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## MANAGER'S COLUMN

# Want to learn more about renewable energy? Register for Seminar



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Please mail registration to: Sioux Valley Energy 'Technology Seminar' PO Box 216 Colman, SD 57017 **Sioux Valley Energy** has initiated a number of programs that encourage new technology. In fact, I would go as far as to say that in many ways we are leaders when it comes to embracing technology that is beneficial for our members. Think back to the 1980's (yes that far back). It was the electric cooperatives (like SVE) that created a load management system for water heaters--a program we still have today! When wind generation started to make a comEback as an option for homeowners, we made sure that our wiring/engineering team had the knowledge and expertise to walk members through the process of interconnection, etc. We still have a fair amount of self wind-generators but we are seeing more and more people lean towards solar technologies. Again in support of emerging technologies, SVE constructed a solar panel display at its Brandon service center to collect data that would be helpful to members!

Today we have creative rate solutions for members who want more control over their electric bill such as the electric vehicle rate and the time of use rate. We routinely get calls regarding solar technologies--how it impacts people financialLY, the best way to construct/install it, and how it integrates with SVE electric rates. That is why we have decided to hold a technology seminar that will focus on solar power, electric vehicles and future technologies. During the afternoon and evening of Monday, August 13th, we will hold an event at the Brandon service center. You must be a SVE member and pre-register to attend. One of our guest speakers will be Alan Shedd.

Alan Shedd is the director of residential and commercial energy programs for Touchstone Energy. He works with cooperatives, key accounts, energy managers, and industry experts to develop resources, solutions, and communicate best practice information in areas of energy efficiency, renewables, business development, and management. He holds a degree in Engineering Science and Mechanics with an Energy Engineering Certificate from Georgia Tech, and is a registered professional Mechanical Engineer and Certified Energy Manager. Alan does energy analysis, energy management, research, and HVAC system design in the U.S. and Europe.

We are still working on the final agenda. But would love to have you join us to learn more about solar technologies, electric vehicles, rate structures and future technologies! The registration is below.

# 2018 Sioux Valley Energy Techology Forum

| Name:           | -                                   |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Address:        | When: August 13, 2018               |
| City:           | Time: Late Afternoon/Evening        |
| State:Zip:      | Where: Brandon service center       |
| Account Number: | Pre-registration is required and is |
| Phone Number:   | limited to the first 50 individuals |
| Email:          | -                                   |
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# CO-OP NEWS

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# Home Energy Makeover Contest Winners Announced

The winner of the 'Save with Smart Technology' contest is Rebecca Randall from Dell Rapids. She won a Phillips Smart Hue Light Kit with Google Home Mini.





The winner of the 'Avoid the Energy Rush' contest was Christopher Graff of Harford. He won a Delta Low-Flow Shower Head and a Power Cost Monitor.

# 2018 'POP-UP' PICNICS July 27: Colman - City Park

July 30: Pipestone - SVE Service Center

August 1: Brandon - SVE Service Center

August 2: Hartford - Pizza Ranch/

Sunshine Foods Parking Lot

August 6: Luverne - City Park

August 15: Volga - City Park

August 17: Flandreau - Pool Park

August 21: Madison - Library Park



Join Sioux Valley Energy for its inaugural member picnics this summer (weather dependent).

The picnics will run from **11:30 TO 1**.

Meet the faces behind the Cooperative, talk with the leadership team and Board of Directors and enjoy lunch on us! \*Bring your own chair/blanket\*

# SAFETY TIPS

# **Home Project Safety**

More people are doing their own remodeling, repairs,

maintenance, landscaping, and construction projects inside and outside the home. Safe Electricity urges all do-it-yourselfers to take precautions,



especially when working around electrical equipment and overhead power lines.

Make sure outdoor outlets have a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI). Use a portable GFCI if your outdoor outlets don't have them. It's also a good idea to have GFCIs professionally installed in wet areas of the home, such as the kitchen, bath and laundry.

### Safety tips to remember include:

- Look up and around you. Always know of the location of power lines, particularly when using long metal tools, like ladders, pool skimmers, and pruning poles, or when installing rooftop antennas and satellite dishes or doing roof repair work.
- Be especially careful when working near power lines attached to your house. Keep equipment and yourself at least 10 feet from lines. Never trim trees near power lines — leave that to the professionals. Never use water or blower extensions to clean gutters near electric lines. Contact a professional maintenance contractor.
- If your projects include digging, like building a deck or planting a tree, call the national underground utility locator at 8-1-1 before you begin. Never assume the location or depth of underground utility lines. This service is free, prevents the inconvenience of having utilities interrupted, and can help you avoid serious injury.
- Always check the condition of cords and power tools before using them. Repair or replace worn or damaged cords and tools.
- Electricity + water = danger. If it's raining or the ground is wet, don't use electric power or yard tools. Never use electrical appliances or touch circuit breakers or fuses when you're wet or standing in water. Keep electric equipment at least 10 feet from wet areas.

