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Brad Schardin
General Manager

We are sneaking up on our **annual meeting date set for Thursday, June 8, 2023, at the Lennox High School Auditorium beginning with a pork chop dinner at 5 p.m. and the**

business meeting at 7 p.m. We look forward to the opportunity to meet with you again at this year's annual meeting. Your attendance and participation in this event are vital for the selection of three board of director positions along with the ratification of the board of directors' unanimous decision to change the principal office location from P.O. Box 388, 501 South Broadway St., Marion, SD, to 47077 276th Street, Lennox, SD, at exit #68 along I-29 south of Sioux Falls. You will vote on our normal rotation of three **Directors up for election for 3-year terms. District #1 (western Sioux Falls area), District #4 (west Tea area) and the open Director District #7 (east Tea and Sioux Falls area).** Any director nomination petitions that were submitted on or before 3:00 p.m. (CST) Friday, April 21, 2023,

will be listed on the ballot in random order for you with more details on their background and general information. We look forward to visiting with you again at our annual meeting!

The 85th Annual Meeting Report will be mailed to you next month and attached in the center section of your Cooperative Connections magazine for your review ahead of time. This material will include a report from Board President/General Manager Don Heeren and myself along with the financial report from Treasurer Daryl Terveen and CFO Jon Wunder. Director profiles will be provided on all candidates who have taken out a petition for their available variety of activities that will be available prior to the official business meeting. Efforts will be made to keep you and our employees safe while conducting the business critical to keeping your electric cooperative operating strong.

Jans Corporation continues making progress on our Sioux Falls office construction south along I-29 and east on exit #68. These changes and improvements will allow your electric cooperative to have all management staff level positions located in this facility along with an expanded board room



Progress is being made on the second story roof at the Sioux Falls office expansion.

and a meeting room to adequately handle all our directors and employees now and into the future. At our March board meeting your board of directors unanimously approved a change of our principal office location for official mailing, notifications, and overall operations for your electric cooperative to this new facility continuing our longstanding tradition of looking for ways to operate more efficiently and effectively for all our members. All our other office/warehouse locations will continue to operate as normal. This change is administrative in nature and does not alter the obligation to provide our members with reliable, affordable, and dependable electric service from each of our office/warehouse locations. More information on the change of location will be provided in your 2023 Annual Meeting Report that will be in the center section of next month's June issue and mailed to our members.

We sure hope each of you enjoyed a Blessed Easter weekend! It sounds like some warmer weather is on the way and hopefully with the gradual snow thawing over the past month, we can look for some gentle spring showers to bring on the May flowers! As always, please give us a call if you have any questions about your electric cooperative.



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SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, June 8, 2023

Join us for Southeastern Electric's Annual Membership Meeting

The annual membership meeting for Southeastern Electric Cooperative has been set for Thursday, June 8, 2023 at the Lennox High School. Tentative plans call for the registration to begin at 5:00 p.m. and the meeting's call to order scheduled for 7:00 p.m.

We are asking any Members with an EV to consider participating in our Second Annual EV Car Show. This car show will take place in conjunction with our annual meeting beginning at 4:30 p.m. at the Lennox High School parking lot on June 8, 2023. Members participating in the EV Car Show with their car will be provided with a \$100 bill credit for attending and showing their EV to our membership that night.

Do not forget to put June 8th on your calendar and attend your cooperative's annual meeting.

Like to Cook? Send us your favorite recipes!

We are looking for original recipes that are a hit at your house. Each month we hold a drawing from the recipes that are submitted for a \$10 credit on the winner's electric account. All recipes submitted will be entered in a yearly drawing for a grand prize at the Annual Membership Meeting held each June.

All recipes we receive are forwarded to SDREA for possible publication in Southeastern Electric Cooperative Connections. This month's recipe topic is dairy. Recipes for the June 2023 magazine should be submitted by May 1. You may email your recipes to brett@southeastern.coop. July's recipe topic is desserts.

