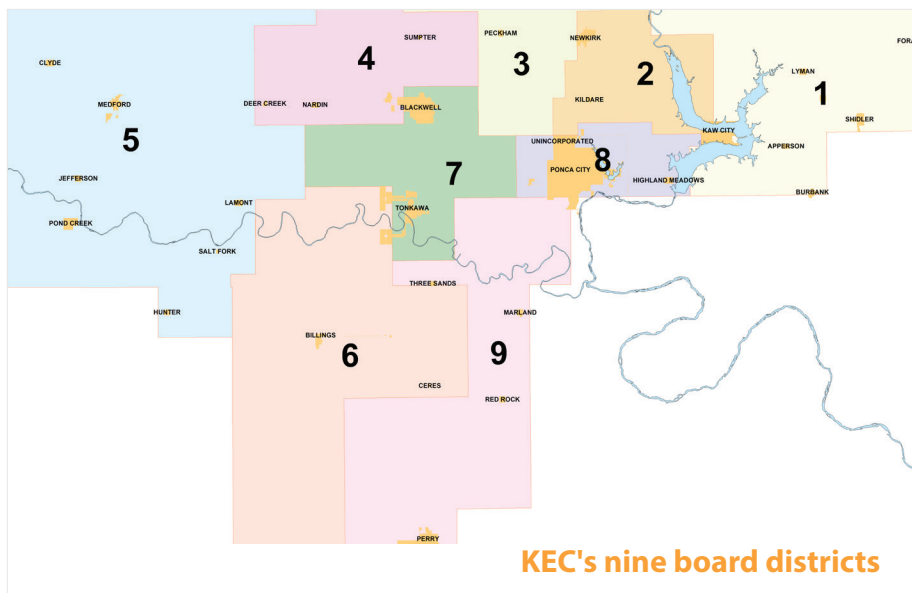




# the COOPERATOR

**FEBRUARY 2023** | For the members of Kay Electric Cooperative  
A supplement to Oklahoma Living



## February is District Meeting Month

Districts 1, 2 and 3 to hold meetings in 2023

If you live in Kay Electric District 1, 2, or 3, it's time for your district meeting. Kay Electric holds a meeting for each district every three years to allow members an opportunity to nominate candidates for the Kay Electric Cooperative board of trustees.

The following individuals currently represent these districts: Jake Olsen, District 1; Chad Otto, District 2; and Ron Shoffner, District 3.

District meetings are scheduled on the dates shown to the right. If you live in one of these districts, you will receive an official meeting notice in the mail.

District meetings offer members the opportunity to visit with Kay Electric trustees and staff in a relaxed setting where questions are always welcome. Members who attend also come away with a better understanding of Kay Electric's priorities for the coming year, and learn about the issues that could affect their electric cooperative. 465200

If you're interested in running for trustee, please call us at 800-535-1079 to learn about the procedures for nominations and elections. They are also listed in the Kay Electric bylaws, Section 4.02: [www.kayelectric.coop/district-meetings-director-elections](http://www.kayelectric.coop/district-meetings-director-elections).

## Save the date!

KEC 2023 District Meetings

### District 1

Monday, Feb. 20 at 6:30 p.m.  
Kaw Nation  
Community Building  
Kaw City, OK

### District 2

Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 6:30 p.m.  
St. Francis Catholic Church  
Newkirk, OK

### District 3

Thursday, Feb. 23 at 6:30 p.m.  
Kay Electric Cooperative  
Kay Room  
Blackwell, OK



### Co-op Principle #2

Democratic Member Control

District meetings are one of the prime ways KEC's consumer-owners are able to actively participate in setting policies and making decisions for the cooperative—*your* cooperative!



#### OUR MISSION

Founded in 1937, Kay Electric Cooperative remains focused on our primary mission: to provide safe, affordable and reliable power for our member-owners. Today, our service territory includes 2,400 miles of line and more than 5,800 meters located in Kay, Grant, Noble, Osage and Garfield counties.

#### CONTACT US

Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
580-363-1260 | 800-535-1079  
300 W. Doolin Ave. | PO Box 607  
Blackwell, OK 74631  
[www.kayelectric.coop](http://www.kayelectric.coop)

#### REPORT AN OUTAGE

Call 800-535-1079 or use Kay Electric's SmartHub at [www.kayelectric.coop](http://www.kayelectric.coop) or download the SmartHub app for smartphone or tablet.

