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Find Your Account

A member's account number has been hidden somewhere in this newsletter. If you find your account number, call the office before June 4 and you will receive a \$110 credit on your next month's billing.

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IN CASE OF OUTAGE

- 1ST:** Check the fuses or breakers in your home or building in which you do not have power.
- 2ND:** Check meter for display and readings. If the meter is blank, you are probably experiencing an outage and need to call our office immediately.
- 3RD:** If your meter has a display, check your breaker below your meter on the yard pole.
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 - If you have a billing question, press 2.
 - If you're calling to report a meter reading, press 3.
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Teens Recognized

Eight area teenagers were recognized at this year's annual meeting as recipients of either trips or scholarships sponsored by the cooperative.

Weston Ireland, son of Brent and Tauna Ireland, will represent Lacreek Electric on the 2019 Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., June 13-20.

Each year up to four \$1,000 scholarships are awarded. In round one of the competition, all applicants are judged on goals, work experience, school activities, community involvement and grade point average. This \$1,000 scholarship is sponsored jointly by Basin Electric Power Cooperative and Lacreek Electric Association. This year's recipient is **Cameron Good**, son of James and Jennifer Good.

The second place winner was judged with other applicants from the eight member cooperatives of Rushmore Electric Power Cooperative, to win the \$1,000 scholarship sponsored jointly by Rushmore Electric and Lacreek Electric. This year's winner is **Jessica Begeman**, daughter of James and Jenny Begeman. 632201002

The remaining two \$1,000 scholarships are sponsored by Lacreek Electric Association. These scholarships are awarded through a drawing and must meet three qualifications. First the applicant must be a member or the dependent of a member of Lacreek Electric. Second they must be entering their first year of continuing education and third they must have a grade point average of at least 2.0. There is a random drawing held on all qualifying applicants. This year's winners are **Erica Bakley**, daughter of Mike and Sherry Bakley, and **Tee Allen**, son of Cody and Stacy Allen.

In 2017, Lacreek Electric Association, Inc. added an additional \$1,000 scholarship for a second-year college students who did not receive a Lacreek Electric scholarship the previous year. The 2018 recipient is **Shane Boomer**, son of Scott and Sue Boomer.

Each year Lacreek Electric sponsors a South Dakota Rural Electric Youth Excursion. This year the winners are **Grace Jager**, daughter of Mike and Jessica Jager, and **Paige Pettit**, daughter of Ryan and Tiffany Pettit.



Weston Ireland
 Washington, D.C.,
 Youth Tour Winner



Cameron Good
 Basin Electric/
 Lacreek Electric
 \$1,000 Scholarship
 Winner



Jessica Begeman
 Rushmore Electric/
 Lacreek Electric
 \$1,000 Scholarship
 Winner



Tee Allen
 Lacreek Electric
 \$1,000 Scholarship
 Winner



Erica Bakley
 \$1,000 Lacreek
 Electric
 Scholarship
 Winner



Shane Boomer
 Second Year
 College Student
 \$1,000 Scholarship
 Winner



Grace Jager
 SDREA Youth
 Excursion Winner



Paige Pettit
 SDREA Youth
 Excursion Winner

Summer Electrical Safety Tips for Kids

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

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

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Hazard Recognition

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



NATIONAL **SAFETY** MONTH **2019**

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Falls

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



NATIONAL **SAFETY** MONTH **2019**

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KIDS CORNER SAFETY POSTER



**"Don't
stick toys
in outlets"**

**Jarron
Kruger,**
8 years old

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

They are
members of
Sioux Valley
Energy,
Colman, S.D.

Kids, send your drawing with an electrical safety tip to your local electric cooperative (address found on Page 3). If your poster is published, you'll receive a prize. All entries must include your name, age, mailing address and the names of your parents. Colored drawings are encouraged.

Dairy Delicious

Orange Cream Chiller

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

Combine all ingredients; blend until smooth. Serves 2.

