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## 2024 Washington D.C. Youth Tour

Thirty-six students representing 18 South Dakota electric cooperatives headed to the Washington, D.C., area June 15-21 for the 2024 Rural Electric Youth Tour.

The program, which can trace its existence back to a 1957 speech by Lyndon B. Johnson where he encouraged electric cooperatives to send youth to the nation's capital so they "can see what the flag stands for and represents," encourages teens to engage in their communities and learn about the importance of political involvement. More than 1,300 teens have represented the Rushmore State since South Dakota sent its first group in 1963.

The 2024 group visited many historic sites the region offers,

including Fort McHenry in Baltimore. The fort's bombardment in the War of 1812 was captured in Francis Scott Key's poem, which would eventually become the national anthem. Old Glory would play a recurring theme in the trip as students could see it at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History and also hear an inspirational message centered on the flag from Youth Day keynote speaker Mike Schlappi, a four-time Paralympic medalist in U.S.A. men's wheelchair basketball.

Students also met with the state's congressional delegation, and a short meet-and-greet session was held with U.S. Sen. John Thune and U.S. Sen Mike Rounds. Also, while in

D.C., Youth Tour participants from across the country were touring many of our nation's historical sites – including the National Archives, Library of Congress, Mount Vernon, U.S. Supreme Court, and many more.

"My favorite thing from the trip was talking with our legislatures. We learned about what they were doing and how they represent us," said Mallory Gant, who represented Charles Mix Electric Association on the trip. Gant was also selected as this year's South Dakota Youth Leadership Council representative. There, Gant will have the opportunity to represent South Dakota at the 2025 NRECA PowerXchange in Atlanta, GA.

Tanner & Brylee Wallman-DEC Participants

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Question and Answer Session  
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# Extreme Heat Preparation

### Learn How to Stay Hydrated

You need to drink enough water to prevent heat illness. An average person needs to drink about 3/4 of a gallon of water daily. Everyone's needs may vary.

- You can check that you are getting enough water by noting your urine color. Dark yellow may indicate you are not drinking enough.
- Avoid sugary, caffeinated and alcoholic drinks.
- If you are sweating a lot, combine water with snacks or a sports drink to replace the salt and minerals you lose in sweat.
- Talk to your doctor about how to prepare if you have a medical condition or are taking medicines.

### Make a Plan to Stay Cool

Do not rely only on electric fans during extreme heat. When temperatures are in the high 90s, fans may not prevent heat-related illness. Taking a cool shower or bath or moving to an air-conditioned place is a much better way to cool off.

- Spending a few hours each day in air conditioning can help prevent heat illness.
  - If you have air conditioning, be sure that it is in working order.
  - If you do not have air conditioning or if there is a power outage, find locations where you can stay cool. For example, a public library, shopping mall or a public cooling center. Plan how you will get there.
  - Additional resources may be available from local government or community groups.
- Make sure you have plenty of lightweight, loose clothing to wear.
- Create a support team of people you may assist and who can assist you. Check in with them often to make sure that everyone is safe.

### Learn Emergency Skills

- Learn how to recognize and respond to heat illness.
- Learn First Aid and CPR.
- Be ready to live without power. Utilities may be offline. Be ready to live without power, gas and water. Plan for your electrical needs, including cell phones and medical equipment. Talk to your doctor. Plan for backup power.

### Gather Emergency Supplies

- Gather food, water and medicine. Stores might be closed. Organize supplies into a Go-Kit and a Stay-at-Home

Kit. In the event of a power outage, you may lose access to clean drinking water. Set aside at least one gallon of drinking water per person per day. Consider adding drinks with electrolytes. Include sunscreen and wide-brimmed hats.

- Go-Kit: at least three days of supplies that you can carry with you. Include backup batteries and chargers for your devices (cell phone, CPAP, wheelchair, etc.)
- Stay-at-Home Kit: at least two weeks of supplies.
- Have a one-month supply of medication in a child-proof container and medical supplies or equipment.
- Keep personal, financial and medical records safe and easy to access (hard copies or securely backed up)
- Consider keeping a list of your medications and dosages on a small card to carry with you.

*Source: American Red Cross*



### Power Line Safety "Call 911 and Don't Get Out"

#### Hobie Klein, Age 12

Hobie Klein warns farmers to call 911 and don't get out of the tractor if contact is made with a power line. Hobie's parents are Dean and Karey Klein, members of Sioux Valley Energy.

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.

