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## Spring Safety Reminders

# Be Aware of Electric Facilities



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**Electric lineworkers have** a dangerous job, but through safe work practices, personal protective equipment and teamwork much of the risk can be eliminated. What they can't prepare for is distracted drivers. Sioux Valley Energy lineworkers are often required to work near roadways. They set up extensive work zone alerts to warn drivers of utility work ahead but unfortunately, even flashing lights, neon orange cones and flagging doesn't always work. We have had several "close calls" where a driver will run over a safety cone or not slow down as they pass. This is unacceptable.

In October three lineworkers from Florida and North Carolina were killed by a vehicle as they were working in a ditch trying to restore power after a storm. Three lives were taken in an instant because of the bad decision of one person. Put down the phone and watch out for utility workers on the side of the road.

We are also approaching spring planting season. Each year we see a significant uptick in public contacts as farmers head out into the field. Overhead power lines can be easily overlooked, and deadly if ignored.

Awareness doesn't spread as fast as an electrical current, but a little goes a long way. Remember to look up and look out for power lines this planting season. Follow these Four S's to Stay Safe

- **SPOTTER.** Get a spotter to be sure you're staying at least 10 feet away from power lines on all sides, keeping in mind that field cultivators and sprayers can reach as high as 12 feet.
- **STUDY.** Educate yourself on any new equipment you may have purchased recently. New equipment has higher antennas and attachments than ever before. What cleared in previous years may not in your new ride. Know what you're working with.
- **SAGGING.** If you see a power line sagging on your property, contact Sioux Valley Energy to fix it. That's our job!
- **SEARCH.** Sometimes trees or brush can make power lines difficult to see. Don't just glance up, really take a minute to search your surroundings when moving equipment.

Over the next several months we will be promoting electrical safety messaging on television, radio and social media. We are going to be out in full force to remind you to be safe and we hope that the message will result in our members being more aware of their surroundings—including the lines in the air and green boxes on the ground!

## REMEMBER FARM SAFETY

Always be aware of your equipment and power lines. If you do hit a power line, stay calm. Stay in the equipment and call for help. DO NOT EXIT until you are told by officials that it is safe.

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## Free Trees Available to SVE Members

# Earth Day Celebration



Earth Day is celebrated on Monday, April 22nd and in recognition of Sioux Valley Energy's commitment to community and caring for the environment initiatives, the Cooperative will purchase a limited number of small **bare-root trees** for members to plant.

**The give-away event\* will take place Tuesday, April 23 at each of the Co-op's service centers in Colman, Brandon and Pipestone. Members can stop by one of the offices on Tuesday April 23 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Any extra trees will be**

**available Wednesday, April 24 and Thursday, April 25 during the hours of 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. There will be 1,000 trees in total available to the membership and they will be given out on a "first-come, first-served" basis. Each member is eligible for four trees in total--two Hackberry and two Black Hills Spruce. So once the trees are gone; they are gone! The give-away event is dependent upon weather, shipment dates and availability. Check Facebook and [www.siouxvalleyenergy.com](http://www.siouxvalleyenergy.com) for updates!**

In Spring of 1970, Senator Gaylord Nelson created Earth Day to bring the issue of pollution to national attention. Twenty-two million Americans demonstrated in different cities and Congress authorized the creation of a new federal agency, EPA, to promote ecology and awareness for the growing issues related to air, water and soil pollution.

**\*Give-away event is dependent upon weather, shipment dates and availability.**

## Rebates & Incentives Available

# Members Saving Money

Sioux Valley Energy offers an entire suite of programs available to members to help them save energy and money. From water heaters and yard lights to energy audits and electric vehicles, the Co-op can help make your home or business more efficient. Take a look at the suite of programs available:

- Water Heater Program
- SmartHub Sign Up Credit
- Electric Vehicle Incentives
- Time of Use Rate
- Weatherization & Energy Audit Program
- Residential Heat Pump Rebate
- Electric Heat Rate
- Irrigation Rebate
- LED Yard Light Rebate
- Commercial Electric Heat Rebate
- Commercial Lighting Rebate
- Commercial Energy Audit
- Loans

### High Water, High Stakes

Flooding can happen in a number of ways including river and stream overflow, excessive rain or storm surge to name a few. Floodwater contaminants can create serious fire hazards if electrical wiring and equipment have been submerged in water.

