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Sedgwick County Electric Cooperative

**SEDGWICK COUNTY  
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**

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## Sedgwick County Electric Cooperative

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## FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER/CEO

# See You at the Annual Meeting

Most of us lead busy lives. We find ourselves multitasking, constantly checking phones and email to keep up with the demands of modern life. Thanks to technology, we can accomplish many tasks electronically and remotely to be more efficient. And with so many pressing obligations, we like to protect our “spare” time. Invitations to attend in-person meetings and gatherings are weighed carefully as we decide whether or not our time and effort to attend is beneficial. The answer to the question, “what’s in it for me?” must be compelling. You may think attending Sedgwick County Electric Cooperative’s annual meeting would be easy to lump into the “no benefit to me” category. However,

I’d ask you to think again.

Sedgwick County Electric Co-op exists to provide safe, reliable and affordable energy to its member-owners (that’s you!). Equally important is our mission to enrich the lives of all members and to serve the long-term interests of our local communities. This is where you can help.

As a member of the community, you have a perspective that is valuable—and we invite you to share it with the co-op. At the annual meeting, co-op leaders will provide updates regarding cooperative priorities and challenges,



Scott Ayres

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## Mark Your Calendars Annual Meeting is April 2, 2019

The Annual Membership Meeting of Sedgwick County Electric Co-op will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2019, at the Cotillion Hall and Ballroom, 11120 W. Kellogg in Wichita.

Doors will open at 6:15 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

- Cooperative Update
- Door Prizes
- Youth Tour Winners Announced
- Employee Service Awards and Introductions

April 2019						
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## Nominating Committee Meets

Thurs., Feb. 7 at 5:30 p.m.

### February 2019

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The Nominating Committee of Sedgwick County Electric Co-op is scheduled to meet **THURSDAY, FEB. 7, AT 5:30 P.M.** to nominate members to be placed on the ballot. Voting will occur by the membership at the annual meeting on April 2, 2019.

## Tip of the Month



Is your hot water tank warm to the touch? Consider insulating it to save 7 to 16 percent annually on water heating costs. Follow the manufacturer's recommendations.

Source: [energy.gov](http://energy.gov)

## Happy New Year Office Closed Jan. 1

Sedgwick County Electric Co-operative would like to wish our members a Happy New Year and remind you that our office will be closed on Jan. 1, 2019.

# Employees Participate in CPR, AED and First-Aid Training



LeAnn Bravi reviews CPR, AED and first-aid with Sedgwick County Electric Co-op employees.

Sedgwick County Electric Cooperative employees participated in CPR, AED and basic first-aid training on Dec. 4, 2018. Employees were split into two groups with half the employees participating in a morning four-hour

training and the other half attending an afternoon training session.

Training was conducted by LeAnn Bravi and Connie Smarsh, authorized CPR, AED and first-aid instructors, from Hutchinson Community College.

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and discuss the financial health and priorities for the coming years. Youth Tour winners will be announced along with employee introductions and service awards. And best of all we will be handing out awesome door prizes. The Annual meeting is also the time to vote for new board members who will represent you—the members of the co-op. Board members are local member-owners, just like you.

Sedgwick County Electric Co-op is one of the few local organizations uniquely positioned to bring together all members of the community. It is worth noting that the health of the co-op and the well-being of the community are closely intertwined.

Perhaps you may feel you have nothing to add to the discussion, so there is no need to attend the annual meeting. However, every energy bill you pay to the co-op helps ensure better service and reliability for the whole community. Your dollars are

reinvested locally into improvements that impact the reliability and affordability of your energy, and Sedgwick County Electric Co-op wants to hear from you to help us make informed decisions as we plan for the future.

While Sedgwick County Electric Co-op provides convenient electronic options for bill-paying and communication, there are times when there is no substitute for in-person engagement. When members of our community come together for a common purpose, we improve the quality of life for all in our corner of the world.

If you've never attended our annual meeting, or if it's been awhile, please stop by. Our co-op family looks forward to visiting with you!

We'll have food, fun and door prizes, so mark your calendar for the annual meeting on April 2, 2019, at the Cotillion Hall and Ballroom, 11120 W. Kellogg, Wichita, KS.

# Attention High School Sophomores & Juniors

Please submit the application below to Sedgwick County Electric Co-op, P.O. Box 220, Cheney, KS 67025 or scan and email to [jboyd@sedgwickcountyelectric.coop](mailto:jboyd@sedgwickcountyelectric.coop) by **FEB. 8, 2019**. Please complete both sections on page 16C and 16D.

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

2018-2019 Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: M or F Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's email: \_\_\_\_\_

**I AGREE THAT ALL INFORMATION SUPPLIED IN THIS APPLICATION IS ACCURATE AND TRUE.**

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**I HEREBY GRANT PERMISSION TO THE ABOVE APPLICANT TO COMPETE IN THE YOUTH TOUR COMPETITION.**

Parents Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

List activities you have participated in at your school and any special honors you have received, such as class officer, plays, music, activities, etc

Activities	Years	Remarks & Honors

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# Youth Tour & Camp Application *Continued from page 16C* ▶

List extra-curricular activities you have participated in, such as FFA, 4-H, church, community, etc.

**Activities**

**Years**

**Remarks & Honors**

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List any hobbies, talents, special interests, etc: \_\_\_\_\_

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What are your future plans? \_\_\_\_\_

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Anything else you'd like to tell us about yourself? \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe the biggest challenges electric utilities will face in the future and why.

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