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# New *Sioux Valley Energy Cooperative Connections* features modern design and information about your cooperative



**Tim McCarthy**  
General Manager/  
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This issue of *Sioux Valley Energy Cooperative Connections* is different.

It is different because the publication has been undergoing a behind-the-scenes makeover for the past several months and this is the first issue the new design is being unveiled to you - our readers. We hope the simple design brings a more modern look to the magazine and incorporates design elements that make the pictures pop and the articles effortless to read.

The entire goal of *Sioux Valley Energy Cooperative Connections* is to inform, educate, and entertain electric cooperative members across South Dakota and western Minnesota. *Sioux Valley Energy Cooperative Connections* was first published in the year 2000 when the

**It is important to keep co-op members across the state informed about the operation of their cooperative.**

31 electric cooperatives across the state joined together to print one unified publication which included statewide content from the South Dakota Rural Electric Association (SDREA) and local content from each individual co-op. Before that time, Sioux Valley Energy members received multiple publications in their mailboxes every month. Some members received even more reading material because wholesale generation and

transmission cooperatives also sent out magazines. *Cooperative Connections* was developed more than 20 years ago to be a one-stop shop for electric cooperative information. This is only the fourth time during the past two decades that the design has been changed.

*Sioux Valley Energy Cooperative Connections* is currently one of the largest publications in the state of South Dakota with more than 120,000 copies mailed every month. It is important to keep co-op members across the state informed about the operation of their cooperative because every member who buys electricity from the co-op is a partial owner of the cooperative. The monthly publication not only informs members about the finances of the co-op but it also provides notices about running for the board of directors and details about the cooperative's annual meeting. It is important information for members who would like to become more engaged in their local co-op.

The last redesign of this publication was about four years ago. We thought it was time for another refresh because the world continues to change at a rapid pace. We want to keep our communication channels clear, concise, and up to the modern-day design standards that our members expect.

Education is one of the seven core principles on which all cooperatives are built. Informed members are the cornerstone of strong co-ops. And, in the age of digital communication, *Sioux Valley Energy Cooperative Connections* still remains the most reliable way to reach all of our members every single month. So, even though this issue looks different, we hope that this publication continues to provide important updates and interesting articles.

Thank you for reading and enjoy the new design.

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# CANDIDATES SOUGHT FOR DISTRICT 2 VACANCY

There is currently a vacancy on the Sioux Valley Energy Board of Directors for District 2 (western Brookings County and part of Kingsbury County) resulting from the death of Allan Kooima. According to the Cooperative's bylaws, the unexpired remainder of any vacant Director's term on the Board shall be filled by the vote of the members of the district in which the vacancy exists at the next regular district meeting. District meetings are regularly scheduled in March and April. Because of the length of time between now and the 2022 District 2 regularly scheduled meeting, the SVE Board of Directors has decided to hold an election meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2021 at the Sioux Valley School in Volga. Details of that meeting will be sent to each member closer to the event.

A letter was mailed to District 2 members with specific information about director qualifications, petition deadlines, etc. If you are interested in running for the District 2 Board seat, contact Brenda Schelhaas, Executive Assistant, at 800-234-1960. Petitions can be found at [www.siouxvalleyenergy.com](http://www.siouxvalleyenergy.com).

## TUESDAY, JULY 23 DEADLINE TO RETURN PETITIONS

Completed petitions need to be returned to the Cooperative 60 days before the District 2 Meeting.

## DISTRICT 2 MEETING SET FOR TUESDAY, SEPT. 21 IN VOLGA

Members of District 2 will meet on Sept. 21 in Volga for their election meeting at the Sioux Valley School.

### Operation Round Up®

The Sioux Valley Energy Operation Round Up Trustees met in June in Colman and awarded 24 grants totaling \$43,564.88 to area organizations.

The next application deadline for grants is Aug. 20. Third quarter grants will be announced in September.

For more information on Operation Round Up, visit <https://www.siouxvalleyenergy.com/my-community/operation-roundup>



# Handling food safely when grilling outdoors

One of America's favorite summer pastimes is grilling, and safe grilling starts with proper food handling. Here are a few simple guidelines for grilling food safely:

- Wash away harmful bacteria. Avoid providing a hotbed for bacteria. Unwashed hands are a prime cause of foodborne illness, also known as food poisoning, as are unwashed perishable foods such as meat, seafood, and peeled or cut fruits and vegetables.

