

THE OUTLET

The Official Member Newsletter of CORE Electric Cooperative

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Making a difference this holiday season

As part of our mission to improve lives and communities through choice and innovation, CORE partners with local programs, businesses and organizations throughout the year to support members in our service area. Now you can join with CORE to make a big impact in your community. CORE has worked with Colorado Gives so our members can make a difference for those struggling with economic hardship this holiday season.

Leading up to **Colorado Gives Day on Dec. 10**, we invite you to consider supporting organizations that lend a helping hand to your neighbors. Your contribution will assist community members with CORE electric utility bills and other necessities.

Visit our CORE Gives webpage to select the non-profit you wish to support.

- **Help & Hope** (Douglas and Elbert Counties)

Help & Hope meets the immediate needs of residents of Douglas and Elbert Counties who are in financial distress and at risk of becoming homeless, helping them through troublesome times with dignity.

- **Lifefridge** (Bailey)
Lifefridge bridges the gap during difficult times, showing love and compassion by providing food, services and firewood to those in need.
- **Parker Task Force**
The Parker Task Force for Human Services is dedicated to providing individuals and families in the Parker community with food, limited financial assistance and other support services to help them become self-sufficient.
- **Community Cupboard** (Woodland Park)
The Community Cupboard provides complete food boxes, including frozen meat, dairy, produce, bakery items and canned

goods for homemade meals.

- **SECOR Cares** (Parker and Centennial)
SECOR Cares for people facing suburban poverty, restoring hope and dignity, and guiding them toward a self-sufficient life through a free food market.
- **Mountain Resource Center** (Conifer)
Mountain Resource Center offers emergency services like housing and utility assistance.

Visit www.CORE.coop > **My Community > CORE Gives**, or use the QR code below to make a donation.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated and, together, we can make a significant impact on the lives of those in need.



CORE competes at International Rodeo



This year CORE sent six apprentices, three teams consisting of three journeymen linemen, and six judges to participate in the International Lineman's Rodeo in Overland Park, Kansas. Competing against more than 200 teams and 380 apprentices from across the globe, one of CORE's teams placed second in the hurtman rescue event, while one apprentice secured fifth place in the overall co-op division.

Congratulations to all who competed!

2025 Director elections in Districts 3, 5 and 7

As a member-owner of CORE Electric Cooperative, you have a voice. Members within each district elect a fellow member to serve a four-year term on CORE's Board of Directors and represent their interests in CORE business and policies. In 2025, the board seats for Districts 3, 5 and 7 are up for election.

To be eligible to become or remain a director, a person must:

- be an individual 18 years of age or older;
- be a member of the cooperative;
- purchase electric energy within his or her director district; and
- not be a current employee of the cooperative, or formerly employed by the cooperative within the past five years.

Eligible candidates who want to run for CORE's Board of Directors must submit a written petition signed by

at least 15 members and submitted to CORE 60 to 90 days prior to election (**Jan. 26 and Feb. 25**). The petition signature of a spouse of a member is not counted unless the spouse is a joint member and the other joint member has not signed, or the spouse is a member in his or her own right.

Electronic voting will open and printed ballots will be delivered not less than 30 days before the annual meeting to members in any district in which there is a contested election. Eligible voters who do not vote electronically or via mail can vote in-person Saturday, April 26, between 9 and 10 a.m, at CORE's headquarters in Sedalia. Voting by proxy is not permitted in director elections.

Elections schedule

- Jan. 26, 2025: First day to submit director nomination petitions
- Feb. 25, 2025: Last day to submit director nomination petitions

- March 12, 2025: Last day to submit nominee bios and positions statements for inclusion in ballots
- Late March 2025: Electronic voting opens; printed ballots mailed to members who do not opt into electronic voting
- April 25, 2025: Deadline for all electronic and mail ballots to reach the independent election vendor
- April 26, 2025: Annual meeting and election

Additional election resources — including the nomination petition form — **will be available in January on CORE's website, www.CORE.coop**, and more information will be published in future editions of *The Outlet*.

Questions can be sent to elections@core.coop.

Preparing your home for the festive season

As the holiday season approaches, it's important to **prioritize safety when decorating with lights**. Before using last year's string lights, inspect them for frayed wires or damaged bulbs and replace any faulty strands. When replacing bulbs, ensure they match the original wattage and voltage to prevent overheating.

Always check for overhead power lines and maintain a distance of at least 10 feet when hanging outdoor lights. Use longer extension cords instead of multiple shorter ones to reduce overheating risks, and always plug outdoor lights into Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) outlets for added safety.

Following these guidelines will help you enjoy a festive and safe holiday season.



For a more in-depth look at how you can prepare your home, visit www.CORE.coop > **News and Resources** > **CORE News**.