# Summer SALADS

## MOM'S VEGETABLE SALAD

### Ingredients:

#### Salad

- 2 cans diced carrots
- 1 can green beans
- 1 can yellow beans
- 1 small can peas
- 1 can cut baby corn

*Drain all the vegetables*

#### Add

- 1/2 cup diced green pepper
- 1 cup diced celery
- 1 diced medium onion

#### Dressing

- Combine in a saucepan
- 1/2 cup oil
- 1 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup white vinegar
- 1/3 cup cider vinegar
- 2 Tbsp water

*Combine in a saucepan and boil until clear*

### Method

Pour dressing over vegetables and refrigerate for several hours before serving. Keeps for a week.

**Debra Clow**  
Harrisburg, S.D.

## FRESH SUMMER SALAD

### Ingredients:

- 3 tbsps. olive oil, divided
- 1 tbsp. lime juice
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1 1/5 cups fresh corn or thawed frozen corn
- 1 1/2 cups cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1/2 cup cucumber, finely chopped
- 2 tbsp. fresh basil, minced
- 1/3 cup crumbled Feta cheese or Parmesan cheese
- 1 tbsp. balsamic vinegar or Italian salad dressing

### Method

Mix 2 tablespoons of oil, lime juice and salt in a small bowl. Cook corn in a skillet with remaining 1 tbsp. oil. Pour corn into bowl, cool slightly. Add tomatoes, cucumber and basil. Refrigerate. Before serving, drizzle with dressing, cheese and balsamic vinegar or Italian dressing.

**Barb Selland**  
Mitchell, S.D.

## CHICKEN SALAD

### Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup plain lowfat yogurt
- 2 tbsps. mayonnaise
- 1 tsp. parsley flakes
- 1/2 tsp. seasoned salt
- 1/4 tsp. 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.

[McCormick.com](http://McCormick.com)

Please send your favorite recipes to your local electric cooperative (address found on Page 3). Each recipe printed will be entered into a drawing for a prize in December 2024. All entries must include your name, mailing address, phone number and cooperative name.



## CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS UPDATE

Dakota Energy crews have been busy again this summer, putting in new underground, rebuilding existing services, and updating Dakota Energy equipment. The construction projects will increase the capacity and reliability in these areas for the additional load.

- **Completed Projects:**
  - Northwest Hyde County: 4 miles of three-phase underground
  - Central Hand County: 7 miles of three-phase underground
- **Scheduled Projects:**
  - Western Beadle County: 6 miles of single-phase underground
  - Central Beadle County: 2 miles of three-phase overhead

## NEW OR UPDATED SERVICES

Whether you're considering a new service or planning to add load to an existing service, reaching out to us early ensures that we have the proper equipment on hand. Your proactive approach is not just beneficial for you, but also for the smooth execution of our projects.

## SAFETY

Safety is not just a priority, but a commitment for the Dakota Energy team. It's a shared responsibility that extends from our employees to the public, ensuring everyone's well-being in their everyday lives. Dakota Energy has been working diligently to address safety concerns, such as member-owned equipment that either doesn't have the proper clearances or is mounted to Dakota Energy owned equipment.

As always, if everyone does their part, we all stay safe!



**Matt Zomer**  
Manager of  
Operations



# MAY 2024

The Board of Directors met on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, with Directors Baruth, Baum, Bonebright, Bushong, Dearborn, Nemec, Raschke, and Schaefer present. Manager Felderman and Employees Decker, Gilbert, Hasart, Picek, Rakness, and Zomer were present. Director Bushong was absent.

## MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Felderman reported on the following items:

- Monthly energy sales and revenue
- Basin Electric and East River
- Crow Creek
- GHDC
- NextGen
- REED
- SDREA
- WAPA proposed rate adjustment
- SDREA Meeting and Legal Seminar
- City of Miller
- Cypto loads

## OFFICE SERVICES REPORT

Manager of Finance and Administration Hasart reported on the following items:

- Financial reports for April
- East River capital credit retirement
- Miller office tax reappraisal
- CFC financial forecast meeting
- Work order inspection
- Venture Communications

## OPERATIONS REPORT

Manager of Operations Zomer reported on the following items:

- Construction, maintenance and retirement activities
- Terminated URD west of Miller and north of Highmore
- Pole changes

- Service rebuilds
- Glacial Lakes Energy

## MEMBER SERVICES REPORT

Manager of Member Services Gilbert reported on the following items:

