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Petra Wilson, owner
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Scholar of the Year Banquet 2023

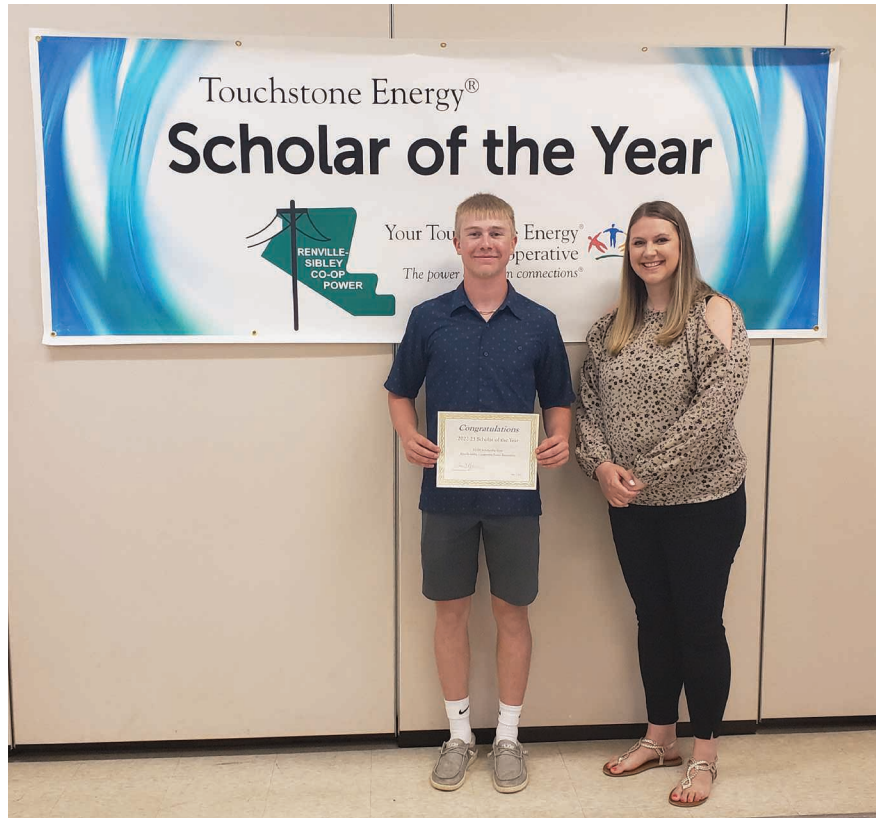
Amy Ervin

Renville-Sibley Co-op Power

On Wednesday evening, June 7th, eight recent high school graduates, their family members, and three of the teachers that nominated them came together at the Danube Community Center for the Renville-Sibley Co-op Power Touchstone Energy® Scholar of the Year Banquet.

As a Touchstone Energy Cooperative, Renville-Sibley was founded on the four pillars of Integrity, Accountability, Innovation, and Commitment to Community. Based on these principles, Renville-Sibley Co-op Power sponsors the Scholar of the Month program to recognize those high school students who also share these same values. During the school year, in the months of September through April, these students were nominated by a teacher at one of our area schools because they felt the student demonstrated outstanding academic, school, and community achievements. Through a random drawing, one name is selected each month from those names submitted. A \$100 donation was given to the school of the selected student with the student determining how the funds were to be distributed. The Scholar of the Month was then featured in the Cooperative Connections monthly newsletter, in their local newspaper, and on the local radio stations.

Renville-Sibley hosted the Scholar of



Isaac Haen, winner of a \$1,000 scholarship is pictured with Renville-Sibley's Member and Board Services Representative, Amy Ervin.

the Year Banquet to recognize each of these students. Isaac Haen was selected, by a random drawing, as the Scholar of the Year and the winner of a \$1,000 scholarship. Isaac is a recent high school graduate of RCW High School.

To be eligible for the scholarship, the student had to be present at the banquet.

The following is a list of the scholars selected each month and the school organization they chose for their \$100 donation:

Month

September
October
November
December
January
February
March
April

Scholar

Brianna DeGonda
Madison Bentley
Katrina Baumgartner
Elsa Gustafson
Isaac Haen
Ellie Wulf
Myles Muetzel
Ariana Greydanus

