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FROM THE MANAGER

Concern for Community Remains Central to Our Co-op

Over the years, you have probably heard or read about Concern for Community, our seventh cooperative principle. This is one of the core principles that sets cooperatives apart from other types of utilities and businesses. At Wheatland Electric, we have always taken this responsibility to heart because it is who we are: a member-owned organization committed to the communities we serve.

Over the past eight years, we have risen to the challenge to strengthen the safety net for our communities. We have done this through **CRAM THE VAN**, our annual food drive. To date, our efforts have raised 172,309 pounds of food for nearly a dozen local food banks — that is more than 86 tons of food for hungry families across our

southwest and south-central Kansas communities. Every year has been bigger and better, and none of it would be possible without the generosity and commitment of members like you.

Every year we Cram the Van because we care. And every year our members show us why the sweat and toil are worth all the effort. It is why in addition to our community barbecues, we have added school competitions, fall festivals, online fundraising, and a golf tournament to raise additional funds and food for our local food banks. In fact, members can register now for our next tournament on Sept. 16 at the Golf Club at Southwind in Garden City.



Bruce W. Mueller

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SAFETY TIP OF THE MONTH

Keep water and other liquids at least 5 feet away from electrical equipment and sources of electricity. It is recommended to install Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCIs) that help prevent electrical incidents like electric shock, ground-faults, fires, overheating, and destruction of wire insulation.

Sharing Success

Grants Make a Difference for Community Organizations



GREELEY COUNTY — Alli Conine, director of member services and corporate communications (left), presents a \$1,000 Sharing Success grant to Jill Hanson, fund coordinator, DJ's Toy Fund. DJ's Toy Fund provides toys to children during emergency room visits, hospital stays, surgeries, blood work, physical therapy sessions and specialty clinic visits, as well as family health visits for sickness. The fund also provides toy bags for children receiving ongoing treatment.



Help get your organization's project funded!

Apply today

Community organizations interested in receiving funding from the Wheatland Electric Sharing Success Fund can apply online at www.weci.net/sharing-success-program. Questions should be referred to Alli Conine, director of member services and corporate communications, at 620-874-4563 or aconine@weci.net.



GREELEY COUNTY — Sara McClure, member services and key accounts manager for Wheatland Electric (right), presents a \$1,000 Sharing Success grant to the Greeley County Library represented by (from left) Ronna Schmidt, library director; Diana Mishler, cataloging specialist/assistant library director; and Ginger Gibson, interlibrary loan specialist. The funds will be used to purchase additional interactive children's books that have been a particular hit at the library. The Greeley County Library provides informational, educational, and recreational services, materials, and programs to users of all ages.



SUMNER COUNTY — Mary Hoisington, member services and key accounts manager for Wheatland Electric (second from the right), presents a \$1,000 Sharing Success grant to the Argonia Chamber and Pride Organization represented by (left to right) Sarah May, vice president; Karyn Tatton, secretary/treasurer; Natalie Shirley, committee member; and Tara Pierce, president. The funds will be used to reinvigorate the community and promote events and small business shopping during holidays. The group also plans to enhance the community by working toward beautifying downtown.



HAMILTON COUNTY — Sara McClure, member services and key accounts manager for Wheatland Electric (left), presents a \$1,000 Sharing Success grant to students of Syracuse Christian Academy in front of their new greenhouse, with Dawn Freeman, principal (second from left), and Joe Gould, superintendent (far right). The funds will be used for a sunshade and rock support wall for the Academy's greenhouse, protecting the produce on especially hot days and preventing the washing away of the greenhouse foundation.

HARPER COUNTY — Mary Hoisington, member services and key accounts manager for Wheatland Electric (right), presents a \$1,000 Sharing Success grant to Sue Williams, director/lead teacher at Pleasant Valley Preschool to update the children's library and incorporate hands-on manipulatives into their math curriculum. The preschool shares many of their educational tools with the grade school in their community.



