



**Sumner-Cowley
Electric Co-op., Inc.**

Building on our past. Lighting the way to the future.

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FROM THE CEO

The Cooperative Spirit Shines Bright This Christmas Season

As we near the end of another year and look forward to the Christmas season, I'm reminded of what makes our cooperative truly special — the people we serve and the principles that guide us. This time of year is filled with gratitude, generosity and reflection, and those same values are at the heart of everything we do as your local electric cooperative.

One of the most visible ways we demonstrate the cooperative difference is through the return of capital credits. I'm pleased to share that your board of directors has authorized a general retirement totaling \$586,315.30 to be returned to our members. This retirement includes the remaining balance of the 1999 allocation and \$100,000 from the year 2000 allocation, keeping us aligned with our financial policy of maintaining a 25-year retirement rotation. Current

members who received electric service during those years will see a credit on their December bill. Former members will receive a check mailed to their last known address.

Capital credits are one of the most tangible benefits of belonging to a cooperative. Unlike investor-owned utilities that return profits to shareholders, electric cooperatives operate at cost. Any margins we earn are allocated back to you, the member-owners, based on your patronage for the year. When the cooperative's financial condition allows, those margins



Coni Adams

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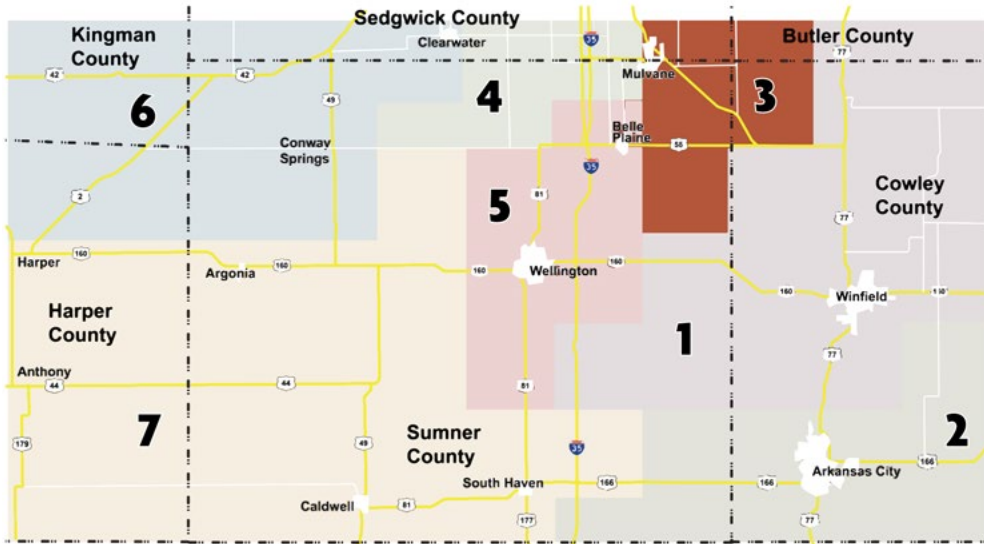
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Petitions to Run for Board of Directors Due in January

If you are a residential member living in District 3 and want to make a difference, run for the board of directors! Getting on the ballot is simple, just submit a petition signed by at least five members from your district to CEO Coni Adams between Jan. 1-30, 2026. Petitions are available now at our website, www.sucocoop.com, or if you would like a petition mailed or emailed to you, contact us at 888-326-3356.

CALL FOR CANDIDATES: DISTRICT 3 IS UP FOR ELECTION IN 2026



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ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE YOUTH TOUR AND COOPERATIVE YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP APPLICATIONS DUE JAN. 16

Don't miss your chance to attend a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! Applications to attend the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour in Washington, D.C., and the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp near Steamboat Springs, Colorado, are **DUE JAN. 16, 2026**.



you will get the chance to experience what the cooperative world is like, creating a candy co-op with your fellow campers. You will also get to participate in leadership

workshops, view a high-voltage safety demonstration, and tour a power plant. There will be plenty of fun extracurricular activities too with a volleyball tournament, talent show and river rafting!

To apply, you must be a high school junior, and your parents/guardians must be a Sumner-Cowley Electric Cooperative member. For more information, visit www.sucocoop.com/youth-programs or email Tanner Ford at tannerf@sucocoop.com.

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are returned in the form of capital credits. Every dollar we return to our members represents your investment in reliable, affordable, community-focused power. These funds help strengthen the local economy and reflect our ongoing commitment to manage your cooperative responsibly.

This year has brought its share of challenges and opportunities, but through it all, the cooperative spirit remains strong. Whether it's restoring power after a storm, planning for future growth, or finding new ways to serve you more efficiently, we remain dedicated to our mission: providing safe, affordable and reliable electricity to every member, every day.

