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Jeremy Lindemann
CEO/GM

Hello Lake Region Members,

November is here, and I know one topic that keeps coming up while visiting with our members is: we are all wondering what type of winter is in store for us!

Well, I have heard some experts say that we are heading into a La Niña this winter which typically brings in cooler temperatures with above average snowfall. That prediction does not sound good!

The other prediction I have heard comes from the time tested and trusted Farmer's Almanac that is predicting a winter with a cycle of chilling temperatures and snow but overall drier than usual conditions and slightly above average temperatures. This prediction sounds a little better! Now, it should be noted that the Farmer's Almanac has had an accuracy rating of 52%, a better than average score than your typical weatherman! Lol!

No matter what this winter may bring, let's hope it stays away for a little longer! But for now, it is November, and it is my favorite time of year! Here are two reasons why: Deer Season and Thanksgiving. I drew a rifle tag this year and I am looking forward to heading out into the country to try to locate a nice buck. Over the years I have had some great Thanksgiving hunts. Some of those hunts have been deer hunting and some have been pheasant hunts. No matter what game you are after, the great thing about hunting on Thanksgiving is hunting in the morning then coming home to have a Thanksgiving meal with the family. After a great meal we usually sit down and watch some football; if there is a more perfect day than that, well I don't know what it is!

Thanksgiving has always been one of my favorite holidays and is a great time to give thanks and reflect on all our blessings.

As I reflect on some of the many things to give thanks for, I am very thankful for all of the employees that work for LREA. They do a fantastic job and are extremely dedicated to serving the membership of this cooperative! I am also thankful for the members who support this cooperative. We appreciate your support! Your continued trust and support allow us to carry on our mission of providing the highest quality services and products to our members while maintaining reliability and affordability!

On behalf of the board of directors, the employees, and myself, I wish you and your loved ones a Happy Thanksgiving!

Until next time we will keep the lights on for you!

Jeremy Lindemann

CEO/General Manager

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

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Justin Miller
Harlan & Sandy Hogness
Dustin Hofland
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Kenneth Siyaka
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Stay Safe This Holiday Season:

Tips for a Merry and Accident-Free Celebration

The holidays bring families together with twinkling lights, festive meals and cozy traditions. But they also bring seasonal risks that can turn celebrations into emergencies if precautions aren't taken. Local safety officials are reminding residents to keep safety in mind when cooking, decorating, and entertaining this year.

Extension Cords

With more lights and electronics plugged in during the holidays, extension cords are often stretched to their limits. Experts urge homeowners not to overload outlets and to replace any cords that are frayed or damaged. Only outdoor-rated cords should be used outside, especially in snowy or wet conditions.

Families should avoid running cords under rugs or across doorways where they can overheat or become tripping hazards.

Turkey Fryers

Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners have grown to include deep-fried turkeys, but safety must come first. Fryers should only be used outdoors, on a flat surface and far away from buildings, garages or wooden decks. Fire officials caution that a partially frozen or wet turkey can cause oil to boil over and ignite, leading to severe burns or home fires.

A fire extinguisher rated for grease fires should always be kept nearby, and fryers should never be left unattended while in use. One distracted moment can cause a disaster.

Ladders

From hanging lights to topping off the tree, ladders are part of the holiday routine. Falls are among the most common seasonal injuries, so ladders should be set on level ground and never leaned against unstable surfaces. Having another person hold the ladder is strongly advised.

Candles and Fireplaces

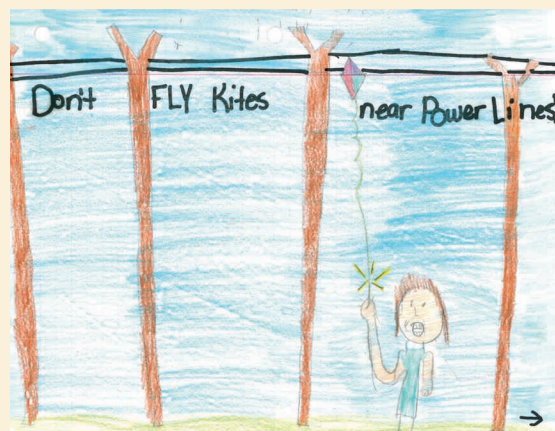
Candles and fireplaces are popular during the holiday season, but they also raise the risk of home fires, especially when combined with the extra decorations and greenery that fill many homes in December. According to the National Fire Protection Association, candles cause an average of

46% of fires in December each year. Never leaving a flame unattended and incorporating a few safety rules can prevent a devastating fire.