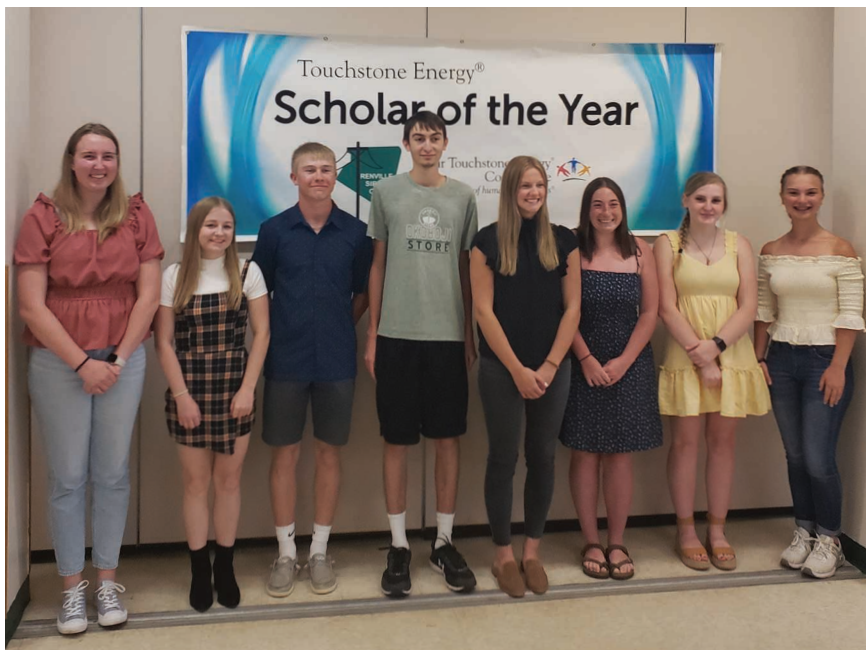
School Organization

Class of 2023
Dance Team
Choir Department
Drama Department
Baseball Team
National Honor Society
Spanish Department
Art Class

MEMBER AND BOARD SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE UPDATE

Renville-Sibley member, Kristie Haubrich was the guest speaker for the evening. Kristie talked about change, and she encouraged everyone to look at change as an opportunity to take the time to learn who we are, and our strengths and find a way to teach, support, aid, and help someone else. A delicious meal catered by Main Street Café in Danube and was enjoyed by everyone.

Renville-Sibley looks forward to another great year of offering the Touchstone Energy Scholar of the Month program in the 2023 – 2024 school year.



The following scholars attended the Scholar of the Year Banquet held on June 7th. From left to right: Ariana Greydanus (CMCS), Katrina Baumgartner (BOLD), Isaac Haen (RCW), Myles Muetzel (RCW), Ellie Wulf (RCW), Madison Bentley (RCW), Brianna DeGonda (Redwood Valley), and Elsa Gustafson (CMCS).

Notice

The July board meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 25 at 8 am.

The August board meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 22 at 8 am.

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Working Out in the Heat

Exercising outdoors is a great way to enjoy the sunshine and warmer weather of summer. But you'll need to take some extra precautions to stay safe. Here are some do's and don'ts for working out when temperatures climb.

DO: Stay hydrated

Drink plenty of water before, during and after your workout to prevent dehydration and help regulate body temperature. Nicole Thompson of the American Council on Exercise recommends slowly drinking water or sports drinks about four hours before exercising. Aim for 1 ounce for every 11 pounds of body weight – so 10 ounces for a 110-pound person or 20 ounces for a 220-pound person.

Weigh yourself before and after working out to determine how much fluid you need to replace. The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics recommends drinking 2-3 cups of water for every pound lost.

DON'T: Drink products containing alcohol

Alcohol is a diuretic, so it contributes to dehydration.

DO: Wear lightweight and breathable clothing

Choose light-colored and loose-fitting clothes made of moisture-wicking materials. This'll help keep you cool and dry.

DON'T: Wear dark colors or heavy fabrics

Dark-colored clothing can absorb heat and trap it against your body.

DO: Wear sunscreen

The key number to look for on your sunscreen is the sun protection factor. An SPF of 15 filters out about 93% of UVB rays, according to the Environmental Protection Agency, while an SPF of 30 will filter out around 97%. Look for "broad spectrum" on the label to protect against UVA and UVB rays.

Apply sunscreen 15 or 20 minutes before going out (check the instructions on the label). Reapply every two hours – or more frequently if you're sweating a lot. Don't forget about your ears, lips and any bald spots on your scalp – they need protection, too.

DON'T: Work out during the hottest times of the day

The sun is at its strongest between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., so try to schedule workouts for earlier in the morning or later in the afternoon. Remember, you can always work out inside and in an air-conditioned area if needed.

DO: Know the signs of heat-related illness

Symptoms of heat exhaustion include:

- Nausea and dizziness
- Headaches
- Feeling weak

A weak or rapid pulse

Cold, clammy skin

If you experience any sign of heat exhaustion, move to a cool place, loosen your clothing, put cool and wet cloths on your body or take a cool bath, and sip water, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says. Get medical help if your symptoms don't go away after an hour, if your symptoms worsen or if you're throwing up.

