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Markus Erk*

# Sustaining a reliable electric system



**Tim McIntyre**  
General Manager

We've all heard the phrase, "Don't put all your eggs in one basket." This popular adage is often used in conversation or a story when someone is about to do something foolish or risky. If they heed this advice, it means they did not commit to "one basket", but instead hedged their bets with multiple options.

This strategy is how I describe Lake Region Electric Association's common-sense approach to the current energy transition. We know that consumer interest in renewable energy continues to grow. We've seen this trend here in South Dakota.

Recent innovations and advances in renewable energy technologies have led to sharp decreases in costs, making renewables more feasible, accessible and scalable. Over the last few years, our power provider Basin Electric has adjusted our fuel mix by utilizing more renewables, and today, 30% of our fuel mix is comprised of renewable energy, the majority of which is wind. This will continue to increase as our generation mix diversifies.

Nationally, there is increasing reliance on renewable energy sources at the same time that we're seeing fossil fuel plants taken off-line, often ahead of schedule. Additionally, we're seeing more pressure on the electric grid due to the increasing frequency and intensity of severe weather events and rising electricity demand.

## Competing Pressures

So how do we reconcile these challenges of grid pressure and a changing fuel mix? Solar and wind energy are certainly beneficial for the environment, but they are limited resources because the sun does not always shine, and the wind does not always blow. Our primary responsibility is to provide electricity 24/7 to you and our community. To do this, we need reliable sources of power that will meet all the peaks and valleys of on-demand energy in our

connected world.

So where are we netting out? That's where our familiar adage comes into play. While utilization of renewables is increasing, we still need to incorporate other forms of energy in the mix to ensure reliable service. Remember, solar and wind are intermittent power sources. This fact coupled with the growing demand for renewables creates its own challenges.

That's why we spread our eggs into multiple baskets. There is great value in maintaining a diverse mix of fuel sources—fossil fuels and renewables to ensure reliability, resiliency and meet the growing demand for electricity.

Reliability also means repairing and replacing utility equipment to prevent wear-and-tear, ensuring our equipment can withstand severe weather. We are laser-focused on providing the member-owners of Lake Region with reliable, affordable energy. That's why fuel diversity—or placing our eggs in multiple baskets—is essential to reliability.

## The Bottom Line

Lowering the overall carbon footprint in this country means we're going to electrify more and more of our economy. Solar and wind power are an important part of a broader energy portfolio, but they are not available 24/7. In today's ever-connected world, people need power around the clock.

As our nation increasingly depends on electricity to power the economy, Basin Electric and Lake Region are working to anticipate, plan and respond to market trends and policy shifts. That's how we can power your home and our economy, while continuing to serve as your local energy provider. Please reach out to me if you have any questions!

Thank you & God Bless,  
Timothy McIntyre

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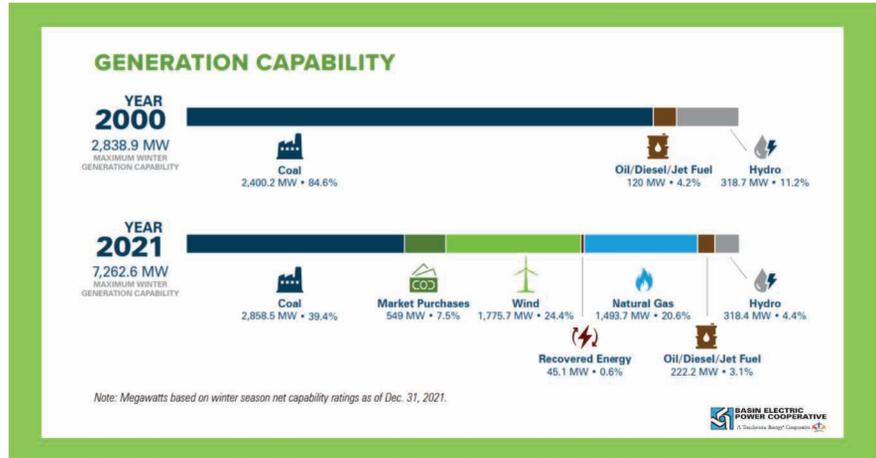
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**LREA's 82nd ANNUAL MEETING**

**Together Towards Tomorrow**

Join us!  
**Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>**  
 Britton Event Center  
 1203 3rd St. Britton, SD  
 ~Registration begins at 6 P.M.~  
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**PRIZE Giveaways**  
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\$35 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!

Come: learn what's happening at your co-op, visit with the Board of Directors & LREA Staff!

**Our offices will be CLOSED**

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 7TH**

Have a Blessed Easter

**Welcome to our new members!**

Andrew Hardina  
 Tracy Siebels  
 Cory Schmieg  
 Timothy White  
 Allison Stiegelmeier  
 Barrett Brudvig

# Practicing Electrical Safety Inside and Outside the Home

Electricity is a vital resource South Dakotans depend on daily, but when used unsafely, the consequences can be costly and sometimes even deadly.

Many tragedies involve common items such as power outlets, appliances, power cords, power equipment and extension cords. Sadly, most of these deaths and injuries are preventable.

