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Crazy about Curling

Win or lose, there's
no bad curling
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Saddle making
for the pros
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Many curling enthusiasts
contend the world would
be a more peaceful place if
everyone "threw the stone."

Sioux Valley Energy Board Approves Yearly Work Plan and Budget



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Happy New Year! The Sioux Valley Energy Board of Directors met in December to consider the 2022 Work Plan and Budget, which they approved. The budget undergoes a rigorous process of development, research, and vetting as we plan for the Cooperative's line construction/maintenance and various member initiatives. Sioux Valley Energy is a member-owned electric cooperative. As such, it is an important part of my duties to keep you, our members, informed on what is planned for the upcoming year. While there is a great amount of documentation and detail to the Cooperative's plans, below is a high-level overview.

Rates will remain steady in 2022 with the help of deferred revenue. The Cooperative is required to use its deferred revenue balance of \$2.547 million this year, which will result in margins being approximately one million more than what is needed to meet the minimum Modified Debt Service Coverage (MDSC). If this forecast holds true, this could be an opportunity for our Board to set up another deferred revenue plan at the end of 2022 to help with future rate increases, as we do expect the need for an adjustment in the coming years.

We anticipate our wholesale power purchases (which makes up 62 percent of the Cooperative's Operating Budget this year) to be over \$60 million in 2022 with nearly one million MWh in purchased power. Electric sales revenue is budgeted to be nearly \$95 million with 909,123 MWh in sales. Other budgeted financial highlights include:

- **Operating Margins:** \$3.7 million
- **Net Margins:** \$6.77 million
- **Capital Credit Retirement:** \$2.54 million

- **Distribution Plant Additions and Replacements:** \$18.65 million
- **New Services:** \$1.85 million
- **Total Utility Plant:** \$328 million (Total Utility Plant has grown from \$128 million just ten years ago. The Cooperative is planning for 555 new services, with the number of accounts expected to surpass 28,000 this coming year.)

This year's Capital Budget is set at \$18.65 million. The following categories represent the allocation of those expenses:

- **Conductor Replacement:** \$5.77 million
- **System Improvements:** \$7.70 million
- **Transformers and Meters:** \$1.87 million
- **New Services:** \$1.85 million
- **Sectionalizing Equipment:** \$1.18 million
- **All other electrical equipment:** \$280,000

The Operating Budget will be \$97.8 million in total and includes the following:

- **Power Cost** - \$60.4 million
- **Direct Costs** - \$6.7 million (cable locating, right of way clearing, pole and ground testing, consumer billing, cooperative meetings, software, director expenses, building maintenance, etc.)
- **Expensed Labor** - \$11.9 million
- **Indirect Costs** - \$15.1 million (interest, depreciation, and taxes)
- **Operating Margin** - \$3.7 million

In working to live up to the Cooperative's mission of "Serving Our Members. Always.", our member focused programs and services

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Work Plan and Budget

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are an important part of the 2022 Work Plan. The Beneficial Electrification Department plans to invest dollars from the Renewable Energy Credit fund toward research and development projects including a battery storage for a solar array. Sioux Valley Energy will use that project to research whether there is a reduction in its system peak during coincidental peak times. A residential in-home battery storage system(s) will be installed as well, so the Cooperative can gather more information about how it pairs with a Time of Use Rate program or a pilot Residential Demand Rate, which is also planned for 2022. Additionally, there are plans to construct a 50 kW community solar array at the Colman headquarters. The panels will be available for purchase by members and will be pre-sold before construction of the project. As in years past, Sioux Valley Energy will offer incentive and rebate programs for various beneficial electrician efforts such as controlled water heating, electric vehicles, and heat pumps.

Our commitment to community is as strong as ever and is reflected in the 2022 Work Plan and Budget. In fact, Sioux Valley Energy plans to expand its presence in

“Rates will remain steady in 2022 with the help of deferred revenue.”

