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## **ANNUAL MEETING RECAP**





## OUR MISSION

Founded in 1937, Kay Electric Co-operative remains focused on our primary mission: to provide safe, affordable and reliable power for our member-owners. Today, our service territory includes 2,263 miles of line and more than 5,900 meters located in Kay, Grant, Noble, Osage and Garfield counties.

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# Kay Electric's 2025 Annual Meeting Draws Record Crowd

Nearly 1,200 turn out for the co-op's largest drive-thru event yet

Not even spring showers could dampen the enthusiasm at Kay Electric's 2025 annual meeting. On April 4, members once again turned out in record numbers for the co-op's fourth annual drive-thru event at headquarters in Blackwell.

This year, 1,163 members registered during the event, making it the largest annual meeting turnout in KEC's recent history—just one member short of the all-time attendance record set in 1972.

Stormy skies couldn't cloud the community spirit as members were greeted by Kay Electric staff, board members and Minutemen and Minutewomen volunteers. Kay Electric youth members Balen Grell and Jude Sappenfield also joined in the fun, donning the costume of electric co-op mascot Willie Wiredhand.

Members drove through the co-op grounds for a behind-the-scenes

look at operations—cruising through the yard and the garage, where they picked up a Kay Electric flashlight. The route wrapped up at the pull-through registration station, where each member cast their vote and received a \$25 cash registration gift.

The annual meeting business session was streamed on Facebook and the Kay Electric website. Board President Max Hohmann presided over the meeting, followed by remarks from CEO Jason Boesch, Secretary/Treasurer Ron Shoffner and Attorney John Ihrig. Longtime volunteers Doug and Radena Eisenhower closed out the evening by drawing the winners of 27 prize giveaways and five grand prizes.

Now in its 88th year, Kay Electric continues to grow stronger thanks to the participation and support of our members. Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's meeting a standout success! 🇺🇸





Kay Electric Board President Max Hohmann (left) and CEO Jason Boesch (right) pose with the electric co-op mascot, Willie Wiredhand (center) during Kay Electric's 2025 annual meeting on April 4 at the co-op's headquarters in Blackwell. Photos by Joel Garza, Madison Quillin and Laura Araujo.



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Kay Electric Board of Directors





More than 1,100 Kay Electric members registered during the 2025 drive-thru annual meeting on April 4. Pictured are some of the members, board directors, volunteers and employees who participated. Also in attendance was the electric cooperative mascot, Willie Wiredhand.



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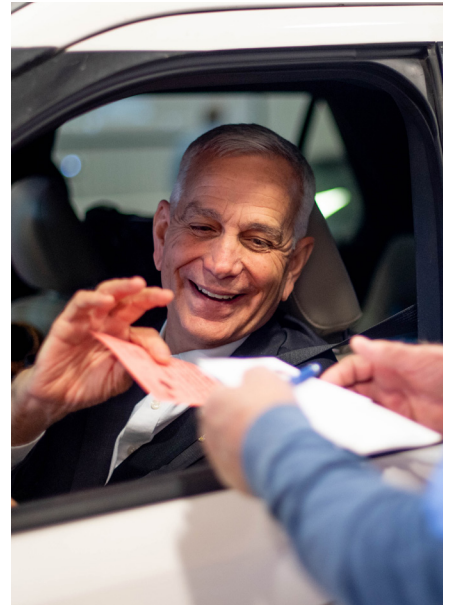
Seeing our Kay Electric members—and their dogs—is a highlight of the annual meeting! The drive-thru route included a stop with snacks for members and their furry companions alike.







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Smiles were everywhere as Kay Electric staff and volunteers welcomed members to the 2025 annual meeting. 1225705



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Linda Rowe



Minutewoman and Minuteman  
Radena & Doug Eisenhauer



Darren Swopes

## Congratulations, grand prize winners!

**John Deere gator:** Linda Rowe; **John Deere mower:** Darren Swopes;  
**Milwaukee string trimmer:** Gene Wittum; **Milwaukee leaf blower:** Aaron Kreger;  
**Milwaukee vacuum:** Angel Moyer



## LOCAL HIGHLIGHTS



### Legislative Day at the Oklahoma Capitol

On April 7, nearly 200 representatives from Oklahoma's electric cooperatives gathered at the Oklahoma State Capitol, advocating for the cooperatives' mission of powering lives and empowering communities. Among them was Kay Electric CEO Jason Boesch.

### Peak Hours

Peak energy hours may be called between June 20 and September 9, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Be sure to check our Facebook page and our website for when our power supplier calls a peak day. It's important that members limit electricity use on those days as it helps keep our rates down.



### K-UP grant winners

The K-UP Board met in April and awarded five grants, totaling \$11,877. Congratulations to the recipients: the Autism Foundation of Oklahoma, Operation Blessing, the Blackwell Center for Youth, the New Emergency Resources Agency, and Marland's Place.

The next K-UP grant deadline is July 7. Visit [www.kayelectric.coop/k](http://www.kayelectric.coop/k) for guidelines and a grant application.



# Thank you Linemen!

In April, Kay Electric celebrated Lineworker Appreciation, a day to honor the hard work and dedication of our linemen. Regardless of weather or time of day, they can be counted on to get the job done professionally.



## GOOD COOKIN'

### Cowboy Caviar

#### Ingredients

- 15-ounce can sweet corn
- 15-ounce can black beans
- 1 bunch cilantro
- 3 roma tomatoes
- 2 jalapenos
- 1/2 red onion
- 2 bell peppers (mix of colors)
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 1/3 cup red wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 tablespoon paprika
- 1 lime, juiced
- Salt and pepper, to taste

#### Instructions

Drain and rinse corn and black beans; dry well. Finely chop cilantro, tomatoes, jalapenos, onion and bell peppers. To make dressing, combine olive oil, red wine vinegar, honey, paprika and lime juice. Season with salt and pepper, to taste. Mix vegetables with dressing. Serve with tortilla chips.



## ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Take advantage of the warmer weather to reduce home energy use. Avoid using your oven and use a grill instead. Not only will cooking outdoors eliminate the electricity used to power the stove, but it will also avoid raising the temperature inside your home, reducing the need for additional air conditioning. You can also avoid using the oven with tasty no-bake recipes. Get creative in the kitchen and explore new ways to save energy!

*Source: energy.gov*

### UPCOMING OFFICE CLOSURE

Kay Electric will be closed on Friday, July 4, in celebration of Independence Day.

## \$25 is hiding in this issue!

If you spot your account number hidden in these pages, please contact Kay Electric to claim a \$25 credit on your electric bill. If no account numbers are claimed, the prize money will carry over to the next month for a maximum bill credit of \$50. Call 800-535-1079 or email [contact@kayelectric.coop](mailto:contact@kayelectric.coop) to claim your prize.

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