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You've heard me talk about our mission statement (Serving our members. Always.) many times at district meetings and in my manager column. We serve our members in a variety of ways...by keeping the lights on, providing top notch phone support, offering energy savings programs, etc. We also do it by providing educational and wellness opportunities for our members and the general public. That is exactly what we plan to do this summer through several new events!

Sundae on a Sunday-Sunday, July 28:

Who doesn't love ice cream? Especially B&G Milkyway ice cream! Our 'Sundae on a Sunday' event might be a catchy marketing theme but there is no gimmick when it comes to "scooping" up the energy savings on Sunday, July 28th from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at our Brandon service center. We have developed several new programs that encourage members to become more efficient, helping to save money! Some great examples include our Time of Use Rate (TOU), Electric Vehicle (EV) program, SmartHub and a variety of rebates and incentives. 'Sundae on a Sunday' will be a good time to talk with energy experts as well. We also plan to have the Zoo come to you that day! The ZooMobile will be on hand to keep kids entertained while parents learn more about Sioux Valley Energy's programs. And the best part—if you attend your name will be entered into a drawing for a \$100 bill credit.

Safety Day-Saturday, August 10:

Safety is something we live out each and every day here at Sioux Valley Energy. Our employees get dozens of hours of specialized safety training. They know how to do CPR, what type of fire extinguisher to use, how to apply basic first aid and what ladder should be used for specific situations. Most people don't get that type of training, but we hope to change that through Safety Day which will be held on August 10th at the Brandon Service Center from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. This event is a big deal—both logistically and practically. First, we plan to energize everyone with a pancake breakfast/brunch provided by Chris Cakes. But the most important part of this day will be the interactive safety demonstrations. The Sioux Valley Energy Safety Steering Committee will be creating a mock accident scene that will involve power lines, vehicles and ag equipment. You and your kids will learn what to do if you are ever in an accident involving a power line. It will be memorable for both you and your children.

As we were planning this day, we decided that safety is broader than just electrical, so we are bringing in the SD Farmers Union Farm Safety Trailer. Complete with an ATV simulator, grain bin harness, interactive games and a toy-size farm, the Farm Safety Trailer is a portable reminder of safety practices.

In addition, the Brandon Fire Department, Brandon Police Department and the SD Highway Patrol will be providing safety demonstrations for both kids and adults. The Minnesota Rural Electric Association will also offer a driving simulator experience for participants.

This event is really geared around families—we will be giving away several adult and children's bicycles and related safety equipment, there will be carnival games for kids where they can win prizes, and they can even learn how to build an electrical circuit.

Safety and wellness go hand in hand which is why we will be offering blood pressure checks and information on the signs of stroke.

Co-op Color Run/Walk-Saturday, August 10:

I am a runner, so I am pumped about this event which will coincide with and complement our Safety Day. Color runs may be messy but they sure are fun! We will be hosting our very first wellness event in Brandon at McHardy Park on August 10th (same day as Safety Day). Sioux Valley Energy encourages its employees to work on their health and wellness which is what we are hoping to do for members by holding a color run. The cost for adults is \$30 and you will receive a free t-shirt. All proceeds will go to the SD Rural Electric 'Line Patrol' charity. This charity provides funding to South Dakota electric co-op employees and their families if they experience a devastating illness or injury. Get a group together and enjoy a run or walk and then head on down to the pancake feed at the Brandon service center to refuel! Register for the run/walk online here: <https://www.allsportcentral.com/EventInfo.cfm?EventID=70782>

We are really excited for all of these events and hope that you mark your calendars!

Finally, thank you to all our members who attended the 2019 Annual Meeting. We think it was a great success in Pipestone and hope to put that location in our meeting location rotation in the future!

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CO-OP NEWS



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Sioux Valley Energy Co-op Color 5K Run/Walk August 10 - McHardy Park - Brandon, SD

- \$30 Single Entrance Fee - Sign up by July 20 for a **Free T-shirt!**
- Kids 17 and under free (no t-shirt). Register kids the day of the race.
- **Raise money** for the SD Rural Electric Line Patrol Charity which supports electric co-op employees facing catastrophic illness or injury!
- Registration starts at 7:15 a.m. and Race starts at 8 a.m.
- **Prizes** for best costume & individuals that raise the most money!
- After the race, join us at the SVE service center to refuel with a **pancake feed!**

To Register:

<https://www.allsportcentral.com/EventInfo.cfm?EventID=70782>



Electrical Safety Tips for the 4th of July

Well, it's summer and in just a few weeks the biggest holiday of the season arrives: The Fourth of July! As we prepare for backyard BBQs and poolside fun, there are some important things to remember to make sure it's a safe holiday.

