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I think I can speak for all Sioux Valley Energy employees when I say that our collective hearts sink when we see forecasts of ice. We know that power is a necessity for nearly every facet of life. Going without electricity for a day or two is hard but having to deal with it for a week becomes extremely challenging and frustrating for our members. Unfortunately, more than 10,000 Sioux Valley Energy members experienced power outages of various lengths in time beginning on April 10th due to a wide-spread ice/snow storm. You can read about the storm's impact on the electric system on pages 6 and 7.

Before the ice ever hits the lines, we have a basic storm restoration plan in place to deal with storm related outages. The challenge is that every storm is different which means we must adjust plans on the go. Safety is our number one priority in any storm situation. Always. Quick power restoration closely follows safety in the priority list. We had quite a few questions from members about our guideline of lineworkers limiting their work day to 16 hours. Those guidelines were developed for several reasons—first and foremost because of safety. Linework is a physically taxing job and when employees start to get tired, mistakes can happen. Those mistakes can cause injury or death...and we won't risk that in any situation. Another reason for limiting linework to 16-hour days is because of productivity. Once the sun goes down, productivity plummets. It's often one step forward and two steps back when working on the electric system in the dark.

Our plan also includes partnerships with other electric cooperatives and contractors. Because of previously developed plans and mutual assistance agreements in South Dakota and Minnesota, we can get a lot of lineworkers from other entities in a short period of time to help restore power to Sioux Valley Energy members. During this April's ice storm, we brought in approximately 100 extra utility personnel to help with the restoration efforts.

The other key initiative during storm outages is communication. While communication is never perfect during a storm of this magnitude, we do try our best to keep members as informed as possible. We took more than 24,000 calls during the week of the storm (normal is 13,000 a month). We also utilized social media to communicate with members because we can reach people directly and update messages quickly. In fact, we posted more than 75 Facebook updates during the one-week duration of the storm. In addition to social media, we worked with local media outlets and exported thousands of phone/email and text messages to members as well.

There were a lot of things we did right during this storm, but we acknowledge that there are areas where we can improve as well. Those improvements have been discussed and will be implemented when and if there is another storm of this size.

We received a lot of questions ranging from "why don't you put in all underground lines" to "how do you prioritize who gets power first". These are all good questions and we plan produce one of our 'vlogs' to cover these issues, which will be posted on the website and also shared on social media.

The final thing I want to say in this month's column, is THANK YOU. THANK YOU to the 14 electric co-ops and 4 contractors who so willingly sent lineworkers to help us in April. I have listed them on this page. THANK YOU to our employees who worked an incredible amount of hours, away from their families during the outages. THANK YOU to the farmers and other landowners that helped pull us out of some muddy situations. THANK YOU to our members who stayed patient with us and provided food and snacks for our employees. THANK YOU for the tremendous amount of support our employees and members received during this historic storm.

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Cogeneration and DG Interconnection SVE Board Resolution

Sioux Valley Southwestern Electric Cooperative Inc.
BOARD RESOLUTION

COGENERATION AND SMALL POWER PRODUCTION ADOPTING COOPERATIVE MINNESOTA DISTRIBUTION ENERGY RESOURCE INTERCONNECTION PROCESS

A Resolution of the Board of Director of Sioux Valley Southwestern Electric Cooperative Inc. DBA Sioux Valley Energy revising the Cogeneration Policy and Rules adopting the Cooperative Minnesota Distributed Energy Resource Interconnection Process.

WHEREAS, the interconnection process for distributed energy resources has been updated by the State of Minnesota Public Utilities Commission; and

WHEREAS, under Minnesota Statute 216B.1611 cooperatives shall adopt an interconnection process that addressed the issues addressed in the Commission's order; and

WHEREAS, Sioux Valley Energy has updated the Cogeneration Policy to reflect the adoption of the Cooperative Minnesota Distribution Energy Resources Interconnection Process, (C-MIP); and

WHEREAS, Sioux Valley Energy Board of Directors has adopted the revised Cogeneration Policy as provided by MREA on March 25th, 2019; and

WHEREAS, all new distribution energy resources shall follow the C-MIP interconnection process beginning June 1, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Sioux Valley Energy, has adopted the Cogeneration Policy along with the updated Cooperative Cogeneration rules.

