



**FREESTATE ELECTRIC  
COOPERATIVE, INC.**

# The Outlet

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## Office Closure Notice

The FreeState offices will be closed on **MONDAY, SEPT. 5**, in observance of Labor Day. You can still call 800-794-1989 to report outages, or utilize the SmartHub app. Thank you!

## FROM THE CEO

# See You at the Zoo

Electric cooperatives would not exist without members. Being a member of a cooperative like FreeState is more than just buying electricity every month. It's an investment into service and a commitment to communities because FreeState does more than provide affordable electricity.

The cooperative principles of Concern for Community and Open Membership are two principles we are highlighting at Crew at the Zoo on Saturday, Aug. 27, at the Topeka Zoo. And we are so excited to see you again this year!

And we're doing it for you — the reason cooperatives exist. We understand that priorities have changed, and the way we did things years ago doesn't always match with the schedules and needs of our members today. The Topeka Zoo is the perfect place for us to provide a fun-filled day that you and your family can enjoy — together — no matter what generation you are.

Crew at the Zoo is a day that FreeState employees and trustees celebrate you with free entry to the zoo, lunch, and a chance to spend the day as a family. You will find your express entry pass in this

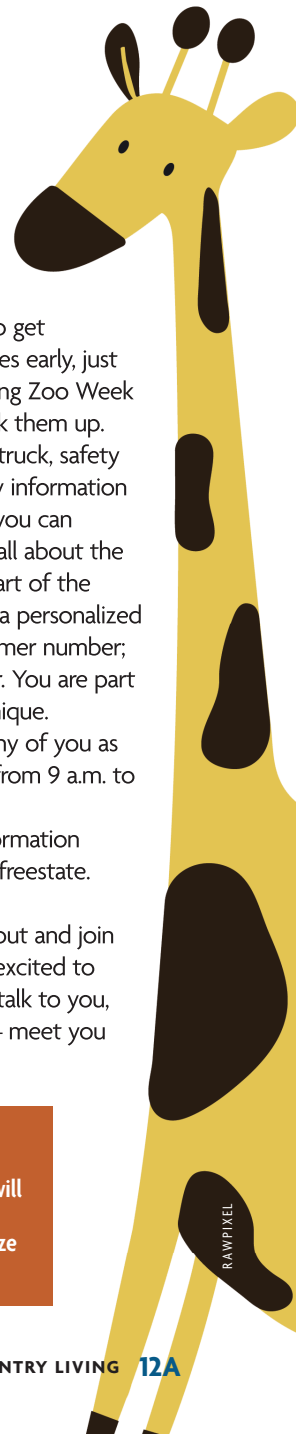
issue, your August bill, or on our website. Just fill it out and bring it with you to the zoo to get your adventure pass and wristbands. If you'd like to get your wristbands and passes early, just stop by either office during Zoo Week — Aug. 22-26 — and pick them up.

We will have a bucket truck, safety displays, energy efficiency information and interactive activities you can check out while learning all about the cooperative difference. Part of the cooperative difference is a personalized touch. You aren't a customer number; you are a member-owner. You are part of what makes co-ops unique.

We want to see as many of you as possible, and you'll have from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to stop by.

You can find more information about our event at [www.freestate.coop/zoo](http://www.freestate.coop/zoo).

We hope you'll come out and join us because we are most excited to have the opportunity to talk to you, see you, and for some — meet you for the first time.



## Operations Modified Schedule

FreeState Operations will be moving to a modified schedule. Outside crews will be working 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Members will see no changes to outage response. To report outages, contact 800-794-1989 or utilize SmartHub.



# My Time at

# KEY

KANSAS ELECTRIC YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



Zander Seth will be a senior at Lyndon High School. He is the son of Jaryl and Stephanie Seth.

To say I had a blast at the KEY Leadership Conference would be an understatement.

The day I arrived, I was not expecting to make friends as quickly as I did. My roommates, Karl and Dakota, are some of the nicest people I have ever met. The first night started off with a bang. My air mattress exploded from a frayed cord, which to be honest, was a cool experience and a lesson in electrical safety!

Over the next few days, I learned so much. Some of the topics we learned about were safe driving, the dangers of social media, investing in our future, and so much more. These topics really opened my eyes to my own future.

We also got to take a nighttime tour of the Kansas State Capitol, which was pretty neat. We got to go to FreeState and see how the energy was distributed and the dangers of electricity and what kind of careers are out there. I also got to go

up in a bucket truck! On the second to last day, we went ax throwing, something I was not good at. I barely could get the ax to stick to the board.

On the last day, we got to meet the man underneath the Kansas City Chiefs mascot suit. His story really reached me. He fell from a zip line during a stunt practicing for a game and broke six ribs and had many injuries. He was very humble and reminded us not to take life for granted. I got to do the griddy with the KC Wolf, something few people get to do!

