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OUR OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON **DEC. 24, DEC. 25, AND JAN. 1.**



SAFETY TIP

Lint buildup in your dryer can be a serious hazard, as it can easily catch fire if not cleaned regularly. By taking a few moments to clear out the lint trap before each use, you can improve the efficiency of your dryer and also greatly reduce the risk of a potentially dangerous dryer fire.



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2024 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

DISTRICT 2

- ▶ **DAVE COOPER**
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- ▶ **TYLER PARKER**
785-466-6290
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620-340-7121

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- ▶ **ANDREW CARLSON**
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2025 Nominating Committee Announced

The members listed at left were appointed by the Flint Hills RECA Board of Trustees to serve on the 2025 Nominating Committee.

Each district Nominating Committee will propose two candidates for trustee from their respective district. The Nominating Committee will receive a list of qualified members in their district, which will be of assistance in seeking nominations. District nominees will be voted on by the membership with a mail-in ballot that will be mailed out the first week of March 2025. Those trustees whose terms will expire at the 2025 annual meeting are: **SHAWN POTTS**, District 2, and **CARY GRANZOW**, District 3.

All Nominating Committee meetings will be held at the Flint Hills RECA offices 1564 S. 1000 Road, Council Grove on **TUESDAY, JAN. 7 AT 11:30 AM.**

Nominations for a qualified candidate may also be made by petition, filed at the Council Grove office on or before the close of business on the 15th day following the nomination committee's selection of trustee nominees.

For more information on the cooperative's voting process, visit Article V in the Member Bylaws located on our website www.flinthillsrec.com.

TRUSTEES WITH TERMS EXPIRING IN 2025



Shawn Potts
District 2



Cary Granzow
District 3

10 Holiday Travel SAFETY TIPS



Millions take to the highways over the holidays, making it one of the busiest travel times of the year. If you're traveling by car this season, follow these safety tips:

- ▶ **PREPARE YOUR HOME** — Cancel mail, pause deliveries and have someone check on your home. In snowy areas, arrange for snow removal.
- ▶ **REDUCE FIRE RISKS** — Unplug nonessential electrical devices and check smoke detectors.
- ▶ **DON'T OVERSHARE** — Avoid posting travel plans on social media to prevent potential break-ins.
- ▶ **INSPECT YOUR CAR** — Ensure tires are inflated and carry jumper cables, as cold weather can drain batteries.
- ▶ **PACK AN EMERGENCY KIT** — Include a car phone charger, blankets, food and water, coats and a flashlight with batteries.
- ▶ **CHECK THE WEATHER** — Check the weather before and during your trip to avoid storms.
- ▶ **BUCKLE UP AND SLOW DOWN** — Increase your following distance to safely navigate slick roads and allow extra time to get to your destination.
- ▶ **TAKE FREQUENT BREAKS** — Stop every few hours to stay alert and stay hydrated to avoid fatigue.
- ▶ **SHARE YOUR ITINERARY** — Let family or friends know your travel plans to and from your destination.
- ▶ **PUT THAT PHONE AWAY** — Avoid distractions — driving requires your full attention.

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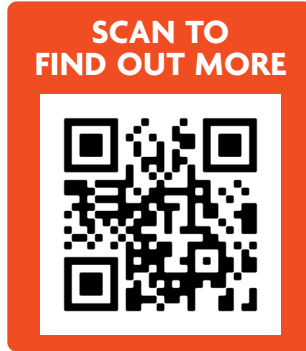
2025 Youth Program Applications

Students invited to apply for leadership opportunities

Flint Hills REC has a strong tradition of promoting youth leadership and that tradition will continue with two in-person leadership programs this summer. Flint Hills REC will select two individuals and they will have their choice to attend one of two all-expenses-paid trips to either the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour or the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp.

The Electric Cooperative Youth Tour will be June 14-20, 2025. Students will join 1,700 youth from across the nation in Washington, D.C. They will see the monuments and other attractions, as well as visit Capitol Hill to learn more about how our government works. Those selected for this experience also can apply for the Kansas seat on a national youth leadership council.

The Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp will be held July 11-17, 2025, near Steamboat Springs, Colorado. High school students from electric cooperative communities in Colorado,



Kansas, Oklahoma and Wyoming participate in this leadership camp. Together, they will create a candy cooperative, hear from dynamic speakers, and raft down the Colorado River.

If you know of a current junior or sophomore student

with strong leadership potential who is ready for new experiences, would like to network with other student leaders, and is willing to learn more about themselves and their communities, encourage them to apply for these incredible leadership opportunities.

To apply, you can call our office at 620-767-5144 or email us for an application at memberservices@flinthillsrec.com or visit www.flinthillsrec.com/youth-tour.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE SEE YOUR HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR OR CALL THE FLINT HILLS OFFICE AT 620-767-5144.

APPLY FOR A TRIP OF A LIFETIME

JUNE 14-20, 2025

AN ALL-EXPENSES-PAID TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C.



An all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., sponsored by your local electric co-op.

A week of visiting historic monuments, touring world-class museums and meeting elected officials.

An opportunity to develop lifelong friendships with delegates from across the country!

FIND OUT MORE



JULY 11-17, 2025

★★★ COOPERATIVE YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP ★★★

LEADERSHIP

Learn about the co-op business model and develop leadership skills.

COMMUNITY

Students from Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma and Wyoming create a candy co-op, run camp activities and make meaningful connections.

MEMORIES

From rafting on the Colorado River to exploring downtown Steamboat Springs — you'll be sure to capture memories to remember for a lifetime.



LEARN MORE



HOLIDAY FUN WORD SEARCH

Can you find all the words associated with holiday fun in the puzzle below? Use the word bank to check your work.



WORD BANK

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|--------------|---------------|
| Jingle bells | Mittens |
| Candy cane | Snowman |
| Santa Claus | Hot chocolate |



Happy Holidays
from the
Energy Explorers!