CERTIFICATION OF SECRETARY

I, Allan Kooima, certify that I am Secretary of the Sioux Valley Energy Board of Directors and that the above and foregoing is a true excerpt from the minutes of a regular board meeting of the Board of Directors of Sioux Valley Energy held on the 25th Day of March, 2019, at which a quorum was present and that the above portion of the minutes has not been modified nor rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and affixed the seal of Sioux Valley Energy this 25th day of March 2019.

--Signed Allan Kooima, Secretary

Summer Electrical Safety Tips for Kids

As school begins to let out, families are starting to enjoy some outdoor time with their young children. Backyards, local parks and pools are great places to spend your summer days, but to ensure a happy, healthy and safe summer, parents should be aware of a few electrical safety basics to share with their children.

- Be aware of power lines around you and always assume that wires are “live and dangerous.” Never touch an outdoor wire with any part of your body, toys or other objects.
- Do not throw items such as gym shoes onto electric lines and equipment or try to retrieve items from around overhead power lines.
- Fly kites and model airplanes and other toys in large open areas such as a field or a park – safely away from trees and overhead power lines. Also, do not attempt to retrieve balloons, kites or other objects that may get stuck on power lines or other electrical equipment.
- Do not climb trees near power lines. Even if power lines are not touching the tree, they could touch during climbing when more weight is added to a branch.
- Never climb a utility pole or play on or around electrical equipment.
- Never post or tie signs, hang banners or tie ribbons or balloons onto utility poles or other electrical equipment. This can be dangerous to you and endanger utility workers.
- Do not go into an electric substation for any reason – even on a dare. Electric substations contain high-voltage equipment, which can kill you. Also, never attempt to rescue a pet that goes inside. Instead, call your local utility company.
- Never try to rescue a family member, friend or pet that has come into contact with any electrical equipment – Call 911 immediately.
- Keep electrical toys, appliances and tools at least 10 feet away from pools and wet surfaces.
- Never touch any electrical toys, appliance and tools while you are wet or standing in water. Energy flows easily through water, like a puddle or a pool.

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Hazard Recognition

HAZARDS ARE EVERYWHERE. WHAT RISKS AREN'T YOU SEEING?

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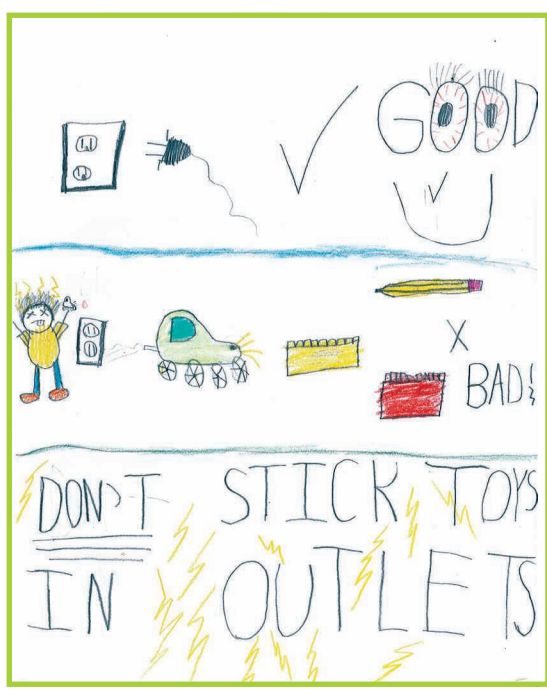



Falls

DON'T GET TRIPPED UP! CLEAN UP SPILLS IMMEDIATELY.

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KIDS CORNER SAFETY POSTER



“Don't stick toys in outlets”

Jarron Kruger,
8 years old

Jarron is the son of Jarrod and Cadgie Kruger, Dell Rapids, S.D.

They are members of Sioux Valley Energy, Colman, 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.

Dairy Delicious

Orange Cream Chiller

3 oz. orange juice concentrate
1 cup milk
1/2 cup plain Greek yogurt
1 small frozen banana
1 tsp. honey
1/2 tsp. vanilla extract

Combine all ingredients; blend until smooth. Serves 2.