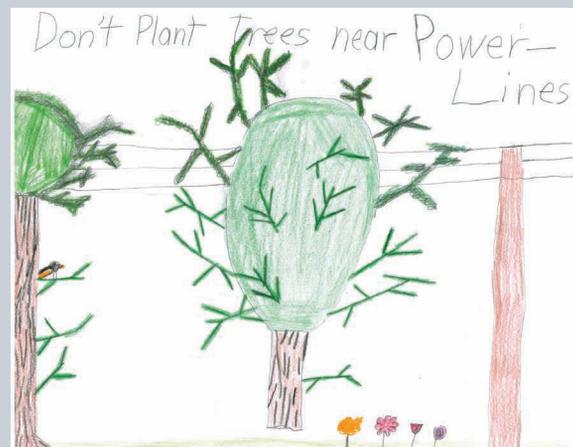
To help reduce electric safety casualties and injuries, South Dakota's electric cooperatives are dedicated to raising awareness of electric safety information to educate people of all ages on the dangers of electricity.

## Inside the Home:

- Inspect electrical cords often for broken connectors or fraying. Throw away any worn cords to eliminate the possibility of shock, short circuit or fire.
- Don't overload power outlets.
- The wattage of the bulbs you use in your home should match the wattage indicated on the light fixture. Overheated fixtures can lead to a fire.
- When trying to unplug something from an outlet, pull on the plug, not the cord.
- Keep in mind that turned off appliances are still connected to electricity until they are unplugged. Always unplug appliances before cleaning or repairing.
- Use extension cords only for short-term purposes, and make sure the cord is adequately suited for the amount of electricity it will be transferring.
- Turn off and unplug all portable electrical appliances, like hairdryers, irons and shavers, when you're finished using them.
- Be familiar with the location of your breaker box and make sure the switches are clearly labeled so you can shut off electricity quickly in the event of an emergency.
- Teach children never to put their fingers in electrical outlets and appliances.
- Keep appliances and cords away from children and use plug covers in outlets.

## Outside the Home:

- If there is a downed power line nearby, leave the area immediately and notify your cooperative or call 911. If others are around, let them know that they need to stay away.
- Teach children to stay away from power lines and substations and make sure they can recognize "Danger-High Voltage" signs.
- Never use electrical equipment near any wet areas, such as pools or ponds.
- Remember, electricity looks for the shortest, most direct path to ground. A ladder, pole or even a wet kite string touching a power line will give electricity a new, shorter path and if you are holding one of these items, you could become a part of that path.
- "Call Before You Dig." Dial 811 before starting a digging project, and workers will be sent to your home to mark utility lines in your yard. This service is free, and it has the potential to save your life.



## Power Line Safety

### Annette Tschetter, age 9

Annette Tschetter, age 9, offers a great safety tip for power lines. Planting trees near power lines can be dangerous and problematic. Annette is the daughter of Ryan and Elaine Tschetter, members of Whetstone Valley Electric based in Milbank, 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.

# SMOOTHIE SENSATION



## WAKE UP COFFEE SMOOTHIE

### Ingredients:

- 1 cup milk
- 1/8-1/4 cup instant coffee granules
- 1 envelope chocolate or vanilla instant breakfast drink mix
- 3 cups ice cubes

### METHOD

In a blender, combine all the ingredients except the ice. Blend until well mixed. Add the ice and blend until well mixed and slushy.

**Catherine Peterson**  
Viborg, S.D.

## STRAWBERRY SMOOTHIE

### Ingredients:

- 2 cups fresh strawberries, stemmed and halved
- 1 cup plain yogurt
- 1/2 cup ice cubes or chips
- 1/2 tsp. ground cardamom
- 1/4 tsp. ginger

### METHOD

In a blender, combine all of the ingredients. Blend on high speed until it has a smoothie texture. Makes two 12 ounce glasses.

**Dar Duncan**  
Milbank, S.D.

## MINT CHOCOLATE BREAKFAST SMOOTHIE

### Ingredients:

- 1 cup ice
- 1/2 medium avocado, peeled, pitted and chopped
- 1/2 cup frozen sliced banana
- 1/2 cup packed baby spinach leaves
- 1/2 cup reduced fat milk
- 1 tablespoon agave nectar
- 1/2 teaspoon Pure Vanilla Extract
- 1/4 teaspoon Pure Peppermint Extract
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped chocolate

### METHOD

Place all ingredients except chocolate in blender container; cover. Blend on high speed until smooth. Stir in chocolate. Serve immediately.

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Please send your favorite recipes to your local electric cooperative (address found on Page 3). Each recipe printed will be entered into a drawing for a prize in December 2023. All entries must include your name, mailing address, phone number and cooperative name.

# Waubay H.S. Senior Kailee Berger chosen as Scholar of The Week

Laura London

Lake Region Electric

Kailee Berger from Waubay High School was honored as Scholar of The Week. The Scholar of the Week program is a partnership between Dakota News Now and your local Touchstone Energy Cooperatives that honors the region's accomplished high school students.

