

COOPERATIVE CONNECTIONS



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Growth**

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Cooperative Update



Jeremy Lindemann
CEO/GM

Hello, Lake Region Electric Association Members!

Spring is here and believe it or not it is almost time for our annual meeting! I hope to see you all there, and I look forward to meeting you in person. This is a great opportunity to hear about your cooperative's previous business year and to get some great information on what your cooperative is currently working on. As an added bonus, you will walk away with a voucher for a meal at one of our great local restaurants, a special gift, and you will have a chance to win some fabulous prizes! This year's annual meeting will be held at the armory in Webster at 6 p.m., on June 5.

One of the great things about being a member of a cooperative is receiving capital credits, also known as patronage. Capital credits, or patronage, are what sets a co-op apart from an investor-owned utility. At an investor-owned utility the customers do not receive any patronage. In a co-op you are the owners! You elect your board member from your district to represent you in the governance of the co-op. The directors work with the staff to manage the co-op for you, the members. We do our best to give our member owners reliable power while doing all we can to have the most affordable electric rates. LREA is not for profit and any excess margins collected from you the members are returned in the form of patronage. This year the board of directors has elected to return over \$580,000 to the member owners. As mentioned before, this is what sets a co-op apart from an investor-owned utility. All profits are returned to you, the members!

In the cooperative business model, you are legitimately a member owner and benefit from all of us working together to bring reliable and cost-effective power to our homes and businesses! It truly is the Co-op Difference!

In closing, I would like to thank you for being a member of Lake Region Electric Association and it is my pleasure to serve you, the member owners. I hope to see you at the annual meeting!

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

Jeremy T. Lindemann

CEO/GM Lake Region Electric Association



Join Us!

Thursday, June 5th

WEBSTER ARMORY
120 W 11th Ave, Webster, SD

~Registration begins at 6 P.M.~
~Business Meeting begins at 7 P.M.~

PRIZE Giveaways
\$500 Cash Prize – Bill Credits – Gift Cards

No Meal Served!

Snacks will be provided

\$40 Meal Voucher to a Participating Restaurant of Your Choice

(One per membership. Must be present.)

Vote in the Director Election
Visit with co-op staff

Bring canned goods for the Food Pantry!

Each Food Pantry Item Donated =
one entry in the drawing for a \$50 Gift Card!

LREA's 84th ANNUAL MEETING

COOPERATIVE CONNECTIONS

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Gelhaus Girls LLC

Linda Nelson

Tracy Marquette

Athena Snaza

Rick Odland

Doreen Weidenbach

Logan & Hanna Martin

Mud Creek Farms

Deborah & Joshua Chavis

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Power Life Safely

May is Electrical Safety Month

Every May, Electrical Safety Month serves as a vital reminder of the importance of preventing electrical hazards at home. Electricity powers nearly every aspect of modern life, but if handled improperly, it can pose serious risks, including injuries and property damage.

Your electric cooperative understands the risks associated with improper electricity use, which is why we're committed to reminding you to stay vigilant and practice electrical safety not only in May, but year-round.

By following key safety practices, you can reduce the risk of electrical hazards and ensure your family stays protected. Here are five essential tips for powering up safely at home.

1. **Be vigilant.** Regularly inspect your home's electrical system for any signs of damage or outdated components and replace any frayed electrical wires or cords. The Electrical Safety Foundation International estimates roughly 3,300 home fires originate from extension cords every year, either from overloading, overheating or fraying. If you're relying on extension cords as permanent power solutions, consider contacting a qualified electrician to install additional outlets where you need them.
2. **Use Surge Protectors.** Safeguard your sensitive electronics and appliances from surges with surge protectors. These handy devices help divert excess voltage away from your electronics, reducing the risk of damage or electrical fires. Not all power strips include surge protection, so read the product label carefully. Additionally, surge protectors can lose effectiveness over time and should be replaced when damaged or outdated.
3. **Practice Safe Power Strip Use.** Avoid overloading electrical outlets with power strips that exceed the outlet's capacity. High-energy devices, like heaters, microwaves and hairdryers should be distributed across multiple outlets. Overloading an outlet with a "busy" power strip can lead to overheating and create a fire hazard, so be sure to check the power strip's wattage rating before plugging in items.

