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FROM THE MANAGER

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In October, electric cooperatives across the country take time to celebrate National Co-op Month and reflect on the unique advantages of being part of a cooperative. It's also the perfect time to thank you — the members who make it all possible. For us, it's not just a celebration, it's a chance to reaffirm the values that guide everything we do.

As the general manager/CEO of Sedgwick County Electric Cooperative, I see purpose in action every single day. Unlike investor-owned utilities, our co-op doesn't exist to make profits for distant shareholders. We exist to serve you — our members, our neighbors and our communities. That purpose is what sets us apart. It's why we were founded and what continues

to drive every decision we make.

At its core, being a cooperative means we are member-owned and locally controlled.

That's not just a tagline; it's the very heart of our business model. Members have a voice in how our co-op operates. You elect board members who live right here in our service area and understand the unique challenges and opportunities our communities face. Decisions aren't made in corporate boardrooms hundreds of miles away; they're made



Scott Ayres

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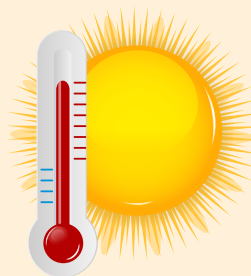
MEMBERSHIP MEETING SCHEDULED

Sedgwick County Electric Cooperative is notifying members of a special membership meeting on **OCT. 20, 2025, AT 6 P.M.** at the cooperative office, 1355 S. 383rd St. W., Cheney, Kansas 67025. The board of directors will consider and vote on changes to the Parallel Generation and Net Metering rates due to a Kansas legislative change.

The exact wording of modifications to the Parallel Generation and Net Metering rates and proposed changes will be posted to the cooperative's website, www.sedgwickcountyelectric.coop, no later than Oct. 1, 2025.



THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN PEAK CONTROL



Sedgwick County Electric Co-op would like to thank those members who participated in peak alerts.

Members who reduced their electric usage from 3-6 p.m.

on days when temperatures were 95 degrees or higher during June, July, August and September helped keep the peak demand cost down.

Working together and using energy wisely help keep our costs down and electric rates stable.

METER REMOVAL INFORMATION TO AVOID ADDITIONAL FEES



Sedgwick County Electric Cooperative's new metering system provides us with real-time information, including alerts when an electric meter has been removed or installed.

To ensure the safety of our members and maintain the integrity of our equipment, it is required that you or your electrician contact us before your electric meter is removed from the meter socket. Please be aware that the removal of an electric meter can be dangerous and is considered tampering, as this equipment is owned by the cooperative. By notifying us in advance, we can help avoid any unnecessary tampering alarms that may be triggered by the new metering system and prevent any associated fees that could be incurred due to the unauthorized meter removal.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. We appreciate your efforts in helping us maintain a safe and reliable electrical service for our members.

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here at home, by people who care about the same things you do.

This local accountability means we can stay focused on what matters most: delivering reliable, affordable electricity and providing real value to the people we serve.

We do that by investing in essential infrastructure upgrades and technologies that strengthen our local grid and improve electric service. We work hard to manage costs and keep rates as low as possible — because we know how much rising prices affect families and small businesses in our area. And when storms hit or outages occur, Sedgwick County Electric Cooperative crews are here ready to respond quickly, because we live here too.

But our commitment doesn't end at the power lines.

Co-ops were built to meet community needs and that purpose extends well beyond delivering electricity. Whether we're supporting local schools, sponsoring youth programs, or partnering with volunteer

organizations, we are always looking for ways to improve the quality of life in the places we serve. Community support isn't an afterthought — it's part of our mission.

We're also planning for the future. As electricity demand grows due to new technologies and economic development, electric co-ops are working to ensure we continue to meet those needs with a balanced, reliable energy mix. We know our members care about affordability and dependability and we're committed to delivering both.

That's the power of the cooperative difference. That's what it means to be powered by purpose.

This National Co-op Month, I encourage you to take pride in your cooperative membership. You're not just a customer — you're an owner, a stakeholder, and a vital part of a larger effort to keep our community strong, connected and energized.

Thank you for the trust you place in us. We're proud to be your local electric cooperative.

Electric cooperatives provide power with purpose.

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SAFETY TIP

Never bring your electronics to bed with you. Charging your phone or laptop while it's on or under a pillow or blanket — where airflow is blocked — can cause it to overheat and catch fire. Charge electronics on hard, flat surfaces.



SOURCE: WWW.SAFEELECTRICITY.ORG

Daylight Saving Time Ends Nov. 2

Daylight saving time is a perfect time to check fire, smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, and to change batteries. Make sure smoke detectors work properly by using the alarm test option. Use a vacuum to make sure there are no cobwebs, spiders or other little insects taking up residence, which could hinder the effects of the smoke alarm.

Detectors play a larger role in survival than one might think. A recent study showed that inoperable smoke alarms caused two-thirds of fire-related deaths due to damage, defects and missing batteries. Write the date on the new battery to ensure there will be no questions about when it was last replaced.