Kailee is very outgoing and is viewed as a leader. She is active in her high school student council and is the Senior Class President. She is Basketball Varsity Team Captain and Vice President of her local 4-H club. "Being a leader to me, is a very rewarding accomplishment. I feel honored that people look up to me in a way that they would elect me to be their leader or team captain. To be a leader you need to be honest, determined, and understanding," said Kailee. Her advice to the younger classman, is "Do not procrastinate, and get your work done." Kailee has excelled academically, while continuing to be involved in extracurricular activities. She has the highest GPA in her class, takes dual credit courses and is a member of the National Honor Society. Outside of school, she participates in 4-H, and several barrel racing associations. In addition to her love of riding horses, Kailee loves to read books.

I asked Kailee what advice she



Waubay high school senior Kailee Berger, Scholar of the Week recipient.

would give if she the opportunity to go back and have a conversation with her younger self, what would be the most important thing she would share; her advice is something that she will undoubtedly follow as she continues her education and life beyond high school, "I would tell her not to lower your expectations of yourself based on those around you."

Kailee's parents are Art Jr. and Nicole Berger of Ortley, and she has two younger siblings, Bo and Jett. After graduating from Waubay High School, she plans to attend SDSU to study Animal Science.

She was nominated for the Scholar of The Week award by school counselor Dan Kennedy, based on her excellence in the classroom and community activities. Each weekly winner receives a cash award from their local Touchstone Energy Cooperative; Kailee was presented with a check for \$250 from Lake Region Electric and was featured on Dakota News Now Monday, March 6 and again on the Dakota News Now

morning news on Tuesday, March 7. She is also eligible to receive one of the three scholarships that are given away at the annual Scholar of the Year banquet. Kailee said, "It was an honor to be chosen as scholar of the week, and it feels very rewarding."

**FREE MONEY FOR SCHOOL**

The Charles Johnson Education and Training Trust

**ATTENTION TRADE STUDENTS**

**Are you planning to pursue a career in manufacturing and technology?**

- Applicants for this scholarship do not need to be members of LREA.
- Applications for this scholarship must be submitted before April 1st.

For details or to apply for this scholarship, contact Laura at Lake Region Electric Association or Webster Area High School Counselor Chelsea Larson.

Applications are also available on the Lake Region Electric website: [www.lakeregion.coop](http://www.lakeregion.coop)



Macie Luce, 2022 Snow Queen, crowns Addison Kuecker as the 2023 South Dakota Snow Queen in January. *Photo credit: South Dakota Snow Queen Festival*

## South Dakota Snow Queens Keep Rich History Thriving

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It's not your typical pageant. Getting to the top depends on the pageant participant's goals, ambitions, knowledge and talents. Involvement in community and school functions as well as their success in the interview process is how the winning young women are crowned.

The first South Dakota Snow Queen Festival was organized by Aberdeen's Jaycees and Jaycettes after World War II in 1946. From there, it has grown across eastern South Dakota with the hope of even more involvement across state. Today, approximately 30 communities send contestants, and the program has continued to thrive due to the scholarships and former snow queens who advocate for the program.

Scholarships are given to the winners of the festival – Snow Queens receive \$3,500, Junior Snow Queens receive \$2,000, and Snow Princesses are offered \$200 for any school and any program.

Don Bremer, former president of the South Dakota Snow Queen Committee,

said, "Once the festival is over, the winning Snow Queen and Junior Snow Queen begin their year representing South Dakota at various other festivals – including St. Paul Winter Carnival, Minneapolis Aquatennial, Montevideo Fiesta Days, Willmar Fest, Gypsy Days, Bands Brews & BBQs, the Brown County Fair, and more. They represent their communities and the state of South Dakota and build lasting friendships and skills for their future."

The community gathers behind these young women to make the program special and meaningful. It's a tradition full of history and fun for all.

"We even have an important mascot named Frosty," Bremer said. "Frosty is typically a local businessperson who supports the festival...he or she has six guards, and their identity is revealed only at coronation. Notable past Frosty mascots were Joe Foss and Tom Daschle"

Gabriella Premus, weekend morning anchor and live reporter for television news in Green Bay, Wis., was crowned Junior Snow Queen in 2013. She recounted moving to Webster, S.D., from California and



Gov. Kristi Noem was crowned the South Dakota Snow Queen in 1990.

jumping into the program as a way to get acquainted with the community.

"I would definitely recommend this program – it shaped me as a young woman and gave me confidence," Premus said. "I was able to succeed in the profession I am in today as a television news anchor because of the experience I gained as Junior Snow Queen."

"My highlight was being able to represent my state when we traveled and establish comradery with others involved in the program," Premus continued. "I hope the legacy continues."



# HOOKED ON FISHING

A Game, Fish and Parks employee consolidates fish in a raceway at McNenny State Fish Hatchery for loading and stocking.

## South Dakota Fish Hatcheries Meet Growing Demand

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Fishing guide Dave Spaid, of Pierre, has a passion for helping anglers pull fish out of South Dakota waters. When a customer catches a memorable monster along the banks of the Missouri River, Spaid knows he has had a successful day.