Hartford with an additional office, open to members, located in a leased facility behind the Coffee Cup Fuel Stop just off Interstate 90 (Exit 387). In addition, we plan to continue to support community and economic development initiatives in area communities throughout Sioux Valley Energy's footprint through the REVIVE 2030 program. District meetings will look a little more normal again this year (we hope!). You will receive a postcard closer to the date of your meeting. The Annual Meeting is scheduled to take place on June 7 at the Sioux Falls Convention Center. It's been quite a few years since we have held the meeting at that location, so we are excited to be in Sioux Falls again.

As you can imagine there is a lot more to the 2022 Work Plan and Budget, but we hope this high-level overview will give you a feel for what will be happening at your electric cooperative this year. As always, stay safe and we hope to see you at our upcoming district meetings!

Make a plan before heading out in wintry road conditions

Though they may make for a pretty seasonal backdrop, snow and ice can complicate even modest travel plans. It's unsafe to drive when visibility is vastly reduced or when you can't fully control your car. According to AAA, wintry weather and its byproduct - hazardous road conditions - are a factor in nearly a half-million crashes and more than 2,000 road deaths each year. With those figures in mind, here are some tips to minimize the risk to yourself and other motorists during winter weather.

Don't drive unless you must. It really isn't worth the risk to your safety and that of others to venture out onto potentially unsafe roads for any circumstance that isn't urgent. Pay attention to weather reports so you can run any time-sensitive errands and stock up on supplies before adverse conditions arrive. If you must drive to work, that's one thing. But don't tempt fate if you can help it.

If you have to drive, eliminate distractions. Keep your phone out of reach or set it to airplane mode - a good practice year-round but especially important when roads are dicey.

Keep a bundle of cold-weather gear in your car, including water, nonperishable food, warm clothing, a flashlight, glass scraper, blankets and medications.

Before you set out, alert others to your route, destination and estimated time of arrival.

Make sure your tires are properly inflated and have plenty of tread.

Keep your gas tank at least half full to prevent a frozen fuel line, which could leave you stranded.

Don't use cruise control when driving on any slippery surface.

Drive slowly. Lower your speed to counteract the reduced traction that accompanies snow and ice. Accelerate and decelerate slowly. Applying the gas slowly can help avoid skids. Since it takes longer to slow down on icy roads, take your time to slow down for a stop sign or light.

A final note for winter driving: Never warm up a vehicle in an enclosed area such as a garage. Exercise caution and good judgment to stay safe as you negotiate whatever conditions winter brings this year.

POWERLINE SAFETY QUIZ

TRUE OR FALSE?

Power lines are insulated for contact.

False. While power lines may have a covering to protect against weather, they are not insulated for contact. Birds can sit on power lines unhurt because they don't create a path to the ground. You and your ladder do.

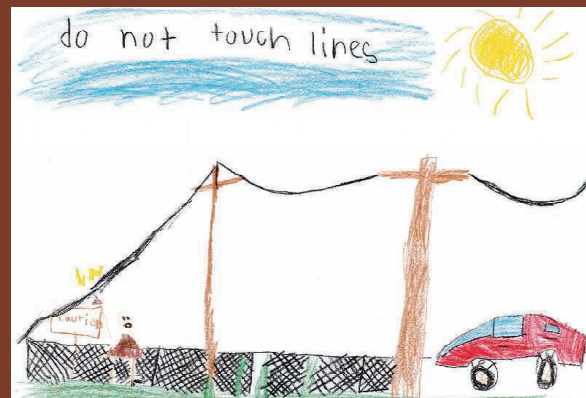


I should keep myself and any equipment I'm using at least 10 feet away from any power lines.

True. You don't need to contact a power line to be in danger; electricity can jump, or arc, from a power line to a person who gets too close. The best insulator is space. Keep yourself and your equipment at least 10 feet away from power lines.

I can be electrocuted by a power line even if I am wearing gloves and rubber boots.

True. Work gloves and rubber boots offer no protection against contact with a power line. Once again, space - and lots of it - is the best insulator.



Don't touch power lines

Luke Walden

Luke Walden reminds co-op members that it's important to never touch power lines under any conditions. Luke is from Brandon, where he and his parents Blake and Jennifer are all members of Sioux Valley Energy.