Lights and Decorations

Before hanging holiday lights, inspect strands for cracked socket, frayed wires or loose connections, and replace any damaged sets. Outdoor lights should always be weather-rated, and lights should be turned off before bedtime or when leaving the house. Timers and smart plugs can help make this easier.

Decorations should be securely fastened to prevent them from tipping or falling, especially in homes with children or pets. Heavy ornaments should be placed higher on the tree, out of reach of small hands and wagging tails. Fire officials also recommend choosing flame-resistant or non-combustible decor whenever possible and keeping all decorations away from heaters, fireplaces or open flames.



"Don't fly kites near power lines!"

Kristen Vanden Berg, Age 11

Kristen cautions readers on the dangers of flying kites near power lines. Great picture, Kristen! Kristen's parents are Andy and Geraldine Vanden Berg from Corsica, 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.

Holiday SIDE DISHES

CORN CASSEROLE

Ingredients:

2 15 oz. cans whole kernel corn, drained
15 oz. can cream corn
1/2 cup butter, melted
1 box Jiffy cornbread mix
1/2 pt. whipped cream

Method

Combine whole kernel corn, cream corn, butter, Jiffy cornbread mix and whipping cream. Mix thoroughly. Pour into greased 8.5"x11" pan and bake at 350° F for 40-45 minutes.

Sharon Houchin
Central Electric

BETTER THAN STUFFING

Ingredients:

1 box chicken/turkey stuffing mix
Chicken broth
Celery
Carrots
Onions
1 stick herbed butter (or make your own)
2 cups chicken/turkey gravy

Method

Prepare stuffing according to directions but substitute water with broth. Dice and sauté celery, carrots (total of two cups) and onions in herbed butter. Fold into stuffing. Put into baking pan and top with gravy. Poke gravy into stuffing – just a little bit. Don't completely mix. Bake at 350° F for 20 minutes and broil briefly at the end.

Valerie Marso
Oahe Electric

RAW VEGETABLE SALSA

Ingredients:

2-4 medium cucumbers, cubed
2-4 medium tomatoes, cubed
1 small onion or 1/2 of a white or yellow onion sliced
1 tsp. salt
1 tbsp. sugar
2 tbsps. apple cider vinegar
Additions: black pepper to taste, chopped basil, or chopped green bell pepper.

Method

Place cubed tomatoes and peeled cucumbers into a bowl. Add sliced onion.

Mix in remaining ingredients and stir. Marinate for several hours or overnight.

This salad keeps for 3-4 days refrigerated.

Raw Vegetable salads full of electrolytes, vitamin C and fiber.

Laurie Wernke
Southeastern Electric

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 2025. All entries must include your name, mailing address, phone number and cooperative name.

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Heating Season

Heating season is upon us. Our main goal is to provide you with reliable and affordable power. There are many factors that we cannot control that cause costs to increase; however, there are some things that our members can do to help themselves and to make your bills more affordable.

Tips for decreasing your usage and your bill:

Take Control: Monitor your usage! Don't wait until you get your monthly bill to see how much electricity you are using. You can monitor your daily, even hourly, usage through SmartHub. Using this free service is easy and has saved members hundreds of dollars. Click on the SmartHub tab on our website or call our office to sign up.

Maintenance: Practice regular maintenance on your heating system. One of the most important and easiest ways of maintaining efficiency of your heating unit is to change the filters regularly.

Heat Meters and Rebates: Make sure your breaker is on for your heat meter. If you don't have a heat meter, let Lake Region Electric help ease the strain of the heating season by installing one. Energy used for heating purposes is eligible for our heat rate, which is about half the cost of our regular kWh charge during the heating season. Call our office for more information. Lake Region also offers rebates on the purchase and installation of qualifying heat pumps. Call Brett or visit our website for more information.

Thermostats: Adjusting the thermostat a few degrees so the heater has a longer rest cycle can make a big difference in your electric bill. Install a Smart thermostat to help control heating.

