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# Stay Back and Stay Safe



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**Even routine work has the potential to be dangerous.**

Working with electricity can be a dangerous job, especially for lineworkers. In fact, *USA Today* lists line repairers and installers among the most dangerous jobs in the U.S. That's why for Renville-Sibley Cooperative Power Association, safety is the No. 1 priority. This is not empty talk. Over time, we have created a culture of putting our crews' safety and that of the community above all else.

Our mission is to provide safe, reliable and affordable energy to you, our consumer-members. Yes, we strive to deliver affordable and reliable electricity to you, but equally important, we want our employees to return home safely to their loved ones. This requires ongoing focus, dedication, vigilance – and your help!

## **Distractions can be deadly.**

While we appreciate your kindness and interest in the work of our crews, we ask that you stay back and let them focus on their task at hand. Even routine work has the potential to be dangerous, and it takes their full attention and that of their colleagues, who are also responsible for the team's safety. Distractions can have deadly consequences. If a lineworker is on or near your property during a power outage, for a construction project or for routine maintenance, please allow them ample room to work. These small accommodations help protect our crews – and you.

If you have a dog, try to keep it indoors while lineworkers are on or near your property. While most dogs are friendly, some are defensive of their territory and can't distinguish between a burglar and a utility worker. Our crews work best without a pet "supervising" the job.

We recognize that for your family's safety, you want to make sure only authorized workers are on or near your property. You will recognize Renville-Sibley employees by their bright yellow shirts, white hardhats and the service trucks with our name and logo on them. You may also recognize our lineworkers because they live right here in our local community.

## **Slow down and move over.**

In addition to giving lineworkers some space while they are near your property, we also ask that you move over or slow down when approaching a utility vehicle on the side of the road. This is an extra barrier of safety to help those who help all of us.



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# Variety of Payment Options Available to Members

Renville-Sibley members have a variety of options available to pay their monthly electric bill. Located on Renville-Sibley's website [www.renville-sibley.coop](http://www.renville-sibley.coop) is the SmartHub and PayNow option. The difference between these two options is the SmartHub application requires a username and password and will give more account information such as billing and payment history, the ability to manage the contact information, set up account notifications along with the option to make a payment or set-up auto pay. The PayNow option can be accessed by entering the account number and last name. The only option available on this site is to make a payment on the account.



Along with the traditional payment method of mailing or dropping off a check, Renville-Sibley offers an automated pay by phone option which is available in both English and Spanish. Members can call 844-244-1498 to make a payment on the account, update phone number or update bank draft information.

More and more members are setting up their accounts for automatic payment. This convenient service can be set-up by completing an in-house form which allows Renville-Sibley to deduct the balance from either a checking or savings account on the 3rd of each month. Members also have the option to set-up automatic payment in SmartHub. Through SmartHub, members can select the payment source to be either a checking or savings account or a credit card. 643100

Also available to the membership is budget billing. Members on budget billing pay the budget amount, which is the average bill calculated over the past 12 months factoring in any rate increases for the next year if applicable. Budget billing is great for members who experience a higher electric bill during the winter months and want to level their payments throughout the year. All accounts in the budget payment plan must be paid in full each year with the July 3 payment. The new budget amount begins with the next bill. Anyone interested in budget billing should contact the office to determine what their monthly budget amount will be and to get signed up for the program.

## NOTICE:

**Renville-Sibley's office will be closed on Thursday, July 4, and Friday, July 5, in observance of Independence Day.**



# Electrical Safety Tips for the 4th of July

Well, it's summer and in just a few weeks the biggest holiday of the season arrives: The Fourth of July! As we prepare for backyard BBQs and poolside fun, there are some important things to remember to make sure it's a safe holiday.

Whether you are hosting or heading over to a neighbor's or relative's house to celebrate, we have a few safety tips to share with you so that your friends and family enjoy your time together and avoid accidents

### Summer Poolside Electrical Safety Tips

Spending time in and around the pool is a big part of summer and celebration during the warmest months of the year. Regardless of whether you are hosting a get-together at your home or someone else's, make sure the chances for accidents are minimal by following these simple safety steps:

- Never run electrical cords over or alongside the pool. Water and electricity don't mix!
- If you are decorating the backyard, string party lights a minimum of three feet away from the pool or any water source.
- Store and activate fireworks as far away from the pool as possible.
- Never use a flotation device to support an electrical appliance (fan, etc.).
- Never cross the pool exit or towel storage area with electrical wires.
- Always use safety caps on electrical outlets near water.
- When possible, use GFCI outlets to protect yourself and your electrical appliances outdoors.