Stephanie Fossum, Hudson, SD

Rhubarb Dessert

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

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

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

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

Roxanna Streckfuss, Mansfield, SD

Butter Pecan Pumpkin Dessert

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

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

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

Arlene BaanHofman, Corsica, SD

Monkey Bread with Sausage

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

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

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

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

Pictured, Cooperative Connections

Goat Milk Fudge

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

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

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

Jersi Kruger, 5 years old, Dell Rapids, SD

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

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

BOARD ROOM

February 2019 Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Lacreek Electric Association, Inc. was held in the office of the Cooperative, located in the Town of Martin, South Dakota, Feb. 19, 2019, beginning at 1 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Schlack and the following directors were present: Clarence Allen, Troy Kuxhaus, Wade Risse, Jerry Sharp, Donovan Young Man, Dean O'Neill, Melvin Cummings, Connie Whirlwind Horse, Brent Ireland, Neal Livermont and Marion Schultz. Also present were Operations Manager Mike Pisha, Member Services and Procurement Manager Josh Fanning, Finance and Benefits Manager Anna Haynes, Member Services Representative Manager Stacey Robinson and Work Order and Billing Manager Sherry Bakley.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the January 2019 minutes.

Additions to the agenda were asked for by President Schlack:

■ Equipment Committee Meeting

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the Mini Excavator from Ditch Witch and The Walk behind Trencher based on the recommendation of the Equipment Committee.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the check audit committee's review of the list of January checks and disbursements. (Donovan "Chairman" Connie and Marion) The February 2019 Check Audit Committee will be (Wade "chairman", Dean and Neal.)

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the list of new members, attached hereto.

The Operating Report for December and the List of Disbursements for January were presented by Finance and Benefits Manager Anna Haynes and reviewed by the board.

Anna presented the January Analysis of Investments which was reviewed by the board.

Stacey reported that call volumes continue to be high; about work in progress on the Cooperative Connection; gave an update on the upcoming annual meeting Directors up for re-election and getting prepared for the upcoming annual meeting.

Mike reported on work in progress; that the line crew has been busy with annual maintenance projects; that the Wanblee East new three-phase underground was tested by Electro Test and Maintenance and was found to be very good; about possibility of sending line crews to Nebraska to change out reject poles; the contracts for pole testing and right of way clearing have been finalized; the amendments to the work plan have been approved; that Altec Mobile Services will be conducting inspections on our aerial equipment; on the status of the new bucket truck and he will be attending the NRECA annual meeting in March.

The safety report was presented by Mike.

Josh reported on the upcoming annual meeting with Summer Bustin doing the catering. The meal will be hot beef with corn, bun, ice cream and drinks. The prizes for the meeting have been ordered and videos of employees Jesse, Cody, Lisa and Stacey have been completed. He also reported that the scholarship deadline is Feb. 22, Youth Tour deadline is March 1,

and Youth Excursion deadline is April 5; that there is an AclaraOne Training March 19-22 which he will be attending; on the quotes he has been getting for first and second quarter budget items; that the consignment transforms from KBS have been received; new truck No. 8 should be delivered this month and the mini excavator and walk behind trencher will be ordered.

Discussion was held on the NRECA CCD courses with no directors planning to attend.

Discussion was held on the SDAC membership with a motion made, seconded and carried to approve the membership.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the RD resolution.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the RUS forms 595 and 674 resolutions with the Secretary's Certificate.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the presented write off member's list.

Discussion was held on the Rushmore Electric annual meeting being held on Wednesday April 3, 2019, at The Lodge in Deadwood with Marion being the delegate and Clarence being the alternate. Donovan is also plan to attend.

The board and staff went into executive session from 2:08 p.m. to 3:35 p.m.

The board came out of executive session and a motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the hiring of Josh Fanning for the Interim General Manager.

Next Board Meeting – March 19, 2019, at 1 p.m.