In the aftermath of a flood, there may be hidden electrical hazards. Before beginning the cleanup effort, have a qualified electrician check the house wiring, assess other damages and proceed with repair work. Then, follow these important safety tips:

- Follow any directives to turn off utilities. If you're advised to switch off the main power source to your home, flip each breaker and THEN turn off the main breaker. You may also need to shut off the main valve for your home's gas and water.
- DO NOT go near any downed power lines especially if there is standing water nearby.
- Take care when stepping into a flooded area. Be aware that submerged outlets or electrical cords may energize the water, posing a potentially lethal trap.
- Have an electrician inspect electrical appliances that have been wet and do not turn on or plug in appliances unless an electrician tells you it is safe.
- A qualified service repair dealer should examine all electrical equipment that has been wet. Certain equipment will require replacement, while a trained professional may be able to recondition other devices.
- Do not touch a circuit breaker or replace a fuse with wet hands or while standing on a wet surface. Use a dry plastic- or rubber-insulated tool to reset breakers and use only one hand. If using a wet-dry vacuum cleaner or pressure washer, follow the manufacturer's instructions.

#### Replace or Recondition?

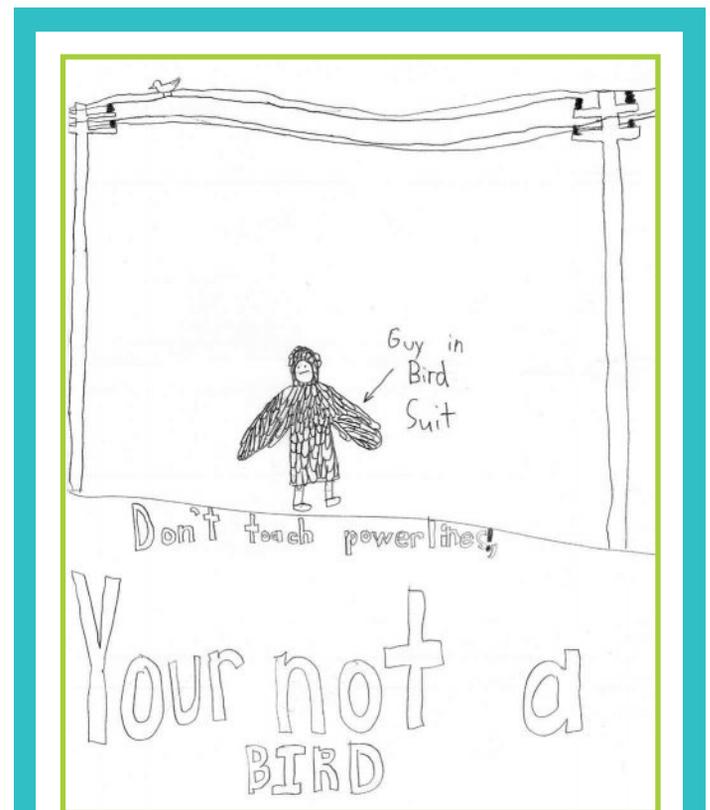
After a serious flood, some items may be reconditioned, while others will need to be completely replaced to protect you and your family. It is recommended that you allow an electrician or electrical inspector to guide the restoration or replacement of any electrical wiring or equipment. Corrosion and insulation damage can occur when water and silt get inside electrical devices and products. Water can also damage the motors in electrical appliances. Therefore, you should be prepared to replace:

- Circuit breakers and fuses
- All electrical wiring systems
- Light switches, thermostats, outlets, light fixtures, electric heaters and ceiling fans
- Furnace burner and blower motors, ignition transformers, elements and relays for furnaces and hot water tanks
- Washing machines, dryers, furnaces, heat pumps, freezers, refrigerators, dehumidifiers, vacuums, power tools, exercise equipment and similar appliances
- Electronic equipment, including computers and home entertainment systems

Source: esfi.org



### KIDS CORNER SAFETY POSTER



**"Don't touch power lines! You're not a bird."**

**Jack Bartscher, 11 years old**

Jack is the son of Jon and Tanya Bartscher, Mitchell, S.D. They are members of Central Electric Cooperative, Mitchell.

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.

# Comforting Casseroles

## Turkey Noodle Bake

1 T. oil	Seasoning Mix, Original
1 cup chopped onion	3 cups uncooked wide egg noodles
2 (14.5 oz. each) cans diced tomatoes, undrained	2 cups shredded cooked turkey
2 cups water	1 (4 oz.) package cream cheese, cubed
1 (4.5 oz.) can chopped green chiles, undrained	2 cups shredded Mexican cheese blend, divided
1 package McCormick® Chili	

Heat oil in large saucepan on medium heat. Add onion; cook and stir 3 minutes or until tender. Stir in tomatoes, water, chiles and Seasoning Mix. Bring to boil. Remove from heat. Stir in egg noodles, turkey, cream cheese and 1 cup of the shredded cheese. Pour mixture into 9x13-inch baking dish. Cover with foil. Bake at 375°F. for 15 minutes. Remove foil. Stir mixture and sprinkle with remaining 1 cup shredded cheese. Bake, uncovered, 5 minutes longer or until cheese is melted. Let stand 5 minutes before serving. Serve with assorted toppings such as sour cream and guacamole, if desired. Makes 8 servings.