Make certain home electrical systems and wiring are adequate to support increased electric demands of new electric appliances, home additions, or remodeling projects. An older home may be inadequately wired for today's electricity consumption, putting your family at risk for fire and electrical shock. Have a professional replace worn and outdated circuitry and add outlets for appliances and electronics – this is not a job for casual do-it-yourselfers!



The soil on your farm or ranch is rich with nutrients and minerals... AND underground gas, oil and water pipelines.

Excavations, terracing projects, fence post installation, tiling or subsoiling can create safety hazards due to the depth of the excavations.

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG in order to notify utility companies who will be affected by the excavation. This service is FREE.

No one digs more dirt than America's farmers and ranchers. Understanding what is below ground will help you DIG SAFELY above ground. Call before you dig!

# KIDS CORNER SAFETY POSTER



## "Neverremoveaplugwhenyourhandsarewet." Aida Mikkonen, 10 years old

Aida is the daughter of Patrick and Carrie Mikkonen, Mt. Vernon, S.D. They are members of Central Electric Cooperative, Mitchell, S.D.

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.



#### **Tzatziki Potato Salad**

2 lbs. unpeeled Yukon Gold potatoes, cut into 1-inch cubes (about 6 cups)

3/4 cup (6 oz.) plain Greekstyle yogurt

1/4 cup reduced fat sour cream

2 T. milk

1 T. lemon juice

2 tsp. honey

2 tsp. McCormick® Garlic Powder

1-1/2 tsp. McCormick® Oregano Leaves

1/2 tsp. McCormick® Black Pepper, Coarse Ground

1/2 tsp. Sea Salt from McCormick® Sea Salt Grinder

1 cup diced unpeeled, seeded cucumber

1/4 cup chopped red onion

Place potatoes in water to cover in large saucepan. Bring to boil on high heat. Reduce heat to low; simmer 10 to 12 minutes or until potatoes are fork-tender. Drain well. Cool completely. Mix yogurt, sour cream and milk in small bowl with wire whisk until well blended. Add lemon juice, honey and seasonings; mix until well blended. Place potatoes, cucumber and onion in large bowl. Add yogurt dressing; toss gently to coat well. Garnish with crumbled feta cheese, if desired. Cover. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Makes 10 (2/3 cup) servings.

Nutritional Information Per Serving: Calories 97, Total Fat 1g, Sodium 109mg, Cholesterol 3mg, Carbohydrates 18g, Protein 4g, Dietary Fiber 2g

Pictured, Cooperative Connections

## Pineapple Pretzel Salad

1 stick butter

1 (12 oz.) container whipped topping

1 (20 oz.) can crushed

pineapple, drained

1 cup crushed pretzels 1 cup sugar, divided

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1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese

Melt butter. Stir in pretzels and 1/2 cup sugar. Spread on 9x13-inch baking sheet. Bake at 350°F. for 7 minutes. Cool. Break into pieces and set aside. Beat together softened cream cheese and remaining 1/2 cup sugar. Stir in whipped topping and pineapple. Add pretzel mixture just before serving.

Beth Eickman, Salem, S.D.

## Chicken Salad

| 2 lbs. red grapes, washed mayonnaise and halved | 1 chicken, roasted, deboned and diced                     | 2 cups diced celery                 |  |
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| and halved                                      |   |                                     |  |
|   |   | mayonnaise<br>1 (9 oz.) can Pik-Nik |  |
|   | dd shoestring potatoes just before<br>ge leaf of lettuce. |                                     |  |

Judy Mendel, Doland, S.D.

## Make Ahead Rhubarb Salad

| 2 cups diced rhubarb                 | 1 cup chopped celery                   |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1/2 cup sugar                        | 3/4 cup chopped nuts                   |
| 1 (3 oz.) pkg. strawberry<br>gelatin | 1 (8 oz.) container whipped<br>topping |

1 (3 oz.) pkg. cream cheese

In a saucepan, cook rhubarb and sugar for 10 minutes; remove from heat. Stir in gelatin and cream cheese; cool. Add celery and nuts. Fold in whipped topping. Refrigerate overnight.

Elaine Rowett, Sturgis, S.D.

## Fruit Salad

| 1 can peach pie mix                     | 1 (16 oz.) container whipped |  |  |
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| 1 small can chunk pineapple, drained    |                              |  |  |
| 2 bananas, sliced or diced              | topping                      |  |  |
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In a large bowl, fold together all ingredients.

Shirley Thedorff, Centerville, S.D.

Please send your favorite salad, garden produce and pasta 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 2018. All entries must include your name, mailing address, telephone number and cooperative name.

Enter this month's contest and watch for next month's challenge to enter to win another valuable prize!

# 12 MONTH CHALLENGE TO SAVE MONEY AND WIN BIG!

# You Could be a Winner!

The Energy Makeover Contest gives you 12 chances to win valuable prizes to enhance efficiency and conservation efforts in your home or business. Each month we will focus on a new topic to help you learn how little changes can help you save big!

The information gathered will help Sioux Valley Energy continue to educate our members about energy saving practices, safety, and to ensure the programs we offer meet your needs.

