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NINNESCAH RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

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## NINNESCAH RURAL ELECTRIC CO-OP, INC.

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### IN CASE OF AN OUTAGE

If your electricity is off for more than a few minutes, please call 620-672-5538. The office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday–Friday. After hours, calls will be answered by dispatch and forwarded to our on-call personnel.

## The Power of Political Engagement

Co-op leaders converged on Washington, D.C., for annual Legislative Conference, April 27-30

American families expect the lights to stay on at a cost they can afford. But with the demand for electricity skyrocketing and the supply of always-available power sources at risk, the need for smart energy policies that bolster reliability and affordability are more critical than ever before.

As your electric provider, Ninnescah Electric is committed to reliably powering our local communities. Beyond routine maintenance and updates that improve the reliability of the grid, we work in other ways to ensure our members' needs are addressed. One of the ways we do this is through proactively engaging elected

officials to ensure our members are well represented in Washington, D.C.

In April, hundreds of electric cooperative leaders from across the country, including Kansas, traveled to Washington, D.C., for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Legislative Conference.

We met with elected officials on Capitol Hill and discussed key energy issues and priorities that impact our members back home.

We focused on telling our own unique story of how Kansas electric cooperatives are ensuring reliable and affordable power for our communities through a diverse supply of energy

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### 2025 Legislative Conference —

Uniting electric co-op leaders in Washington, D.C., to discuss key energy issues and priorities.

Access to reliable, affordable electricity is our top priority and that's what we'll continue to advocate for on your behalf.



## 2025 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The 2025 Ninnescah Rural Electric Scholarship contest was held in February. Contestants were interviewed by a panel of three judges. We had 14 students participate in the contest. The winners of our 2025 scholarship are **ADA ADAMS**, Zenda; **AVA BOCK**, Nashville; **MYA DEVINEY**, Attica; **WILL WEGERER**, Cunningham; and **THATCHER ARP**, Pratt. Each student will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to use at the college or technical school of their choice.

● Next year's scholarship will be open to seniors whose parents or guardians are members of Ninnescah Electric. Please contact our office for information about next year's scholarships at 620-672-5538.



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## 2025 BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTION RESULTS

**CLAYTON KESSLER**, Pratt; **JEFF SCHWERTEGER**, Turon; and **RUTH TEICHMAN**, Stafford; were announced as our 2025 Trustees at our annual meeting.



**CLAYTON KESSLER**



**JEFF SCHWERTEGER**



**RUTH TEICHMAN**

## 2025 Annual Meeting Highlights

Ninnescah held its 87th annual meeting on March 18, 2025, at the Pratt Municipal Building. Members enjoyed a wonderful meal served by Fence Post of Harper.

This year's guest speakers were Kevin Noblet, Kansas Electric Power Cooperative executive vice president and CEO, and Orson Garnsey, Kansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc. director of cybersecurity.

Thank you for all attending, we hope to see you again next year!



# The Power of Political Engagement

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resources to meet the growing demand for electricity.

As we met with members of Congress, we detailed the need to improve environmental permitting processes and cut costly and burdensome regulations — like the EPA Power Plant Rule — to accelerate deployment and maintenance of essential electric infrastructure. We highlighted the importance of federal hydropower resources as well as the need to pass legislation to facilitate co-op vegetation management efforts and reduce wildfire risks.

An additional focal point of our discussions with policymakers included ensuring federal programs and resources that support electric cooperative energy projects as we invest to meet the unique needs of our communities. This includes tools such as the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Service electric loan program and the New Empowering Rural

America co-op loan and grant program, energy tax credits with an elective (direct) pay option for co-ops, and recently funded Department of Energy infrastructure programs.

While there is much work to be done, we are encouraged to see President Trump's swift actions to address many of these issues. We look forward to working with the Trump administration and members of Congress to implement a pro-energy agenda that prioritizes reliability and affordability and strengthens our nation's grid.

While you may not consider it on a daily basis, electricity is essential and underpins nearly every aspect of modern life. Understanding today's evolving energy landscape is important as it shapes how electricity is produced, delivered and consumed.

Advocating for reliable, affordable power on behalf of Ninnescah Electric's members is a critical part of our commitment to you.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Dale R. &/or Tauna L. Adelhardt  
– *Cunningham*

Mikell &/or Wendy Fries – *Claxton, GA*

Shawn Galloway – *St. John*

Chasity M. Helm &/or Benjamin K. Reid  
– *Cunningham*

Cole &/or Michelle D Mawhirter – *St. John*

Larry V Schmidt Rev Trust – *Pratt*

TK Holdings LLC – *Wichita*

Tim Weddington – *Kinsley*

Wildcat Concrete Services Inc – *Topeka*

## SAFETY TIP

Grass and brush fires can occur from lightning or downed power lines, but 85% of wildfires are caused by humans. Common causes include burning debris, using hot equipment on grass, improperly discarding cigarettes and leaving campfires unattended.