*Nutritional Information Per Serving: Calories 325, Total Fat 17g, Saturated Fat 9g, Sodium 530mg, Cholesterol 93mg, Carbohydrates 23g, Protein 20g, Dietary Fiber 3g*

**Pictured, Cooperative Connections**

## Chili Pheasant Casserole

8 to 10 oz. egg noodles	1 to 2 tsp. chili powder
1/2 cup chopped raw onion	1 tsp. smoked paprika
1/2 cup chopped celery (optional)	1 cut-up cooked pheasant
1 can cream of chicken soup	1/2 cup of sour cream
1 T. fresh or dried parsley flakes	1/2 lb. of white Cheddar or Monterey Jack cheese, grated

Cook noodles in boiling water 8 minutes; drain. Combine all ingredients in a greased 3- to 4-quart casserole; stir together. Pour 1/2 cup hot water over casserole before baking. Bake at 350°F. for 40 minutes.

**Laurie Wernke, Lennox, SD**

## Wonder Tot Casserole

3/4 lb. salmon	1/2 cup chopped celery
3/4 lb. tater rounds	1 can cream of mushroom soup
1/4 lb. American cheese	3/4 cup milk
1/2 cup chopped onion	

Put salmon and tater tots in a greased casserole, reserving a few tots for topping. In a saucepan, combine cheese, onions, celery, soup and milk; heat until cheese is melted. Pour over salmon and tater tots. Bake at 325°F. for 1 hour. Season with salt and pepper.

**Deb Merkwan, Yankton, SD**

## Crescent-topped Cheeseburger Casserole

1 lb. lean ground beef	1/8 tsp. pepper
1/4 cup chopped onion	1-1/2 cups shredded American cheese
1/4 cup chopped dill pickles	1 (8 oz.) can refrigerated crescent rolls
1/2 cup water	1 egg, beaten
1/2 cup ketchup	1 T. sesame seed
1 T. yellow mustard	

In a 10-inch nonstick skillet, cook beef and onion over medium-high heat 5 to 7 minutes until thoroughly cooked; drain. Stir in pickles, water, ketchup, mustard and pepper. Spoon beef mixture into an 11x7-inch glass baking dish. Sprinkle with cheese. Unroll crescent dough; press into 12x8-inch rectangle. Cut into 6 squares; place on top of cheese. Brush with egg; sprinkle with sesame seed. Bake at 375°F. for 25 to 30 minutes or until deep golden brown.

**Stephanie Fossum, Hudson, SD**

Please send your favorite dairy, dessert or vegetarian recipes to your local electric cooperative (address found on Page 3).

Each recipe printed will be entered into a drawing for a prize in June 2019. All entries must include your name, mailing address, telephone number and cooperative name.

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](http://www.siouxvalleyenergy.com). Send/ email a picture of your "Ugly Fridge". One entry per member. Enter by **May 24th, 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.)*

## UGLY FRIDGE MAKEOVER

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 City: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**I would like more information on:**

- Heat Pump Rebate  Electric Heat Rate  Marathon/Westinghouse 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

### 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!\*\*\***

## Brookings High School Student Selected SCHOLAR OF THE WEEK

**Ashley Anderson**, a student at Brookings High School, has been chosen as a Touchstone Energy Cooperative 'Scholar of the Week'. Ashley was recognized with a cash award by Sioux Valley Energy and was featured on the KSFY news for her accomplishments. She is the daughter of Shelia and Steve Anderson of Brookings.

Touchstone Energy Cooperatives, like Sioux Valley Energy, and KSFY Television have joined together to recognize the achievements of high school seniors throughout the region. Recipients are highly motivated high school seniors who excel in the classroom and community. This program was founded on the four pillars of Touchstone Energy: Integrity, Accountability, Innovation and a Commitment to Community.

"Ashley is an extraordinary young individual. She has an extensive list of accomplishments both in and out of the classroom. She is an example of what we need in our future leaders and we are proud that she was chosen as a Touchstone Energy Scholar of the Week," said Tim McCarthy, Sioux Valley Energy General Manager/CEO.

Ashley is involved in student council, volleyball, track and field, basketball, fast-pitch softball, cross country and the National Honor Society. She also volunteers for the Harvest Table of Brookings and the Humane Society.



Sioux Valley Energy's Director of Communications and Government Relations, Carrie Vugteveen presents Ashley Anderson with a cash award for her Touchstone Energy Scholar of the Week award.

## KING AND LAROCK CHOSEN FOR WASHINGTON DC TRIP



**Sioux Valley Energy** recently selected two students to represent the Cooperative in Washington D.C. for the National Rural Electric Youth Tour that will be held in June. Austen King, junior at Sioux Valley High School and Allison LaRock, sophomore at Hills-Beaver Creek High School were chosen as the representatives. King is the son of Keith King & Candice Petersen. LaRock is the daughter of Dan & Marie LaRock.

