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SVE Board of Directors Set Strategy for the Future

Strategy Execution



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Strategy execution—it's what sets great organizations apart from good organizations. Sioux Valley Energy works day in and day out toward being a great organization—for YOU the member—we are doing that through strategic direction set by the Board of Directors. The co-op has a long history of being a progressive organization which depends heavily upon strategic planning. However, several years ago we started utilizing the Strategy Execution System in partnership with the Palladium Group Inc., the consulting arm of Harvard Business School Professors David Norton and Robert Kaplan, the originators of the Balanced Scorecard. As you can see below, Sioux Valley Energy's balance scorecard provides a map for the future—it drives everything we do. The balanced score also helps us design all our strategic initiatives based off available resources of the co-op, which gets us to our core mission of 'Serving Our Members. Always.'

The Board of Directors recently reviewed the Balanced Scorecard and initiatives associated with it. They also contemplated the role of Sioux Valley Energy in several areas including rural revitalization and beneficial electrification. Beneficial electrification is the application of electricity to end-users that would otherwise consume fossil fuels (e.g., natural gas, propane, oil, gasoline). Beneficial electrification reduces emissions, saves consumers

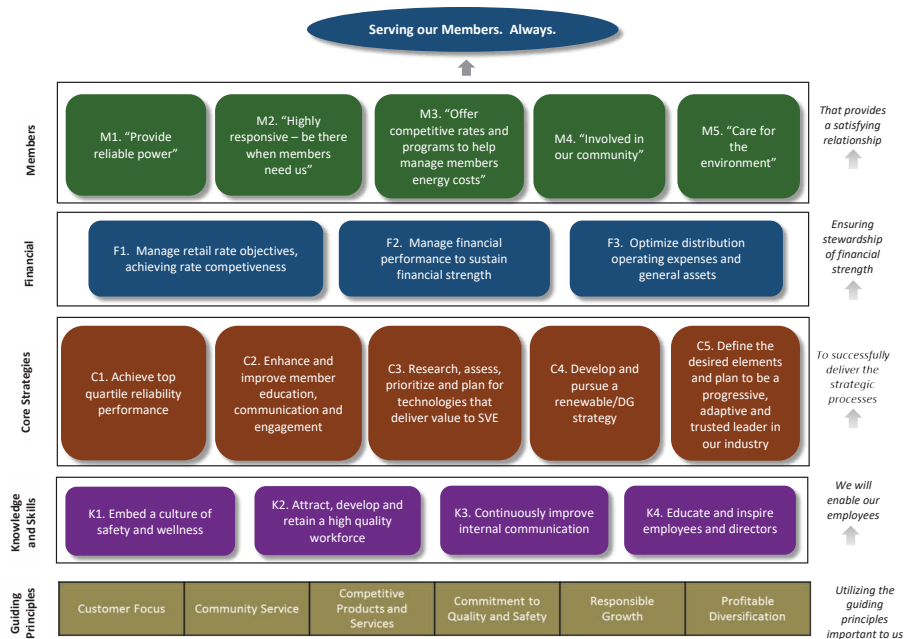
money, improves quality of life and helps foster a more robust and resilient grid.

One of the questions the Board asked themselves at this planning session was: What role should Sioux Valley Energy play in the development and promotion of beneficial electrification? Not to state the obvious, but we sell electricity to our members, and so it is a natural connection for us to be involved with the beneficial electrification movement. However, the sale of electricity is not our sole driver—helping our consumers save money and become more efficient is equally important. Electric vehicles, electric farm equipment, battery storage solutions, etc. are forms of beneficial electrification and our membership is moving towards those technologies.

At the strategic planning session, the Sioux Valley Energy Board determined that the Cooperative's role should be as an expert and advisor to members in the area of beneficial electrification. We should also provide fiscally responsible incentives to help grow that market. These strategies would be an extension to what we already do. For instance, we leased EVie this past year so we could become familiar with the pros and cons of electric vehicles, how they work, etc. As we look for new ways to inform and educate our members on beneficial electrification, new projects could be on the horizon. The next step is for the Board to review and update Objective C4 on the Balanced Scorecard to clearly define the Cooperative's focus on beneficial electrification.

The other primary area the Board considered was Sioux Valley Energy's role in rural revitalization and economic development. Electric cooperatives have been leaders in those areas since their inception. The question the Board asked themselves during this most recent session was: Are we doing ENOUGH to help our rural communities thrive? The Board agreed that Sioux Valley Energy can and should go even further to assist rural communities in their revitalization efforts.