- Keep perishable foods cold. If you'll be meeting up with friends away from your backyard grill, it's best to transport all perishables in an insulated cooler kept cold with ice or frozen gel packs.

- Throw away any perishable leftovers that have been out of a refrigerator or cooler for more than two hours—one hour if the temperature is above 90 degrees.

- Keep coolers out of direct sunlight and avoid opening them frequently, to keep the cold air inside.

- Marinate safely. Marinated meats should be stored immediately in a refrigerator or cooler, not on the kitchen counter or outside next to the grill. As long as a marinade is stored in a cool environment, it can remain there safely for several hours or days.

- Do not use marinade from a raw meat/marinade mixture as a sauce on cooked meat, unless you first cook the

sauce to a boil for at least three minutes to kill harmful bacteria.

- Use grilling shortcuts.

Pre-cooking food partially indoors before putting it on a preheated grill will give you quick results when your friends are hungry or your grill is slow or small. Conversely, flame-grill meat for a smoky, charbroiled flavor, then bake in an oven until it's cooked properly.

- Cook thoroughly and use a meat thermometer. It's best to cook food to the safe minimum internal temperature to destroy harmful bacteria. On the grill, meat and poultry will brown quickly, but the inside might only be cooked partially. To be sure the food has reached a safe internal temperature, use a meat thermometer.

Here are some safe minimum internal temperatures:

- Chicken: 165 degrees
- Beef hamburgers: 160 degrees
- Beef, veal and lamb (steaks, roasts and chops): medium-rare 145 degrees, medium 160 degrees
- Pork: 165 degrees

With proper refrigeration and thorough cooking, your backyard barbecue will be a tasty success.

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Scammers will threaten you with everything from shutting off power to your home to legal action. Don't fall victim to these types of scams.

- Our employees will never show up at your door to demand payment.
- Never give personal information to an unknown caller or visitor. Our representatives have access

- to the details they need to service your account.
- Demands for immediate payment by wire transfer, cryptocurrency, gift cards or cash reload cards should immediately raise red flags.



## Don't fly kites near trees and power lines

**Annette Tschetter, 7 years old**

Annette is the daughter of Elaine and Ryan Tschetter of Revillo. They are members of Whetstone Valley Electric based in Milbank.

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.

# SUMMERTIME DESSERTS

## WHOOPIE PIES

Ingredients:

- 1 box spice cake mix
- 1 1/2 cups apple butter
- 1/2 cup canola oil
- 2 eggs
- 8 ounces cream cheese
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 3 cups powdered sugar
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

### METHOD

Heat oven to 350 F. Line baking sheet with parchment paper. In large bowl, whisk spice cake mix, apple butter, oil and eggs. With ice cream scoop or large tablespoon, spoon batter into rounded heaps, about 2-3 inches in diameter, onto parchment paper. Space spooned batter 2 inches apart. Bake 14 minutes. Let cool. In large bowl, beat cream cheese, butter and powdered sugar until smooth. Add milk and vanilla; beat until blended. Frost flat sides of pie halves and place halves together. Refrigerate and store in sealed container.

Culinary.net

## ROCKY ROAD ICE CREAM

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup cocoa powder
- 1 -14 oz. can sweetened condensed milk
- 2 cup heavy cream
- 1 cup half & half
- 1 TBS vanilla
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans
- 1 cup miniature marshmallows

### METHOD

In a small saucepan put in cocoa and whisk in sweetened condensed milk until smooth. Cook over low heat, whisking constantly until slightly thickened, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat. Transfer to a bowl and stir in both creams and vanilla. Pour mixture into ice cream maker and freeze. Stir in pecans and marshmallows halfway through freezing process. Transfer to airtight container and put in freezer to harden, about an hour. Makes 2 quarts.

Joan Antonen, Arlington, SD

## PRALINE PECAN CRUNCH

Ingredients:

- 1 21 oz. box Quaker Oat Squares cereal (about 8 cups)
- 2 cups pecans
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1/2 cup light corn syrup
- 1/4 cup margarine
- 1/2 tsps baking soda

### METHOD

Heat oven to 250 degrees. Mix cereal and pecans in 9"x13" pan. Set aside. Mix corn syrup, brown sugar and margarine in glass bowl. Microwave on high 1-1/2 minutes. Stir, microwave 1 to 1-1/2 minutes more or until boiling. Stir in vanilla and baking soda and pour over cereal mixture. Stir to coat evenly. Bake 1 hour, stirring every 20 minutes. Spread on baking sheet to cool. Break into pieces and store in air tight container.

