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Mitchell Technical College launches careers in a wide range of fields including training for linemen like Lacreek Electric's Matt Kruid.
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2023 Budget, director petitions and 2022 review



Brad Schardin
General Manager

Happy New Year to all and welcome to 2023! I am proud to inform you that your elected board of directors reviewed and approved our 2023 budget and at this time we do not anticipate the need for a rate change! We will be conducting a rate study in March of 2023 to assess our rising costs and the revenue produced by our last board approved rates back in 2017. That is good news as we continue to see prices for anything and everything going up, up and up. Your monthly electrical use is specific to you and your household so comparing it to your neighbors really does not provide you much value as you may have more family members, an older home with less insulation, different usage patterns and a whole list of items relative to you and your house, farm or business. I encourage you to consider utilizing the SmartHub billing app to review and analyze how you use your electricity each day and how it compares to last month or last year. SmartHub is an excellent tool for you providing valuable comparison data along with the associated weather patterns for you to use and review. Go to southeasternelectric.com website for more information on how to sign up.

Please pay attention to the information on page 14 for your notice for director petitions available in Districts #1 (western Sioux Falls area), District #4 (west Tea area) and the open Director District #7 (east Tea and Sioux Falls area). As required by electric cooperative law in South Dakota, directors will be selected at our upcoming 85th Annual Meeting scheduled for Thursday night June 8, 2023, at the Lennox High School Auditorium in Lennox, S.D. Director petitions are available starting Feb. 10, 2023, at our Alcester, Marion or Sioux Falls office locations during regular office hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (excluding major holidays). Petitions must be circulated for member signatures that will be counted, verified, notarized for validation and are due on or before 3 p.m. (CST) Friday, April 21, 2023, at one of the above listed office locations during normal office hours. Please stop by our offices, give us a call, or visit our website at southeasternelectric.com for more information on being a director of your electric cooperative. If you call, please ask our Member Services Representative

to visit with a Management Staff person about your director eligibility requirements. Thanks in advance for your interest and participation in your electric cooperative!


Southeastern had a record-breaking year in all areas combatting some extreme weather patterns and thankfully we were able to avoid major storm damages in 2022. Those extreme weather conditions last year created record level demands for electricity for your homes, farms, irrigation, small and large commercial use overall. We are proud to say that working with our Cooperative Power Supply Systems like Basin Electric in Bismarck, N.D. and East River in Madison, S.D., we were able to deliver to our members the reliable and affordable electric power you needed while still operating with our 2017 board approved rates.


Our membership continues to grow at a record setting pace with many urban, rural agricultural and commercial loads popping up all over our service area. With record setting growth in new services and the extreme hot/cold weather conditions in 2022, we set new all-time records for electric sales as well. Overall, we saw our electric sales increase more than 7 percent and we added almost 1,300 new electric services this year surpassing our 2021 record year of just over 1,000 new services. Our employee group and electrical contractors continue to “knock it out of the park” with their excellent work constructing, maintaining, billing and working with our members for all your electrical needs. Despite all the challenges that 2022 brought we are proud that we made it through in good financial condition and are appreciative of your efforts being diligent with paying your bills, keeping us informed and meeting any payment arrangements necessary to keep your electricity flowing! I am extremely proud to work with your elected board of directors and such a dedicated workforce of employees determined to meet our strategic planning mission statement of “Member Focused – Member Driven” for you, the Member/Owners of Southeastern Electric Cooperative.

Happy New Year to each of you and All the Best in 2023 from your board of directors, management and employees here at Southeastern Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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Board summary report for December 2022

The Board of Directors of Southeastern Electric Cooperative met in Marion on Thursday, December 22, 2022, with all directors present. Also, present were Manager Brad Schardin, Attorney Mike Nadolski and staff members John Euchner, Jon Wunder and Todd Nelson.

Manager Schardin in his report reviewed with the board the following items:

1. Reviewed the Inflation Reduction Act, Bitcoin and the Christmas Dinner.
2. Updated the board on Basin financials, how Southeastern's Ford Lightning is working out and a recent solar coalition article.