Whether you are hosting or heading over to a neighbor's or relative's house to celebrate, we have a few safety tips to share with you so that your friends and family enjoy your time together and avoid accidents

Summer Poolside Electrical Safety Tips

Spending time in and around the pool is a big part of summer and celebration during the warmest months of the year. Regardless of whether you are hosting a get-together at your home or someone else's, make sure the chances for accidents are minimal by following these simple safety steps:

- Never run electrical cords over or alongside the pool. Water and electricity don't mix!
- If you are decorating the backyard, string party lights a minimum of three feet away from the pool or any water source.
- Store and activate fireworks as far away from the pool as possible.
- Never use a flotation device to support an electrical appliance (fan, etc.).
- Never cross the pool exit or towel storage area with electrical wires.
- Always use safety caps on electrical outlets near water.
- When possible, use GFCI outlets to protect yourself and your electrical appliances outdoors.

Electrical Power Line Safety Tips

Power lines run through neighborhoods and can even pass through overgrown trees. They're often the most dangerous when you don't even notice they're there because you either see them all of the time or they are covered by tree canopies. Stay mindful and remember these safety tips when you're spending time in the backyard or outdoor neighborhoods:

- Never let kids (or adults for that matter) climb trees that are near power lines.
- Make sure your trees are trimmed and out of the way of power lines running through your yard or near your home.
- Never attempt to touch a downed power line. If there is one in your yard, call the electric company immediately. There can still be current running through the line and an active line is highly dangerous.

Source: allstarelectrical.com

HERE'S WHAT
\$1 OF ELECTRICITY
WILL BUY YOU:



250 HOURS
OF BREWING COFFEE

KIDS CORNER SAFETY POSTER



"Don't let your goat eat your extension cords."

Paige Oppelt, 8 years old

Paige is the daughter of Paul and Laura Oppelt, Goodwin, S.D. They are members of H-D Electric Cooperative, Clear Lake, 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.

Delectable Desserts

Rhubarb Dump Cake

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| 1 lb. rhubarb, cut into 1/4-inch slices | 1 (18.25 oz.) pkg. yellow cake mix |
| 1 cup white sugar | 1 cup water |
| 1 (3 oz.) pkg. strawberry gelatin | 1/4 cup margarine, melted |

Spread rhubarb evenly in bottom of a buttered 9x13-inch baking dish. Sprinkle sugar over rhubarb, followed by gelatin mix and finally the cake mix. Pour water and melted margarine over top. Do not stir. Bake at 350°F. for 45 minutes or until rhubarb is tender.

Jean Osterman, Wheaton, MN

Cherry-Pineapple Dessert

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| 1 (20 oz.) can crushed pineapple with juice | 1 cup coconut flakes |
| 1 (21 oz.) can cherry pie filling | 1 cup chopped pecans or walnuts, if desired |
| 1 box yellow cake mix | 1 cup (2 sticks) butter |

Dump pineapple with juice and spread into bottom of pan. Top with cherry pie filling. Sprinkle top evenly with dry cake mix. Add coconut and chopped nuts. Slice butter over all. Bake at 350°F. for 35 to 40 minutes. Let cool before cutting.

Arlene BaanHofman, Corsica, SD

Mexican Cheese Cake (Sopapilla)

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| 2 (8 oz. each) cans refrigerated crescent rolls | 1-3/4 cups sugar, divided |
| 2 (8 oz. each) pkgs. cream cheese, softened | 1 tsp. vanilla |
| | 1/2 cup butter, melted |
| | 1 T. ground cinnamon |

In medium bowl, beat cream cheese and 1 cup sugar and vanilla. Unroll 1 can dough. Place in bottom of ungreased 9x13-inch (3-quart) glass baking dish. Stretch to cover bottom of dish, firmly pressing perforations to seal. Spread cream cheese mixture over dough. Unroll second can of dough. Firmly press perforations to seal. Carefully place on top of cream cheese layer. Pinch seams together. Mix remaining sugar with cinnamon; sprinkle evenly over all. Drizzle melted butter evenly over top. Bake at 350°F. for 30 to 35 minutes or until puffed and brown. Cool before cutting.

