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Dave Lindblom
Board President

There are times in the life of a cooperative when you have to stop and take a look at where you have been and where you are headed. For Black Hills Electric Cooperative, we are approaching one of those times.

In January, Walker Witt will retire as our CEO and General Manager. Walker has been a good manager and a good leader for this cooperative, and I want to take a little time to recognize what he has meant to Black Hills Electric Cooperative and to our members.

During Walker's tenure, he has worked hard to keep this cooperative moving in the right direction. He has also been a good strategic planner and someone who thinks ahead about what is coming and what this cooperative needs to be prepared for. As a lawyer, he has also been a valuable resource when legal questions or difficult matters have come before the cooperative. His knowledge of the law and the electric industry has helped the co-op navigate issues that are not always simple.

Walker has also been a strong voice for electric cooperatives at the state level, working with legislators, regulators and industry organizations. He understands that decisions made in Pierre and throughout the electric industry can have a real impact on the members we serve here at home.

He has also done a good job of keeping the board informed. We have had plenty of tough issues to work through over the years, and Walker has always made sure the board had the information we needed to make those decisions.

On behalf of the Board, I want to thank Walker for his years of service to Black Hills

Electric. Retirement is something he has certainly earned, and while we will miss him, we wish him nothing but the best in the next chapter.

As we look at the future of the cooperative, we also had an important decision to make about who would lead Black Hills Electric Cooperative going forward. I am pleased to announce that Michelle Fischer has been named Walker's successor as CEO and General Manager, effective upon Walker's retirement in January.

Michelle is about as homegrown as they come.

She is a local and has spent nearly 19 years working at BHEC. She started with the cooperative in 2008 and has worked her way through a number of positions over the years. She has worked directly with members, handled communications, taken on management responsibilities and, most recently, has served as Assistant General Manager.

I've had the opportunity to watch Michelle grow with this cooperative. She works hard, cares about people, listens, and gets things done.

She also understands what a cooperative is all about. We are owned by the people we serve, and that connection to our members and communities matters.

We have plenty of challenges ahead, but I believe Black Hills Electric Cooperative is in good hands. We have great employees, a strong board, members who care about their cooperative, and a new leader who has spent nearly two decades learning this organization from the ground up.

No one expects Michelle to have all the answers on day one. None of us do. What matters is having someone who is willing to work hard, listen, learn and make decisions with the best interests of the cooperative and its members in mind. I believe Michelle will do that.

Walker will not be easy to replace. He has given many years to Black Hills Electric and has been an important part of this cooperative and our communities. We are grateful for his service and wish him well in retirement.

And to Michelle, congratulations. You've put in the time, you've earned the opportunity, and now it's your turn to lead.

I know our members will join us in supporting her as she takes on this new responsibility.



Walker Witt - CEO/General Manager



Michelle Fischer - Assistant General Manager

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KEEP SAFETY AT THE HEART OF YOUR HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

The holiday season, stretching from late November through mid-January, is widely considered the most joyous time of the year. Families gather, festive parties fill our calendars, and a spirit of generosity warms our homes. However, alongside the cheer comes a significant spike in travel, home decorating, and large-scale cooking. Consequently, preventable accidents and injuries dramatically increase during these months. To ensure your family and friends remain safe and injury-free throughout the festivities, keeping safety top of mind is crucial. Below is a comprehensive guide of tried-and-true advice to help you navigate the season securely.

Traveling for the Holidays? Be Prepared and Alert

For millions of people, the holidays mean hitting the road to visit loved ones. Unfortunately, car travel during this busy period carries the highest fatality rate of any major transportation form. Hundreds tragically lose their lives in crashes on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day alone. Alarming, alcohol impairment contributes to approximately one-third of these fatal incidents.

To stay safe on the roads, follow these essential guidelines:

- Winterize your vehicle: Prepare for harsh weather and keep a well-stocked emergency kit in your trunk.
- Rest up: Get plenty of sleep before departing to avoid the severe dangers of drowsy driving.
- Plan ahead: Leave early and anticipate heavy traffic to eliminate the dangerous temptation to speed.
- Buckle up: Ensure every passenger is properly restrained, regardless of the trip's length.
- Eliminate distractions: Put your cell phone away; it remains the primary driving distraction today.
- Designate a driver: Always use a completely sober driver. Alcohol and medications cause severe impairment.