3. Discussed the Navigator Carbon Pipeline meetings, recent RUS correspondence and the recent tabletop exercise held in Marion.

4. Reviewed the circulation folder and various member-related issues.

CFO Jon Wunder reviewed his written report, including the preliminary financial report, Basin capital credit retirement, Basin bill credit, East River's margin stabilization, RUS loan status, RUS revenue deferral and FEMA updates.

Operations Manager John Euchner reviewed his written report, which included any close calls, recent safety meetings, outages, and the construction work plan. He also commented on the recent snow and ice storms, future services, environmental status of construction work plan submittals and substation security.

Member Services and IT Manager Todd Nelson reviewed his written report, how the electric school bus project is coming along, recent meter tampering incident, the electric vehicle review, changes for the water heater program outage reporting and load management.

The board acted on the following motions:

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

- A motion was made and seconded to accept the management reports as presented. Motion carried.

- A motion was made and seconded to accept the furniture proposal for the Sioux Falls Office expansion. Motion carried.

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2023 Budget and Annual Work Plans as presented. Motion carried.

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the assignment of capital credits including payment for unclaimed capital credits. Motion carried.

- A motion was made and seconded to adopt Board Resolution #2022-10 Forfeiture of Unclaimed Cash and to proceed with the process in accordance with state law. Motion carried.

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed revisions for Policy 102- Functions of the Board of Directors. Motion carried.

- A motion was made and seconded to authorize all board members to attend the Basin Members Only meeting in January. Motion carried.

- A motion was made and seconded to authorize all directors and the attorney to attend East River's Energize Forum on behalf of the Cooperative. Motion carried.

- A motion was made and seconded to select Heeren and Ostraat as the voting delegate and alternate, respectively for the NRECA Powerexchange (annual meeting) on behalf of the Cooperative. Motion carried.

- A motion was made and seconded to authorize Carlos Hofer and Wildeboer to attend the NRECA Legislative Conference. Motion carried.

- A motion was made and seconded to set the February board meeting for Wednesday, February 22, 2023. Motion carried.

Next regular monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, January 19, 2023, at the Marion office.

Check out this handy electrical fire check list

Electrical Fires do not have to happen. Use this checklist to help you find and fix electrical fire hazards in your home before they can start a fire.

Smoke Alarms – Smoke alarms save lives!

- ✓ Do you have enough smoke alarms?
- ✓ Are they working?
- ✓ Do you test them?

Switches and Outlets – Be on the look-out for signs of trouble.

- ✓ Are they working?
- ✓ Do they make crackling, buzzing, or sizzling sounds?
- ✓ Are they warm to the touch?
- ✓ Do plugs fit snugly?

Cords – Never use damaged cords.

- ✓ Is there fraying or cracking?
- ✓ Are they pinched or pierced?
- ✓ Do you use extension cords all the time?
- ✓ Are cords getting enough air?

Lamps and Appliances – Use them safely.

- ✓ Are you using the right bulbs?
- ✓ Do you use space heaters safely?
- ✓ Are appliance cords protected from damage?

Electrical Panel – Know the basics.

- ✓ Do you have AFCIs?
- ✓ Have you tested your AFCIs?
- ✓ Are all circuit breakers and fuses the proper size?



KEEPING UP WITH ELECTRIC METERING TECHNOLOGY



South Dakota's electric cooperatives recently held an electric meter school in Pierre where more than 45 co-op employees learned about the latest technology in residential and industrial kilowatt hour metering processes. Metering is a key component of providing reliable, safe and affordable power to cooperative members all across the state.

To view scenes from this important training program and learn more about how electric cooperatives work to improve our communities, visit Cooperative Connections Plus by scanning the QR code at right.



Take care when flying kites

Jaclyn Koistinen

Jaclyn Koistinen, 11, is already thinking ahead to spring when kite-flying is a popular activity. She warns kids and adults both to take care when putting that kite in the air. Jaclyn is the daughter of Patrick and Jenilee Koistinen, members of H-D Electric based in Clear Lake.