As the Board provides direction to the Cooperative's leadership team on these strategic issues, they will begin developing programs that set our membership up for long-term success. Those initiatives will improve the lives of our members in the future and continue the embodiment of our mission: Serving our Members. Always.



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Winter Storm Wesley

Thank You Tour

Winter Storm Wesley hit the Sioux Valley Energy service territory hard in April. The historic ice storm caused more than \$8-million in damages to the Sioux Valley Energy electric system. Damages stretched over 2,500 square miles of SVE's 6,000 square miles of territory. The Cooperative's workforce nearly doubled during the restoration process with an extra 100 line personnel assisting. Sioux Valley Energy has been traveling to each organization to personally thank them for their help during the storm. Pictured below are photos of the second round of 'Thank You' gifts given to the following co-ops: Charles Mix Electric, Dakota Energy, Douglas Electric, East River Electric, Kingsbury Electric, Oahe Electric, Southeastern Electric and West Central Electric.



October is Fire Prevention Month

The U.S. Fire Administration reports that fires kill more than 4,000 Americans each year and approximately injure 20,000 more. U.S. fire departments respond to nearly 2 million fires each year, with three-quarters of them occurring in residences.

A home is often referred to as a safe haven. This month, make sure your home is protected from (and your family is prepared for) a fire. Here are 10 simple tips to help you avoid fires and reduce the risk of injury should one occur:

- **Smoke Alarms** – Smoke alarms are widely available and inexpensive. Install a smoke alarm on every level of your home and test it monthly.
- **Prevent Electrical Fires** – Don't overload circuits or extension cords. Cords and wires should never be placed under rugs or in high traffic areas. Avoid loose electrical connections by checking the fit of the plug in the wall outlet. If the plug loosely fits, inspect the outlet right away. A poor connection between the plug and the outlet can cause overheating and can start a fire in minutes.
- **Keep Plugs Safe** – Unplug all appliances when not in use. Follow the manufacturer's safety precautions and use your senses to spot any potential disasters. If a plug is overheating, smells strange, shorts out or sparks – the appliance should be shut off immediately, then replaced or repaired.
- **Alternate Heaters** – Make sure there is ample space around any portable heating unit. Anything that could catch fire should be at least three feet away. Inspect your chimney annually and use fire screens to help keep any fires in the fireplace.
- **Fire Safety Sprinklers** – When combined with working smoke alarms, home fire sprinklers greatly increase your chance of surviving a fire.
- **Create An Escape Route** – Create and practice your escape plan with your family from every room in the house. Practice staying low to the floor and checking for hot doors using the back of your hand.
- **Position Appliances Carefully** – Try to keep TV sets, kitchen and other appliances away from windows with curtains. If there is a wiring problem, curtains can spread a fire quickly. Additionally, keeping your appliances away from water sources (like rain coming in from windows) can help prevent wiring damage which can lead to a fire.
- **Clean Dryer Vents** – Clothes dryers often start fires in residential areas. Clean the lint filter every time you start a load of clothes to dry or after the drying cycle is complete. Make sure your exhaust duct is made of metal tubing and not plastic or foil. Clean the exhaust duct with a good quality dryer vent brush to prevent blockage and check for lint build up behind the dryer at least twice a year.
- **Be Careful Around the Holidays** – If you fill your home with lights during the holiday season, keep them away from anything that can easily catch fire. Check all of your lights prior to stringing them up and dispose of anything with frayed or exposed wires.
- **Conduct Regular Inspections** – Check all of your electronic equipment and wiring at least once a month.

Following these simple tips could potentially save your life or the life of a loved one. Pass this list on to your friends and family and make this fire prevention month count!

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October is National
Co-op Month.



KIDS CORNER SAFETY POSTER



"Be careful of snow cavities over electrical boxes."

Avery Bauman, 10 years old

Avery is the daughter of Pete and Bridget Bauman, Watertown, S.D. They are members of Codington-Clark Electric Cooperative, Watertown.

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.