Decorate with Caution and Care

Decking the halls instantly puts families in a holiday mood, but hospital emergency departments treat thousands of decorating-related injuries annually. Remember these safety tips:

- Keep poisonous seasonal plants, like mistletoe and holly berries, strictly out of the reach of children.
- If utilizing an artificial tree, verify it is clearly labeled as "fire resistant."
- For live trees, cut two inches off the trunk for better water absorption. Water daily and remove it when dry.
- Place your tree at least three feet away from fireplaces, radiators, and space heaters.

- Discard and replace light sets featuring broken sockets, frayed wires, or loose electrical connections.
- Turn off all holiday lights before going to bed or leaving the house.

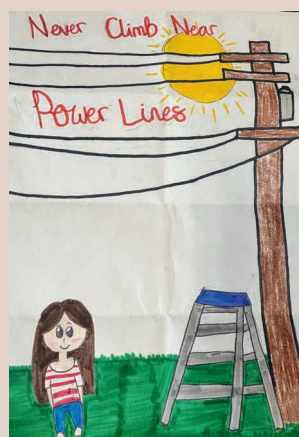
Watch Out for Holiday Fire-Starters

The glow of candles and fireplaces is a holiday staple, but combined with combustible decorations, house fire risks skyrocket. The National Fire Protection Association notes candles cause 46% of December home fires.

- Place candles in sturdy holders away from curtains and curious children.
- Store matches and lighters in a locked, high cabinet.
- Consider battery-operated flameless candles as a very safe alternative.
- Never burn pine branches or wrapping paper in fireplaces; they can cause flash fires.
- Use a protective screen for burning fires and never leave lit candles unattended.

Be highly alert to the extreme dangers of turkey fryers. Hundreds of fires and severe burns are linked to these devices. Consider using oil-less fryers or purchasing fried turkeys from professionals. If you must fry your own, strictly follow all U.S. Fire Administration guidelines.

By taking these simple, proactive steps, you can protect loved ones and ensure your holidays remain merry, bright, and safe.



"Never climb near power lines."

Penelope Poppen

Penelope warns readers to never climb near power lines. Thank you for sharing, Penelope! Penelope's parents are Brett and Megan Poppen, members of Black Hills Electric Cooperative.

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.



THE FAMILY TABLE

ENCHILADA CASSEROLE

Ingredients:

1 lb. hamburger
1 medium onion, chopped
1 green pepper, chopped
1 can (10 oz.) enchilada sauce
6 tortilla shells
1 cup shredded cheese
1 can pinto beans

Method

In a glass baking dish, put the browned hamburger, onion, pepper, beans and sauce in shells and roll up. Layer with shredded cheese on top. Bake 20 minutes in oven.

Optional: Use 1 cup of sliced black olives on top of cheese

Marla Gilbert
Southeastern Electric

PARTY IN A PAN

Ingredients:

1 1/2 lbs. hamburger, browned
1 can cream of celery soup
1 can cream of chicken soup
1 box Stove Top Stuffing Mix
1 can corn, drained
3 cups mozzarella cheese, shredded

Method

Combine the hamburger, celery soup and chicken soup in a bowl and set aside. Prepare the Stove Top Stuffing as directed on the box. Layer half the hamburger mixture, half the corn, half the stuffing, and half the cheese; repeat layers again. Bake 30-40 minutes at 350°F or until cheese is melted. Makes a 9x13-inch pan.

Kathy Zomer
Douglas Electric

BEEF TERIYAKI

Ingredients:

1lb. boneless beef sirloin steak
2 tbsp. cornstarch
14 oz. beef broth
2 tbsp soy sauce
1 tbsp. brown sugar
1/4 tsp. garlic powder
3 cups broccoli florets
1 1/2 cups rice
1 2/3 cups water

Method

Cook the rice in water according to the directions on the bag. Slice beef in very thin strips. In a large skillet, saute the beef strips until browned and the juices evaporate.

In a mixing bowl, combine cornstarch, beef broth, soy sauce, brown sugar and garlic powder. Mix thoroughly.

Add the liquid mixture and broccoli florets to the beef. Cook until mixture boils & thickens to a desired consistency, stirring frequently.

Serve over the cooked rice.