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.



BRUNCH SWEET BRUNCH

CRAB QUICHE**Ingredients:**

- 1 (6 oz.) can crab meat (rinsed and drained)
- 1 c. shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/4 c. chopped green onion (or fresh chives)
- 4 eggs.
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. dry mustard
- 1 c. milk (or half-n-half)

METHOD

Grease or spray pie pan. Combine crab, cheese and onion. Press into pie pan and up the sides. Whisk together the milk, eggs, salt and mustard. Pour mixture into pan. Sprinkle with paprika. Bake in 400 degree oven about 30 minutes or until set. Let set 5 minutes before cutting and serving.

Elaine Rowett, Sturgis

PRALINE PECAN CRUNCH**Ingredients:**

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

METHOD

Heat oven to 250 degrees. Mix cereal and pecans in 9x13 inch 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 airtight container.

Nancy Stenson, Fort Pierre

CINNAMON APPLE BRUNCH BAKE**Ingredients:**

- 1 can (21 oz.) apple pie filling
- 1/2 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- 3 tbsp. butter, melted
- 2 tsp. McCormick® Ground Cinnamon
- 1 1/2 tbsp. McCormick® All Natural Pure Vanilla Extract
- 1 can (12 oz.) refrigerated biscuits
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts

METHOD

Preheat oven to 350°F. Mix apple pie filling, brown sugar, butter, cinnamon and vanilla in medium bowl. Spread 1/2 of the apple mixture in 2-quart shallow baking dish. Cut each biscuit into quarters. Arrange biscuit pieces, points up, over apple mixture. Spread remaining apple mixture over biscuits. Sprinkle with nuts. Bake 35 to 40 minutes or until golden brown. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.

mccormick.com

Please send your favorite 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 2023. All entries must include your name, mailing address, phone number and cooperative name.

Unclaimed capital credits

Capital credit checks for the individuals listed here were returned as undeliverable. If you or someone you know is on this list, please contact SEC at 1-800-333-2859.

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Mitchell Tech facilities were used for the annual electric cooperative rubber gloving school last summer. *Photo by Billy Gibson*

Mitchell Tech prepares linemen to deliver the 'right stuff' for members

Billy Gibson

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It's rare that you find a cooperative lineman in the state of South Dakota who hasn't been through the training program at Mitchell Technical College.

Mike Puetz doesn't remember all the names and faces, but his mentorship has played a key role in turning loads of wannabe linemen into highly skilled craftsmen over the past 25 years.

Puetz serves as head of the lineman training department at MTC and is giving some thought to hanging up his hooks in the next year or so. When he reflects on his teaching career, he swells with pride at how the program has improved exponentially over time.

There have been many milestones in the emergence of the lineman education program rising to become one of the best of its kind in the country.

Back in 2018, for instance, the power line construction and maintenance school was named winner of the inaugural Siemens-Aspen Community College

STEM award. The honor is given by the Aspen Institute to eight colleges nationwide that provide "outstanding preparation" for students in high-demand jobs and provides selected schools with \$50,000 to apply toward scholarships and other forms of financial assistance.

"That was definitely a shock," Puetz said. "There's a lot of good programs out there, and for us to be chosen for that prestigious award was unbelievable. We work hard to be able to say we have a very strong program, and that just gave us some validation that we're moving in the right direction. It's icing on the cake."

Mark Patterson, manager of loss control services at the South Dakota Rural Electric Association based in Pierre, has worked with Puetz for 15 years. He's hard-pressed to find many co-op linemen who haven't trained under Puetz.

"Mike has been around so long, and I'd estimate about 80 percent of the electric co-op linemen out there today have been trained by him," Patterson said. "They do a fantastic job of teaching the fundamentals, whether a student ends

up at a municipal, an investor-owned or a co-op. And our superintendents do an exceptional job of working with the graduates to help them gain the field experience they need to serve our members with a mindset of safety and efficiency."