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## Don't Let Summer Heat Up Your Utility Bill



Seal cracks around the house with weather stripping or caulk to keep warm air out.



Change the air filter on your cooling unit.



Wash your outdoor AC unit and have your HVAC unit inspected.



Clear the air vents throughout your house.



Install a programmable thermostat. Leave it on a higher temperature when you are away, and set it to cool the house half an hour before you return home.



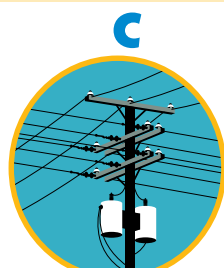
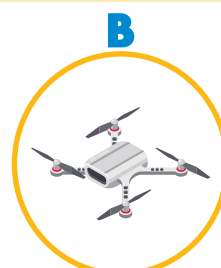
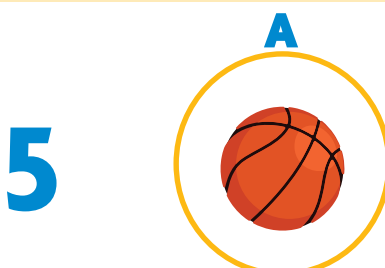
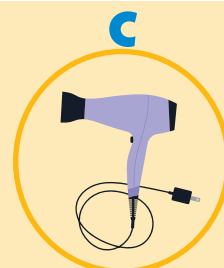
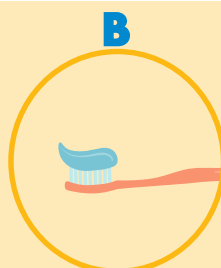
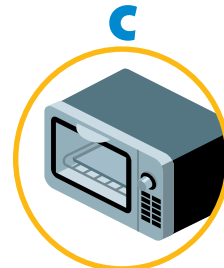
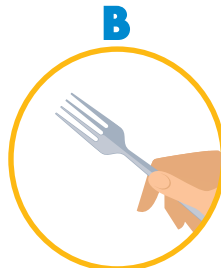
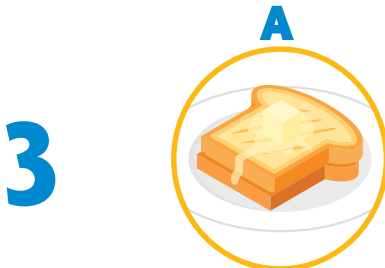
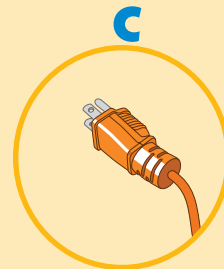
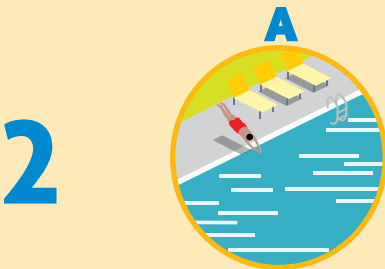
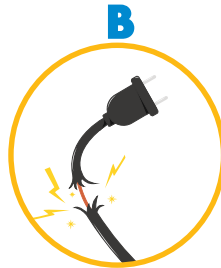
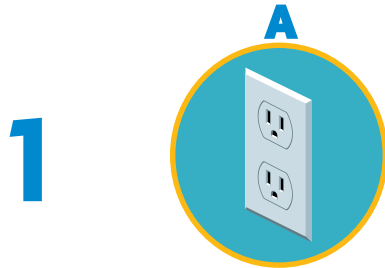
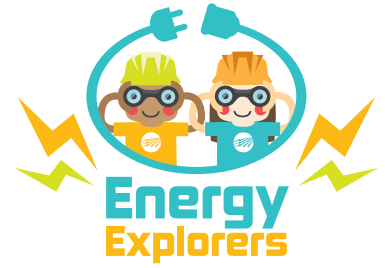
Update your insulation to keep cool air in your home and warm air out.

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# CAN YOU SPOT THE ELECTRICAL HAZARD?

Electricity is essential for everyday life, but when combined with seemingly harmless items or elements, it can create a hazardous situation. View the grouped items below, then circle the two items that (when combined) create a potential electrical hazard.

Check your work in the answer key below.



Answer Key  
 1.a,b  
 2.a,c  
 3.b,c  
 4.a,c  
 5.b,c