Stephanie Fossum, Hudson, SD

Rhubarb Dessert

2 cups flour
2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt
4 T. butter
4 T. milk
2 eggs, beaten

Filling:
3 cups rhubarb
1 (6 oz.) pkg. red gelatin

Topping:
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup flour
1/3 cup butter

Combine first 6 ingredients. Pat into a 9x13-inch pan. Distribute rhubarb over crust. Sprinkle gelatin over rhubarb. Mix together topping ingredients. Sprinkle over rhubarb. Bake at 350°F. for 45 minutes.

Roxanna Streckfuss, Mansfield, SD

Butter Pecan Pumpkin Dessert

3 cups pumpkin
3 eggs
1 cup sugar
1/2 tsp. salt
1 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 tsp. nutmeg

1/2 tsp. cloves
1 (13 oz.) can evaporated milk
1 butter pecan cake mix
1/2 cup butter, sliced thin
1/2 cup chopped pecans or walnuts

Combine pumpkin and eggs. Add spices and salt to sugar. Blend sugar mixture and milk with pumpkin mixture. Pour into a 9x13-inch pan. Sprinkle cake mix over all. Top with butter slices and pecans. Bake at 350°F. for 40 to 45 minutes. Serve with whipped topping or ice cream.

Arlene BaanHofman, Corsica, SD

Monkey Bread with Sausage

3/4 cup milk
1 pkg. McCormick® Original Country Gravy Mix
1/4 cup melted butter
2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese, divided

3 (7.5 oz. each) cans refrigerated buttermilk biscuits
1/2 lb. ground breakfast sausage, cooked and drained

Mix milk, gravy mix and melted butter with whisk in large bowl until well blended. Reserve 1/2 cup of gravy mixture; set aside. Cut biscuits into quarters. Add biscuit pieces to gravy mixture in large bowl; gently toss to coat. Stir in 1-1/2 cups cheese and cooked sausage until well blended. Place biscuit mixture into greased 10-cup bundt pan. Pour reserved gravy mixture over top. Bake at 350°F for 35 minutes. Sprinkle with remaining 1/2 cup cheese. Bake 5 minutes longer or until cheese is melted. Cool in pan 5 to 10 minutes. To unmold, loosen sides of monkey bread from pan with a knife. Invert, cheese side up, onto serving plate. Makes 12 servings.

Nutritional Information Per Serving: Calories 321, Total Fat 17g, Saturated Fat 8g, Sodium 855mg, Cholesterol 37mg, Carbohydrates 31g, Protein 11g, Dietary Fiber 1g

Pictured, Cooperative Connections

Goat Milk Fudge

1 lb. powdered sugar
1/2 cup cocoa powder
1/2 cup butter

1/4 cup whole goat milk (may use cow milk)
1 tsp. vanilla
1/2 cup nuts, optional

Combine sugar and cocoa in large microwavable bowl; make a well in the center. Place cut-up butter and milk in well; do not stir. Microwave on HIGH for 2 minutes; add vanilla. Blend with stick blender or mixer until smooth; stir in nuts. Pour into greased 8x8-inch square pan. Refrigerate until firm; cut into squares.

Jersi Kruger, 5 years old, Dell Rapids, SD

Please send your favorite dessert, vegetarian or garden produce 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.

Winter Storm Wesley

Storm Damage Adds Up

On Wednesday, April 10th, a major storm system rolled through the Midwest resulting in significant ice building up on the Sioux Valley Energy distribution system. The combination of wind and ice caused outages to a large portion of the Cooperative's membership.

At the peak of the storm Sioux Valley had 40% of its members out of power (over 10,000 out of power of a total of 26,000 members). The last outage was restored at 5:18 PM on Wednesday April 17th, 2019.

The Sioux Valley Energy distribution system covers an area of 6,000 square miles (larger than the state of Connecticut) and power outages impacted 2,500 square miles of that area (more than double the size of Rhode Island). A total of 669 poles were broken during the storm along with hundreds of line breaks.

Assistance from other electric cooperatives and contractors was requested to help in the restoration efforts. Fourteen electric cooperatives and five contractors provided Sioux Valley Energy with additional lineworkers. This resulted in more than 130 utility personnel working on the Sioux Valley Energy system during the storm's aftermath. Under normal conditions, Sioux Valley Energy employs 30 lineworkers.

