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ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**

# NEWS FROM THE **WHEAT CAPITAL**

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## **FROM THE CEO**

# **Wired for Growth: Balancing Data Center Demand and Reliability**

Data centers may feel like a big-city phenomenon, but more and more of them are showing up in rural areas like ours — and here are the reasons for that. Rural areas offer what data centers need most: affordable land, room to grow and access to transmission lines that can move large amounts of power.

What makes data centers different from other large businesses is their appetite for electricity. These facilities run 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Servers must stay online constantly, which means power has to be reliable every minute of every day.

For electric cooperatives like Sumner-Cowley Electric, powering data centers creates both opportunities and challenges.

On the plus side, data centers have

the potential to bring steady, long-term load growth that helps support investments in the local grid. With proper planning and policy support, those upgrades — including new substations, stronger lines and smarter technology — could benefit all Sumner-Cowley members and help keep electricity rates steady.

But providing power to data centers presents challenges, too. These large facilities can be constructed and operating in as little as one year, but ensuring the necessary infrastructure,



**Coni Adams**

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# **CONCERN FOR COMMUNITY APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE**

**SCAN  
FOR DETAILS**



## Your Small Change Can Make A Big Difference

Sometimes the smallest change can make the biggest difference. Through Operation Round-Up, Sumner-Cowley Electric members have a simple way to support the communities they call home, just by rounding up their monthly electric bill.

Operation Round-Up allows participating members to round their bill up to the nearest dollar each month. Those extra cents are placed in the Members Helping Members fund that is used to support local community needs. While the individual contribution is small, the collective impact is powerful.

To make that impact go even further, our cooperative proudly matches all member contributions to benefit the Members Helping Members fund. That means every penny donated by members is doubled, strengthening the support we're able to provide throughout our service area.

Funds from Operation Round-Up are used to support a variety of local initiatives, including

youth programs, community events, and other projects that enhance safety, connection and quality of life in our communities. Best of all, these dollars stay local, helping neighbors, schools and organizations right here at home.

Participation is completely voluntary, and members can join or leave at any time. By rounding up just a few cents each month, members become part of something much bigger, a shared commitment to caring for our communities.

If you would like to enroll in Operation Round-Up, you may sign up on our website, through SmartHub, or by giving us a call at 888-326-3356.



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### ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

As spring arrives, take advantage of milder temperatures to save energy at home. Open windows on pleasant days to bring in fresh air instead of running your HVAC system. It's also a great time to replace dirty air filters, which helps your system run more efficiently and improves indoor air quality. As daylight increases, turn off unnecessary lights and rely on natural sunlight when possible. Small seasonal adjustments like these can reduce energy use, lower monthly bills, and help keep your home comfortable as winter transitions into spring. SOURCE: NRECA

### SAFETY TIP

If you're outside during a tornado, get to a sturdy building if possible. Never stay in a vehicle during a tornado or try to outrun it. If no shelter is nearby, lie flat in a ditch or low-lying area away from cars, trees and power lines. Protect your head with your arms.

SOURCE: WWW.SAFEELECTRICITY.ORG



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## ANNUAL MEETING

**SAVE THE DATE**

**May 19,  
2026**

**at Wellington High School**

# Scholarship Applications NOW AVAILABLE



Applications are now open for our annual scholarship program, created to help ease the financial burden of higher education for the families we serve. As students prepare to take their next step after high school, we're committed to supporting their goals and investing in the future of our communities.

While we provide safe, reliable electricity every day, we believe our role goes far beyond being a utility company. Giving back to our members and supporting local youth is a core part of who we are. Through this scholarship program, we aim to recognize hardworking students and help them pursue education and training that will set them up for long-term success.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- ▶ The applicant must be a graduating

high school senior in the class of 2026.

- ▶ The applicant's parent or legal guardian must be a member of Sumner-Cowley Electric Cooperative.
- ▶ The applicant must plan to enroll in a university, college, junior college, vocational or trade school.

Completed applications must be submitted **BY APRIL 10**. Students are encouraged to apply early and carefully review all application requirements.

For more information, application materials, or questions about the scholarship program, please visit [www.sucocoop.com](http://www.sucocoop.com) or contact Member Engagement & Creative Services Specialist Tanner Ford at 888-326-3356 or [tannerf@sucocoop.com](mailto:tannerf@sucocoop.com).

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equipment and electricity requires longer lead times and significant financial investment. Strategic planning and partnerships, as well as long-term power supply strategies, are essential to the process.

While Sumner-Cowley Electric does not currently serve any data centers, co-ops nationwide are fielding requests and inquiries from tech companies, and we anticipate similar requests in the not-too-distant future.

As a member-owned cooperative, our responsibility is twofold: to listen to the members we serve and to provide reliable, affordable electric service to all member-owners. Balancing those responsibilities is not always simple, especially as new types of large-scale energy users — like data centers — become part of the local landscape.

No matter what the future holds, our priority will be supporting growth with fairness — that means ensuring large-scale energy users pay their fair share so residential bills don't spike and our local communities feel invested in.

The energy landscape is changing, and with it comes both opportunities and challenges. My commitment, and the commitment of Sumner-Cowley's board and employees, is to continue listening, communicating and working with our members and community partners to ensure all decisions reflect the best interests of the cooperative, which is owned by you, the member.

If you have questions or concerns regarding data centers, your energy bills or any other co-op matters, we encourage you to stay engaged and reach out.

**COOPERATIVELY YOURS,  
CONI ADAMS, CEO**

# DON'T FORGET TO SPRING FORWARD

## MARCH 8, 2026



# Help the Lineworker Spring into Action

Did you know March 20 is the first day of spring? This time of year marks new beginnings and fresh blooms, but it can also bring powerful storms that interrupt electric service.

Help the lineworker find his way through the maze to the bucket truck so he can restore power.