March 2019 Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Lacreek Electric Association, Inc. was held in the office of the Cooperative, located in the Town of Martin, S.D., March 19, 2019, beginning at 1 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Schlack and the following directors were present: Clarence Allen, Troy Kuxhaus, Wade Risse, Donovan Young Man, Melvin Cummings, Connie Whirlwind Horse and Marion Schultz. Absent were Jerry Sharp, Dean O'Neill, Brent Ireland and Neal Livermont. Also present were Operations Manager Mike Pisha, Interim General Manager/Member Services and Procurement Manager Josh Fanning, Finance and Benefits Manager Anna Haynes, Member Services Representative Manager Stacey Robinson, Work Order and Billing Manager Sherry Bakley and Derrek Larson from Eide Bailly.

Derrek Larson with Eide Bailly reviewed the 2018 Audit and commended Lacreek on a job well done. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the 2018 Audit.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the February 2019 minutes.

There were no additions to the agenda.

The Operating Report for December/January and the List of Disbursements for February were presented by Finance and Benefits Manager Anna Haynes and reviewed by the board.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the check audit committee's review of the list of February checks and disbursements. (Wade) The March 2019 Check Audit Committee will be (Brent "chairman", Melvin and Clarence.)

Anna presented the February Analysis of Investments which was reviewed by the board.

Josh provided additional information on the possibility of using corporate credit cards. The board authorized Josh to move forward to implement the corporate credit cards.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the list of new members, attached hereto.

Sherry reported that the Capital Credit Checks will be mailed to the members on April 1.

Stacey reported she received a thank you from the Running Strong program for assisting with the program.

Mike reported on work in progress; that Altec conducted unit inspections; on the NRECA Annual Meeting he attended; about personnel and on the March 13-14 storm.

The safety report was presented by Mike.

Tom reported on the Rushmore Electric meeting he attended.

Josh reported that Eide Bailly was here for

the annual Audit; on the Rushmore Board meeting he attended and that Rushmore is having an engineering rate increase; that February was the coldest month since 1996; about high usage complaints; about the SDREA territorial lines; on the NRECA annual meeting he attended; about the March 13-14 storm; Weston Ireland was the Washington, D.C., winner; about the T-Mobile tower lease and on upcoming meetings he will be attending.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the Capital Credit Retirement Resolution.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the Capital Credit Allocation Resolution which includes the operating margins and G&T margins.

Mike presented an amendment to the 2018-2021 work plan. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the requested amendment.

Josh said Basin Electric has not announced the scholarship winners and asked if a board member could come into the office and draw for the scholarships once he is notified by Basin Electric of the scholarship winners. Clarence Allen will come into the office to draw for the scholarships.

The board and staff went into executive session from 3:51 p.m.-4:40 p.m.

Next Board Meeting – April 16, 2019 at 1 p.m.



Lacreek Electric Association will be closed May 27 in observance of Memorial Day.