Please complete the entry below and mail to Sioux Valley Energy, Energy Makeover Contest, PO Box 216, Colman, SD 57017.

The entry is also available online at www.siouxvalleyenergy.com.

One entry per member. Challenge Month Eleven entry must be received by August 31st to be eligible for the drawing.

ENTER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN AN ENERGY STAR HOME DECORATORS COLLECTION LED INDOOR CEILING FAN (\$150 VALUE).

# Turn on the Savings

| Name:   |
|---|
| Address:  |
| City:   |
| State: Zip:   |
| Account Number:   |
| Phone Number:   |
| Email:  |
| Why would you like to win an Energy Star LED Ceiling Fan? |

Do you plan to purchase an energy star ceiling fan in the next 3 years? yes \_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_

If you currently have a ceiling fan, do you switch the rotation of the blades seasonally to be used in both the summer and winter months to save on energy costs? yes no no

If you have a ceiling fan, do you turn it off when the room is unoccupied? yes  $\Box$  no  $\Box$ 

#### I would like more information on:

□Sealing/Insulation Guide □Heat pump rebate □Residential LED program □Commercial/Ag LED program □Weatherization Program □Yard Light rebate □Residential Water Heater □Energy Audit □Electric Heat Rate □Electric Car Charging Rate □Time of use Rate □Energy Tips □Commercial/Ag Water Heater □Third Party Irrigation Rebate

### **CHALLENGE MONTH ELEVEN**

# TURN ON THE FAN AND TURN ON THE SAVINGS

Most Americans have a least one ceiling fan in their home. Ceiling fans help our indoor life feel more comfortable. They are a decorative addition to our homes and, if used properly, can help lower energy costs. Ceiling fans add year-round value. Many people are unaware that ceiling fans can also be used to circulate warm air during the cooler months. Tips for making the most of your ceiling fan:

Flip the Switch – Most ceiling fans have a switch near the blades. In warm months, flip the switch so that the blades operate in a counter clockwise direction to produce a "wind chill" effect. In winter, move the switch so the fan blades rotate clockwise creating an updraft. Regardless of the season, try operating the fan on its lowest setting.

**Adjust your Thermostat** – In the summer, while using a ceiling fan in conjunction with an air conditioner, the draft makes the room feel cooler allowing you to raise the thermostat three to five degrees without any reduction in comfort. This saves money since a fan is less costly to run than an air conditioner. In the winter, you can lower your thermostat's set point by the same amount. Ceiling fans push the warm air from the ceiling back down toward the living space making your furnace turn on less frequently.

**Choose the Right Size** – Make sure your ceiling fan is the right size for the room. A fan that is 36-44 inches in diameter can cool rooms up to 225 square feet and up to 54 inches can cool up to 400 square feet.

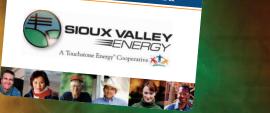
**Select an Energy Star Model** – If you are in the market to purchase a new ceiling fan, an energy star model can be up to 40% more efficient that conventional models according to energystar.gov. They also have improved motor and blade designs along with the latest in efficient technology. Choose the appropriate mounting system and select a fan rated for your purpose—indoor/outdoor, dry/wet locations.

**Turn it Off** – When the room is unoccupied, turn the fan off. Fans are intended to add comfort to people- not rooms.

This month's challenges If you have a ceiling fan in your home, check the switch near the blades to see if they are rotating counter clockwise for the air conditioning season. You'll want to change the direction for the winter season. If you are in the market for a new ceiling fan to help save energy costs year round, purchase an Energy Star model.

# Co-op Connections Spotlight

Co-op Connections<sup>®</sup> Card



### 3 Degrees, Sioux Falls, SD

**BODON 3 DEGREES** INFRARED LIGHT THERAPY **Contact:** Tiffany - 605.359.8818 tiffanypaclik@gmail.com / Penny - 605.261.3800 pennypaclik@gmail.com / Studio - 605.275.5565 SiouxFalls@ThreeDegrees.com http://ThreeDegrees.com

### Co-op Connections Card Deal:

#### Receive 2 FREE sessions with a membership

3 Degrees took an age old process enhanced by modern technology and put it in a day spa atmosphere. Clients have their own private suite which includes an infrared sauna with enhanced lighting for 40 minutes. The infrared heat increases your core by 3 degrees which according to the spa helps with skin cell rejuvenation, loss of toxins, stress relief, help with depression, weight aches and pains, immune system boost and overall enhanced health. 3 DEGREES goal is to provide an experience that helps clients have a better life.

### Audiology Speciality Clinic, Sioux Falls, SD

Contact: 605.275.5545 / www.audiologyspecialtyclinic.com

#### **Co-op Connections Card Deal:**

#### 10% off custom fit earplugs

Better hearing and a better quality of life can be yours for many years with the help of the right hearing professional. At Audiology Specialty Clinic, they pride themselves on developing long-term relationships with their patients. They hold the belief that hearing care is health care. They work to do what is best for their patients in a pressure free environment.