Energy Assistance Programs

Lake Region Electric does not offer heating assistance, but we do work with agencies who aid those who qualify. One of the most widely used forms of assistance in our area is the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) which helps eligible South Dakotans pay for home heating costs and weatherization.

South Dakota Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP)

For more information about these programs or to complete an application visit dss.sd.gov and click on the Economic Assistance tab or call 1-800-233-8503 to have an application mailed to you.

GROW South Dakota Emergency Furnace Repair and Weatherization Assistance

Applicants in owner-occupied homes and who are eligible participants of the South Dakota Low Income Energy Assistance Program (energy assistance) may qualify to have their furnaces repaired or replaced if the furnace is not operating or not operating properly.

Weatherization is a service to assist individuals in providing energy-efficient measures in their homes.

For more information, contact GROW South Dakota:

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Phone (605) 698-7654
Fax (605) 698-3038
Website: www.growsd.org
Email: info@growsd.org

Ready Your Home FOR WINTER

Prepare your home for winter now to ensure safety, efficiency and comfort. Here's a checklist you can use.



INSPECT HEATING SYSTEM:

- o Have your heating system professionally serviced.
- o Replace air filters if needed.
- o Ensure vents and radiators are unblocked for efficient heat distribution.

PREPARE PIPES AND WATER SUPPLY:

- o Insulate exposed pipes to prevent freezing.
- o Drain and shut off outdoor faucets and irrigation systems.
- o Know the location of water shut-off valve in case of emergency.

TEST AND MAINTAIN SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS:

- o Replace batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- o Test detectors to ensure they function properly.

PREPARE YOUR HOME'S EXTERIOR:

- o Clear gutters and downspouts
- o Trim trees away from the house
- o Ensure downspouts extend away from the foundation.
- o Gather winter tools such as snow shovels and ice melt.

INCREASE HOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY:

- o Seal gaps at windows and doors with weatherstripping or caulk.
- o Set ceiling fans to rotate clockwise to circulate warm air.
- o Lower your thermostat a few degrees to save on heating costs.

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CARING FOR CAREGIVERS

Exploring Structured Family Caregiving Services for South Dakota's Caregivers

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November is recognized nationally as Family Caregivers Month, a time to honor the essential role of caregivers and highlight the resources available to them and the loved ones they support.

Yet, families face a growing challenge: how to care for aging loved ones when services are often far from home. Nursing homes or assisted living centers may be located hours away, and even when they are nearby, the cost or availability of space can present real barriers.

One answer has been the Structured Family Caregiving program, launched by the South Dakota Department of Human Services (DHS) in 2019.

According to Heather Krzmarzick, Director of the Division of Long-Term Services and Supports within DHS, the program is one of many resources at DHS that are

Several resources are available for caregivers in South Dakota through the Department of Human Services.

Photos by Homecare Services.

available to help older adults and their caregivers. It provides training, coaching, ongoing support and even a modest stipend to those offering significant care for an older adult in the home.

“Structured Family Caregiving serves caregivers who live with their family member and provide substantial care for them, including personal care, supervision, medication management and other things, such as managing finances and transportation for necessary appointments and community activities,” Krzmarzick said.

In many ways, the program echoes the electric cooperative story. Just as co-ops once brought electricity to rural areas that were otherwise overlooked, the program helps families meet a need that might otherwise go unserved. In places where nursing homes or assisted living centers are many miles away, the program gives families a practical way to continue care at home, often the place where people feel most comfortable.

“Structured Family Caregiving is important because it

supports the vital work of family caregivers, strengthens families and improves outcomes, especially in underserved or isolated regions,” she said. “The program honors South Dakota’s values of strong families, independence and community.”

In addition to expanding community-based care options to rural areas, the program allows families to potentially prevent or delay the move to a nursing home and reduce the economic burden that often comes with that transition. Krzmarzick said DHS also offers other programs for those that may need a little extra assistance to remain safely in their homes but don’t require the intensive services of a nursing facility.

“Each caregiver has unique needs and preferences,” she said. “As such, the services and supports are designed to meet the varying needs of each caregiver and help care for a person at home as long as possible.”