Over the years, Puetz said, MTC has not only distinguished itself among similar programs but has also greatly expanded its array of academic and technical career tracks. There are tracks for construction and manufacturing, business and service industries, health sciences, engineering technologies and agriculture and transportation.



Sioux Valley Energy's Cole Anderson learned his trade at MTC.



At left, Mike Puetz has trained hundreds of future linemen. Above, Mitchell Technical College is well equipped to give electric linemen the real-world skills they need to succeed. *Photo by Billy Gibson*

Cole Anderson is a lineman at Sioux Valley Energy based in Madison. He graduated from the training program four years ago and recalls why he selected MTC to learn the ropes of line work.

"I had an uncle who was a lineman in another state and I knew that's what I always wanted to do," said Anderson, a graduate of Chester Area High School. "I started looking at schools and noticed they had limited positions open and they were always taken very quickly. That told me how good their reputation was."

Anderson received his certification in May of 2018, joined the cooperative as a 1,000 hour lineman, and eventually worked his way into a journeyman position.

Oddly enough, he met Puetz a year before he enrolled at MTC. While still in high school, Anderson was on a tour of the facility when he happened to encounter Puetz in the hallway. The two shook hands and after a brief conversation, Puetz said: "If I don't see you here next year, I'm coming to track you down."

Anderson said he finds himself frequently relying on his lineman education and remembering the things Puetz taught him, including those lessons that don't necessarily have to do with line work.

"I think he's awesome. He's big on work ethic and he always told us that no matter what we did in life, a good work ethic will allow you to accomplish your goals and stand out from the rest," Anderson said. "He also had a thing about belts. You had to wear a belt. If he saw you and you didn't have one on, he'd take his off and give it to you."

Anderson and his wife, Sarah, recently built a new home outside of Madison and are expecting a baby boy in March. He said he's grateful for the outstanding

instruction he received during his education phase and is also thankful to have a position at an outstanding organization within the electric cooperative system.

"I just feel fortunate. It's been a great experience all the way through," he said. "I think it's a privilege to be able to do a job I enjoy and to work with professionals who know their craft, and an organization that is focused on delivering the highest quality service to its members."

For more information about MTC, visit www.mitchelltech.edu.



MTC is a prime training ground for future co-op linemen. *Photo by Billy Gibson*

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Attention High School Juniors and Seniors

SEC is taking applications for a free trip to D.C., June 17-23, 2023

Each June, more than 1,800 high school juniors and seniors travel to Washington, D.C., to participate in the Rural Electric Youth Tour. During the week, they learn about Washington, D.C., government, cooperative philosophy and rural electrification. The students are selected and sponsored by their local rural electric cooperatives. The South Dakota Rural Electric Association (SDREA) coordinates arrangements for the South Dakota students.

Who is Eligible? All area high school juniors and seniors whose parents are members of Southeastern Electric.

What Does It Cost? Airfare, hotel and meals are FREE. The only expense to attendees are extras such as snacks, souvenirs and shopping.

When? June 17- June 23, 2023.

How do I enter to win?

1. Must be the dependent of a current Southeastern Electric Cooperative member.
2. Must complete and submit the application and a 50-question test on the history of Electric Cooperatives.
3. Application Deadline is March 17, 2023.
4. There will be a random drawing for three (3) eligible applicants after the deadline date.

Go to our website: www.southeasternelectric.com or contact Brett Snyders at 800-333-2859 or email brett@southeastern.com for more information. Deadline to enter is **March 17, 2023**.

NATIVE TOURISM

Native Tourism Alliance shines spotlight on tribal nation culture

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Sure, many of the 15 million travelers who visit South Dakota each year may have marveled at the Mount Rushmore Memorial, snapped a selfie at Wall Drug or beheld the fast-moving waters in Falls Park.

But how many of them have witnessed the whirling splendor of a wacipi, the traditional Native American celebration of life? How many have paused to watch a Native artist crafting a colorful piece of beaded jewelry?