Perfect Pasta

Angel Hair Pasta with Italian Sausage and Herbs

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| 1 lb. angel hair pasta | 1 tsp. McCormick Gourmet™ Parsley, Flat Leaf |
| 1 lb. sweet Italian sausage, casing removed | 1/2 tsp. McCormick Gourmet™ Organic Garlic Powder |
| 2 T. olive oil | 1/2 tsp. McCormick Gourmet™ Organic Fennel Seed |
| 1-1/2 cups chopped red onion | 1/2 tsp. Sicilian sea salt |
| 8 oz. mushrooms, quartered | 1/2 cup grated Romano cheese |
| 1 tsp. McCormick Gourmet™ Organic Basil | |
| 1 tsp. McCormick Gourmet™ Organic Italian Seasoning | |

Cook pasta as directed on package. Drain well. Meanwhile, break up sausage in large skillet. Cook on medium-high heat 5 to 6 minutes. Remove sausage; drain fat. Rinse skillet and wipe clean. Heat oil in same skillet on medium heat. Add onions, mushrooms and seasonings; cook and stir 5 minutes. Add cooked sausage; cook and stir 5 minutes longer. Place pasta in large serving bowl. Add sausage mixture and cheese; toss to coat well. Serve with additional cheese, if desired. Makes 12 (1 cup) servings.

Nutritional Information Per Serving: Calories 281, Total Fat 13g, Cholesterol 26mg, Sodium 374mg, Protein 10g, Carbohydrates 31g, Dietary Fiber 2g

Pictured, Cooperative Connections

Taco Pasta Salad

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| 1-1/2 lbs. ground beef, cooked and drained | 1 pint grape tomatoes, sliced in half |
| 4 T. taco seasoning | 3 cups shredded lettuce |
| 1 lb. rotini, cooked, drained and rinsed with cold water | 2 cups shredded cheese |
| 1/2 small onion, minced (optional) | 1 bottle Catalina dressing |
| | 1 bag nacho cheese tortilla chips, crushed |

Stir together hamburger and taco seasoning. In a large bowl, combine hamburger, pasta, onions, tomatoes, lettuce and cheese. Mix in dressing. Stir in chips. Serve immediately.

Dawn Leibel, Glencross, SD

Smoky BBQ Chicken Salad

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| 1 box Betty Crocker™ Suddenly Salad® Ranch and Bacon Pasta Salad Mix | 1/4 cup barbecue sauce |
| 1/2 cup frozen corn | 1 cup cherry or grape tomatoes, halved |
| 1/4 cup mayonnaise | 12 butter lettuce leaves, optional |
| 2 cups shredded rotisserie chicken | 1/4 cup chopped green onions |

Empty pasta mix into a 3-quart saucepan 2/3 full of boiling water. Gently boil uncovered 12 minutes, stirring occasionally, adding corn during last 2 minutes of cooking. Drain pasta and corn; rinse with cold water. Shake to drain well. In large bowl, stir together seasoning mix, mayonnaise and barbecue sauce. Stir in pasta, corn, chicken and tomatoes. Line serving plate with lettuce leaves. Top with salad mixture; sprinkle with green onions. Serve immediately or cover and refrigerate 1 hour to chill.

Jean Osterman, Wheaton, MN

Cheating Cheeseburger Macaroni

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| 1-1/2 lbs. ground beef | 1 can cheddar cheese soup |
| 1/4 cup chopped onion | 1 cup water |
| 1/2 pkg. baby carrots, finely chopped | 1/4 cup sour cream, optional |
| 1 can cream of chicken soup | 2 cups macaroni, cooked and drained |

