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# NEWS FROM THE **WHEAT CAPITAL**

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## **Lineworkers Are Wired for Service**



**Coni Adams**

On April 14, we join the nation in celebrating the hardworking men and women who keep our lights on, our rural communities connected, and our homes powered. Lineworker

Appreciation Day provides a special occasion to recognize the essential role lineworkers play in keeping our daily lives running smoothly. These dedicated professionals work tirelessly, often in dangerous conditions, to maintain the vital infrastructure that powers our world.

Whether working high above the ground on towering utility poles or deep in the trenches repairing lines, lineworkers are always ready to rise to the challenge. They brave extreme

weather conditions, navigate hazardous heights, and solve complex technical problems to keep the electricity flowing. Their work requires skill, precision and a deep understanding of the systems that power our lives.

As we celebrate Lineworker Appreciation Day, let's take a moment to express our gratitude for all the lineworkers who keep our communities powered and connected. Whether it's our very own Systems Operator Danny Clark, a certified journeyman lineman, the dedicated lineworkers at neighboring utilities, or the skilled contract linemen of J&J Powerline, each plays a vital role in delivering safe, reliable service to our rural region.

The next time you flip a switch, take a moment to think of the countless lineworkers who made that possible — the men and women who are wired for service and work relentlessly to keep our world illuminated.

## **INTRODUCING NEW GRANT PROGRAM**

At SCEC, we believe in giving back to the people and organizations that make our rural area a great place to live and work. That's why we've launched our new **CONCERN FOR COMMUNITY PROGRAM**. This grant program is open to everyone, not just SCEC members, and is designed to support organizations that are working to improve their operations and strengthen our rural area. Whether you focus on children, the elderly, farming or technology we're here to help those who are making a difference. A positive impact, a solid financial plan, and a well-thought-out business model are all things that will be considered when reviewing funding requests.

Applications are open year-round! To apply or learn more, contact Casha Short at [cashas@sucocoop.com](mailto:cashas@sucocoop.com) or call 888-326-3356. You can also visit our website at [www.sucocoop.com](http://www.sucocoop.com) for more details. Through this program, we continue our commitment to building a brighter future for the areas we serve, one project at a time.