"Participating in the Youth Tour is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for future leaders such as Austen and Allison. I have no doubt they will not only learn more about the history of this great nation but also develop leadership skills, network with other students and gain an understanding of the importance of the political process to electric cooperatives," said Tim McCarthy, SVE CEO/General Manager.

More than 1,500 students from across the United States take part in the Youth Tour experience each year. The opportunity allows students to learn more about electric cooperatives. They will also visit Mount Vernon, Library of Congress, Vietnam War Memorial, U.S. Supreme Court, Arlington National Cemetery, Ford's Theatre, Washington Monument and many other DC sites. Youth Tour representatives will also meet with South Dakota and Minnesota's congressional delegation at the U.S. Capitol.

King and LaRock were both chosen from a group of students who take part in Sioux Valley Energy's EmPOWER Youth Leadership program. They are pictured with EmPOWER Youth Coordinator, Chinelle Christensen.



SKYWARN® weather spotter training aids volunteers in providing first-hand information to the National Weather Service.

# AN EYE ON THE SKY

## Spotters Play A Role in Weather Alert Process

**Brenda Kleinjan**

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Trained volunteers form a network of weather observers providing critical first-hand information for National Weather Service.

The spotters give first-hand accounts of what they are observing at ground level, an area often times obscured from what radar can detect. (Depending on the distance from the radar, that gap can extend from several hundred feet to nearly two miles.)

“Spotter reports add credibility to our warnings,” said Kelly Serr, who was conducting a training in Pierre in March. “We’re never sampling the lowest level of the storm.”

Serr kicked off the training with some basics: “This is weather spotter training, not weather chasing training. Never risk the safety of yourself or others and do your observation from a safe location.”

In most years, thunderstorms, tornadoes and lightning caused hundreds of injuries and deaths and billions in property and crop damages. To obtain critical weather information, the National Weather Service (NWS) established SKYWARN® with partner organizations. SKYWARN® is a volunteer program with between 350,000 and 400,000 trained severe weather spotters. These volunteers help keep their local communities safe by providing timely and accurate reports of severe weather to the National Weather Service. In South Dakota, several hundred volunteers attend training throughout the spring each year.

Although SKYWARN® spotters provide essential information



Clouds form a backdrop to a power line in northeastern South Dakota.

Photo by: Northern Electric Cooperative member C.J. Lane

for all types of weather hazards, the main responsibility of a SKYWARN® spotter is to identify and describe severe local storms. In an average year, the United States experiences more than 10,000 severe thunderstorms, 5,000 floods and more than 1,000 tornadoes.

Since the program started in the 1970s, the information provided by SKYWARN® spotters, coupled with Doppler radar technology, improved satellite and other data, has enabled NWS to issue more timely and accurate warnings for tornadoes, severe thunderstorms and flash floods.

### Who is eligible and how do I get started?

NWS encourages anyone with an interest in public service to join the SKYWARN® program. Training is free and typically lasts about two hours. Volunteers learn:

- Basics of thunderstorm development
- Fundamentals of storm structure
- Identifying potential severe weather features
- Information to report
- How to report information
- Basic severe weather safety

## Weather Spotter Class

While many training classes were held in March and April, a few are still being offered in South Dakota through May:

**Wednesday, April 17, 7 p.m.** – Bon Homme County Spotter Class, Avon Fire Hall, 106 E 1st Ave.

**Thursday, April 18, 7 p.m.** – Lebanon, S.D. Community Center

**Thursday, April 18, 7 p.m.** – Clay County, S.D., Spotter Class, Vermillion, S.D., High School

**Friday, April 19, 1 p.m.** – Custer Highlands/Elk Mountain, Elk Mountain School, 10222 Valley Rd, Dewey, S.D.

**Monday, April 22, 7 p.m.** – Clark, S.D., Community Center, 120 N Commercial St

**Monday, April 22, 7 p.m.** – Douglas County Spotter Class, 4-H Building, 408 9th St, Armour, S.D.

**Thursday, April 25, 7 p.m.** – Lake/Moody County Spotter Class, East River Electric Power Cooperative, 211 Harth Ave S, Madison, S.D.

**Monday, April 29, 7 p.m.** – Minnehaha County Spotter Class, Washington Pavilion, 301 S Main Ave, Sioux Falls

**Wednesday, May 1, 6 p.m.**, Murdo, S.D., Ambulance Shed, 101 N Main

**Wednesday, May 1, 7 p.m.** – Yankton County Spotter Class, 201 W 23rd St, Yankton, S.D.

**Online spotter training available:** The Cooperative Operational Meteorology Education and Training (COMET) offers an online Skywarn® Spotter Training course in two sections: "Role of the Skywarn® Spotter" and "Skywarn® Spotter Convective Basics". The course is designed for people interested in becoming storm spotters. The course is free and each section takes one to two hours to complete.