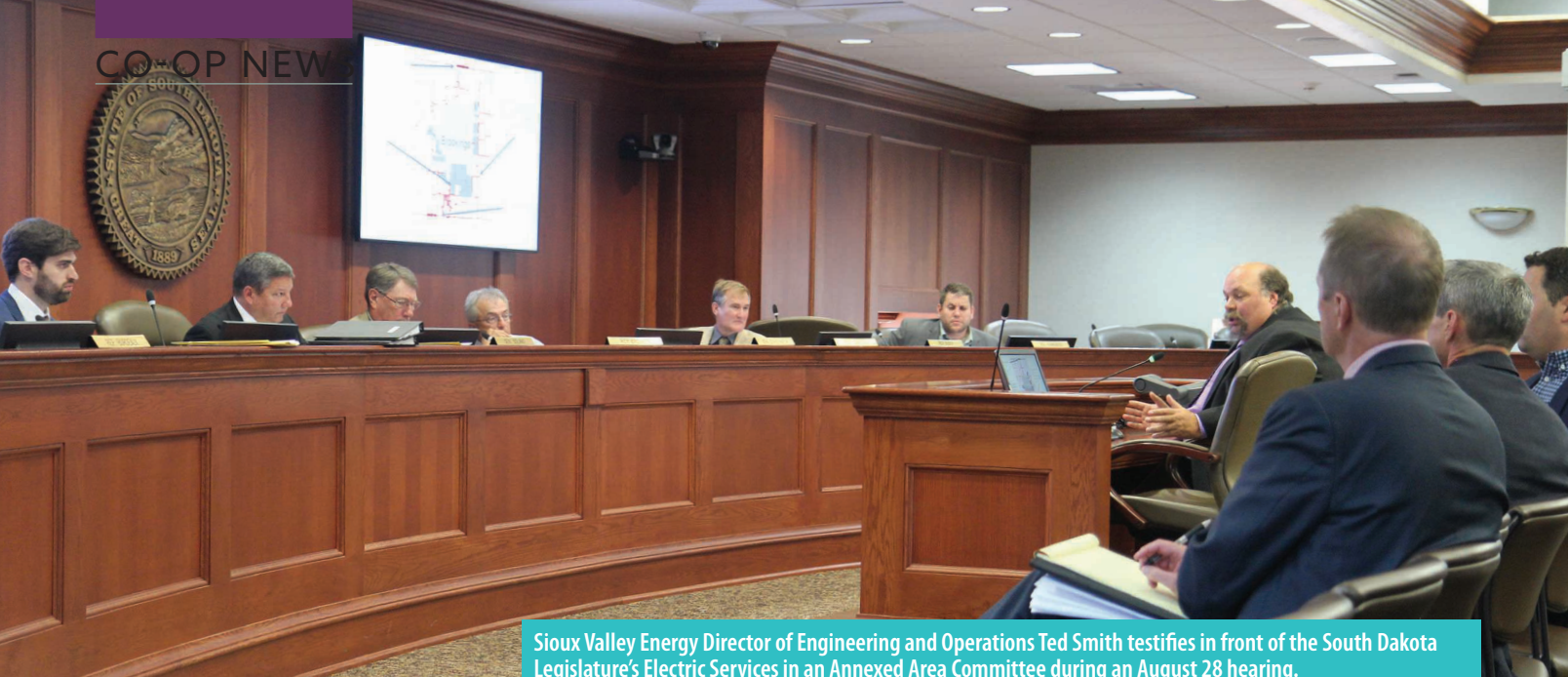
Cook ground beef and onion; drain. Add carrots and cook while macaroni is cooking. Mix soups, water and sour cream; add to hamburger. Simmer over medium heat for a few minutes. Stir in pasta. Serve immediately.

Becki Hauser, Tripp, SD

Please send your favorite slow cooker, holiday or soup 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.



Sioux Valley Energy Director of Engineering and Operations Ted Smith testifies in front of the South Dakota Legislature's Electric Services in an Annexed Area Committee during an August 28 hearing.

SEARCHING FOR SUMMER STUDY SOLUTIONS

Electric Co-ops Seek to Protect Service Territory Boundaries During South Dakota Legislative Summer Study Hearings

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South Dakota's electric cooperatives are working to find solutions and bring fairness to the state law that governs electric service territory.

The South Dakota Legislature's Electric Services in an Annexed Area Interim Study Committee ('SB 66 Interim Committee') has met twice during the summer to listen to testimony and search for answers regarding an exception in state law which allows municipal electric systems to take the service territory of other utilities in annexed areas. The interim legislative committee, also known as a summer study committee, was formed to examine the issue following the 2019 legislative session.

"We believe that, when given a chance, summer studies can be an effective means of addressing complex subjects and produce workable solutions," South Dakota Rural Electric Association General Manager Ed Anderson said.

There are three types of electric service providers in the state. South Dakota is served by electric cooperatives, investor-owned utilities (i.e. Northwestern Energy, Xcel

Representatives from several South Dakota co-ops attended the August 28 hearing of the Electric Services in an Annexed Area Committee in Pierre.



Energy, and Black Hills Energy), and 35 cities which operate their own municipal electric systems. Electric cooperatives and investor-owned utilities must collaborate and agree upon changes in service territory boundaries established by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (PUC). However, current law allows the 35 municipal governments with electric utilities to expand their service boundaries into annexed areas and take territory from incumbent electric providers. Electric cooperatives argue that this exception for municipal electric systems favors the government taking of private enterprise.