## Rock County Eye Clinic, Luverne, MN



Contact: 507.283.2345 / www.rockcountyeyeclinic.com / https://www.facebook.com/Rock-County-Eye-Clinic-492082160866550/

### **Co-op Connections Card Deal:**

#### 30% off frames or 10% off annual supply of contacts

The Rock County Eye Clinic practice serves the Luverne MN area including Adrian, Hills, Beaver Creek, Lismore, Worthington, Pipestone, Rock Rapids, Steen, Brandon, Kenneth, Ellsworth, and Rushmore with a tradition of

quality service and a friendly staff. Dr. Sandra Carman takes great pride in offering every patient the absolute best in vision care--whether through fitting them with eyeglasses or contact lenses, diagnosing cataracts, glaucoma, and other eye diseases, or recommending LASIK and other eye surgery procedures. Their Optometrist and experienced staff will take the time to answer all of your questions, explain treatment options, and provide the highest quality eye health treatments available.

#### **Interstate All Battery Center**

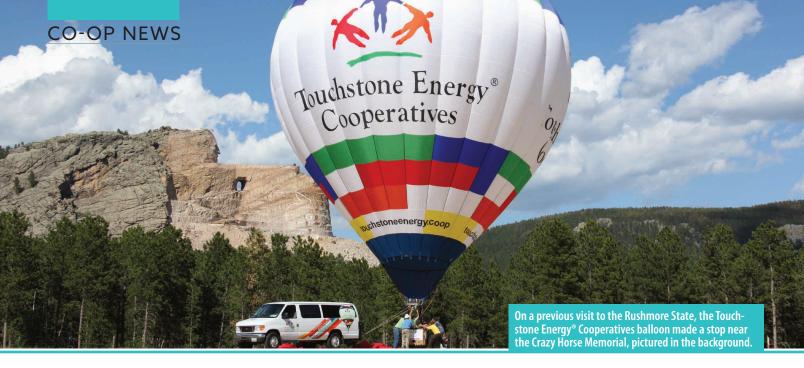
Contact: 605.274.3363 / https://www.interstatebatteries.com

#### Co-op Connections Card Deal:

#### 10% off batteries, accessories & cell phone/tablet repair

Interstate All Battery Center in Sioux Falls has a culture and commitment to providing outrageously dependable products and service. They are willing to take the time to charge and test batteries (whether they are their brand or not) to make sure that a battery replacement will solve the customer's problems. They pledge to exceed their customers' expectations by having the most friendly, knowledgeable associates while offering the highest quality product and providing the best customer experience in the battery business.





# UP, UP AND AWAY

# Cooperative Brand takes to Southern Hills Skies

#### Brenda Kleinjan

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Look to the skies above Hot Springs in late August and you'll likely see a familiar sight, albeit in a slightly unfamiliar location.

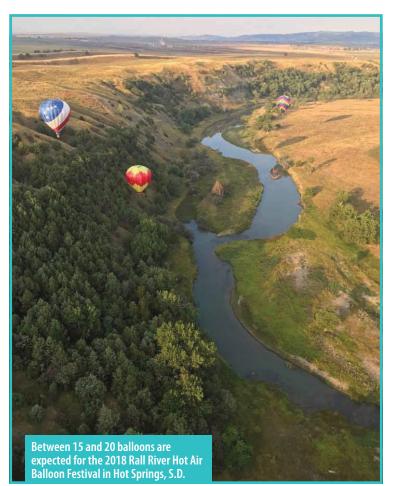
The Touchstone Energy<sup>®</sup> Cooperatives brand will be wafting above the Southern Hills when it takes part in the Fall River Hot Air Balloon Festival Aug. 25 and 26 in Hot Springs.

The Touchstone Energy<sup>®</sup> Cooperatives balloon is one of five operated by the Illinois-based Cooperative Balloon Associates. CBA was organized in 1999 to help promote the newly launched brand of America's electric cooperatives. Two decades later, the brand ambassador continues its journey.

The Touchstone Energy Cooperative balloon is just one of about 20 hot air balloons scheduled to appear at the third annual Fall River Balloon Festival.

Weather-permitting, balloons will launch at 6 a.m. both Saturday and Sunday mornings at the Hot Springs Municipal Airport. A night glow – where the balloons inflate their envelopes and illuminate their craft with their burners – is set for 8:30 p.m. Saturday at the airport.

Throughout the day, visitors to Hot Springs can



take part in ballooning inspired activities.

A Plein Air arts event is scheduled for downtown and organizers are seeking15 artists to participate. Those registering prior to Aug. 15 have a chance to win a hot air balloon ride.

On Saturday morning, visitors can walk on the inside of a balloon envelope from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Mammoth site.

A vintage car show and an art walk and chalk are also planned.

For more information about the festival, visit their Facebook page at facebook. com/FallRiverHotAirBalloonFestival or go to the Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce site at HotSprings-SD.com.