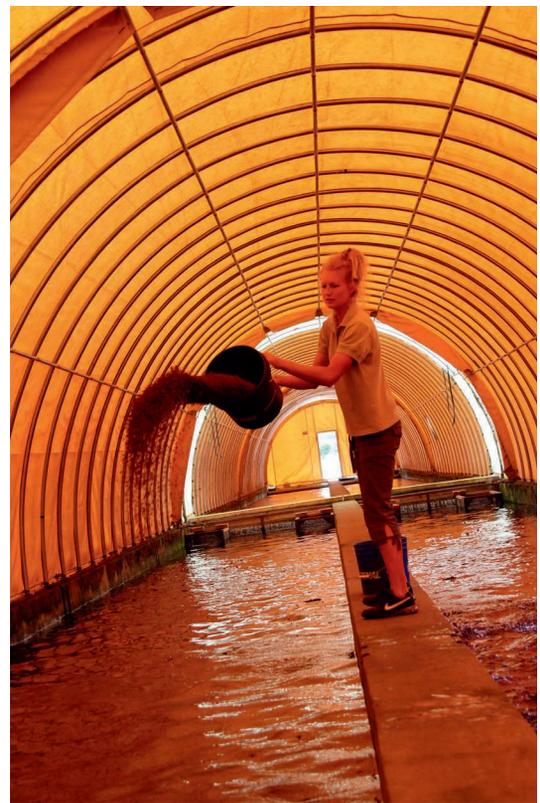
“I basically enjoy watching other people catch fish,” said Spaid, who has been a guide for fishermen from across the Midwest for more than 37 years.

Over the course of his long-standing career, Spaid says he observed more anglers on the water and improved fishing technologies and capabilities, yet fewer sizable fish. “There’s a growing amount of people out there that are fishing every day and having success,” said Spaid. “It puts a detrimental dent in our fishery and sometimes the fish just don’t have a

chance to grow to those bigger sizes.”

According to data from Game, Fish and Parks (GFP), fishing continues to be an important part of South Dakota’s outdoor heritage, confirming Spaid’s suspicions. And while fishing guides, like Spaid, have earned a living by taking fish out of the water, managers of fish hatcheries have taken on the responsibility of putting new fish back in.

Fish Hatcheries administrator Mike Barnes said GFP is being proactive in the development of its three hatchery locations to meet the needs of South Dakota’s anglers. Recent improvements to South Dakota’s three hatcheries located in



Regular feedings help bolster fish before their introduction to South Dakota lakes and rivers.

Spearfish, Rapid City and Waubay have significantly improved the state's abilities to produce and rear mass quantities of fish – everything from walleye to rainbow trout to largemouth bass – for stocking across the state.

The fish produced at these state hatcheries can even bolster South Dakota's larger fisheries, and without them, there would be significantly fewer fish to catch. In 2022, GFP and other entities stocked a total of 66 million fish, including 19 different species, in 138 lakes and streams in South Dakota. Over 60% of the walleye fisheries in South Dakota depend on stocking, and walleye stocking is increasing in Lake Oahe, South Dakota's largest reservoir. Other fisheries, like those for Chinook salmon, rainbow trout, and paddlefish, only exist because of hatcheries.

So how does the state manage to raise millions of fish? When raising walleye, hatcheries collect and fertilize fish eggs collected during the spawning season in the spring. The eggs incubate in upwelling jars, which circulate fresh water and gently roll the eggs. When the eggs hatch,

the small fry are either stocked directly into lakes or kept for further growth in ponds or newly installed re-circulating aquaculture system (RAS) tanks.

Due to the recent addition of RAS technology in 2019, Barnes said it is now possible to grow more fish and different species of fish to sizes never before possible. "Anglers are going to feel a huge impact from what we have done with these new systems, even as soon as this summer," said Barnes. "We are increasing small walleye production, and will be stocking bass at 10 inches or bigger, bluegills at eight inches, and muskies at 16 inches or longer – we've never had the opportunity to grow and stock these species of fish at these sizes before. This is all happening at the same time as increased numbers of walleyes returning from traditional rearing ponds and trout production at record levels. I'm extremely proud of the people I am privileged to supervise."

Rearing fish in RAS is complex, and Barnes compares the process to a factory. The scale of production is massive and energy intensive. Barnes is also the

manager of McNenny Hatchery in rural Lawrence County. As a co-op member of Butte Electric, Barnes said the McNenny hatchery in Spearfish has had consistent support from its local co-op to keep the operation rolling.

"There is no way we could do what we do without reliable electricity," said Barnes. "It's just a tremendous blessing for us to have Butte Electric as our provider. They are just so good to work with and so responsive and helpful."

The state is keen on keeping the momentum rolling. In fact, GFP has plans for a new hatchery facility on SDSU's campus. Increasing production, increasing rearing efficiencies, saving money, developing student interns, and enhancing fisheries education, are all reasons for the new facility. Barnes estimates that the project could be completed within the next three years.

"Keep an eye out for new projects because they are happening and underway," he said. "And at the end of the day, it's all about maximizing the satisfaction of our customers, South Dakota's anglers."