Clarice Roghair, Okaton, SD

Spiced Peanut Butter Caramel Pie

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| 1-3/4 cups graham cracker crumbs | 1/2 cup sugar |
| 1/2 tsp. ground ginger | 2 tsp. apple pie spice |
| 6 T. butter, melted | 2 tsp. pure vanilla extract |
| 2 (8 oz. each) pkg. Neufchâtel cheese, 1/3 less fat than cream cheese, softened | 2 cups thawed frozen light whipped topping |
| 1/2 cup peanut butter | 1/4 cup caramel dessert topping |
| | 1/2 cup chopped peanuts |

Mix crumbs and ginger in medium bowl. Stir in butter until well blended. Press crumb mixture evenly into bottom and up sides of lightly greased 9-inch pie plate. Bake at 350°F. for 10 minutes. Cool completely on wire rack. Beat cream cheese, peanut butter and sugar in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until well blended and smooth. Beat in apple pie spice and vanilla until well mixed. Gently stir in whipped topping. Spoon into cooled crust. Drizzle with dessert topping. Using knife, gently swirl topping into pie until marbled. Sprinkle with peanuts. Refrigerate 4 hours or until set. Store leftover pie in refrigerator. Makes 12 servings.

Nutritional Information Per Serving: Calories 401, Total Fat 25g, Sodium 380mg, Cholesterol 42mg, Carbohydrates 34g, Protein 10g, Dietary Fiber 1g

Pictured, Cooperative Connections

Ginger Snaps

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| 2 cups sugar | 1 tsp. salt |
| 1-1/2 cups butter | 2 tsp. cinnamon |
| 1/2 cup molasses | 1 tsp. cloves |
| 2 eggs | 1/2 tsp. nutmeg |
| 5 cups flour | 3 tsp. ginger |
| 3 tsp. soda | |

Mix in order listed. Roll into small balls the size of walnuts. Roll balls in sugar. Place 2 inches apart. Bake at 375°F. for 15 minutes.

Bonnie Weber, Aberdeen, SD

Please send your favorite vegetarian, 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 2019. All entries must include your name, mailing address, telephone number and cooperative name.

Annual Meeting

SVE Celebrates 80 Years

Sioux Valley Energy celebrated a milestone at this year’s co-op annual meeting which was held in Pipestone, Minnesota at the High School. The event provided a journey back in time through a historical display with artifacts lent to the co-op by former employees and directors.

A new addition to the meeting was the Electric Vehicle Gallery, where several Sioux Valley Energy members brought their electric vehicles to display, along with the Co-op EV “Evie”.

The Pipestone County Cattlemen’s Association grilled up steaks for the nearly 800 members and guests who attended. The Pipestone County American Dairy Association provided soft-served ice cream for dessert served by Lingen Dairy.

A kids carnival, movie, bingo with prizes and a bouncy house were all hits with attendees.

During the meeting, SVE employees, Mark Anderson and Ryan Hyland, were honored for their combined 55 years of service and EmPOWER Youth Leadership students were recognized with scholarships. Manager Tim McCarthy also thanked retiring Board Directors, Henning Hansen and Arlyn Zylstra. The evening ended with a performance by the ‘Divas Through the Decades’.

EmPOWER Youth Leadership Scholarship Recipients

Allison LaRock	Hills-Beaver Creek High School	\$1,000
Reka Meinerts	Luverne High School	\$1,000
Austin King	Sioux Valley High School	\$750
Kaci Kracht	Luverne High School	\$750
Amanda Lee	Colman-Egan High School	\$750
Grace Johanson	Flandreau High School	\$500
Josie Scholten	Hills-Beaver Creek High School	\$500
Julia Furgeson	Luverne High School	\$500
Lucy Fods	Chester Area High School	\$500
Samantha Wiseman	Tri-Valley High School	\$500
Elizabeth Hofer	Estelline High School	\$500
Emilie Staeffler	Luverne High School	\$500
Harry Heiberger	Brandon Valley High School	\$500
Jori Strasser	Pipestone Area High School	\$500
Adam Lee	Colman-Egan High School	\$500
Henry Heiberger	Brandon Valley High School	\$500
Hannah Frost	Brandon Valley High School	\$500
Jordan Winter	Luverne High School	\$500
Olivia Laphorn	Pipestone Area High School	\$500
Emily Nold	Rutland High School	\$500
Lauren Tatge	Hills-Beaver Creek High School	\$500
Natalie Moose	Brandon Valley High School	\$500