NANCY STENSON, FORT PIERRE

## MAMA'S CARAMEL PUDDING

Ingredients:

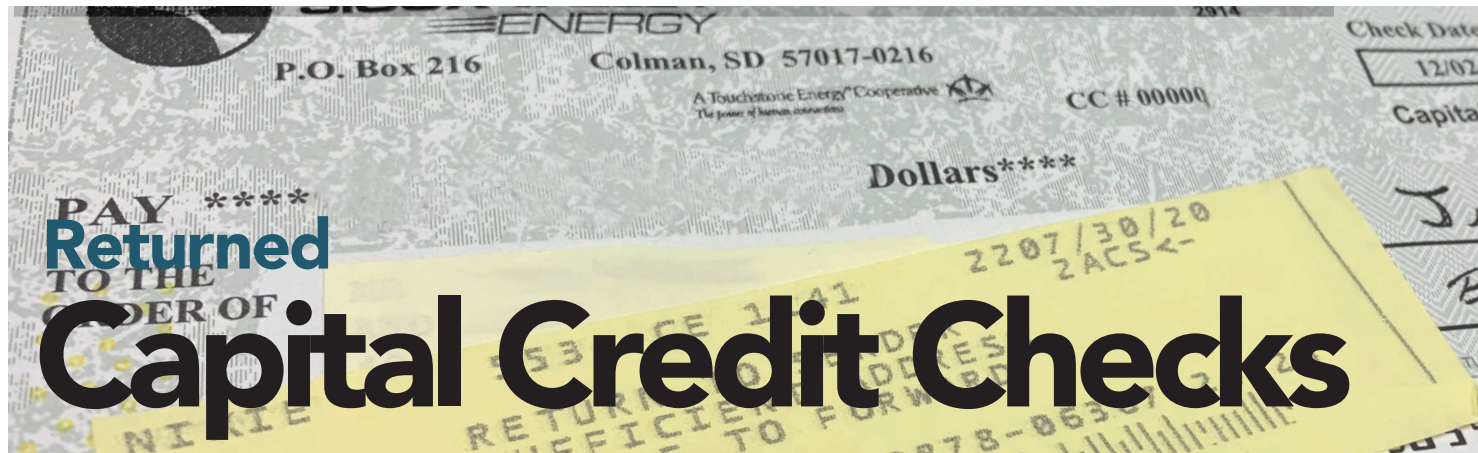
- 1 cup sugar - melt in skillet until golden brown
- 2 cups milk - stir until sugar is dissolved
- 4 tsps. corn starch stirred into a little milk

### METHOD

Cook until thickened. Serve with whipped cream.

Elaine Rowett, Sturgis, SD

Please send your favorite dairy 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 2021. All entries must include your name, mailing address, phone number and cooperative name.



# Returned Capital Credit Checks

**Each year when Sioux Valley Energy mails capital credit checks to former members, some are returned because the person has moved from their last known location**

Checks were sent in December 2020 to former members that had SVE electric service in the years of 1995, 1996 and 2019. If you know any of the people on this list, please tell them to contact Sioux Valley Energy at 800-234-1960 or email [info@siouxvalleyenergy.com](mailto:info@siouxvalleyenergy.com) to claim their capital credit check.

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Huser, Tami

**LUVERNE**  
Brands, Dawn  
Douglas, Jeffrey  
Lovejoy, Charlotte  
C/O Audrey Aning  
McClure, Greg  
Roemeling, Jake S  
Skyberg, Julia A

**MARSHALL**  
Purrington, Robert  
& Tamera  
Seanor, Ronald E  
& Kristen

**MINNEAPOLIS**  
Harrington, Pat &  
Nicky  
Niche Marketing, Inc

**MINNESOTA CITY**  
Aslakson, Eugene

**NORTH BRANCH**  
Schmitz, Myron M

**NORTH MANKATO**  
Laehle, Edward E  
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Benz, Brett

**PIPESTONE**  
Feucht, Perry  
VanDyke, Cora

**REDWOOD FALLS**  
Kaufenberg, Mike  
Steffen, Robert

**RICHFIELD**  
Hope, Lloyd &  
Judith

**SAINT JAMES**  
Ronnell, Glenda

**SHAKOPEE**  
Kirlin, John & Amy  
Otto, Scott

**STEEN**  
Clausen, Maynard  
Gubbins, Keith

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# Summer fun awaits off the beaten path

Off-road enthusiasts from far and wide come to ride the Black Hills. Photos by Billy Gibson

## From the Black Hills to Avon, off-road ATV trails attract outdoor enthusiasts

**Billy Gibson**  
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Generations ago, folks flocked to the tiny hamlet of Nemo to search for gold buried deep in the nooks and crannies of the Black Hills region.