Kids, send your drawing with an electrical safety tip to your local electric cooperative (address found on Page 3). If your poster is published, you'll receive a prize. All entries must include your name, age, mailing address and the names of your parents. Colored drawings are encouraged.



BRUNCH TIME!

CHEESY SAUSAGE AND POTATO SKILLET CASSEROLE

Ingredients:
 8 ounces bulk breakfast sausage, crumbled
 1 medium onion, chopped
 1 medium green bell pepper, chopped
 6 eggs
 1 cup milk
 1 tablespoon McCormick® Oregano Leaves
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/4 teaspoon McCormick® Coarse Ground Black Pepper
 1 1/2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
 1 cup crumbled feta cheese
 2 plum tomatoes, seeded and chopped
 1 tablespoon oil
 1 package (20 oz) refrigerated shredded hash browns
 3 tbsp fresh dill, parsley or green onion finely chopped

METHOD

Cook and stir sausage in large skillet on medium heat 5 minutes or until lightly browned. Add onion and bell pepper; cook and stir 5 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Set aside. Beat eggs in large bowl with wire whisk. Add milk, oregano, salt and pepper; mix well. Add sausage mixture, cheeses and tomatoes; mix well. Set aside. Pour oil into same skillet, swirling to coat the pan. Spread hash browns in bottom and up sides of pan. Pour egg mixture over potatoes. Cover. Cook on medium heat 10 to 15 minutes or until eggs are set.

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Please send your favorite seafood recipes to your local electric cooperative (address found on Page 3). Each recipe printed will be entered into a drawing for a prize in December 2022. All entries must include your name, mailing address, phone number and cooperative name.

BRUNCH EGG BAKE

Ingredients:
 12 slices, bread, crusts removed
 2 cups diced ham or bacon, crisp and chopped
 1 - 4 oz. can mushrooms, drained
 1 green pepper, chopped
 1 onion, chopped
 1 cup cheddar cheese, shredded
 5 eggs
 2-1/2 cups milk
 salt and pepper
 paprika

METHOD

Butter six slices of bread and put face down in 9 x 13 inch pan, lightly sprayed with cooking spray. Cover the bread with the ham, mushrooms, green pepper, onion and cheese. Dice the remaining bread and spread over the top. Beat eggs, milk, salt and pepper and pour over the top. Sprinkle with paprika. Cover the pan with foil and refrigerate overnight. In the morning, bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour. Serves 12.

Mary Jessen, Holabird

COLD OATMEAL MUESLI

Ingredients:
 1 cup quick oats
 1 cup old fashioned oats
 1/2 cup raisins
 1/3 cup brown sugar
 1 tsp cinnamon
 2 cup milk

METHOD

Mix all ingredients together and let sit overnight in the refrigerator. Serve cold. May add walnuts and apples or other fresh berries when serving, if desired.

Elaine Rieck, Harrisburg

Take Control of Your Energy Use in 2022!



Sheila Gross
Energy Services
Specialist

Here are some tips for simple steps you can take to manage your energy use this year.

We also offer the SmartHub app which allows you to monitor your energy use and more.

Download the app from your device's store, or visit www.siouxvalleyenergy.com



Make Efficiency Your New Year's Resolution!



Call Sioux Valley Energy at 1-800-234-1960 or go online at www.siouxvalleyenergy.com to learn more about programs that can make your new year more efficient!

Start the new year off by being more energy efficient!

Each month, try changing your energy use habits by using the tips below. Keep this calendar on your refrigerator to remind family members to be energy efficient throughout the year.