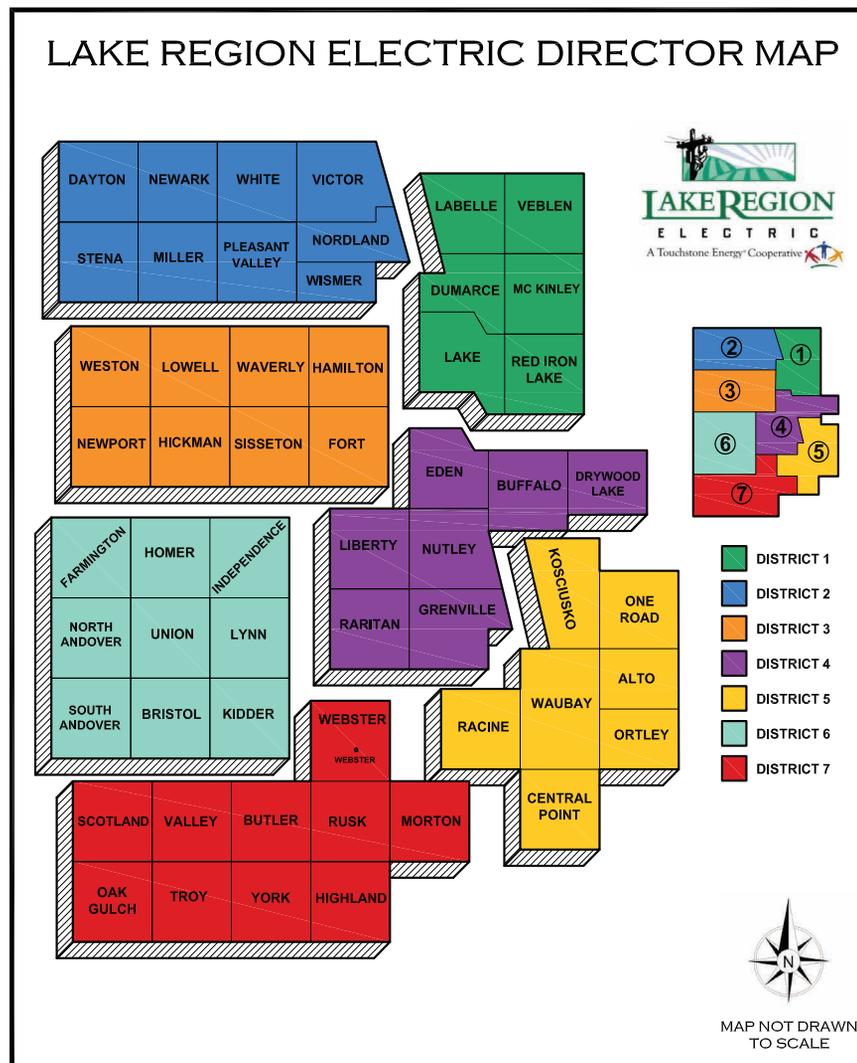
Game, Fish and Parks uses trucks equipped with livewells to stock fish directly into South Dakota fisheries across the state.

## Election to be held for two director seats

Two Director seats will be up for election at the Lake Region Electric Association annual meeting of members to be held in Britton, SD on June 8, 2023 at 7:00 PM. The seats up for election are District 2 and District 4. Individuals who wish to run for the board must file a petition signed by fifteen (15) active LREA members 45 days prior to the annual meeting. Potential Director candidates must be an active member of LREA and agree to attend all meetings. Nominations can be accepted from the floor during the annual meeting. Candidates will be published in the “Annual Meeting Notice to Members.”

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.

Our service area is divided into 7 districts, as shown on the Lake Region Electric Director Map, with each district being represented by an elected official. This year District 2 and District 4 are up for election. District 2, highlighted in blue, includes



the townships of Dayton, Newark, White, Victor, Stena, Miller, Pleasant Valley, Nordland & Wismer. District 4 townships, highlighted in purple, include Eden, Liberty, Raritan, Grenville, Nutley, Buffalo & Drywood Lake. District 2 is currently represented by Director Mark Wismer. District 4 is currently represented by Director Thomas Steiner. Both incumbents are eligible for re-election.

Members living in these districts who are interested in serving on the Lake Region Electric Association

Board of Directors are encouraged to call 605-345-3379 Toll Free: 1-800-657-5869 or stop by our office at 1212 Main Street in Webster for more information or to request a petition. Those wishing to make a nomination from the floor must call the office in advance of the annual meeting to pre-check the candidate for eligibility.

## Bylaws

A full and true copy of the Bylaws of Lake Region Electric Association, Inc. is available to all members in a 20-page booklet. The document can be viewed in digital format by visiting the website: Lakeregion.coop and clicking on “Cooperative Mission and Guiding Principles” from the drop-down menu of the “myCooperative tab” near the top of the home page. Any member who wishes to receive a printed copy can stop by the LREA office at 1212 Main Street, Webster or call and request that one be mailed to you 605-345-3379 or 1-800-657-5869.