“This issue is not about annexation. Co-ops support annexation,” Anderson said. “However, annexation and the taking of service territory of an incumbent utility are not tied together. There are too many examples of successful growth without a municipal electric system to think otherwise. The continued vitality of cities large and small across South Dakota is important to electric cooperatives.”

SDREA attempted to change this exception during the 2019 South Dakota Legislative Session, but the issue was referred to a summer study through the passage of Senate Bill 66 (SB 66). The first hearing of the committee was held at the state capitol in Pierre on July 25. Co-op managers from Sioux Valley Energy,

Codington-Clark Electric Cooperative, and Clay-Union Electric testified in front of the committee during the July 25 hearing. Those three co-ops have experienced the issue firsthand because the communities of Watertown, Brookings, Madison, and Vermillion all operate their own municipal electric systems.

The second hearing of the committee was held on August 28. During the August meeting, representatives of the electric cooperatives and investor-owned utilities presented responses to a series of research questions that were posed by the SB 66 Interim Committee. The municipal utilities presented testimony during the second hearing and time was also allowed for public testimony. The meeting ended with a discussion regarding possible solutions to the issue of territorial takings by municipal utilities.

“All parties are in agreement that we have very, very good high-quality electric service,” SB 66 Interim Committee Chairman Sen. Alan Solano (R-Rapid City) said during the August 28 hearing. “Good people in South Dakota can sit down and work through a lot of things.”

Solano would like all sides of the issue to bring forward potential solutions to the problems that have been caused by the inequities in current state law. The SB 66 Interim Committee will review

the solutions and work toward a formal legislative recommendation in October or November. Any final recommendation that is adopted by the SB 66 Interim Committee will be considered by the full legislature when lawmakers return to Pierre for the 2020 South Dakota Legislative Session in January.

“We believe the important work of the committee and the integrity of the process is best served when participants on all sides of an issue are committed to working together to find solutions,” Anderson said. “We are committed to working with the committee to find a sustainable solution to a real problem.”

The SB 66 Interim Committee is chaired by Sen. Solano with Rep. Thomas Brunner (R-Nisland) serving as co-chair of the panel. Sen. Lee Schoenbeck (R-Watertown), Sen. Susan Wismer (D-Britton), Sen. Jordan Youngberg (R-Chester), Rep. Shawn Bordeaux (D-Mission), Rep. Kirk Chaffee (R-Whitewood), Rep. Spencer Gosch (R-Glenham), and Rep. Tim Reed (R-Brookings) also serve on the committee.

The committee will hold a third meeting to discuss potential solutions and recommendations later this fall. A date has yet to be determined.



East River Electric Power Cooperative CEO/General Manager Tom Boyko (far right) listens to testimony with other co-op representatives during the August 28 hearing in Pierre.



Renville-Sibley Co-op Power Association Journeyman Lineman Clint Olson is a member of the Olivia Area Technical Rescue Team. Olson is in the center front holding the dalmation dog.

HELPING OUT AT NEW HEIGHTS AND TIGHT SPACES

Co-op Employees Among Local Emergency Responders

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As the chief of the Olivia, Minn., Area Technical Response Team, Renville-Sibley Co-op Power Association journeyman lineman Clint Olson combines some of his experience with the Danube, Minn.-based cooperative with his 15 years as a member of the Olivia Fire Department.

Olson joined the OFD after being asked repeatedly by then-members of the volunteer fire department.

“To be honest, the main reason for joining the OFD was so I wouldn’t be bugged anymore by past firemen asking me to join every time I saw them in public. Looking back, I am glad I did,” Olson said.

Olson was tapped to lead the newly formed rescue team which was established in January 2019. The team is specialized in high-angle and low-angle (confined space) rescues.

The team is made up of firemen all from different towns in



Many rural and small town fire departments throughout the Dakotas and western Minnesota rely on volunteers to fill the ranks of the much-needed service.

Renville County, Minn. The county is home of several large ag industries, such as the Southern Minnesota Sugar Beet Cooperative and several large seed plants along with large bin set ups.

“We saw a need for the Technical Response Team years ago and never could spark enough interest from the other towns in the county for funding. Finally, Olivia stepped up and funded the start up,” said Olson. “We firemen have trained in the past with some high-angle rescue trainings but knew it wasn’t proper and knew it’s a need being in a rural community.”

Right after the team was established, the first call came in of a conscious victim who fell 40 feet down into a concrete seed bin.