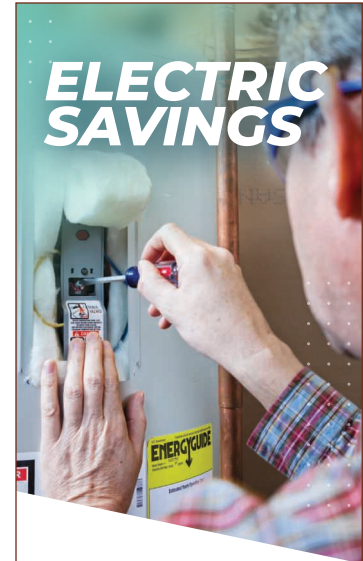
	<p>JANUARY</p> <p>Keep thermostat at 68 degrees for winter months. Install smart thermostat.</p>	<p>FEBRUARY</p> <p>Wash clothes in cold water and clean lint filter before drying.</p>	<p>MARCH</p> <p>Unplug devices & appliances when not in use. Use a power strip.</p>
<p>APRIL</p> <p>Clean refrigerator coils and ensure door seals fit tight. Use energy star appliances.</p>	<p>MAY</p> <p>Clean or replace HVAC air filter monthly for efficiency and air quality.</p>	<p>JUNE</p> <p>Keep thermostat at 78°. Close the curtains and use a ceiling fan to move air.</p>	
	<p>JULY</p> <p>Don't heat up the kitchen. Use pot lids and exhaust fans, slow cooker, microwave or grill.</p>	<p>AUGUST</p> <p>Only run the dishwasher fully loaded. Use air dry cycle instead of heat.</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER</p> <p>Schedule service for your heating system and consider a heat pump.</p>
<p>OCTOBER</p> <p>Seal cracks, gaps, leaks & check insulation levels. Contact SVE for an energy audit.</p>	<p>NOVEMBER</p> <p>Take short showers instead of baths. Set water heater to 120 degrees.</p>	<p>DECEMBER</p> <p>Turn off lights when you leave a room. Use LEDs in home and for holiday lighting.</p>	

Bills More Than You Can Handle?

AREA AGENCIES MAY OFFER HELP

Some members find it difficult to pay their utility bills in the winter. Organizations in both South Dakota and southwestern Minnesota may be able to provide assistance. Listed is the contact information for some of these groups.

South Dakota	
Statewide in South Dakota	
LIEAP, Low Income Energy Assistance Program	1-800-233-8503
First Call for Help	211
Brookings County	
Brookings County Welfare Office	605-696-8260
Brookings County Community Action	605-692-6391
Salvation Army of Brookings County	605-692-8863
My Neighbor	605-691-3225
Kingsbury County	
	605-854-3701
	605-256-6518
	605-256-7619
Minnehaha County	
Minnehaha County Human Services	605-367-4217
Minnehaha Community Outreach	605-331-3935
Minnehaha County Salvation Army	605-332-2331
Sioux Falls Interlakes Community Action	605-334-2808
Moody County	
Interlakes Community Action	605-997-2824
Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribal Office	605-997-3891
Southwestern Minnesota	
Southwestern MN Opportunity Council	1-800-658-2444
Southwest Health & Human Services	1-888-837-6713
The Salvation Army Heat Share	800-842-7279
MN Department of Energy Services	800-657-3710
First Call for Help	211
Pipestone County	
Pipestone County Veterans Administration	507-825-1171
United Community Action Partnership (UCAP)	507-537-1416
Rock County	
Rock County Veterans Administration	507-283-5061
United Community Action Partnership (UCAP)	507-727-1401



Water heaters are the second highest source of energy usage in the home – and the second most expensive monthly energy cost. Electric water heaters can help you cut costs from installation to reduced monthly energy bills. They are also more efficient and safer than gas water heaters.

To learn more about the benefits of going electric, contact Sioux Valley Energy today at

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STICKS AND STONES

Members of the Aberdeen Curling Club hold a public instructional session to teach both the young and old the finer points of their sport.

Curling clubs seek to educate the public and spread the word about the joy of throwing stones

Billy Gibson

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Looking for a sure-fire way to achieve permanent world peace and lasting harmony?

Make curling mandatory.

At least Bryan Rau thinks that's just the ticket to putting an end to international animosity. Rau serves on the board of the Aberdeen Curling Club and describes being hooked the moment he threw his first stone in competition eight years ago.