### Electrical Power Line Safety Tips

Power lines run through neighborhoods and can even pass through overgrown trees. They're often the most dangerous when you don't even notice they're there because you either see them all of the time or they are covered by tree canopies. Stay mindful and remember these safety tips when you're spending time in the backyard or outdoor neighborhoods:

- Never let kids (or adults for that matter) climb trees that are near power lines.
- Make sure your trees are trimmed and out of the way of power lines running through your yard or near your home.
- Never attempt to touch a downed power line. If there is one in your yard, call the electric company immediately. There can still be current running through the line and an active line is highly dangerous.

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HERE'S WHAT  
\$1 OF ELECTRICITY  
WILL BUY YOU:



250 HOURS  
OF BREWING COFFEE

## KIDS CORNER SAFETY POSTER



**"Don't let your goat eat your extension cords."**

**Paige Oppelt, 8 years old**

Paige is the daughter of Paul and Laura Oppelt, Goodwin, S.D. They are members of H-D Electric Cooperative, Clear Lake, 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.

# Delectable Desserts

## Rhubarb Dump Cake

1 lb. rhubarb, cut into 1/4-inch slices	1 (18.25 oz.) pkg. yellow cake mix
1 cup white sugar	1 cup water
1 (3 oz.) pkg. strawberry gelatin	1/4 cup margarine, melted

Spread rhubarb evenly in bottom of a buttered 9x13-inch baking dish. Sprinkle sugar over rhubarb, followed by gelatin mix and finally the cake mix. Pour water and melted margarine over top. Do not stir. Bake at 350°F. for 45 minutes or until rhubarb is tender.

**Jean Osterman, Wheaton, MN**

## Cherry-Pineapple Dessert

1 (20 oz.) can crushed pineapple with juice	1 cup coconut flakes
1 (21 oz.) can cherry pie filling	1 cup chopped pecans or walnuts, if desired
1 box yellow cake mix	1 cup (2 sticks) butter

Dump pineapple with juice and spread into bottom of pan. Top with cherry pie filling. Sprinkle top evenly with dry cake mix. Add coconut and chopped nuts. Slice butter over all. Bake at 350°F. for 35 to 40 minutes. Let cool before cutting.

**Arlene BaanHofman, Corsica, SD**

## Mexican Cheese Cake (Sopapilla)

2 (8 oz. each) cans refrigerated crescent rolls	1-3/4 cups sugar, divided
2 (8 oz. each) pkgs. cream cheese, softened	1 tsp. vanilla
	1/2 cup butter, melted
	1 T. ground cinnamon

In medium bowl, beat cream cheese and 1 cup sugar and vanilla. Unroll 1 can dough. Place in bottom of ungreased 9x13-inch (3-quart) glass baking dish. Stretch to cover bottom of dish, firmly pressing perforations to seal. Spread cream cheese mixture over dough. Unroll second can of dough. Firmly press perforations to seal. Carefully place on top of cream cheese layer. Pinch seams together. Mix remaining sugar with cinnamon; sprinkle evenly over all. Drizzle melted butter evenly over top. Bake at 350°F. for 30 to 35 minutes or until puffed and brown. Cool before cutting.

**Clarice Roghair, Okaton, SD**

## Spiced Peanut Butter Caramel Pie

1-3/4 cups graham cracker, crumbs	1/2 cup sugar
1/2 tsp. ground ginger	2 tsp. apple pie spice
6 T. butter, melted	2 tsp. pure vanilla extract
2 (8 oz. each) pkg. Neufchâtel cheese, 1/3 less fat than cream cheese, softened	2 cups thawed frozen light whipped topping
1/2 cup peanut butter	1/4 cup caramel dessert topping
	1/2 cup chopped peanuts

Mix crumbs and ginger in medium bowl. Stir in butter until well blended. Press crumb mixture evenly into bottom and up sides of lightly greased 9-inch pie plate. Bake at 350°F. for 10 minutes. Cool completely on wire rack. Beat cream cheese, peanut butter and sugar in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until well blended and smooth. Beat in apple pie spice and vanilla until well mixed. Gently stir in whipped topping. Spoon into cooled crust. Drizzle with dessert topping. Using knife, gently swirl topping into pie until marbled. Sprinkle with peanuts. Refrigerate 4 hours or until set. Store leftover pie in refrigerator. Makes 12 servings.

*Nutritional Information Per Serving: Calories 401, Total Fat 25g, Sodium 380mg, Cholesterol 42mg, Carbohydrates 34g, Protein 10g, Dietary Fiber 1g*

**Pictured, Cooperative Connections**

## Ginger Snaps

2 cups sugar	1 tsp. salt
1-1/2 cups butter	2 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 cup molasses	1 tsp. cloves
2 eggs	1/2 tsp. nutmeg
5 cups flour	3 tsp. ginger
3 tsp. soda	

Mix in order listed. Roll into small balls the size of walnuts. Roll balls in sugar. Place 2 inches apart. Bake at 375°F. for 15 minutes.