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

RUNNING FOR FUN

Marathons, Road Races and 5Ks Provide Challenge

By Jocelyn Romey

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

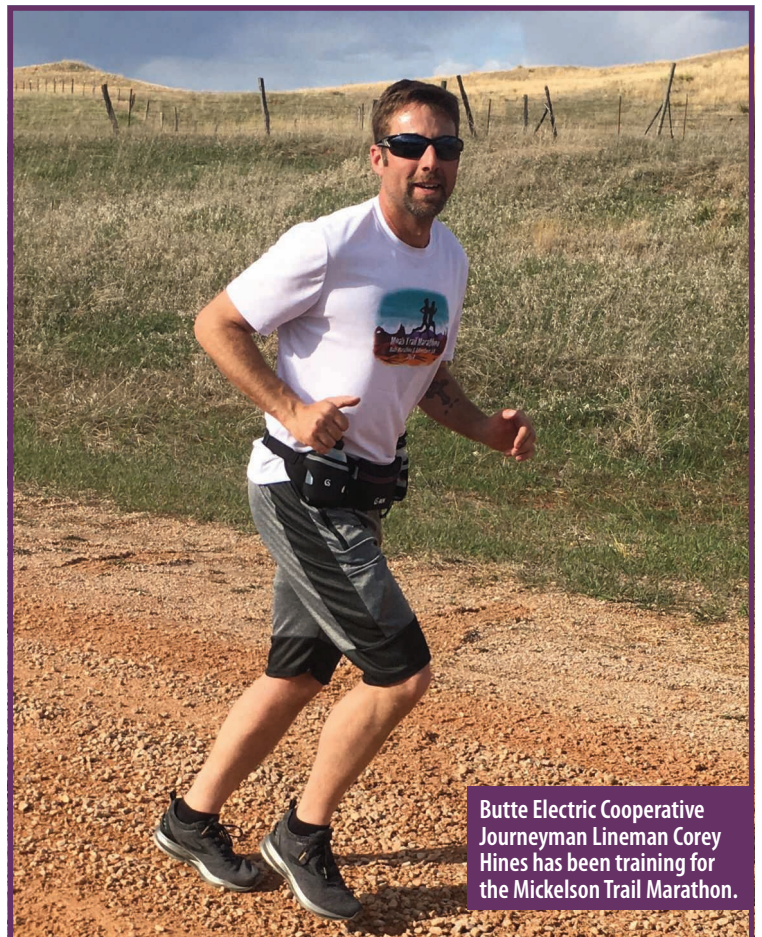
Corey Hines, journeyman lineman from Butte Electric Cooperative in Newell, S.D., will be running the full Mickelson Trail Marathon for the first time this year. He started running recently for the fun of it and it snowballed into a marathon challenge, one he hasn't backed down from.

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

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

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

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



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

Did you Know?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

Tough Mudder

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

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

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

And a tie for the worst obstacle goes to:

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

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



Line Foreman Jesse Byerley congratulates Gary Rayhill on winning a Kindle Fire.

LACREEK HOLDS 71ST ANNUAL MEETING

500 People Fed, 137 Members Register

Stacey Robinson

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Lacreek Electric held its 71st annual meeting in Martin, S.D., at the Old American Legion Auditorium on April 25, 2019, at 7 p.m. Lacreek served approximately 500 members for a sit-down meal.

The kids at the meeting were treated to a movie, "Captain Marvel," at the local theater. There were 137 registered members at the meeting. There were five zones up for election, which all five zones ran unopposed. Zone 1 – City of Martin, Scott Larson; Zone 3 – West Bennett County Troy Kuxhaus, incumbent; Zone 4 –East Oglala Lakota County Connie Whirlwind Horse, incumbent; Zone 5 – Jackson County Neal Livermont, incumbent; and Zone 8 – At-Large Wade Risse, incumbent.

Interim General Manager Josh Fanning thanked the members for attending the meeting and President Schlack presented a clock to Scott Hicks, son of the late E.R. Hicks, on behalf of his mother, Dorothy, for E.R.'s 33 years of dedication for serving on the Lacreek board



Lineman Aaron Risse presents all-in-one digital tire gauge prize to Lacreek Electric member Jim Good.



Journeyman Lineman Dane Claussen presents Lacreek member Lavern Arnold with the ShopVac she won.

Directors Elected

Five members of Lacreek Electric's 13-member board of directors were up for election this year. All five ran unopposed.

Zone 1 -
City Of Martin -
Scott Larson



Scott Larson
Zone 1

Zone 3 -
West Bennett
County- Troy
Kuxhaus,
incumbent



Troy Kuxhaus
Zone 3

Zone 4 -
East Oglala
Lakota County
- Connie
Whirlwind
Horse,
incumbent



**Connie Whirlwind
Horse - Zone 4**

Zone 5 -
Jackson
County -
Neal Livermont,
incumbent



Neal Livermont
Zone 5

Zone 8 -
At Large - Wade
Risse, incumbent



Wade Risse
Zone 8 - At-Large

Director meetings are held on the third Tuesday after the first Monday each month.

Lacreek Electric Association, Inc., Mission Statement:

To provide our service territory with safe and reliable service at the lowest possible cost, while advancing the quality of life by staying abreast of the latest technology available in our industry.