Symptoms of heatstroke include:

A body temperature of 103° F or higher

Hot, dry, bright red or damp skin

Labored breathing

A fast, strong pulse

Headache, dizziness, nausea or confusion

Loss of consciousness

Heatstroke is an emergency. If you suspect it, call 911 immediately.

DON'T: Overdo it

Adjust your workout intensity to account for the heat and listen to your body's cues. Shorter workouts are good when temperatures rise. Allow your body to get used to the heat. Then you can gradually increase your time outdoors and exercise intensity.



Don't pull the cord!

Gabrielle Clement, Age 10

Gabrielle Clement advises people it's not safe to pull the cord when disconnecting appliances from an outlet. Gabrielle is the daughter of Dustin and Michelle Clement from Box Elder, S.D., members of West River Electric Association.

Kids, send your drawing with an electrical safety tip to your local electric cooperative (address found on Page 3). If your poster is published, you'll receive a prize. All entries must include your name, age, mailing address and the names of your parents. Colored drawings are encouraged.

Savory Summer SALADS

GRAPE SALAD

Ingredients:

- 2 lbs. red seedless grapes
- 2 lbs. green seedless grapes
- 1-8 oz. cream cheese (softened)
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup chopped pecans

METHOD

Wash and dry grapes. Mix cream cheese and sour cream. Add sugar and vanilla. Mix well. Fold in grapes. Place in 9x13 pan. Sprinkle with brown sugar and pecans.

Angie Ruiters
Sioux Falls, S.D.

CHICKEN SALAD

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup plain lowfat yogurt
- 2 tbsp. mayonnaise
- 1 tsp. parsley flakes
- 1/2 tsp. seasoned salt
- 1/4 tsp. pure ground black pepper
- 1/2 rotisserie chicken, cut into bite-size chunks (about 2 cups)
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced celery
- 1/4 cup chopped red onion

METHOD

Mix yogurt, mayonnaise, parsley, seasoned salt and pepper in large bowl. Add chicken, celery and onion; toss to coat well. Cover. Refrigerate at least 30 minutes or until ready to serve. Serve in sandwiches or on salad greens.

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CORN CUCUMBER SALAD

Ingredients:

- 2 cans whole kernel corn (drained)
- 1 cup diced, unpeeled and seeded cucumbers
- 1/4 cup chopped red onion
- 1/3 cup mayonnaise
- 2 tbsp. chopped fresh cilantro
- 2 tbsp. grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 tbsp. lime juice
- 1 tsp. paprika
- 1/2 tsp. garlic salt
- 1/4 tsp. ground cumin

METHOD

Mix corn, cucumber and onion in large bowl. Set aside. Mix remaining ingredients in small bowl until well blended. Add to corn mixture; toss lightly to coat. Cover. Refrigerate 2 hours or until ready to serve.

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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.

Visit Renville Sibley Co-op Power, along with other Touchstone Energy Cooperatives, at Farmfest 2023 and enter for a chance to win a grand prize!

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Bring this coupon to Booth #2301.

NAME: _____

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You must be a member of one of the participating electric cooperatives to win.



August Member Events

Amy Ervin

Renville-Sibley Co-op Power

Before you know it, August will be here, and that brings with it the annual Farmfest and Family-a-Fair night events for Renville-Sibley. Be sure to mark your calendar so you don't miss these two great events.

Farmfest

Farmfest is a great outdoor event for farmers and anyone interested in agriculture. This event will be held on August 1-3 at the Gilfillan Estate near Morgan, Minnesota. Renville-Sibley, along with other electric cooperatives in the region, have joined together to sponsor a booth at this event. The theme this year will be "Beneficial Electricity." Be sure to visit us at Booth #2301 in the large ag tent for more information.

When you come, remember to bring the above coupon with you. This coupon will be used to register you for the prize drawing for a chance to win an EGO push lawn mower, trimmer,

leaf blower, chain saw, and new this year, the 5- speed misting fan. You must bring the coupon with you to be entered into the drawing. Stop by to see what you might win.



Family-a-Fair Night

Renville-Sibley is excited to continue our Family-a-Fair Night tradition of inviting our members to attend the Renville County Fair compliments

of the Cooperative. This great event brings families and neighbors together to enjoy all the fun fair activities.

Cooperative members (up to four family members) are invited to attend the Renville County Fair **FREE** on **THURSDAY, AUGUST 10th**. Members will receive a postcard in the mail the week of July 24th. This postcard entitles up to four family members **FREE** entrance into the fair. Postcards should be brought to the West entrance gate of the Renville County Fair from 3 -7 p.m. Renville-Sibley representatives will be located just outside the west fence to assist you. The postcard will be used to enter members into a drawing for an energy gift certificate at the value of \$50. Children will have the opportunity to submit their names for a prize drawing as well. 348102

If you have any questions about these two great events, be sure to give us a call at 320-826-2593 or 800-826-2593.

