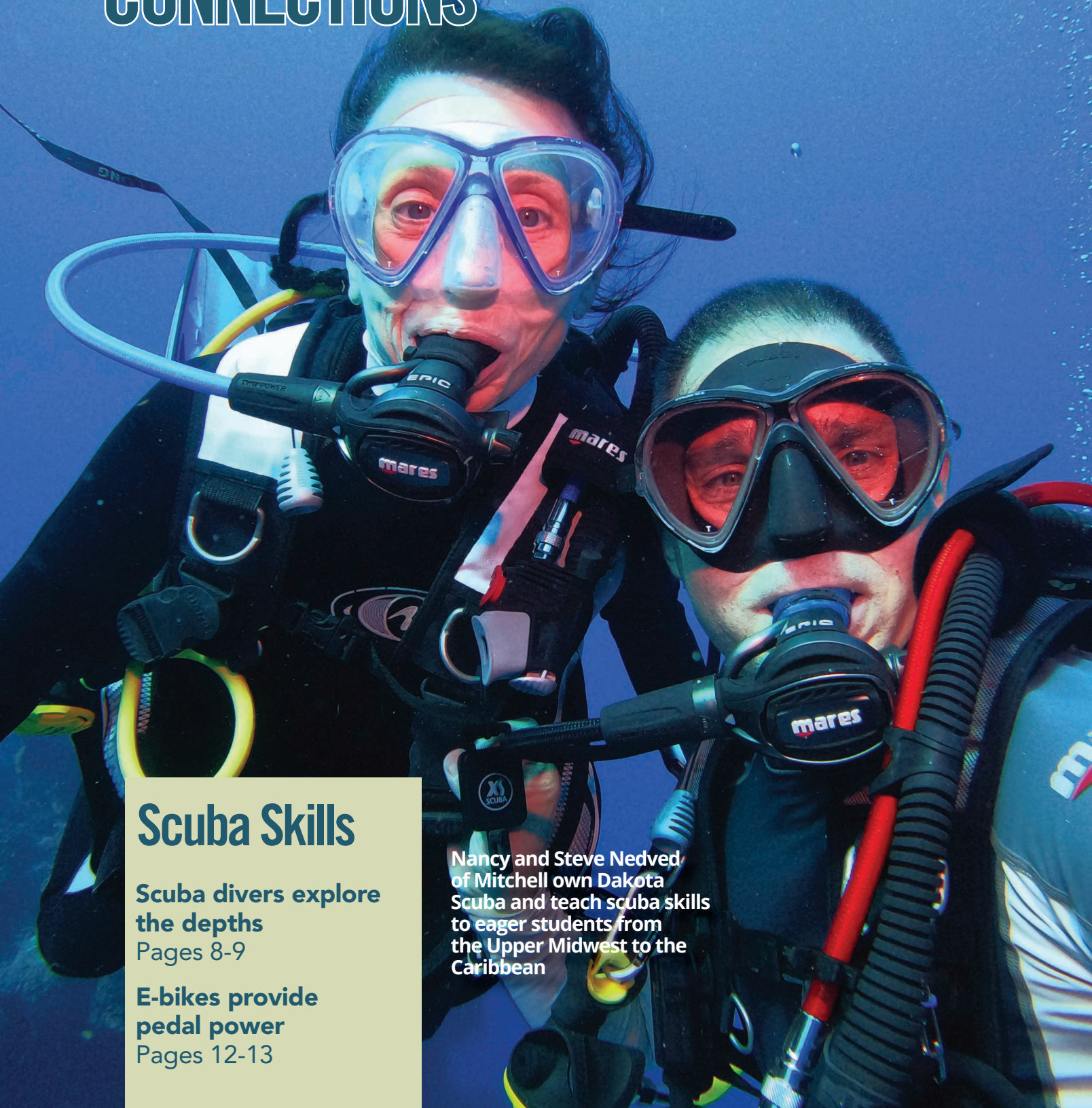


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Nancy and Steve Nedved of Mitchell own Dakota Scuba and teach scuba skills to eager students from the Upper Midwest to the Caribbean

Increased Costs and Material Delays



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Sioux Valley Energy requires timely, dependable, and affordable equipment, materials, and supplies to help maintain and build a reliable and safe electric system. You have likely heard about delays, material shortages, and increased costs in other industries and the electric utility industry is no different – we are dealing with those issues as well. Thankfully, we have worked for years to develop strong relationships with vendors and suppliers which has helped during this time.

Both inflation and the Consumer Price Index are at record levels, and this is reflected in some of the cost of materials we have seen over the past two years. For example, the underground electric cable we purchase has increased in cost by 20 percent and overhead line has gone up between 40 and 50 percent. Pricing for electric poles is up by almost 20 percent and for some meter sockets those costs have increased by 30 percent. Unfortunately, experts predict these economic conditions will continue into next year.

Sioux Valley Energy has managed these price increases through several different strategies. Up to this point, the Cooperative has been able to absorb some of these increases through growth in much of its service territory. Electric cooperatives typically have a significantly lower customer density than investor owned or municipal utilities. This means there are less people per mile of electric line to help pay for all the equipment necessary to supply electricity to members on the Sioux Valley distribution system. As Sioux Valley Energy grows its membership, member density increases, and costs are spread over a larger number of members. Also, through strategic financial management, we have been able to utilize deferred revenue which helps hold off potential rate increases due to a variety of factors including increased material costs.

While we have been able to hold rates steady this year and last, we do anticipate some rate adjustments in the future.

Another issue facing electric utilities across the nation is extended lead times for equipment and materials. We are already ordering materials into 2023 to be able to meet member demand and in some cases, like meter sockets, the wait time for delivery is more than two years! Our Purchasing and Materials Department has been working well in advance to order materials and equipment with anticipation of what will be needed in a year or more. We hope that strategy will allow us to continue timely service connection for our members.

While we can't predict what the supply chain or economy may do this coming year, we are monitoring and adjusting as we go to ensure our members continue to have reliable and affordable electric power.

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On another note, you will see in this edition of the magazine that we have included the *2021 Annual Report* with audited financials. We are happy to inform you that the independent auditor reported a clean financial audit for 2021. Finally, please join us at this year's Sioux Valley Energy Annual Meeting on Tuesday, June 7, at the Sioux Falls Convention Center.

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SCHOLARS CELEBRATED

Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives in eastern South Dakota and western Minnesota honored some of the area's most impressive high school seniors Saturday, April 30, during the 20th annual Touchstone Energy® Scholar of the Year banquet and recognition on the campus of Dakota State University in Madison.

The event honored the 33 high school students who were chosen each week throughout the school year as the Touchstone Energy Scholar of the Week. It's a program which recognizes students for academic achievement, co-curricular involvement, and community service. The students are featured in weekly segments which air on Dakota News Now television, and each student receives a \$250 scholarship for being chosen as the Scholar of the Week.