"When I touched that first stone it was like 10,000 volts going through me. I kicked out the hack and threw that stone down the ice and it was just incredible," he said. "I think if everybody curled, the whole world would be different. Everybody would get along. There's no bad curling. No matter where you play, whether you win or lose, it's all good curling. It's a game that's played with honor and pride. You don't have to be a jock or a talented athlete. It's a sport that's

made for everyone. I've seen people play from 8 to 85."

Bryan and his fellow board member, Steve Gascoigne, spent a recent afternoon in Gascoigne's garage taking in a documentary called "Sticks and Stones: Battle for the Soul of Curling." When they're not playing the game, they enjoy talking about it.

As for his role as the club's ice master, Gascoigne can wax eloquently about how to prepare the perfect sheet of competition ice. He describes the tedious and exacting process that involves various measures of zammung, scraping, mopping, pebbling (twice), watering and nipping.

And if you can't control your stone after Gascoigne and his crew have spent 45 minutes working their magic, more practice may be in order.

The job of a stone hitting its target largely falls on the shoulders of the skip. A typical four-member team includes the lead, second, vice skip and skip. Each player throws two 44-pound stones and the vice skip



Aberdeen Curling Club members Danny Wolfgram, John Hilton, Alex Wolfgram and John Peterson recently completed an "eight ender," which is often compared to a perfect game in baseball.

Curling club contacts

Sioux Falls Curling Club
605-271-7539
www.scheelsiceplex.com

Aberdeen Curling Club
605-228-1717
www.curlaberdeen.com

Rushmore Curling Club
605-484-4477
www.rushmorecurling.org

Yankton Curling Club
(605) 665-0229
www.yanktonice.org

MN Curling Association
www.mncurling.org



Many curling clubs have two common goals: dedicated ice and a desire to teach others the rules and techniques of their sport.

stands in when it's the skip's turn to throw. The direction of the stone's path can be altered by sweepers who brush the surface in a way that can make the stone lose speed, gain speed or curl left or right.

The last stone is called the hammer and can be used to earn points with a favorable position near "the button" or knock the opponent's stone out of the target area.

But beyond the technical aspects of the sport or tallying wins or losses, each of the four most active clubs across the state share the same goal of educating the public about the sport and getting younger folks hooked on curling.

Rau, for instance, is a long-time Scout master and is working with his local troop to get the kids involved. He and Gascoigne and other members of the club visit the Boys and Girls club, school groups and others to

teach youngsters how to play the sport, share their positive experiences and answer their questions.

The same spirit of advocacy is also found at the Yankton Curling Club, which was started last winter by Mike and Julianna Ford along with a small group of other enthusiasts.

Julianna serves as president of the group and fell in love with the sport when she was a high school student in her native Alberta. She describes failing to make the roster of the volleyball and basketball teams but eventually finding a home with the curling squad.

"Our gym class went to the local ice rink and I loved it," she recalled. "It was a lot more strategic than physical and it was something I could compete in."

She later moved to Sioux Falls, married Mike, and the two helped create the existing club in that city.

Several years later they moved to Yankton for Mike's work and soon started another club. The Yankton group lists about 45 members and is also heavily involved in growing the sport in their community.

"We're reaching out to schools, clubs and nursing homes," Julianna said. "There are handicapped leagues and elderly people can play by using a stick to throw the stone. It's a sport that's literally for everyone."

The Fords don't often find themselves on different sides of the ice, but when they do they try to keep the competitive fires closer to an ember than a raging flame.

So, bottom line...who's better?

"No comment," Julianna said, before commenting with a chuckle, "but I'm the one who went to Arena Nationals."

District Meetings to be Held in February and March

The Cooperative's District Meetings have been scheduled throughout the months of February and March. Three elections will take place in Districts 4, 6 and 10. In District 6, only one at-large seat (Gary Fish) is up for election this year. All incumbent directors have indicated they plan to run again.

Each meeting will include a short program presented by the district's board member and a management update.

In lieu of a registration gift, members who attend their

respective District Meeting will receive a \$25 bill credit applied to their electric account. Notice cards will be collected at the end of each meeting and the credit will be applied on your next bill. One credit allowed per membership.