# About the Touchstone Energy Balloon

The Touchstone Energy<sup>®</sup> Hot Air Balloon serves as a goodwill ambassador for Touchstone Energy<sup>®</sup> Cooperatives and its member cooperatives. The fleet's two newest balloons are 77,000 cubic foot hot air balloons that stand over 77 feet tall and are 60 feet wide when fully inflated. Each are built of hyperlife fabric panels and boast a 14 cubic foot ascot basket. They carry a pilot and two average size passengers. The balloons are fired by dual propane burners and fueled by two 15-gallon propane tanks. The balloons were built by Lindstrand Balloons of Hanover, Ill., in 1999, 2002, 2005, 2007, 2009 and 2014. The first two balloons have been retired.

The balloons have the Touchstone Energy<sup>®</sup> Cooperatives logo in bold letters on three sides. Everywhere the balloons go,

# Everywhere the balloons go, they promote the brand and the values of Touchstone Energy Cooperatives.

they promote the brand and the values of Touchstone Energy Cooperatives... providing service with integrity, accountability, innovation, and commitment to community. These values are demonstrated through the presence of the balloons at national competitions and special events, and the team's interactions with spectators. These values are also conveyed in local philanthropic fundraising activities which the Touchstone Energy Hot Air Balloon program supports whenever and wherever the balloons are flying.





# Great Plains Balloon Race

Look to the skies over Sioux Falls Aug. 10-12 and you will likely see a colorful display.

The Great Plains Balloon Race is set to launch from Kenny Anderson Park near Sioux Falls Washington High School in the city's northeast corner. About 10 or 11 balloons are expected for this year's race.

Among the balloons scheduled for the race is the Call811.com balloon which will be promoting the importance of calling before you dig. The balloon's appearance coincides with national 8-1-1 Day on Aug. 11.

### Schedule

All launches at Kenny Anderson Park

Aug. 10 - Founders Cup Challenge

Balloon Launches at 7 p.m.

**Aug. 11 -**Launches at 6:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Balloon Glow at 8:30 p.m.

#### Aug. 12

Balloon Launches at 6:30 a.m. All activities are weather-permitting.

### Also on the Calendar

Balloons over DTSF on Aug. 3. and Sept. 7 at 7 p.m. – Downtown Sioux Falls

Sept. 1 - Balloons and Beer at A Homestead Brew at Valley Springs.

For more information, contact the Sioux Falls Ballooning Association.

# Can You Help Us Locate These People?

Each year when Sioux Valley Energy mails capital credit checks to former customers, some are returned because the person has moved. If you know any of the people on this list, please tell them to contact Sioux Valley Energy to claim their capital credit check. They can call 1-800-234-1960. The lisst will continue each month until complete.

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# INNOVATIVE

Carbon Test Center Opens at Basin Electric's Dry Fork Station

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Research getting under way at an electric co-op power plant in Wyoming could lead to game-changing breakthroughs diverting carbon dioxide from the power generation waste stream to manufacturing processes for use in new products.

"This is not a lab; it's a facility where testing will take place in 'real world' conditions," Gov. Matt Mead told an audience of about 150 attendees during a dedication ceremony for the Wyoming Integrated Test Center on May 16.

Mead's comments topped a nearly decade-long quest for creation and development of a facility designed to advance technologies that expand the use of CO2 as a marketable byproduct with commercial value.

#### **Bulk Waste to Useful Products**

The facility, which takes on its first tenants this summer, is located at Basin Electric Power Cooperative's Dry Fork Station. The 385-megawatt power plant commissioned in 2011 is one of the most modern coal-based generation facilities in the electric cooperative fleet.

Bismarck, North Dakota-based Basin Electric is majority owner and operator of the plant, which is co-owned by the Wyoming Municipal Power Agency.

With the encouragement of electric cooperative officials, including representatives of Basin Electric, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association and NRECA, Wyoming legislators approved \$15 million for the project. The investment is seen as a way to preserve and support coal production as the state's top industry by reducing or eliminating concerns about CO2 emitted through fossil fuel use.

"This is about saving coal and making coal viable for America," says Paul Sukut, CEO of Basin Electric, adding that even as renewable energy and natural gas use expands, coal remains an abundant and reliable resource. "We need in America an 'all of the above' energy solution."

Emissions from up to 20 MW of energy production will be diverted to a ported vent system feeding five small test bays and one larger working facility at the ITC. Researchers will be able to draw CO2 from that waste stream for industri-

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al-scale production use.

The nonprofit XPRIZE Foundation, headquartered in Culver City, California, is using the Dry Fork Generation Station as one of two test sites for the NRG COSIA Carbon XPRIZE. Participants have been competing for a total of \$20 million in prize money since 2015.

Westminster, Colorado-based Tri-State G&T began developing the concept for a carbon inducement prize and test center eight years ago and has contributed \$5 million to the ITC project.

"Early on, we identified promising activity in the nascent field of carbon utilization and the need to provide venues for innovators to bring new technology forward," said Ellen Connor, Tri-State senior vice president and chief technology officer.

"The technology acceleration from the XPRIZE and creation of a test center at an operating coal plant will make an impact on both the speed and scale of development and demonstration of these important technologies," Connor said.