Elm Lake in northern Brown County has seen steady growth.
Photo by Ben Dunsmoor

LIVING THE LAKE LIFE

Scenic Views, Tranquil Living Inspire Many

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Minnesota may be known as the Land of 10,000 Lakes, but for increasing number of South Dakotans are also making the connection to the water.

Some lakes in the Rushmore State have had developments associated with them for several decades while other lakes are relative new-comers to the year-round-home lake life.

Northern Electric Cooperative serves four major recreational lakes within Brown and Spink counties. The co-op serves nearly 1,000 lake-area homes and businesses at Elm Lake, Richmond Lake, Mina Lake, and Cottonwood Lake combined.

Elm Lake in northern Brown County has seen steady growth in popularity over the past 12 years. Elm Lake Association President Mike Jung says Elm Lake is not as busy as other lakes in the



Fishing is a popular pastime on many area lakes.
Photo by www.TravelSouthDakota.com

county and believes the quiet lifestyle is what is appealing to many people.

“I think the biggest thing up here is it’s so quiet all week long,” Jung said. “If you want to go fishing you can go a half mile down the lake and not have any jet skis near you.”

Mina Lake boasts the largest lake population within Northern Electric’s service territory. More than 400 homes and businesses are part of the small community between Aberdeen and Ipswich.

Mina Lake has been developing since the late 1930s when Julie Johnson’s grandfather built the first two cabins on the lake. Johnson currently lives at the lake and her family has been involved with developing the lake throughout her lifetime. She says the improvements in electric, water, and wastewater infrastructure has transformed the lake from a weekend destination to a full-time home for many residents.

“There are just a whole lot more people living out (at Mina Lake) all year long,” Johnson said.

Richmond Lake is also a popular place to

live, work, and play in Brown County. The 200-acre state-run Richmond Lake Recreation Area is open to campers, swimmers, and fishing enthusiasts. Nearly 300 homes and businesses are located around the Richmond Lake shoreline.

“I think the biggest thing up here is it’s so quiet all week long.”

Cottonwood Lake in Spink County serves as a Redfield-area retreat. More than 100 homes dot the shores of Cottonwood which is a busy spot for boating and fishing throughout the summer months.

Head to the south and one of the state’s largest lakes, Lake Poinsett, has been increasing in popularity over the years, with a growing number of year-round homes.

Settled into the southern part of Hamlin County and northern part of Brookings County, S.D. Highway 28 provides easy

access to the lake from Interstate 29 while U.S. Highway 81 provides a north-south corridor from Watertown to Madison and points south.

To the west, growth along Lake Oahe – the stretch of the Missouri River extending above the Oahe Dam at Pierre up into North Dakota – has also seen considerable growth.

And with that growth can be challenges.

“We’ve experienced it in the past, when the reservoir gets full, the hills shift on us and can tear our cable apart. It’s torn on us three times already,” said Cam Wal Electric Manager Terry Keller. The western boundary of the co-op’s area is formed by Lake Oahe in Campbell, Walworth and Potter counties.

Keller said that some of the areas have residents year-round, while others are occupied in the spring, summer and fall.

“We have a few that come stay a couple of weeks and then go home,” Keller said.

“Even with the challenges, the real growth we have is along the reservoir,” said Keller.



Lake Poinsett provides inspiring vistas for photographer Greg Latza.
Photo and Cover by ©Greg Latza

Join Sioux Valley Energy at the first annual Safety Day!

Saturday, August 10 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
at the **SVE Brandon Service Center**

Location of event is: 108 N. Heritage Rd. Brandon, SD 57005



Pancake feed!

Enjoy a pancake breakfast, brunch or lunch on Sioux Valley Energy.



Interactive Safety Demos!