During the one-week duration of the storm outages, more than 24,000 calls came in to Sioux Valley Energy. In comparison, Sioux Valley Energy receives an average of 13,000 phone calls during a one-month period. The co-op also utilized social media to inform members of restoration efforts. In less than a week during the April storm, the Sioux Valley Energy Facebook page added an additional 2,500 "likes" and had over 140,000 unique users that engaged with the page.

It is estimated that line crews clocked more than 10,000 labor hours during the storm restoration with an additional 3,000 or more hours of labor required to support those efforts. Sioux Valley Energy is also anticipating a significant number of labor-hours dedicated to post-storm reconstruction. For example, there are 45 miles of three-phase lines that were temporarily repaired but will need to be completely rebuilt because the damages were so significant. This will be required to get the distribution system back to its pre-storm condition. The full financial impact of this storm will not be known for quite some time, however, early estimates show that the April 2019 storm will cost in excess of \$5-Million. Most of those costs will be capitalized and paid for over a 35-year period. It is unclear at this time if any FEMA funds will be available to help.

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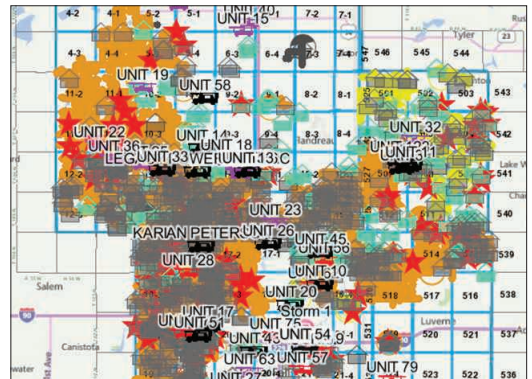
Photo by Betsy Schamber, wife of lineworker Paul Schamber. Pictured is daughter Avery Schamber.



Photo by Cody Fritz, SVE



Photo by Derek Locke, SVE





The Mickelson Trail Marathon takes runners through the scenic Black Hills.

RUNNING FOR FUN

Marathons, Road Races and 5Ks Provide Challenge

By Jocelyn Romey

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Among the runners lining up for the start of a well-known South Dakota marathon – the Deadwood Mickelson Trail Marathon – will be a first-time runner with co-op ties.

Corey Hines, journeyman lineman from Butte Electric Cooperative in Newell, S.D., will be running the full Mickelson Trail Marathon for the first time this year. He started running recently for the fun of it and it snowballed into a marathon challenge, one he hasn't backed down from.

Previously, Hines ran a half marathon in the same race eight years ago. Otherwise, he has had no competitive racing experience.

"I figured for whatever reason, God gave me the ability to run, so I will enjoy it while I can," Hines said.

On June 2, Hines will be racing with more than 3,000 runners from across the nation as well as Canada, Germany, Russia and Denmark. These runners have the option of competing in the Mickelson Trail full marathon, half marathon or relay race. Beginning in Rochford, S.D., runners will experience the beauty of the Black Hills before finishing at the historical Engine House in Deadwood. Black Hills Electric Cooperative in Custer, S.D., is a sponsor of this event.

Other prominent co-op runners throughout the state are Russell Gall, manager of Charles Mix Electric Association in Lake Andes, S.D.; Dick Johnson, general manager and CEO of



Butte Electric Cooperative Journeyman Lineman Corey Hines has been training for the Mickelson Trail Marathon.

Did you Know?

The modern marathon that many competitive runners enjoy has historical roots. The name itself is derived from a Greek legend in 490 B.C. that tells the story of a messenger who raced nearly 25 miles from the site of Marathon to Athens to deliver news of a Greek victory over invading Persians. Unfortunately, the story ends poorly for the messenger who died from exhaustion after delivering his news.

From this legend, a formalized race called a marathon was created. The official length we know today of 26.2 miles was originated in the 1908 Olympics hosted in London when Queen Alexandra planned the route – which was consequently 26.2 miles. Since then, the length of the race stuck.

West River Electric Association in Wall, S.D.; and Tim McCarthy, general manager and CEO of Sioux Valley Energy in Colman, S.D.

Gall has a history of competing in Tough Mudders, which entail a 12-mile run through various obstacles that include racing with a partner through mud, water, ice and electric fencing while climbing barriers, swinging from ropes, pushing blocks and lifting a number of heavy items.

