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## SUMNER-COWLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

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## Sumner-Cowley Helps Bring Max Sunshine Project to Country View Elementary

To celebrate Earth Day 2021, Winfield School's Country View Elementary along with Sumner-Cowley Electric kicked off the construction of the school's new Max Sunshine Project solar initiative.

The Winfield School District elementary school project is named in memory of Max Henderson, a second-grade student who died in 2019 after a horseback riding accident.

Decent Energy, Inc., in partnership with RREAL and PlaNet Productions, Inc., will use a \$50,000 award from the Department of Energy's Solar in Your Community Challenge to underwrite costs of the solar project's innovative construction material, which contains integrated photovoltaic cells for solar collection on Country View's Agricultural Classroom Barn.

The public-private partnership will offset approximately 25 percent of both the electric consumption and expense incurred by the school. Additionally, it will produce long-term benefits stemming from the installation of a new roof on the Agricultural Classroom Barn.

The Max Sunshine Solar Project is designed to include 96 units of UL-listed steel solar roofing product, each with a rated capacity of 270 watts, for an aggregate power system capacity of 26 kilowatts.

In support of this rural commu-

nity project, Sumner-Cowley Electric is donating additional funds and services to connect the solar power project into their distribution system which serves the school.

The project also will honor Max's life with informative signage and an educational Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)-based curriculum focused on technology and engineering. The curriculum will target 3rd-grade students, with elements that can be adapted and expanded for other grade levels.

This technology will help students learn about the system's power generation capabilities in real time, as well as aspects of evolving technology.

When completed, the new solar system will encompass the entire roof of the barn and will generate about 25% of the total electricity the school consumes each year.

The April 22 Earth Day event also will include students planting trees and bottle feeding very young calves.



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# PEAK SHAVING SAVES YOU MONEY



Sumner-Cowley's Peak Shaving program is an effort to help members become energy aware and lower their power bills by reducing the energy consumed during peak periods when prices are higher.

## Find Ways to Save

From 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. each day, and especially on Peak Alert days, find ways to lower your usage such as:

- ▶ Raise your thermostat to 78 degrees or higher.
- ▶ Turn off lights and appliances you aren't using. (It's a waste of energy and your money.)
- ▶ Delay doing laundry, running the dishwasher or using other major appliances until later in the evening.
- ▶ Take advantage of using the outdoor grill to keep cooking heat outside.

The Peak Shaving program runs from June 1 through September 30 between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. when demand for electricity is greatest.

To meet the demand for power needed at peak times, electric suppliers must produce the power themselves or purchase it on the market. Consequently, the costs are greater during peak time when demand is high. These higher costs are reflected in the power cost adjustment applied to the monthly electric bill for Sumner-Cowley and its members.

The peak period window does not change from day-to-day. However, members will see our Peak

Alert announcements Facebook and our website. Peak Alerts are not a notice of a power shortage, they are simply a load management effort used to reduce the demand for electricity and keep your cost of power as low as possible. By keeping high electrical demand levels to a minimum, Sumner-Cowley members reap the benefit in the form of a lower cost of power.

A Peak Alert occurs when Sumner-Cowley is extremely close to demanding more electric power than usual. Your cooperative pays for power based on the total number of kilowatt hours of electricity we use and the largest demand for electric power during any one-hour increment. If we set a new peak demand, it can mean we have to pay thousands of dollars more throughout the rest of the year. That means higher electric rates for you, our members.

By working together, we can curb the demand for electric power. This is a win-win for the membership and the cooperative, as Sumner-Cowley strives to keep the cost of power as low as possible.

Questions? Contact us by calling (888) 326-3356.

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## Moore and Zoglmann Selected to Attend Virtual Youth Leadership Camp

With the cancellation of the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour and Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp, Kansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc. (KEC) is coordinating the 2021 virtual Kansas Electric Youth (KEY) Leadership Conference. Sumner-Cowley Electric is one of fourteen electric cooperatives in Kansas and Oklahoma who have selected students for this exclusive leadership opportunity.

The online leadership event will take place during the week of June 21.

The conference will focus each morning on different aspects of leadership and will include engaging speakers, dynamic activities, and unique challenges. Networking is always a big part of the electric cooperative youth programs as delegates connect with like-minded, high-achieving teens. Through the 2021 virtual leadership experience, students can get to know their peers across the state through mentor groups and off-line chats.

Sumner-Cowley selected this year's winners through an application process that includes an evaluation of their



Shoshanna Moore



Rosalyn Zoglmann

academic achievement, as well as their community and school involvement. Candidates in 2021 were also evaluated through essay and interview portions of the application process.

These opportunities are important for many reasons, both for Sumner-Cowley and for the students selected to represent our co-op. It provides the co-op a chance to give back to our members in a unique way, by providing these young folks with the opportunity to grow as a person, a leader and a student.

This year's winners are:

► **SHOSHANNA MOORE**  
New Day Academy  
Daughter of Amy Moore

► **ROSALYN ZOGLMANN**  
Conway Springs High School  
Daughter of Zach and Robyn Zoglmann

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Mark your calendars for July 17, 2021 for Sumner-Cowley's Annual Meeting at Wellington High School (1700 E. 16th Street).

Registration and lunch begin at 11:30 a.m. with the business meeting to follow at 1:15 p.m.

Business meeting attendees will receive a \$25 bill credit (one per membership).

At the business meeting, we will announce the Youth Tour and Leadership Camp winners as well as this year's scholarship winners. You'll want to stick around until the end of the meeting for your chance to win a great door prize. We hope you can join us on July 17 and take part in the business of your cooperative.



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Casha Short

## Short Joins Co-op as Newest Employee

**CASHA SHORT** was hired in April to fill the role of Executive Administrative Assistant.

Casha was born and raised in Medicine Lodge, KS and attended Wichita State University. She now lives in Oxford with her husband, Brady. Together they share two children, two dogs, and a handful of chickens. Casha enjoys gardening, fishing, and spending time with her family. Being from a small town, Casha has a heart for rural families and businesses and is ready to dive right into the cooperative community.



## SUMNER-COWLEY SPONSORS Sumner County Robotics Challenge

On April 24, 60 middle school students from five different schools came together to participate in the first annual Sumner County Robotic Challenge.

Taking part in the Robotic Challenge held Saturday at Cowley College's Sumner Campus, students from Wellington Middle School, Wellington Christian Academy, Caldwell Jr. High, South Haven Jr. High and Belle Plaine Jr. High put their skills to the test.

The Robotic Challenge consisted of: obstacle course, impaired vision, artistic design, RaspTank robot course 1, RaspTank robot course 2 and the final competition of building and operating the robot 'Tobbie II' within one hour.

The event was the result of a partnership between Sumner-Cowley Electric, Cowley College and KanOkla Networks.

"The event was extremely successful," said Coni Adams, Sumner-Cowley CEO. "It was great to bring



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Sumner County students together and watch them show off their problem solving skills as they explored STEM/CTE-related education. Plans are already in the works for next year's event and we look forward to helping bring this exciting opportunity to Sumner County's middle schoolers for years to come."

Belle Plaine 1 came away as the day's winners. The team members consisted of Coach Brad Haas, Ethan George, Reid Walker, Ryder Slack, Taryn Bohannon, Josh Lewis, and Josh Adams.

Along with the Robotic Challenge, a Career Fair was held featuring career offerings in Career and Technical Education (CTE), Agriculture, and Allied Health.

For more information about the Robotic Challenge and how your child's school can get involved, contact Sumner-Cowley at 888-326-3356.



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