## Weather Ready

### Aberdeen Weather Team Aims to Improve Preparedness and Response

by Ben Dunsmoor

The Aberdeen office of the National Weather Service is bringing together emergency managers, broadcast media, transportation officials, and private sector organizations – including electric cooperatives – to prepare for severe weather events. Officials with the office in Aberdeen held the second annual Integrated Weather Team (IWT) workshop on March 20 to improve communication and coordination between these groups.

"The IWT is an ad-hoc 'team' of people and entities who are involved in the preparedness and response to high-impact weather events," NWS Aberdeen Warning Coordination Meteorologist Kelly Serr said.

The goal of the annual one-day workshop is to meet with organizations and discuss best practices and methods to improve communication with the public before, during, and after a severe or high-impact weather event.

According to Serr, the IWT is a nationwide initiative led by the National Weather Service. The weather service offices in Sioux Falls and Rapid City have held similar events, but the Aberdeen office is the first in South Dakota that is meeting every year.

"The IWT philosophy was born out of the desire to bring together those involved in the weather warning and public safety process," Serr said. "The vision of the workshop is to better understand each group's role in public safety, expectations, and how each IWT member can work together toward mutual goals."

Northern Electric Cooperative Communications Director Ben Dunsmoor and retired Operations Manager Mike Kelly presented information during the March 20 workshop about a mid-October winter storm that caused widespread power outages. The information was intended to help the National Weather Service, emergency managers, and those attending the workshop understand the weather conditions that cause power outages.

"My hope is that we continue to learn from each other, understand each other's strengths and weaknesses and make central and northeast South Dakota as ready, responsive and resilient as possible," Serr said.

More than 30 people attended the March 20 workshop.



About 30 people attended Integrated Weather Training in Aberdeen in March.



# EMPOWER

**Youth Leadership** *Making Your Mark on the World!*

Deadline to apply:  
**Friday,  
May 10th**

## EmPOWER Youth Leadership



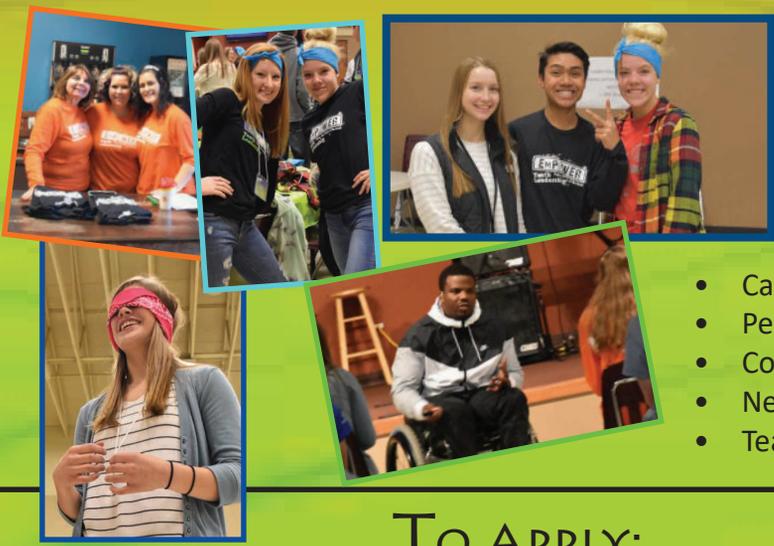
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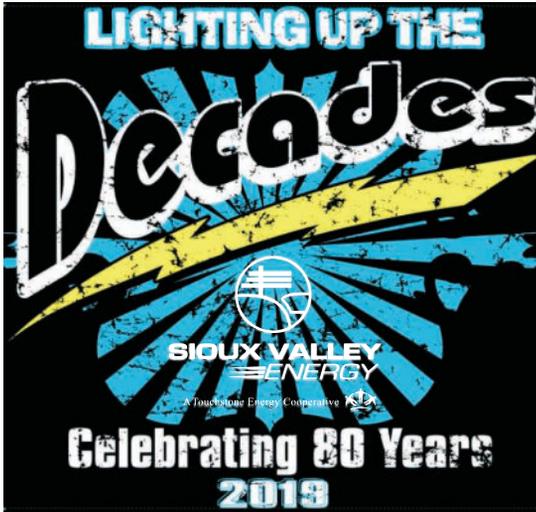
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### TO APPLY:

- Must be a junior during the 2019-2020 school year.
- Fill out an application and return to Sioux Valley Energy by Friday, May 10th. Applications are available from your school counselor or on the Sioux Valley Energy website. Submit via email to [Chinelle.Christensen@siouxvalleyenergy.com](mailto:Chinelle.Christensen@siouxvalleyenergy.com).