“My training was foremost running. I tell anyone wanting to do a Tough Mudder that the first thing you have to do is be able to run a 5k without stopping,” Gall said. “The second part of training for the Tough Mudder is upper body strength, as in lots of push-ups and pull ups.”

Johnson is another runner who began running half marathons around his 50th birthday during the half Mickelson Trail Marathon. He finds enjoyment in running to relieve stress.

“It’s something I can do pretty much whenever I can fit it in, although I do most of my running early in the mornings,” Johnson said. “I don’t especially like later in the day as I struggle to motivate myself to do it then.”

He also noted that running was good for his overall health, even while jokingly stating that you cannot “outrun a bad diet!”

McCarthy is a well-known runner in many national marathons and was featured in the October 1996 edition of Runner’s World magazine after participating in a marathon in Illinois.

“On any given day, I will run about three miles up to about a half marathon (13.1 miles) depending on the time I have and how I feel,” McCarthy said.

“Running is a place I can go to sort out a lot of things whether the issues I’m facing are personal or professional.”

Even though he has retired from his more competitive marathons, McCarthy is still addicted to running and says he runs for physical and mental health.



Medals commemorate some of the races Tim McCarthy has run over the decades.

Tough Mudder

Russell Gall, manager of Charles Mix Electric Association in Lake Andes, S.D., is a veteran of Tough Mudder races which combine a 12-mile run with an obstacle course. Gall said the obstacles encountered in the race rely on that strength. “The Tough Mudder had lots of obstacles with funky names.”

Here is a list of Gall’s (least) favorites:

- **Funky Monkey** – 30 feet of monkey bars over a pool of muddy water.
- **Augustas Gloop** – traverse a small pool of muddy water, duck under obstacles and then climb the inside a 20-foot tube with water cascading down.
- **Hold Your Wood** – Carry a big hunk of log for 300 feet
- **Artic Plunge** – slide down a 10-foot tube that ends in ice water. “And I mean ICE – as in bags and bags of ice are poured into the small pool of water so you have to swim through the cubes, and duck under two obstacle walls. I drank a lot of muddy water on that one since I kept inhaling as I tried to catch my breath.”
- **Hero Carry** – carry one of your team mates for a couple hundred feet then switch off. “My daughter had blisters by the time we hit this obstacle, so I just carried her the whole way.”
- **Electro Shock Therapy** – This obstacle is just as it sounds: you run through a 50- to 75-foot of mud over hay bales. There are electric fencing strings hanging down every three feet and yes they are connected to an electric fencer. “That one is tough as the first time I went through it, it knocked me down to my knees.”
- **Berlin Wall** – A 20-foot high wooden wall that you have to ascend on one side, using a rope, go over the top and down the other side with another rope.
- **Block Ness Monster** – Two 4-foot by 4-foot rolling pin blocks that are half submerged in a pool of muddy water. The teams have to push the block from one side and hang on it as you go over the top. This keeps it rotating so your team can make it over.

And a tie for the worst obstacle goes to:

- **The Death March** – In Colorado it was a 5 mile trek up the side of a mountain. “By the time we made it to the summit we were all sunburned and tired.”
- **Everest** – It’s a half pipe about 15-foot high (Google Tough Mudder Everest) that you have to try to get over. “Mind you are wet and usually covered in mud so this obstacle is definitely a team effort. I would never have made it was it not for the group of strangers that pulled me up.”

[https:// toughmudder.com/obstacles](https://toughmudder.com/obstacles)

SVE Operation Round Up

Supports Local FFA Students

The corduroy blue coat is a signature feature of an FFA member. The FFA jacket is a physical reminder of the personal accomplishments achieved through the organization - a symbol of commitment and dedication for all who wear the corduroy. The jacket, which is considered the official dress of the FFA, unifies members in a long-standing tradition and reminds them that they are part of something larger than themselves.

Unfortunately, not every FFA member is able to afford the purchase of a blue coat. The SD FFA Foundation is hoping to change that through the 'Blue Jackets' program. They recently received an Operation Round Up (ORU) grant of \$1,500 to purchase 13 jackets, along with an FFA tie or scarf.

The ORU grant will also help sponsor four scholarships to attend a leadership retreat. "Summer leadership retreat is a camp experience - at either Swan Lake, near Viborg or Camp Bob Marshall, by Custer. FFA members network with other youth interested in similar things, as well as gain communication, leadership, team work skills, set goals for their chapter and themselves, participate in a service project, and learn about more opportunities available in various FFA programs," said Gerri Ann Eide, SD FFA Foundation Executive Director.