4. **Water and Electricity Don't Mix.** It may seem obvious, but accidents involving water contact with electrical items happen. Always keep electrical appliances and devices away from water sources, like sinks, bathtubs or swimming pools. Make sure your hands are dry before touching any electrical switches or appliances – never handle electrical devices with wet hands. Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCIs) should be installed in areas where water and electricity are typically in close proximity, including kitchens, bathrooms and outdoor outlets.
5. **Educate Family Members.** One of the best ways to ensure the safety of everyone in your household is to talk about electrical safety. Teach children not to play with electrical outlets or appliances and ensure they understand the potential dangers of electricity. Create and practice a home fire escape plan that includes electrical safety precautions in case of emergencies.

Practicing electrical safety at home is essential for protecting your family, property and peace of mind. Remember, electrical safety isn't just a one-time effort – it's a year-round responsibility. Taking these steps can help ensure a safer, more secure home for you and your loved ones.



"Don't plant trees near power lines."

Jeremiah Barlow

Jeremiah cautions readers not to plant trees near power lines. Thank you for your picture, Jeremiah! Jeremiah's parents are Mosiah and Cristine Barlow, members of West River Electric Association.

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.



Delicious CHICKEN

CHICKEN BREAST SUPREME

Ingredients:

4 chicken breasts
(boned and halved)
8 strips bacon
2 pkgs. chipped beef
8 oz. sour cream
1 can cream of chicken soup
6 oz. evaporated milk

Method

Wrap each half of chicken breast in a piece of bacon. Place in a baking dish lined with two layers of chipped beef.

Blend sour cream, soup, and milk. Pour over chicken.

Bake uncovered at 300°F for three hours. Serve over rice.

*Makes 8 servings.

Sharon Houchin
Central Electric Member

CHICKEN ROLLUPS

Ingredients:

8 oz. tube crescent rolls
4 boneless chicken breasts
(cooked shredded and seasoned to taste)
8 oz. cheddar cheese
(finely shredded, divided)
10 1/2 oz. can cream of chicken soup
1 packet chicken gravy mix
1 cup water

Method

In a bowl, mix the shredded chicken and 1/3 of the cheese. Take a scoop of the mixture and roll it into a crescent roll then place in a greased 9" x 13" pan. Bake at 350°F until the crescent rolls look browned on top. Mix the soup, gravy mix, 1/3 of the cheese, and enough water to make the mixture pourable. Pour over the crescent rolls. Sprinkle the remaining 1/3 of the cheese on top and bake again until the cheese melts and starts to brown.

Nicole Einrem
B-Y Electric Member

SMOKY CHICKEN TACOS

Ingredients:

1 tbsp. oil
1 lbs. boneless skinless chicken breast, cut into thin strips
1/4 cup Flavor Maker Taco Night Topping Seasoning
1/2 cup water
12 (6-inch) flour or corn tortillas, warmed

Method

Heat oil in large skillet on medium-high heat. Add chicken; cook and stir just until browned.

Stir in Flavor Maker Seasoning and water. Bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer 5 minutes or until sauce has thickened and chicken is cooked through, stirring occasionally.

Spoon chicken into warm tortillas. Serve with desired toppings, such as shredded lettuce, shredded cheese, sour cream, guac or salsa.

McCormick.com

Please send your favorite recipes to your local electric cooperative (address found on Page 3). Each recipe printed will be entered into a drawing for a prize in December 2025. All entries must include your name, mailing address, phone number and cooperative name.

Lake Region Electric Association 2025 Annual Meeting Notice

Lake Region Electric Association will host our 84th Annual Meeting Thursday, June 5, 2025 in Webster, SD at the Webster Armory, 120 W 11th Ave. The doors will open for registration to begin at 6:00pm. The Business Meeting will be called to order at 7:00pm. Member-owners will hear from our leaders about what has been happening around our service area, discuss future planning, and present awards. There will be an election for director's seats for District 3, District 5, and District 6.

There will be snacks and beverages provided; a meal will NOT be served. Attendees will receive a meal voucher for \$40.00 that they can redeem at a local participating restaurant of their choice! (One voucher per membership. Must attend the meeting to receive, no exceptions.) Members attending the meeting will receive a gift, as well as being entered to win bill credits, door prizes and a \$500 cash prize. Everyone is encouraged to bring canned goods to donate to the local food pantry. Every item donated gets you an entry into a drawing for a \$50 gift card!