Reese Powers, a senior at Avon High School within Charles Mix Electric's service territory, was selected during the banquet as the Touchstone Energy® Scholar of the Year and received a \$1,000 award. Alivia Spilde, a senior at Oldham-Ramona High School within Sioux Valley Energy's territory and Connor Bauer, a senior at Webster High School within Lake Region Electric's territory, were both chosen to receive \$500 awards.



Alivia Spilde, Senior at Oldham-Ramona, was awarded a \$500 scholarship at the Touchstone Energy® Scholar of the Year banquet. Also pictured are Vice President of Public Relations Carrie Vugteveen, left, and Alivia's parents, Daren and Ginger Spilde of Ramona.

Survey Says...

Several hundred Sioux Valley Energy members were randomly selected to receive a postcard in the mail or an email seeking their input on the work their co-op is doing. If your household was one of these, please take a couple of minutes to go online and fill out the survey by June 3. Each survey or email has an ID which the member must enter in the online survey. For those not filling out the survey before the deadline, follow up calls will be made.

Questions? You can always call us at 800-234-1960.

YOUR OPINION COUNTS!

Your household has been randomly selected to take part in Sioux Valley Energy's Member Satisfaction Survey Project. This survey helps us better know and serve you.

Complete the survey online anytime before June 3, 2022.

COMPLETE ONLINE
Members selected for the survey will receive an email or postcard with a code and url.

PHONE
Members who do not complete the survey online may receive a call inviting participation by phone.

QUESTIONS?
Call 800-234-1960

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June is National Safety Month

While your local electric cooperative often focuses on electric safety and provides information to keep you and your family free from harm, there are many other dangers lurking out there.

In recognition of National Safety Month, we're sharing the National Safety Council's list of the top causes of preventable injuries and death away from the workplace.

POISONING. In 2011, accidental poisonings overtook car crashes for the first time as the leading cause of unintentional injury-related death for all age groups combined. Poisoning deaths are often caused by exposure to gases, chemicals and other toxic substances, but prescription drug overdose is by far the leading cause.

VEHICLE CRASHES. Crashes are the second-leading cause of unintentional injury-related death overall. Impaired driving, distracted driving, speeding and inexperience can cause a life to be cut short in the blink of an eye.

FALLS. Falling is the third-leading cause of unintentional injury-related death over all age groups, but it's the No. 1 cause of death for those aged 65 and older.

CHOKING AND SUFFOCATION. Choking on food or other objects is a primary cause of harm and death. Suffocation and choking rank higher among the elderly and infants.

DROWNING. It's the No. 1 cause of death for children from ages 1 to 4, mostly due to children falling into pools or being left alone and unsupervised in bathtubs.

FIRES AND BURNS. Fires often start at night, when families are asleep and most vulnerable. A working and well-maintained smoke alarm will cut in half the chances of dying in a fire.

NATURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL INCIDENTS. Weather-related disasters claim hundreds of lives per year. You should learn all you can about emergency preparedness and always have an emergency kit on hand in your home.

BOWLING FOR CHARITY IN MITCHELL



More than 80 cooperative employees showed up in Mitchell for the 7th Annual Line Patrol Charity Bowling Tournament sponsored by Central Electric. The Lacreek Electric Headhunters shown above (Tiff Pettit, Terri Gregg, Cody Allen, Ryan Pettit) took top honors. The event was organized to raise money for a fund used to help electric co-op employees and their families in times of need. Find out more about this event and South Dakota's electric cooperatives by visiting Cooperative Connections Plus. Simply scan the QR code at right.



Call 811 before you dig

Maddy Pannell

Maddy Pannell, age 10, reminds electric cooperative members to call 811 before digging into the ground when planting trees or pursuing other outdoor projects. Maddy is the daughter of Southeastern Electric members Scott and Kim Pannell of Sioux Falls.

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.

DELICIOUS DAIRY

SWEDISH CREME

Ingredients:

- 2 cups heavy cream
- 1 cup, plus 2 tsps. sugar, divided
- 1 envelope unflavored gelatin
- 1 tsp. almond extract
- 1 tsp. clear imitation vanilla extract
- 2 cups (16 oz.) sour cream
- 1 cup fresh or frozen red raspberries

METHOD

In a saucepan, combine cream and 1 cup sugar. Cook and stir constantly over low heat until candy thermometer reads 160 degrees, or steam rises from pan. (Do not boil). Stir in gelatin until dissolved; add extracts. Cool 10 minutes. Whisk in sour cream. Pour into eight dessert glasses or small bowls. Chill at least 1 hour. Before serving, combine raspberries and remaining sugar; spoon over each serving.

**Joanne Singrey-Johnson,
Watertown**

TUNA EGG SALAD

Ingredients:

- 3 6 oz. cans tuna packed in water
- 3 eggs hard boiled, peeled and chopped
- 2 small dill pickles diced
- 1 large celery rib diced
- 1/4 cup red onion minced
- 1 tbsp. lemon juice or red wine vinegar
- 2 tsp. garlic powder, optional
- 1/4 tsp. salt, or to taste
- Ground black pepper, to taste
- 1/2 cup plain Greek yogurt, 2% fat
- 2 tbsp. mayo

METHOD

Drain cans with tuna well. Transfer to a large bowl and separate into flakes with a fork. Add chopped and peeled hard boiled eggs, pickles, celery, red onion, lemon juice, garlic powder (if using), salt, pepper, yogurt and mayo. Stir well with a fork and refrigerate. Serve cold in a sandwich or over salad greens. Make Ahead: Tuna egg salad tastes best cold. For best results, refrigerate 30 minutes before eating.

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EASY SHERBET

Ingredients:

- 1 pkg. orange or lime jello
- 1 cup boiling water
- 3 cups milk
- Pinch of salt
- 2 tbsp. lemon juice
- 1-1/4 cup sugar

METHOD

Dissolve jello in boiling water. Add remaining ingredients. Freeze until 1/2 inch thick at edge of tray. Empty into mixing bowl and beat thoroughly. Return to freezer. This works well if put in a loaf pan.

Joy Hagen, Webster

EXTRA GRILLED CHEESE

Ingredients:

- 1 tbsp. butter, softened
- 2 tsp. Parmesan cheese, grated
- Dash of garlic powder
- 4 slices bread
- 2 slices sharp cheddar cheese
- 2 slices Swiss cheese

METHOD

In a small bowl, combine butter, parmesan cheese, and garlic powder. Spread an even layer on one side of each slice of bread. Place 1 slice of cheddar cheese and 1 slice of Swiss between two bread slices, with the buttered side facing out. Cook in hot skillet for about 2 minutes, until the crust is golden. Flip sandwich and grill until crust is golden and the cheese is melted. Slice and serve. May add grilled onions if you choose. Just saute in the pan before cooking the sandwiches and add to the sandwiches between the cheese slices.