Karen Soulek
Charles-Mix 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 2026. All entries must include your name, mailing address, phone number and cooperative name.

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THIS FOLLOWING LIST CONTAINS the names of former Black Hills Electric Cooperative members whose capital credit checks have not been cashed or were returned to us. Please review the list and if you know anyone listed, or his or her heirs, please contact BHEC at 605-673-4461 or 800-742-0085. **A-L was published in the October edition.**

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HONORING OUR HEROES

Veterans Memorial Undergoing Revamp

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Lee Leuning's father was about 80 when he sat in his son's sculpting studio to become the sailor at South Dakota's World War II memorial.

For three days, Leuning studied his face and shaped his features. His father slowly began talking about the war. After 50 years, the experience still weighed heavy.

Today, more than 25 years later, Leuning's father stands immortalized in bronze on the shore of Capitol Lake in Pierre, representing sailors like himself who served in World War II.

He stands among five other slightly larger-than-life statues representing members of the U.S. armed forces. The display, called "Why We Fought," depicts the service members in tattered uniforms saluting toward the American flag.

"It's soldiers in each individual moment stepping out of battle and recognizing the flag and what they fought for," Leuning said.

A member of Northern Electric Cooperative, Leuning created the figures

with fellow sculptor Sherri Treeby. Visitors to Pierre will find their work throughout the city, including statues along the Trail of Governors and a relief plaque commemorating the Lt. Cmdr. John C. Waldron Memorial Bridge. At Capitol Lake, their sculptures honor veterans of World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

Several of the World War II figures have family connections. Leuning used his mother's likeness for the army corps mechanic – she served as a plane mechanic in WWII – and his sons as models for the pilot and Marine. Treeby's father, an Army veteran, provided the face of the Coast Guardsman.

The WWII memorial was the first memorial unveiled, dedicated by Gov. Bill Janklow just four days after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Leuning recalls being amazed by the turnout – thousands of visitors were at the Capitol for the dedication.

He remembers one Navy veteran watching the dedication parade from a hospital bed with an attendant.

The WWII memorial on Capitol Lake shows soldiers saluting the American flag after battle.

Later, after the Korean and Vietnam soldier statues and walls were added beneath the flag, the WWII veterans appear to salute them too.

Photo by Jacob Boyko

"Every time a flag came by with an honor guard ... that guy would have his aide get him out of the bed, and he'd snap to attention," Leuning said. "That, to me, showed this really means something to them."



Recent renovation improved water drainage. Previously, water under the granite tiles caused loosening. The tiles have since been replaced with sod grass. The stream bed was also replaced.

Photo by Jacob Boyko

Subsequent dedications for the Korean and Vietnam memorials during Gov. Mike Rounds' administration attracted even more visitors. The state estimated 32,000 people attended the two-day Vietnam dedication in 2006. Some veterans watched the ceremony from pontoon bridges on Capitol Lake.

Unfortunately, years of exposure have taken a toll on the site. Trapped water beneath the granite tiles caused some to loosen and crumble, explained Leah Haugan, Special Projects Coordinator for the South Dakota Bureau of Human Resources and Administration.

"Try as we might to keep it in great shape, you can't keep up with deteriorating stone," Haugan said.

Over the summer, the state began work on a renovation project for the memorials, which will bring some changes to the site.

Sections of granite have been replaced with grass. The military seals embedded in the walkway were lifted out and placed on pedestals. The stream from the Artesian well remains, but it's now bordered by a concrete curb. The granite tiles around the fountain were upgraded from $\frac{3}{4}$ inch thick tiles to 2 inch thick tiles, and the fountain enclosure was remade with concrete and granite tiles around the top.

Restoring the site is part of the state's commitment to honoring veterans and their service, Haugan said.

"Words are words, but when you build something like that that memorializes their efforts and their sacrifice, I think that shows them there's proof positive that we recognize and honor them," Haugan said.

The renovation does not bring back the Flaming Fountain's flame. Methane rising from the artesian well that feeds Capitol Lake kept the flame burning for decades, but it went out around 2015 when the flow could no longer sustain it. Haugan said a more ambitious fountain project is among the ideas for the site, depending on funding.

A separate proposal would honor Native American code talkers who served in World Wars I and II using their native languages to transmit messages that enemy forces were not able to translate. Funding for that memorial also remains unresolved.