Workplace Safety: Avoid Common Electrical Hazards

Contact with or exposure to electricity is one of the leading causes of workplace fatalities. Follow these tips to avoid electrical injury:

Overhead Power Line Contact

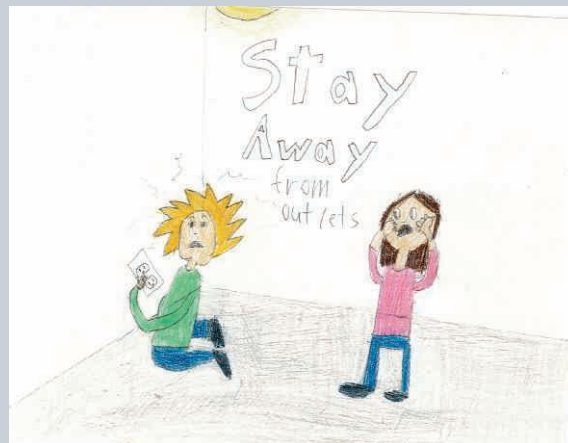
- 46% of all electrical fatalities are caused by contact with overhead power lines
- 57% of overhead power line fatalities were in non-electrical occupations
- Always assume all lines are live and dangerous
- Always look up; be aware of overhead power lines
- Keep yourself and equipment at least 10 feet away from overhead power lines
- Do not touch anything that is in contact with overhead power lines
- Carry equipment, including ladders, horizontally to avoid contact with power lines
- Stay at least 35 feet away from downed lines

Accidental Contact with Energized Conductors or Parts

- 45% of all electrical fatalities were caused by working on or near energized conductors or parts
- 74% of these fatalities were in electrical occupations
- Always test for voltage before you perform work. Be sure to also test the area around the equipment you are working on to avoid accidental contact with energized equipment
- Always perform a site and risk assessment before conducting work. Hazards exist on and near the equipment you are working on
- When possible, turn off power before conducting work
- Follow proper lockout / tagout procedures
- Avoid complacency. Every job is different, make sure you follow the hierarchy of controls and other electrical safety work practices on every job

Electrical Safety in the Workplace

- 69% of all electrical fatalities involved non-electrical occupations
- Know when to say when. If you feel unsafe performing a job, say something
- Be aware of potential electrical hazards in the workplace. Avoid electrical rooms and other potentially hazardous areas
- All electrical work should be completed by qualified workers with proper training
- GFCI protection should be installed where electricity and water may come in contact
- Five sources accounted for 92% of all electrical fatalities
 - Overhead power lines
 - Unexpected contact with electricity
 - Working on energized parts
 - Ground faults
 - Damaged wiring



Power Line Safety

Serena Dekrey, age 9

Serena Dekrey, age 9, gives wise advice to readers on electrical safety. She cautions us to be careful around power outlets. Serena is the daughter of Don and Cassandra Dekrey, members of Sioux Valley Energy based in 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.

COMFORTING CASSEROLES

PHEASANT CASSEROLE

Ingredients:

- 1 pheasant
- 1/2 cup melted butter
- Bacon grease
- 1/2 cup flour
- 4 cups milk
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. pepper

METHOD

Mix flour, salt, pepper, and roll pieces of pheasant in the mixture. Brown in bacon grease. In separate pan, mix butter, milk, and 6 T flour. Stir and bring to a boil. Pour over the pheasant that had been put in a baking dish with bacon laid over it. Bake until tender.

Gail Klipfel
Ellendale, N.D.

TACO CASSEROLE

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 pounds ground beef
- 1 package taco seasoning mix
- 1 can (16 ounces) pinto beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 can (15 ounces) tomato sauce
- 1 can (11 ounces) whole kernel corn, drained
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1 cup crushed tortilla chips

METHOD

Preheat oven to 400°F. Brown meat in large skillet on medium-high heat. Drain fat. Stir in seasoning mix, beans, tomato sauce and corn. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to low; simmer 5 minutes. Spoon into 2-quart baking dish. Sprinkle with cheese and tortilla chips. Bake 5 to 10 minutes or until cheese is melted. Serve with assorted toppings, if desired.

