

# ROUGH RIDER NEWS

ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

## Power for Generations: Roughrider members attend annual meeting

BY ANNE HANSEN



After a one year drive-in annual meeting, and a virtual meeting, the year before, members were happy to gather in-person at the 2022 annual meeting June 1 at the Hazen High School.

“We were founded when neighbors worked together to bring electricity to our rural and underserved areas. Back then, there were frequent meetings among neighbors to discuss the formation of the cooperative and once established, annual meetings were the must-attend event of the year,” Travis Kupper, co-general manager noted in his address to the membership.

This year, over 100 of Roughrider Electric Cooperative’s members attended the annual meeting. After enjoying a complimentary meal provided by Kimi’s Catering, members attended the annual business meeting, during which directors were elected, bylaw changes were

made and prizes were won!

### Board elections and reports

Roughrider Electric Cooperative depends on the guidance and perspective of our members and board to help set priorities for the co-op and guide governance decisions. The board of directors is comprised of members who live and work in our service area, and they are in a

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position to know where community investments are most needed. The membership fulfilled cooperative principle No. 2, democratic member control, by voting to fill the board positions held by Callen Schoch, Bruce Darcy and William Retterath.

Chief Financial Officer Alex Craigmile presented the financial report to the membership. He said Brady Martz & Associates P.C. audited the 2021 financial statements of Roughrider Electric, and presented their report to the board of directors.

“As we look to the future, we are confident in our ability to serve our members. As we continue to see our world become more electrified, we are prepared to power future generations as our overall energy consumption grows,” Kupper said during the cooperative update.

### **Giving back to the membership**

Leonard Hibl, director of member services and

key accounts, shared what Operation Round Up accomplished in 2021. It is a cooperative program in which Roughrider Electric members can voluntarily choose to round up their monthly utility bills to the next dollar and donate their pennies. The Operation Round Up board members, who are also Roughrider members, meet and disburse funds in the form of grants.

“With over 60% of the membership participating, we accumulate over \$3,000 a month to help nonprofit organizations and projects in the Roughrider Electric service area,” Hibl said. “Operation Round Up is successful because of the generosity of our members.”

Roughrider Electric also gives back to the development of young leaders and annually awards one \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior from each of the high schools within its service area, and one \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior from a high school outside of its service area, whose parents are members of



Roughrider. Hibl also recognized the following scholarship winners, who were chosen by faculty members from each respective school:

- Belfield High School: **Memphis Tessier**
- Beulah High School: **Averi Backus**
- Dickinson High School: **Magdalena Hanson**
- Dickinson Trinity High School: **Kathryn Amann**
- Hazen High School: **Garret Byerley**
- Richardton-Taylor High School: **Abby Lacher**

- Dickinson Hope Christian Academy: **Gabe Sackman**
- South Heart High School: **Lelani Privratsky**
- Center-Stanton High School: **Jayden Hall**
- At-large: New Salem High School, **Libby Mosbrucker**

At the end of the meeting, Roughrider awarded three luck-of-the-draw scholarships to students who had registered for the meeting and attended with a parent. The goal of these scholarships is to encourage the younger generation to attend and learn about the cooperative business model of one member, one vote – and to show how their voices and votes will count. Recipients included Garrett Byerly, Brennan Schmitz and Abigail Hysjulien.

The board of directors, co-general managers and staff at Roughrider Electric Cooperative wish to thank our members for participating in the annual meeting of the membership and look forward to meeting your electrical needs in the future. ■

## Kudrna earns Gold Certificate

Roger Kudrna, a Roughrider Electric Cooperative director representing the Western District, recently received the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Director Gold Credential.

The Director Gold Credential has been created to recognize directors committed to continuing their education and who desire a tangible credential that demonstrates their ongoing commitment to advancing their knowledge and performing their fiduciary duty to the best of their ability.

NRECA's director certificate programs are specifically designed to help electric cooperative directors, at every stage of their service, understand their roles and responsibilities, stay up-to-date on the key issues and trends in the industry and prepare them to meet the challenges facing electric cooperatives, now and in the future. NRECA offers director education

courses throughout the year in conjunction with a variety of NRECA educational conferences and events across the country, in partnership with statewide associations and onsite at individual cooperatives. ■



**Roger Kudrna**, left, accepts his certificate from **Travis Kupper**, co-general manager.

## Manager's message: Electricity brings value every day



**Travis Kupper**

Even though I work in the energy industry, like most people, I still don't think much about the electricity I use. I expect the lights to turn on when I flip the switch and the coffeemaker to work each morning. Because electricity is so abundant, we don't think much about it. The only time

we really think about electricity is when the power goes out or perhaps when the monthly bill arrives.

Given how electricity powers our modern lifestyle every day, it's a great value, especially when compared to other common services and expenses. For example, think back to the cost of a gallon of gasoline 20 years ago. Consider the cost of groceries or a cup of your favorite specialty coffee from a few years ago. In comparison, the cost of electricity has remained largely flat, unlike most other consumer goods.