Kristina Manecke, Midland

Please send your favorite 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.

Five Ways to Save Energy When Working from Home



Sheila Gross
Energy Services Specialist

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Today, more Americans are working from home than ever before. More time spent at home means more energy used throughout the day.

If you're punching the clock from home, there are small steps you can take to reduce your energy use and save on electric bills. Here are five easy ways to save energy when working from home.

1. Use a smart power strip. Plugging in your most-used devices, like computers, monitors, and routers, to a smart power strip ensures these devices aren't drawing power when they're not in use. Smart power strips also give you the option to select which devices should stay in "always on" mode.

2. Unplug your least-used equipment. If your home office includes equipment like printers and scanners, you're probably not using these electronics every day. In this case, go ahead and unplug your least-used electronics and devices, since many of these draw energy even when they're not being used.

3. Choose ENERGY STAR®-certified office equipment. If you're looking to purchase new equipment for your workspace,

look for the ENERGY STAR® label to ensure you're getting the most energy efficient features. Computers, monitors, imaging equipment, and other office electronics that receive the ENERGY STAR® rating include power management features to make saving energy easy, and most are designed to run cooler and last longer.

4. Flip the switch and use natural light instead. Use natural light when possible, but pull the blinds, curtains, or other window coverings on south-facing windows during the heat of the day.

5. Adjust the thermostat. A one degree increase in heating set point or reduction in cooling set point can increase energy use by 3% to 5% which increases your utility bill. Set your thermostat at a temperature you find comfortable and that provides humidity control, if needed. The smaller the difference between the indoor and outdoor temperatures, the lower your overall cooling bills will be.

Working from home doesn't have to take a toll on your energy bills, and whether you're working remotely or not, these practical tips can help everyone reduce their energy use.

Contact Sioux Valley Energy if you have questions about your electric bill or want additional information about saving energy at home. We also offer a Time of Use Rate which may provide additional savings for you at home.



TIME OF USE RATE

Want to directly impact your electric bill through conservation efforts and daily usage habits? Check out our Time of Use Rate. It's also a great way to take advantage of smart home automation and electric vehicle technology. Rearranging tasks and conserving energy allow members to take advantage of reduced off-peak rates. Sign up for a three-month risk-free trial period to get acclimated to the rate structure. Use SmartHub to manage and review your usage.

Time of Use Rate Options

Time of Use Rate*

- Pay 5.84 cents/kWh off-peak rate (10 a.m.-4 p.m. and 9 p.m.-7a.m.)
- Pay 16.15 cents/kWh on-peak rate (7-10 a.m. and 4-9 p.m.)

Regular Residential Rate

- Pay 10.26 cents/kWh any time of the day

* Members with electric heat rate remain on the reduced heat rate program



2022 ANNUAL MEETING

Join your neighbors for the 2022 Sioux Valley Energy Annual Meeting and listen to the sounds of The Abbey Road Band performing a Beatles tribute.



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5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

- **Registration & Complimentary Meal**
Smoked Chicken, Pulled Smoked Pork Sandwiches, Coleslaw, Mac-n-Cheese, Baked Beans, Kettle Chips and Apple Pie
- **Activity Fair**
Bingo with prizes plus children's games

7 p.m.

- **Annual Meeting**
- **Entertainment following meeting**
 - **The Abbey Road Band**
Enjoy music from The Abbey Road Band which has been performing their Beatles tribute since 2002.

DEEP DIVES

Dozens of scuba divers from South Dakota and Minnesota pursue their hobby not only in local lakes and rivers but also in the Caribbean. *Photos by Steve Nedved*

Divers explore underwater habitats from the lakes of the Upper Midwest to the Caribbean

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It's a sunny springtime Saturday morning and outdoors enthusiasts all across the state are buzzing with excitement to kick off another weekend adventure.

They're saddling up their horses, slinging their fishing gear into their boats, cranking their ATVs and lacing up their hiking boots.

In a small shop just south of Mitchell, there's a different kind of energy and amped-up anticipation filling the air. Steve Nedved is busy rigging up scuba tanks and inspecting air regulators for about 20 fledgling divers eager to learn a new skill and experience new thrills.

Nedved is owner of Dakota Scuba and he's finding that more and more adventurers are becoming interested in exploring the aquatic world through a fisheye view, whether that's in the chilly waters of the Missouri River or the crystal-clear surf of the Caribbean.

While the scuba diving season in

the Upper Midwest is relatively short, Nedved stays busy most months out of the year teaching scuba lessons in the Mitchell area and tending to vacationing clients from his Villa Dakota retreat in Cozumel.

It turns out that he and his student-clients can board a plane in Sioux Falls at 7 a.m., make a quick stop in Dallas-Ft. Worth, and be ready to hit the water in Cozumel just after lunch.

"It works out pretty well, and people love to take a fall and winter vacation and explore Cozumel, which is one of the best spots for diving because the visibility can be more than 100 feet and there's so much marine life to see," Nedved said.

The master diver's interest in scuba was sparked back when he was a firefighter and paramedic in Mitchell. After responding to too many emergency situations involving bodies of water, he and his colleagues decided they needed to be trained in diving as part of meeting their professional responsibilities and serving the public.

He received his certification in short order and later decided to venture down to Cozumel to earn his teaching certification through the Professional Association of Dive Instructors so that he could be qualified to train his colleagues back in Mitchell.

He and his wife Nancy, who together own the Nedved Media radio network, fell in love with the tropical paradise and after a dozen diving trips decided it made sense to purchase a home right on the water. Before he knew it, he found many others were beating the same path to Mexico to enjoy the sun, sand and scuba adventures.

"I didn't really start it with the intention of going public, I just didn't realize at the time how much interest there was," he said. "People around here in Mitchell started asking me to train them for recreational certification and then they'd dive here or they'd go to Florida or Cozumel on vacation with their families. We started renting out our place in Cozumel to accommodate people during the times we couldn't be there ourselves."

He also noticed an increasing interest in spearfishing in places like the Oahe

SCUBA DIVING



Steve Nedved is shown at left with his catch after a day of spearfishing at Sully Flats. Above, Nedved (at right) works with student Allen Hiller on open water certification.

Downstream Recreational Area and Pactola Lake in the Black Hills, so he decided to open the shop to serve as a local and regional outfitter.

Nedved, who has logged more than 1,000 dives since he started in 2006, uses the Mitchell Recreation Center for local training and has played a role in certifying individuals from age 10 to 70.

“It’s not that physically laborious or difficult. Of course, you have to be in condition as with any kind of outdoor sport, but it’s not inherently dangerous in any way if you follow the guidelines,” he said.