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CHICKEN, BROCCOLI, AND RICE CASSEROLE

Ingredients:

- 1 lb. chicken tenders
- 1 cup long grain rice
- 1 1/2 cups chicken stock
- 1 cup milk
- 2 tsps. garlic powder
- 2 tsps. onion powder
- 1 1/2 tsps. whole rosemary leaves, crushed
- 1/2 tsp. ground black pepper
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 2 cups broccoli florets
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese

METHOD

Preheat oven to 400°F. Spread chicken and rice in greased 2-quart baking dish. Mix stock, milk and seasonings in medium bowl with wire whisk until well blended. Slow pour over chicken and rice. Cover with foil. Bake 45 minutes. Remove foil. Stir in broccoli. Sprinkle with cheese. Bake, uncovered, 15 minutes longer or until rice has absorbed all the liquid and broccoli is tender.

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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.

2023 Scholarship Recipients

These Students Received \$1,000 Scholarships from SEC



Sophia Smithback

Harrisburg
High School

Attending: Colorado
School of Mines
or Montana State
University

Major: Environmental
Engineering



Madelyn Kludt

Menno
High School

Attending: SDSU
Major: Computer
Science



Hunter Hagedorn

Tea Area
High School

Attending: SDSU
Major: Computer
Science



Morissen Samuels

Harrisburg
High School

Attending: Northern
State University

Major: Business
Administration/
Finance



**Katherine Lopez
Perez**

Alcester/Hudson
High School

Attending: SDSU

Major: Graphic
Design

These Students Received \$500 Scholarships from SEC



Alexa Brockmueller

Roosevelt
High School

Attending: Wartburg
College

Major: Psychology



Micheal Grismer

Roosevelt
High School

Attending: Southern
Illinois University

Major: Aviation Flight
& Management



Macy Quartier

Beresford
High School

Attending: SDSU

Major: General
Studies

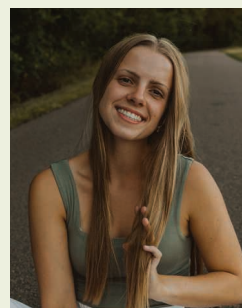


Ella Bialas

Tea Area
High School

Attending: SDSU

Major: Nursing



Sierra Waltner

Tea Area
High School

Attending: Penn
State University

Major: Criminology/
Forensic Science

SEC Board Summary Report

The Board of Directors of Southeastern Electric Cooperative met in Marion on Thursday, March 23, 2023, 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 topics from the NRECA Power Exchange such as the Safety Leadership presented by Federated and the RUS presentation.
2. Discussed the recent irrigators meeting that was held in Viborg, carbon pipelines and the renewable energy credit program. He also reviewed a new substation request, a large load proposal and the SPP reserve margin increases.
3. Updated the board on the annual meeting including reports and communications to members and discussed registration and voting.
4. Reviewed the circulation folder and various member-related issues.

CFO Jon Wunder reviewed his written report, including the preliminary financial report, a summary of the financial statement audit and single audit, FEMA mitigation update and the RUS loan status. He also commented on the on-site health screenings, the virtual retirement one-on-one meetings and reviewed with the board the unaudited Form 7.

Member Services and IT Manager Todd Nelson reviewed his written report, East River's new rebate database, water heater changes, IT projects, mapping/staking software implementation, cybersecurity and load management.

Operations Manager John Euchner reviewed his written report, which included reported close-calls, recent safety meetings and outages. He also talked about the construction work plan, I-29 & 85th St project, future services, equipment purchases and observations and statistics on how the Ford Lightning is performing in the field.

Attorney Nadolski discussed document retention and the statute of limitations for a few areas related to rural electric cooperatives.