Hands-on displays for all ages courtesy of Sioux Valley Energy, Brandon Fire and Police Departments, SD Highway Patrol and the SD Farmers Union.



Kids Games and a Chance to win a Bike!

Kids can win prizes playing carnival games, build an electrical circuit, and have a chance to win a bike with safety gear.



Health Checks for Adults!

Get your blood pressure checked and learn about the signs of stroke.



Color Run/Walk! Take part in the 1st annual **Co-op Color Run/Walk** at McHardy Park in Brandon. Details and Registration online at: <https://www.allsportcentral.com/EventInfo.cfm?EventID=70782>



Get the Inside “Scoop” on Energy Savings

and enjoy Sundaes  on a Sunday

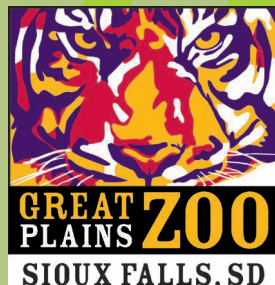
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SVE Brandon Service Center

108 N. Heritage Rd. Brandon, SD 57005

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- **Smart Hub App**
- **Electric Vehicle Program**
- **SVE Rebates and Incentives**

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*Enjoy B&G
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chance to win a \$100 bill credit.*

Seniors Staying in Shape

Fellowship, Competition All Part of Senior Games

Brenda Kleinjan

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For more than 35 years, South Dakota seniors have been gathering in fellowship and competition in the South Dakota Senior Games.

The state senior games will be held in September in Watertown, while regional competitions take place throughout the state from May through August. (Minnesota's Senior Games are Aug 1-4 in St. Cloud.)

The South Dakota games got their start in 1984 when the Division of Adult Services and Aging within the South Dakota Department of Social Services established the competition. The purpose was to encourage seniors to become involved in, as well as maintain, on-going physical exercise.

By 1996, state funding for the games was withdrawn, but the games continued on. A Senior Games board of directors was formed, comprised of participants from across the state. The non-profit establishes the rules and regulations for the games and provides financing and developing local, regional games as well as the state games which features 21 different sports.



Team and partner events as well as individual competitions are part of the 21 sports offered at the South Dakota Senior Games.

Since then, hundreds of South Dakotans aged 50 and up have been lacing up their sneakers and heading to the field, court or track to compete.

During the South Dakota Senior Games state competition, participants will compete in 21 different events within five-year age divisions (50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85-89, 90-94, 95-99 and 100+).

Every two years, a national event is scheduled and the state games are the qualifying event for the national stage.

The 2019 National Games were set for June 14-25 in Albuquerque, N.M.



SOUTH DAKOTA SENIOR GAMES



South Dakota Senior Games

Thursday, Sept. 5

- 7:30 a.m. – Golf and Shuffleboard
- 8:30 a.m. – Disc Golf and Bean Bag Toss
- 12:15 p.m. – Swimming
- 12:30 p.m. – 8-ball pool
- 2:30 p.m. – Bowling Mixed Doubles and Jump Rope
- 5 p.m. – Pickelball mixed doubles
- 5:30 p.m. – Table Tennis and Strength contests (Pull ups, timed plank, push ups, arm curls, timed wall sit, bench press reps)

Friday, Sept. 6

- 7:30 a.m. – Horseshoes
- 8 a.m. – Pickelball (Doubles and Singles)
- 8 a.m. – Cycling (5k, 10k, 20k, recumbent bikes)
- 9 a.m. – Bowling (Men's and women's singles)
- 12:15 p.m. – Track and Field
- 12:30 p.m. – Tennis and Badminton
- 2:30 p.m. – Volleyball
- 3 p.m. – Softball (Men's 60+)
- 6:30 p.m. – Banquet and Annual Awards Presentations

Saturday, Sept. 7

- 7 a.m. – 5k race walk and 5k power walk; 5k road race; 10k road race
- 7:30 a.m. – Track and Field
- 9 a.m. – Basketball shoot
- 11:30 a.m. – Picnic for athletes
- 1 p.m. – Three-on-Three Basketball
- 2 p.m. – Racquetball
- 2 p.m. – Mens Softball
- 3 p.m. – Womens Softball

Sunday, Sept. 8

- 8:15 a.m. – Archery
- 10 a.m. – Men's and Women's Softball Continues



Table tennis is one of 21 sports at the South Dakota Senior Games.

