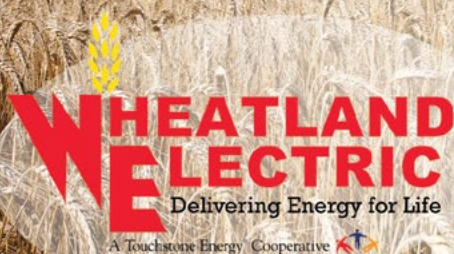


WHEATLAND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

NEWS



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FROM THE MANAGER

October is Cooperative Month

Wheatland Electric is joining 30,000 cooperatives nationwide in October to celebrate National Co-op Month, which celebrates the many ways cooperatives like ours are committed to strengthening the local communities we serve.

When I say WEC celebrates **NATIONAL CO-OP MONTH**, it really means we are celebrating you! After all, our co-op would not exist without you, our consumer-members. All cooperatives adhere to the same set of seven guiding principles:

- ▶ Voluntary & Open Membership.
- ▶ Democratic Member Control.
- ▶ Members' Economic Participation.
- ▶ Autonomy & Independence.
- ▶ Education, Training & Information.
- ▶ Cooperation Among Cooperatives.
- ▶ Concern for Community.

Today, we serve more than 25,000 members in 14 Kansas counties and three Colorado counties and

maintain over 4,000 miles of distribution power lines across western and southcentral Kansas and eastern Colorado. Delivering safe, reliable and competitively priced electricity is our top priority.

As a co-op, we are well-suited to meet the needs of the community because we are locally governed. Our board members — who help set long-term priorities for the co-op — live on co-op lines and have been elected by neighbors like you. Our employees, too, live and work where you do.

We know our members have a valuable perspective. That's why we continually seek your input through community events, social media, our annual meeting, and other local events. We always want to hear from you.



Bruce W. Mueller

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SAFETY TIP OF THE MONTH

Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas. Make sure the test these alarms every month. Talk with family members about a fire escape plan. Remember, if a fire occurs in your home,

GET OUT, STAY OUT and CALL FOR HELP.

FALL FINALE

in Scott City!



Bring your cash or can donation

**Have lunch on us and register to win a
Samsung Smart Projector Freestlye!**

Young Eagle Rides (ages 8-18)

October 29 11 A.M. - 3 P.M.

Candy Drop at 3 p.m.

at the Spencer Flight + Education Center, 300 S. Mesquite Road



**Face painting • Pumpkin Decorating • Hayrack Rides • S'mores
PLUS Every child in costume receives a special prize!**

Join us at your local Cram the Van event or donate online!

At every in-person event you can register to **win** a *Samsung Smart Projector Freestyle* valued at \$700!

Every \$10 in *Online Donations* automatically enters you to **win** a nugget ice maker! valued at \$630!



All donations go directly to YOUR LOCAL food bank!



Scan the QR code to donate now!



Wheatland Electric's
Big Red Van is coming
to your community!

All times are listed in Central Daylight Time (CDT).

In exchange for your
cash or can
donation
have a meal with us and
be entered to win
a Samsung Smart Projector!



OCT. 5 HOLCOMB 6 - 8:30 P.M.

Longhorn Festival,
Holcomb High School, 600 N. Jones Avenue

OCT. 6 SCOTT CITY 4:30 P.M.

Scott City Middle School football game,
Darner Field, 900 Myrtle Street

OCT. 29 SCOTT CITY 11 A.M. - 3 P.M.

FALL FINALE! Spencer Flight + Education Center,
300 S. Mesquite Road

OCT. 14 CONWAY SPRINGS 5:30 P.M.

Conway Springs High School football game,
607 St. Louis Street

OCT. 21 SYRACUSE 5:30 P.M.

Syracuse High School football game,
502 Main Street

NOV. 5 HARPER 11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

Harper BBQ Competition,
Harper Fair Barn, 821 Central Street

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Our close connection to the community ensures we get a firsthand perspective on local priorities, enabling us to make more informed decisions on long-term investments, such as technology upgrades and equipment.

In addition to providing the vital power you depend on; we play a critical role in the communities we serve with our Cram the Van food drive. Since 2014, we have helped collect more than 86 tons (172,309 lbs.) of food donations, which have all been delivered to the local food banks in the communities in which they were donated.

Every year, we Cram the Van because we care. And every year, our members show us why the travel and time are worth all the toil and sweat. We know there are thousands of families, children and seniors within our communities who struggle with hunger. Providing some relief to our local food banks to help with ease the needs are why we Cram the Van every year.