Several years ago, a blind spot was noticed in the Department of Tourism's efforts to attract visitors – not much attention was being focused on the state's nine federally-recognized tribal nations.

In an effort to address that oversight, the department teamed up with the George Washington University International Institute of Tourism Studies

and the tribes to develop a sustainable indigenous tourism industry by letting visitors know there are many points of interest available for exploration far beyond the beaten paths.

The five-year plan has been described as a “groundbreaking endeavor” and is one of the first initiatives of its kind under the Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience (NATIVE) Act and was unveiled in August of 2021. More than 60 state, local and federal organizations collaborated to formulate the strategy as a catalyst for economic growth.

“I think the Alliance is a potential revenue source for our tribes, and it's a way for us to generate income, alleviate poverty and help conserve our natural resources and culture,” said Dew Bad Warrior-Ganje, a member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe.

The plan identified five guiding principles:

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- Unity - Reunification of the Očhéthi Šakówi Oyate through shared history, commonalities, and collaboration on developing regional tourism.
- Preservation - Promotion of art and culture in order to enhance self-identity and pride as well as preserve the culture, including language and traditional knowledge.
- Woksape - Recognition of Elders as the driving force of traditional knowledge and wisdom in the development of regional tourism and educating the youth to be stewards of the language and culture.
- Education - Creation of cross-cultural bridges and educating the World about Native American communities.
- Self-sufficiency - Development of opportunities for Tribal Nations to become self-sufficient and create pathways to enhance livelihood.

Organizers gathered together and developed detailed goals and methods to achieve those goals. Planners were forced to start from the ground floor as not much data existed to determine the present status of Indigenous tourism.

They initially identified a “rich mix” of 145 existing natural, cultural and heritage attractions and special events to promote, in addition to potential agritourism initiatives.

Nearing the halfway point in the plan’s prescribed timetable, stakeholders report substantial progress and greater interest from visitors seeking an authentic cultural experience.

Calvin Bloemendaal, who has represented the South Dakota Department of Tourism in the Alliance from its inception, pointed out several specific measures of success.

Chief among them is the creation of a nine-day motorcoach tour of tribal territory that starts in Rapid City and terminates in Bismarck. The tour, coordinated with assistance by the tourism department, will begin this summer and will be operated through Destination America and Trafalgar Tours.

“It’s one of the first tours of its kind,” Bloemendaal said. “Destination America caters to an upscale clientele of individuals who like to travel a lot and have been to a lot of places. They’re looking for something unique and interesting they haven’t seen before.”

He also mentioned the progress that has been made in building a network of support for tribal tourism and the development of themed destination experiences.

There’s also a marketing guide that is part of the department’s general ongoing promotional efforts. More than 30,000 of the helpful guides were printed and are being distributed at visitor centers, trade shows and other industry events.

“I was at a trade show in Denver and people were extremely interested in this idea and gravitating toward it. The guide is an effective tool that inspires people to visit,” he said. “We’re making a lot of headway as far as putting together pitches and itineraries to attract more tour operators to the state.”



Important Notice to the Members of Southeastern

Directors' elections will take place at the upcoming annual membership meeting by those members present and voting on June 8, 2023 in Lennox South Dakota at Lennox High School.

If you are interested in being a director candidate for the board, contact us for a petition. A candidate must have 15 or more members of their district affix their signatures to the petition. Petitions will be available on Wednesday, February 10, 2023 and can be obtained by calling the office at 1-800-333-2859. The petition must be returned and certified before April 21, 2023.

Three directors will be elected for a term of three years. The three-year terms will be from districts one (1), four (4) and seven (7).

- District No. 1 shall consist of Wall Lake, Wayne, Sioux Falls and Splitrock Townships in Minnehaha County, South Dakota.

- District No. 4 shall consist of Delapre West Township in Lincoln County, South Dakota.

- District No. 7 shall consist of Delapre East and Springdale West Townships in Lincoln County, South Dakota.