“There was no access from the bottom. After assessing the situation, we were able to get the victim up using ropes and mechanical advantage systems which consists of pulleys and anchor points through a small four foot by four foot access door. From there, we were able to rig a rope system on the catwalk outside in order to lower the victim to the ground 75 feet below,” Olson said.

“Looking back, this is the first rescue like this in our area and we are glad we had the

training and equipment to complete the task,” Olson said.

There are multiple regular trainings and extra trainings that go along with the fire department and the Olivia Area Technical

“Being in a smaller agriculture and rural community, fire departments in our area are struggling to fill positions, whether its lack of interest or time.”

rescue team, Olson said. The fire department trains twice a month while the OATRT team trains once a month.

Olson notes there is a need for more volunteers in fire departments and ambulance crews.

“Being in a smaller agriculture and rural community, fire departments in our area, are struggling to fill positions, whether its lack of interest or time,” Olson said.

To try to maximize departments’ effectiveness, departments have been training with our surrounding departments and assisting in mutual aid calls.

“I highly recommend if you can join a local EMS in your community the benefits are self-rewarding. The knowledge you learn can be beneficial for you to share with your coworkers also no matter what field you are in.”

The knowledge base that co-op linemen bring to a volunteer fire department can be beneficial, Olson noted, especially when it comes to electrical hazard recognition.

“Multiple trainings have been done internally with our department on what action to take if a live wire is involved and also know where the disconnects are located and types of disconnects need to be opened in order to isolate before the utility company arrives,” Olson said.

Olson is one of three employees of Renville-Sibley who are members of their fire department or technical team. Fellow journeymen linemen Brayden Fischer and Brandon Ochs are volunteer firefighters

“I describe it has a brotherhood similar as a brotherhood at your electric cooperative,” Olson said.



RSCPA Journeyman Lineman Brayden Fischer is in the back row, fourth from right, while Journeyman Lineman Clint Olson is second from the left in the first row. Not pictured is Journeyman Lineman Brandon Ochs.

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.

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SIoux FALLS	KROON, MARVIN
SIoux FALLS	LINN, RONNIE E
SIoux FALLS	NELSON, DAWN
SIoux FALLS	OLSON, KAREN
SIoux FALLS	PETERS, ROBERT J & CANDICE
SIoux FALLS	PHILLIPS, MARK AND JULIE L
SIoux FALLS	RAAEN, LOREN AND SUSAN
SIoux FALLS	RICKERT, CRAIG AND CARLA
SIoux FALLS	SORVAAG, DONALD L
SIoux FALLS	STIEF, JERRY
SIoux FALLS	STOOPS, MIKE
SIoux FALLS	SUESS, REGGIE AND KELLEY
SIoux FALLS	THOMPSON, DENNIS
SIoux FALLS	TUNELL, DENNIS
SIoux FALLS	VANDERSTEEN, DANIEL & ALEXIA
SIoux FALLS	VANDUYN, STANLEY
SIoux FALLS	WEBER, JOHN B
SIoux FALLS	WEEG, DALE L AND ELEANOR
SIoux FALLS	WILCOX, RICHARD AND SARA
SIoux FALLS	WILLIAMS, CAROLE
SIoux FALLS	WITTRICK, JOHN E AND LINDA
SIoux FALLS	BRITZMAN, MARK
SIoux FALLS	RUST, CHERI
SPEARFISH	
TORONTO	

VALLEY SPRINGS	ARISTEO, ROXI ANN
VALLEY SPRINGS	FINK, TAMMIE
VALLEY SPRINGS	WARREN, JEFFERY
VERMILLION	BOESCH, DONALD E & DONNA
VERMILLION	HAVEN, THOMAS R
VOLGA	JONES, JIM
VOLGA	LIEBSCH, EVELYN
VOLGA	SCHADE, PAUL D
WATERTOWN	SCHULTE, JACK A
WATERTOWN	WILLIAMS, JAMIE
WHITE	BLACKKETTER, JOHN
WHITE	SIK, EUGENE
WINFRED	HEGDAHL, ARTHUR
YANKTON	HORLYK, MICHAEL AND DEBBIE
YANKTON	MASTERTSON, JOHN & DIANE

Tennessee

YUMA	PISTULKA, DAMON
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Virginia

YORKTOWN	WALLIN, ERIC AND KIM
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Washington

ANACORTES	PEIFFER, FRITZ M AND CAROLE
BREMERTON	CARRIER, DANIEL J AND DEBRA L

Wisconsin

MINONG	BRACKENWAGEN, ALICE
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SVE 'Take Action' Forums

STATE AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS IMPACT SIOUX VALLEY ENERGY'S MEMBERS.