Allen Hiller of Pierre is one of Nedved’s recent proteges. Though he had done some snorkeling and diving at sites like Sully Flats, Cow Creek and below the Oahe Dam, Hiller decided he wanted to kick his scuba game up a few notches. So he enlisted Nedved’s services and spent eight days at Villa Dakota last March earning his open water diving certificate.

At the age of 53, Hiller is a veteran of Desert Storm and Desert Shield, a former diesel and aircraft mechanic,

and spent nearly 20 years working for the Union Pacific Railroad in North Platte, NE. He describes himself as an avid hunter and fisherman who is always up for an adventure. Since his visit to the Caribbean, Hiller says he wants to expand his knowledge and experience under water.

“I really caught the diving bug being down there in a beautiful part of the world with the sun and the sand and the clear water where it seems like you can see forever. I want to continue on and get my PADI certification, my night diving certification, and become a master diver,” Hiller said. “I also want to do a lot of spearfishing and learn how to get better at it. Steve was really great to work with.”

Nedved said that once his students become accustomed to the awkward act of breathing through a mouthpiece, they begin to relax and enjoy the experience of discovering a new environment with different lights, colors and sounds.

“People like to hunt for fish and explore underwater quarries and see what’s on the bottom of the river bed,” he said. “When I take them out for the first

SCUBA RULES

Here are four requirements for scuba diving in South Dakota:

- Divers are required to use a red and white Diver Down flag when diving
- Dive flags must be at least 8"x10"
- Divers must stay within 75 feet of their dive flag
- Boaters and vessel operators are required to stay at least 75 feet from dive flags

time, we can’t really speak when we’re underwater, but when we come up they start chatting away with excitement about the things they saw. It’s really addictive. You rarely see just one person in a family that’s a diver. Usually, after one person does it, the others have to follow. It’s a good sport for a lot of people.”



Left: Carrie Vugteveen and Jay Buchholz interview Beneficial Electrification Manager Ben Pierson for a series of social media videos on BE. Below: Lori George works at Safety Day.



Operation Round Up® and oversee the Cooperative's donation program.

TO INFORM AND ENGAGE

Sioux Valley Energy Public Relations Team connects with members, public officials, and community leaders

Sioux Valley Energy's Public Relations (PR) Department supports the Cooperative in a variety of ways including member communications, meeting coordination, community engagement efforts, cooperative giving, economic development, commercial/industrial member services, governmental affairs, media relations, and much more. These activities were developed to help meet the Cooperative's strategic objectives.

The five-member team includes Vice President of Public Relations Carrie Vugteveen, Public Relations Coordinator Lori George, Communications Specialist Brenda Kleinjan, Key Account and Community Relations Executive Jay Buchholz, and Economic Development and Community

Relations Executive Brandon Lane. Lane is the newest member of the team, having started his role mid-April. He will be working directly with communities on Sioux Valley Energy's new REVIVE 2030 program and, along with teammate Jay Buchholz, will offer assistance on other community/economic development initiatives. Providing member services to SVE's commercial and industrial members is also a top priority for the Cooperative's Key Account program, implemented by Buchholz.

The SVE PR team develops materials for the monthly newsletter, social media, newspapers, radio, television, etc. to help keep members informed. They also provide administrative support to

Each time a member attends a Cooperative meeting or special event, the SVE PR team is likely involved in the coordination of it. This includes Sioux Valley Energy's district and annual meetings. The team works on all the details that come with planning events such as catering, venue selection, entertainment, program development, notification, etc.

Finally, the SVE PR team also provides member advocacy on a variety of issues that impact electric cooperatives – working directly with public officials to ensure electric co-op member interests are considered during the legislative/policy-making process.



Sioux Valley Energy's Public Relations Department consists of Carrie Vugteveen, Jay Buchholz, Lori George, Brandon Lane, and Brenda Kleinjan.

CO-OP CONNECTIONS® CARD CORNER

The Co-op Connections Card is a partnership between Sioux Valley Energy and local businesses! Each member

received the Co-op Connections Card free in their January magazine. You get your Co-op Connections Card simply because you're a member of Sioux Valley Energy. Each month, we'll include a listing of businesses participating in the program. Below are businesses located in Hartford, Humboldt, Lake Norden, and Luverne.

Hartford

- Checked Grafx
- Eich Law Office, Prof. LLC
- Hartford Building Center
- Tammen Auto & Tire

Humboldt

- N-Rich Plant Food & Fertilizer, Inc

Lake Norden

- Klassy Kuts Salon

Luverne

- 75 Diner
- Brandenburg Gallery
- Busse Plumbing, Heating, & AC Inc
- Country Cupboards of Luverne, Inc.
- Herb N Legend
- Herman Motors
- Luverne Power Fitness
- Luverne Monuments
- Pizza Ranch
- Rock County Eye Clinic
- Salon 75
- The Ideal Weigh, Inc
- Those Blasted Things

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BE ALERT. BE PREPARED. BE AROUND TO FARM AGAIN NEXT YEAR.

Fieldwork can feel like second nature. But, complacency when operating around power lines can be deadly.

Staying alert and being prepared can help prevent catastrophic accidents. Knowing what to do if an accident does occur can be the difference between life and death.

RE-ENERGIZING SAFETY

Contact your local Touchstone Energy® Cooperative or visit YourCoopPower.com to find safety tips and make a plan.

NIELSON RECEIVES BASIN ELECTRIC SCHOLARSHIP

Ryan Nielson, a senior at Brookings High School, has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from Basin Electric Power Cooperative. Basin Electric awarded 20 scholarships to dependent children of employees of Basin Electric's member cooperatives. Nielson was one of four South Dakota students to earn such a scholarship. He is the son of SVE Manager of Engineering Michele Nielson and her husband, Tony. Nielson will attend the University of Nebraska at Omaha to major in cyber security.

These 20 scholarships are in addition to the 20 scholarships awarded to children of Basin Electric and its subsidiary employees, and the 139 scholarships awarded to dependent children of member-system consumers. Since the scholarship program's inception, more than \$5.4 million in scholarships have been awarded.

Ryan Nielson
Brookings High School



Desmond Dean of Dakota Sports in Aberdeen says e-bikes are all the rage among outdoors enthusiasts. *Photo by Billy Gibson*

Electric bicycles give riders the little extra push they need - or not

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Sometimes when you find yourself struggling to move ahead, all you need is a little boost to get where you need to go.

That's the idea behind the invention of the electric bicycle. For those who enjoy mountain biking, pedaling for fitness or just commuting back and forth to work in the open air, the electric bike is becoming the cycle of choice.

Desmond Dean is manager of Dakota Outdoors in Aberdeen and he reports that sales are brisk with his line of Trek e-bikes. The first misconception he typically has to address with his growing list of curious customers is that an e-bike isn't a motorcycle.

