursville High School graduate Bailey Ulmer, right, shown with SCREC Cooperative Communicator Sarah Parrish, receives her scholarship certificate.



COMMONWEALTH CHARTER RECIPIENT: Emilia Viveiros, a Commonwealth Charter Academy graduate and SCREC scholarship recipient, is shown with CEO John Lykens.



SCHS RECIPIENTS: Left photo – Sullivan County High School (SCHS) students who receive the SCREC Craig A. Harting Memorial Scholarship. Shown, from left, are: Hailey Whittaker, Theadora Bagley, Malika Bangoura, Lily McCarty, and SCREC CEO John Lykens. Right photo – Craig A. Harting Scholarship recipient Kira Hottenstein displays her scholarship certificate while posing with Lykens.

ATTENTION MEMBERS: Update Your Outage Notification Preferences

SARAH PARRISH, COOPERATIVE COMMUNICATOR

SULLIVAN COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE (SCREC) recently upgraded its outage management software to one centralized platform. Previously, we had several systems that attempted to work together, and they often did not communicate. This made work frustrating for our operations department, especially during large-scale outages.

Although the new software program makes life easier for our operations department, a little work on our members' end is required.

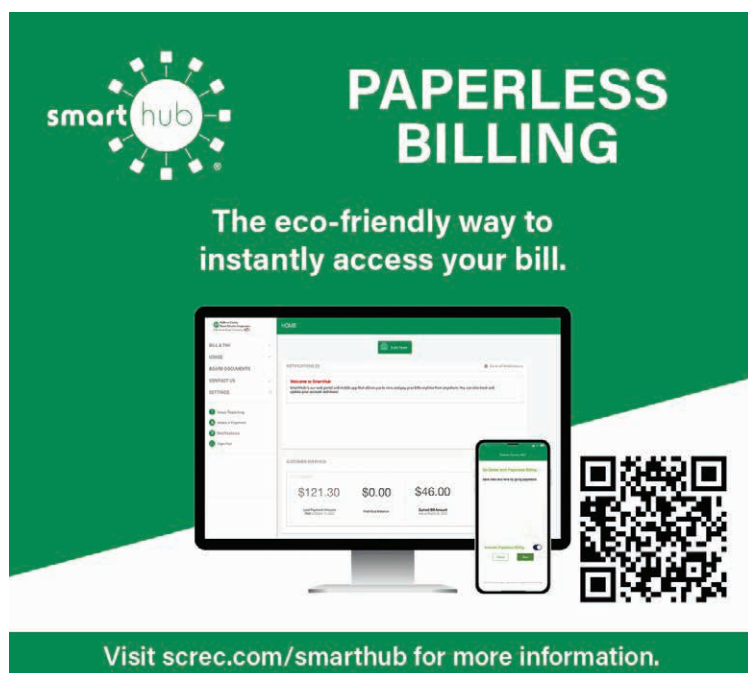
Our text-based message system has become obsolete. Therefore, members who want to continue to text us outage information or receive texts about outage/restoration updates will need to provide us with their notification preferences by taking the following steps:

1. Create a SmartHub account — if you haven't already — by visiting screc.com/smarthub or calling the cooperative office at 570-924-3381 or 800-570-5081 during regular business hours, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.
2. Once you have a SmartHub account, go to the "Settings" drop-down menu and select "Contact Methods."

3. Add your preferred contact methods: email, voice call, and/or text messages.
4. Once your preferred contact methods have been added, go back to the "Settings" drop-down menu and select "Manage Notifications."
5. Update your contact methods for billing alerts (bill available, declined auto pay, etc.) and service alerts (planned power outage, power outage update, etc.).
6. Once you have signed up for text messages, you will receive a text to verify your phone number. Use this toll-free number to text us about power outages: 833-863-6408.
7. Members may also report an outage directly from their SmartHub account. Simply select "Report Power Outage" and answer the prompts.

If you have any questions about your SmartHub account or signing up for text notifications, please call the office. As always, members can report an outage by simply calling 570-924-3418 or 800-596-8397.

SCREC appreciates our members' cooperation and patience during this system upgrade. 🙏



The advertisement features a green background. At the top left is the SmartHub logo, which consists of a circle of small squares with the words "smart hub" inside. To the right of the logo, the text "PAPERLESS BILLING" is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. Below this, in smaller white text, it says "The eco-friendly way to instantly access your bill." In the center, there is a graphic of a desktop monitor and a smartphone. The monitor displays a web interface with a sidebar menu on the left containing options like "My Account", "My Outages", "My Bills", "My Settings", and "My Profile". The main content area shows a "Bills & Payments" section with a balance of "\$121.30" and a "Pay Now" button. To the right of the monitor is a QR code. At the bottom of the advertisement, a green banner contains the text "Visit screc.com/smarthub for more information."



The notice is set against a background of a blue-to-red gradient with many small white stars. A semi-transparent white rectangular box is centered on the page. Inside the box, the text reads: "The Sullivan County Rural Electric Cooperative office will be closed Monday, Sept. 7, in observance of Labor Day. To report an outage, please call 570-924-3418 or use your SmartHub account. Have a safe holiday weekend!"