The role of a director:

- Directors must abide by and uphold the bylaws of the cooperative.
- Directors act as trustees for the assets of the cooperative and protect its assets.
- Directors formulate, approve and review policies to provide guidelines for the cooperative.

- Directors are selected to serve on the boards of East River Electric Power Cooperative and the South Dakota Rural Electric Association.
- Directors are asked to attend educational seminars and represent the cooperative at meetings of associated organizations.
- Directors are asked to remain informed on pertinent legislative issues and discuss the issues with elected representatives.
- Directors need to keep informed on current Rural Utilities Service (RUS) and electric industry happenings and how they may affect the cooperative.
- Directors approve budgets, evaluate cooperative operations and review financial reports, work plans and audits.
- Directors need to be available to the members in their district to respond to members' concerns and questions.

Board meetings usually are held on the third Thursday following the first Monday of each month. Current board meeting times begin at 8:15 am with power supply videos and the business meeting beginning at 8:30 a.m. Many times, the monthly meetings last until mid-afternoon and attendance at various other director meetings are scheduled on a rotational basis by director district. Director's regular duties will require an estimated 25 hours a month relating to cooperative business activities, meetings and associated organization meetings.

Scholarship opportunities

WHAT IS THE RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM?

Basin Electric Power Cooperative developed the Scholarship Program; Basin is one of Southeastern Electric's power suppliers. The program is designed to encourage and recognize the academic achievements of the children of rural electric cooperatives. The scholarship must be used for educational costs, and the student must enter college in the fall of the school year of which the scholarship is given. Checks will be made payable jointly to the student and the college, and must be endorsed by both parties. The scholarship will be paid in August.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE SCHOLARSHIP?

Only dependent children of member/consumers of Southeastern Electric Cooperative are eligible. Also eligible are the natural or adopted children of a member/consumer. The applicant must also be a U.S. citizen.

The applicant must be a student who is planning to enroll in a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited, two-year or four-year college, university, or vocational/technical school. Scholarships will be awarded without regard to other awards, loans, or financial assistance the applicant may have obtained. Previous SEC scholarship winners are not eligible.

HOW ARE THE RECIPIENTS SELECTED?

Awards are based on academic excellence which includes the following criteria: grade point average (with transcript), work experience, participation in school and community activities, a statement by the student explaining his/her educational and career goals, and a written recommendation by a third party.

WHAT ARE THE RECIPIENT'S OBLIGATIONS?

