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Electric Co-op., Inc.**

Building on our past. Lighting the way to the future.

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FROM THE CEO

Grow Your Summer Energy Savings

Sumner-Cowley Electric can help you save money

As spring and summer roll around, one of my greatest joys is tending to my flowerpots and gardens. Witnessing the transformation from a few starter plants growing into colorful blooms that last the entire season is truly remarkable.

This natural beauty often reminds me of the importance of energy efficiency. Just as a few simple actions can nurture plants to flourish, there are equally straightforward steps we can take to reduce our electricity usage and enjoy the rewards of energy savings.

You don't need to possess a green thumb or an engineering degree to grasp these concepts. Just as plants require water, adjusting your thermostat or switching off lights can significantly impact your monthly electric bill. Regular readers of Sumner-Cowley's publications and followers of our Facebook page are likely already aware of the host of home-based energy-saving techniques available.

During the summer months, energy bills tend to soar, primarily

due to increased cooling needs. However, there are numerous strategies available to manage energy usage effectively. To assist you in maximizing your summer energy savings, we've compiled a list of tips below.

But beyond just the summer season, Sumner-Cowley Electric Cooperative is committed to helping you save year-round. As a locally owned cooperative, our focus is on serving our members and communities, not generating profits. Therefore, we've developed various incentives and programs designed to keep more money in your wallet.

Here are some easy ways you can save with us:

- ▶ **REBATES:** Take advantage of rebates on efficient equipment such as heat pumps and water heaters. Whether you have a new build utilizing



Coni Adams

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ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Looking for an easy way to manage home energy use? Smart plugs are inexpensive and offer convenient solutions for scheduling and controlling your favorite electronic devices. With smart plugs, you can easily manage your coffee maker, lighting, home office equipment, video game consoles and more. Smart plugs can help you manage devices through a smart phone app, your home assistant or voice control. By conveniently powering off or scheduling devices, you can save energy — and money!

SOURCE: WWW.ENERGYSTAR.GOV





BEHIND BEEHIVE QUILT SHOP & BEE CREATIVE TOYS

On March 10, 2018, SCEC member **ANNAROSE WHITE** and her mother, **CONNIE HART**, embarked on a heartfelt venture by opening the Beehive Quilt Shop & Bee Creative Toys within the walls of a beautifully renovated JCPenney building. Their shared passion for fabric and quilting blossomed into a vibrant community hub, not just for locals but also for visitors from surrounding rural areas.



Bee Creative Toys & Beehive Quilt Shop is located in downtown Wellington.

The Beehive Quilt Shop is a treasure trove for crafting enthusiasts, offering a wide range of fabrics, long-arm quilting services, notions, patterns, classes, books, and sewing and embroidery machines from Brother. It also features AccuQuilt cutting machines and dyes. But the allure of this establishment doesn't stop at quilting.

Adjacent to the fabric wonders is a wonderland of play — Bee Creative Toys. This section delights the young and young-at-heart with an array of toys spanning from LEGO to Melissa & Doug, Fat Brain Toys, SMART Games, and STEM-related items, alongside puzzles, trains, tractors, stuffed animals and baby gifts.

In February 2022, in response to their growing community of crafters and families, the owners expanded their vision by acquiring “The Hive” — a space a few blocks from their original store designed to accommodate larger workshops and gatherings. This expansion into The Hive enables them to host more attendees and provide

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a spacious environment for creativity to flourish.

The Beehive Quilt Shop & Bee Creative Toys is nestled within a historic building that dates to 1910, originally housing Gambrell's Department Store. By 1934, it had become a JCPenney department store, serving the community for most of its life. The restoration of this historic site was a labor of love, deeply infused with the Hart family's dedication to preserving the past while fostering new growth and creativity.

The choice of the name "Beehive Quilt Shop" reflects a deeper connection to Wellington's history and the vital role bees play in our ecosystem. Echoing the legacy of one of Wellington's original businesses, the Beehive Grocery Store, the shop stands as a testament to the industrious and communal spirit of bees, which inspire countless quilts with their beauty and importance to nature.

Through their establishment, Annarose and Connie have created more than a store; they've woven a vibrant tapestry of community, history and creativity that celebrates both the legacy of Wellington and the timeless art of quilting.

FASSETT TO PRESENT IN OCTOBER

This October, Wellington will host a landmark event in the world of art and design. **KAFFE FASSETT**, a luminary in the realm of textiles and color, will grace our rural town with his "Power of Color Inspiration" lecture on Oct. 20, 2024, at the Memorial Auditorium in down-

town Wellington. This event will be a celebration of creativity and color that promises to inspire and motivate.