Daylight saving time is also a great opportunity to review home safety with family members including escape routes and checking all electrical outlets. Practice a home safety review and test procedures on evacuating safely in an emergency situation. Look through the house for any hazards, such as overloaded or improperly placed extension cords. It is recommended to make sure areas around the furnace, water heater and stove are clear of debris that can cause fire.

Remember to set your clocks back one hour before 2 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 2.

ALL MEMBERS ENTERED TO WIN A CHANCE FOR \$20 OFF YOUR BILL!

October is cooperative month and we here at Sedgwick County Electric Co-op want to take a moment to thank **YOU**, our member-owners! If you recall in previous years, we held a drawing for one bill credit during the month of October that required submittal of a ticket to be placed in the hopper. This year each membership was entered into a random drawing for the chance to win one of 25 \$20 October bill credits.

\$20 BILL CREDIT WINNERS ARE:

96 Agri-Sales Inc
Michael Anderson
Fred Baade
Jon L. Bennett
Bernice M Weber Living Trust
Evan Blanthorn
Doris S. Brookman
Tony Brown
Henry T. Burge
Gloria Cowles
Joseph W. Farias
Melissa Gibson
Felix A. Gorges
Heartland Veterinary Service
Leonard J. Irwin
Curtis Johnson
Calvin E. Kissick
Michael Prahm
Kevin Rau
Paul Schauf
Bruce Seiler
Shelby Sheils
David Skelton
Paul Stagl
Chad Wetta

Help Us Update Our Records

Sedgwick County Electric Cooperative wants to make sure we have current phone numbers and email addresses for our member-owners.

Members Who Use SmartHub Website or App:
Click on My Profile, phone number information is located under Update My Billing Address & Contact Information.

Members Who Receive Monthly Paper Statements:
Please review and update email and phone numbers located on the bottom portion of your payment stub. Update and return with payment.

Members Who Pay Using Our Toll-Free Number:
Please call 316-542-3131 to provide updated information to our customer service representatives.

Return Bottom Portion With Your Payment
Check box ☐ (indicate change of address or phone # on back)

Email:
Home Phone:
Mobile Phone:

Amount Paid _____

Account Number	
Current Bill Due Date	04/01/2019
Amount Due	59.05
Amount Due with Penalty	60.23

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ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Now is the time to inspect your home for air leaks around windows. Leaks reduce indoor comfort and lead to higher heating costs. If you can see daylight around the edges of a window frame or if a window rattles slightly when touched, air is likely leaking. Caulking and weatherstripping are simple, effective methods for sealing windows. These materials are available in a variety of compounds and forms, each designed for different types of surfaces. Choose the right product and apply it properly to reduce heat loss, improve comfort and lower energy bills.

SOURCE: NATIONAL RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION



Sedgwick County Electric Continues Outstanding Safety Record

Every employee has the right to go home safe and healthy at the end of every day. Sedgwick County Electric Cooperative is committed to the safety of their employees. Safety is practiced in our day-to-day activities from tailgate discussions and reviewing work procedures to monthly safety meetings.

Sedgwick County Electric Cooperative earned a No-Lost-Time Accident Award and was recognized at



Sedgwick County Electric Cooperative was recognized for 220,954 hours with no-lost-time accidents, reflecting its strong commitment to daily workplace safety. Pictured from left: Mikey Goddard, Kansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc. director of loss control, safety and compliance; Scott Ayres, Sedgwick County Electric CEO; and Tolan Seger, KEC instructor of loss control, safety and compliance.

the Kansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc. Summer Meeting in August for working **220,954 EMPLOYEE HOURS** with no lost time.

ARE YOU A CO-OP VOTER?

Sedgwick County Electric Cooperative has again joined America's electric cooperatives to help our community get out and vote, by being a part of the Co-ops Vote program. This collaborative effort provides us the opportunity to educate lawmakers, build awareness about our issues and concerns, and advocate for policies that are important to our co-op and our community.

Federal, state and local elections offer opportunities to vote for leaders who support energy policies that promote safe, reliable and affordable energy. In particular, they allow us to elect public officials who understand and appreciate America's electric cooperatives and will serve as our champion during policy discussions.

Now is the perfect time to confirm that you are registered to vote and encourage new voters to get registered. For voter resources and to learn the five simple steps to being a co-op voter, visit the Co-ops Vote website at www.vote.coop.

Co-ops Vote is a non-partisan program developed by the National Rural Electric

Cooperative Association, the national service organization that represents the nation's more than 900 private, not-for-profit, member-owned electric cooperatives. Co-op voters across 48 states work together to ensure that electric co-ops have a powerful voice on national issues that have a local impact.

Co-ops are a trusted voice in Washington, D.C. The more our community members turn out to vote, the greater the opportunity we have to elect leaders who understand co-ops and the issues we face.

The co-op voice is powerful, and it starts with you!