- Wiring department workload
- Potential hazards
- Load control savings
- Upcoming youth presentations

## HUMAN RESOURCES/ COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

Manager of HR/Communications Decker reported on the following items:

- 4-H Safety presentation
- Summer help
- Touchstone Energy Scholar of the Year banquet
- Journey Palmer, Basin Cooperative Employee scholarship
- Annual Report
- Upcoming youth tour

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REPORT

Information Technology Administrator Rakness reported on the following items:

- Computer purchases
- Camera installation
- PCI Compliance Assessment
- Website/Cybersecurity

## BOARD ACTION

The following items were acted upon:

- Accepted the reports presented
- Appointed Director Raschke as the voting delegate for East River Nominating caucus
- Approved policies

## BOARD REPORTS

Director Raschke reported on East River's May 2024 regular board meeting.

Next monthly board meeting is July 23, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the Huron office.

Year-to-Date Financial Report		
	May-24	Year-to-Date
Total Revenue .....	\$1,943,093	\$11,057,223
Cost of Power .....	\$1,369,741	\$7,849,780
Operating Expenses .....	\$616,368	\$3,154,058
Total Margins .....	\$138,837	\$560,112
KwH's Purchased .....	18,755,843	108,819,088
Services in Place .....		3,626
Miles of Line .....		2,535
Members per Mile .....		1.43



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*Photo Credit: North Dakota Geological Survey*

# Mammoth Discovery

**Shannon Marvel**

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Over Memorial Day of 2023, a coal miner made a historic discovery at the Freedom Mine in North Dakota.

“The shovel operator just happened to take a scoop that had a complete mammoth tusk,” said Jeff Person, a paleontologist with the North Dakota Geological Survey.

“The tusk was about seven-foot-long. That shovel must’ve picked it up just perfectly to not damage or break it. The driver reported the find to his superiors at the Freedom Mine, who then contacted us,” Person said.

The tusk was found in an old streambed. Other fossils



*Photo Credit: North Dakota Geological Survey*



were found in the streambed, including “more than twenty bones from the skeleton, including ribs, a shoulder blade a tooth and parts of the hips,” according to a news release.

“Most of the mammoth fossils known from North Dakota are isolated bones and teeth,” stated Clint Boyd, Senior Paleontologist for the North Dakota Geological Survey, in the news release. “This specimen is one of the most complete mammoth skeletons discovered in North Dakota, making it an exciting and scientifically important discovery.”

The bones were sent off to the Paleontology Lab at the North Dakota Heritage Center and State Museum in Bismarck to undergo extensive cleaning before being prepped to be dried out, which requires that the bones be

wrapped in plastic.

It could take up to another year for the bones to be dried out enough to be taken out of the plastic wrap, Person said.

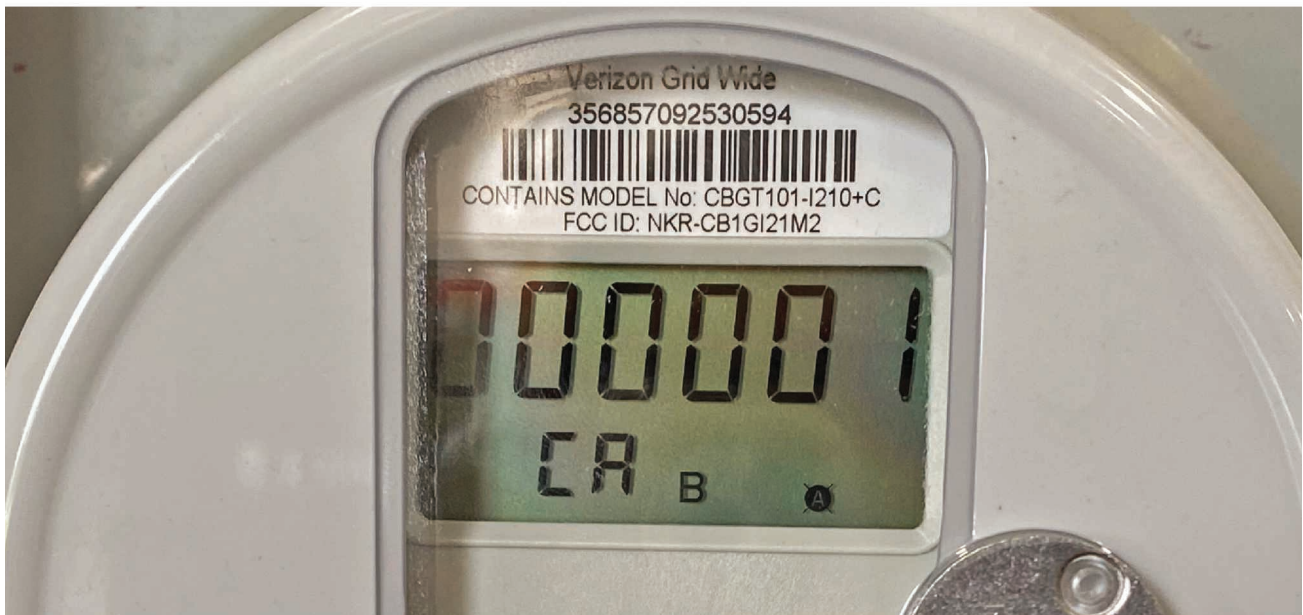
At that point, the bones will be the focus of scientific research, he said.