Today they come in search of family outdoor fun and adventure along the hundreds of miles of nature trails that course throughout the craggy terrain.

During most months of the year, Nemo is a quiet outpost with a

smattering of permanent residents who spend their days in unhurried leisure. But the warm summer months bring thousands of visitors seeking to explore the undulating wooded landscape on foot or on horseback, but most of all nestled in the seat of a side-by-side.

The Black Hills area is widely regarded as the state's top draw for all-terrain adventurers, and Nemo stands smack dab at the center of the action.

One of the town's busiest denizens during the summer crush is Dane Hilger, who runs D&K ATV

Rentals in Nemo. Hilger does a brisk business pairing up riders with fully licensed and permitted machines that allow visitors to free-range along the trails and take in the breathtaking vistas. His fleet of more than a dozen two-seaters and four-seaters gets snapped up quickly as the town is completely transformed during the summer season, which typically kicks off with the annual Black Hills ATV/UTV Rally held in mid-June.

"There are so many people in town it seems like it's hard to get around sometimes, but it's very family-oriented and everybody gets along and has a good time getting out and enjoying the great outdoors."



Vacationers and even day-trippers have access to everything they need during a visit to Nemo with the Brandin’ Iron restaurant, camping sites, a general store and lodging.

Adam Rice, a native of Rapid City, owns and operates the Brandin’ Iron in addition to another restaurant in Arizona. Soon after high school, he headed to Arizona for culinary school and later opened his business there. But two years ago, Rice was lured back to South Dakota and decided to resettle in Nemo.

“The town just has an aura about it. It’s pristine and gorgeous. There’s no better way to see the Black Hills. You can get to a lot of cool places through the trail system that goes literally thousands of miles and you never have to get on the road. You can get to Deadwood, you can get to Mount Rushmore, you can get to Sturgis. I go out into the woods just about every day. There’s always something interesting to see.”

Larry Kaiser owns the Nemo Merchantile store where visitors will find fuel, snacks, beverages, clothing and an assortment of dry goods.

He laments that during the summer he is often too busy to ride the trails, but he enjoys supplying the provisions visitors need.

“It’s just a lot of fun. You meet the most interesting people and everybody’s having a good time.”

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## TOP ATV TRAILS IN SD

1. **Centennial Trail**  
West of Rapid City
2. **Northern Black Hills**  
West of Rapid City
3. **Southern Black Hills**  
Southwest of Rapid City
4. **Buffalo Gap National Grassland**  
Southeast of Farmingdale
5. **Bear Lodge Mountains**  
North of Sundance
6. **Oahe Downstream OHV Area**  
North of Pierre
7. **Talsmas ATV Trail Park**  
South of Avon
8. **Reveheim Bay OHV Area**  
Southeast of Mobridge

They bring their kids, the grand parents and the dog and they just relax, unwind and have fun.”

While Nemo may be considered the mecca of ATV riders, there are several other prime spots in South Dakota open to the public.

In the southeastern region of the state near Avon, Jerry and Tina Talsma welcome ATV riders to their Trails End Ranch situated alongside the Missouri River.

The third-generation land owners opened Talsma’s Trail Park in 2005 with several hundred acres open to the public and trails that range from novice to extreme.

There are climbing hills, creek crossings, deep brush, open prairie land, river bottom terrain and expansive scenic bluffs overlooking the Missouri. There are also several play areas for riders to kick up some mud.

There are different fees to enter the park depending on the mode of transportation and special discounts for groups of 10 or more machines



Many ATV trails across the state have access to fishing, scenic vistas and places to pull over for refreshments such as the Merchantile store in Nemo shown above.

as well as multi-day and seasonal passes. Camp sites are available at a rate of \$20 per night with electricity and \$10 without.

The Talsmas have big plans for the summer with a Customer Appreciation Day on Aug. 14, a fundraising event for Horse Haven on Sept. 11 and a Halloween Scare Ride on Oct. 9.