NRECA has also contributed \$1 million to development of the ITC in support of the association's commitment to a national energy policy recognizing electric generation diversity that includes fossil fuels and renewables.

"If there is a carbon constraint in the future, it's going to hit natural gas as well," says Jim Spiers, senior vice president of NRECA's Business and Technology Services department.

Spiers, formerly Tri-State's senior vice president of business strategies and chief technology officer, worked to identify institutions, companies and individuals committed to the carbon waste issue and found 135 entities worldwide are studying the issue.

According to the Energy Information Administration, coal-based electricity generation produced more than 1.2 million metric tons of CO2 in 2016. That number accounts for 68 percent of the total CO2 emissions from the energy sector.

Forty-one percent of the power used by electric cooperative members is produced through coal-based generation. Co-ops also rely heavily upon natural gas to operate peaking plants, run primarily

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during periods of high demand.

"As co-ops across the nation work to meet tomorrow's energy needs, this project is poised to crack the carbon code and create a new future for managing carbon dioxide emissions," Spiers added. "The Wyoming ITC is proof that public-private partnerships spur innovation."

Facilities related to the ITC project now occupy 226,000 square feet of space at the Dry Fork site. While the five test bays used by the Carbon XPRIZE finalists will share access to flue gas produced by 1.5 MW of generation capacity, a separate large test center can use up to 18.5 MW of flue gas flow.

## **Promising Paths**

The 10 teams in the juried research competition designed to advance clean energy technologies are divided equally between the coal-based ITC test site and Canada's Shepard Energy Centre in Calgary, Alberta, where the Alberta Carbon Conversion Technology Centre is fueled by natural gas.

The five teams conducting research at ITC include:

- Breathe: Based in Bangalore, India, they will combine hydrogen compounds, extracted from water, with CO2 to produce methanol. Researchers will use a variety of catalysts, including copper, nitrogen and iron to gauge the economic viability of commercial scale production.
- C4X: The Suzhou, China-based team will use CO2 extracted from flue gas to develop new foam-based bio composite plastics for potential use as insulating and building materials.
- **Carbon Capture Machine:** The team, headquartered in Aberdeen, Scotland, will dissolve CO2 in a mixture of brine, calcium and magnesium to produce

carbonate solids as an additive for building materials, replacing other carbon-based feedstocks in the manufacture of concrete.

- CarbonCure: The team, led by researchers from Dartmouth, Canada, will use CO2 to produce materials described as "greener concrete" using current manufacturing processes and modified chemistry to reduce water and CO2 use in concrete fabrication.
- Carbon Upcycling UCLA: The Los Angeles-based team will attempt to scale up production of a concrete material that absorbs CO2 during the production process, bonding with limestone for use in construction.

Researchers working the natural gas track in Alberta will conduct production scale testing on plastics, concrete alternatives, new building compounds and nanoparticles for use in bioplastics and other products. The 10 semifinalists shared \$5 million awarded in April.

## **Beyond Research**

After 10 months of production, XPRIZE judges will consider factors including operational costs, total production and net reduction of CO2 waste as factors in awarding \$20 million in prize money. Winners from the two test sites will split the proceeds.

Kawasaki Heavy Industries, working with the Japan Coal Energy Center on a solid sorbent-based carbon capture technology, is the first tenant for the larger space at the ITC. Up to \$9 million will be spent on the project, which will use sorbent as a low-cost carrier to absorb CO2 for later use as manufacturing feedstocks.

"The work of JCOAL and Kawasaki, along with the other Carbon XPRIZE teams, positions the Wyoming ITC as a worldclass facility for testing carbon management technologies," said Mead.

"We continue to move the needle forward on advanced carbon technologies and find real-world solutions to capturing carbon emissions," said Jason Begger, executive director of the Wyoming Infrastructure Authority. While Basin continues to operate Dry Fork Station, the authority is serving as the managing entity for the ITC.

Derrill Holly is a staff writer for NRECA.

# Can You Help Us Locate These People?

Each year when Sioux Valley Energy mails capital credit checks to former customers, some are returned because the person has moved. If you know any of the people on this list, please tell them to contact Sioux Valley Energy to claim their capital credit check. They can call 1-800-234-1960. The lisst will continue each month until complete.