"It's a bicycle. There's no throttle and you're in complete control the whole time. The battery and small motor are just there to give you some assistance when and if you need it," he explained.

"They're getting so popular because you can get a wide range of exercise. If you're having trouble with the wind or going up a hill, or if you just want to increase your distance, you can get the extra push you need. You can get some assistance or no assistance."

A battery usually takes about 5-6 hours to fully charge and there are models built for navigating off-road trails, touring, cruising or just moving around town from one point to the next. Prices can range from a few hundred dollars for a youth model to several thousand bucks for adult versions. Some bikes can top out at nearly 30 mph in the highest gear settings and some sweat equity.

Dean highly encourages his customers to take his e-bikes out for a spin around Aldrich Park across from the store because once the shopper puts the Trek through its paces and gets accustomed to the experience, "the bikes tend to sell themselves."

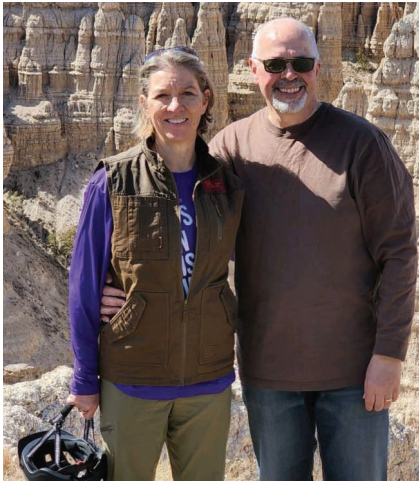
Mary Duvall, a state senator from

Pierre representing District 24, is a life-long fitness buff and has done a lot of pedal pumping over the years. So when her husband Rob suggested they purchase a pair of e-bikes, she was admittedly skeptical. What would be the point of pedaling if you're not going for the burn?

"I looked at it like it would be cheating and we wouldn't get a quality workout," she said. "But I quickly learned I was wrong. I can work as hard as I want and get whatever workout I feel like, or take it as easy as I want, depending on the day."

The Duvalls invested in his-and-her Aventons with thick sturdy frames and wide tires for handling uneven surfaces like the Black Hills, the Badlands and the undulating terrain around Pierre. They also chipped in for safety helmets equipped with an intercom system so they can keep in constant audio contact.

The couple covered 80 miles in a single day on the Mickelson Trail, stopped overnight in Hill City to recharge their batteries and their weary quadriceps, then rode another 56



Shown at left, Mary and Rob Duvall of Pierre have enjoyed their investment in e-bicycles and can go for long distances to see new sights. *Photos provided by Mary Duvall*

miles the following day. They ended up encountering another couple who had hauled their e-bikes from Texas to tour the Mickelson Trail. Another couple they met from Minnesota were using their e-bikes to complete the entire trail from Edgemont to Deadwood.

“We ride them at least once a month and they’ve opened up lots of options that we couldn’t tackle with regular bikes,” Duvall said. “It’s a fun way for us to get outside and enjoy some exercise and fresh air.”

its own pedal-assist system. By the end of 2023, worldwide e-bike sales are expected to reach 40 million units, or more if gas prices continue to escalate.

Surveys consistently indicate most e-bike buyers make the purchase with the goal of replacing trips they’d otherwise take in their cars. But Ron Block of Webster bought his for another reason: he needed to keep up with his wife Nancy, a school teacher who also

happens to be a competitive marathon runner.

“She was leaving me behind, so I figured I needed some assistance to make it a little easier on me,” Ron said. “I rode a lot when I was a kid, but now I’m middle-aged and the bike gives me the ability to set the power to however much help I need.”

The Blocks enjoy biking together each week as part of a local cycling club, though occasionally they like to venture farther afield. Last summer, they biked among the giant redwoods in northern California and Oregon and also pedaled the Katy Trail in Missouri. This year they plan to take a trip to The Netherlands and rent bikes to see the sights.

Ron said he would encourage those who may be interested in purchasing an e-bike to find a nearby dealer, or find a friend who already has one and ask to take it for a test ride.

“That’s what I did before I bought one and I’ve been very satisfied,” he said. “I’ve talked to a lot of people who have them and they’re very happy they made the investment.”

Ron Block of Webster pedals his e-bike along a floating bridge on the Mesabi Trail in northern Minnesota. *Photo provided by Ron Block*



Approximate number of e-bikes

40 million

expected to be sold worldwide in 2023

Of course, the idea of attaching a small battery-powered motor to a bicycle frame isn’t new. The first patent for an e-bike was issued in 1895. There was a global surge in sales of 35 percent between 1993 and 2004 after Yamaha invented, manufactured and marketed



Giving Kids A Boost

LifeScape's Autism & Child Development Center provides boost for kids with autism

LifeScape

www.lifescapecsd.org

As soon as Erin Lee's son, Reese, learned to walk, he began obsessively spinning in circles. "That really gave me a red flag," Lee said. She had already noticed that he wasn't babbling like her friends' babies were. "He wasn't really hitting those speech milestones," she says.

At age three, he was diagnosed with autism, and was enrolled in an early childhood development program through his school. To boost his progress, Lee brought him to LifeScape's Autism & Child Development Center. There, twice a week, he gets research-based therapy called Early Start Denver Model (ESDM).

ESDM is occupational therapy and speech-language pathology with a behavioral approach, using very clear target behaviors and reinforcement. It focuses on skills that are typically challenging for children with autism, like communication, imitation (a key learning skill), and engaging with others. It is effective for children with any type of behavioral challenge.

Reese's goals in occupational therapy include play imitation, riding a bike, kicking a ball, sensory exploration of foods, cutting on a line, and self-feeding. His speech-language pathology goals are following and giving directions in play routines (play, roll, stop), imitating actions

to songs, using symbols to make requests, and returning a greeting verbally or with a wave.

Recently, Sioux Valley Energy provided an Operation Round Up grant in the amount of \$3,000 to support the Autism & Child Development Center which opened in the spring of 2019 at 7220 W. 41st Street in Sioux Falls specifically to treat kids with autism or autism-like behaviors through various types of therapy. Twenty staff on site provide another type of therapy, Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), which is considered the most effective treatment for children with autism or other behavioral challenges. ABA is time intensive, and there aren't enough qualified therapists locally or in the nation to treat all the children who need it. LifeScape in Sioux Falls currently has about 100 children on

Occupational Therapist Tasvira Patel has Reese pretend to brush a doll's teeth. This to teach him about brushing his teeth for self-care, along with learning to combine functionally related actions on a play theme through pretend play and learning to be flexible within his play.



its waiting list for outpatient ABA therapy. The wait for availability can be frustrating, as early intervention is important for quickly growing children.