For more information on the private park, visit [talsmastrailpark.com](http://talsmastrailpark.com). For more information about riding in the Black Hills, visit [blackhillsatvally.com](http://blackhillsatvally.com) and [custersd.com](http://custersd.com) where you’ll find details about ATV activities in the Custer area.

# Put the Power in your Hands with Sioux Valley Energy's Time of Use Rate



**Sheila Gross**  
Energy Services Specialist

Roughly one half of Sioux Valley Energy's monthly power bill is based on our members' collective energy demand for a 30-minute period based on the timing of our power supplier's overall system peak. In other words, just six hours of peak demand charges each year will contribute to half of the Co-op's yearly power bill. The true price of electricity varies throughout the day even though members with residential and general service accounts pay a flat rate of \$.1026/kWh regardless of when energy is used. Our water heater load management program is one significant way we shift member demand during peak times. We have over 13,000 water heaters connected to load management saving the Cooperative and our members over \$708,000 in annual demand charges. What else can you do to help save you and the Cooperative money? Consider going on the Time of Use Rate (TOU).

## HOW DOES THE TIME OF USE RATE WORK?

When we designed the Time of Use Rate, our overall goal was to create a 'win-win' scenario for both the member and the Cooperative. We knew if the rate was designed correctly, members would respond to lowering their overall usage during the times when power is the most expensive to purchase, saving both the member and the Cooperative money on their bill. By simply shifting some of the times you normally do daily tasks and chores to off-peak times, you pay a much lower kilowatt-hour charge. The TOU rate is also a great way to take advantage of smart home automation and electric vehicle technology.

## WHAT ARE THE RATES AND TIMES FOR ON-PEAK AND OFF-PEAK HOURS?

During on-peak times of 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., a higher rate of \$.1615/kWh is charged. During off-peak times of 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 9 p.m. to 7 a.m., a much-reduced rate of \$.0584/kWh is charged. The programmed times are seven days a week. Members receiving the reduced electric heat rate of \$.0635/kWh remain on that program so heating costs will not fluctuate.

## WHAT ARE EXAMPLES OF WAYS TO SHIFT ENERGY?

1. Shift laundry/dishwashing to off-peak times.
2. Use a smart thermostat to control a home's heating/cooling.
3. Utilize smart appliances/lighting to run at certain times or be controlled remotely.
4. Use alternative appliances to cook like air fryers, rotating pizza ovens, microwaves, etc.
5. Schedule electric vehicle charging to off-peak times.
6. Install automatic timers – water heaters, circulating pumps, pool pumps, lighting, etc.
7. Practice conservation – turn off lights/electronics in unoccupied rooms, set water heater to 120 degrees, wash clothes in cold water, and use power strips/smart plugs to avoid phantom power loads. Visit our website ([www.siouxvalleyenergy.com/my-programs/energy-efficiency-tools](http://www.siouxvalleyenergy.com/my-programs/energy-efficiency-tools)) to check out resource booklets '101 Easy Ways to Save Energy and Money' and 'Use Energy Wisely'.
8. Sign up for SmartHub, our free account management tool, to review/compare usage history to help set energy goals. Get the whole family on board for being energy savers during on-peak times.

## HOW WILL I KNOW IF I SAVED MONEY?

At the top of each monthly bill is a red notation to let you know what you saved compared to the old regular rate program.

<b>SIoux VALLEY ENERGY</b> <small>A Tecknoss Energy Cooperative</small>	PO Box 216 Colman, SD 57017-0216 1-800-234-1960	<b>Statement Date</b> 05/07/2021 <b>Payment Due</b> 05/19/2021
	Pay By Phone 877-779-7476 Billing Inquiries 877-511-8062 www.siouxvalleyenergy.com Office Hours: 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday	<b>Billing Summary</b> Previous Balance 236.00 Payment -236.00 Balance Forward 0.00 Current Charges 246.00 <b>AUTO PAYMENT - DO NOT PAY 246.00</b>
JANE MEMBER 1234 STREET COLMAN, SD 57017	4 161	The billing difference between the Time of Use Rate and your regular rate this month was a savings of \$6.74.