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 rescind the motion to amend the Articles of Consolidation related Article 2 to change the principal office from the Marion office to

the Lennox office. Motion carried.

- A motion was made and seconded to recommend a change in principal office from Marion to Lennox pursuant to SDCL 47-21-76 for the members to authorize at the annual meeting. Motion carried.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the bids from Dave's Construction, Inc. and that the President be authorized to execute the 2023 Site-Specific Construction Contract with Dave's Construction, Inc. Motion carried.
- A motion was made and seconded to adopt the Affirmative Action Programs for Minorities and Women, Individuals with Disabilities and Protected Veterans for the calendar year 2023 as presented. Motion carried.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve donations to the City of Canton's Thriverr for Rural by Rural and Viborg Enterprise's Band Shell Improvement Project. Motion carried.
- A motion was made and seconded to select Heeren as the CFC delegate/NCSC alternate/Federated delegate and Holmberg as the CFC alternate/NCSC delegate/Federated alternate to attend the CFC Forum, including the NCSC and Federated Annual Meetings in June on behalf of the Cooperative. Motion carried.
- A motion was made and seconded to authorize Wollmann and Holmberg to attend the SEFP Annual Investor Reception. Motion carried.
- A motion was made and seconded to set the May board meeting for Thursday, May 18, 2023. Motion carried.

Next regular monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, April 20, 2023, at the Marion office.



MEMORIAL DAY
REMEMBERING & HONORING
OUR HEROES
 OUR OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED
MONDAY, MAY 29, 2023

TUCKER KRAFT



SMALL TOWN, BIG DREAMS

Kraft refuses to go down amongst a group of Redbird defenders.

Tucker Kraft's Road to the NFL

Frank Turner

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With a population of 500 residents, Timber Lake, S.D., may seem similar to many small-town communities across the state. The town is known for its scenic beauty, outdoor recreational opportunities, and rich history. However, what really sets Timber Lake apart from the rest is a homegrown NFL prospect: Tucker Kraft.

At an impressive 6-foot-5 and weighing 254 pounds, Kraft has proven himself to be South Dakota's latest up-and-coming football star. Ask any fan of college football and they will tell you that Kraft has the size and skill set to make waves on a professional level.

Luckily, Kraft's talents haven't gone unnoticed. During his latest breakout season as SDSU's All-American tight end, Kraft left an impression on NFL

scouts with his ability to outrun opponents, snatch incredible catches and charge through multiple tackles. A top contributor in nearly every game, Kraft led the Jackrabbits to their first-ever FCS National Championship. The historic season quickly cemented Kraft's place as a top tight end in the NFL Draft.

Kraft recalls the moment everything fell into place: "I just realized that when I had the ball, no one could touch me," he said. "I knew after that season that I was completely capable of playing with the pros."

Timber Lake High School head football coach Ryan Gimbel says he is not surprised to see his former stu-



Tucker Kraft

dent and player on the doorstep of the NFL. Countless hours in the weight room and gym, he said, revealed Kraft to be a student-athlete with incredible drive.

“Seeing the raw natural talent of Tucker spoke for itself and what he could accomplish, but he also had the dedication to take it to that next level,” said Gimbel. “To me, it wasn’t a surprise, and that was our running joke when he left high school – ‘I’ll see you playing on Sundays.’”

Kraft’s journey to the NFL, however, was not without its fair share of adversity. Growing up in Timber Lake, Kraft lost his father to a plane crash when he was only 12 years old. Kraft overcame the childhood tragedy with his two brothers and mother by working tirelessly on and off the field. Honoring his father’s legacy, Kraft followed in his father’s footsteps to become an All-American college star like his father had done before him.

“My brothers took a big part in raising me after my dad died,” said Kraft. “My mom, my aunts and uncles all played a role, but I pride myself on getting a lot of things done independently.”