As we celebrate this Christmas season, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to you, our members, for your trust and continued support. I also want to recognize our employees and board of directors for their hard work and dedication throughout the year. Their commitment ensures that when you flip the switch, the lights come on — a simple action that reflects the complex, coordinated effort of many people working together for the good of all.

On behalf of everyone at Sumner-Cowley Electric Cooperative, I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas filled with joy, peace and the warmth of treasured traditions. May your home be bright with the spirit of the season, and may the new year bring health, happiness and continued blessings.

**COOPERATIVELY YOURS,
CONI ADAMS, CEO**

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

DALE MILLER



Dale Miller

This month, we are excited to shine the spotlight on our Warehouse Manager **DALE MILLER!** Dale joined SCEC in 2018, bringing with him an impressive 39 years of experience from his previous role with the City of Wellington. Since then, he has become an essential part of our team, keeping everything running smoothly behind the scenes.

In his day-to-day work, Dale manages inventory, assists crews by pulling materials, and gets quotes for the supplies needed to keep projects on track. When asked what he enjoys most about working at SCEC, Dale shared that the friendly and laid-back atmosphere is what makes this place special.

Outside of work, Dale is up for an adventure and a good meal. He likes to travel to see the sights and test out new restaurants with his wife. He always enjoys getting outside, boating and riding his four-wheeler.

We're glad to have Dale on our team and appreciate everything he does to keep our warehouse stocked up and running like clockwork.

SUMNER-COWLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE TO RETURN \$586,315.30 IN CAPITAL CREDITS!

HOW DO CAPITAL CREDITS WORK?

PATRONAGE



SCEC TRACKS HOW MUCH ELECTRICITY YOU USE AND HOW MUCH YOU PAY FOR IT DURING THE YEAR

MARGINS



AT THE END OF THE YEAR, SCEC CALCULATES MARGINS (LEFTOVER FUNDS)

ALLOCATION



MARGINS ARE THEN ALLOCATED BACK TO YOUR ACCOUNT BASED ON YOUR PATRONAGE

RETIREMENT



IF FINANCIAL CONDITIONS ALLOW, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS DECIDES TO RETIRE (RETURN) CAPITAL CREDITS

PAYMENT



CAPITAL CREDITS ARE PAID TO THE MEMBERS VIA BILL CREDIT FOR CURRENT MEMBERS, OR A CHECK FOR THOSE WHO HAVE MOVED OFF OF OUR SYSTEM

Sumner-Cowley Awards Over \$18,000 to Projects Through Concern for Community Fund

Guided by cooperative principle No. 7, Concern for Community, Sumner-Cowley Electric Cooperative is committed to supporting the people and organizations that make our rural area a better place to live and work. In April 2025, the Concern for Community Program was established to give back to local organizations through the proceeds of the discounting process of early paid out capital credits, reinforcing our dedication to the communities we serve. The fund is overseen by a committee made up of one representative member from each of the seven districts across our service territory.

Eight applications have been submitted this year by schools, churches, nonprofits and volunteer organizations, all with projects aimed to better serve their communities. This year's recipients are:

- ▶ **\$3,580.39 TO WELLINGTON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY FOR SECURITY CAMERAS FOR THEIR NEW CHILDCARE AND PRESCHOOL CLASSROOMS.** These security cameras will give parents peace of mind that their children are safe and are being properly cared for as it adds an extra level of security and transparency.
- ▶ **\$8,000 TO THE WELLINGTON FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THEIR BAPTISMAL UNIT.** Their baptistry is not only used by the First Christian Church but they welcome other church groups in the area to use it as well.
- ▶ **\$6,381.46 TO THE NORWICH AMBULANCE SERVICE FOR REPLACEMENT BATTERIES AND A NEW CHARGER FOR**



Congratulations to our 2025 Concern for Community Program recipients: Conway Springs OWLS (top left), First Christian Church (top right), Norwich Ambulance (bottom left) and Wellington Christian Academy (bottom right).

THEIR ZOLL AUTOPULSE RESUSCITATION SYSTEM. This system improves positive patient outcomes by delivering uninterrupted compressions during cardiac arrest emergencies and is especially vital during transport or in confined environments.

- ▶ **\$1,000 TO CONWAY SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE EXPANSION OUTDOOR WILDLIFE LEARNING SITE (OWLS).** The OWLS area is located at Conway Springs High School and has been a collaborative effort since its inception between CSHS students and staff, area businesses, and local community members. This area is open to the community to enjoy and provides learning opportunities for students to learn about native wildlife and conservation. These are just a few examples of how SCEC demonstrates its dedication to the cooperative principles that guide its operations. The donations to these community projects illustrate how collective support and reinvestment can create lasting benefits. For more information about the Concern for Community Fund or how to apply for support, visit www.sucocoop.com/concern-for-community or contact Tanner Ford at 888-326-3356 or tannerf@sucocoop.com.