To be eligible for the program, the care recipient must be 65 or older or

18 or older with a qualifying disability and meet both functional and financial criteria to qualify for the program.

Since its creation, the program has grown steadily, giving more families the tools to succeed. Krzmarzick said it has allowed many older adults and adults with disabilities to remain in their homes while supporting family caregivers with knowledge, training and a small amount of financial assistance.

Agency Director Steven Novotny with Homecare Services of South Dakota, Inc., one of many in-home care providers in the state, said that few other programs reach and serve those who need care quite like the program.

“Structured Family Caregiving has the unique ability to serve consumers in every community across our state, large or small. Under this program, individuals can receive care from a trusted family member or friend, which allows them to remain independent and living in their community,” he said. “Our caring staff at Homecare Services of South Dakota have seen

firsthand the positive impact on families when we are able to provide support and training to the caregivers that are stepping into what is often a challenging role caring for a loved one.”

Krzmarzick said the Structured Family Caregiving program is just one of many support options that DHS offers individuals and their caregivers in South Dakota. Resources are available online at dhs.sd.gov or through Dakota at Home, South Dakota’s Aging and Disability Resource Center, at 1-833-663-9673.

“All caregivers, not just those utilizing the Structured Family Caregiving Program, may access free training and resources to help improve confidence in their caregiving abilities, reduce stress and prevent burnout,” Krzmarzick said. “Caregivers may also be eligible for other programs that offer respite options. Our Dakota at Home specialists are dedicated to helping you find services and supports to meet your specific needs or the needs of a family member.”



Power Cost Increases Coming

Laura London

We have talked a lot about supply cost increases over the past few years, and last year Lake Region was hit with an increase in cost of power in addition to our day to day cost increases. No matter how well our cooperative runs, power cost is something that we have little control over. Lake Region's Board of Directors and General Manager have been working diligently with our power providers East River Electric and Basin Electric Power Cooperative in order to minimize this increase so that our rates remain as affordable as possible, while still providing reliable electricity to members' homes, farms, and businesses.

Basin

Earlier this year, Basin Electric announced that there would be a power cost increase coming in 2026. After months of research and discussion with their members, the Basin Electric Board of Directors approved a ten year plan that included a rate increase for 2026. Andy Buntrock, Vice President of Strategic Planning & Communications at Basin stated, "We realize that costs are going up for many of our members on the things that they buy, and unfortunately power is no different." He points out that Basin was able to have flat or even declining rates from 2016 to 2025, but unfortunately the pressures are mounting, and they need to have a significant rate increase.

There are several factors driving this necessary increase to Basin's power cost. The main factors are:

Growth in Traditional Load: Put simply, we need more electricity to power our daily lives. This growth in traditional load is being considered separately from the new larger loads, like data centers, that we see coming online throughout the region. The increase in energy use across Basin's territory requires increased investment in generation and transmission facilities. New facilities and upgrading existing facilities are coming at a much higher cost than ever before.

Commodity Price Variability: Commodity prices are market prices for raw materials that are traded on national and international markets. Commodities are components used to

make other goods and can be thought of as the building blocks of the economy. Changes in market prices impact Basin and its subsidiaries, like Dakota Gasification Company (DGC) which operates the Great Plains Synfuels Plant that produces fertilizers, natural gas, and more.

SPP Planning Reserve Margin Changes: The Southwest Power Pool has implemented new rules that essentially force Basin to have more generation capacity online. This means that Basin needs to build more in order to meet the requirements of their members' growing needs as well as have reserve generation to ensure adequate power availability in case of extreme demand and emergencies when intermittent sources like wind and solar aren't available. SPP has determined these rules because they are mandated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to ensure reliable supplies of power, adequate transmission infrastructure and competitive wholesale electricity prices on behalf of its members. These changes are designed to protect us and ensure we have reliable power all of the time, but changes in regulation comes with a cost.

Investments in Reliability: Basin plans to invest an estimated \$13 Billion in new infrastructure over the next decade. Basin is not only determined to build necessary generation and transmission to meet the needs of its members but will also continue to take care of what they have.

East River

In addition to the cost of power increase coming from Basin, East River Electric will be experiencing a rate increase from the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) that supplies approximately 17% of Lake Region's power. This increase will be passed on directly to the cooperatives who make up East River.