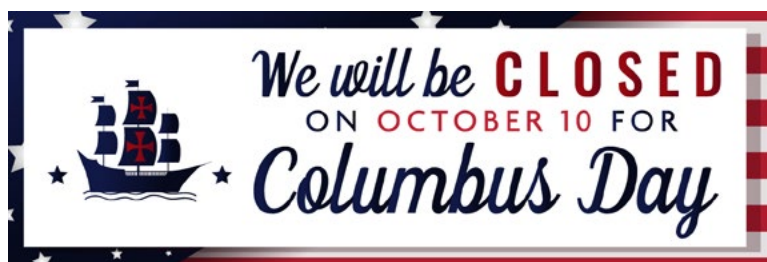
At WEC, we're hopeful for what's ahead! We are ready to **THINK BIG — BIG ENERGY AND BIG SUPPORT FROM ALL OF OUR MEMBERS IN EACH OF THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE.** I share these successes with you not to boast about

our cooperative, but to share how much we care about the communities we serve.

We view our role as a catalyst for good and making our spots on the map a better place. This sums up the Seventh Cooperative Principle, "Concern for Community," which we routinely celebrate. To me, this principle is the essential DNA of WEC, and it sets us apart from other electric utilities.

In 1948, WEC was built by the community to serve the community and that's what we'll continue to do! National Co-op Month is the perfect time to reflect on these principles that have stood the test of time but also provide a framework for the future.

UNTIL NEXT TIME, TAKE CARE.



Giving Goodness

A CHARITY CHALLENGE ON FACEBOOK!

How to Play

Starting Monday, Oct. 24, nominate a local non-profit for the chance to win a \$1,000 Sharing Success grant!

How to Win

One of our "final four" will win this tournament of charities by rallying their Facebook fans!

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK TO PARTICIPATE!

WHEATLAND ELECTRIC
Delivering Energy for Life
A Touchstone Energy Cooperative

The graphic features a large red heart with two hands holding it, a Facebook 'f' logo, a trophy, and a background of autumn leaves. The Wheatland Electric logo is in the bottom right corner.

DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THESE *Member Programs?*

Coming Soon

ACCESS PERKS

Members have access to a private discount network offering 40% or more off travel and shopping.

[WECI.NET/ACCESS-PERKS](https://weci.net/access-perks)

BANK DRAFT APPLICATION

Sign up for automatic drafts from your bank account to pay your electric bills each month without hassle.

AVERAGE MONTHLY PAYMENT PLAN

Now there's a better way to budget! Level out your payments on a 12-month rolling average.

[WECI.NET/AMP](https://weci.net/amp)

CAPITAL CREDITS

Members earn capital credits based on their electric use. When we retire capital credits, members active during the retirement period receive a bill credit.

COLD WEATHER ASSISTANCE

Members may request accommodations Nov. 15-March 15 for payment arrangements to prevent service disconnect.

[WECI.NET/COLD-WEATHER-RULE](https://weci.net/cold-weather-rule)

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGERS

Charge your EV at our Garden City or Great Bend office or contact us regarding our at-home charger installation, financing and rebate programs.

ELECTRICIAN SERVICES

Looking for an electrician? We work with local partners to coordinate electrician services for our members and offer financing for larger projects.

GENERAC GENERATORS

We work with local partners to provide our members with an installation and financing program for standby generators.

INVOICE BILLING

Consolidate multiple electric services into one invoice billing, making the process of paying all your services easy!

PREPAY POWER

Manage your budget by making smaller, more frequent payments. No deposit, late fees, due date or monthly statements. You choose when and how much electricity to purchase.

REBATES

Are you considering replacing home equipment? Rebates are available for select home projects.

[WECI.NET/REBATES](https://weci.net/rebates)

SCHOLARSHIPS

As part of our commitment to the leaders of tomorrow, each year we provide 14 high school seniors in our service territory with \$1,000 college scholarships.