This summary only scratches the surface of all I want to say, but if there was one thing I took away from this conference, it would be the tight friendships I made. These are people I want to surround myself with. We all keep in touch. We will have a reunion in the future. Overall, I had a fun time, and I am very thankful for this experience and opportunity.



PR/Marketing Director Sarah Farlee joined the delegates as a chaperone for the KEY Leadership Conference.

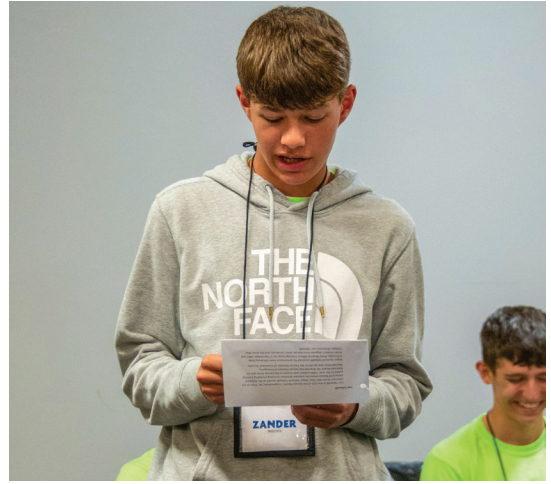


Earl, the FreeState youth mascot, joined in on the fun as well.





The 2022 KEY delegates gather at the Kansas State Capitol in Topeka.



Zander Seth introduces himself to the group.



Brad Heidemen, journeyman lineman, helps Zander into the bucket for a ride.



Zander attempts to maneuver with thick lineman gloves.



David Carter, from Kansas Energy Center, provides energy activities for KEY delegates.



Bryce Shaver, journeyman lineman, takes Earl the elephant along as he completed pole climbing demos.



From left: Matt Lambert, energy use coordinator; Nolan Lewis, safety and training director; and Jordann Moody, journeyman lineman; pose with Earl the Elephant.

# FREESTATE MEMBER APPRECIATION EVENT

Saturday, Aug. 27, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

[WWW.FREESTATE.COOP/ZOO](http://WWW.FREESTATE.COOP/ZOO)

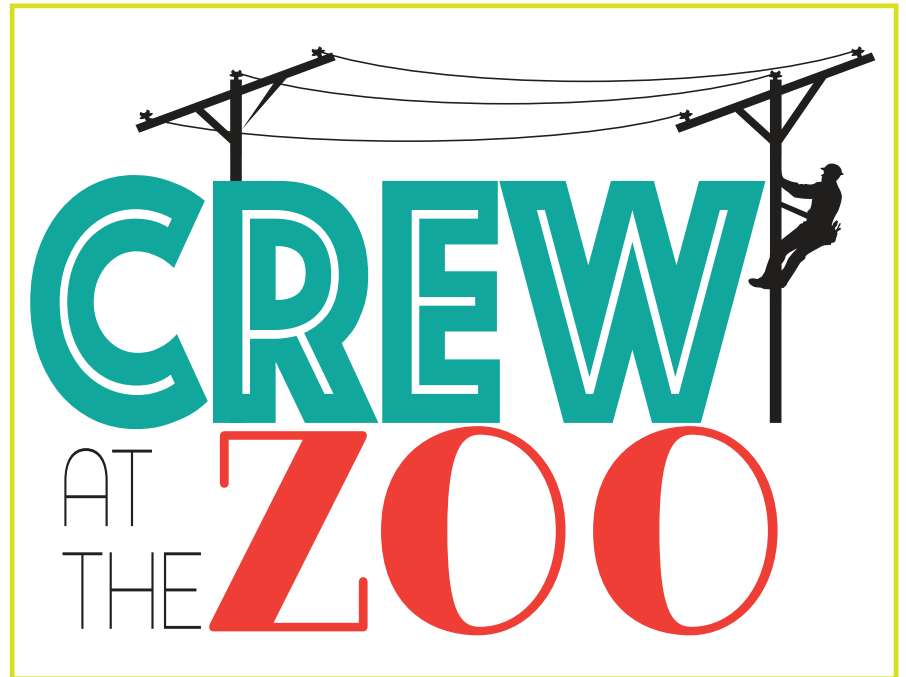
Don't have time to pick up your tickets at either office Aug. 22-26? No problem! Fill out the below information including your FreeState account number and bring it with you to the zoo.

**ARRIVE ANY TIME BETWEEN 9 A.M. AND 3 P.M. AT THE TOPEKA ZOO** (635 S.W. Gage Blvd., Topeka, KS 66606) and present this page to the registration table to receive your wristbands and adventure passes that will provide free entry to the zoo. Lunch is served at the Security Benefit Pavilion from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Visit the website for more information.

**DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR POP TABS FOR THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE!**

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