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JUNKER, PAUL

ADAMS, PEGGY

MCGRATH, LEA

JALOWITZ, ALAN

EADS, RICK

| SIOUX FALLS | MCGONIGAL, JAMIE              | SIOUX FALLS       | WORTHINGTON, J R          | Virginia       |
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| SIOUX FALLS | MEDEMA, THELMA J              | SIOUX FALLS       | WUERTZ, RICHARD           |                |
|             | MEISSNER, MARK                |                   | CHURCH, W TODD & ANN K    | BROAD RUN      |
| SIOUX FALLS |                               | SPEARFISH         |                           | FREDERICKSBURG |
| SIOUX FALLS | METZGER, WILLIAM H            | SPENCER           | CHRISTENSEN, JOE A        | YORKTOWN       |
| SIOUX FALLS | MIDDLEN, JOHN R               | TEA               | ESSER, JOHN               |                |
| SIOUX FALLS | MINN CONSERVATION DIST        | TEA               | FOGELSON, RON             | Washingt       |
| SIOUX FALLS | MOOR, ROGER A                 | TEA               | WOLF, COLLEEN             | BELLINGHAM     |
| SIOUX FALLS | MUNCE, MARY K                 | TRENT             | BRINSON, DENNIS           | CAMAS          |
| SIOUX FALLS | NELSON, MRS DIEDRIK           | TYNDALL           | MCCLURE, SETH             | SEATTLE        |
| SIOUX FALLS | NORDSTROM, GWENOLYN M         | VALLEY SPRINGS    | CHRISTOPHERSON, KENDRA    | SEQUIM         |
| SIOUX FALLS | OLSON, CHERRI                 | VALLEY SPRINGS    | FISHER, KIPPY & LINDA     | SPOKANE        |
| SIOUX FALLS | OZOLINS, PAUL                 | VALLEY SPRINGS    | JEMISON, EUGENE           | 010101112      |
| SIOUX FALLS | PARISIEN, GARY                |                   | & PATRICIA                | Wisconsi       |
| SIOUX FALLS | PETERSON, DENISE              | VALLEY SPRINGS    | JENSEN, KENTON            |                |
| SIOUX FALLS | POKOS, BRETT                  | VALLEY SPRINGS    | JOHNSON, WILLA            | MENOMONIE      |
| SIOUX FALLS | POWELL, RONALD & SUSAN        | VALLEY SPRINGS    | LANGE, HARRIET C          | MENOMONIE      |
| SIOUX FALLS | RAMM, GERALD                  | VALLEY SPRINGS    | MOSS, HENRY               | OAK CREEK      |
| SIOUX FALLS | RICKERT, CRAIG & CARLA        | VALLEY SPRINGS    | OLSON, SHEREE             | PLOVER         |
| SIOUX FALLS | RIDDLE, CHRISTINA R           | VALLEY SPRINGS    | PERFORMANCE MOTORSPORT    |                |
| SIOUX FALLS | ROEDER, LYNELLE               |                   | KENNETH MOE               |                |
| SIOUX FALLS | RUITER, SUSAN                 | VALLEY SPRINGS    | SCADDEN, NEAL             |                |
| SIOUX FALLS | SABERS, LYLE                  |                   | % MICHELLE JOHNSON        |                |
| SIOUX FALLS | SANOW, DENNY                  | VALLEY SPRINGS    | SCHOLTEN, DELIA           |                |
| SIOUX FALLS | SCHOENEMAN, MELVIN            | VALLEY SPRINGS    | SWANSON, GENE & RENE      |                |
| SIOUX FALLS | SCHOLTEN, SANDY               | VALLEY SPRINGS    | TUPY, JAMES A             |                |
| SIOUX FALLS | SCHWANKE, DAN                 | VERMILLION        | MAGEE, CRAIG              |                |
| SIOUX FALLS | SEFRNA, JOE                   | VIBORG            | BENDT, STEVEN & DIANNE    |                |
| SIOUX FALLS | SHABINO, SUSAN                | VOLGA             | AUCK, DOUGLAS C           |                |
| SIOUX FALLS | SHEA, RYAN L                  | VOLGA             | DOMMER, ROBERTA           |                |
| SIOUX FALLS | SIMONS, DAVID T               | VOLGA             | FRANKEN, KEVIN            |                |
| SIOUX FALLS | SMITH, STEVEN E & KIM         | VOLGA             | -                         |                |
|             |                               |                   | JENSEN, MERLYN            |                |
| SIOUX FALLS | SPIELMAN, CLAUDIA R           | VOLGA             | LEITE, HARTMAN L          |                |
| SIOUX FALLS | STAEBELL, ROSE                | VOLGA             | MCDONOUGH, LEE F          |                |
| SIOUX FALLS | STAPLETON, JOHN F             | VOLGA             | MUTCHLER, DARREL & BILLIE |                |
|             | % MARY ANN PETERSON           | VOLGA             | OWENS, MYERS & JANE P     |                |
| SIOUX FALLS | STAPP, JIM & CONNIE           | VOLGA             | PIRLET, GEORGE & ELDEAN   |                |
| SIOUX FALLS | STEEN, JAMES                  | VOLGA             | USGAARD, ROBERT           |                |
| SIOUX FALLS | STINEHART, DAVID & CAROL      | VOLGA             | VANBEEK, WILLIAM          |                |
| SIOUX FALLS | STOCKWELL, SANDRA             | VOLGA             | WILL, MICHAEL             |                |
| SIOUX FALLS | STRATMEYER, RICHARD L & KAREN | WATERTOWN         | HILL, DEAN                |                |
| SIOUX FALLS | SUSS, DOUG & JOANN            | WAVERLY           | HOFER, DARWIN             |                |
| SIOUX FALLS | TAUTE KOESTER FARM            | WEBSTER           | KNOTT, TIM & JOY          |                |
|             | % CURTIS H ALBERTY            | WEBSTER           | SCHOENBECK, LOREN         |                |
| SIOUX FALLS | TERRY, KIM                    | WHITE             | LENGKEEK, LARRY           |                |
| SIOUX FALLS | TRAN, MICHAEL                 | WHITE             | STEINEKE, RICH            |                |
| SIOUX FALLS | TROUTEN, ROBERT G             | WILLOW LAKE       | SEEFELDT, SHIRLEY J       |                |
| SIOUX FALLS | TULL, HAROLD V & PEARL        | WORTHING          | FLUIT, TERRY & TIFFANY    |                |
| SIOUX FALLS | VANWYHE, HENRY                |                   |                           |                |
| SIOUX FALLS | WARNER, RICHARD               | Tennesee          |                           |                |
| SIOUX FALLS | WASHBURN, TIMOTHY A & SUSAN   | CLARKSVILLE       | PETERSON, MARVIN          |                |
| SIOUX FALLS | WEBER, RANDY & CONNIE         | CLARKSTILL        |                           |                |
| SIOUX FALLS | WEINS, HAROLD                 | Tovae             |                           |                |
| SIOUX FALLS | WILCOX, DEWANE & CAROL        | Texas             |                           |                |
| SIOUX FALLS | WILLEY, MIKE                  | SAN ANTONIO       | ERICKSON, DONNA           |                |
| SIOUX FALLS | WILSOŃ, CHRISTOPH E           |                   |                           |                |
| SIOUX FALLS | WOESSNER, JOE & WENDY         | Utah              |                           |                |
| SIOUX FALLS | WOHLER, NORMAN                | WASHINGTON TERRAC | E WING, MARDEEN           |                |
| SIOUX FALLS | WOLTERSTORFF, HERBERT         |                   |                           |                |
| SIOUX FALLS | WOOD, ROGER                   |                   |                           |                |
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#### July 20-21