**Bonnie Weber, Aberdeen, SD**

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

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

# Keeping Pets (and Energy Bills!) Comfortable



Pat Keegan

Collaborative Efficiency

**We're taking a look at three common energy efficiency questions from pet owners.**

This column was co-written by Pat Keegan and Brad Thiessen of Collaborative Efficiency. For more information on house pets and energy, please visit: [www.collaborativeefficiency.com/energytips](http://www.collaborativeefficiency.com/energytips)

We love our pets, and we love saving energy! This month, we're taking a look at three common energy efficiency questions from pet owners.

**Q:** We've thought about installing a pet door. Will this impact my energy bill?

**A:** Pet doors are convenient for pet owners and pets, but they can impact energy bills. A pet door that is poorly made or improperly installed will create unwanted drafts that increase energy bills and reduce the overall comfort level of your home. The wrong type of door may also be pushed open during high winds.

Consider installing a pet door that is certified by the Alliance to Save Energy (ASE) or has a double or triple flap. These types of pet doors can reduce energy loss and make life easier for you and your furry friends. The best solution may be a high-quality electronic door that is activated by a chip on your pet's collar.

It's difficult to undo a pet door installation, so before taking the leap, we suggest doing your homework. There may be other strategies that will give you and your pet some of the convenient benefits without the downsides.

**Q:** To save energy, we keep our home cool during winter nights and warm during summer days. How much "hot and cold" can our pup and tabby handle?

**A:** Cats and dogs can handle the cold better than humans. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), which regulates facilities that house cats and dogs, requires these facilities to maintain temperatures above 50 F. Some exceptions are allowed for breeds accustomed to the cold or if some form of insulation for the animals is provided. Your pet's tolerance really depends on their breed and the thickness of their coat.

A report by the Purdue Center for Animal Science says that Siberian huskies can tolerate temperatures below freezing, but some short-haired dogs require temperatures of 59 F or higher. Older animals may require warmer temperatures than younger ones.

During summer, cats and dogs handle the heat in different ways. Cats clearly enjoy warmer temperatures than dogs, and they do a good job of reducing their activity level as temperatures climb. But both cats and dogs can get overheated. The USDA says that room temperatures in facilities housing dogs or cats should not exceed 85 F for more than 4 hours at a time.

**Q:** Is it okay if my cat or my dog sleeps in the garage overnight?

**A:** USDA rules suggest this should be fine if your garage temperature stays between 50° F and 85° F. Pets might be able to handle a lower temperature if they have a warm, insulated bed.

I do not recommend heating or cooling your garage for your pet. This could lead to extremely high energy bills, which makes sense because an uninsulated but heated garage could easily cost more to heat than a home. A better solution is a heated pet house, which you can purchase from multiple retailers. If you're willing to spend a little more, you can even find climate-controlled pet houses that include heating and cooling options.

You can also purchase heated beds for cats and dogs. Some beds use as little as 4 watts of electricity, so they won't drain your energy bill.

We hope these tips will be helpful as you work at saving energy while caring for your favorite furry friend!



# Powering Up After an Outage

When the power goes out, we expect it to be restored within a few hours. But when a major storm or natural disaster causes widespread damage, extended outages may result. Our line crews work long, hard hours to restore service safely to the greatest number of consumers in the shortest time possible. Here's what's going on if you find yourself in the dark:

## 1. High-Voltage Transmission Lines:

Transmission towers and cables that supply power to transmission substations (and thousands of members) rarely fail. But when damaged, these facilities must be repaired before other parts of the system can operate.

## 2. Distribution Substation:

A substation can serve hundreds or thousands of consumers. When a major outage occurs, line crews inspect substations to determine if problems stem from transmission lines feeding into the substation, the substation itself or if problems exist further down the line.

## 3. Main Distribution Lines:

If the problem cannot be isolated at a distribution substation, distribution lines are checked. These lines carry power to large groups of consumers in communities or housing developments.

## 4. Tap Lines:

If local outages persist, supply lines (also known as tap lines) are inspected. These lines deliver power to transformers, either mounted on poles or placed on pads for underground service, outside businesses, schools and homes.

## 5. Individual Homes:

If your home remains without power, the service line between a transformer and your residence may need to be repaired. Always call to report an outage to help line crews isolate local issue.





Elm Lake in northern Brown County has seen steady growth.  
Photo by Ben Dunsmoor

# LIVING THE LAKE LIFE

## Scenic Views, Tranquil Living Inspire Many

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Minnesota may be known as the Land of 10,000 Lakes, but for increasing number of South Dakotans are also making the connection to the water.

Some lakes in the Rushmore State have had developments associated with them for several decades while other lakes are relative new-comers to the year-round-home lake life.

Northern Electric Cooperative serves four major recreational lakes within Brown and Spink counties. The co-op serves nearly 1,000 lake-area homes and businesses at Elm Lake, Richmond Lake, Mina Lake, and Cottonwood Lake combined.