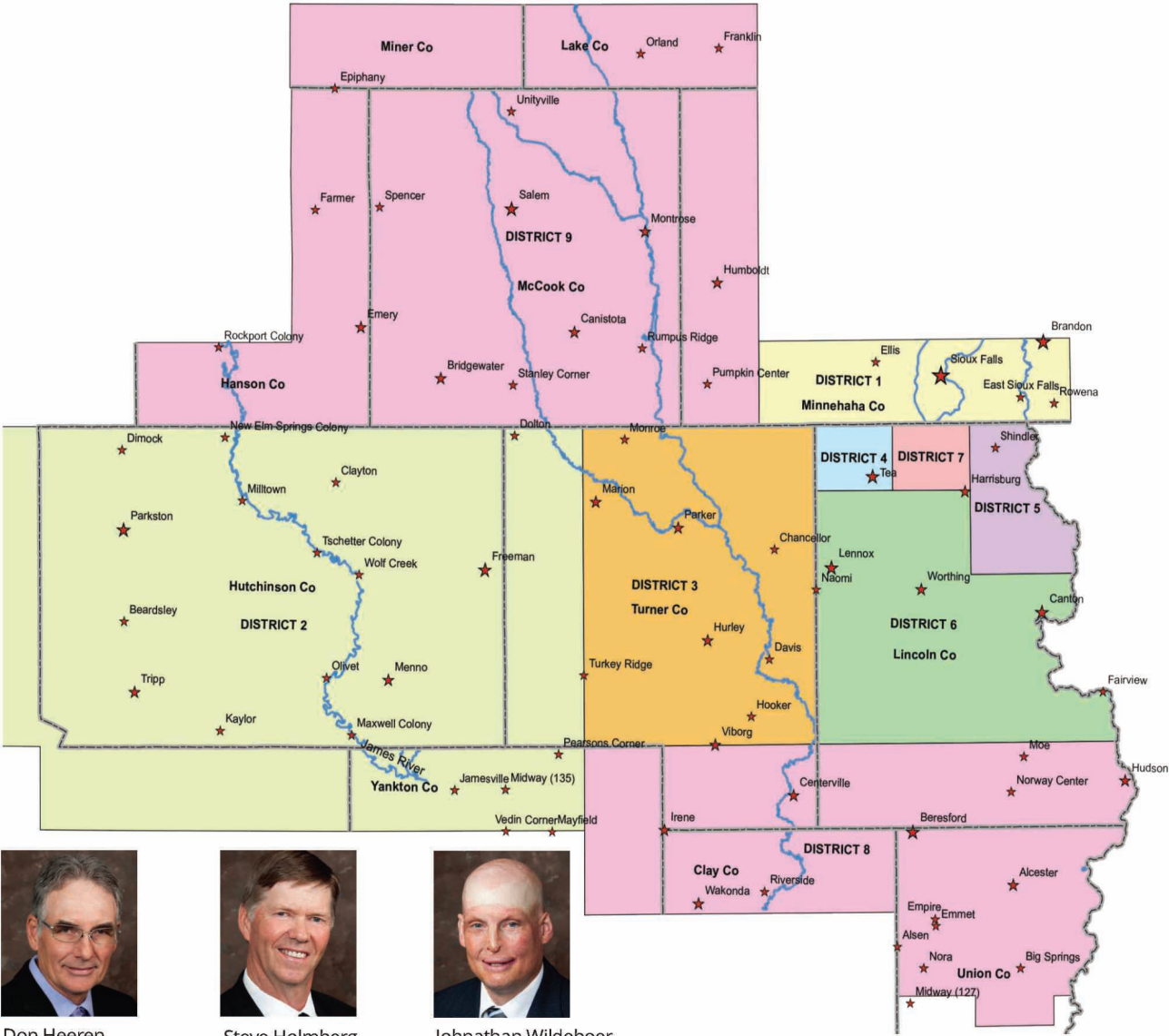
Except for the requirements outlined in this brochure, no obligations will be imposed upon the student as a scholarship award winner. Other than payment of the scholarship, no obligations or liability are assumed by SEC.

Application deadline is Feb. 3, 2023.



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Director voting districts map