A notice of Capital Credit Refund letter and Annual Meeting Notice will be sent to members. The letter should be brought to the annual meeting as your registration and door prize entrance. Active members will receive the letter in an envelope marked Annual Meeting Notice. The letter will have pertinent information regarding your LREA Capital Credits, annual meeting details, and a contact update form. Registration is quick and easy with the annual meeting letter notice. A simple scan automatically marks the member as present and entitles the member to vote.

We are here to serve you! Please call our office if you have any questions or concerns: 605-345-3379 or 1-800-657-5869.



COOPERATIVES
PARTNERS IN PROGRESS

ANNUAL MEETING

JUNE 5th 2025

Registration
6:00PM
Business Meeting
7:00 PM

Webster Armory
120 W 11th St
Webster, SD



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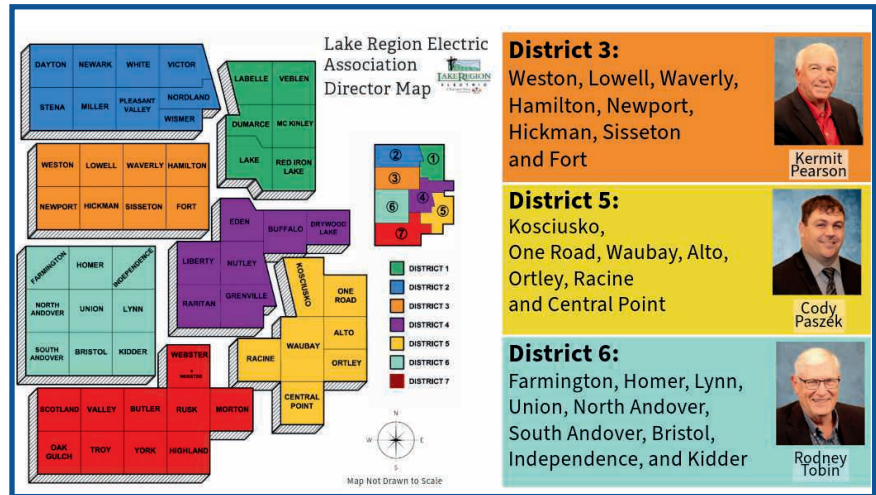
Three Director Seats Up for Election at 2025 Annual Meeting

There are three seats up for election at this year's annual meeting: District 3, District 5 and District 6. District 3, currently represented by Kermit Pearson, consists of Weston, Newport, Lowell, Waverly, Hamilton, Hickman, Sisseton and Fort. District 5, currently represented by Cody Paszek, consists of Kosciusko, One Road, Waubay, Alto, Ortley, Racine and Central Point. District 6, currently represented by Rodney Tobin, consists of Farmington, North Andover, South Andover, Homer, Union, Independence, Kidder, Lynn, and Bristol. Incumbent Directors Kermit Pearson, Rodney Tobin, and Cody Paszek all submitted petitions for re-election. No other petitions were

received. Any member intending to nominate a candidate from the floor shall notify the Cooperative prior to the opening of the meeting, to verify qualifications and willingness to serve.

Lake Region Electric is governed by a board consisting of seven directors representing each of the districts that make up our territory. The Directors are democratically elected to serve a term of 3 years and are accountable to the members of Lake Region Electric. Serving on the

board of directors is a commitment that requires representatives to attend local meetings on a monthly basis as well as state and national meetings. Board members attend trainings and pursue educational opportunities so that they are well informed on regulations and industry trends in order to best serve the members of Lake Region Electric Association. Directors do not receive any salary for their services, rather, they receive a per diem for attending all meetings of the Board of Directors.



Annual Meeting Meetings of Members From the LREA Bylaws

Annual Meeting: Article 3, Section 1

The annual meeting of the members shall be held at such time and place within a county served by the Cooperative, as selected by the Board of Directors and which shall be designated in the notice of the meeting, for the purpose of electing directors, passing upon reports for the previous fiscal year and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting. It shall be the responsibility of the Board of Directors to make adequate plans and preparations for the annual meeting. Failure to hold the annual meeting at the designated time shall not result in a forfeiture or dissolution of the Cooperative.