Elm Lake in northern Brown County has seen steady growth in popularity over the past 12 years. Elm Lake Association President Mike Jung says Elm Lake is not as busy as other lakes in the



Fishing is a popular pastime on many area lakes.  
Photo by www.TravelSouthDakota.com



county and believes the quiet lifestyle is what is appealing to many people.

“I think the biggest thing up here is it’s so quiet all week long,” Jung said. “If you want to go fishing you can go a half mile down the lake and not have any jet skis near you.”

Mina Lake boasts the largest lake population within Northern Electric’s service territory. More than 400 homes and businesses are part of the small community between Aberdeen and Ipswich.

Mina Lake has been developing since the late 1930s when Julie Johnson’s grandfather built the first two cabins on the lake. Johnson currently lives at the lake and her family has been involved with developing the lake throughout her lifetime. She says the improvements in electric, water, and wastewater infrastructure has transformed the lake from a weekend destination to a full-time home for many residents.

“There are just a whole lot more people living out (at Mina Lake) all year long,” Johnson said.

Richmond Lake is also a popular place to

live, work, and play in Brown County. The 200-acre state-run Richmond Lake Recreation Area is open to campers, swimmers, and fishing enthusiasts. Nearly 300 homes and businesses are located around the Richmond Lake shoreline.

**“I think the biggest thing up here is it’s so quiet all week long.”**

Cottonwood Lake in Spink County serves as a Redfield-area retreat. More than 100 homes dot the shores of Cottonwood which is a busy spot for boating and fishing throughout the summer months.

Head to the south and one of the state’s largest lakes, Lake Poinsett, has been increasing in popularity over the years, with a growing number of year-round homes.

Settled into the southern part of Hamlin County and northern part of Brookings County, S.D. Highway 28 provides easy

access to the lake from Interstate 29 while U.S. Highway 81 provides a north-south corridor from Watertown to Madison and points south.

To the west, growth along Lake Oahe – the stretch of the Missouri River extending above the Oahe Dam at Pierre up into North Dakota – has also seen considerable growth.

And with that growth can be challenges.

“We’ve experienced it in the past, when the reservoir gets full, the hills shift on us and can tear our cable apart. It’s torn on us three times already,” said Cam Wal Electric Manager Terry Keller. The western boundary of the co-op’s area is formed by Lake Oahe in Campbell, Walworth and Potter counties.

Keller said that some of the areas have residents year-round, while others are occupied in the spring, summer and fall.

“We have a few that come stay a couple of weeks and then go home,” Keller said.

“Even with the challenges, the real growth we have is along the reservoir,” said Keller.



Lake Poinsett provides inspiring vistas for photographer Greg Latza.  
Photo and Cover by ©Greg Latza

# May Board Meeting Highlights

The May board meeting was held on Thursday, May 30, at 8 a.m. All board members were present. Others present were CEO DeeAnne Neville, Gene Alex and Lenae Wordes.

## The board reviewed and approved the following items:

- Minutes of the April board meeting
- Operating and disbursement reports for the month of April
- Safety report for May
- Revisions to Retiree Health Reimbursement Arrangement Adoption Agreement
- BradyMartz audit engagement proposal

## The board reviewed:

- Total new members for the month of April
- Total capital credit accounts transferred

■ Reports from staff members as to the activities in their department. Items in the reports include:

- High level Statement of Operations review – YTD through March (unaudited)
- Organization activities
- East River Electric update
- Basin Electric update
- NRECA Update
- MREA Update
- Line crew work in progress, equipment update and outage update
- Rural Electric Safety Achievement Program (RESAP) results
- Accounts receivable
- Alaska tour
- Scholar of the Year banquet
- Farmfest
- Family-a-Fair night

Please contact the Renville-Sibley office if you would like more information regarding the board meeting.

## Notice:

**The June board meeting will be held Monday, June 24, at 8 a.m.**

**The July board meeting will be held on Monday, July 22, at 8 a.m.**

## Outage Report



affecting  
10 members or more

Date: 5-15-19  
 Time off: 9:29 a.m.  
 Time on: 10:47 a.m.  
 Substation: Henryville  
 Cause: Scheduled outage

*Please contact Renville-Sibley's office for more details about these power outages.*

## FREE Want Ad Service

Members can submit ads for the following categories: Giveaway, For Sale, For Rent and Wanted. Ads should be or are limited to no more than 15 words and must be received by the first of the month to be included in the following month's newsletter. Renville-Sibley reserves the right to edit content or exclude ads due to space restrictions. Ads will be run one time only unless resubmitted. Please complete the following information and mail to the Renville-Sibley Cooperative Power, PO Box 68, Danube, MN 56230.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Ad to be placed (limit of 15 words per ad)

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Type of ad:  Giveaway  For Sale  For Rent  Wanted

## Mission Statement

Renville-Sibley Cooperative Power Association will provide efficient, reliable electric



energy and services to enhance the quality of rural living.