Visiting the memorials, Leuning has seen what that recognition can mean to a family. The day after the Vietnam memorial dedication, he returned to take photos and was approached by a woman asking him to take her picture. He obliged,

and the lady went up to the bronze statue and hugged it.

"She said, 'That's my Davy. It looks just like my Davy.'"

Then she pointed to her husband's name on the wall.



Leuning's Vietnam War memorial.
Photo submitted by Lee Leuning



Sculptor Lee Leuning with his dad, Donald Leuning, at the World War II Veterans Memorial dedication Sept. 15, 2001, in Pierre.
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An estimated 32,000 people attended the Vietnam War Memorial dedication in 2006.
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BHEC records energy use and revenue received each month

Fiscal year ends in December and all operating profits are calculated.

The Board of Directors approve the assignment of operating profits.

The Board of Directors allocate year end profits as capital credits to members. This is member equity that is used for system improvements.

In November, the Board of Directors approves a portion of capital credits to retire.

Retired capital credits are applied to active members bills, or checks are issued to inactive members.

It is important for those members who move off of our service to keep their mailing address updated with us.

1,000 Hours In — Now Full Time

Gavyn Buchholz filled our 1,000-hour lineworker position earlier this year in May and as of October 1 he has accepted a full-time apprentice lineman position. Throughout the last several months Gavyn has become a true part of our team here at Black Hills Electric Cooperative! Gavyn brings valuable training from Mitchell Technical College, giving him a solid foundation as he continues to grow in his career with the cooperative. He also brings a strong work ethic and a willingness to learn. We are excited to have Gavyn fully on board and look forward to the skills, energy, and fresh perspective he brings to our crew. Plus, we're pretty sure he's helping lower our average employee age a little, too!



Gavyn serving food at BHEC's 2026 Annual Meeting.



Gavyn setting a pole for new service.

Congratulations, Gavyn — we're excited to watch you grow in your career at BHEC!

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YOUTH TOUR 1969

How a Youth Tour Friendship Changed Marty Larsen's Life

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When Marty Larsen earned a spot on the 1969 Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., through Turner-Hutchinson Electric Cooperative, he had every reason to believe dairy farming would remain at the center of his life. Turner-

Hutchinson, a predecessor of today's Southeastern Electric Cooperative, served the area around his family's dairy farm seven miles west of Hurley.

Youth Tour gives high school students sponsored by their local electric cooperatives the chance to spend a week in Washington, D.C., visiting historic sites, learning about

government and electric cooperatives and meeting students from across the country. South Dakota began sending students on the trip in 1963. Larsen went just six years later.

Back then, Turner-Hutchinson Electric selected its Youth Tour delegates through 4-H, rewarding young people for their accomplishments. In 1969,

The 1969 South Dakota Youth Tour group. Marty Larsen is pictured in the top row, seventh from the right. John Nordlie is pictured in the top row, fifth from the left.

Photo courtesy from the SDREA Archives

Larsen placed eighth at the national 4-H dairy judging competition in Ohio. The accomplishment earned him the cooperative's Youth Tour trip to Washington, D.C.

But before Larsen could make the trip, an Army recruiter threw a wrench in his plans, warning him that he was likely to be called for service soon. Rather than wait to be drafted, Larsen chose to enlist, expecting to head to basic training and then Vietnam.

Not long after, Larsen received an induction notice, but first he had to complete a military physical. Larsen, who is hard of hearing, failed the hearing test and was disqualified from service. Had he passed, he said he would have left for basic training about a week before the 1969 Youth Tour departed.

"Somebody upstairs was looking out for me," he said.

With the Army no longer standing in the way, Larsen was going on the trip. To prepare, his mother bought him new clothes and a new pair of shoes. Even still, he returned home with the soles nearly worn through. At the Washington Monument, he and a small group of students climbed 897 steps rather than wait in the long elevator line, then rode the elevator back down.

Near the end of the trip, the group ate at a seafood restaurant along the Potomac River. Larsen persuaded the chaperones that the students ought to try lobster, something many of them had never eaten before. When the waitress brought lobster bibs to the table, Larsen passed his around and asked everyone to sign it.

His mother later saved the bib in the scrapbook she kept of his childhood, alongside years of 4-H ribbons, judging cards and other keepsakes. Larsen still has the scrapbook today.