Don Heeren
Pres - Dist. 3



Steve Holmberg
VP - Dist. 8



Johnathan Wildeboer
Sec. - Dist. 6



Daryl Terveen
Treas. - Dist. 9



Carlos Hofer
Dist. 1



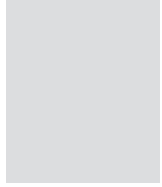
Bob Wollmann
Dist. 2



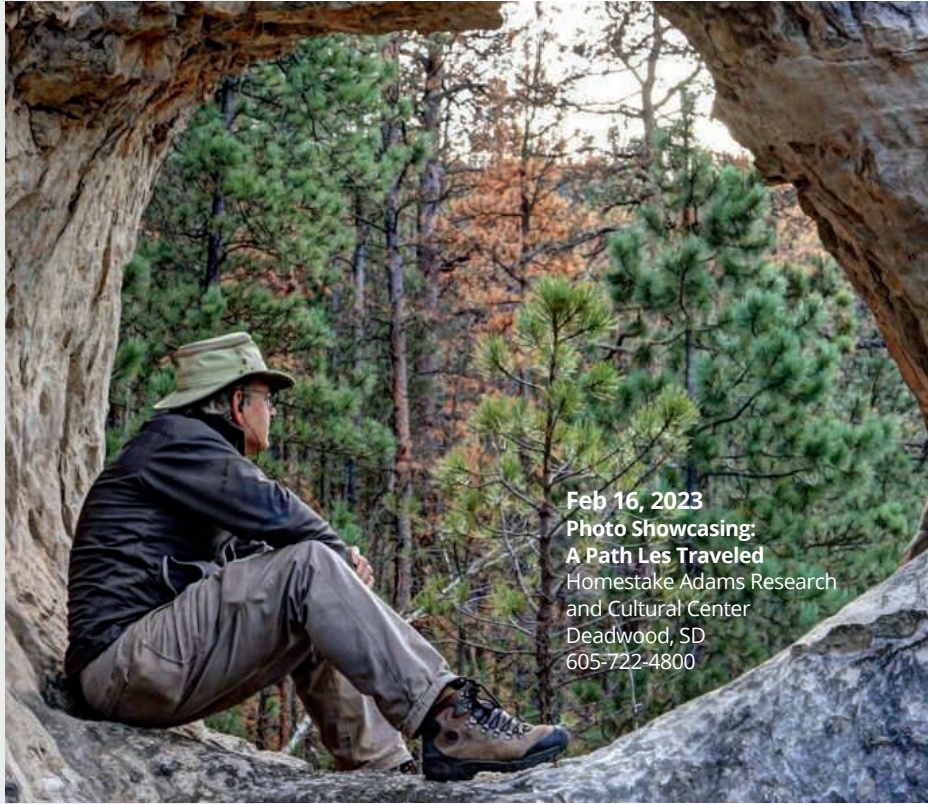
Chris Hofer
Sec. - Dist. 4



John Ostraat
Dist. 5



Open District
Dist. 7



Feb 16, 2023
Photo Showcasing:
A Path Les Traveled
 Homestake Adams Research
 and Cultural Center
 Deadwood, SD
 605-722-4800

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FEB. 3-4
TOOTSIE

Show Dates:
 Feb. 3, 7:30 p.m.
 Feb. 4, 2 p.m.
 Feb. 4, 7:30 p.m.
 Washington Pavilion
 Sioux Falls, SD
 605-367-6000

FEB. 4
Lake Hendricks Fishing Derby

9 a.m. registration
 Hendricks City Public
 Lake Access
 Hendricks, MN
 507-828-2113

FEB. 4
James River Gobblers
Hunting Heritage Banquet
 Highland Conference Center
 Mitchell, SD
 605-999-3208

FEB. 5
Sioux Falls Legion Post 15
Pancake Breakfast

8:30 a.m.-noon
 1600 W Russell St.
 Sioux Falls, SD

FEB. 10-11
Mardi Gras Weekend
 Mardi Gras Events & Parade
 Sponsored by Deadwood
 Chamber of Commerce
 Main Street
 Deadwood, SD

FEB. 11
Songs of Romance
 7:30 p.m.
 Washington Pavilion
 Sioux Falls, SD
 605-367-6000

FEB. 16
Photo Showcasing:
A Path Les Traveled
 12 p.m.-1 p.m.
 Homestake Adams Research
 and Cultural Center
 Deadwood, SD
 605-722-4800

FEB. 24
Calamity's Shindig
 6 p.m.-9 p.m.
 Homestake Adams Research
 and Cultural Center
 Deadwood, SD
 605-722-4800

FEB. 28
BIG Career & Internship Fair
 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
 Ramkota Hotel
 Sioux Falls, SD

MARCH 4
Annual Ag Day
 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
 Washington Pavilion
 Sioux Falls, SD
 605-367-6000

MARCH 18
Shamrock Shuffle Fun Run
 12 p.m.
 Main Street
 Presho, SD

MARCH 25-26
Greater Sioux Falls Model
Train Show
 Multi-Cultural Center
 Sioux Falls, SD

MARCH 30
"The Wildest Banquet
Auction in the Midwest"
 5:30 p.m.
 South Dakota Military
 Heritage Alliance
 Sioux Falls, SD

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