## For Sale

**For Sale:** Three-point 60" ruff cut grass and brush mower, 540 PTO

Jerry Steinkamp, Renville, MN  
320-329-3456



# Ready to Round Up



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There has been information about the Operation Round Up® program in each newsletter you have received in 2019. Information was also shared at the member informational meetings held in February and the annual meeting held in March. The reason for talking about this so much was to make sure everyone knew about the program before it was implemented on the electric bill.

The time has come. The June bill is the first statement that will have the round up amount included on the bill. Take a few minutes to look at your bill. The Operation Round Up amount will be included in the Other Services and Credits portion of the Current Service Detail. This round up amount will make the Total Electric, Other Services & Credits an even dollar amount. If you have a past due balance, that amount will be included in the total amount due balance. Your round up amount, along with the other members amount, will be put into a

separate account. The board of trustees (separate from the board of directors) will distribute these funds to non-profit organizations. I will write more about this in upcoming newsletter articles.

As I have mentioned in previous articles, if you do not want to participate in this program, please contact the office at 320-826-2593. Thank you to those that are participating. Together we can make a difference.



## Minn. Extreme Heat Law

Minnesota Statute 216B.0975 requires that, "a utility may not involuntarily disconnect residential services in affected counties when an excessive heat watch, heat advisory, or excessive heat warning is in effect and has been issued by the National Weather Service."

Renville-Sibley will continue to make efforts to stall involuntary disconnection of our members' electric service for non-payment and will continue to provide our members with past-due account opportunities to work out a feasible payment schedule. However, in order to construct a payment plan, members must contact Renville-Sibley ahead of time to make payment arrangements and to sign a payment agreement.

Renville-Sibley does not want to interrupt service to any member at any time, but in a cooperative, all members are affected by those whose electric bills remain unpaid. To ensure fair and equitable rates for all our members, those members with past-due accounts that neglect to contact the office to make mutually agreed payment arrangements, or members who fail to meet agreed upon payment arrangements, will have their electric service disconnected once the excessive heat watch, advisory or warning has expired.

## DID YOU KNOW?

NOT EVERYTHING GETS MARKED WHEN YOU CALL



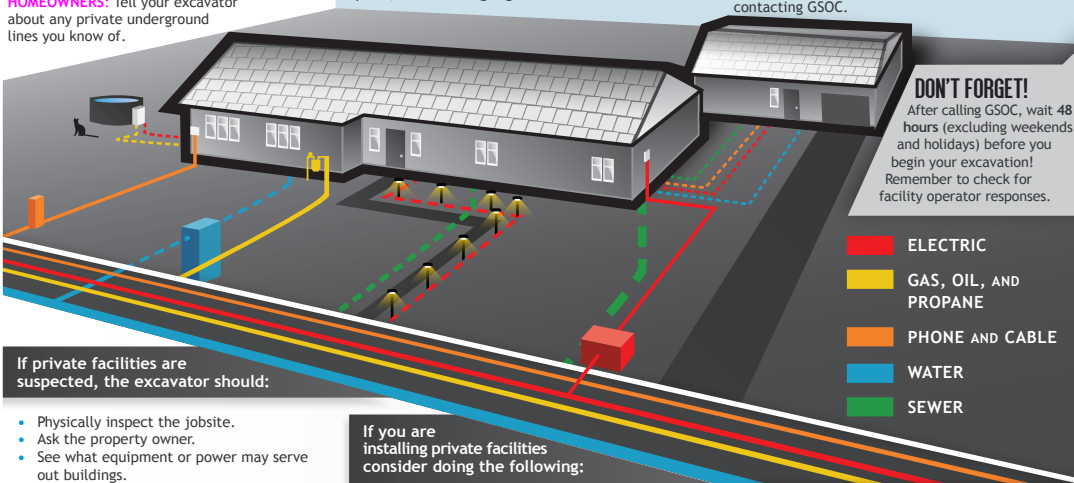
**HOMEOWNERS:** Tell your excavator about any private underground lines you know of.

Private underground facilities, such as private utility lines and private distribution networks, do not get marked by facility operators. When a property owner or tenant has any type of private underground facility, they are responsible to locate those facilities or hire someone to locate them.

Customer-owned lines usually include any that serve outbuildings, hot tubs, security lighting, pools, and natural gas grills.

The free locating service available through Gopher State One Call (GSOC) applies **ONLY** to public facility operators. The diagram below shows a variety of utilities, some owned by the utility and some by the homeowner.

**THOSE UTILITIES MARKED BY DOTTED LINES ARE TYPICALLY OWNED BY THE PROPERTY OWNER.** Private locating services will mark these for a fee. Those lines will NOT be marked by contacting GSOC.