In the meantime, Early Start Denver Model therapies are highly effective in helping kids like Reese catch up with his peers and keep learning. Some may go on to ABA therapy when there's an opening, but others meet their goals in Early Start Denver Model therapy. Either way, the result is a more independent child and a calmer homelife and school environment.

Reese's mom sits in on his therapy and appreciates the ideas the therapists offer to try at home. Since he began therapy eight months ago, she's seen definite progress. "He's a

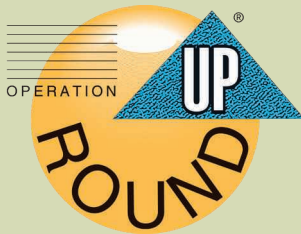
super picky eater, and one of the biggest improvements we've seen is that he explores food a lot better than he used to. We've been getting him to start doing the imitations, and he's starting to talk a little."

Therapy Manager Jessyca Conaway, MS, OTR/L, who also provides occupational therapy for Reese, says Reese is doing very well in a lot of areas with ESDM. "He is imitating multi-step actions, which is a huge skill as this is how learning occurs—watching others and imitating. Imitation has progressed to Reese independently using common objects (cups, combs) in the correct way, which will lead to independence in many skills. He has also progressed in important skills like matching (which will be

used in both play and learning tasks and communication with picture cards). He is improving in early fine motor tasks, such as scissor use," says Conaway.

In speech-language pathology therapy, Reese has met goals such as pointing to specific items in a book (improving receptive language skills, including following directions) or reaching for an item of interest to indicate his request (to improve communication with others).

The goal is for Reese to attend school with his peers and to be a more independent adult. With the right treatments to boost him and with support from donors who want to make a difference in the lives of kids and adults with developmental challenges, he is on his way!



**OPERATION ROUND UP®:
MAKING A DIFFERENCE
ONE PENNY AT A TIME**

The circle of giving – you give and you receive. That is the philosophy behind Sioux Valley Energy's Operation Round Up® program. Since the year 2000,

members and employees have awarded more than \$2 million to worthwhile causes throughout the Cooperative's service territory. The concept is easy; participating members agree to have their electric bill rounded up to the next highest dollar and that money is collected for Operation Round Up. Many Sioux Valley Energy employees also help by deducting a small amount from their paychecks. Learn more at <https://www.siouxvalleyenergy.com/my-community/operation-roundup>.

WHEN ARE APPLICATIONS DUE?

The Operation Round Up board meets quarterly and all applications must be received by the 20th of the month preceding a Board meeting. Due dates are February 20, May 20, August 20, and November 20.

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR
OPERATION ROUND UP® FUNDS?**

Individuals and non-profit organizations within the Sioux Valley Energy service area may apply. The region served by the Trust is the electrical service area footprint of Sioux Valley Energy which includes Rock and Pipestone counties in Minnesota and Brookings, Kingsbury, Lake, Minnehaha, and Moody counties in South Dakota.

The major funding categories include community service projects, economic development programs, education and youth initiatives, and emergency energy assistance. These funds are also available, should the need arise, to provide disaster relief, scholarship programs, humanity programs, fire departments, cities, special needs for individuals, and senior dining programs.



Scan Here to Download
the Operation Round Up
Application and learn more.



JUNE 3-5
Lake Andes Fish Days
Citywide, Lake Andes, SD

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.

MAY 28
Memorial Weekend in Mitchell
Main Street, Mitchell, SD,
605-292-4444

MAY 29-30
Back When They Bucked
Days of '76 Arena, Deadwood, SD,
605-718-0810

JUNE 2
Downtown Hartford Market
Main Avenue, Hartford, SD,
605-999-6660

JUNE 2-4
Sioux Falls Senior Games
Sioux Falls, SD, Call Nick Brady
at 605-201-4818 for more info

JUNE 2-5
Wheel Jam
South Dakota State
Fairgrounds, Huron, SD,
www.wheeljam.com

JUNE 3-5
Lake Andes Fish Days
Citywide, Lake Andes, SD,
605-487-7694

JUNE 3-5
Regional Qualifying High School Rodeo
Wall, Highmore, Buffalo and
Huron, SD, 605-941-7330

JUNE 4
8th Annual Dairy Fest
Hammink Dairy Farm, Bruce,
SD, 605-359-9418

JUNE 5
Miss Prairie Village & Miss Prairie Princess Pageant
Prairie Village, Madison, SD,
605-256-3644

JUNE 10
Northern Bull Riding Tour
Prairie Village, Madison, SD,
605-256-3644

JUNE 10-12
Hills Friendship Days
Main Street, Hills, MN,
507-962-3290

JUNE 10-12
Regional Qualifying High School Rodeo
Winner, New Underwood,
Dupree and Watertown, SD,
605-941-7330

JUNE 12
Lake Campbell Lutheran Church 150th Anniversary
46610 219th Street, Volga, SD,
605-690-4868

JUNE 14-18
South Dakota State High School Finals Rodeo
Stanley County Fairgrounds,
Fort Pierre, SD, 605-941-7330

JUNE 17-18
Oahe Days Arts & Music Festival
Steamboat Park, Pierre, SD,
oahedays.com

JUNE 18
Breakfast on the Farm
Royalwood Dairy, Brandon, SD,
605-359-9418

JUNE 18-19
Brookings Kite Festival
Fishback Soccer Complex,
Brookings, SD, 605-695-9071

JUNE 22-25
Crystal Springs Rodeo
17803 479th Ave., Clear Lake,
SD, crystalspringsrodeo.com

JUNE 24-25
Madison Interlake Senior Games
Madison, SD, Call Bernie
Schuurmans at 605-270-3327
for more info

JUNE 24-26
Quarry Days
Citywide, Dell Rapids, SD,
605-428-4167

JUNE 26
Prairie Village Variety Show
Prairie Village, Madison, SD,
605-256-3644

JUNE 29-JULY 4
Celebration of Freedom
East City Park, Parkston, SD,
parkstoncelebration.com

JULY 7
Downtown Hartford Market
Main Avenue, Hartford, SD,
605-999-6660

JULY 17
Boadwine Dairy Lunch
Boadwine Dairy, Baltic, SD,
605-359-9418

JULY 22
Relay for Life of Sioux Falls
Sertoma Park, Sioux Falls, SD,
RelayForLife.org/SiouxFalls

Note: Please make sure to call ahead to verify the event is still being held.



2021 ANNUAL
REPORT



SIoux VALLEY
ENERGY

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Challenging 2021 Sets Records

The year 2021 was in many ways both challenging and record setting for Sioux Valley Energy. It will be a time period that will be forever remembered as the year of the COVID pandemic but also a time for significant innovation and change. Many of our members were impacted by sickness and loss this past year. As a Cooperative, we worked closely with those undergoing personal challenges while continuing to prioritize continuity and reliability of service.