What This Means for The Member-Owners of Lake Region Electric

Members of Lake Region Electric will experience an increase in their cost of power. There is no way around the fact that our increasing demand and dependence on reliable electricity comes with a cost. Purchased Power accounted for 72% of Lake Region's expenses in 2024. Lake Region runs the co-op, pays taxes, and everything else on the meager remaining 28% of revenue. Meaning, we operate very efficiently and are prudent with the cooperative's finances. The board and staff are working to lessen the impact that these increases to power cost will have on our members. We anticipate a rate increase to come at the beginning of 2026 and will keep you informed in a timely manner.

Understanding the 2026 Power Cost Rate Increase

– Member Q&A

What are the primary drivers behind the rate increase ?

Growth in traditional load,
Commodity price variability,
New rules require more power generation on
reserve for emergencies,
Continued investments in reliability,
Rate increase from WAPA for our hydro power.

How much will my bill go up?

The board and staff are crunching the numbers and looking at next year's market and power forecasts to determine the amount of the increase. Your power bill will increase based on the amount of power you use x the new kWh rate.

When will new rates start?

New rates will go into effect January 2026.

Can't Lake Region cut costs rather than increase member rates?

No. Unfortunately, Lake Region has little control over what we pay for the power that we distribute to our members.

Power purchase is about 72% of our margins, the rest of the co-op runs conservatively on the remaining 28% .





LINEMENS' TRAINING READYED CREW FOR CHAINSAW ACCIDENT

(From left) When Brandon Schmiege cut his forearm, fellow linemen Tristan Hall, Luke Koval and Brian Davis knew exactly how to respond.
Photo submitted by Whetstone Valley Electric Cooperative.

When a Routine Day of Trimming Trees Turned Critical, Cooperative Employees Were Prepared to Help

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Perched within the manlift on a bucket truck, Brandon Schmiege methodically sawed away large tree branches near overhead power lines, dropping them to the ground more than 50 feet below.

It's nothing out of the ordinary, explained the 19-year veteran lineman from Whetstone Valley Electric Cooperative in Milbank, South Dakota. After a while, you become accustomed to the work – and its hazards.

From the bucket he was standing in, Brandon reached with

his chainsaw for one of the last few cuts he'd need to make. But as he began the cut, the chainsaw kicked up and he lost control. Steadying himself and throwing the brake on the saw, Brandon looked down at his left arm. He'd been badly cut.

"I saw quite a bit of blood right away," Brandon said. "My first thought was that I needed to get down fast."

Gathering his strength and trying his best to stay calm, Brandon maneuvered his bucket down through the tree limbs back to the ground where linemen Brian Davis, Luke Koval and Tristan Hall noticed something wasn't right.

"I think we all sensed something happened," Brian explained. "The way he was coming down like that, and he'd just fueled up the saw, so we were wondering what had happened."

Luke ran to go shut off the woodchipper, which was drowning out Brandon's yelling. As the engine died, they finally heard Brandon yell, "Call for help!"

Brian raced to the truck to radio back to the office in Milbank, calling in a “Mayday” along with the crew’s location.

With a first-aid and tourniquet kit in hand, Brian sprinted toward Brandon, where Tristan and Luke had removed Brandon’s safety harness and wrapped a towel over the wound on Brandon’s forearm and applied pressure to slow the bleeding.

As the team secured a tourniquet tightly around Brandon’s upper arm, the crew kept in touch with the office by cell phone. The office staff, having called 911 as soon as they heard ‘Mayday,’ worked together to relay the street address and details of the injury to emergency dispatchers.

Seeing the urgency of the situation, the team placed Brandon in the service pickup and Tristan began driving him to the hospital. As the linemen were driving back into town, the ambulance met them and took Brandon to the hospital in Milbank where they stabilized him and discovered he’d severed two arteries in his forearm. He was then transferred to

Sioux Falls and underwent surgery.

Luckily, Whetstone Valley Electric and the South Dakota Rural Electric Association had conducted first-aid training for linemen just several weeks before. The instruction included CPR, AEDs, tourniquets and wound care.