## IS THERE A RISK I COULD SPEND MORE MONEY?

Recent analysis of current accounts on the Time of Use rate show we have been successful so far in saving money for the vast majority of members while also reducing the overall billed demand to Sioux Valley Energy. We offer a three-month risk-free trial to help you get acclimated to the new rate without the risk of paying a higher bill. If the rate does not work for your family, you simply need to call into Member Services to request a change back to the regular rate. Several employees who are also SVE

members have tried the new rate. As I write this column, I've been on the rate for eleven months, shifting laundry and dishwashing, and have saved money every month – total savings of \$106.41 (highest month savings of \$13.84).

Ted Smith, Sioux Valley Energy's Vice President of Engineering and Operations, has been on the rate since July 2017. He shifts laundry and sets his programmable thermostat with a four-degree allowance during peak times.

"I have saved a total of \$430 since I've been on the program," Smith said. "This is approximately \$100 to

\$150 per year so I basically get free electricity for about one month a year."

## HOW DO I SIGN UP FOR THE TRIAL PROGRAM?

For further information or to sign up for the TOU trial rate, contact Member Services at 877-511-8062. The TOU rate is available for residential and general service accounts including former Alliant Energy customers and co-generation accounts.

**For more information, contact [sheila.gross@siouxvalleyenergy.com](mailto:sheila.gross@siouxvalleyenergy.com)**

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# SENSIBLE SOLAR

## South Dakota's electric cooperatives promote fair, sensible solar policies

**Billy Gibson**

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With summer in full swing, the sun is bearing down on South Dakotans. But that wasn't the case just five months ago when an unexpected polar vortex covered much of the country in a blanket of snow and ice.

As co-op members now reach for the sunscreen and a cold beverage, it's easy to forget that back in February the same solar panels that are streaming torrents of ions today were reduced to a trickle when a convergence of circumstances caused a series of rolling blackouts.

That historic event alerted policymakers from Texas to the Canadian border to hit the pause button and take another look at how renewable power fits into the national grid-based energy picture.

Across the country, the solar market is facing what can be described as growing pains. Those pains stem from the fact that the nascent stages of solar energy were heavily subsidized through taxpayer dollars, as early adopters benefited from an array of state, federal and municipal government tax credits, exemptions, incentives, rebates and subsidies designed to get the industry off the ground. Tapping into these programs, owners of solar installations have been able to deduct up to half of their costs.

But as more homeowners and businesses opt for solar and as the cost of solar has dropped 80 percent since 2010, those subsidies are shrinking and the industry is in the process of having to eventually stand on its own feet. At the federal level, for instance, the Investment Tax Credit (ITC) established in 2005

has allowed new residential and commercial solar owners to deduct 26 percent of their installation costs from their federal taxes. The ITC is set to be reduced to 23 percent in 2023 and eliminated for homeowners by 2024. The Biden Administration has proposed extending the program for another two years.

According to the Energy Information Administration, direct federal government subsidies for solar alone totaled \$34.4 billion between 2010 and 2019.

As solar subsidies decline, the true costs for ratepayers to have 24-hour access to both intermittent renewable power and more reliable traditional power at the same time are coming to bear.

In Nevada, for example, incentives for homeowners were phased out in 2016 after the state's largest energy company argued that its costs of creating and delivering power weren't being fully covered and the expenses of serving every home and business in the system were being shifted to those exercising their right not to have rooftop panels placed on their homes.

Predictably, once the incentives

*Sensible Solutions for Our Energy Future*



South Dakota's electric cooperatives support reasonable strategies for our energy future that make sense for our members:

- Renewable energy solutions that are both productive and practical
- Rate structures that take affordability into account
- Balanced strategies centered on the best interests of co-op consumers
- Technology-based policies that promote economic development

## **“WE RELY ON INTERMITTENT RENEWABLE SOURCES TO CURB EMISSIONS AND MORE RELIABLE FOSSIL FUELS TO DELIVER THE BASELOAD POWER OUR MEMBERS NEED.”**

ROBERT RAKER

West River Electric, characterized the state's electric cooperatives as being neither pro-renewable energy nor anti-renewable energy.

“We're pro-reliability and pro-affordability for our members,” he explained. “We rely on intermittent renewable sources to curb emissions and more reliable fossil fuels to deliver the baseload power our members

to communicate with one another as each cooperative in the state has its own set of interconnection requirements and policies determined by their management.

“If one of our members wants to get involved in renewable energy, we need to know about it so we can work with the member to make sure the process goes as smoothly as possible,” Raker said.