If private facilities are suspected, the excavator should:

- Physically inspect the jobsite.
- Ask the property owner.
- See what equipment or power may serve out buildings.
- Contact the original installer of the facilities for any maps of the lines.
- Excavate with caution and be aware of any warning signs of underground facilities.
- Visit [www.gopherstateonecall.org/contract-locators-directory](http://www.gopherstateonecall.org/contract-locators-directory) for information on private locating companies.

If you are installing private facilities consider doing the following:

- Prepare maps of any new underground facilities.
- Bury tracer wire with the new facilities.
- Use above ground markers or signs to indicate the buried facilities.
- Visit [www.gopherstateonecall.org/how-gsoc-works/private-facility-intro](http://www.gopherstateonecall.org/how-gsoc-works/private-facility-intro) for more information about protecting private facilities.



The contact information for a number of locating companies who will locate privately owned underground facilities on your property can be found in the industry directory at [www.gopherstateonecall.org/private-facility-locators](http://www.gopherstateonecall.org/private-facility-locators).

### DON'T FORGET!

After calling GSOC, wait 48 hours (excluding weekends and holidays) before you begin your excavation! Remember to check for facility operator responses.

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- GAS, OIL, AND PROPANE
- PHONE AND CABLE
- WATER
- SEWER

# Seniors Staying in Shape

## Fellowship, Competition All Part of Senior Games

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For more than 35 years, South Dakota seniors have been gathering in fellowship and competition in the South Dakota Senior Games.

The state senior games will be held in September in Watertown, while regional competitions take place throughout the state from May through August. (Minnesota's Senior Games are Aug 1-4 in St. Cloud.)

The South Dakota games got their start in 1984 when the Division of Adult Services and Aging within the South Dakota Department of Social Services established the competition. The purpose was to encourage seniors to become involved in, as well as maintain, on-going physical exercise.

By 1996, state funding for the games was withdrawn, but the games continued on. A Senior Games board of directors was formed, comprised of participants from across the state. The non-profit establishes the rules and regulations for the games and provides financing and developing local, regional games as well as the state games which features 21 different sports.



Team and partner events as well as individual competitions are part of the 21 sports offered at the South Dakota Senior Games.

Since then, hundreds of South Dakotans aged 50 and up have been lacing up their sneakers and heading to the field, court or track to compete.

During the South Dakota Senior Games state competition, participants will compete in 21 different events within five-year age divisions (50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85-89, 90-94, 95-99 and 100+).

Every two years, a national event is scheduled and the state games are the qualifying event for the national stage.

The 2019 National Games were set for June 14-25 in Albuquerque, N.M.



# SOUTH DAKOTA SENIOR GAMES





## South Dakota Senior Games

### Thursday, Sept. 5

- 7:30 a.m. – Golf and Shuffleboard
- 8:30 a.m. – Disc Golf and Bean Bag Toss
- 12:15 p.m. – Swimming
- 12:30 p.m. – 8-ball pool
- 2:30 p.m. – Bowling Mixed Doubles and Jump Rope
- 5 p.m. – Pickelball mixed doubles
- 5:30 p.m. – Table Tennis and Strength contests (Pull ups, timed plank, push ups, arm curls, timed wall sit, bench press reps)

### Friday, Sept. 6

- 7:30 a.m. – Horseshoes
- 8 a.m. – Pickelball (Doubles and Singles)
- 8 a.m. – Cycling (5k, 10k, 20k, recumbent bikes)
- 9 a.m. – Bowling (Men's and women's singles)
- 12:15 p.m. – Track and Field
- 12:30 p.m. – Tennis and Badminton
- 2:30 p.m. – Volleyball
- 3 p.m. – Softball (Men's 60+)
- 6:30 p.m. – Banquet and Annual Awards Presentations

### Saturday, Sept. 7

- 7 a.m. – 5k race walk and 5k power walk; 5k road race; 10k road race
- 7:30 a.m. – Track and Field
- 9 a.m. – Basketball shoot
- 11:30 a.m. – Picnic for athletes
- 1 p.m. – Three-on-Three Basketball
- 2 p.m. – Racquetball
- 2 p.m. – Mens Softball
- 3 p.m. – Womens Softball

### Sunday, Sept. 8

- 8:15 a.m. – Archery
- 10 a.m. – Men's and Women's Softball Continues



Table tennis is one of 21 sports at the South Dakota Senior Games.