### Section 3. Qualifications

No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of the Cooperative who is a close relative (father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, grandchildren, first cousins or stepchild) of an incumbent director or of an employee of the Cooperative, or is not a member in good standing of the Cooperative and receiving service at his/her primary residential abode or primary business, which must be located in the directorate district that the director is to represent; PROVIDED, that the designated representative of any non-human member, such as a corporation or its designee, shall notwithstanding that he/she does not receive services from the Cooperative at his/her primary residential abode, be eligible to become a director if (1) he/she is in substantial permanent occupancy, direction or use of the premises served by the Cooperative, and (2) is a permanent and year-round resident within the Cooperative’s service area or residing not more than fifty (50) miles from the principal location of the non-human member that is being served by the Cooperative;

BUT PROVIDED FURTHER, that no more than one such person as the designated representative may serve on the Board at the same time and in the event that he/she should resign or is unwilling to so act, that directorship shall become vacant. No person may become or remain a director of, or to hold any other position of trust in the Cooperative who does not have the legal capacity to enter into a binding contract, or is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise, or a business providing electric services to the Cooperative, or a business primarily engaged in selling electric appliances, fixtures or supplies to, among others, the members of the Cooperative. No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of, or to hold any other position of trust in, the Cooperative who is not at least eighteen (18) years of age. No ex-employee, either retired or terminated, will be eligible to become a director of the Cooperative for at least 5 years after their employment ends. If a nominee for director lacks eligibility under this paragraph or as may be provided elsewhere in these bylaws, the chairperson presiding at the meeting at which such nominee would otherwise be voted upon shall disqualify such nominee.

If any person being considered for, or already holding, a directorship or other position of trust in the Cooperative lacks eligibility under this paragraph, the Board shall withhold such position, or cause such person to be removed therefrom, as the case may be. Nothing contained in this paragraph shall, or shall be construed to, affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any action taken at any meeting of the Board, unless such action is taken with respect to a matter which is affected by the provisions of this paragraph and

in which one or more of the directors have an interest adverse to that of the Cooperative.

### Section 4. Nominations

Any fifteen (15) or more members acting together may make nominations for Board of Directors by a petition filed not less than forty-five (45) days prior to the annual meeting. If no nominating petitions are filed, it shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to appoint, not less than thirty (30) days before the annual meeting at which directors are elected, a committee on nominations consisting of not less than four (4) nor more than eleven (11) members who shall be selected from districts in which the vacancy exists so as to insure equitable representation. No member of the Board of Directors may serve on the committee. The committee shall prepare and file a report, at least twenty (20) days before the annual meeting, of a list of nominations for directors in such districts where no nominating petitions have been filed.

The secretary shall mail, with the notice of meeting or separately but at least seven (7) days before the meeting, a statement of the number of directors to be elected and the names and addresses of candidates.

At the annual meeting, the chairman or his/her designee shall read the statement of the secretary as to number of directors to be elected and the names of nominees.

The chairman or his/her designee shall call for additional nominations from the floor and nominations shall cease after a reasonable time. No member may nominate more than one candidate. 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.



# MOVING STRUCTURES

A home is moved in Fargo, N.D., due to flooding.

## Reasons to Move and Methods to Get it Done

**Jocelyn Johnson**

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You found your dreamhouse. It's affordable and everything you ever wanted. The catch? You must move it across town.

It's not an easy thing to do, but moving a complete structure from the past to its future home can be done and is done for the right reasons.

Milbank House Movers, Inc., located in Milbank, S.D., has been in business since 1965 and serves all of South Dakota, North Dakota, and the Mid-Western parts of Minnesota.

Josh Wendland from Milbank House Movers said, "The demand for moving structures remains high across all of our service area...we have multiple crews, that, at times, move multiple houses every week."

A house, sentimental barn or historical

church are all structures that people have moved in South Dakota. Sentiment, safety, time, cost, convenience, and restructuring could all be reasons why this occurs.

Throughout the United States,

intimidating structures are moved regularly – lighthouses, hotels, movie theatres, airport terminals, barges, ships, bridges, grain elevators, houses, libraries, transformers, draglines, and viaducts are a few examples.

"Relocating structures is the world's oldest and largest recycling industry," Wendland stated. "Why people move structures varies greatly, but a few of the most common reasons occur in a



Two buildings are moved from Augustana University campus due to expansion of the college athletics complexes.

vast state like South Dakota. People that would like a home built may have difficulty finding builders that will work in their parts of the state, or the local builders are simply booked out and cannot help in the timeframe that works for them.”

In these circumstances, ready-built companies offer pre-built homes that could be moved to the customer’s site and set it on their basement as if it were built there all along.

A homeowner wanting to upgrade homes in their current location while also wanting to make a profit over the home they currently live in, is another example to move a home. Out with the old and in with the new! This philosophy can be true with barns, buildings, garages, and other types of structures that are in the way of new opportunities, but still hold value.

Flooding is an additional reason why some in the Midwest may want to move their homes to higher ground. Wendland observed that structural movers have seen an increase in the number of requests to elevate houses permanently, so owners

would not have to pay for expensive flood insurance. This move would elevate the long-term value on their home.