Chris Studer, chief member and public relations officer at East River Electric, echoed Raker's comments and emphasized another important factor in open member-to-cooperative communication: safety.

“Just make sure to call your co-op. It's a safety issue. Improperly installed equipment could put the homeowner's property and co-op employees who work on the infrastructure at risk and that's what we want to prevent.”

Studer said the state's cooperatives will continue to play an active role as the renewable market evolves.

“At this stage in the emergence of the distributed generation market, the fixed costs that electric utilities have invested in their infrastructure needs to be taken under consideration as more members bring localized solar installations into the system,” he said.

“Other states have addressed this issue by establishing fixed charges for distributed generation owners in a way that was fair for everyone, while also setting up a system to streamline the resolution of any disputes that may arise. We'll continue to serve as an advocate for all co-op consumers.”

were sun-setted and solar owners had to pay for maintaining the same grid that they depend on when their panels aren't producing power, demand decreased.

In South Dakota, where there are no state government subsidies, investor-owned Black Hills Energy has followed Nevada's lead by proposing that the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission institute tariffs on homeowners to compensate the power company for those fixed costs required to keep the system functioning for all ratepayers who use it.

Opponents argue that the tariffs could potentially obliterate the state's growing solar market, which saw 462 MW installed through the first quarter of 2021.

As for South Dakota's electric cooperatives, the system's leaders paid close attention to the polar vortex event and the lessons learned in the aftermath. Robert Raker, public relations manager at

need. It's like a parent trying to determine which is their favorite kid. We favor both of them because we need to help protect the planet but we also need to fulfill our obligation to serve our members whether it's day or night, hot or cold, sunny or cloudy, windy or calm.”

Raker noted that co-ops have embraced the integration of renewable power into the state's fuel mix. Electric co-ops were leaders in introducing wind power, which now makes up roughly 25 percent of the supply while 17 percent comes from hydroelectric dams along the Missouri River. Co-ops are also involved in the construction of Wild Springs solar farm, which is expected to go on-line next year as the largest solar array in the western part of the state.

Without a clear and complete set of rules in place for distributed generation, Raker said it's paramount that members and their cooperatives work together



# MEMBERS GATHER

## Nearly 500 attend 2021 Annual Meeting

**Brenda Kleinjan**  
Communications Specialist

Hundreds of Sioux Valley Energy members and their families gathered at the Verne Drive-In Theater in Luverne, Minnesota, to attend the Co-op Annual Meeting on June 8.

President Allan Weinacht called the meeting to order and board secretary Don Degreef reported that 222 members were registered, which satisfied the Co-op's Annual Meeting quorum requirements as defined in the Cooperative Bylaws.

Board Treasurer Dave Daniel reported that at the end of 2020, the Cooperative had total assets of

\$279.7 million, an increase from \$269 million in 2019. Members' equity also increased to \$97 million during the same time. Sioux Valley Energy had liabilities of \$182.7 million at the end of 2020, including \$162 million in long-term debt.

In 2020, the Cooperative had operating revenues of \$87 million and operating expenses of \$84 million. Margins of \$6.2 million were allocated to Sioux Valley Energy members as patronage capital.

"Patronage capital until retired and paid back to you is your share of ownership in the Cooperative," said Daniel.

### LOOKING FORWARD

Tim McCarthy, Sioux Valley Energy's General Manager and CEO gave his report, acknowledging that 2020 created challenging times for many Sioux Valley Energy members.

"But tonight, I would like to focus on the future," McCarthy said.

He discussed one of the Co-op's top priorities which is an aggressive system improvement plan. In 2021, just over \$19 million is budgeted for capital expenses to ensure a reliable electric service to meet the growing needs of Sioux Valley Energy's members now and into the future.

"The top five categories for expenditures are system improvements, new extensions, conductor replacements, transformers and metering and sectionalizing equipment," McCarthy said.

McCarthy also discussed the addition of new employees and



Members register for the meeting and receive their complimentary meals before proceeding to their parking space at the Verne Drive-In.

**OPPOSITE PAGE:** Members stand for the National Anthem.

the realignment of employees to form a Beneficial Electrification Department.

“Beneficial electrification encompasses technologies such as electric vehicles, smart thermostats, electric lawn tools, water heaters and much more,” McCarthy said. “As our members begin to utilize more of these technologies, we will be ready to assist.”

McCarthy also announced two programs that demonstrate the Cooperatives’ commitment to community.