Sioux Valley Energy's Leadership Team developed workplace adjustments to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, while ensuring the ability to continue providing essential services to our members. Many employees worked from home, and line crews made changes to their work groups. In terms of governance, the Board met virtually for a period of time and we were able to still hold all necessary meetings of the membership.

Fortunately, we were able to hold rates steady in 2021 and plan to do so again in 2022 with the help of deferred revenue.

As in years past, commitment to community was a core

COVID-19

Focus on member service, continuity and reliability of service.

\$2 Million

in Operation Round Up® grants to non-profits, schools, and communities.



Gary Fish
Board President

Tim McCarthy
General Manager/CEO

principle for the Cooperative. Our Operation Round Up® program surpassed the \$2 million milestone in December. This program has delivered significant assistance to non-profit organizations, schools, and communities since the year 2000.

As we mentioned earlier in this report, innovation and change were ongoing themes throughout the year. We launched the organization of a dedicated Beneficial Electrification Department to provide more personalized and specialized service to members interested in electrification efforts such as electric vehicles, heating/cooling technology, and rate options. Additionally, Sioux Valley Energy sustained its aggressive work plan, constructing over 150 miles of electric line.

Thank you for supporting each other and our employees during a challenging year. We look forward to serving you in 2022 and into the future with exceptional member service and high reliability. #ServingOurMembers.Always.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting

of the membership of the Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc.

June 8, 2021

Pursuant to notice having been given on the 24th day of May 2021, the annual meeting of the members of the Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. (dba Sioux Valley Energy) was held on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at the Verne Drive-In, Luverne, MN. A member appreciation event featuring The Barn Flies musical group and the movie *Cruella* was held in conjunction with the meeting.

Carrie Vugteveen, Vice President of Public Relations, gave the invocation and Casey Wilson and Carleen Wild Wilson of the Barn Flies performed the National Anthem.

Carrie Vugteveen introduced the members of the Sioux Valley Energy Board of Directors.

Board President, Allan Weinacht, read a Resolution of Appreciation for director Allan Kooima who passed away in April. The resolution was presented to Allan's family.

Carrie thanked Bruce Martinson, District 3 Director, for his years of service and presented him with a Resolution of Appreciation. Bruce served as a director for 17 years and is retiring this year. Dr. Leslie Heinemann was introduced as the new director for District 3.

Carrie welcomed former employees and directors, special guests/dignitaries, legislators, G&T representatives, and the Sioux Valley Energy Operation Round Up directors.

The business meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Board President Allan Weinacht, who presided as Chairperson and Don DeGreef, Board Secretary, acted as Secretary for the meeting.

The Secretary presented the Notice of the Meeting and the Proof of Mailing and reported that a quorum was present with 235 members registered. A motion was made by Tom Davis, seconded by Randy Gross to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2019 annual meeting as printed in the 2019 Annual Report

and the minutes of the November 12, 2020, Special Meeting of the Membership as printed in the 2020 Annual Report. The motion carried. An annual meeting was not held in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dave Daniel, Board Treasurer, presented the treasurer's report for 2020. A motion was made by Tom Davis and seconded by Art Ehde that the treasurer's report be approved as presented. The motion carried.

GENERAL MANAGER/CEO REPORT/ EMPLOYEE AWARDS

The management report was presented by General Manager/CEO Tim McCarthy. As part of the management report, Manager McCarthy recognized the following Sioux Valley Energy employees for their years of service with the Cooperative:

- Debra Biever, Vice President of Human Resources and Member Services – 25 years
- Jason Sage, Lead Staking Engineer – 30 years
- Tom Sebert, Lead Lineworker – 30 years
- Dave Ossefoort, Manager of Purchasing and Materials – 30 years
- Sharla Haugen, Manager of Dispatch – 30 years
- Kathy Nepp, Lead Accountant – 50 years

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Allan Weinacht declared the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Don DeGreef, Secretary



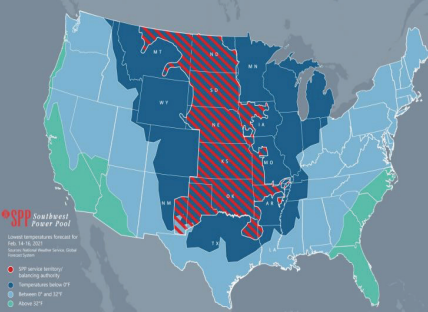
Go Electric! Beneficial Electrification Department Launches

In January 2021, Sioux Valley Energy realigned existing resources to create a dedicated Beneficial Electrification Department. This department will help members with energy efficiency, rebates, incentive programs, wiring, and electric technologies such as EVs.



Southwest Power Pool Energy Emergency

Frigid temperatures in Texas, culminating in a polar vortex, pushed the SPP electric resources to the brink in February 2021. The emergency resulted in about 7,000 Sioux Valley Energy members being without power for a few hours on the morning of February 16. The crisis lasted for several days.



Operation Round Up® Program surpasses \$2 million donation milestone

In December 2021, The Sioux Valley Energy Operation Round Up® program awarded a grant which brought the organization's total contributions to \$2 million since its inception in 2000.



National Drive Electric Week observed with Ride and Drive Event and EV Car Show at Brandon Service Center

On September 25, 2021, electric vehicle enthusiasts and the curious gathered at SVE's Brandon Service Center for an EV car show and ride and drive event. Attendees were able to take one of several cars, including SVE's Nissan Leaf, EVie, for a spin.



Partner in Progress

The Sioux Metro Growth Alliance presented its "Partners in Progress Award" to the Corson Development Association (CDA) which was created in 2001 by Sioux Valley Energy and others. The CDA supported the creation of 451 primary jobs and nearly \$30 million in taxable property through the development of 117 acres in the metro area.



Special Director Election Held

In September 2021, members in District 2 gathered in Volga, S.D., to select a new director from a slate of three candidates. The vacancy was created by the April 2021 death of director Allan Kooima. Ann Vostad of Volga, who had been a member of SVE's Operation Round Up board for several years, was elected. Vostad is pictured with SVE Board President Gary Fish.