[www.siouxvalleyenergy.com/my-community/empower-youth-leadership-program](http://www.siouxvalleyenergy.com/my-community/empower-youth-leadership-program)



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.



## District Meeting Wrap Up

# Roskamp and DeGreef Elected

Nearly 4,500 Sioux Valley Energy members attended the 2019 District meetings which were held in 10 locations throughout the Cooperative's service territory. District meetings allow members to hear from the Cooperative's leadership and vote on local directors to represent them on the Board.

Two directors retired from the Board this year--Henning Hansen (District 1) and Arlyn Zylstra (District 10). In District 10, Lucas Roskamp won the election and Donald DeGreef was elected in District 1. The new directors will be officially seated on the Board after the June 4 Annual Meeting.



Pictured (L to R): Lucas Roskamp is elected to the District 10 Board seat due to the retirement of Arlyn Zylstra. Donald DeGreef will serve as the District 1 director. Manager, Tim McCarthy presents outgoing District 1 director, Henning Hansen, with a Board resolution thanking him for his 20 years

# Fun Rolls into Huron

Wheel Jam Celebrates Two, Four and 18 Wheels – and more

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**More than 40 competitors are also expected for the South Dakota BBQ Championships.**

Whether two wheels, four wheels or 18 wheels, vehicles of all types will be rolling into Huron May 31-June 2 for the 16th annual Wheel Jam.

The celebration of transportation takes place on the South Dakota State Fair Grounds and will include the 13th annual Original South Dakota BBQ Championships cook off as well as musical entertainment.

Organizers of the event note, “When semi-trucks, classic cars, motorcycles, stock car races, and a few rock and roll bands all get together, it means one awesome weekend for the state of South Dakota!”

Between the concurrent shows for big rigs, cars and pickups and motorcycles, visitors to Wheel Jam will see thousands of gleaming wheels. They can also watch (or be in) the BIG RIGS run in the Dynamic Engine Brake Competition, listen to



A truck in the 2017 Wheel Jam Dynamic Engine Brake Competition gives the course a run.



classic rock bands in South Dakota or just sit back and enjoy the weekend on the South Dakota State Fair Grounds.

Smokin' hot wheels won't be the only

## Wheel Jam Schedule

### Poker Run

**Friday, May 31** • 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. • Registration: 5 p.m. at Red Arrow Bar – A free will offering meal will be served during registration. The poker run is open to all vehicles. Entry fee: \$10. The entry fee includes admission into the Big Jim Jam Fest.

### Pick-Up Party

**Saturday, June 1** • Registration from 9 a.m. to noon; show from noon to 4 p.m. • Awards at 4 p.m.

Come to Wheel Jam and bring your 25+ year old pickup – in any stage of repair or dis-repair. No fee to park in designated area! We will be giving trophies for the pickup that is the ugliest, best of show, and came the furthest. Come park your pickup, set up your camper/lawn chair and set back and enjoy the fun!

### Make It Mine Show-n-Shine (Classic cars/motorcycles)

**Saturday, June 1** • Registration from 9 a.m. to noon; show from noon to 4 p.m. • Awards at 4 p.m.

There is no entry fee to participate in the Make it Mine Show n' Shine. Vehicles do not have to be in a "judged car show" condition. Winners are chosen by trophy sponsors. Each sponsor will choose from cars and bikes to award its trophy to. There is no criteria to follow. The winner is chosen based on the sponsor's preference.

### 11th Annual Midwest SPL Sound Competition

**Saturday, June 1** • Registration from 10 a.m.-11 a.m. • Qualifying Time: 11 a.m.

JM & TEAM FLEXICUTION presents the 11th annual Midwest SPL Sound Competition located in the Hippodrome.

### Wheel Jam Parade

**Saturday, June 1** • 10:30 a.m. • Participants line-up on Market Street starting at 9 a.m. – All wheels are welcome to participate!

Parade route: Market St. east to Dakota Ave. south to 21st St. and back around to the fairgrounds.