### South Dakota Regional Senior Games

Sioux Falls	May 30- June 1	Nick Brady Sioux Falls Parks and Rec Phone: 978-6924
Northern Hills Senior Games, Spearfish	June 7-8	Brett Rauterkus – Spearfish Rec Center 722-1430
Madison Interlake Games	June 28-29	Bernie Schuurmans 270-3327
Aberdeen	July 11-13	Gene Morsching – Aberdeen Parks and Rec 626-7015
Black Hills Senior Games	July 24-27	Rapid City Parks and Rec – Kristi Lintz 394-4268
Brookings	July 26-27	Brookings Activities Center – Traci Saugstad 692-4492
Yankton	Aug. 3-4	Yankton Parks and Rec – Brittany Orr 668-5234
Huron	Aug. 9 – (Pickleball) Aug. 10 – Track and Field and other events.	Howard Bich – Call for information and Registration Form – 605-275-6891 or 605-491-0635 – Cell or LaRon Clock 605-353-8533
Watertown	Aug. 22-24	Watertown Parks & Rec – Andrew Magedanz

### State Senior Games

Minnesota State Senior Games, St. Cloud	Aug. 1-4	Contact Info: Fritz Butkowski Phone: 320-762-2868 Web Site: Minnesota Senior Games <a href="http://mnseniorgames.com">http://mnseniorgames.com</a> <a href="http://www.mnseniorgames.com/page/Schedule-of-Events-x-274-21-287.html">http://www.mnseniorgames.com/page/Schedule-of-Events-x-274-21-287.html</a>
South Dakota State Games, Watertown	Sept. 5-8 (Online registration is Aug. 30. There is no on-site registration)	Howard Bich, Executive Director e-mail: <a href="mailto:sdsrgames@gmail.com">sdsrgames@gmail.com</a> or <a href="mailto:habich@sio.midco.net">habich@sio.midco.net</a> 605-491-0635



# Always Assume a Downed Power Line is Deadly

Overhead power lines carry thousands of volts of electricity. If a line is down, always assume it is energized and dangerous, even if the power is out in your area. Touching or getting near a live power line injures and kills.

Never approach an accident scene where a line is down or damaged. If you run toward the accident to help, you too could become a victim by entering the energized area.

Power lines can come down or sag close to the ground for a few reasons: severe weather or damage due to a car accident, for instance. And a downed line isn't always visible. After severe weather, lines can lurk underneath water or debris.

Stay clear of all types of utility lines. Even if you think lines might be designated for telephone or cable service, they may

have contact with damaged and energized power lines nearby. Safe Electricity and Renville-Sibley Co-op Power Association offer these additional safety reminders:

- Call 9-1-1 to report fallen or damaged power lines.
- Power lines do not have to be arcing or sparking or making a humming noise to be live.
- Do not attempt to move a downed line or anything it is touching with another object such as a stick or pole. Even materials that don't normally conduct electricity can do so if they are slightly wet.
- Do not step in water or walk in debris near a downed power line.
- Stay at least 10 feet away from the downed power line.

- Do not attempt to drive over a downed power line.
- If a power line falls on your vehicle while driving, do not attempt to drive away or get out. Call for help and **STAY INSIDE THE VEHICLE** until utility crews say it is safe to get out. If there is a fire or you smell gasoline, hop out without touching the vehicle at the same time and **DO NOT WALK**, but hop away to safety.
- Line properties can change: Any power line that is dead could become energized at any moment due to power restoration or back feed from backup generators.

Always consider all lines, regardless of the type, energized at deadly voltages. For more information about electrical safety, visit [SafeElectricity.org](http://SafeElectricity.org).



## Residential Generators

WHAT TO KNOW BEFORE YOU BUY

INSTALLATION TYPE	PRICE	OPERATION <sup>1</sup>	CAPACITY	LENGTH OF OPERATION <sup>3</sup>
permanent	expensive	automatic	whole house	can be indefinite
portable	more affordable	manual	typically partial <sup>2</sup>	depends on fuel tank size



<sup>1</sup>Permanent generators start upon loss of grid power. They also exercise themselves automatically.  
<sup>2</sup>Frequently powered: refrigerator, pumps (well, sump, septic), furnace, some lights, stove.  
<sup>3</sup>Permanent generators use propane or natural gas, portable use gasoline. Permanent models offer significantly longer operating times.

Image of portable generator provided by SafeElectricity.org

# Standby Generator

While owning an emergency generator comes in handy during an extended power outage, it is important that you consider the following:

- To safely use standby generators, operate them only in well-ventilated areas outdoors so emissions can't enter your home. In addition, always turn off a generator when refueling it, and store gasoline, diesel fuel, or propane outside of living areas. Plug appliances directly into a generator or use an extension cord. Do not try to power a home's wiring by plugging the generator into a wall outlet.
- A permanently installed standby generator for a home or business requires a transfer switch to isolate it from the power grid. The main breaker on an electric panel does not qualify as a transfer switch under the National Electrical Code. Transfer switches are critical for two reasons:
  - They prevent the backflow of current across distribution lines that could electrocute lineworkers trying to restore power during an outage.
  - They protect the generator from damage when electric service has been restored.
- Installation of a standby generator should be done by a licensed electrician and must comply with the National Electrical Code as well as state and local codes.