Notice of Members' Meetings: Article 3, Section 3

Written or printed notice stating the place, day and hour of the meeting and, in case of a special meeting or an annual meeting at which business requiring special notice is to be transacted, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be delivered not less than ten days nor more than sixty days before the date of the meeting, either personally or by mail, by or at the direction of the Secretary, or upon a default in duty by the Secretary, by the persons calling the meeting, to each member. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be given when deposited in the United States mail, addressed to the member at his/her address as it appears on the records of the Cooperative, with postage thereon prepaid. The failure of any member to receive notice of an annual or special meeting of the members shall not invalidate any action which may be taken by the members at any such meeting.

GARDENING GREATS

How Master Gardeners are Cultivating Community Growth

Frank Turner

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After years of tending to her garden, Codington-Clark Electric member Dianne Rider of Hazel can confidently say she is an expert in horticulture. However, her extensive experience of working with the earth isn't the only reason she is considered a soil savant.

In 2016, Rider earned the prodigious title of Master Gardener through the South Dakota State University Extension's Master Gardener Volunteer Program. This program provides in-depth horticultural training – covering topics like plant science, soil management and sustainable gardening practices – so enthusiasts like Rider can share their extensive gardening knowledge with their communities.

Becoming an Extension Master Gardener volunteer is a commitment. Applicants must complete horticulture classes, pass the course test and contribute 40 hours of volunteer service

during the first year of involvement. Despite the challenges, Rider had aspired to this achievement for decades, but it wasn't until she retired from her teaching career that she was able to dedicate herself fully and earn her place as a Master Gardener.

Reflecting the adage, “once a teacher, always a teacher,” Rider continues to educate and influence those around her, even after retirement, through gardening.

“Becoming a Master Gardener has always been on my bucket list since they organized,” Rider said. “I’ve always been a teacher, so finding a way to help others through gardening is probably what’s most rewarding.”

As a Master Gardener, Rider plays a key role in organizing annual gardening events for SDSU Extension, including the Master Gardener Annual Update Conference at Joy Ranch near Watertown. This event, attended by more than 125 Master Gardeners, serves as a thriving forum for gardening clubs to exchange ideas on the latest and greatest

projects they are tackling.

“The event is a lot of fun, because when you get 125 Master Gardeners in one room – let me tell you, the conversations are riveting,” Rider laughed.

Master gardeners also help SDSU Extension achieve its broader goal: to make cutting-edge research easily accessible to the people who can benefit from the findings. Master Gardeners have regular continuing education opportunities with experts from the SDSU Horticulture team, such as Professor John Ball, a SDSU Extension Forestry Specialist and South Dakota Department of Agriculture Forest Health Specialist. Once equipped with this information, volunteers can share the most significant takeaways from research being conducted across the state through the university, providing a bridge between research and practical application.

“Dr. John Ball’s presentation on how to trim a tree after planting it is one of the best things that I’ve learned that I can now share with others,” said Rider. “He says that raising a tree is just like raising a kid: you have to shape your tree when

Missouri Valley Master Gardeners remove invasive bellflower and other non-desirable plants at the Dorothy Jenks Memorial Garden in Yankton.
Photo courtesy of SDSU Extension.

they are young, otherwise they turn into ugly adults.”

Master Gardener Field Specialist Prairey Walkling emphasizes that the connection between research-based information and enthusiasts is what the Master Gardener Volunteer Program thrives on. And the research goes far beyond just trees. SDSU’s horticulture research also extends into innovative mulching techniques, soil care and even studies on the growth and quality of four popular zinnia varieties.

“SDSU Extension wants to empower individuals to reach their gardening goals through providing science-based information. Each person has different pieces of land, resources and goals for their gardens and landscapes,” she said. “We strive to provide them with trusted, research-based information to help them make decisions.”

Walkling said the impact of these volunteers cannot be understated. According to Walkling, there are more than 400 Master Gardeners across the state and 14 Master Gardener clubs. In 2024, these vital volunteers hosted 153 gardening events, including farmers market booths, gardening workshops and demonstrations, reaching nearly 10,000 South Dakotans. Regardless of the event or what is being discussed, Walkling said Master Gardeners carry an infectious love of digging in the dirt.