Steely determination has carried Kraft to the highest level of football, and not even dramatic injury has been able to slow him down. In November Kraft officially declared his name in the NFL draft. Kraft’s friends and family cheered him on as he showed off his incredible strength and skill on national television at the NFL Combine. There, Kraft proved his ability to play alongside the likes of Dallas Goedert, Riley Reiff and South Dakota’s other pro footballers.

“I was kind of star-struck walking in,” said Kraft. “Sitting down with the head coaches of the NFL franchise, you realize that you are at this level now. This is a job interview.”

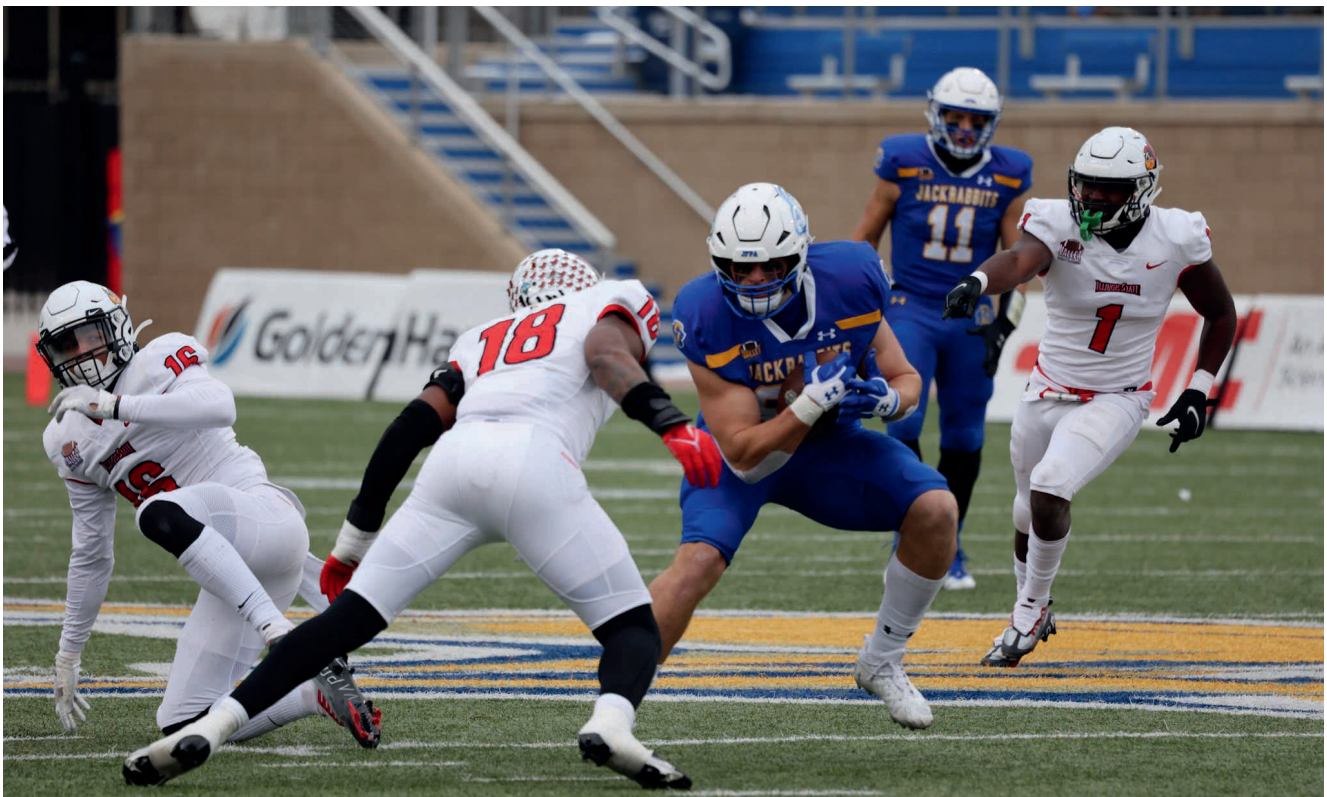
The NFL Combine, however, will

not be the last of Kraft’s time on national television. Ranked as the sixth top tight end, Kraft’s eyes are set on the draft in April. And, although he hails from somewhere small, Kraft plans to loom large on the field as a starting player with great potential.