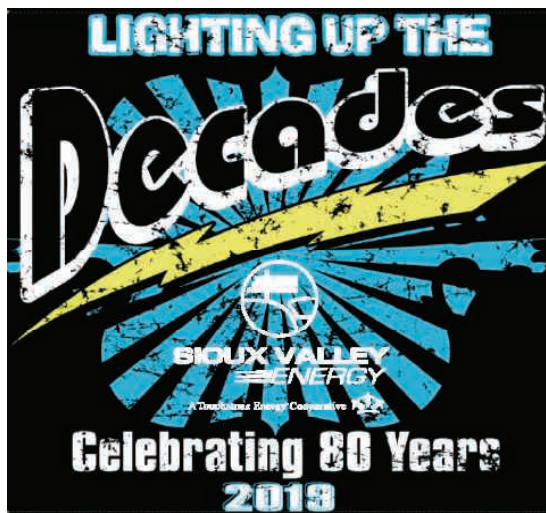
Eide says that as a leadership and career development organization, FFA offers endless opportunities for young people. "Students can compete in 11 Leadership Development Events, 15 Career Development Events, 47 Proficiency award areas and take part in state fair and agricultural science exhibits. They can also participate in the Washington Leadership Conference, National FFA Convention, National Band/Chorus as well as learn to run a meeting, conduct service projects with local impact, gain life skills through their Supervised Ag Experience project and network with others."



Since the year 2000, Sioux Valley Energy members and employees have awarded more than \$1.6-Million to worthwhile causes throughout the cooperative's service territory. The program works by members rounding up their electric bill and employees deducting a small amount from their paychecks.

The average members will contribute \$6.00/year; the most they can contribute is \$11.88/year. These dollars are tax deductible.

For more information on how to apply for Operation Round, log on to: <https://www.siouxvalleyenergy.com/my-community/operation-roundup>



Mark Your Calendar!

ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD IN PIPESTONE

The Sioux Valley Energy Board of Directors has set the date and location of the 2019 Annual Meeting.

This year, the meeting will be held at the

Pipestone Area School in Pipestone Minnesota on Tuesday, June 4.

The meeting will include a short business session as required by the bylaws and the musical group 'Divas Through the Decades' will perform. 'Divas Through the Decades' is a musical tribute to some of the most influential female vocalists in American pop music, featuring songs from the 40's, through today's current hits. There will also be bingo with prizes, kids activities and an electric vehicle tailgate. If you would like to enter your EV in the tailgate event, contact Sheila Gross at 800-234-1960.



Join us in celebrating 80 years!

Sioux Valley Energy Annual Meeting

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

Pipestone Area High School
1401 7th St. SW
Pipestone, MN

Steak sandwiches provided
by the Pipestone County Cattlemen's Association
and ice cream provided by the
Pipestone County American Dairy Association

Meeting Schedule

5:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

- Registration
- Complimentary Meal
- Activity Fair:
 - Electric Vehicle Tailgate -
(Contact SVE to put your EV on display)
 - Bingo with Prizes
 - Children's Games/Bouncy House

6:45 p.m. - 7:20 p.m.

- Annual Meeting
 - Kids movie during meeting

7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

'Divas Through the Decades'

Musical tribute to some of the most influential female vocalists in American pop music, featuring songs from the 40's, through today's current hits.

Please use the north door and circle drive door to enter/register.

Celebrating Midsommar

For 150 Years,
Dalesburg
Community
Has Gathered
in Celebration

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It was important to the first Swedes who came to Dakota Territory in the 1860s.

For the past 150 years, the community of Dalesburg in the southeast corner of South Dakota has gathered to celebrate Midsommar with a distinctly Scandinavian flair.

Every summer, the community holds the Dalesburg Midsommar Festival to honor its heritage and to celebrate its future.

The first Swedes arrived in the area of Dakota Territory in 1868, so the first Midsommar was celebrated June 24, 1869, said Ron Johnson, a member of the committee who organizes the Dalesburg Midsommar Festival set for Friday, June 21.

“We have oral history written down in the 1940s that the first Midsommar picnic was held in 1882,” said Johnson, noting that Midsommar was observed before that picnic.