South Dakota Regional Senior Games

Sioux Falls	May 30- June 1	Nick Brady Sioux Falls Parks and Rec Phone: 978-6924
Northern Hills Senior Games, Spearfish	June 7-8	Brett Rauterkus – Spearfish Rec Center 722-1430
Madison Interlake Games	June 28-29	Bernie Schuurmans 270-3327
Aberdeen	July 11-13	Gene Morsching – Aberdeen Parks and Rec 626-7015
Black Hills Senior Games	July 24-27	Rapid City Parks and Rec – Kristi Lintz 394-4268
Brookings	July 26-27	Brookings Activities Center – Traci Saugstad 692-4492
Yankton	Aug. 3-4	Yankton Parks and Rec – Brittany Orr 668-5234
Huron	Aug. 9 – (Pickleball) Aug. 10 – Track and Field and other events.	Howard Bich – Call for information and Registration Form – 605-275-6891 or 605-491-0635 – Cell or LaRon Clock 605-353-8533
Watertown	Aug. 22-24	Watertown Parks & Rec – Andrew Magedanz

State Senior Games

Minnesota State Senior Games, St. Cloud	Aug. 1-4	Contact Info: Fritz Butkowski Phone: 320-762-2868 Web Site: Minnesota Senior Games http://mnseniorgames.com http://www.mnseniorgames.com/page/Schedule-of-Events-x-274-21-287.html
South Dakota State Games, Watertown	Sept. 5-8 (Online registration is Aug. 30. There is no on-site registration)	Howard Bich, Executive Director e-mail: sdsrgames@gmail.com or habich@sio.midco.net 605-491-0635

Sioux Valley Energy Sponsors Solar Race Events

Sunshine Empowers Students



Students from area schools learned about solar technology through an interactive educational experience with the help of Sioux Valley Energy. Three schools participated in the Cooperatives' solar car program this year including Luverne, Colman-Egan and Sioux Valley (Volga). Students assembled solar car kits provided by the Co-op and then raced them under the sun.

The activity helps teachers provide renewable energy curriculum and gives students hands-on experience with solar technology.

PICTURED BELOW (LEFT TO RIGHT):

Nineteen students involved in a transportation class from Luverne Middle School raced on April 8th. The first place winner was Jakob Madison followed by Justis Ahrendt, Bonita Tiesler, Cash Bonnet, and James Bullerman.

The 5th grade class from Sioux Valley Schools in Volga finished their last day of school with the race event on May 22nd. The first place team was Cheyenne VanderWal, Kalia King and Hannah Moser. Brody Haaland won second place and Logan Hanson and Josephine VanMaanen placed third.

The sixth grade class from the Colman-Egan school held their race event on May 14th. The first place team was Jake Whitehouse, Kaylee Voelker, and Savanna Schmidt. The second place team was Jack Zwart and Kinzley Shafer. Chris Lee and Taylor Kreich were the third place team.



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Safety Poster Contest Winners

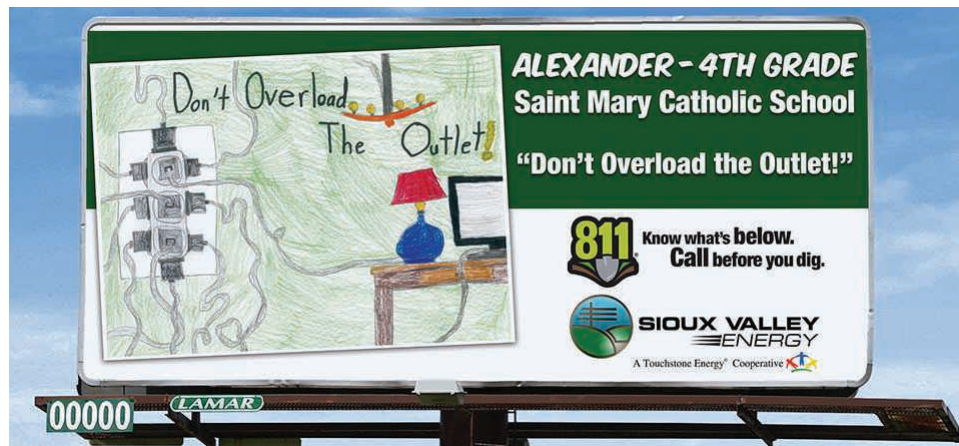
Fourth grade students from across the Sioux Valley Energy service territory submitted over 250 safety posters and three winners were selected by members through a voting process at the district meetings.