“Regular first-aid training and keeping first-aid supplies on hand is so important because our linemen are often out somewhere rural,” explained Joe Denison, SDREA’s loss control professional and certified paramedic for the Arlington and Lake Norden ambulances. “If we have to wait 30 minutes for an ambulance, that can be too late.”

Whetstone Valley Electric General Manager Dave Page says despite the incident, he finds it encouraging that the employees followed procedure — maintaining clear communication with each other and with 911, administering first aid on site, and knowing exactly what to do each step of the way.

“It wasn’t only the training that was provided, but it was the attention that

these guys gave to that training - where it stuck, and their response was automatic,” Dave said. “In addition, the Mayday training that we do here at Whetstone went a long way to help us all stick to the plan and see a successful outcome.”

Now back on the job, Brandon credits his safe outcome to the co-op’s focus on regular safety training and having first aid supplies in the vehicles.

“I don’t think the makeshift towel tourniquet would have stopped the bleeding,” Brandon said, looking down at the scar on his forearm.

Brian added, “I don’t want to think about the outcome if we didn’t have a plan in place.”

To help prevent those worst case scenarios, electric cooperatives continually scrutinize safety training and workplace incidents. Whetstone Valley Electric Cooperative is sharing this story with its members-owners and fellow cooperatives to promote preparedness for unexpected incidents like this one, and overall encourage a culture of safety awareness.

3 Ways to Help Limit Tree Trimming

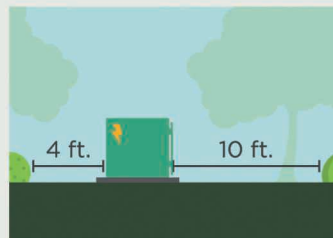
Did you know electric utilities are required to trim trees and other types of vegetation that grow too close to overhead power lines? We know you love your trees, and we will do everything we can to avoid trimming them.

Here’s how you can help:

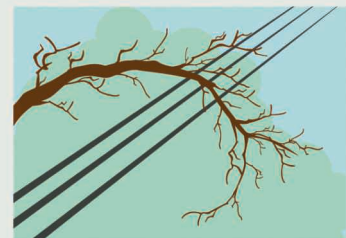
1. Plant trees in the right place. Trees that will be <40 ft. should be planted at least 25 ft. away from power lines (>40ft. should be at least 50 ft. away).



2. Don’t block pad-mounted transformers. Plant shrubs at least 10 ft. away from transformer doors and 4 ft. from transformer sides.



3. Report dangerous branches. If you spot a tree or branch that is dangerously close to power lines, please let us know.



Trimming improves safety for all.

Let’s work together to enjoy the beauty of trees and reliable electricity.



CHARITABLE GIVING

Lake Region and Basin Electric Donate to Knapp & Play Learning Center

Laura London

Lake Region Electric Association has been working with Basin Electric to donate money to help fund the start-up of a state of the art childcare facility in Webster. LREA Manager, Jeremy Lindemann said, “On behalf of the Lake Region Electric Board of Directors and employees, along with Basin Electric, we are thrilled to support such a great addition for the community of Webster. Thanks to the generosity of Basin Electric’s Charitable Giving Program matching funds from Lake Region, we were able to donate \$20,000 dollars to Knapp and Play

Learning Center.” Basin Electric’s Charitable Giving Program mission statement is, “To distribute Basin Electric Power Cooperative’s charitable

gifts to a wide range of charitable programs for the greatest benefit for the Cooperative’s membership, employees, and communities.” Lindemann felt that The Knapp and Play Learning Center fit that criteria perfectly, so he coordinated the effort to secure the donation from Basin. Quality childcare has become a growing need across the county, and this facility offers a much-needed service to the Webster area. Lindemann remarked, “We are thrilled to have the opportunity to support this much needed facility in our community!”

The facility opened in early September and employs members of Lake Region, in addition to caring for children of some members and employees of the co-op. Knapp & Play Director, Christi Christensen said, “We are so excited to have the Knapp and Play Learning Center open and ready for children in the community to enjoy! We currently have 14 full-time children enrolled, with six others part-time, and we are continuing to grow! We have had overwhelming support from the community to get this project completed and we truly appreciate the continued efforts from the businesses and community members to help us raise funds and donate supplies as we navigate operating costs. We can’t thank everyone enough!”