“I want to go to a team that’s going to use me, whether I’m on the line of scrimmage in the trenches with the big guys or catching balls and getting yards after the catch. I want to make an impact on a team, day one.”

Whatever happens in April, Kraft’s hometown is ready to cheer him on. According to Gimbel, most of Timber Lake is ready to don colors and jerseys that they are not used to wearing to support their hometown kid.

“The buzz in our town has just erupted,” said Gimbel. “Our community, school, and family friends – they all want to see him be successful in the opportunity that he has worked for.”



NFL prospect Tucker Kraft evades a tackler, leading SDSU to a 31-7 win last November against the Illinois State Redbirds.



General Manager Brad Schardin and SEC Board of Directors signed a “signature beam” that will be used for a structural beam for the Sioux Falls office expansion. L-R: General Manager Brad Schardin, board members: Sec., Johnathan Wildeboer, John Ostraat, Chris Hofer, Pres., Don Heeren, Treas., Daryl Terveen, VP., Steve Holmberg, Robert Wollmann & Carlos Hofer.

Directors Make Their Mark on Sioux Falls Office Expansion

Progress with the Sioux Falls office expansion is really coming along. On a warm and sunny afternoon on April 10th the Southeastern Electric Board of Directors and General Manager Brad Schardin met at the site to write their names on a steel beam or a “signature beam” if you will.

Although it will not be visible when the building is complete

it will be used as an actual support beam in the expansion. The signing of a beam was a suggestion by James Sweetwood Project Superintendent for Jans Corporation, the building company that is overseeing the project. Sweetwood noted that it is common to have a signature beam on many of their projects.

Your board of directors feel



Director Chris Hofer writes his name on the “signature beam” during a Beam signing for the Sioux Falls office expansion.



the expansion and improvements are necessary so that we can allow to have all management staff level positions located in this facility along with an expanded board room and meeting room to handle all our directors and employees now and into the future.

At the March board meeting, your Board unanimously approved a change of our principal office location for official mailing, notifications, and overall operations for your cooperative to the Sioux Falls location. However, the membership will need to vote on this change at this year's Annual meeting that is scheduled on Thursday, June 8, 2023, at the Lennox High School.

If the membership approves this change, it will eventually make the Sioux Falls location the Headquarters which right now is in Marion.





ELECTRIC SAFETY IN ACTION

In a controlled demonstration, Journeyman Lineman Brady Gaer uses life-size equipment on the high voltage demonstration trailer to educate students about electricity.

Empowering the Public to Stay Safe

Frank Turner

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Electric safety is a topic that South Dakota students are excited to engage with. They often ask questions like, “What should you do if your tractor equipment touches a power line?” or “How can birds sit safely on a power line?” or even “What does it look like when something comes in contact with high voltage?”

These are some of the most popular questions Oahe Electric’s Chief Financial Officer Valerie Marso has not only been answering but also demonstrating for more than 20 years.

“They always just have tons of questions,” said Marso. “It’s always fun to hear what they come up with next.”

It’s not just for entertainment, however. Oahe Electric and its employees are committed to realizing their goal of zero accidents at home and at work. Part of preventing tragedy starts with educating the public, especially youth, on how to stay safe around electricity.

In the last year alone, Oahe Electric traveled to nine different schools and led demonstrations for more than 900 students. For Marso, verbal communication is only half the battle when it comes to educating students

about electric safety. The real impact, she said, comes from showing them.

“The visuals and the noise that the high voltage makes really lands in a way that you just can’t convey with words,” said Marso. “It can scare the students a little bit, but I think it gives them a healthy respect for electricity.”