First, the Co-op is introducing a community development program called “Revive 2030.” The program is being finalized but will focus on working with our communities on development initiatives and projects.

Second up is the restart of the EmPOWER Youth Leadership Program which went on hiatus in 2020 because of the pandemic. Thirty-nine teenagers have already applied to be part of the engaging and hands-on leadership program. EmPOWER helps students discover their personal strengths, build and improve leadership skills, link up with peers and professionals and explore career paths.

“These are just a few of the

## “IN THE END – EVERYTHING WE DO CENTERS AROUND OUR MISSION OF SERVING OUR MEMBERS. ALWAYS.”

initiatives we are focused on this year which have been designed to meet our system replacement plans, growth, member expectations and challenges facing the electric cooperative industry,” McCarthy said. “As we head into the second half of this year we continue to strive to provide our members with reliable electricity, affordable rates and programs and services to meet their needs. In the end – everything we do centers around our mission of

Serving Our Members. Always.”

### ENTERTAINMENT WRAPS UP THE EVENING

Alt Country group The Barn Flies put on an hour-long concert at the conclusion of the meeting and scores of members stayed to watch the movie “Cruella” on the drive-in’s big screen.



Sioux Valley Energy Board President Allan Weinacht presents a model bucket truck and a resolution commemorating Allan Kooima’s service to the Sioux Valley Energy board to Bernita Kooima and her children at the meeting. Kooima died April 22, 2021.

## REGISTER TO WIN!

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**July 4**  
Independence Day

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.

**JUNE 19-20**  
**Aberdeen Arts in the Park**  
Melgaard Park, Aberdeen, SD, 605-226-1557

**JUNE 25-27**  
**Annual Main Street Arts and Crafts Festival**  
N River Street, Hot Springs, SD, 605-440-2738

**JUNE 30-JULY 4**  
**Annual Black Hills Roundup**  
300 Roundup Street, Belle Fourche, SD, 605-723-2010

**JULY 1, AUGUST 5**  
**Downtown Hartford Market**  
Main Avenue, Hartford, SD, 605-999-6660

**JULY 2-4**  
**Gold Camp Jubilee Days**  
Various Locations, Lead, SD, 605-584-1100

**JULY 2-4**  
**Sitting Bull Stampede Rodeo**  
Rodeo Grounds, Mobridge, SD, 605-845-2387

**JULY 4**  
**Fall River Fourth of July**  
Various Locations, Hot Springs, SD, 605-745-4140

**JULY 4**  
**Fourth of July Parade**  
Kemp Avenue, Watertown, SD, 605-886-5814

**JULY 9-11, 16-18, 23-25**  
**Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant**  
43379 Rose Lane, De Smet, SD, 605-983-5251

**JULY 9-11**  
**Annual Hot Harley Nights**  
J&L Harley-Davidson, Sioux Falls, SD, 605-334-2721

**JULY 10-11**  
**50th Annual Brookings Summer Arts Festival**  
W Highway 14 and 1st Avenue, Brookings, SD, 605-692-2787

**JULY 15-18**  
**Pioneer Days**  
Various Locations, White, SD, 605-690-4458

**JULY 16-17**  
**Storybook Land Festival**  
Wylie Park, Aberdeen, SD, 605-626-7015

**JULY 16-24**  
**Senior Summer Tournaments**  
Rapid City, SD, Contact Lindsey Meyers at 605-394-4175

**JULY 23-25**  
**Arlington Days**  
Various Locations, Arlington, SD, 605-983-5251

**JULY 27-31**  
**Days of '76 Rodeo & Parades**  
Various Locations, Deadwood, SD, 605-578-1876

**JULY 29-AUGUST 1**  
**Bruce Honey Days**  
City-wide, Bruce, SD, 605-627-5671

**JULY 31**  
**ATV Mud Bog**  
Arlington, SD, 605-690-5717

**AUGUST 15**  
**Annual Arlington Car Show**  
Arlington, SD, 605-203-0728

**AUGUST 17-19**  
**Dakotafest**  
2300 E Spruce Street, Mitchell, SD, 877-611-8161

**AUGUST 26-29**  
**58th Annual Steam Threshing Jamboree**  
Prairie Village, Madison, SD, 605-256-3644

**AUGUST 28**  
**McCrossan Boys Ranch Xtreme Event Rodeo**  
McCrossan Boys Ranch Campus, Sioux Falls SD, 605-339-1203

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