A meal (bacon wrapped chicken breast, cheesy hashbrowns, green beans and a cookie) will be served from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The meeting and program will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Sioux Valley Energy will follow all applicable local, state, and federal COVID-19 mandates that are in place at the time the meeting is held. Currently, masks are optional and social distancing, along with regular hand washing, is encouraged. If you feel sick or have been in close contact with someone that has been diagnosed with COVID-19 recently, please do not attend the meeting.

Date	District	Director	Location
February 22	5	Weinacht	Taopi Hall, Colton, SD
February 24	8	Leuthold	Grand Prairie Event Center, Luverne, MN
February 28	1	DeGreef	Elkton Community Center, Elkton, SD
March 10	9	Johnson	Pipestone Area High School, Pipestone, MN
March 17*	6	Fish* & Rogen	Brandon Valley High School, Brandon, SD
March 22	3	Heinemann	William J Janklow Comm. Center, Flandreau, SD
March 24	7	DeMent	West Central School, Hartford, SD
March 28	2	Vostad	Sioux Valley School, Volga, SD
March 29*	10	Roskamp	Edgerton Public School, Edgerton, MN
March 31*	4	Daniel	Dakota Prairie Playhouse, Madison, SD

Contest Celebrates People Making a Difference

We know our co-op community is filled with people making a difference. Let's celebrate them! Nominate a Touchstone Energy® member or employee you know who goes above and beyond to help others. Your nominee could win one of the following cash prizes:

- **Grand Prize: \$3,000**
- **Second Place: \$1,500**
- **Third Place: \$500**

Nominations opened on January 5, 2022, and close on April 1, 2022. Winners will be selected by a panel of judges based on the impact your nominee has on the community. Weekly finalists will be announced and featured on Keloland Living starting March 2, 2022 and the three contest winners will be announced on Keloland Living on May 11, 2022.

You can fill out the nomination form online at WhoPowersYouContest.com or fill out the form below and mail to Sioux Valley Energy, Who Powers You Contest, PO Box 216, Colman, SD, 57017.



TELL US WHO POWERS YOU!

We know our co-op community is filled with people making a difference. Let's celebrate them! Nominate a member or employee of your local Touchstone Energy® Cooperative who goes above and beyond. **They could win up to \$3,000!**



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Nominate your local hero at WHOPOWERSYOUCONTEST.COM

WHO POWERS YOU CONTEST NOMINATION FORM

Your Name

City, State, Zip Code

Your Nominee's Name

Your Nominee's Email/Phone #

Tell Us Why Your Nominee Deserves to Win (add an extra sheet of paper if necessary):

At age 77, Dave Dahl of Fort Pierre is nearing the completion of his 2,000th saddle and has no plans to slow down anytime soon. *Photos by Billy Gibson*

Saddle-maker Dave Dahl of Fort Pierre delights in helping bronc riders bring home championship buckles and purses

Billy Gibson

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Dave Dahl will probably never win a hand model contest. Dahl's digits are gnarled, bent and puffy after nearly a half-century of hard labor producing bronc saddles for dozens of rodeo champions.

Dahl is quick to point out, however, that looks can be very deceiving: his mitts are as strong and dependable and productive as they've ever been, seasoned with decades of experience. At the age of 77, Dahl is still going strong creating saddles out of his shop in downtown Fort Pierre. Incredibly, he's still keeping his customary pace of hand-crafting nearly 60 high-

performance saddles a year.

"Somebody once said if your hands aren't moving, you ain't making money," Dahl chuckled.

During the last week of December, Dahl was busy dashing out his 56th saddle of 2021. That saddle, commissioned by a Canadian bronc riding champion, was No. 1,924 of Dahl's career. Yes, Dahl does keep count, stamping every saddle that leaves the shop. He's already anticipating reaching the 2,000 mark.

He's considering loaning that milestone saddle to Fort Pierre's Casey Tibbs Museum so that visitors can see the brand that's catapulted dozens of rodeo competitors to the top.