Co-op across the state, including Oahe Electric, use three different interactive safety demonstrations to hone their message about safety: Power Town, Co-ops in the Classroom and the high voltage demonstration trailer.

One of the most popular, Power Town, is a small-scale, tabletop model of a few quaint houses attached to a small power grid. The miniature electrical system shows students how electrical current moves through

various items they may encounter in their daily lives, presented in a fun and easy-to-learn format. Line-workers, who work on the real equipment every day, lead the demonstration and teach students about personal protective equipment worn by co-op employees to complete their jobs safely.

Co-op in the Classroom is yet another powerful initiative South Dakota co-ops engage in to promote safety across the state. Working in conjunction with East River's Education and Outreach Program, co-ops meet the students where they are in the classroom to teach local youth the importance of respecting electricity through hand-on lessons that engage and excite the audience.

Lastly, the high voltage demonstration trailer is a portable unit that carries life-size equipment from events to local schools. It's a demonstration that always leaves an impression. Within a safe environment, students get to see actual equipment, such as utility poles, electrical conductors and distribution transformers, in action. Each hour-long demonstration shows what can happen when objects such as animals, trees, ladders and even fruit come into contact with power lines.

"This is equipment that our linemen work on every day, so they are comfortable showing these students how energy works," said Marso.

These demonstrations not only

entertain, but also promote a healthy and safe environment for co-op members and the public. During one of Oahe Electric's latest outreach events, Marso recalled listening to a small group of kids talk about how they sometimes sit on "the green boxes." They were referring to underground transformers. It became a teachable moment that left an impact on both the students and teachers.

"We told them to never touch them," she said. "You never know what going on in there, and it's always better to be safe than sorry. It was at least one person who took something home and actually used it. Moments like that show we are really making an impact with these students."



Oahe Electric Power Supply Specialist Steve Long teaches electric safety using Power Town, a miniature model used in safety demonstrations.



SEWING MEMORIES

The Farmers' Daughters' Sewing Museum is located in Vermillion, S.D.

Take a Stitch Back in Time

Jocelyn Johnson

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A stitch in time saves family memories and sews history together at The Farmers' Daughters' Sewing Museum just outside of Vermillion, S.D. A mom and five daughters hold a passion for sewing and for the history of household sewing machines.

Collecting domestic vintage sewing machines began more than 20 years ago for Sally Abild who visited

auctions with her mom, Evelyn Hanson. There, they found various vintage sewing machines and began collecting them.

"I would see these vintage machines that were being sold for little or nothing," Sally said. "I hurt, in a way, for the families because I thought, 'These are a part of their history.' If I had my grandmother's or my mother's sewing machine, I would be extremely happy to have it."

She purchased 20 machines, not

knowing what to do with them, but wanting to preserve them. They were first stored in an old farmhouse before eventually moving to a milking barn, which was homesteaded by Sally's husband – Dick Abild's great grandfather. The barn was renovated and opened as a museum in 2017.

The museum's collection of sewing machines grew with contributions from her sisters.

"They would come across machines I had never seen in the Midwest," Sally said. "In the bigger cities, there was more money in the mid-1800s when sewing machines started to pop up. You would find a bigger selection in those areas that you didn't find in rural areas."

Sally and her sisters, Gloria, Marie, Linda and Geri, carefully researched the history of each machine they owned, putting them in order and fixing them up. Today, visitors to The Farmers' Daughters' Sewing Museum are able to view more than 120 vintage machines along with treasured family mementos. Sally's family has a legacy of sewing their own clothes. She remembers her great grandmother making dresses from feed sacks and her mother, Evelyn, would sew clothes for the family on her treadle machine, since electricity wasn't available on the farm until the 1950s.

"I had to learn how to sew growing up," Sally said. "If I wanted something new, I had to learn how to make it for myself."

The Farmers' Daughters' Sewing Museum is one of three vintage sewing museums in the United States. "We collect domestic vintage machines – meaning our machines were the first to be used by families in the home and were made of all metal," Sally said. "A machine that has



Sally Abild and her family pose outside of the Farmers' Daughters' Sewing Museum.

plastic in it is not a vintage machine."