## Comparative Report

	Current YTD through April 30, 2019	1 Year Ago YTD through April 30, 2018	10 Years Ago YTD through April 30, 2009
Average Number of Consumers	1,882	1,882	1,953
kWhs Purchased	61,456,255	74,910,530	67,060,376
Cost of Purchased Power	\$3,632,799.07	\$4,660,071.29	\$2,530,919.92

## Where's the Number?

Last month, Donald Carbert found his member number in the newsletter. Congratulations! The credit will now start over with a value of \$10. Another number has been hidden in this newsletter.

If you find your number and call the office by July 3, you will receive this credit on your electric statement.

Good luck in your search!



## Save The Date!

Aug. 6-8  
Farmfest, Morgan, Minn.  
Aug. 8  
Family-A-Fair Night  
at Renville County Fair,  
Bird Island, Minn.



## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

When it's warm out, avoid using the oven.

Try cooking on the stove, using the microwave or grilling outside instead.

Source: energy.gov



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**June 2-August 11**

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

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**June 27-29**

74th Annual Crystal Springs  
Rodeo, Performances every  
night at 8 p.m., Clear Lake,  
SD, 605-874-2996,  
crystalspringsrodeo.com

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**June 27-30**

Camaro Rally, Sturgis, SD,  
605-720-0800

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**June 28-29**

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

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**June 28-30**

Annual Main Street Arts &  
Crafts Festival, Hot Springs,  
SD, 605-440-2738

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**June 29**

Farm Fun Day at the Zoo,  
Watertown, SD,  
605-882-6269

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**June 29-30**

Archeology Awareness Days,  
Mitchell, SD, 605-996-5473

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**July 2-4**

Sitting Bull Stampede Rodeo,  
Mobridge, SD, 605-845-2387

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**July 2-7**

100th Annual Black Hills  
Roundup, Belle Fourche, SD,  
605-723-2010

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**July 5-7**

Badlands Astronomy Festival,  
Interior, SD, 605-433-5243

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**July 5-7**

Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate  
Annual Wacipi, Agency  
Village, SD, 605-698-8284

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**July 5-7, 12-14, 19-21**

Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant,  
De Smet, SD, 800-776-3594



**June 21-23: Scavenger's Journey, A treasure trove event with antiques, rummages and more stretching from Mt. Vernon to Kadoka, SD, Contact Elaine Titze at 605-999-7287, [www.scavengersjourney.com](http://www.scavengersjourney.com)**

Photo courtesy: Scavenger's Journey Committee

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**July 6**

Rivercity Rumble #4  
Demolition Derby, 1 p.m.,  
Chamberlain, SD,  
605-220-9391

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**July 6-7**

Prairie Village Railroad Days,  
Madison, SD, 800-693-3644

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**July 9-14**

3 Wheeler Rally, Deadwood,  
SD, 605-717-7174

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**July 11-13**

Annual Hot Harley Nights,  
Sioux Falls, SD, 605-334-2721

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**July 11-13**

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

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**July 13**

Cruiser Car Show & Street  
Fair, Rapid City, SD,  
605-716-7979

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**July 13-14**

Summer Arts Festival,  
Brookings, SD, 605-692-2787,  
[www.bsaf.com](http://www.bsaf.com)

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**July 18-21**

Corn Palace Stampede Rodeo,  
Mitchell, SD, 605-770-4919

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**July 19-20**

Storybook Land Festival,  
Aberdeen, SD, 605-626-7015

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**July 19-21**

Stampede Rodeo, Burke, SD,  
605-830-0304

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**July 19-21**

Annual Festival in the Park,  
Spearfish, SD, 605-642-7973

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**July 20-11**

Hills Alive, Rapid City, SD,  
605-342-6822

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**July 20-21**

JazzFest, Sioux Falls, SD,  
605-335-6101

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**July 26-28**

Catfish Derby Days, Franklin,  
MN, 507-557-2259  
[www.franklinmn.us](http://www.franklinmn.us)

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**August 2-4**

Musicfest 2019, Pla-Mor  
Ballroom, Glencoe, MN,  
320-826-2531

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**August 6-8**

Farmfest, 28269 MN-67,  
Morgan, MN, 800-827-8007

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**August 8**

Family-a-Fair night at Renville  
County Fair, Fairgrounds, Bird  
Island, MN, 320-365-3242

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**August 11**

Czech Heritage Festival,  
Bechyn, MN, 320-522-1218,  
[www.bechynczechfest.org](http://www.bechynczechfest.org)

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**August 18**

St. Andrew's Fun Fest, Deep  
fried chicken dinner, music,  
games, raffles, etc. Fairfax,  
MN, 507-829-3225

**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.**