JOIN US AT ONE OF OUR FOUR EVENTS FOR A COMPLIMENTARY SUPPER AND A DISCUSSION ON HOW YOU CAN TAKE ACTION ON ISSUES IMPORTANT TO SVE!

Tuesday, October 1:

Hartford, SD

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Dakota Plains Event Center

1021 S. Diamond Cir.

FEATURING CONGRESSMAN DUSTY JOHNSON

Thursday, October 3:

Brandon, SD

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Holiday Inn Express Convention Center

1103 N. Splitrock Blvd.

FEATURING U.S. SENATOR JOHN THUNE

Tuesday, October 8:

Brookings, SD

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

McCrary Gardens

631 22nd Ave.

FEATURING U.S. SENATOR MIKE ROUNDS

Thursday, October 10:

Luverne, MN

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Grand Prairie Event Center

105 South Estey Street

FEATURING MN REP. JOE SCHOMACKER & SEN. BILL WEBER

Meal begins at 5:30 p.m. and will run until 6:15 p.m. SVE update starts at 6 p.m. with featured speakers following after at 6:15 p.m.

*ATTENDEES WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO REGISTER FOR THE CHANCE TO WIN AN ALL-EXPENSE PAID TRIP FOR TWO TO WASHINGTON D.C. IN MAY TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL RURAL ELECTRIC LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE!

Your Unique Source of Power

Paul Wesslund

NRECA

Electric cooperatives belong to the people they serve – that would be you and your neighbors.

You have a unique story to tell about yourself because you are part of an electric cooperative community. But if you're like a lot of electric co-op members, you might not feel you know enough to tell that story well. So, here's some help.

About one in 10 Americans receives their power the way you do, from an electric co-op. Electric co-ops belong to the people they serve – that would be you and your neighbors. Electric co-ops were first developed in the 1930s because city utilities, owned by investors wanting to make a profit, ignored rural America – they didn't think there was enough money to be earned there. So, people in rural communities met with each other and formed their own local electric co-ops.

October is National Co-op Month, the time of year when cooperatives across the country celebrate the many ways co-ops are unique and more importantly, the members they serve. This year, we're focusing on our ties to the local community. Your co-op was built by the community, for the community, so let's take a look at what that means for you, the members of the co-op.

Your co-op is here to stay. Since the co-op belongs to the members it serves with safe, reliable, affordable energy, it's not going to move out of the country, or even across the state. It's staying right where it is.

Your co-op knows you. No two co-ops are alike. Across the country, there are more than 900 electric co-ops. Because each of those co-ops belongs to the people who live there, the co-op listens to the community they are a part of. Whether it's



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Co-op lines are shaped by you, the members we serve, right here in our local community.

working with the latest energy efficiency technologies or keeping the electric grid safe and secure, your electric co-op can offer solutions that make the most sense locally.

Your co-op cares about your community. The co-op's top priority is to power the community. It is not owned by far-away, or even nearby, investors looking only for a good return on their money. Your co-op also partners with local organizations on community events, fundraisers, youth programs and more. We're your friends and neighbors. By investing in the local community, your electric co-op supports economic development and prosperity for all, right here at home.

And these are just a few ways you and your electric co-op are one of a kind.

THE POWER OF COMMUNITY

A warm, golden-hour photograph of three people in a cafe. A woman in a white t-shirt stands behind a counter, smiling as she serves coffee. Two other people, a woman with curly hair and a man with curly hair, are seated at a table, smiling and looking towards the server. The scene is lit with soft, warm light from large windows in the background.

At your electric co-op, we're proud to be a part of it, bringing people together by providing energy for all the things you love.



Spooky displays of all types are part of the annual Grey Goose Pumpkin Display near Pierre.

PIERRE FAMILY'S DISPLAY IS SPOOKTACULAR

Hundreds of Carved Pumpkins at Center Stage

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A Pierre, S.D.,-area family has taken a fall tradition of pumpkin carving to new heights, and widths, with their ever-expanding pumpkin display.

Since 2005, the Grambihler family has been turning its farm north of Pierre into a Halloween extravaganza. The display is typically open the last 10 days of October, concluding on Halloween.

