

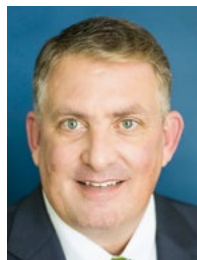
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FROM THE MANAGER

A Season for Gratitude and Giving



Kevin Brownlee

“Together, we can continue to make the places we call home shine a little brighter.”

As the year comes to a close, I find myself reflecting on how fortunate we are to live and work in communities that truly look out for one another. Christmas is a time to celebrate the joy of giving, and at Butler Electric Cooperative, we believe that giving back is one of the greatest gifts we can share.

Each year, our members and employees remind us what it means to live out the cooperative principle of Concern for Community. This spirit of generosity has been especially meaningful this holiday season. Recently, two local organizations, the El Dorado Booster Club and the El Dorado Swim Club, faced unexpected financial hardships due to theft. To help them recover, Butler Electric Cooperative donated \$500 to each organization.

In addition, anyone who signs up for Velocity Internet before the end of the year using the code **WILDCATS** or **SEADRAPONS** will have \$20 donated to the respective organization. It's one more way we can rally behind the students and families who bring so much energy and pride to our area.

We've also seen incredible kindness through our members' participation in the TFI Family Services gift drive, which helps provide Christmas gifts to foster children in our area. Your generosity, along

with donations from Butler and our employees, has helped make this holiday season a little brighter for kids who deserve to feel the warmth of community and care. Thank you for being part of that difference.

The holidays are about connection, to our families, our friends, and our neighbors. At Butler Electric Cooperative, we are grateful every day for the trust you place in us to serve your homes, farms and businesses. Your continued support allows us to give back and keep building stronger communities together.

As we celebrate Christmas and look forward to a new year, I encourage everyone to take a moment to appreciate the blessings around us and the power of kindness. Together, we can continue to make the places we call home shine a little brighter.

From all of us at Butler Electric Cooperative, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

PLEASE NOTE: Our office will close at noon on Christmas Eve and will be closed on Christmas Day and Dec. 26 so our employees can spend time with their families.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Our offices will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 24 at noon, Thursday, Dec. 25, Friday, Dec. 26, and Thursday, Jan. 1, to celebrate the holidays.

Nomination Committee Meeting — Jan. 8 at 1:30 p.m.

The Butler Electric Nominating Committee will meet at the Butler Electric Cooperative office, 216 S. Vine in the city of El Dorado, Kansas, on **JAN. 8, 2025**, to nominate trustees for districts at the hour of 1:30 p.m. of the said day as stated in Article IV, Section 4:

It shall be the duty of the Board of Trustees to appoint, not less than thirty days nor more than ninety days before the date of a meeting of the members at which Trustees are to be elected, a committee on nominations consisting of not less than five nor more than eleven members representation. No member of the Board of Trustees shall serve on the committee. The committee keeping in mind the principle of

equitable representation shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative, at least twenty days before the meeting a list of nominations for Trustees which may include a greater number of candidates than are to be elected. Any fifteen or more members acting together may make other nominations by petition not less than fifteen days prior to the meeting and the Secretary shall cause to be posted such nominations at the same place where the list of nominations made by the committee is posted. Said Secretary shall cause to be mailed with the notice of the meeting or separately, but at least ten days before the date of the meeting a statement of the number of Trustees to be elected, and the names and addresses of the candidates specifying separately the nominations made by petition, if any. The chairman shall call for additional nominations from the floor and nominations shall not be closed until at least one minute has passed during which no additional nominations has been made. No member may nominate more than one candidate (Section 4 Amended at Annual Meeting of Members, Feb. 22, 1977).

INTERESTED IN REPRESENTING DISTRICT 2? CONTACT THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE BY JAN. 8

The trustee terms of **SHERI CLAASSEN**, District 2

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DISTRICT 2
SHERI CLAASSEN

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Any member may contact the members of the nominating committee to participate in the nominating process.

- ▶ **RICHARD JIMENEZ**
15765 S.W. 143rd
Rose Hill, KS 67133
- ▶ **DEAN HARTSCHEN**
12040 S.W. 84th St.
Andover, KS 67002
- ▶ **DONALD REGIER**
16871 N.W. Prairie Creek Road
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- ▶ **RANDY SHIELDS**
10869 N.W. Buffalo Road
Potwin, KS 67123
- ▶ **MARION FUTHEY**
14024 S.W. Prairie Creek Road
Rose Hill, KS 67133
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9647 N.E. Cole Creek Road
El Dorado, KS 67042
- ▶ **BRIAN DUPUY**
11028 S.W. Purity Springs
Augusta, KS 67010

(completing final term) will be expiring in 2026. Joining the board allows you to make a meaningful impact in your community, using your unique skills to influence important decisions. We're looking for passionate individuals who are eager to serve and represent the diverse members of our cooperative. You don't need to be an expert in electricity or business — just a dedication to rural Kansas and a willingness to learn.

Any member may contact the nominating committee to participate in the nominating process.

Applications Due Jan. 15 for All-Expenses-Paid Trips and Scholarships



Butler Electric is now accepting applications from high school juniors for a “trip of a lifetime.” The top three winners will also earn scholarships at graduation.

To be eligible, students must have a parent or guardian whose primary residence is served by Butler Electric. We encourage all eligible students to apply for these incredible summer opportunities! Butler Electric Cooperative will select three winners:

- ▶ **FIRST PLACE:** The winner will have the opportunity to choose between two trips: a trip to Washington, D.C., as part of the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour or a trip to Steamboat Springs, Colorado, for the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp, along with a \$1,000 scholarship.
- ▶ **SECOND PLACE:** The second-place



winner will receive the remaining trip not chosen by the first-place winner, plus a \$600 scholarship.

- ▶ **THIRD PLACE:** The third-place winner will receive a \$400 scholarship.

Butler Electric covers transportation, lodging, meals and other incidental expenses for both trips. The safety of our students and chaperones is our top priority. If travel is deemed unsafe by trip coordinators, the trips may be canceled, and delegates will be offered the opportunity to participate in an alternate activity for an award.

To enter the competition, eligible high school juniors must submit their applications **BY JAN. 15, 2026**. Detailed application information is available online at www.butler.coop/youth-tour-application.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



MATT FRAZIER

PURCHASING AND FLEET MANAGER

This month, we're taking a moment to recognize someone whose dedication and knowledge have helped shape Butler Electric Cooperative for decades — **MATT FRAZIER**.

For 36 years, Matt has been a cornerstone of Butler Electric Cooperative. As our purchasing and fleet manager, his title only begins to describe the many hats he wears each day. He knows the ins and outs of both Butler and Velocity and is often the first one here and the last to leave.

Matt is always willing to help in any way he can, whether it's offering his knowledge of our systems, finding the right equipment, providing support to our linemen and Velocity crews or otherwise. His experience and dedication are unmatched, and his steady presence helps keep our operations running smoothly.

We are beyond grateful for Matt's commitment, hard work, and decades of service to Butler Electric Cooperative and Velocity.

EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES



SARAH MADDEN

MEMBER SERVICES AND
PUBLIC RELATIONS
MANAGER

26 Years



AARON YODER

FOREMAN

13 Years



ZACH STANLEY

BROADBAND FIELD
OPERATIONS MANAGER

1 Year



KEN DUTY

BROADBAND NETWORK
MANAGER

1 Year



TANNER BECKER

NOC
TECHNICIAN

1 Year



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