Electricity and heat both silent killers

It is often said that electricity is a silent killer. This is true because you cannot see, hear or smell electricity.

Intense summertime heat is also a silent killer. Unlike hurricanes, floods, and tornadoes, the dangers of extreme weather strike without much notice. An average of 702 heat-related deaths occur each year in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Heat-related illnesses

Hot weather is associated with an increase in heat-related illnesses, including cardiovascular and respiratory complications, renal failure, electrolyte imbalance, kidney stones, negative impact on fetal health, and preterm birth, according to the CDC. Death rates increase during and after heat waves, which is why the number of deaths is attributed to heat-related illnesses.

Heat-related deaths result from:

- Heat stroke and related conditions
- Cardiovascular disease
- Respiratory disease
- Cerebrovascular disease

Deaths from heat events

The National Weather Service (NWS) reports that 105 fatalities per year are directly related to extreme heat (based on a 10-year average). Both the NWS and the CDC agree that extreme summer heat events are increasing in the U.S.

Anyone can be at risk of the health effects of heat, but some are more vulnerable, according to the CDC. Those more vulnerable include:

- Pregnant women
- People with heart or lung conditions
- Young children
- The elderly
- Athletes
- Outdoor workers

Heat stroke

Heat stroke is the most serious heat-related illness, as it restricts the body's

ability to cool itself. Body temperature can reach 106 degrees or higher within 10 to 15 minutes, according to the CDC.

Heat stroke can cause permanent disability or death if emergency treatment is not initiated. Symptoms of heat stroke include confusion, altered mental status, slurred speech, hot/dry skin or profuse sweating, seizures, very high body temperature, and coma.

If someone is experiencing heat stroke, act quickly to treat the person.

- Call 9-1-1
- Stay with the person until help arrives
- Move the person to a shaded, cool area
- Remove outer clothing
- Cool the person with water
 - Place cold cloths on the skin
 - Soak clothing in cool water
 - Concentrate on cooling the head, neck, armpits and groin
- Circulate air around the person

Heat exhaustion

This type of heat-related illness is the body's response to an excessive loss of water and salt, usually due to excessive sweating. Heat exhaustion is most like to affect the elderly, people with high blood pressure and those who work outdoors.

Symptoms include headache, nausea, dizziness, weakness, irritability, thirst, heavy sweating, elevated body temperature and decreased urine output.

If someone is displaying symptoms of heat exhaustion, do the following:

- Take the person to a clinic or emergency room
- Call 9-1-1 if medical care is unavailable
- Stay with the person until he or she is evaluated

- Remove the person from the heat
- Give the person liquids to drink
- Remove unnecessary clothing, including shoes and socks
- Use cold compresses to cool the person's body
- If compresses are not available, splash cold water on the head, face and neck

Other heat-related illnesses

Other illnesses related to heat stress include rhabdomyolysis, heat syncope (fainting or dizziness), heat cramps and heat rash. Rhabdomyolysis is a medical condition associated with heat stress and prolonged physical exertion. The condition causes the rapid breakdown, rupture and death of muscle. People who have this condition and experience symptoms (muscle cramps, weakness, dark urine) should seek immediate care at the nearest medical facility.

Severity scale

Heat stroke is the most serious, followed by heat exhaustion and heat syncope (both severe), and then heat cramps and heat rash (less severe).

If you suspect someone is experiencing heat stroke, act right away by calling 9-1-1. Heat exhaustion also requires medical evaluation and treatment. In both cases, cool the body as quickly as possible.

How to help someone having a HEAT STROKE:



- Call 9-1-1.
- Stay with them until help arrives.
- Move them to a shaded, cool area.
- Remove outer clothing.
- Place cold cloths on the skin.
- Soak clothing in cool water.
- Circulate air around the person.





TAKING TO THE SKY

Balloons light up the night during the night glow event of the festival.

Fall River Hot Air Balloon Festival Gains Popularity

Jocelyn Johnson

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It's a picturesque and dramatic spectacle that's awed most people for several hundred years. Yet, spectators and pilots alike have not tired of the image. Hot air balloons have that quality of enchantment. And what better way to be enchanted than to see dozens of these balloons floating up into the sunrise of a South Dakota sky?

The annual Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce Fall River Hot Air Balloon Festival is attracting nearly 30 balloons and thousands of spectators on Aug. 25-27, 2023. The event is taking place at the airport outside of Hot Springs, S.D., where it will celebrate its 8th year of growing popularity. Festival sightseers can pack all-day-fun into their festivities by visiting the vendors, obstacle courses,

bouncy houses, and performances in Hot Springs by Magician Jared Furnau and the Wild Blue Band.