Johnson noted that one settler’s memoir noted that a Swedish man arrived by train in Beresford and then headed southwest until he encountered the Midsommar



A Moeller pipe organ was added to the Dalesburg church in 1916.

gathering at Dalesburg.

By 1896, the festival had expanded to include a ball game and foot races.

“It was considered important to the first Swedes that came to this county,” said Johnson.

Around World War I, the festival moved to the grounds of the Dalesburg Lutheran Church.

“The holiday observance is older than the church,” Johnson said.

The Clay County church, located north of Vermillion, was formed in 1871 to serve a largely Swedish community in what was then Dakota Territory. The congregation first met in a



Dancing around a midsummer pole with ring dances is part of the celebration.



Weather permitting, Midsummer performances take place on the grounds of Dalesburg Lutheran Church.

sod house before building it's first church in 1874. By 1897, the current sanctuary was constructed.

The farming community of Dalesburg (in Swedish: Dalsborg) is from Dalarna – the name of the province from where many of the first homesteaders came in central Sweden. Today the residents of the Dalesburg Community are served by the Vermillion, Beresford, Centerville, and Burbank Post Offices.

About 600 people attend the festival each summer. More than 300 people eat at the Scandinavian smörgåsbord held in the church's basement while others visit one of several food stands on the church grounds at 30595 University Road, Vermillion.

“The smörgåsbord supper features Swedish-American dishes typical of what people ate 100 to 125 years ago,” Johnson said. “We still try to remember these old recipes and things.”

Several community members gathered in May to help make potatis korv, a Swedish potato sausage that will be served in June.

The festival starts at 1 p.m. and concludes with a ballgame that night.

This year's featured performer is Church Suchy, a performer and songwriter from Mandan, N.D.

“He does stories about rural life in the 1950s into the 1970s,” said Johnson, noting that past performers at the festival have included visiting groups from Sweden, Norway and Denmark.

High water in the area will make the trek to the festival a bit tricky, but well worth the drive.

Among the routes Johnson recommended were to turn off of Interstate 29 at the Beresford exit and go west a ways and then south on University Road or alternatively go to Vermillion and head north on University Road.

Johnson had one last bit of advice for those venturing to the 2019 festival.

“It's a good idea to bring your own lawn chairs and insect repellent, especially this year with the water.”

Midsommar at Dalesburg

Each year the Dalesburg community celebrates the traditional Midsummer (or Midsommar) Festival. The event includes afternoon programs, a Swedish meatball dinner and a free evening concert. It is held on the grounds of the Dalesburg Lutheran Church.

Schedule

Friday, June 21

- 1 p.m. – Food Stand/Inflatables/ Country Store Opens
- 2 p.m. – Afternoon Program
- 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. – Scandinavian Smorgasbord
- 7 p.m. – Evening Program
- 8:30 p.m. – Ball Game

Earth Day Giveaway a Success



Sioux Valley Energy's Earth Day event was held on Tuesday, April 23. Approximately 1,000 bare-root seedling trees were given away in less than eight hours to members. The SVE Board of Directors adopted a strategic initiative geared towards caring for the environment and the Earth Day Tree Giveaway is just one way the cooperative is working towards that initiative. Pictured to the left is Sioux Valley Energy's Jay Buchholz giving away the very first four-pack of trees to a Sioux Valley Energy member. The cooperative plans to hold the event again next year. Senator Gaylord Nelson created Earth Day in the Spring of 1970 to bring the issue of pollution to national attention.

Verhoek's win Smart Thermostat



Gerret and Kathy Verhoek of Bruce are the winners for the First Quarter Energy Makeover Contest. They won up to \$600 towards the purchase, installation and programming of a Smart Thermostat. They are pictured here with their sons Chris and Adam.

Get the Inside "Scoop" on Energy Savings

and enjoy Sundaes  on a Sunday

Sunday, July 28 (2-4 p.m. - open house)
SVE Brandon Service Center

Put the power of energy savings in your hands and learn about Sioux Valley Energy's programs designed to help you become more efficient and save money!

- Time of Use Rate
- Smart Hub App
- Electric Vehicle Program
- SVE Rebates and Incentives

Family Fun Event!

Enjoy B&G Milkyway Ice Cream

Enter this quarter's contest for a chance to win a new refrigerator! Send us your ugly fridge photos!