“These volunteers help get people excited about gardening,” she said. “There are so many volunteer opportunities – teaching youth, teaching adults, maintaining demonstration gardens, answering questions, organizing events, engaging in horticultural research, writing horticulture articles – the sky is the limit.”



SDSU Extension Master Gardeners host an educational booth at the SD State Fair. From left: Lael Abelmann, Sharelle Meyer and Nancy Kadous.



Coteau Prairie Master Gardener Club (Watertown area) hosted the 2024 state conference at Joy Ranch. | Photos courtesy of SDSU Extension.

Understanding Cooperative Margins, Patronage and the Moving Bullseye



Donna Sattler
Director of Finance
Office Services
Manager

As a non-profit electric cooperative, Lake Region Electric strives to bring in the minimum amount of revenue needed to pay expenses and meet our lender's requirements and hit a margin "bullseye". The difference between revenues received for the current year, minus the expenses needed to run the cooperative, are margins. In layman's terms, margins are the same as profits.

Here is the cooperative difference. Cooperatives allocate these "profits" to each member who contributed to them. Each year stands alone regarding revenue and expenses. On January 1st of every year, we start again at zero. At the end of each year, margins are recorded as allocations to each member's capital credit account based on their contribution to revenue for the year. Although these allocations are called capital "credits", they are not an asset nor a liability.

Why is it important that we have a certain level of margin at the end of each year? Allocated margins become equity in the cooperative. Equity is one of the financial drivers that are required by our lenders. Margins that are too excessive raise our equity higher than necessary and indicate that we are bringing in more revenue than we need. Margins that are too low

affect our borrowing ability and reduce our ability to continue necessary maintenance and repairs on powerlines.

Margin levels are also used in determining our debt service coverage. Debt service coverage indicates to lenders our ability to pay our current debt obligations such as interest, principal and lease payments.

When we have hit our financial metric's "bullseye" and we have enough equity and cash on hand to do so, the board of directors will elect to refund a portion of allocated margins to members. This refund is a capital credit retirement. Retirements are applied to energy accounts for members having an active service. Members who do not have an active service and are qualified for a refund receive their retirement as a check.

$$\frac{\text{Margins} + \text{Interest Exp.} + \text{Depreciation Exp.}}{\text{Interest Exp.} = \text{Principal Payments}} = \text{Debt Service Ratio}$$

Occasionally, a member will ask. "Can you just keep my capital credit refund and lower rates?" The answer is no. Doing so would affect our non-profit status with the IRS. Being a non-profit is what makes us a cooperative. We are not trying to pad the bottom line so that owners or investors will earn a profit. We only want the minimum amount to provide you with reliable power at the lowest rate possible.

Employees at Lake Region work hard every day to keep the power on and do so as economically as possible. Today, doing so costs more than ever but be assured, we explore ways to be as fiscally responsible as possible.





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Capital Credits

2025 Refunds

2025 Capital Credit Retirement Breakdown (Estimated)

East River	2005*	100%	\$ 87,406.00
Basin	2008*	100%	\$168,114.00
Lake Region	2009*	100%	\$ 16,241.00
Lake Region	2010*	100%	\$ 67,324.00
Lake Region	2011*	100%	\$168,520.00
Lake Region	2024	25%	\$ 74,968.00
Estimated Total to be Refunded			\$582,573.00

*100% of the remaining unretired patronage for years 2005, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011



Local, state and federal officials celebrate the ribbon-cutting of the new Lieutenant Commander John C. Waldron Memorial Bridge, March 25, 2025. Photo by Marcy Anderson, Courtesy of the Pierre Area Chamber of Commerce.

BRIDGING HISTORY

The Demolition of the Waldron Memorial Bridge

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Tons of concrete and steel came crashing down in a planned demolition of the Lt. Cmdr. John C. Waldron Memorial Bridge that connected Pierre and Fort Pierre over a half mile stretch of river. The planned explosion marked a significant historic moment for not only Pierre and Fort Pierre, but also eastern and western South Dakota.

The demolition of the bridge unfolded in seconds. A plume of black smoke erupted from the detonating cord placed at key points in the bridge, quickly followed by a bone-rattling shock wave. Paul Nelson, a recently retired employee of the South Dakota Department of Transportation, witnessed the end of the bridge's 63-year lifespan. Nelson, a member of Oahe Elec-

tric, spent over 40 years with the SDDOT, serving most of that time as the regional bridge engineer. In this role, he was responsible for the maintenance, inspection and upkeep of the very bridge that he saw demolished.