Fassett, renowned for his vibrant and innovative work across various mediums including patchwork, fabric, needlepoint, mosaics, painting and knitting, will delve into his latest projects and collaborations. The highlight for 2024 focuses on his recent museum exhibition, "The Power of Color," alongside insights from his new book, "Kaffe Fassett's Quilt on an English Farm." Attendees can look forward to an enriching presentation featuring approximately 120 color images that showcase the breadth and depth of Fassett's creative genius.

Adding to the excitement, Wellington marks the grand finale of his tour and his sole Midwest stop. Given the unique nature of this event, a large turnout is anticipated.

The lecture's inspiration continues with workshops on Oct. 21 and 22 at The Hive, providing hands-on experiences in a more intimate setting. These sessions are designed to immerse participants in Fassett's world of color and design, offering a rare opportunity to learn from a master.

Mark your calendars for this unparalleled gathering of creativity, color and craftsmanship. As the grand finale of Fassett's tour, it's an occasion Wellington and the wider creative community won't want to miss.

To learn more about them as well as this incredible opportunity please visit their website, www.beehivequiltshop.com or contact their store at 620-440-8191.



The Hive, a second location for BeeHive Quilt Shop, is located a few blocks from the original storefront. Here the store hosts larger workshops.



Bee Creative Toys offers a variety of books, puzzles and toys for children.



The BeeHive has the largest fabric selection in the state of Kansas!

Grow Your Summer Energy Savings

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high efficiency electric water heaters, air-source heat pumps, or geothermal (ground-source) heat pumps or you are replacing older inefficient ones, contact Mitch McComb to see if you qualify!

- ▶ **TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR USE:** Utilize SmartHub to monitor and manage your energy consumption. Whether it's tracking usage trends or receiving alerts for spikes in usage, SmartHub empowers you to make real-time changes. Need assistance signing up? Reach out to Abbi Jo Moulton for guidance.
- ▶ **RATES:** In January 2023, your cooperative transitioned to a three-part rate system, introducing residential demand charges. Monitoring and controlling your monthly peak demand not only saves you money, but also helps reduce overall system costs. SmartHub is an invaluable tool for tracking your demand.

▶ **WAYS TO PAY:** If you're facing difficulty with higher summer bills, consider enrolling in our Budget Billing plan. This program evens out your utility payments throughout the year, providing greater financial predictability. At Sumner-Cowley Electric, we understand that electricity can sometimes seem complex. Rest assured that our team of knowledgeable professionals is here to assist you every step of the way. As a community-focused cooperative, our goal is to ensure reliable electricity is always available when you need it.

Building on our past, lighting the way to the future ... we are Sumner-Cowley Electric.

**COOPERATIVELY YOURS,
CONI ADAMS, CEO**

Heads Up, Co-op Members!

Your May statement has important news!

Keep an eye on the **IMPORTANT MESSAGES SECTION** of your May billing statement from Sumner-Cowley Electric Co-op. A special notice regarding your capital credits allocation for 2023 awaits you! Our cooperative's principle of operating at cost means any margins are returned to members, like you, through capital credits.

Look out for this vital update on your May statement, mailing on May 6. It outlines the amount of capital credits you've earned throughout 2023 as a valued member of our cooperative.

To calculate your capital credits allocation simply add up your total patronage for 2023 and multiply it by the allocation factor for the respective rate on your account.

For example, a residential customer

having \$2,000 in total patronage would receive an allocation of \$102.86 ($\$2,000 \times 0.05142872$).

For an in-depth look at how to interpret this allocation notice, we invite you to check out a sample notification. You can find it on our website at www.sucocoop.com. Should you have any questions or need further clarification, please reach out to Erin Struble at 620-514-4085 during regular business hours.

2023 SUMNER-COWLEY ELECTRIC ALLOCATION

REV CLASS	PRO RATA SHARE/MARGINS	ALLOCATION RTE
0-Public Lighting	\$327.41	0.09065788
1-Residential	\$298,754.04	0.05142872
4-Irrigation	\$19,910.78	0.062152545
5-GSS	\$69,167.96	0.046681905
6-GSL	\$35,658.26	0.026856501
7-GSL	\$58,680.93	0.044747727
11-Residential With Htg	\$76,910.62	0.047878395
16-Non Residential	\$35,612.16	0.075981801
	\$595,022.16	

2023 G&T SUMNER-COWLEY ELECTRIC ALLOCATION

REV CLASS	PRO RATA SHARE/MARGINS	ALLOCATION RATE
0-Public Lighting	\$52.17	0.014444651
1-Residential	\$47,600.91	0.008194212
4-Irrigation	\$3,172.41	0.009902855
5-GSS	\$11,020.63	0.007437895
6-GSL	\$5,681.48	0.004279085
7-GSL	\$9,349.72	0.00712972
11-Residential With Htg	\$12,254.28	0.007628534
16-Non Residential	\$5,674.14	0.01210629
	\$94,805.74	