According to the news release, “mammoths lived in North Dakota during the Pleistocene Epoch, commonly called the Ice Age, and went extinct in this area around 10,000 years ago. Several species of mammoth lived in North America, including the Woolly Mammoth and the Columbian Mammoth. They lived alongside other iconic animals like saber-toothed tigers and giant sloths. Once the bones are fully cleaned, paleontologists will be able to identify which species was collected from the mine.”



*Photo Credit: North Dakota Geological Survey*

### METER TAMPERING IS NOT WORTH IT



For your safety, never try to tamper with or pull (remove) a meter.

Illegally accessing a meter can result in an arc flash bright enough to cause blindness and powerful enough to launch fragments of red-hot, shrapnel debris, according to the Cooperative Research Network.

Only electric utility crews can properly and safely disconnect a meter. They are trained in safe and proper disconnection techniques and wear protective clothing and gear.



#### A FEW METER FACTS

- Tampering with a meter is illegal in South Dakota.
- Meters should only be installed, maintained or removed by electric utility crews.
- Accessing the backside of a meter could generate high voltage.
- Serious injury or death from electrocution, explosion or fire is often a result of meter tampering.
- Electricity should always be connected or disconnected using a transfer switch or dedicated disconnection point.
- There is no guarantee that a structure will be deenergized by pulling a meter.

For more information about electrical safety, visit [SafeElectricity.org](https://www.SafeElectricity.org).

# Summer Storm Safety

Intense summer storms can be beautiful to watch, yet have the potential to be very destructive - and they can arise quickly. Lightning strikes, booming thunder, and torrential rain are powerful forces that, when coming in contact with utility infrastructure, can lead to power outages and damage to equipment. Here are some lightning safety tips to keep you and your family safe:

- Head indoors at the first sign of lightning and invest in a surge protection device for your home electronics.
- Stay off computers, and other electrical equipment that put you in direct contact with electricity.
- Avoid plumbing, including sinks, baths, and faucets.
- Stay away from windows and doors, and stay off porches.
- Immediately move off elevated areas.

Backup generators are great during power outages, but please be sure a licensed professional installed it through a transfer switch. Improperly wired generators can result in electricity back feeding onto power lines, which can be incredibly dangerous for co-op line workers and those inside your home. Never operate a generator indoors or in confined spaces.

A good tip to remember: Keep fridges and freezers closed as much as possible during a power outage. An unopened refrigerator will safely keep food cold for about four hours. A full freezer will keep food for about 48 hours.



Cloud-to-ground lightning flashes kill **28** people each year according to the National Weather Service

## SHED SOME LIGHT ON LIGHTNING

It is not possible to have thunder without lightning; thunder is a direct result of lightning. However, it is possible you might see lightning and not hear the thunder because it was too far away. Some people call this phenomenon “heat lightning” because it occurs most often in the summer. Lightning can occur within the thunderstorm cloud (intra-cloud lightning) or between the cloud and the ground (cloud-to-ground lightning). Lightning can have 100 million to 1 billion volts and contains billions of watts. When lightning travels down a tree trunk, its heat turns water to

steam. If it gets under the bark into the surface moisture of the wood, the rapidly expanding steam can blast pieces of bark from the tree and the wood along the path is often killed. Lightning is hotter than the surface of the sun, and it can reach temperatures around 50,000 degrees F. People are struck by lightning in one of five ways: by a direct strike, by a side flash or from a streamer; or via ground current or conduction (metal). Metal does not attract lightning, but provides a path for the lightning to follow.