MEAL VOUCHERS

EXPIRE NOV 30!

**NO Exceptions!*

\$40 Meal Voucher 2025

Participating Restaurants:
Langford: Remedy's **Eden:** Club Eden **Pierpont:** Pont's Pub
Webster: Pereboom's, The New Frontier, Roots Kitchen & Taphouse
Britton: Britton Country Club, Britton VFW, Snappers Dry Bean,
Grenville: Hilltop Steakhouse, Pickerel Lake Lodge **Bristol:** The Hot Spot

Completed by Member **Member Name** _____

Completed by Restaurant **Restaurant Name** _____

Must be attached to receipt for reimbursement **Date of Purchase** _____ **Server Initials** _____

This certificate entitles the bearer to a non-alcoholic beverage UP to \$40. Any amount in excess must be paid by the member. Does NOT include gratuity; members should tip on their own accord. One-time, one-use certificate. No credit or refund for unused amount. NO change can be given.

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YOUTH TOUR



Who Can Apply?

High school juniors & seniors whose parents or guardians are Lake Region members

Join students from across South Dakota for a free for you, once-in-a-lifetime trip to Washington, D.C., sponsored by Lake Region Electric.

For details & application info:

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**GOT WATER?
DON'T WAIT
UNTIL IT
FREEZES OVER
CHECK YOUR
LIVESTOCK
WATERERS
NOW!**

Winter is fast approaching! Now is a good time to make sure livestock waterers are in perfect working condition. Verify that you have volatge and correctly operating elements and thermostats at each waterer.



NOV 22, 26, 28-29

Christmas Tree Sales

Nov. 22: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Nov. 26: 5-8 p.m.

Nov. 28-29: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

6B Seed And Supplies

Alpena, SD

www.6Bseedandsupplies.com

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.

OCT. 25

8th Annual Ladies Day

11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Variety of Vendors

The Crossing Bar

Mina, SD

605-390-2939

OCT. 31

Downtown Trick-or-Treat

4-6 p.m.

Groton, SD

NOV. 1-2

Gun Show

Sat 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sun. 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Redfield, SD

605-472-0965

NOV. 1

The Waddington Bros. Concert

7 p.m.

Johnson Fine Arts Center

Aberdeen, SD

NOV. 1-2

The Black Market/

Formerly Benson's Flea Market

Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m..

Sun. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

W.H. Lyon Fairgrounds Expo Bldg.

Sioux Falls, SD

NOV. 7-9

Hill City Girlfriends' Weekend

Information on Facebook Page

Hill City, SD

NOV. 8

TNT's Gifts & Goodies Galore

10 a.m.-2 p.m.

510 S. Main St..

Dimock, SD

NOV. 8

More Than a Meal Gala

5:30 p.m.

Aberdeen, SD

Tickets: 605-229-4741

NOV. 14-15

Junkin' Market Days

Fri. 4-7 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Ramkota Exhibit Hall

Sioux Falls, SD

NOV. 15

Club 14 Craft + Vendor Fair

9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Hendricks Public School

Hendricks, MN

605-690-5586

NOV. 15

Dueling Pianos

Playing for Permanency

5:30 p.m.

Holiday Inn & Convention Center

Spearfish, SD

605-722-4558

NOV. 16

An Old-Fashioned Thanksgiving

2 p.m.

Gayville Music Hall

Gayville, SD

605-760-5799

NOV. 16

FEZtival of Trees

Mon.-Fri. 4-7 p.m.

Sat. 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

802 S. Main St.

Aberdeen, SD

605-225-4841

NOV. 22

Lille Norge Fest

8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Canyon Lake Activity Center

Viking Hall

2900 Canyon Lake Dr.

Rapid City, SD

NOV. 27

Community Thanksgiving

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Groton Community Center

Groton, SD

NOV. 28

Snacks With Santa

2-4 p.m.

Hill City Center

Hill City, SD

DEC. 6

Parade of Lights

6 p.m.

Redfield, SD

605-472-0965

DEC. 14

Shaun Johnson Big Band

Experience Holiday Show

4 p.m.

Johnson Fine Arts Center

Aberdeen, SD

Note: We publish contact information as provided. If no phone number is given, none will be listed. Please call ahead to verify the event is still being held.