The students took an evening cruise on a multilevel paddlewheel-style boat on the Potomac, complete with live music. South Dakota Youth Tour students continue the tradition of a river cruise today aboard the Cherry Blossom.

For Larsen, though, the most important part of Youth Tour was the people he met. One of them was John Nordlie of Sioux Falls, a young photographer who worked with the Argus Leader and later attended Augustana College.

The two became friends during the trip and stayed in contact after returning home.

"We stayed friends after we got back," he said. "I was in his wedding party when he got married. He was in my wedding party when I got married."

For the next several years, Larsen stayed close to the life he knew, working in dairy and welding. Nordlie, meanwhile, developed an interest in pipe organs. In 1983, he called Larsen and asked if he wanted to come work for him building organs for cathedrals and music halls.

Larsen agreed, bringing his experience as a welder, machinist and mechanical problem-solver into a trade he had never expected to enter. He spent the next 20 years working with Nordlie and became deeply involved in the mechanics of organ construction.

His work eventually went far beyond basic fabrication. Larsen built components, developed specialty tools and designed machinery for organ builders. One machine he created transformed a wire-bending process that had taken workers several minutes per piece, allowing them to produce several pieces per minute. Other tools he built ended up with organ companies elsewhere in the United States and overseas.

The work also took Larsen far beyond southeastern South Dakota. Over the years, he traveled throughout the country and to Japan, worked

on historic instruments and helped construct and restore pipe organs in churches, museums and other settings. More than four decades after entering the trade, he is still involved in restoration work.

Looking back, Larsen can draw a direct line from the Youth Tour trip to the career that followed. Without the trip, he may never have met Nordlie. Without that friendship, the call inviting him into organ building may never have come.

"It meant a lot to me to be able to go on that trip," Larsen said. "It changed me from a dairy farmer to a pipe organ builder."

More than 50 years later, Larsen still has the scrapbook his mother kept from the trip, along with the signed lobster bib and other reminders of that week in Washington. But the most lasting thing he brought home was the friendship that, years later, opened the door to a life he never could have planned.



Marty Larsen and his wife, Barbara.
Photo by Frank Turner

Interested in attending Youth Tour?
Contact your local electric cooperative to
learn more about the application process.



DRY FORK MINE & STATION

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In September, Black Hills Electric Cooperative members visited Dry Fork Station, located seven miles north of Gillette, Wyoming. The coal-fired power plant is owned by Basin Electric Power Cooperative, a consumer-owned regional cooperative based in Bismarck, North Dakota. Basin Electric generates and transmits electricity to 141 rural electric systems across nine states, including Colorado, Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming, serving about three million member-owners.

Dry Fork Station is fueled by sub-bituminous coal from the nearby Dry Fork Mine, which is connected to the plant by a one-mile conveyor system. Using pulverized coal technology and advanced pollution control measures, Dry Fork Station operates with minimal emissions. The facility also hosts the Wyoming Integrated Test Center and the Wyoming CarbonSAFE project, both of which focus on advancing carbon capture technologies.

Electricity at Dry Fork Station is generated by heating water to create steam, which spins a turbine connected to a generator. This process is common among coal, oil, natural gas and nuclear plants, although plant designs and operations vary. Dry Fork Station uses a closed-loop water-to-steam cycle, with makeup water added as needed. Thanks to dry cooling technology, the station is also a zero-discharge facility.

Most of the electricity generated is transmitted through 125 miles of 230,000-volt transmission lines to substations in northeast Wyoming, where it connects to the larger transmission grid.