# A GOLDEN HARVEST

## The Buzz Behind Adee Honey Farms

Frank Turner

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Three generations ago, the Adee family learned that a tumultuous time can lead to significant opportunity. During the 1930s, the Great Depression wreaked havoc on small rural communities and the agricultural industry. The value of crops and livestock plummeted, and the land became arid.

These hard times impacted many in the Midwest, including Vernon Adee, a rural teacher and rancher in Nebraska. Vernon needed a new way to provide for his family, and a letter from his brother held the answer: “I can’t sell chickens or hogs, but I’m doing well with honey. Be advised: Get a beehive.”

Following his brother’s advice, Vernon attended a foreclosure auction and purchased his first beehive. The decision to begin

beekeeping would inspire several more generations of the Adee family to continue in the trade.

Wanting to start their own operation, Vernon’s sons, Richard and Stanley, purchased a retiring beekeeper’s business through a trade magazine advertisement in 1957. Located in Bruce, South Dakota, the business included 1,500 hives and a breeding yard in Woodville, Mississippi. The acquisition marked the beginning of Adee Honey Farms, and what began as a small family farm quickly grew into the largest beekeeping operation in the country. Today, Adee Honey Farms supports more than 80,000 colonies and nearly 70 full-time employees.

“It started with survival and eventually became a family business,” said Bret Adee, Vernon’s grandson and the owner-operator of Adee Honey Farms. “I can remember being four or five years old and being in the field with my dad, holding the smoker and helping where I could. By the time I was in elementary school, I was loading trucks and moving boxes in the warehouse. Like anyone who grew up on a farm, I was involved in the family business by the time I could walk.”

From a young age, Bret has held a deep love and appreciation for the honey bee. The insect’s ability to cooperate and produce golden treasure while benefiting plants, crops, and the ecosystem at large makes them a unique livestock, unlike any other.

“To watch a hive grow and forage, and by the end of the summer make up to 150 pounds of honey – it’s just so exciting,”

said Bret. “It’s the dynamics of the biology that keeps it interesting.”

Right now, Adee Honey Farms is engaged in honey production in the Midwest, with their bees spread across South Dakota and the west edge of Minnesota and the south edge of North Dakota. Around the first week of August, Bret’s business will start the honey harvest, an event that can last until the first frost or even longer. For now, Bret said this year is shaping up to be a good season for honey production.

“It’s early, but I’m optimistic. The years when there is a lot of clover are the years that beekeepers do well,” said Bret. “We had a wet enough fall that enough clover germinated. We can always lose that to a hot dry wind... but we are optimistic right now.”

But bees aren’t just used to make honey; they also have hand in pollinating crops across the country. More than a neat fact, it’s also the second half of the beekeeping industry. The mere presence of honey bees can increase yields for crops such as alfalfa and sunflowers by up to 20 to 30 percent, depending on the variety of crop. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, pollination is responsible for more than \$18 billion in added revenue to crop production in the country.

Once the honey harvest is over, the bees will be loaded onto a truck to tour the country, traveling from the Dakotas to California and later to Texas in search of favorable weather and crops to pollinate. In fact, crop yields from California almond trees and apple trees are almost totally dependent on pollination from bees, enticing farmers from across the country to welcome

bees onto their land. Everyone benefits – even bees.

“It’s a win for the consumer who gets to eat the honey. It’s a win for the landowner who has the bees on his land, and if everything goes right, it’s good for the beekeeper’s family too,” said Bret.



Bret Adee, owner-operator of Adee Honey Farms, is a third-generation beekeeper in the Adee family. Photos courtesy of Adee Honey Farms.



## FOOD TRUCKS



*Photos Courtesy of Karli Hinds*

# Food Trucks

## How Karli Hinds Jumped Into the Business

**Shannon Marvel**

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Karli Hinds was working a typical corporate 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. job when she realized she wanted a life where she had the flexibility to travel with her husband.

“So I had actually quit my job and stayed home for six months or so,” Hinds said. “Then I wanted something I could do but still have the flexibility to travel.”

Hinds had a couple ideas, one that had to do with the fact that she’s a “foodie.”

“I started cooking really young. I would say I was making meals by myself when I was in middle school,” she said.

The idea for opening a food truck was at the forefront of her mind, given that she was not interested in having a storefront.

“I didn’t want the hassle and responsibility of it. I wanted a business I could rely on myself and not have to rely on several employees,” Hinds said.