QUARTERLY CHALLENGE TO SAVE MONEY AND WIN BIG!

You Could be a Winner!

Watch for our quarterly Energy Makeover Contest to have chances to win valuable prizes to enhance efficiency and conservation efforts in your home or business. Learn how little changes can help you save big! The information gathered will help Sioux Valley Energy continue to educate our members about energy saving practices, safety, and to ensure the programs we offer meet your needs.

Do you have an ugly, old, inefficient refrigerator that's chilling your energy dollars? Send us a picture and enter for a chance to win up to \$2,200 towards purchasing a new Energy Star rated refrigerator at a retailer of your choice. Members will get to vote for their favorite "ugly fridge" finalist at the Annual Meeting in Pipestone on June 4th.

*Please complete the entry below and mail to Sioux Valley Energy, Energy Makeover Contest, PO Box 216, Colman, SD 57017. The entry is also available online at www.siouxvalleyenergy.com. Send/email a picture of your "Ugly Fridge". One entry per member. Enter by **May 29th, 2019**. (Winner must provide an estimate/invoice for the energy star rated refrigerator of their choosing from any retailer. Check will be issued to retailer up to \$2,200 (not to exceed the cost of new refrigerator/recycling of old appliance. Proof of disposal of old appliance required via retailer/recycler affidavit. Refrigerator must be purchased by December 1, 2019.)*

CHALLENGE - SECOND QUARTER

UGLY FRIDGE MAKEOVER

Did you know that refrigeration accounts for about 8 percent of your energy dollars?

The first step in reducing your energy consumption is understanding where the majority of your energy dollars go. Heating, cooling and water heating account for at least 50%, followed by your clothes washer/dryer and refrigerator/freezer. Refrigeration uses approximately 8% of your energy costs. Replacing those old inefficient appliances with new Energy Star certified ones can help you save money. Energy Star labeled refrigerators use 20% less energy than required under current federal standards and 40% less than a conventional model sold in 2001.

Selecting an appropriately sized refrigerator is important as well since larger appliances use more energy. Top freezer models are more energy efficient than side-by-side models. Added features such as ice makers and water dispensers, especially through the door, generally use more energy.

If you have an old, second refrigerator in the garage or basement that you use for extra items, consider recycling it or upgrading to a smaller, more efficient refrigerator. It is likely that the cost of operating the old appliance is more than any savings gained from buying in bulk or keeping extra items on hand.

*****DON'T FORGET TO MAIL A PICTURE OF YOUR UGLY FRIDGE ALONG WITH THE CONTEST ENTRY!*****

UGLY FRIDGE MAKEOVER

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Account Number: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

I would like more information on:

- Heat Pump Rebate
- Electric Heat Rate
- Marathon/West-inghouse Water Heaters
- Energy Audit
- Weatherization Program
- Electric Vehicle Program rebate
- Time of Use Rate
- SmartHub Program
- Yard Light Rebate
- Commercial/Ag LED Program
- Irrigation Rebate
- Renewable Energy Credit
- Energy Saving Tips

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

May 30-June 1

Senior Games, Sioux Falls, SD, Contact Nick Brady at 605-978-6924

June 1

Dairy Fest, Brookings, SD, 605-692-7539

June 2

Miss Prairie Village and Miss Prairie Princess Pageant, Prairie Village, Madison, SD, 800-693-3644, www.prairievillage.org

June 2

Buffalo Ridge Chorale Concert, 4 p.m., St. John Cantius, Wilno, MN, 605-479-3438

June 7

Northern Bull Riding Tour, Prairie Village, Madison, SD, 800-693-3644, www.prairievillage.org

June 8

Festival of Cultures, Sioux Falls, SD, 605-367-7401

June 8-9

Siouxland Renaissance Festival, Sioux Falls, SD, 1-866-489-9241

June 13-16

Hartford Jamboree Days, Numerous forms of entertainment throughout this 4-day event. Hartford, SD, Look it up on Facebook or call 605-941-0809 for more details



June 29:
Rhubarb Festival,
Leola, SD,
605-824-0014

Photo courtesy: McPherson County Herald

June 15

Abbey Road Concert, Prairie Village, Madison, SD, 800-693-3644, www.prairievillage.org

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 20

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

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 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

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