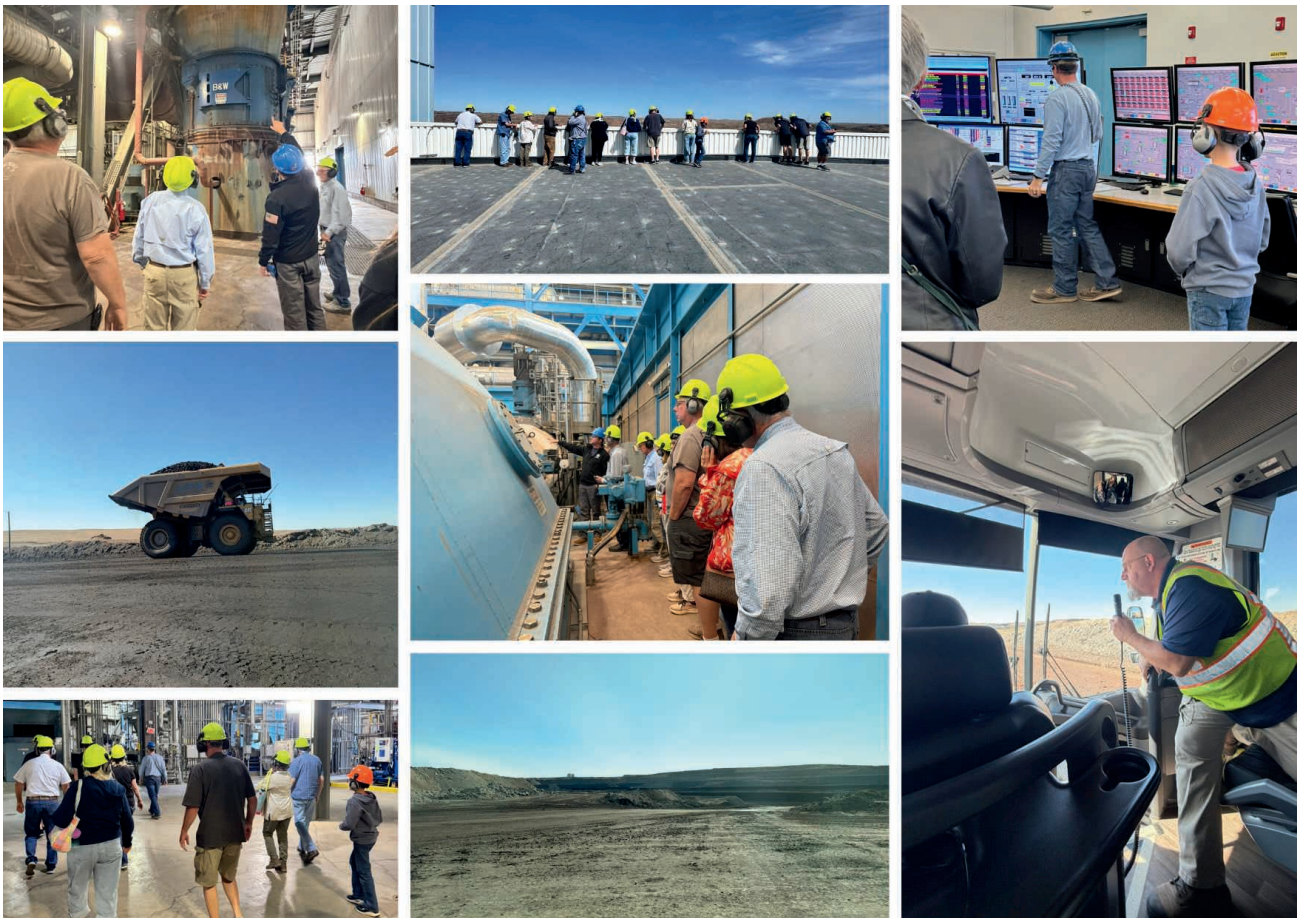


Coleman K. enjoyed learning about where his power comes from at Basin's Dry Fork Station.

From playing bingo on the way to the mine to touring the facilities, the day was filled with fun, learning and camaraderie. Members enjoyed hearing from employees of both Basin Electric and Dry Fork Mine, who shared their knowledge and provided a behind-the-scenes look at how electricity is generated and the work involved in powering our communities.

It was a great day spent with our members, and we appreciate everyone who joined us. Attendees shared that they enjoyed the experience and found the information valuable. We look forward to continuing this annual opportunity and seeing everyone on next year's tour.

This annual trip is free for members. Sign-up information is available at the Annual Meeting and in the July issue of Cooperative Connections. Space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis, with priority given to members who have not attended a previous tour.



JOIN US IN 2027!

SAVE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 8, 2027!



NOV. 7
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 Deadwood, SD
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NOV. 7
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NOV. 21
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 Hill City, SD

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 Hill City Center
 Hill City, SD

NOV. 27
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 Main Street
 Hill City, SD

NOV. 27
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