As legacy bridge engineer, this was not Nelson's first experience with such a demolition. "I had actually witnessed the 1986 demolition of the old truss bridge that was just downstream of the current railroad bridge – so I have been around something of this magnitude before," he explained.

Even still, Nelson laughed that the modern demolition had a "pretty good report when it went off."

Although the bridge has been decommissioned, its history endures. In 2002, the bridge was dedicated to Lt. Cmdr. John C.

Waldron, a naval aviator from Fort Pierre who led a torpedo squadron during the Battle of Midway in World War II. His actions proved pivotal in the battle, but led to death of himself and most of his squadron. Of the 30 men who served under his command, only one survived the Battle of Midway.

Waldron's legacy is still commemorated through the new Pierre-Fort Pierre Bridge, which had its ribbon-cutting ceremony last month.

Construction of the new bridge began in 2020, just yards from the old bridge's location. In total, the bridge cost nearly \$50 million and is designed to last a century.

"This bridge is going to be a beautiful and wonderful enhancement to the communities and something that will last more than a hundred years," South Dakota Governor Larry Rhoden said at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new bridge that now connects the two halves of the state.

BRIDGE DEMOLITION



The Lt. Cmdr. John C. Waldron Memorial Bridge comes crashing down at 9:03 a.m., on March 13.
Photos by Frank Turner.



Lake Region Awards \$2,000 in Scholarships



Laura London

Lake Region Electric Association is committed to education and training, not only for our employees but for the youth in the communities we serve. As part of this commitment, we offer scholarships to the children of our members who plan to further their education.

Sidney Johnson Awarded Basin/Lake Region Scholarship

Sidney Johnson of Sisseton High School has been chosen as the Basin Electric Power Cooperative Scholarship winner by the Lake Region scholarship committee. Basin Electric Power Cooperative and Lake Region Electric take great pride in our ability to assist in developing rural leadership in our region through our scholarship program. This \$1,000 scholarship is awarded annually to the dependent child of member-owners of Lake Region Electric Association. Scholarship recipients are selected based on academic record, potential to succeed, leadership and participation in school and community activities, honors, work experience, a statement of education and career goals, and an outside appraisal.

Sidney has been very active at school and in her community, in addition to the work she puts in on her family's ranch. Sidney is the Senior Class President, a member of the National Honor Society, FFA, Riding Club, church youth group, and is an award winning member of South Dakota High School Rodeo. She is ranked number one in her senior class with a 4.04 GPA. Sisseton High School Principal, Jim Frederick, speaks highly of Sidney's leadership skills, "Sidney has been an outstanding role model for our high school and community. Sidney's kindness, character, and ability to work with others will serve her well. She is without a doubt going to be a special leader and make a posi-



tive difference in the lives of others."

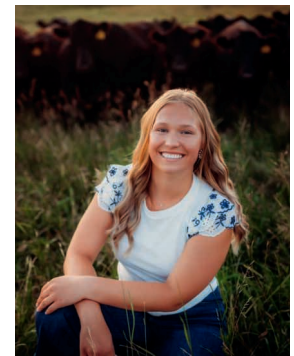
Sidney is the daughter of Sara and Travis Johnson. She plans on furthering her education at Garden City Community College in Garden City Kansas where she plans to major in Business and minor in Chemistry. She also intends to continue with her rodeo activities by competing for the GCCC Broncbuster Rodeo Team. Following college, Sidney plans to return to her family ranch in the Sisseton area to raise quality crops and beef while advocating for the farming and ranching community.

Norah Jean Zubke Awarded Duane Snaza Memorial Scholarship

Webster Area High School Senior, Norah Jean Zubke has been chosen as this year's recipient of Lake Region Electric's Duane Snaza Memorial Scholarship. This \$1,000 scholarship is named in memory of a former Lake Region Electric Employee. It is awarded to the dependent child of a Lake Region Electric member, based on the following criteria: participation in school and community activities, grade-point average, work experience, SAT/ACT scores, statement by student explaining his/her educational and career goals, a written recommendation by a third party and presentation of the application.