One of the oldest domestic, vintage machines on display at the museum is one by Elias Howe, who made the first official patented and manufactured sewing machine in 1846.

"We also have a Singer Model 12, which came out after the Civil War," she said. "Isaac Singer sold them door-to-door to families and was credited with coming up with the first payment plan – allowing up to 10 years to pay for this machine. It's said that Singer's Model 12 was the machine that clothed a nation."

The most unique machine that Sally favors, however, is a Wilcox and Gibbs that came about it the mid-1800s.

"It's a small, chain-stitch machine that was loved by many women back then," Sally said. "They could easily take it

from house to house, and it was easy to use. It's also the symbol we use for our museum."

Most vintage sewing machines tended to be family heirlooms, which were passed down from generation to generation.

"Many women who visit the museum have a machine that was passed down to them by their mothers or grandmothers and want to find out more information on them," Sally said. "Men love to visit too to learn more about the mechanics of these machines."

Sally revealed the transition from vintage sewing machines, made with metal, to newer sewing machines, made with plastic, began when America gave Japan two Singer patents after World War II. Japan capitalized on this and managed to perfect a design that they sold in America for a third of the cost. To compete with this, Singer began to put plastic parts into their machines and before eventually going out of business in 1988. Consequently, the age of vintage sewing machines ended when the convenience and affordability of plastic was introduced.



Evelyn Hanson instilled the love of sewing and vintage machines in her five daughters.



May 28, 2023
Back When They Bucked
 Days of '76 Arena
 Deadwood, SD
 800-344-8826

To have your event listed on this page, send complete information, including date, event, place and contact to your local electric cooperative. Include your name, address and daytime telephone number. Information must be submitted at least eight weeks prior to your event. Please call ahead to confirm date, time and location of event.

MAY 6
Cinco de Mayo Fiesta
 Lake Farley Park
 Milbank, SD
 605-432-6656

MAY 7
Sioux Falls American Legion Post 15 Pancake Breakfast
 8:30 a.m.
 S.D. Military Heritage
 Alliance Building
 Sioux Falls, SD

MAY 20
Buggy Museum Open House
 10 a.m.
 Stockholm, SD
 605-938-4192

MAY 20
Booth Day
 10 a.m.
 Booth Fish Hatchery
 Spearfish, SD
 605-642-7730

MAY 20
Frühlingsfest and Spring Market
 1 p.m.
 Main Street Square
 Rapid City, SD
 605-716-7979

MAY 25
Wine Walk
 5 p.m.
 Downtown Businesses
 Aberdeen, SD
 605-226-3441

MAY 26-28
Hidden Treasure Heritage Festival
 Lead, SD
 307-259-4484

MAY 27
Back When They Bucked All-Day Rodeo
 9 a.m.
 Days of '76 Event Complex
 Deadwood, SD
 605-717-7642

JUNE 3
Health Connect of South Dakota: The Human Race 5K
 9 a.m.
 Sertoma Park
 Sioux Falls, SD

JUNE 11
River Honoring Community Potluck
 5 p.m.
 Clay County Park River Shelter
 Vermillion, SD
 605-670-0540

JUNE 16-18
Fine Arts In The Hills Show & Sale
 Main Street
 Hill City, SD

JUNE 18
Father's Day Fishing
 10 a.m.
 Palisades State Park
 Minnehaha County, SD

JUNE 21
2023 McCrossan Boys Ranch Golf Classic for Kids
 Central Valley Golf Course
 Hartford, SD
 605-339-1203

JUNE 23
Flandreau Fridays
 5 p.m.
 Downtown Flandreau
 Flandreau, SD

JULY 22
S.D. MCC Relief Sale
 9 a.m.
 Pioneer Hall on Freeman
 Academy Campus
 Freeman, SD
 605-925-7009

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