PRIZE

EARLY BIRD PRIZE-INSTAX Mini 9 instant camera - donated by Lacreek
6 gallon 3.0 Peak HP Wet/Dry Vacuum - donated by Lacreek
5-Piece Car Kit - donated by Lacreek
Dust buster 7.2 Cordless Hand Vacuum - donated by Lacreek
Fire 7 8G Tablet w/Alexa - donated by Lacreek
Cordless Tire Inflator - donated by Lacreek
All In One Digital Tire Gage w/Emergency Tools - donated by Lacreek
1.5 Gallon 2.0 Peak Portable Wet/Dry Vacuum - donated by Lacreek
Opti Clean Cordless Rechargeable Plaque Remover - donated by Lacreek
Automatic Wrist Blood Pressure Monitor - donated by Lacreek
Expandable Cordless Answering System - donated by Lacreek
Power Buster Jump Starter - donated by Lacreek
Battery Aluminum Guard Flashlight - donated by Lacreek
2 Speed Hand Blender w/Whisk and Chopping Bowl - donated by Lacreek
Easy Slice Electric Knife - donated by Lacreek
Stove Top Grill - donated by Lacreek
Streaming Blue Ray Disc Player - donated by Lacreek
2 Way Radios - donated by Lacreek
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Rodney Rayhill
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Kimberly Reddy
Gary Rayhill
Mary Iron Cloud
Jim Good
Lavern Arnold
Mike Jager
Martha American Horse
Dwight Deaver
Victoria Plumman
Mary Thompson
Wilbur Smith
Reva Yankton
SWA/Frank Apple
St. Katherine's/Anita Hicks
CherylN Black Feather
Garnet Audiss
Hobert Spotted Bear
Kevin Hodson
Donna Eagle Bull
Don Larson
Leland Rayhill
Fenton Shaving Bear
Gayla Gay
Dan Hines
Alberto Salomon
Novolyn Janis
Daniel Fanning
Wilma Witt
Agnes Randall
Carlene Rodriguez
Marlene Janis
Stuart Livermont
Blaine Little Thunder
Charles Kuxhaus
Irna Yellow Shield
Phyliss Campbell
Kennedy Oliva
Rose Winters
Nancy Rouilliard
Joann Apple
Melvin Apple
Mike Jager

Celebrating Midsommar

For 150 Years,
Dalesburg
Community
Has Gathered
in Celebration

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

gathering at Dalesburg.

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

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

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

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

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



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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Midsommar at Dalesburg

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

Schedule

Friday, June 21

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



West River Electric Association in Wall, S.D., also added an electric car to its fleet. Sioux Valley Energy in Colman, S.D., has also leased a Nissan Leaf and named her "EVie." The car will appear at co-op events to allow members to kick the tires and maybe even test drive her!

IS AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE RIGHT FOR YOU?

The Economics of Electric Vehicles Are Affected by Geography, Climate and How Your Electricity Is Generated.

Paul Wesslund

NRECA

Should your next car be an electric vehicle? The answer could depend on where you live.

Electric vehicles account for just 1.2 percent of the U.S. vehicle market, but sales are booming, growing 25 percent last year. And they're getting better and cheaper as researchers improve the batteries that power them. Here's a guide to help you decide if an electric car is for you – or if you just want to be smarter about one of the next big things in energy.

The first thing to realize about electric cars is they can drive more than enough miles for you on a single charge, even if you live out in the wide-open countryside.

Location issue #1: The Distance Myth

Try keeping track of your actual daily use, advises Brian Sloboda, a program and product manager at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

"If you're an insurance salesman, you're logging a lot of miles, so an electric car's not going to be for you," he says, noting that a typical range for an electric car today is more than 100 miles and ranges of 150 to 250 miles are becoming common. "But if you look at how many miles you drive in a day, for most people in the United States, even in rural areas, that number is under 40

miles per day. So if your car has a range of 120 miles, that's a lot of wiggle room."

According to the Federal Highway Administration, the average American drives 25 miles a day and for rural areas, that average is 34 miles a day.