Like many of you, I have a cellphone to stay connected, and I subscribe to cable channels so I can enjoy more viewing options. Many of us consider these necessities for modern life. We can see what we're getting for our money, and we pay the price for those services. In contrast, when we use electricity, we don't necessarily "see" all that we're getting for our money.

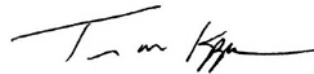
But considering what electricity does for us, it's a tremendous value for our quality of life

and our budgets. For comparison, consider that the average rent increase was nearly 4% (from 2014-19) according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index (CPI). The cost of medical care was increased 3% during this time, and education was not too far behind at 2.6%. So, where did electricity rank? According to the CPI, electricity increased by less than half a percentage point, 0.4%.

The bottom line: Electricity brings value every day. Considering electricity is something we all use around the clock, I'm very proud of our track record. At the same time, we are striving to increase our service reliability, reduce those brief interruptions and reduce costs. We are continually working to improve our operations to ensure a smarter grid and are exploring more renewable energy options where possible.

Roughrider Electric provides the reliable service you expect and deserve as valued members of the co-op. And as your trusted energy advisor, we want to help you save your energy and money.

If you have questions about your account or are looking for ways to save energy at home, please give us a call. Roughrider Electric is your electric co-op and our sole purpose is to serve you and the needs of our community. That's every-day value. ■



### Board Meeting Highlights

**When, where and who:** The board of directors of Roughrider Electric Cooperative met at the Roughrider Dickinson office on May 27.

**Minutes of the previous meeting:** The board reviewed and approved the minutes of the April 29 meeting.

**Co-general managers report:** Travis Kupper presented the co-general managers report and reported on construction material costs and open positions.

**Board member reports:** Attendees at meetings over the past

month reported to the board.

**CFO report:** Alex Craigmile presented the board with a summary of financial reports, which were accepted by the board.

**Contract for services:** The board approved a contract for non-site-specific construction with 3C Construction.

**Capital credit allocation:** The board approved the allocation of the 2021 margins.

**Operations report:** The board was directed to Jason Bentz's report. He updated the board on maintenance underway.

# Safety Starts with ME: Russell Walters

“Agriculture is the backbone of our country, and our livelihood greatly depends on the crops provided by American farmers,” said Russell Walters, lineworker. “In addition to being one of the most labor-intensive professions, farming is also considered one of the most dangerous jobs in the United States.”

The hard work and exhaustive labor are tough, but rushing the job to save time can be extremely dangerous – even deadly – when farming near electrical equipment. Every year, we see collisions where tractors and other farming equipment accidentally collide with utility poles and power lines, causing injuries and power outages.

“One critical part of safety around electricity is awareness,” Walters explained. “It’s important to remember that farm machinery is vulnerable to hitting power lines, because of its large size, height and extensions. Being aware of the location of overhead power lines and planning a safe equipment route can help reduce accidents.”

If you’re preparing for harvest season, please keep the following safety tips in mind:


- Maintain a 10-foot clearance around all utility equipment in all directions.
- Use a spotter and deployed flags to maintain safe distances from power lines and other electrical equipment when working in the field.
- If your equipment comes into contact with an energized or downed power line, contact



911 immediately and remain inside the vehicle until the power line is deenergized. In case of smoke or fire, exit the cab by making a solid jump out of the cab (without touching it), and hop away to safety.

- Consider equipment and cargo extensions of your vehicle. Lumber, hay, tree limbs, irrigation pipes and even bulk materials can conduct electricity, so keep them out of contact with electrical equipment.

We hope you never find yourself in a situation where farming equipment contacts power lines or poles, but if you do, we hope you’ll remember these safety tips. ■



## KX/CO-OP DAY at the N.D. State Fair July 27 in Minot

If you plan to attend the North Dakota State Fair on July 27, you are eligible to receive reduced-price tickets for \$1 off gate admission, \$5 off daily unlimited-ride wristbands for carnival rides, and \$1 off Ranch Rodeo admission and a free ice cream social at 2 p.m. at the KX/co-op tent. Give us a call at the office at 701-663-0297, 701-597-3301 or 1-800-750-8212, and we will hook you up with tickets!

# Capital credits

The following list contains the names of current or former Roughrider Electric Cooperative members who have unclaimed capital credit checks that were mailed in December 2021.

These checks have either been received, but not cashed, or returned to Roughrider by the postal service, because it could not locate the members at the address on file. A further search by Roughrider personnel has not turned up their whereabouts. If you know of the whereabouts of members on this list, please have them contact Roughrider at 800-748-5533. Please keep in mind that not all of the capital credit amounts are large, but we would like to get these checks to the proper parties. Persons who wish to claim checks from the following list should be prepared to provide proper personal identification.