Petra Wilson, a local commercial pilot, founded the festival in 2016 before opening her own flying business – Western Horizons Hot Air Balloons.

“The way I got introduced to ballooning is a tale of serendipity,” said Wilson. “Almost 20 years ago, my husband and I attended a hot air balloon festival in Peoria, Ill., where we are asked to become crew members for a weekend. On the last flight of the weekend, he asked us if we wanted to go for a ride. The ride was absolutely stunning and from that point on we were hooked.”

Wilson became a private pilot in 2014 and a commercial pilot in 2017. In 2015, Wilson and her husband moved to Hot Springs, where she discovered she was the

only hot air balloon pilot flying in the area.

I introduced many different people to ballooning by inviting them out to watch and even crew,” Wilson said. “Some of those people became my students and eventually became hot air balloon pilots in the Hot Springs area.”

When asked how she started the festival, Wilson replied, “I decided this area was such a beautiful place to fly that I wanted to share it with all my ballooning friends and their friends, as well as locals who might appreciate the beauty of the balloons in the sky, so what better way to do this than having a balloon festival.”

The festival started with the partnership between Wilson and Olivia Mears, Executive Director for the Chamber of Commerce in Hot Springs.

Mears said, “Folks from South Dakota, California, Nebraska, Colorado, and more attend this festival. We attract private pilots who fly for their own enjoyment and commercial pilots who are licensed to carry passengers.”

Tamie Shrum, current balloon-meister for Fall River Hot Air Balloon Festival, is a commercial pilot overseeing the safety and regulation of the participating balloons. She travels the world to fly, including six countries and 37 states. Shrum owns three of her own balloons and earns her living flying passengers and training students how to fly.

“I like to do long jump flying, which is long distance flying,” said Shrum. “My longest distance is 137 miles in a three-hour flight with a top speed of 78 mph.”

Shrum explained that a considerable amount of studying goes into the preparation for a long jump flight. Everything matters – the time of year, time of day, location, and weather patterns.

“We work off of a microscopic level,” Shrum said. “A regular person might say, ‘It’s not that windy today,’ but a balloon pilot might say, ‘It’s too windy to fly today.’”

Describing how balloons fly, Shrum said, “In layman’s terms, hot air rises and cold air sinks. You put heat in the

envelope, making it hotter than ambient temperatures which allows it to lift the massive weight it’s carrying.”

“We use a burner with regular propane,” Shrum continued. “The amount of propane needed changes based upon ambient temperature, altitude of flight, and how much passenger weight is being carried.”

Balloons are simplistic in design but can be challenging to fly.

“You don’t steer a balloon... while airplanes fly against the wind, balloons fly with the wind, which can be unpredictable,” Shrum explained. “Sometimes you land in a park and sometimes you land in main street.”

“I’ve flown over Pikes Peak in Colorado



Commercial Pilot Tamie Shrum looks below on other balloons while flying.

and in Japan along with many other places,” Shrum said. “I’ve been fortunate to sightsee all over the world from 1,000 feet in the air while others are sightseeing from the surface...but South Dakota is one of the most gorgeous places to fly in.”



Commercial Pilot Petra Wilson inspects her balloon.



Mark Your Calendars

What: New Facility Dedication & Open House

Time: 10:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

When: Tuesday, August 22nd

Where: 515 Hwy 212 West in Danube

Cindy Mertens

Renville-Sibley Co-op Power

Join us for the dedication of your new cooperative facility, followed by a light lunch and an exciting Open House event filled with engaging activities and exhibits.

As a valued cooperative member, we're thrilled to extend our invitation to this special occasion. Kick off the day at 10:30 a.m. with the facility dedication, where you can witness the unveiling of your new cooperative headquarters. Following the dedication, indulge in a delightful light lunch; visit with your board of directors, cooperative employees, and fellow members; and immerse yourself in the Open House event, which promises an array of captivating activities and exhibits.

Here's a glimpse of what to expect:

- Electrifying educational presentations that will make your hair stand.
- Essential information about safety around power lines

- Insights into our load management program for air conditioning and electric water heaters
- Test your driving skills with a thrilling driving simulator experience
- Get up close and personal with an electric vehicle and explore its features
- Discover the potential of distributed generation with wind and solar energy
- Learn about the opportunity for members to invest in clean energy
- Familiarize yourself with SmartHub and learn how to access your account data online

But that's not all! Enjoy these additional activities:

- Take a guided tour of the new facility and gain insights from the building contractor and architect, who will showcase the construction process including a time-lapse video

- Explore information about the sale of the current office building and warehouse
- Marvel at an attractive exhibit representing the diversity of thirty Minnesota cooperatives
- Weather permitting, take a tethered ride in the Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives hot air balloon
- Observe Renville-Sibley's bucket truck in action

We understand that schedules can be busy, so if you're unable to attend the dedication, don't worry! Feel free to join us at any time before 8:00 p.m. to partake in the remaining activities, explore the exhibits, and take a tour of the facility.