Sloboda says another reason it's worth thinking realistically about your daily mileage comes from the most likely way an electric car would be refueled. When an electric car is done driving for the day, you can plug it in to recharge overnight. Essentially, you're topping off the gas tank while you sleep, giving you a fully-charged battery every morning.

There are three ways to charge an electric car:

- **Level 1** – The simplest charging technique is to plug the car into a standard home outlet. That will charge the battery at a rate that will add from two to five miles to its range each hour. That's pretty slow, but Sloboda notes the battery might start the charging session already partly charged, depending on how far it's driven that day.
- **Level 2** – Faster charging will require a professional installer to upgrade the home's voltage for a unit that will add between 10 and 25 miles of range for each hour of charging – a rate that would fully charge the battery overnight. Sloboda says installing a Level 2 charger in a house or garage would run \$500 to \$800

for the equipment, plus at least that much for the labor. Timers can also be used to charge the vehicle in the middle of the night when electric consumption is typically lower.

- **Level 3** – DC fast charge requires specialized equipment more suited to public charging stations and will bring a car battery up to 80 percent of capacity in 30 minutes. Sloboda warns this high-speed technique should only be used for special long-distance driving, since it can degrade the battery over time. That's also why DC chargers shouldn't be used to bring the battery up to 100 percent.

Location issue #2: Off-peak Electric Rates

What you pay to charge your electric car could also depend on where you live, says Sloboda. He advises checking to see whether your local electric co-op offers a lower rate to charge an electric vehicle overnight, when the utility has a lower demand for electricity.

"It's different depending on where you are in the country," says Sloboda. Some local co-ops have fairly stable electric demand throughout a typical day, so they may not offer a special electric vehicle rate. He adds, "There are areas of the country where the on-peak, off-peak difference in price is extreme," so that it might make financial sense for the utility to offer an overnight charging rate.

Another factor affecting the economics of an electric car is, of course, the cost of the vehicle.

"These cars are really in the luxury and performance car categories," says Sloboda. As electric cars improve, projections put their cost coming down to match conventional vehicles by about the year 2025. But today, the average electric car costs close to \$40,000, compared with less than \$30,000 for an internal combustion engine.

Location issues #3 and #4: Environment and Geography

For many people, one of the biggest selling points for electric cars is their effect on the environment and that can also depend on where you live.

The sources of electricity for a local utility vary across the country – some areas depend heavily on coal-fired power plants, others use larger shares of solar or wind energy. One major environmental group analyzed all those local electric utility fuel mixes and determined that for most of the country, electric vehicles have much less of an effect on the environment than conventional vehicles. That study by the Union of Concerned Scientists shows that in the middle part of the country, driving an electric vehicle has the equivalent environmental benefits of driving a gasoline-powered car that gets 41 to 50 miles per gallon. For much of the rest of the country, it's like driving a car that gets well over 50 miles per gallon.

"Seventy-five percent of people now live in places where driving on electricity is cleaner than a 50 MPG gasoline car," says the report from the Union of Concerned Scientists.

Other local factors that will affect an electric car's performance include climate and geography, says Sloboda. The range of the vehicle will be affected by whether you regularly drive up and down mountains or make a lot of use of the heater or air conditioner.

Sloboda concedes that electric vehicles are not for everybody – yet. One limit to their growth is that no major carmaker offers an espe-

cially popular choice, a pickup truck.

Sloboda says there's no technological barrier to making an electric pickup. He even suggests possible advantages: a heavy battery in the bottom would lower the center of gravity for better handling and at a remote worksite, the battery could run power tools.

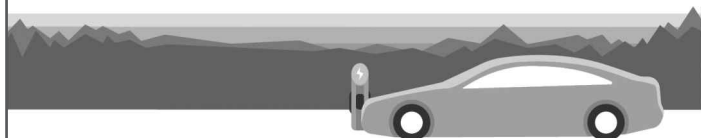
"Within the next 24 months, I believe there will be a credible pickup truck on the market," says Sloboda. "It's just a matter of time."