“We also work with numerous historical societies to help preserve historic structures, trains, churches, hotels, and schoolhouses by moving them to historical society grounds where they can be saved for future generations to learn from and enjoy,” Wendland stated. “We like to say, Moving the Past to the Present for the Future!”

## Things to Consider When Moving a House

Despite professionals making it look somewhat easy, getting from Point A to Point B may not be that simple. It requires constructive planning and forethought. The following are just a few considerations to take before any structure is moved.

1. Size – the bigger the house, the more expensive it is to move.
2. Obstacles – trees, overhead utility lines, bridge weight limitations, traffic signals, and railroad crossings should be considered

with every route taken.

3. Price of moving the house
4. Distance of the move
5. Cost of the new lot
6. Cost to purchase the house or building
7. Fees associated with moving overhead utilities, tree trimming, and any permits or inspections required to move and place the house
8. Fees associated with disconnecting all of the current utilities, HVAC, and electrical and plumbing systems
9. Remodeling costs
10. Financing costs

Moving a structure can be an exciting process if done correctly. It’s saving a piece of history from destruction or putting in something new without the headache of waiting. Whatever the reason behind the move, the ability to do it is astounding. Homes can be saved, history can be preserved, and future options are made more available.

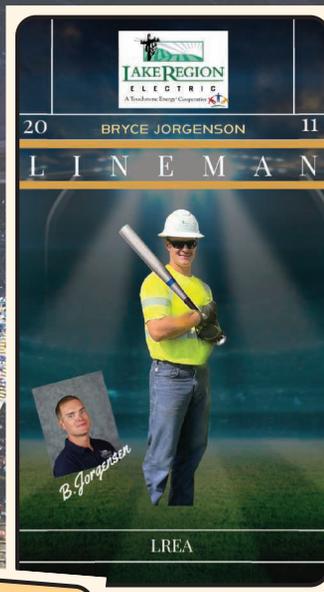


A home is moved due to flooding near Waubay, S.D.

# LREA Line Crew Allstars

**Bryce Jorgenson MVP facts:**

- Most time on rental yard light installs/removals
- Most time on blanket cross arm changes (Tie)
- Most time on blanket arrestor changes (Tie)

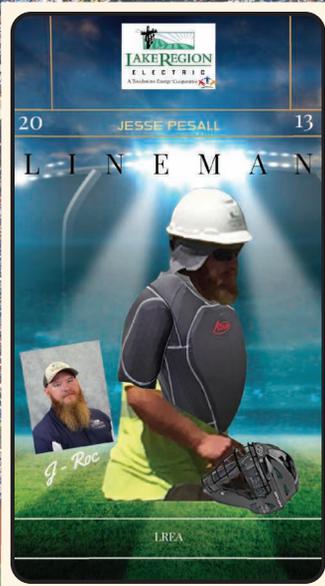


**Bryce Jorgenson**  
Journeyman Lineman

Years of LREA Service ..... 11  
Career Hours ..... 31,223

**2022 Stats**

Outage Hours ..... 194  
Maintenance Hours ..... 284  
Workorder Hours ..... 973  
Miles Operating Equipment ..... 13,590  
Lumberjack Hours ..... 10  
Most Operated Equipment ..... #39 Tracked Skid Steer



**Jesse Pesall**  
Journeyman Lineman

Years of LREA Service ..... 10  
Career Hours ..... 20,966

**2022 Stats**

Outage Hours ..... 110  
Maintenance Hours ..... 204  
Workorder Hours ..... 1,045  
Miles Operating Equipment ..... 11,554  
Lumberjack Hours ..... 11  
Most Operated Equipment ..... #25 Ranger

**Jesse Pesall MVP fact:**

- Anchorman

**Shawn Schmidt MVP fact:**

- Most time on blanket pole changes

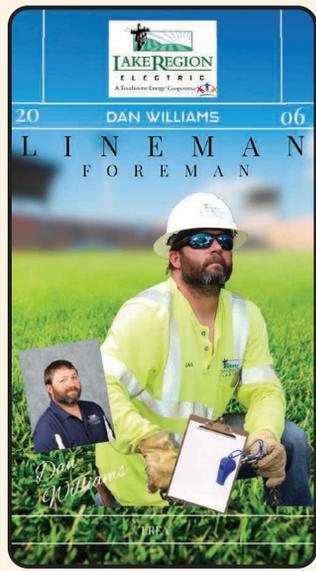


**Shawn Schmidt**  
Journeyman Lineman

Years of LREA Service ..... 17  
Career Hours ..... 37,622

**2022 Stats**

Outage Hours ..... 135  
Maintenance Hours ..... 193  
Workorder Hours ..... 868  
Miles Operating Equipment ..... 8,242  
Most Operated Equipment ..... #39 Tracked Skid Steer