We sincerely appreciate your presence and look forward to connecting with you on this memorable day, August 22, 2023. Mark your calendar and make sure to reserve this date for an unforgettable experience. We can't wait to see you there!

June Board Meeting Highlights

The June board meeting was held on Tuesday, June 27 at 8 am. All board members were present. Others present were CEO DeeAnne Norris, Cindy Mertens, Gene Alex, and Amy Ervin.

The board reviewed and approved the following items:

- Minutes of the May 23 board meeting
- Operating and disbursement reports for the month of May
- Capital Credits to Estates
- Safety Report for May
- East River Electric Annual Meeting Delegates
- RESCO Board of Directors Election
- Allocation of 2022 Margin
- NRECA Regional Meeting Voting Delegates

The board reviewed:

- Total new members
- Capital Credits 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 May (unaudited)
- Organization activities
- East River update
- Basin Electric update
- NRECA update
- MREA update
- Linecrew work in progress, equipment update, and outage update
- Accounts Receivable
- Update on the New Facility by Breitbach Construction
- Options for Sale of Current buildings

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

WHERE'S THE NUMBER?

Last month Charlotte Daniels did not find her member number in the newsletter. The value of the energy credit will be increased to a value of \$105. Another number has been hidden in this newsletter. If you find your number and call the office by the 1st of August, you will receive this credit on your electric statement. Good luck in your search!

OUTAGE REPORT

Affecting 10 members or more

Date: 5-6-23

Time off: 10:38 AM

Time on: 12:40 PM

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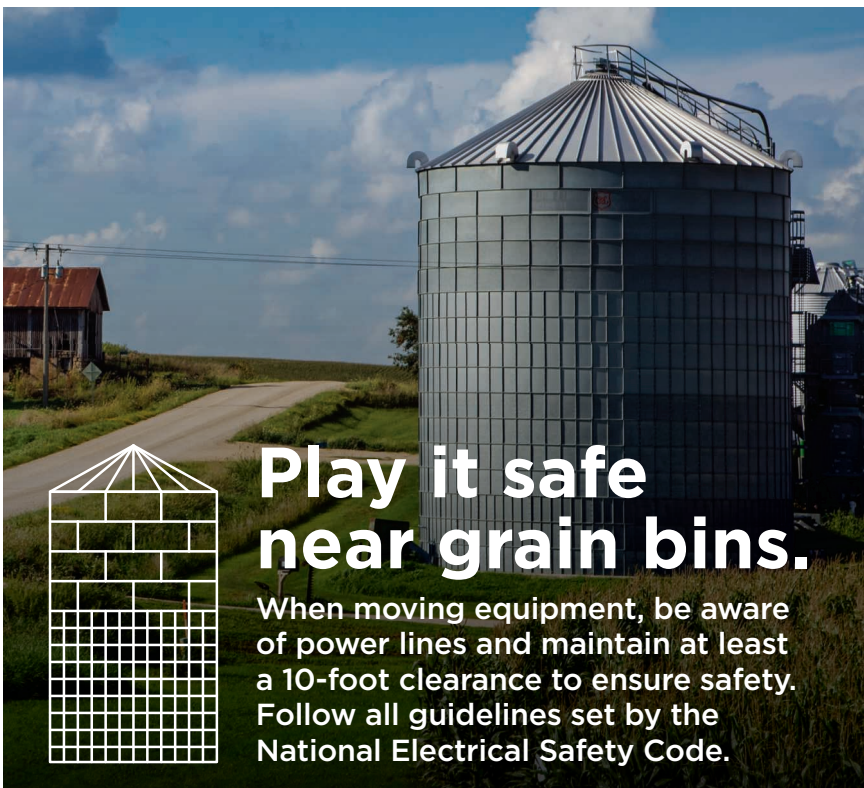
Cause: Farm Equipment

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

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for the scholarship I received at the Annual Meeting. It means a lot to me, and I appreciate the support from all of you. I am looking forward to attending South Dakota State University in the fall and majoring in nursing. This would not have been possible without the generous donations to fund this scholarship. Thanks!

– Kayln Hellendrung





RACING FAMILY FUN

Go-kart racers in Aberdeen are placed in divisions by age and skill to keep the races competitive. The track usually hosts races twice a month during the summer months. *Photo by Scott Waltman*

Go-kart Racing at Aberdeen Track is a Family Affair

Scott Waltman

Kevin Horn didn't set out to drive to Aberdeen several times a summer so he could race.

Instead, after seeing races on TV, the Waubay mechanic bought a go-kart for his then-9-year-old daughter. But while she was driving, the kart skidded on some wet grass and she hit the kart trailer. After that, she turned the keys over to Dad.