"There's actually two that are marked 1,000," Dahl said. Turns out that Glen

O'Neill ended up with the first one, but then Dahl's daughter Darcy Harper also received a commemorative version for roping events. Incidentally, No. 1,800 is displayed in the North Dakota Rodeo Hall of Fame where Dahl was inducted in 2017 for both his riding and his other contributions to the sport.

The list of riders who have won titles from the swells of a Dahl saddle is endless and includes champions from Alberta to Aberdeen to Australia: CoBurn Bradshaw, Cody DeMoss, Clay Elliott, Chuck Schmidt, Jake Watson, Tom Reeves, Jeff Willert, Taos Muncy, Zeke Thurston, Cort Scheer, Wade Sundell, Kyle Whitaker and so many more that Dahl can hardly keep up. Eight Dahl saddles were at the 2021 PRCA Nationals in Las Vegas.

Pro riders enjoy collecting purses and Dahl delights in helping them reach their goals. He knows how hard it is not only to stay on a spirited bucking bronc

for a few seconds but also how difficult it is to make a dollar at it.

Dahl recalls his own limited days as a card-carrying professional when he won several buckles on the PRCA circuit before taking his saddle-making business full-time in the summer of 1974.

Bronc riding set a fire in Dahl's soul at an early age, growing up on the family farm in Keene, N.D., as one of 11 children. He competed for New Town High School and later went on to claim a national collegiate title as team captain for Black Hills State in 1967. A year after graduating with a bachelor's degree, Dahl also won the South Dakota Rodeo Association's saddle bronc title.

While he taught school for three years, Dahl eventually decided to make saddle-crafting his life's work. Dahl's friend and fellow rider Dick Jones got him interested in the craft and the two set up shop in an old abandoned drug store building next to the bank in Fort Pierre. In 1986, the bank decided to open a drive-through lane so the business moved across the street to its present location where Dahl runs Diamond D Saddle Shop and also manages a western clothing store adjacent to the shop.

Dahl plans on keeping his hands hard at work with no end in sight. He stays



Dahl's phone number is on the speed-dial list of collegiate rodeo coaches in several states across the country. At left, Dahl applies his trademark stamp to one of his saddles.

as busy as ever while participation in rodeo continues on an upward growth trajectory. College rodeo coaches in Missouri, Texas, Oklahoma, California and other states have Dahl on their speed-dial lists. He said he recently received a call from someone wanting him to fit a saddle for her 11-year-old child.

"It's just really a booming sport," he

said. "The training is better, there are better horses, there's better TV coverage of the sport and there's more money out there to be made. There are still a lot of ranch kids who grew up on horses and know how to ride. And they like to compete to see who's the best. There's so much work and I still enjoy it, so I don't plan on jumping out of the saddle anytime soon."

Statement of Nondiscrimination

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1. Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410
2. Fax: (202) 690-7442; or
3. Email: program.intake@usda.gov

Annual Co-Generation Notification to the Membership

In compliance with Sioux Valley Energy's adopted rules relating to Co-Generation and Small Power Production, Sioux Valley Energy is obligated to interconnect with and purchase electricity from co-generators and small power producers whom satisfy the conditions of a qualifying facility. Sioux Valley Energy is obligated to provide information free of charge to all interested members upon request regarding rates and interconnection requirements. All interconnections require an application and approval to become a qualifying facility. Any dispute over interconnections, sales and purchases are subject to resolution by the Cooperative. Interested members should contact Sioux Valley Energy, PO Box 216, Colman, SD 57017 or call 800-234-1960.



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20 Years



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Sandy Zwart
15 Years



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15 Years



Ted Smith
15 Years



Carrie Vugteveen
15 Years



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10 Years



Kim Brown
10 Years



Craig Namken
10 Years



Angela Boughton
5 Years



Kim C. Hansen
5 Years



Holly Kruger
1 Year



Josh Bjorklund
1 Year



Brenda Kleinjan
1 Year



Derek Bundesen
1 Year



Derry Van Hofwegen
1 Year

MAXWELL NAMED CFO

Jason Maxwell has been named as Sioux Valley Energy's Chief Financial Officer, replacing Betty VanDerWerff who retired after 20 years with SVE. Maxwell and his family live in Madison, S.D.



