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Electric Co-op., Inc.**

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

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FROM THE CEO

Lineworker Appreciation

As CEO of Sumner-Cowley Electric Cooperative, I have the unique privilege of seeing firsthand what it truly takes to keep the lights on for our members. In April, we pause to recognize the skilled professionals who make that possible every single day — the lineworkers who maintain and restore your system.

Currently, our line services are provided through a contract outsourced to J&J Powerline Contractors. We work closely with highly trained crews who live right here in our communities. When storms impact our area and outages occur, many experience the inconvenience — but these lineworkers see a call to action. They are ready when it matters most, leaving family dinners, working through the night, and heading into challenging conditions to restore power as safely and quickly as possible. That readiness isn't accidental. It comes from

rigorous training, deep experience and a strong commitment to their work.

Electric co-operatives like Sumner-Cowley were built on the principle of neighbors helping neighbors. Partnering with reputable contractors has allowed us to continue fulfilling that mission while ensuring our system is maintained safely and reliably. During major outage events, we also coordinate through mutual aid to bring in additional support from neighboring cooperatives when needed. That spirit of cooperation strengthens the entire network and ultimately benefits the members we serve.

At the same time, we are always



Coni Adams

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READY WHEN IT MATTERS MOST

When the lights go out, lineworkers are ready to answer the call, day or night, to safely restore power and keep our communities moving forward. They take pride in powering the places we call home. Today and every day, we thank lineworkers for their service and commitment.

LINEWORKER APPRECIATION DAY IS APRIL 13, 2026



Youth Leadership Trip Winners Announced



Two students from Wellington High School will represent Sumner-Cowley this summer as a part of our youth programs. Goran Djurovic (left) will attend the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour in Washington, D.C., and Rogan Wetta will attend the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp near Steamboat Springs, Colorado.



Lucas Pauly (left) will represent Sumner-Cowley at the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour, and Joslin Bartelson will attend the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp. Both attend Conway Springs High School.

Each year, our electric cooperative invests in the future of our communities by providing leadership opportunities for local students.

We are proud to announce the winners for the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour and the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp, where selected high school juniors will represent our cooperative while developing valuable leadership skills and connections with peers from across the nation. Students earned this opportunity through a competitive application process that included an essay response, a short “teach us something” video designed to highlight their communication skills, and a summary of their leadership experience and involvement in their school and community. These trips reflect our cooperative’s ongoing commitment to our members, the next generation of leaders, and the importance of education.

LUCAS PAULY, Conway Springs, and **GORAN DJUROVIC**, Wellington, will attend the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. During the tour, students will see their nation’s capital, experience history up close by visiting world-class museums and monuments, meet with elected officials, and learn how government impacts their communities.



They will also develop leadership skills through hands-on experiences and workshops, learn about cooperatives and how they support rural communities across America, and connect with peers from 44 states, building friendships that last long after the trip.

JOSLIN BARTELSON, Conway Springs, and **ROGAN WETTA**, Wellington, will attend the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp near Steamboat Springs, Colorado. During this weeklong adventure, campers will engage in activities to develop leadership and speaking skills, learn about democracy, gain an understanding of the cooperative business model, and hear testimonials from influential leaders.

Along with professional development, they will experience the beauty of the area through a variety of outdoor activities, including white-water rafting and hiking.

This is an incredible opportunity for these students to network and grow their leadership abilities while learning about electric cooperatives and our government. We are excited for them and know they will represent Sumner-Cowley Electric well!

Lineworker Appreciation

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planning for the future. Beginning in 2027, your cooperative will bring the line department back in-house. This decision reflects our long-term commitment to strengthening the cooperative by investing directly in employees and assets that are part of the organization you own.

We are sincerely grateful to the contracted crews who serve our members today and appreciate the professionalism and dedication they bring to our system. As we look ahead, our goal is to thoughtfully transition the resources currently allocated to contracted services into building and supporting a cooperative-employed line team, while investing in equipment and infrastructure that will be owned by the cooperative. By doing so, we keep more of

your cooperative dollars working locally and positioned for long-term benefit.

On April 13, 2026, we will celebrate Lineworker Appreciation Day, but one day is hardly enough. Today, we thank not only the J&J linemen who serve your cooperative, but all men and women who put on the climbing hooks. And as we look ahead to bringing this work back in-house in 2027, we remain committed to honoring the skill, emphasizing the safety, dedication and service that define the lineworker profession.

To the men and women who keep the power flowing across rural Kansas — thank you. We're grateful for the work you do and proud to serve alongside you.

**COOPERATIVELY YOURS,
CONI ADAMS, CEO**

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LEASE AND INSTALLATION

The HomeGuard unit may be leased for \$4.99 per month which is added to your electric bill. The lease agreement is for a minimum of three years. A \$30 one-time installation fee is also charged.

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CONCERN FOR COMMUNITY PROGRAM APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN

Sumner-Cowley Electric operates under the Seven Cooperative Principles, one of which is Concern for Community. We are dedicated to providing our members with safe and reliable electricity, and we are committed to supporting the communities we serve.

In 2025, we contributed \$29,265.85 to various community projects such as improved security, educational equipment and opportunities in schools, a baptismal unit for a church, and downtown improvements. We are incredibly proud to support these programs and will continue to do so in 2026.

Our committee consists of seven members, one from each district, and meets quarterly to review applications and ensure funds are awarded responsibly to organizations that will enhance our rural communities. This program is open to every community we serve. If there is a program or project in need, we invite you to send in an application.

**Applications are
available at
www.sucocoop.com.**



ANNUAL MEETING

"FROM THE GROUND UP"

**MAY
19
2026**

5:30-7:30 P.M.

Wellington High School

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