The family is involved in all aspects of the process, including growing the hundreds of pumpkins that are carved into a variety of jack-o-lanterns.

The display can be seen from Gray Goose Road just north of Pierre. The best time to visit is in the evening, after the sun is setting.

All the pumpkins put on display are grown on the Grambihler farm and started right from seed. The different kinds of pumpkins raised are quite extensive and have many different shapes and sizes. The final number will be known when they are put out on display.

In preparation of the display, the Grambihler crew picks the good from the bad pumpkins. The week before they are set up, the pumpkins are gutted and set aside. As soon as all the pumpkins are cleaned, they are ready to be carved. Typically, the carving process starts three days before they are to be set out on display.





Frankie will be making his debut in the 2019 Grey Goose Pumpkin Display near Pierre.

The Grambihler family and other volunteers work many hours with the pumpkins. The display is all set up the week before Halloween. Creating the display generally takes all day, from setting up the decorations to setting the pumpkins in a line and stringing LED lights through them.

Directions to the 2019 Pumpkin Display are as follows: Turn onto Highway 1804 and go north for 5 miles, then turn onto Grey Goose Road and continue going north for about 4.5 miles. The glowing orange lights from the display are visible about a quarter-of-a-mile down the road and if you get lost, ask directions at the Grey Goose Store!

Please be mindful of the property owners.

The Grambihler families along with all the volunteers are dying for you and your families to walk around and enjoy the lit jack-o-lanterns, spooks and goblins!

Watch for other vehicles and pedestrians and have a safe Halloween!

For more information on the display, visit <https://www.facebook.com/GreyGoosePumpkinDisplay/>



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

September 18-22

Sanford International Golf Tournament, Sioux Falls, SD, 877-748-3376

September 21-22

North Country Fiber Fair, Watertown, SD, 605-956-7909

September 21-22

Northern Plains Indian Art Market, Sioux Falls, SD, 605-856-8193

September 21-22

Pioneer Power and Toy Show, Menno, SD, www.pioneeracres.com

September 25-28

Black Hills Plein Air Paint-Out, Hill City, SD, 605-645-7196

September 26-28

Buffalo Roundup Arts Festival, Opens at 10 a.m., Game Lodge grounds, Custer State Park, Custer, SD, 605-255-4541

September 26-29

South Dakota Film Festival, Aberdeen, SD, 605-725-2697

September 27

56th Annual Buffalo Roundup, 6:15 a.m., Buffalo corrals, Custer State Park, Custer, SD, 605-255-4515

September 27-28

Corn Palace Challenge Bulls and Broncs PRCA Extreme, Mitchell, SD, 605-995-8430



Photo courtesy: Oahe Electric Cooperative

September 27-28

Holiday Arts Fall Craft Show, Masonic Hall, Mitchell, SD, 605-359-2049

September 27-29

SiouxperCon, Sioux Falls, SD, www.siouxpercon.com

September 28

West Nidaros Church Harvest Festival Supper, Roast Beef Meal, Bake Sale, Farmers Market, 4 to 6:30 p.m., 25403 471st Ave., Crooks, SD, 605-543-5215

September 28

Wheelin' to Wall, Wall, SD, 605-685-3882

September 28

Living History Fall Festival, Groton, SD, 605-715-7117

September 29

Fall Volksmarch at Crazy Horse Memorial, Crazy Horse, SD, 605-673-4681

October 3-6

South Dakota Festival of Books, Brookings, SD, 605-688-6113

October 5

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

October 5

Central Valley Struttin' Gobblers Hunting Heritage Banquet, Dakota Plains Event Center, 5:30 p.m., Hartford, SD, Call Greg at 605-528-3592

October 11-13

Black Hills Powwow, Rapid City, SD, 605-341-0925

October 19-January 5

Pheasant Hunting Season, Statewide, Pierre, SD, 605-223-7660

October 25-27

Autumn Festival, An Arts and Crafts Affair, Sioux Falls, SD, 402-331-2889

October 26

Hartford Women of Today Fall Craft Fair, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., West Central High School Becker Center, Hartford, SD, 605-359-2049

November 2

Mark Wills Concert, High School Gymnasium, 7 p.m., Sponsored by Turner County Charity Youth Pheasant Hunt to benefit McCrossan Boys Ranch, Parker, SD, 605-505-1003

November 22-23

Holiday Arts Christmas Craft Show, Masonic Hall, Mitchell, SD, 605-359-2049

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.