Senior Games, Brookings, SD, Contact Traci Saugstad at 605-692-4492

#### July 27-29

Arlington Days, Arlington, SD, Becky at 605-203-3087

#### July 27-29

Honey Days, Car show, parade, street dance, volleyball tournament, burger feed and craft show, Bruce, SD, 605-627-5671

#### July 28

Abbey Road concert, Prairie Village, Madison, SD, 800-693-3644

#### July 28

Garden Tour, 10a.m. to 3 p.m., Brookings, SD, Cheryl Palmlund at 605-203-1701 palmtreeclp@gmail.com

#### August 4-5

Riverside Park Days, City Park, Flandreau, SD

#### August 5

25th Annual Car Show, Prairie Village, Madison, SD, 800-693-3644,

#### August 11

Ninth Annual Camaro Fun Days, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Parade Line-up at 9 a.m., Cruise at 3 p.m., Pioneer Park, Brookings, SD, Contact Terry 605-695-1560 or Calvin 605-690-1057

#### August 11

Movies in the Park, "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle" (PG-13) sponsored by Marmen Energy, Great Plains Zoomobile beforehand brought to you by Crete Pros., Garretson, SD



#### August 11

Oldham Potato Days, Parade, Bean Bag Tournament, Vendor Fair, Kids Games, Bingo, Illusionist Jett Skrien, Oldham, SD, 605-270-2506 or visit Oldham Potato Days Facebook Page

#### August 18

Outside Christian Concert featuring Turkey Creek Revival Band, Faith Lutheran Church, 5:30 p.m. with meal following, 511 S Main St., Humboldt, SD, 605-363-3700

#### August 18

City Wide Rummage Sale, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Arlington, SD, Michele at 605-203-0052

#### August 19

Car Show, City Park, Arlington, SD, Contact Mike at 605-203-0728

#### August 23-26

56th Annual Steam Threshing Jamboree featuring the Minneapolis Moline National Show, Prairie Village, Madison, SD, 800-693-3644

#### August 25

McCrossan Boys Ranch Xtreme Event Rodeo, 4:30 p.m. - Pre-show entertainment, 5:30 p.m. -Rodeo Show, McCrossan Boys Ranch Campus, 605-339-1203 www.mccrossan.org

#### September 8

Novies in the Park, Despicable Me 3 sponsored by Braun Trucking. Dress as a minion or favorite character, Garretson, SD

#### September 16

Fried Chicken Dinner, St. Jacob's Lutheran Church, Taopi Hall, 4:30 to 7 p.m., Colton, SD, 605-446-3866

#### September 16

9th Annual Barrels for Beth and Becky, Lake County 4-H grounds, Registration 9 a.m., Games begin at Noon, All money raised goes to "All Women Count," Madison, SD Janet at 605-579-0186, Korisa at 605-579-0100 or Verna at 605-270-1056 September 21-22 Holiday Arts Fall Craft Show, Mitchell, SD, 605-359-2049

#### October 6

Pumpkin Train, Prairie Village, Madison, SD, 800-693-3644,

#### October 20-21

South Dakota State and National Cornhusking Contest, State is on the 20th and National on the 21st, 9 a.m., Flandreau, SD

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