You may recognize Norah's friendly smile and outgoing attitude from her community and school involvement, and if you've been to Pereboom's Café and had the privilege of Norah's service, you surely left with a smile on your face. Norah's dedication to service is bolstered by her engagement in Webster High School's FFA club. Advisor Fred Zenk said "Norah has served as our FFA Chapter President and has done an excellent job leading. Norah puts extra effort into completing our chapter goals. Norah uses her politeness and tact to run meetings in a fun and efficient manner!"

Norah is the daughter of Duane and Rhonda Zubke from Waubay. Norah will be attending Stewart School in Sioux Falls to pursue a license in cosmetology. She plans to return to the Webster area to work at a salon and to eventually open and operate her own business.



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South Dakota Rural Electric
YOUTH EXCURSION
July 21-23, 2025

*LREA will provide transportation, lodging, meals, entertainment and sightseeing events.

All area high school freshmen, sophomores and juniors whose parents or guardians are members of Lake Region Electric Association are eligible to apply.



Application Form

To apply for 2025 Youth Excursion, complete the form below and return it to: Lake Region Electric Association

The deadline to apply is June 2, 2025.

If you have any questions, please call : Laura London 605-345-3379 or email: LLondon@lakeregion.coop

2025 Youth Excursion Application

Name: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone #: _____ Email: _____
School: _____ 2024-2025 Class/Year: _____
Gender: _____ T-shirt Size: _____

Return this information by June 2, 2025 to:

Lake Region Electric Association
Mail: PO Box 341 Webster, SD 57274
Email: lakeregion@lakeregion.coop



MAY 31, JUNE 28, JULY 26
Fort Sisseton Lantern Tour
 Lake City, SD
 605-910-4465

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 Travel South Dakota*

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.

APRIL 24-26
HuntSAFE Course
 Davison County Fairgrounds & Mitchell Trap Club
 Mitchell, SD
 605-770-5555
gfp.sd.gov/hunter-education

MAY 2-3
Spring Square Dance Festival
 Fri. 7:30-10:30 p.m.
 Sat. 9:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
 Faith Lutheran Church
 Sioux Falls, SD
 Call for events & times
 605-360-2524

MAY 3
Lion's Club Spring Citywide Rummage Sale
 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
 Groton, SD

MAY 3-4
Prairie Village Events
 Sat. Consignment Auction
 Sun. Season Opening
 Madison, SD
www.prairievillage.org

MAY 3
West River Pheasants Forever Banquet
 5 p.m. Central Time
 Draper Auditorium
 Draper, SD
 605-516-0143

MAY 3
American Legion Post 15 Just Because It's Time to Dance
 6-10:30 p.m.
 El Riad Shrine
 Sioux Falls, SD
 605-336-3470

MAY 6-7
7th Annual Energize! Exploring Innovative Rural Communities Conference
 Hosted by SDSU Extension
 Community Vitality
 Platte, SD
 605-626-2870

MAY 17
Annual Plant Sale
 9 a.m.-11 a.m.
 Codington Co. Extension Complex
 Watertown, SD
 830-534-5359

MAY 23-25
Brandon's Big Car Show
 Carnival & Car Show
 Fri. 6-11 p.m.
 Sat. 1-11 p.m., Car Show 1-4 p.m.
 Sun. 12-5 p.m.
 815 McHardy Rd
 Brandon, SD

MAY 26
Memorial Day Services
 12 p.m. Lunch at Legion Post #39
 Groton Union Cemetery
 Groton, SD

MAY 31
Auto Parts Swap Meet & Car Show
 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
 Brown County Fairgrounds
 Aberdeen, SD

MAY 31
Miss Prairie Village Pageant
 6:30 p.m.
 Lawrence Welk Opera House
 Madison, SD
www.prairievillage.org

MAY 31
Hay Country Jamboree
 7 p.m.
 Gayville Music Hall
 Gayville, SD
 605-760-5799

JUNE 5
Danish Constitution Day Celebration
 6:15 p.m.-9 p.m.
 Danish Folk Dancing & Music
 Daneville Heritage Museum
 Viborg, SD
 605-766-1312
danevilleheritage.com

JUNE 14
Roslyn Vinegar Festival
 11 a.m.
 320-808-8873

JUNE 27-28
Buckhorn Rodeo
 Britton, SD.
 605-880-5077

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.