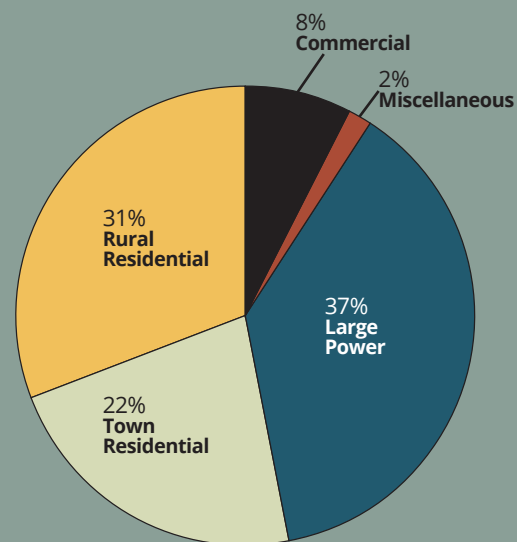
FINANCIALS

SIoux VALLEY-SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC CO-OP INC. STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

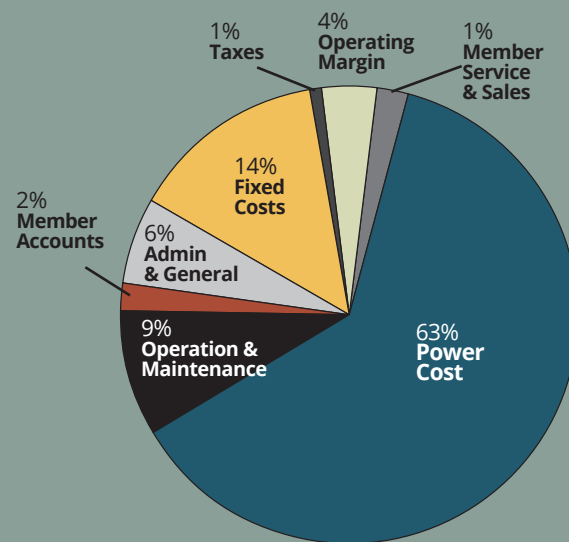
For Years Ended December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020

	2021	2020
Operating Revenues:		
Revenue from Electric Sales	\$91,851,633	\$86,929,729
Total Operating Revenue	91,851,633	86,929,729
Operating Expenses:		
Cost of Power	57,977,676	55,554,310
System Operations and Maintenance	8,574,251	8,133,194
Member Accounts Expense	1,685,256	1,452,814
Member Service and Sales Expense	787,478	739,975
Administrative and General Expense	5,107,198	4,485,005
Depreciation	7,263,567	6,755,915
Interest	5,757,767	5,799,082
Taxes	1,273,775	1,255,039
Other Expense	67,268	55,218
Total Operating Expenses	88,494,236	84,230,552
Operating Margins	3,357,397	2,699,177
Non-operating Margins		
Merchandising	(576,892)	(470,797)
Interest Income	190,080	336,419
Gain (Loss) on Sale of Equipment or Property	(20,980)	(28,260)
Total Non-operating Margins	(407,792)	(162,638)
Capital Credits from Associated Organizations	3,589,586	3,652,554
Net Margins	\$6,539,191	\$6,189,093

2021 Revenue Categories



How the Dollars Were Spent in 2021



2021 BY THE NUMBER

SIOUX VALLEY-SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC CO-OP, INC. BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 2021 and 2020

	2021	2020
Assets:		
Distribution and General Plant	\$274,089,523	\$255,914,166
Less Depreciation	56,028,275	53,627,376
Net Plant	218,061,248	202,286,790
Other Property and Investments		
Investments	55,194,098	52,740,297
Total Other Property and Investments	55,194,098	52,740,297
Current Assets:		
Cash	8,012,353	6,624,126
Accounts Receivable	10,063,726	9,926,968
Inventory	7,076,490	6,965,971
Other Current Assets	741,239	723,744
Total Current Assets	25,893,808	24,240,809
Deferred Debits	470,355	434,503
Total Assets	\$299,619,509	\$279,702,399
Equities:		
Patronage Capital	97,131,730	93,064,139
Other Equities	4,266,197	3,958,042
Total Equities	101,397,927	97,022,181
Liabilities:		
Long-term Debt	175,588,212	162,202,726
Current Liabilities		
Current Maturities of Long-term Debt	6,702,000	6,599,000
Notes Payable	-	-
Accounts payable	6,220,443	5,908,132
Other Current and Accrued Liabilities	5,949,974	4,285,595
Total Current Liabilities	18,872,417	16,792,727
Other Liabilities		
Member Deposits	689,521	667,685
Deferred Credits	3,071,432	3,017,080
Total Liabilities	198,221,582	182,680,218
Total Equities and Liabilities	\$299,619,509	\$279,702,399

695

new services
added



769

rebates to members
totaling

\$877,458

for energy efficiency



\$1.6 million
in savings from
load management

\$2.47

million
capital credit
retirement



\$193

million
capital credits
refunded since 1939

151 miles
of line constructed



total utility
plant reaches
\$268.6
million

119

average
outage
minutes



868



million
kWhs Sold

107
employees



SERVING OUR MEMBERS. ALWAYS. SIOUX VALLEY ENERGY EMPLOYEES



Cole Anderson	Chinelle Christensen	Sheila Gross	Toni Kruger	Steve Neises	Tim Schoolmeester
Paul Anderson	Jan Christiansen	Ryan Gruber	Parker Kuchta	LeAnn Nelson	Tom Sebert
Deborah Barger	Matthew Determan	Kim Hansen	Jim Kuyper	Michele Nielson	Matt Seivert
Bruce Barrick	Tanner Donelan	Kim C Hansen	Chad Lade	Michael Oines	Nicolas Smith
Eliza Barron	Dan Doyle	Sarina Hanson	Brandon Lane	Ryan Olson	Ted Smith
Matthew Behlings	Tim Durst	Sharla Haugen	Jason Langford	David Ossefoort	Kyle Thomson
Debra Biever	Steven Dvergsten	Melissa Hennings	Gwen Larsen	Elliot Ostercamp	Michael Uhing
Joshua Bjorklund	Jake Dybedahl	Daren Hoffer	Jody Lebahn	Garth Park	Derry Van Hofwegen
Angela Boughton	Terry Ebright	Jeffery Huebner	Kara LeBrun	Stacey Pierce	Amy Voelker
Kim Brendsel	Josh Entzel	Ryan Hyland	Derek Locke	Ben Pierson	Larry Voss
Kim Brown	Tim Fey	Adrian Ilchuk	Jordan Long	Terry Plecity	Carrie Vugteveen
Shawn Bruns	Dana Foster	David Jensen	Casey Lowe	Trevor Reif	Joan Wangberg
Jay Buchholz	Peyton Friesz	Lisa Johnson	Jace Martens	Tony Remund	Michele Wanner
Derek Bundesen	Cody Fritz	Nolan Johnson	Jason Maxwell	Jeremy Rollag	Chad Williams
Cody Bunkers	Reggie Gassman	Robert Johnson	Tim McCarthy	Jager Rus	Molly Williams
Molly Burmeister	Jim George	Joshua Kearin	Brian Meyer	Jason Sage	Kendra Wire
Heather Buss	Lori George	Brenda Kleinjan	Justin Moose	Paul Schamber	Sandy Zwart
Alex Christensen	Chris Graff	Holly Kruger	Craig Namken	Brenda Schelhaas	

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