That was about 11 years ago. Horn took his daughter's number 9 and flipped it to make a 6, and he's been racing ever since.

Like others who race at the Aberdeen Karting Club track at the Brown County Fairgrounds, his story has a tie to family, even if it didn't work out exactly as he thought it would.

Karting, racers and organizers say, is a family affair.

Brody Griffin of Watertown is 10 and started karting three years ago.

He makes the rounds, mostly to the closest tracks in Aberdeen, Brookings and Miller. He races just about every weekend during summer, and the allure is simple. Griffin said he just likes driving.

He was named rookie of the year his first season and finished second in his division his second season in Aberdeen.

But it's not all zipping around the track and trying to pass other drivers. Griffin said he helps work on his kart with his father.

That makes sense to Landon Schott, a 24-year-old racer from Aberdeen who is one of the track's most successful drivers. Now that he's a little older, helps with public relations and social media for the track.

When Schott started racing, he said his father made it clear to him that he would be helping work on the kart and had to keep it clean. Karting can be a big financial investment, and his dad wasn't going to spend heaps of money if his son wasn't going to pitch in and be engaged.

Schott, too, said he appreciates the friendly and family atmosphere of karting.

Sponsorships are critical to both the Aberdeen track and its racers, he said. He wouldn't have been able to travel across the country racing without



Josiah Combellick serves as the event's flagman. *Photo by Scott Waltman*

having sponsors since he started driving in 2006, he said.

The Aberdeen track doesn't have any employees, and the Aberdeen Karting Club is a nonprofit group, so contributions are important, Schott said.

Rick Cartney is the vice president of the Aberdeen Karting Club and has been involved with the track since it was founded in 1996. His first race was in Aberdeen that first year, and now he gets to the track to start prep work around 9 a.m. on race days. Races usually start around 4 p.m. and last into the night.

For Cartney, the payback comes from the smiles on the faces of young racers.

"Mainly, it's for the kids," he said.

They do their best racing when they don't win, but they learn, grow and mature, Cartney said.

The Aberdeen track is between an eighth and a 10th of a mile long and is great for young racers who are just

starting out, he said.

There are races in Aberdeen a couple of times a month during summer, with the schedules of other tracks in the region taken into consideration so drivers can make it to as many races as possible. Generally, there are 30 or 40 drivers in Aberdeen, most of them young people, Cartney said.

Starting at the Aberdeen track has served Schott well. He has advanced to grand national events with both the International Karting Federation and Maxxis Kart Racing, finishing as in the top five, but never quite nabbing a championship. Last December, Schott said, he traveled to Daytona, Fla., and raced with about 70 other drivers, never finishing outside of the top 14.

"I guess maybe I'm just an adrenaline junkie," Schott said.

In 2013, as a junior driver, he won a Maxxis regional championship. The event drew drivers from across the nation and is called the Maxx Daddy, he said.

Schott said that and winning an end-of-season state championship in 2021 on his home track in Aberdeen are, at least to date, two of the highlights of his career.

He also won the state championship in 2015 in Brookings.

The state karting championships used to be in Brookings, but have been in Aberdeen in recent years. They return again this year on Aug. 12.

That event will likely draw about 200 drivers from South Dakota and surrounding states, Cartney said. A heavy bronze trophy in the shape of Mount Rushmore goes to the winner.

It will be yet another chance for the karting community to gather. Both Schott and Horn said they have made friends traveling the karting circuit. It's one of the most enjoyable parts of racing, they said, and Cartney agrees.

"These people are like a second family," he said.



Landon Schott helps prepare a go-kart before the races begin in Aberdeen on Saturday, June 17. Schott is one of the most successful racers from the Aberdeen Karting Klub. *Photo by Scott Waltman*

NEW FACILITY UPDATE

With the concrete and pavement now complete in the driveway and the parking lot, there are only a few minor items we are wrapping up in anticipation of opening the new facility on August 7th. In the coming weeks, we will begin the process of moving items and materials from our “old” facility to our new one located at 515 US Hwy 212 W in Danube.

We have also now begun the landscaping process with the large grass-seeded area to be completed in the fall. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Open House on August 22nd beginning at 10 a.m.

To watch the outside activity at the new facility, check out the video on our website: rscpa.coop/news/renville-sibley-new-facility

Comparative Report			
	Current YTD Through May, 2023	One Year Ago YTD Through May, 2022	10 Years Ago YTD Through May, 2013
Average # of Consumers	1,878	1,890	1,916
kWhs purchased	7,908,162	14,673,142	8,859,434
Cost of purchased power	\$389,546.00	\$915,022.40	\$517,522.90

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 it 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)

Type of ad: Giveaway For Sale For Rent Wanted

REMINDER

Renville-Sibley encourages any member planning on making changes to their service in 2023 or 2024 to please contact the office as soon as possible. In order to complete these projects on time, material may need to be ordered well in advance as often there is extended lead time to get the appropriate material. In addition, crew time will be scheduled in the order projects and materials are received.