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Max Hohmann, President | Dist. 4  
Verl Brorsen, Vice President | Dist. 9  
Ron Shoffner, Secretary/Treasurer | Dist. 3  
Jake Olsen | Dist. 1  
Chad Otto | Dist. 2  
Mike Lebeda | Dist. 5  
Brady Hostetler | Dist. 6  
Bart Cardwell | Dist. 7  
Dr. Tim Blanton | Dist. 8  
Jason Boesch | General Manager/CEO

#### EASY WAYS TO PAY YOUR BILL

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- Pay over the phone: 800-535-1079.
- Pay in person at Kay Electric or use our 24-hour payment drop box located at 300 W. Doolin Ave. in Blackwell.
- Pay via automatic draft of your checking or savings account or major credit card. Sign up for auto-pay online at [www.kayelectric.coop](http://www.kayelectric.coop).

# Save the Date!

## KEC'S DRIVE-THRU ANNUAL MEETING IS FRIDAY, APRIL 14



John Deere Gator



Stihl Weed Eater



Cash prizes & gift cards



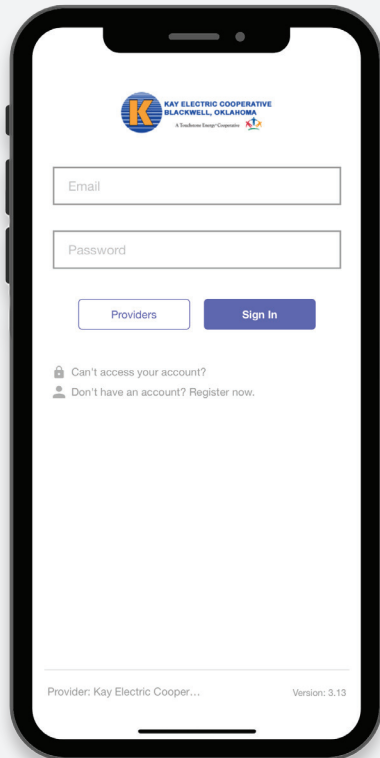
John Deere Shop Heater



John Deere Zero Turn Mower

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## LOCAL HIGHLIGHTS

### Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Did you know insulating your electric water heater can reduce standby heat loss by 25% to 45%? This could save you 7% to 16% on annual water heating costs. Insulating your electric water heater is an easy, inexpensive project that can improve energy efficiency and save you money each month. The Dept. of Energy rates this project as medium difficulty, meaning most homeowners can tackle this project on their own. You can purchase pre-cut jackets or blankets for about \$20 at most home improvement stores. Visit [energy.gov](http://energy.gov) for project tips and additional considerations.

*Source: [energy.gov](http://energy.gov)*



## GOOD COOKIN'



### Cordon Bleu Casserole

Serves 6

#### For the casserole:

- 2 cups cubed cooked ham
- 4 cups cubed cooked turkey or chicken
- 1 cup shredded Swiss cheese
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1/3 cup butter, cubed
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/8 teaspoon ground mustard
- 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 ¾ cups milk

#### For the topping:

- 1 ½ cups bread crumbs
- ½ cup shredded Swiss cheese
- ¼ cup butter, melted

#### Instructions:

In a large nonstick skillet, cook ham until browned, 4-5 minutes; drain and pat dry. In a greased 2-quart baking dish, layer the turkey/chicken, cheese, and ham; set aside. In a large saucepan, sauté onion in butter until tender. Stir in the flour, mustard, and nutmeg until blended. Gradually stir in milk. Bring to a boil; cook and stir until thickened, about 2 minutes. Pour over ham. Combine topping ingredients, sprinkle over the top. Bake, uncovered at 350°F until golden brown and bubbly, 25-30 minutes.



## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

# BRADY BURTNER

LINEMAN

Brady Burtner serves as a lineman for Kay Electric, a position he has held for 10 months. Asked what he enjoys most about his job, he answered, "The people I work with." Brady was born in Ponca City and currently resides in Blackwell, where he recently became a first-time homeowner. He is engaged to his best friend, Lydia, and has two pets, Boone and Izzy. When he's not working, Brady enjoys hunting and fishing. He values faith, family and friendship and says they've taught him everything he has learned in life. Thank you, Brady, for your service!



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DREAM VACATION:  
ALASKAN CRUISE



COLLEGIATE  
BASEBALL PLAYER

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