**“On my second day in the food truck, I was serving Tex Mex, and I had a crazy line. It was just insane. I wanted to quit right then, but I also was thinking, ‘this is going to work.’ It was a good turnout, and it was only my second day.”**

**- Karli Hinds**

Financially, there are pros and cons to starting up a food truck business.

Hinds said there’s limited finance options for food trucks while at the same time, there’s more cash that you must have on hand to get started.

Finding a food truck or trailer was the next challenge and proved to be fairly difficult for Hinds at first.

“We wanted one that was brand new,” Hinds said. “Most of the manufacturers are out of Mexico, and they don’t always have the best reputations. We really struggled with finding a reputable company to build a trailer with me. Somehow, we found a random post on Facebook from a guy that was selling brand new food trailers somewhere in the middle of nowhere in Iowa.”

Hinds and her husband walked through the trailers and picked out what they liked and didn’t like before finally deciding on the one to get.

Hinds uses the food truck to cook up an array of menu items every week.

“I’m actually a really picky eater, believe it or not,” Hinds said. “I didn’t want to specialize in one thing. People in small towns know we get kind of burnt out from eating the same thing over and over.”

Hinds rotates between eight or so different food themes.

“Once in a while I come

up with something new to add within that theme,” Hinds said. “My best seller is always my smash burgers.”

She’ll find her recipes on the popular social media app, Tik Toc.

On her second day of business, Hinds knew her food truck business would be sustainable.

“On my second day in the food truck, I was serving Tex Mex, and I had a crazy line,” Hinds said. It was just insane. I wanted to quit right then, but I also was thinking, ‘this is going to work.’ It was a good turnout, and it was only my second day.”

Hinds said the job isn’t always fun and is physically demanding.

“The hours are a lot more chaotic,” she said. “The problem-solving aspect is better as I don’t have a chain of command that I need to go through to make things right with the customer.”

During the winter months, Hinds delivers lunches a couple days out of the week.

“It’s just one item and I deliver them in town within Vermillion,” Hinds said. “That’s just something that I do that’s a little bit different than other food trucks.”



## 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!

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**AUG. 2-11**  
**Sturgis Motorcycle Rally**  
Sturgis, SD  
[www.sturgismotorcyclerrally.com](http://www.sturgismotorcyclerrally.com)

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.

**AUG. 2-4**  
**Arlington Days**  
Arlington, SD  
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**AUG. 3**  
**Bloomin' Quilt Party**  
12-5 p.m.  
Bennett Barn  
Aurora, SD  
605-690-3246

**AUG. 6-8**  
**IDEAg's Farmfest**  
8 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Redwood County, MN

**AUG. 7**  
**Ag Appreciation Day**  
W.H. Lyon Fairgrounds  
Sioux Falls, SD

**AUG. 10**  
**Perseid Meteor Shower**  
Palisades State Park  
Garretson, SD

**AUG. 10**  
**Camaro Fun Days**  
10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.  
Pioneer Park  
Brookings, SD

**AUG. 10-11**  
**Fur Trader Days**  
Geddes, SD  
605-680-2160

**AUG. 17**  
**6th Annual Black Hills Super 6 Mountain Bike Race**  
3 hour race, 10 a.m.  
6 hour race, 8 a.m.  
Northern Hills Area CASA  
Spearfish, SD

**AUG. 17**  
**"Harvest of Champions"**  
7 p.m.  
South Dakota State Fair  
Speedway  
Huron, SD

**AUG. 18**  
**Arlington Car Show**  
Arlington, SD  
605-203-0728

**AUG. 20-22**  
**Dakotafest**  
Mitchell, SD

**AUG. 22**  
**61st Annual Steam Threshing Jamboree**  
Prairie Village  
Madison, SD

**AUG. 28 - SEPT. 2**  
**South Dakota State Fair**  
7 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
State Fairgrounds  
Huron, SD  
[www.SDStateFair.com](http://www.SDStateFair.com)

**SEPT. 8**  
**Homesteader Day**  
1-4 p.m.  
Beaver Creek Nature Area  
Valley Springs, SD

**SEPT. 14-15**  
**2024 Kuchen & Harvest Festival**  
Delmont, SD

**SEPT. 17**  
**EV Expo**  
W.H. Lyon Fairgrounds  
Sioux Falls, SD

**OCT. 17**  
**Co-op Month Celebration**  
Cherry Rock Farms  
Brandon, SD

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