**Dan Williams**

Line Foreman

Years of LREA Service ..... 17  
 Career Hours ..... 38,212

**2022 Stats**

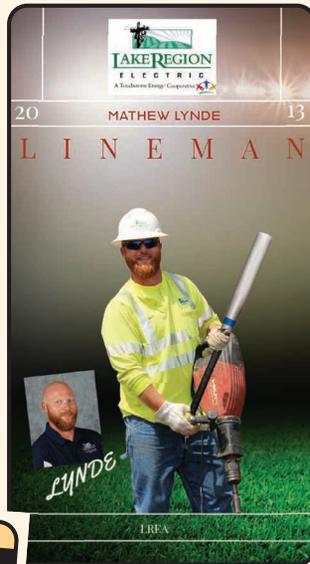
Outage Hours ..... 108  
 Maintenance Hours ..... 193  
 Workorder Hours ..... 637  
 Miles Operating Equipment ..... 10,850  
 Lumberjack Hours ..... 89  
 Most Operated Equipment ..... #39 Tracked Skid Steer

**Dan Williams MVP fact:**

- Most time on blanket bell changes (Tie)

**Mathew Lynde MVP fact:**

- Most time on loop builds



**Mathew Lynde**

Journeyman Lineman

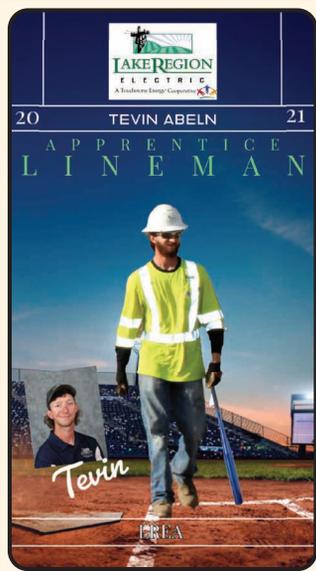
Years of LREA Service ..... 10  
 Career Hours ..... 22,885

**2022 Stats**

Outage Hours ..... 151  
 Maintenance Hours ..... 339  
 Workorder Hours ..... 968  
 Miles Operating Equipment ..... 9,017  
 Lumberjack Hours ..... 7  
 Most Operated Equipment ..... #39 Tracked Skid Steer

**Tevin Abeln MVP fact:**

- Most time on blanket bell changes (Tie)



**Tevin Abeln**

Apprentice Lineman

Years of LREA Service ..... 2  
 Career Hours ..... 3,952

**2022 Stats**

Outage Hours ..... 178  
 Maintenance Hours ..... 283  
 Workorder Hours ..... 1,013  
 Miles Operating Equipment ..... 8,798  
 Lumberjack Hours ..... 16  
 Most Operated Equipment ..... #25 Ranger



**Tyler Aadland**

Journeyman Lineman

Years of LREA Service ..... 14  
 Career Hours ..... 32,405

**2022 Stats**

Outage Hours ..... 153  
 Maintenance Hours ..... 230  
 Workorder Hours ..... 921  
 Miles Operating Equipment ..... 13,087  
 Lumberjack Hours ..... 25  
 Most Operated Equipment ..... #39 Tracked Skid Steer

**Tyler Aadland MVP facts:**

- Most time on blanket cross arm changes (Tie)
- Most time on blanket arrestor changes (Tie)



**April 22, 2023**  
**RiverRat Run**  
 Gavins Point Recreation Area  
 Yankton, SD  
 605-660-9483

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.

**MARCH 31-APRIL 2**  
**70th Annual Hayes Play: Trouble in Tumbleweed**  
 Hayes Community Hall  
 Hayes, SD  
 605-280-6556

**APRIL 1**  
**Hill City Easter Egg Hunt**  
 9:45 a.m.  
 Visitor Information Center  
 Hill City, SD  
 605-574-2368

**APRIL 1**  
**Lion's Club Easter Egg Hunt**  
 10 a.m.  
 City Park  
 Groton, SD  
 605-397-8422

**APRIL 1**  
**East Dakota Chapter NWTF 30th Banquet**  
 Sioux Falls, SD  
 605-940-0702

**APRIL 2-4**  
**"The Psychic-a Murder Mystery of Sorts"**  
**Community Theater Performance**  
 Town Players Theater  
 Watertown, SD  
 605-280-6556

**APRIL 8**  
**East Dakota Chapter NWTF 30th Banquet**  
 Sioux Falls, SD  
 605-940-0702

**APRIL 8**  
**Easter Egg Hunt for Helping with Horsepower**  
 2 p.m.  
 Reclamation Ranch  
 Mitchell, SD

**APRIL 21**  
**Museum After Dark**  
 7 p.m.  
 Children's Museum of South Dakota  
 Brookings, SD

**APRIL 21-22**  
**Junkin' Market Days, Spring Market**  
 W.H. Lyon Fairgrounds  
 Expo Building  
 Sioux Falls, SD  
 605-941-4958

**APRIL 22**  
**RiverRat Run**  
 8 a.m.  
 Gavins Point Recreation Area  
 Yankton, SD  
 (605) 660-9483

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

**MAY 17**  
**Norwegian Independence Day**  
 6 p.m.  
 Vivian, SD  
 605-222-3296

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

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

**JUNE 17**  
**Roslyn Vinegar Museum Festival**  
 11 a.m. Parade  
 Roslyn, SD  
 320-808-8873

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