Alexander Lindeman and Chase Klein of Saint Mary Catholic Schools and Isaac Gass of Deubrook Elementary won this year's contest. Alexander's parents are Nathan & Emily Lindeman. Parents of Chase are Renae & Mark Klein. Jared and Alicia Gass are the parents of Isaac.

The contest winners received a \$50 cash prize in addition to having their posters displayed on billboards.

Sioux Valley Energy partnered with Lamar Advertising to construct the billboards, serving as public service announcements for electrical safety awareness. The most important tool in preventing electrical injuries is educating the public about the potential dangers of working and playing around electricity.

Pictured with students below are SVE employees, Nick Smith and Sarina Hanson.



May 26-End of Summer

Brookings County Museum and its new and unique Trygve Trooien Horse-Drawn Museum, 1 to 4 p.m. daily, Volga, SD

June 21-22

Rodeo and Reunion Days, Estelline, SD, www.estellinerodeo.com

June 23

Variety Show, Prairie Village, Madison, SD, 800-693-3644, www.prairievillage.org

June 26

McCrossan Golf Classic for Kids, Central Valley Golf Course, Hartford, SD, 605-339-1203

June 28-29

Senior Games, Madison, SD, Contact Bernie Schuurmans at 605-270-3327

July 6

Redhead Express Concert, Prairie Village, Madison, SD, 800-693-3644, www.prairievillage.org

July 6-7

Railroad Days, Prairie Village, Madison, SD, 800-693-3644

July 11-13

Annual Hot Harley Nights, Sioux Falls, SD, 605-334-2721

July 19-21

Quartzsiter Days, City of Jasper, Jasper, MN, 507-348-3701, www.cityofjaspermn.com

July 20

Jason Brown Concert, Prairie Village, Madison, SD, 800-693-3644, www.prairievillage.org



June 21-23: Scavenger's Journey, A treasure trove event with antiques, rummages and more stretching from Mt. Vernon to Kadoka, SD, Contact Elaine Titze at 605-999-7287, www.scavengersjourney.com

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July 20

Fifth Annual Woofstock Car/Bike Show, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Main Street, Registration 9 to 11 a.m., Car registration fee \$15/each additional vehicle \$10, Bike registration fee \$10/each additional bike \$5, Peoples Choice Awards at 3 p.m., Free to the public, Lennox, SD, 605-940-4140

July 20-21

JazzFest, Sioux Falls, SD, 605-335-6101

July 26-27

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

August 3

Brookings Area Quilters Guild Bloomin' Quilt Party at the Barn, Quilt displays, refreshments, boutique, raffle quilt, musical entertainment, Noon to 5 p.m., Bennett Barn, 47435 214th St, Aurora, 605-690-3246

August 4

26th Annual Madison Car Show, Prairie Village, Madison, SD, 800-693-3644, www.prairievillage.org

August 10

10th Annual Camaro Fun Days, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Pioneer Park, Parade Line Up 9 a.m., Cruise 3 p.m., Entry Fee: 4 cans of food for Food Pantry, Brookings, SD, Contact Terry 605-695-1560 or Calvin 605-690-1057

August 17

Christian Concert, Turkey Creek Revival Band, Faith Lutheran Church, 5:30 p.m., Free admission, Meal will be provided, Humboldt, SD, 605-363-3700

August 22-25

57th Annual Steam Threshing Jamboree featuring the JI Case Collectors' Summer Show, Prairie Village, Madison, SD, 800-693-3644, www.prairievillage.org

August 24

McCrossan Boys Ranch Xtreme Event Rodeo, Leo P. Flynn Memorial Arena, McCrossan Boys Ranch Campus, Sioux Falls, SD, 605-339-1203

September 2

Closing Day, Prairie Village, Madison, SD, 800-693-3644, www.prairievillage.org

October 5

Pumpkin Train, Prairie Village, Madison, SD, 800-693-3644, www.prairievillage.org

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