**CONCERN FOR  
COMMUNITY**



# The Daily Scoop

## SERVING UP SWEETNESS ONE CONE AT A TIME

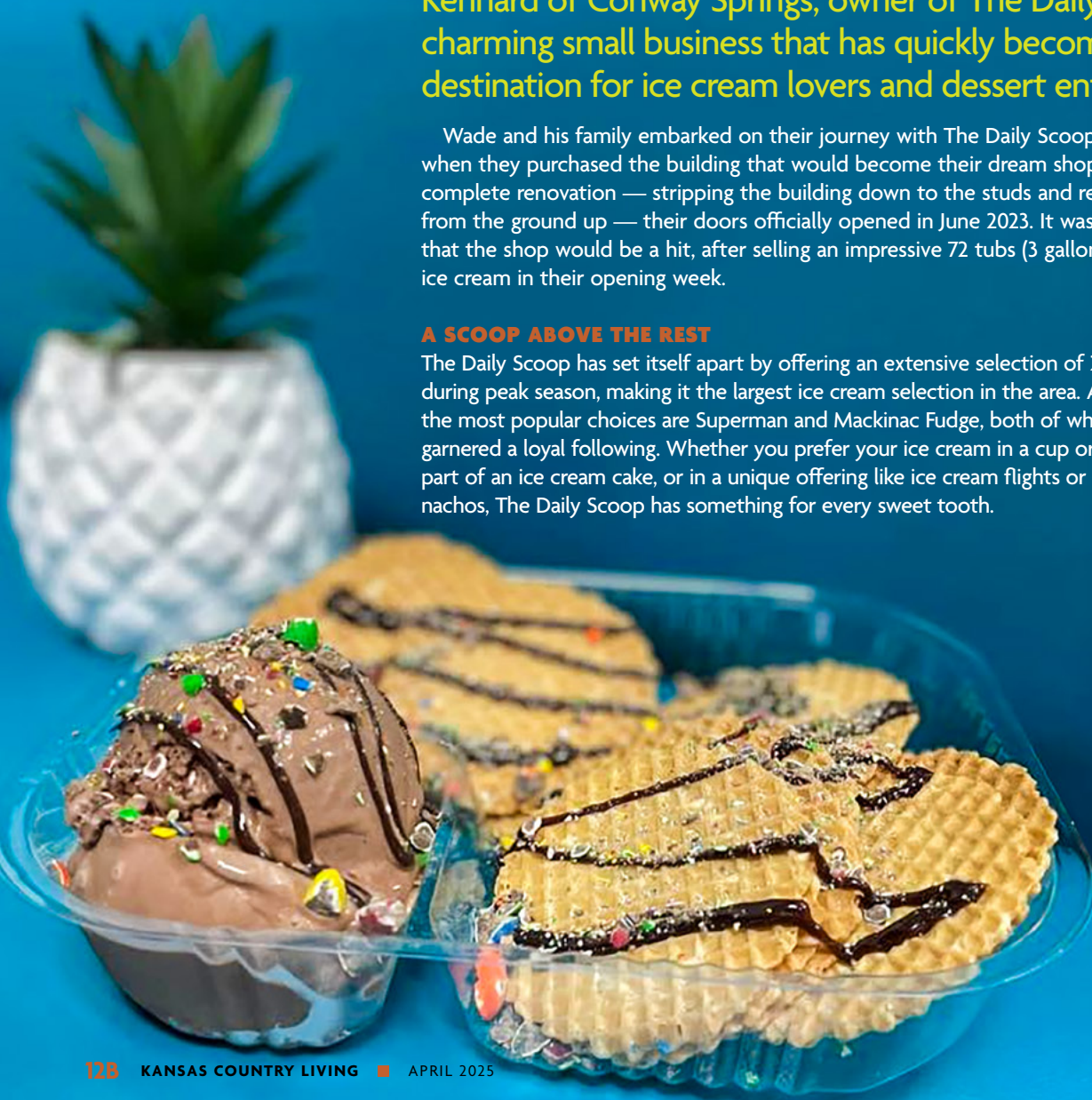
BY CASHA SHORT, MEMBER ENGAGEMENT  
AND CREATIVE SERVICES

At Sumner-Cowley Electric Cooperative, we take pride in celebrating our members and their contributions to the local economy. This month, we shine the spotlight on Wade Kennard of Conway Springs, owner of The Daily Scoop, a charming small business that has quickly become a beloved destination for ice cream lovers and dessert enthusiasts alike.

Wade and his family embarked on their journey with The Daily Scoop in 2022 when they purchased the building that would become their dream shop. After a complete renovation — stripping the building down to the studs and rebuilding it from the ground up — their doors officially opened in June 2023. It was evident that the shop would be a hit, after selling an impressive 72 tubs (3 gallons each) of ice cream in their opening week.

### A SCOOP ABOVE THE REST

The Daily Scoop has set itself apart by offering an extensive selection of 24 flavors during peak season, making it the largest ice cream selection in the area. Among the most popular choices are Superman and Mackinac Fudge, both of which have garnered a loyal following. Whether you prefer your ice cream in a cup or cone, as part of an ice cream cake, or in a unique offering like ice cream flights or ice cream nachos, The Daily Scoop has something for every sweet tooth.







Bakers Bob (left) and CJ happily welcome guests to the Daily Scoop.



The Kennard family stands in front of their store on opening day.

Beyond ice cream, The Daily Scoop has expanded its menu to include a variety of home-baked goods, each crafted with care and bursting with flavor. Their muffins, described as gigantic, moist and packed with the juiciest blueberries imaginable, are hands down the best we've ever tasted at SCEC. Their award-winning cheesecakes range from classic flavors to innovative options like caramel apple, jalapeño, and their fan-favorite bacon maple. And let's not forget the pies and cookies, especially the legendary Sasquatch Cookie — a delightful combination of M&Ms, oats, and chocolate chips. Even SCEC District 4 board member Keith Leddy has a favorite: the chocolate fudge brownie with a scoop of ice cream and a drizzle of caramel. (We won't rat him out on how often he stops by for dessert!)

### A TRUE FAMILY BUSINESS

What truly makes The Daily Scoop special is the way the Kennard family is woven into every aspect of the business. Wade, his wife Daphne, and his brother-in-law Chris, and many other family members and friends put in the hard work to renovate the building themselves. His parents, Bob and CJ, who previously ran a bait and tackle shop — plus an ice cream parlor in upper Michigan — relocated to Kansas and now handle all of the baking. Their culinary skills are entirely self-taught, but their numerous awards speak for themselves. The next generation is also involved — Wade and Daphne's two daughters, their nephew, and nine local high school students help run the shop, making it a true family and community effort.

### A BUSINESS ROOTED IN COMMUNITY

Wade didn't have to build this business alone. When sourcing vendors and ingredients, he found invaluable support from the owners of Hired Man's Grocery just down the road, who shared their industry knowledge to help ensure his success. This spirit of collaboration and community support is at the heart of The Daily Scoop.

Beyond serving ice cream and desserts, The Daily Scoop extends its reach through catering for weddings, school events, and business meetings. Their ever-changing Thursday and Friday lunch specials and high-demand Saturday breakfast (featuring biscuits and gravy) have also become local favorites. The shop even hosts birthday parties, creating a fun and welcoming space for celebrations.

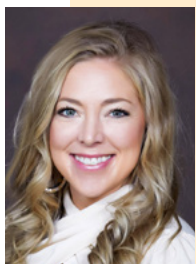
The Kennards' dedication to Conway Springs and the surrounding rural area is evident in everything they do. They've not only built a thriving business, but they've also created a gathering place where people come together to enjoy great food and even better company. If you haven't yet experienced The Daily Scoop, check out their Facebook page, and make sure to stop by — you won't regret it!

**PHOTOS AT RIGHT:** The Daily Scoop has something for every sweet tooth, including more than 17 flavors of cheesecake (top), homemade ice cream cones (center), tasty muffins (bottom) and more.



## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

### CASHA SHORT



Casha Short

This April, **CASHA SHORT** marks her fourth year at Sumner-Cowley Electric. She began as executive administrative assistant, providing office support and assisting the board

with scheduling, education and meeting coordination. Casha valued building relationships with the board members and understanding their vision for SCEC, which continues to guide her as she transitions into her current role in member engagement and creative services.

In this new role, Casha thrives on connecting with SCEC members and sharing the co-op's projects and mission. She takes pride in showcasing that SCEC is more than just an electric provider. Whether she's chatting with local cotton farmers, engaging students about SCEC scholarships, or spreading awareness of electrical safety through the PowerTown demonstration table, Casha's passion for people shines through.

Outside of work, Casha stays busy as a wife and mother of three. Her family enjoys spending time outdoors, whether it's golfing, hunting or relaxing at the lake.

"Between my family at home and my SCEC family, I truly feel blessed to have the best of both worlds!" she said.

She looks forward to continuing her work with SCEC and connecting with members for years to come.

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