Jason Maxwell
CFO



**Valentine's Day
February 14**

To have your event listed on this page, send complete information, including date, event, place and contact to your local electric cooperative. Include your name, address and daytime telephone number. Information must be submitted at least eight weeks prior to your event. Please call ahead to confirm date, time and location of event.

To view the publication's master event calendar, scan the QR code below:



Or visit <https://sdrea.coop/cooperative-connections-event-calendar> to view more upcoming events.

JANUARY 22
Reba McEntire
Denny Sanford Premier Center,
Sioux Falls, SD, 605-367-7288

JANUARY 28-29
Deadwood Pro Snocross Races
Days of '76 Rodeo Grounds,
Deadwood, SD, 605-578-1876

JANUARY 28-29
27th Annual Dinner Theater
Reliance Legion Hall, Reliance,
SD, call 605-730-0553 for
more info and tickets

JANUARY 28-31
Lead Winterfest
Various Locations, Lead, SD,
call 605-584-1100

**JANUARY 28-
FEBRUARY 6**
**Black Hills Stock Show &
Rodeo**
Central States Fairgrounds &
Rushmore Plaza Civic Center,
Rapid City, SD, 605-355-3861

JANUARY 29-30
DTGCA Gun Show
National Field Archery Building,
Yankton, SD, 605-731-9154

FEBRUARY 4-6
Fiddler on the Roof
Washington Pavilion, Sioux
Falls, SD, 605-367-6000

FEBRUARY 5
**Lake Hendricks
Improvement Association
Ice Fishing Derby**
Hendricks, MN, contact Tim at
507-828-2113 for registration
and more information

FEBRUARY 9-12
**Watertown Winter Farm
Show**
Codington County Extension
Complex, Watertown, SD,
605-886-5814

FEBRUARY 11
Calamity's Shindig
Homestake Adams Research
& Cultural Center, Deadwood,
SD, 605-722-4800

FEBRUARY 11-12
Bulls & Broncs
Expo Center at the W.H. Lyon
Fairgrounds, Sioux Falls, SD,
605-367-7178

FEBRUARY 11-13
**Black Hills Sports Show &
Outdoor Expo**
Monument Arena, Rapid City,
SD, visit bhsportsshow.com
for more information

FEBRUARY 12
Lakota Games on Ice
3200 Indian Village Road,
Mitchell, SD, 605-996-5473

FEBRUARY 12-13
**DTGCA Sioux Falls Trophy
Show (The Big One)**
Sioux Falls Convention Center,
Sioux Falls, SD, 605-280-2438

FEBRUARY 19
Sioux Empire on Tap
Denny Sanford Premier
Center, Sioux Falls, SD, visit
siouxempireontap.com for
more info and tickets

FEBRUARY 20
**Sioux Falls Izaak Walton
League February Trap Shoot**
5000 N Oakview Place, Sioux
Falls, SD, 11 a.m. start, lunch
available, 605-332-9527

**FEBRUARY 25-27,
MARCH 3-5**
Making God Laugh
Grand Opera House, Pierre,
SD, 605-224-7826

FEBRUARY 26
The Music of John Williams
Washington Pavilion, Sioux
Falls, SD, 605-367-6000

MARCH 3-5
The 39 Steps
Orpheum Theater Center,
Sioux Falls, SD, 605-367-6000

MARCH 5
**Minnehaha Co. Pheasants
Forever Banquet**
El Riad Shrine, Sioux Falls, SD,
Contact Bill at 605-214-1415
for more info

MARCH 10-13
**Annual Sioux Empire
Sportsmen's Show**
Sioux Falls Arena &
Convention Center, Sioux
Falls, SD, visit [www.sioux
fallssportsshow.com](http://www.sioux
fallssportsshow.com) for more
info and tickets

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