SHARING SUCCESS GRANTS

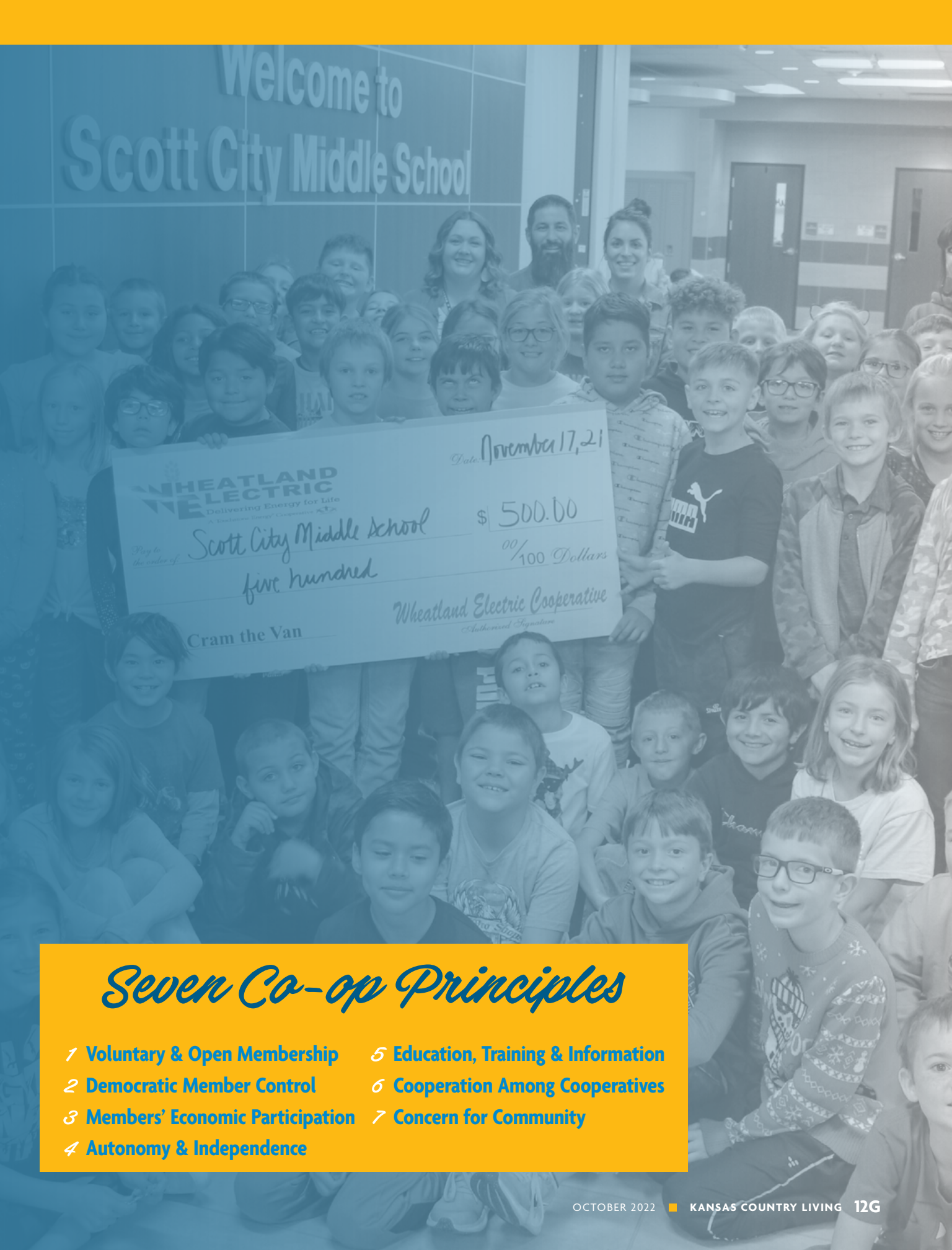
Since 2012, Wheatland Electric has given thousands of dollars to numerous community non-profit organizations within our service territory.

SMARTHUB

Manage your account from your computer or mobile device with SmartHub. View your usage data and account information anytime, anywhere!

YOUTH PROGRAMS

We invest in future leaders by selecting high school juniors to represent Wheatland at leadership camps in Washington, D.C. & Steamboat Springs, CO.



Seven Co-op Principles

- 1 Voluntary & Open Membership
- 2 Democratic Member Control
- 3 Members' Economic Participation
- 4 Autonomy & Independence
- 5 Education, Training & Information
- 6 Cooperation Among Cooperatives
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LET'S BE *Social*

ENGAGE WITH US

We invite our members to engage in cooperative communications through social media channels.

FOLLOW US TO STAY INFORMED ON NEWS, OUTAGES, SAFETY INFORMATION, ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIPS AND SO MUCH MORE!

FIND US ONLINE



GIVEAWAYS AND CONTEST

Follow us on social media for giveaways! Coming soon are the Giving Goodness Challenge and Holiday Lights Contest to celebrate the holiday season but we've got giveaways year round!



OUTAGE COMMUNICATIONS

Follow us on Facebook for the most up-to-date information during outages!

**FACEBOOK.COM/
WHEATLANDELECTRIC**



CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE



COMMUNITY

See how WEC takes part in your hometown.

- ▶ Cram the Van
- ▶ REDLG Loans
- ▶ Scholarships
- ▶ Youth Programs

Just to name a few!

NEWS

Keep up-to-date with the happenings of **YOUR** electric cooperative.

- ▶ News Stories
- ▶ *Kansas Country Living* magazine newsletter archive

SERVICES

Learn about the services provided to you as a member of WEC.

- ▶ Electrician Services
- ▶ EV Test Drives
- ▶ Rebates and Incentives
- ▶ Standby Generators