OPERATION ROUND UP

If your non-profit organization has a project or event that would benefit the community, Operation Round Up funds may be available to help your group reach its goal. Contact the office at 320-826-2593 for more information.

FOR SALE:

One cord maple OR ash firewood

\$100.00

Bill Schafer

Renville, MN 56284

320-826-2350

Grass Fed – Grass Finished Beef. Quarters-Halves-Whole. Also burger – individual cuts.

Call for pricing.

Dave Pastoors

Olivia, MN 56277

320-522-4851



Stray Voltage

Stray voltage can cause serious problems in certain confinement livestock systems. Dairymen and hog producers can lose production from their livestock and experience health problems due to small electric voltages. These voltages are known by several names, including tingle voltage, neutral-to-earth voltage, neutral-to-ground voltage and nuisance voltage. They all refer to very low voltage between two animal contact points. The cause of the voltage can be varied and complex. It may be caused by poor load balance, faulty wiring or equipment, improper grounding or a host of other electrical problems.

One common problem is that the farm operations grow in size, but the electrical service isn't upgraded to grow along with it. Also, electrical systems become obsolete and deteriorate due to improper maintenance.

It must be understood, however, that many factors other than stray voltage may cause behavior, health and production problems. A careful analysis of all possible causes is necessary if proper corrective procedures are to be found.

A special section of the National

Electric Code deals with the special requirements for wiring all livestock buildings. If these are strictly followed and buildings are "up to code," the potential for stray voltage problems is greatly reduced. Many older barns have been converted from one use to another and do not meet code requirements. If you are building new livestock facilities, be sure all work is done in accordance with Article 547 of the National Electric Code.

If stray voltage is suspected on your farm, contact Renville-Sibley Cooperative Power Association. An investigation will be made to determine if a problem is present. Your electrician is also requested to be present so any problems can be noted and corrected. In dairy operations, consulting your milking equipment dealer and local veterinarian is also recommended. They can determine if equipment problems or health problems that may or may not be related to stray voltage are present.

Mission Statement

Renville-Sibley Cooperative Power Association will provide efficient, reliable electric energy and services to enhance the quality of rural living.

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REGISTER TO WIN!

Bring this coupon and mailing label to the Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives booth at Dakotafest or the South Dakota State Fair to win a prize!

Your Phone Number: _____

Your E-mail Address: _____



August 14-17
Turner County Fair
680 E 2nd St,
Parker, SD
605-297-4428

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.

JULY 21-23
Winner Elks 54th Annual Rodeo
Winner, SD
605-842-5830

JULY 28-29
Farley Fest
Lake Farley Park
Milbank, SD
www.farleyfest.com

JULY 28-30
Clear Lake Days
Clear Lake, SD
clearlakedays.com

JULY 29
BBQ Pit Row and Car Show
Winner, SD
605-842-1533

JULY 30
Bergen Threshing Bee
9 a.m.
Bristol, SD
605-237-0310

AUG 1-4
Farmfest 2023
8 a.m.-4 p.m. daily
Gilfillan Estate
28269 MN-67
Morgan, SD

AUG 5-6
Pioneer Power Threshing Show
MN Machinery Museum
Hanley Falls, MN
507-828-9666

AUG 9-11
Renville County Fair
Family-a-Fair Night Thursday
(Aug 10, free admittance to our members)
3-7 p.m.
Renville County Fairgrounds
Bird Island, MN 55310

AUG 13-14
Twin Brooks Threshing Show
Featuring Allis Chalmers
Twin Brooks, SD
605-880-2884

AUG 13
32nd Annual Czech Heritage Festival
Bechyn, MN
www.bechynczechfest.org

AUG 21
30th Annual Bishop's Cup Golf Tournament
Minnehaha Country Club and
The Country Club of Sioux Falls
Sioux Falls, SD
605-988-3765

SEPT 2
Hidewood Valley Barn Dance
7 p.m.
47236 183rd St
Clear Lake, SD

SEPT 4
Hidewood Valley Steam Threshing Show
Steam Whistle Blows
1 p.m.
47236 183rd St
Clear Lake, SD

SEPT 8-10
James Valley Threshing & Tractor Show
World's Largest Steam Traction Engine
Andover, SD
605-868-3242

SEPT 16
SD Coin & Stamp Convention
Scherr-Howe Area
Mobridge, SD

SEPT 23
Springfield Dakota Senior Meals Fall Festival
9 a.m.
Springfield Community Building
Springfield, SD

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