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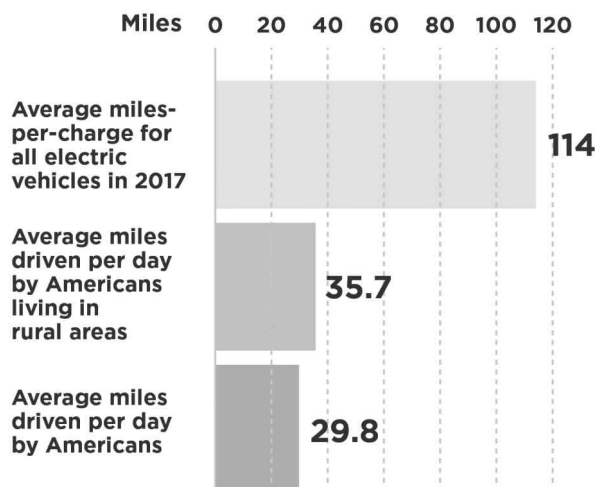
Easing Electric Vehicle Range Anxiety

Range anxiety—fear of the battery running out before you're able to recharge—is a roadblock to wider use of electric vehicles.

But statistics show this fear is overblown, even if you live in a rural area. While extra planning may be needed for vacations or longer trips, nearly everyone's daily driving needs can be met with one charge.



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And when you're done driving your electric vehicle for the day, you can plug it in to recharge overnight, "topping off the tank" while you sleep!

Sources: Dept. of Energy, Energy Information Administration, AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety.

May 23-25

Music Fest, Lake Benton, MN,
507-368-9627

May 24-26

South Dakota Kayak
Challenge, Yankton, SD,
605-864-9011

May 25-26

Annual SDRA Foothills Rodeo,
Wessington Springs, SD,
605-770-4370

May 30-June 1

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

May 31-June 2

Fort Sisseton Historical
Festival, Lake City, SD,
605-448-5474

May 31-June 2

Wheel Jam, Huron, SD,
605-353-7340

May 31-June 3

Fish Days, Lake Andes, SD,
605-487-7694

June 1

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

June 1

Annual Casey Tibbs Match of
Champions, Fort Pierre, SD,
605-494-1094

June 1-2

Spring Volksmarch, Crazy
Horse, SD, 605-673-4681

June 2

Mickelson Trail Marathon,
Deadwood, SD, 605-578-1876

June 2

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



June 29:

Rhubarb Festival,
Leola, SD,
605-824-0014

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June 2-August 11

Red Cloud Indian Art Show,
Pine Ridge, SD, 605-867-8257

June 6-9

South Dakota Shakespeare
Festival, Vermillion, SD,
605-622-0423

June 7

East of Westreville with
Kenny Putnam Kiwanis
Club Concert, 7 p.m., Riggs
Theatre, Pierre, SD,
605-280-0818

June 7-8

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

June 7-9

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

June 8

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

June 8-9

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

June 13-15

Czech Days, Tabor,
SD, 605-463-2478,
www.taborczechdays.com,
taborczechdays@gmail.com

June 15

International Vinegar Museum
Festival, Vinegar Museum will
be open all day, Roslyn, SD,
320-808-8873

June 21

Dalesburg Midsummer
Festival, Dalesburg Lutheran
Church, Rural Vermillion, SD,
605-253-2575

June 21-23

Scavenger's Journey, A
treasure trove event with
antiques, rummages and
more stretching from
Mt. Vernon to Kadoka,
SD, Contact Elaine
Titze at 605-999-7287,
www.scavengersjourney.com

June 28-29

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

July 10

Tracy Area Garden's and
Quilts Tour, 2 to 8 p.m.,
Garvin/Lake Shetek Area,
Maps and tickets at Bitton
Road House, Garvin, MN,
507-629-3252

July 11-13

Senior Games, Aberdeen, SD,
Contact Gene Morsching at
605-626-7015

July 19-20

Gumbo Ridge Bronc Ride and
Ranch Rodeo, Murdo, SD,
605-669-3031

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