### Dynamic Engine Brake Competition

**Saturday, June 1** • 1 p.m. • Located on Nevada Ave. between Market St. and Gate 3

### Biker Games

**Saturday, June 1** • 6 p.m. • East side of carnival mat

### Wheel Jam Truck Show Light Show

**Saturday, June 1** • Dusk • Located in West Machinery

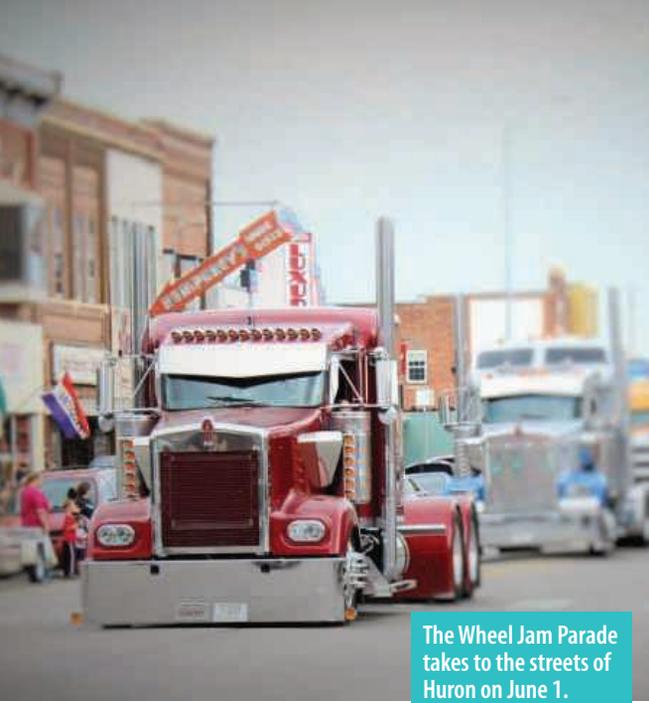
Trucks will tune into Big Jim 93.3 from 10 pm - 11 pm for Saturday Night Rockin' Lights w/ Wheel Jam Truck Show Light Show.

### Backstreet Cruisers Car Show

**Sunday, June 2** • Registration Time: 9 a.m. to noon • Show Time: 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

### Windriders ABATE Motorcycle Show

**Sunday, June 2** • Registration: 9 a.m. to noon • Show from noon to 4 p.m. • Family Living Center



The Wheel Jam Parade takes to the streets of Huron on June 1.

feature of the weekend as grilling maestros light up their grills to compete in the Original SD BBQ Championships. The event began in 2007 and is a Kansas City BBQ Society sanctioned event. Each year, more than 40 teams compete in the event, which offers more than \$14,000 in total KCBS purse. The grand champion wins \$2,500 as well as an invitation to compete at the prestigious American Royal in Kansas City, Mo. The Reserve Grand Champion pockets \$2,000 in the competition.

The event also features the Backyard BBQ People's Choice Competition, which is open to anyone. Participants do not have to compete in the KCBS portion of the event to register for the Backyard BBQ Competition.

And for chili lovers, there's the F.A.T. Friday Chili Challenge on Friday, May 31. The people's choice public tasting is held from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

For more information on the BBQ, visit <http://www.sdbbqchampionships.com/>

Learn more about Wheel Jam at <http://www.wheeljam.com/> or by calling the South Dakota State Fair office at 800-529-0900 or 605-353-7340.



Above: The Wheel Jam Truck Show Light Show illuminates the evening on Saturday. Right: Cars of all types will be on display during Wheel Jam.





# 12 WAYS TO PREPARE

<input type="checkbox"/>	 <b>Sign up for Alerts and Warnings</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	 <b>Make a Plan</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	 <b>Save for a Rainy Day</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	 <b>Practice Emergency Drills</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	 <b>Test Family Communication Plan</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	 <b>Safeguard Documents</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	 <b>Plan with Neighbors</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	 <b>Make Your Home Safer</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	 <b>Know Evacuation Routes</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	 <b>Assemble or Update Supplies</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	 <b>Get Involved in Your Community</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	 <b>Document and Insure Property</b>

## WHAT'S YOUR PLAN?

### Storm Preparation Key

#### Federal Emergency Management Agency

Make a plan today. Your family may not be together if a disaster strikes, so it is important to know which types of disasters could affect your area. Know how you'll contact one another and reconnect if separated. Establish a family meeting place that's familiar and easy to find.

**Step 1: Put together a plan by discussing these four questions with your family, friends, or household to start your emergency plan:**

- How will I receive emergency alerts and warnings?
- What is my shelter plan?
- What is my evacuation route?
- What is my family/household communication plan?

**Step 2: Consider specific needs in your household.**

As you prepare your plan tailor your plans and supplies to your specific daily living needs and responsibilities. Discuss your needs and responsibilities and how people in the network can assist each other with communication, care of children, business, pets, or specific needs like the operation of durable medical equipment. Create your own personal network for specific areas where you need assistance. Keep in mind some these factors when developing your plan:

- Different ages of members within your household
- Responsibilities for assisting others
- Locations frequented
- Dietary needs

<https://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan>

- Medical needs including prescriptions and equipment
- Disabilities or access and functional needs including devices and equipment
- Languages spoken
- Cultural and religious considerations
- Pets or service animals
- Households with school-aged children

**Step 3: Fill out a Family Emergency Plan.**

Fill out a family emergency plan or use them as a guide to create your own.