FINNEY COUNTY — Members of the Vets for Veterans Club in Finney County receive a \$1,000 Sharing Success grant from Wheatland Electric. Pictured from left: Ted Hoffman, sergeant at arms; Anna Van Wy, treasurer; and Marion Sisco, media liaison. The funds received will be used to continue their efforts for veterans, which include purchasing wheelchairs, supporting enlisted members preparing to ship out on duty, and individual veterans needing help with medical bills, housing and food, as well as assistance for family members of veterans who have passed.



SUMNER COUNTY — Mary Hoisington, member services and key accounts manager for Wheatland Electric (right), presents a \$1,000 Sharing Success grant to Fire Chief Seth Brown of the South Haven Volunteer Fire Department. The funds will be used to help offset the cost of a bed and skid unit for their new fire truck/grass rig. The fire department responds to approximately 150 fires each year. The majority of those fires are field/grass fires.

BIG Energy BIG Support BIG Community BIG Ideas



Last year
Cram the Van
raised nearly
45,000 POUNDS
in cash and can
donations!

This year
we're here to
THINK BIG
thanks to you!



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!



2022



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

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

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

SEPT. 9 CALDWELL 5:30 P.M.

Caldwell High School football game, 31 N. Osage Street

SEPT. 23 TRIBUNE 5:30 P.M.

Greeley County High School football game,
400 W. Lawrence Street

SEPT. 27 LEOTI 11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

Parking lot across from Wheatland Electric,
101 W. F Street

SEPT. 30 GREAT BEND 5 - 9 P.M.

Great Bend Alive! Forest Avenue

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,
Darnier Field, 900 Myrtle Street

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

OCT. 27 SCOTT CITY 5:30 - 7:30 P.M.

Boo Bash, Scott City Elementary School, 410 E. Eighth Street

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

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

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

Harper BBQ Competition, Harper Fair Barn, 821 Central Street

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Check out all the details on **PAGE 12H!** Do not miss this opportunity to enjoy a great day of golfing, fun, food and raising money for **CRAM THE VAN!**

As we head into our ninth consecutive year of Cram the Van, we are ready to **THINK BIG — BIG ENERGY AND BIG SUPPORT FROM ALL OF OUR MEMBERS IN EACH OF THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE.** Seeing the kindness and generosity of our members helping other members when we stop in your community is what **CRAM THE VAN** is all about. (See **PAGE 12F** for a list of local events.) Follow us on social media as we share more information and learn how you can get involved to make this year's Cram the Van our **BIGGEST, BRIGHTEST AND BEST YEAR YET!**

While our purpose is to provide safe, reliable, and competitively-priced energy to you, the members we serve, we have a greater mission — to be a catalyst for good. So many needy families look to our local pantries

to help put food on the table. We feel it is our responsibility to support these food banks and the hard-working and generous individuals who give their time for the benefit of others. Because we live and work where you do, we want to make it a better place for all. Concern for Community is the heart and soul of who we are. You can count on Wheatland Electric to be there to fulfill our mission: **DELIVERING ENERGY FOR LIFE.**

UNTIL NEXT TIME, TAKE CARE.



LINEMAN OF THE WEEK

STARTING IN
SEPTEMBER,
WE'LL BE
HIGHLIGHTING
A LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL
FOOTBALL LINEMAN
FROM EACH
SCHOOL IN OUR
SERVICE TERRITORY!

FOLLOW US
ON SOCIAL
MEDIA AND
#POWERON!



#LINEMEN
MAKE THE
DIFFERENCE

LAST CHANCE!

4TH
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Co-ops Care

CHARITY
GOLF
TOURNAMENT

Hosted by:



FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER
16, 2022
GOLF
CLUB AT
SOUTHWIND

8 A.M.
REGISTRATION
9 A.M.
SHOTGUN START
4-MAN
SCRAMBLE
\$100/PLAYER
\$400/TEAM

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