**Step 4: Practice your plan with your family/household.**

# Family Emergency Communication Plan

FEMA P-1095/July 2017HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

<b>Family Name:</b>	
Home #:	
Address:	
Name:	Mobile #:
Other # or social media:	
Email:	

<b>Important medical or other information:</b>	
Name:	Mobile #:
Other # or social media:	
Email:	

<b>Important medical or other information:</b>	
Name:	Mobile #:
Other # or social media:	
Email:	

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS and INFORMATION

<b>Police/Sheriff:</b>	Dial 911 or ☎
<b>Fire:</b>	Dial 911 or ☎
<b>Poison Control:</b>	☎
<b>Doctor:</b>	☎
<b>Doctor:</b>	☎
<b>Pediatrician:</b>	☎
<b>Dentist:</b>	☎
<b>Medical Insurance:</b>	☎
<i>Policy #:</i>	
<b>Medical Insurance:</b>	☎
<i>Policy #:</i>	
<b>Hospital/Clinic:</b>	☎
<b>Pharmacy:</b>	☎
<b>Homeowner/Rental</b>	☎
<b>Insurance: Policy #:</b>	
<b>Flood Insurance:</b>	☎
<i>Policy #:</i>	
<b>Veterinarian:</b>	☎
<b>Kennel:</b>	☎
<b>Electric Cooperative:</b>	☎
<b>Gas Company:</b>	☎
<b>Water Company:</b>	☎
<b>Alternate/Accessible Transportation:</b>	☎
<b>Other:</b>	

## SCHOOL, CHILDCARE, CAREGIVER and WORKPLACE EMERGENCY PLANS

<b>Name:</b>	
Address:	
Emergency/Hotline #:	
Website:	
Emergency Plan/Pick-Up:	

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Website:	
Emergency Plan/Pick-Up:	

## IN CASE OF EMERGENCY (ICE) CONTACT

<b>Name:</b>	Home #:
Home #:	Email:
Address:	

## OUT-OF-TOWN CONTACT

<b>Name:</b>	Mobile #:
Home #:	Email:
Address:	

## EMERGENCY MEETING PLACES

<b>Indoor:</b>	
Instructions:	
<b>Neighborhood:</b>	
Instructions:	
<b>Out-of-Neighborhood:</b>	
Address:	
Instructions:	
<b>Out-of-Town:</b>	
Address:	
Instructions:	

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**April 26-28 and May 3-5**

The Opland Singers Spring Festival of Music, Friday and Saturday 7:30 p.m., Sunday 2 p.m., Pipestone Performing Arts Center, Pipestone, MN, 507-825-2020 or 877-722-2787

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**April 27**

Spring Fiber Arts Day, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Potluck lunch, Baltic, SD, 605-929-3212

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**May 4**

Consignment Auction, Prairie Village, Madison, SD, 800-693-3644, [www.prairievillage.org](http://www.prairievillage.org)

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**May 5**

Opening Day, Prairie Village, Madison, SD, 800-693-3644, [www.prairievillage.org](http://www.prairievillage.org)

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**May 17-19**

State Parks Open House and Free Fishing Weekend, Pierre, SD, 605-773-3391

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**May 30-June 1**

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

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**May 31-June 1**

Pork Palooza, Sioux Falls, SD, [garrett@agemedia.pub](mailto:garrett@agemedia.pub)

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**June 1**

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

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**June 2**

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

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**June 2**

Miss Prairie Village and Miss Prairie Princess Pageant, Prairie Village, Madison, SD, 800-693-3644, [www.prairievillage.org](http://www.prairievillage.org)



**May 31-June 2: Fort Sisseton Historical Festival, Lake City, SD, 605-448-5474**

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**June 7**

Northern Bull Riding Tour, Prairie Village, Madison, SD, 800-693-3644, [www.prairievillage.org](http://www.prairievillage.org)

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**June 7-8**

Senior Games, Spearfish, SD, Contact Brett Rauterkus at 605-722-1430

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**June 7-9**

Annual Black Hills Quilt Show & Sale, Rapid City, SD, 605-394-4115

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**June 8**

Train Day, Redfield, SD, 605-472-4566

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**June 8-9**

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

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**June 13-15**

Czech Days, Tabor, SD, 605-463-2478, [www.taborczechdays.com](http://www.taborczechdays.com), [taborczechdays@gmail.com](mailto:taborczechdays@gmail.com)

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**June 15**

Abbey Road Concert, Prairie Village, Madison, SD, 800-693-3644, [www.prairievillage.org](http://www.prairievillage.org)

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**June 23**

Variety Show, Prairie Village, Madison, SD, 800-693-3644, [www.prairievillage.org](http://www.prairievillage.org)

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**June 28-29**

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

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**July 6**

Redhead Express Concert, Prairie Village, Madison, SD, 800-693-3644, [www.prairievillage.org](http://www.prairievillage.org)

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**July 6-7**

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

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**July 20**

Jason Brown Concert, Prairie Village, Madison, SD, 800-693-3644, [www.prairievillage.org](http://www.prairievillage.org)

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**July 26-27**

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

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**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

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