## UNCLAIMED CAPITAL CREDITS

**A-J were published recently. This month, J-Z are published.**

JEFFREY ERMAN  
JEFFREY S PALASMA  
JENNA K KUNTZ  
JENNEFER MESSER  
JENNETTE CURTIS  
JENNIFER C SALOIS  
JENNIFER JUELFS  
JENNIFER L JONES  
JENNIFER M NEUBERGER  
JENNIFER NEWBURY  
JENNIFER OBERLANDER  
JENNIFER STEWART  
JENNIFER ZASTOUPIL  
JENNY GACKLE  
JERALD L BUCKMAN  
JEREMY FAGERLAND  
JEREMY HUSHKA  
JEREMY JEPSON  
JEREMY MAY  
JEREMY SNYDER  
JERRY ANHELJUK  
JERRY D WEILER  
JERRY SCHALESKY  
JESSE BUCHHOLZ  
JESSI R FRENZEL  
JESSICA BAUER  
JESSICA KIESON-FASSETT  
JESSICA KUBAL  
JESSICA THROLSON  
JIM JENNESS  
JIM KELLY  
JOAN C CHADBORN  
JOAN F SMITH  
JOAN LONGMUIR  
JODI SCOTT  
JODY MOE  
JOE R HUNTIMER  
JOE SCHNEIDER  
JOE WALLEEN JR  
JOEY KESSEL  
JOEY PRICE  
JOHAN WESTSTEIJN  
JOHN D RENDELL  
JOHN DARBY  
JOHN DOLAJAK  
JOHN GALASTER  
JOHN HICKS  
JOHN KRUEGER  
JOHN L SLINDE  
JOHN M PITTS  
JOHN R ZIMBRO  
JOHN T WILSON  
JOHN W EVANS  
JOHN ZASTE  
JOHNNY L BRAUN  
JOHNNY PEREZ  
JOLENE DEAL  
JOLENE M SVIHOVEC  
JON C HELANDER  
JON KUNTZ  
JON M DAVIDSON  
JOSEPH A ODNEAL  
JOSEPH C HURLBY

JOSEPH J WALLEEN JR  
JOSEPH W KELLEY  
JOSH STECKLER  
JOSHUA MILLER  
JOY SAINT CYR  
JULIE BORNSEN  
JULIE L WRIGHT  
JULIE LORZ  
JULIE R FISCHER  
JULIE WILLIAMS  
JUNE GRATZ  
JUSTIN HAAR  
KAELA WOLBERG  
KAMI TSCHETTER  
KANDI OLSON  
KAREN FOSSUM  
KAREN HOLT  
KARI BURROUGHS  
KARI LORAN  
KARI WALOCK  
KARL ROCKEMAN  
KARLA GRUMAN  
KARLA KRISTIANSON  
KARMEN BOEHM  
KARRIE HOFFMEISTER  
KATELYN SMITH  
KATHLEEN HUTSON  
KATHY GEMMELL  
KATIE HOLZER  
KATIE M SPLICAL  
KATRINA ENGSTROM  
KAY A HAAG  
KAYLA LUFF  
KAYLENE MARTIN  
KEITH BILLMAN  
KEITH G VAAGEN  
KEITH M SUTHERLAND  
KEITH SCHUTT  
KEITH W SOJNE  
KELLEY RUSK  
KELLY INVESTMENTS  
KELLY KEITHLEY  
KELLY KNOWLES  
KELLY RASCH  
KELLY SANCHEZ  
KEN ANDERSON  
KEN FISHER  
KEN FRANCHUK  
KEN REBSOM  
KEN SEBASTIAN  
KENNETH ANDERSON  
KENNETH KUSSY  
KENNETH MYRAN  
KENNETH RICHAU  
KENNETH SHAW  
KENNETH ZENT  
KENT C CANDRIAN  
KENT D HART  
KENT DRESSLER  
KENT L ALBERS  
KENT WILSON  
KEVIN DIETZ  
KEVIN MERRILL

KEVIN P FLAHERTY  
KEVIN THOMPSON  
KIM BERTRAND  
KIM KRULL DBA STAGE  
STOP LEATHER & GIFTS  
KIMBERLY R GRAY  
KINDA M DUKART  
KODI KOENIG  
KONSTANDINOS VOUTSAS  
KRB ENTERPRISES  
KRISTIN VASTBINDER  
KRISTINE ANDERSON  
KULLY GABEL  
KYLE HAAG  
KYLE WARNKE  
LACEY PFEIFLE  
LANCE PUTNAM  
LANETTE SARGENT  
LANNY SCHIELE  
LARA ROMO  
LARENA VIGIL  
LARRY A BERGER  
LARRY CORNELIUS  
LARRY D BERLAND  
LARRY DRESSER  
LARRY GUNWALL  
LARRY KETTERLING  
LARRY MILLER  
LATORIA WILLIAMS  
LAURA HAMMOND  
LAURIE FROHLICH  
LAVERNE FRANK  
LAVONNE A WOLFF  
LEE DIRE  
LEE H HARRISON  
LEE SCOTT  
LEILA KOWALESKI  
LEILA OLSSON  
LENARD LUITHLE  
LI M VASQUEZ  
LINCOLN REINHILLER  
LINDA BREW  
LINDA S BLOOD  
LINDSEY GROGAN  
LISA ABRAHAMSON  
LISA BERRY  
LISA LADWIG  
LISA ROBERSON  
LLOYD DEURR  
LOIS LITTLE OWL  
LONDELL WALKER  
LONNEY K PARKER  
LORI A ELL  
LORNE D CLARK  
LUDENS  
CONSTRUCTION INC  
LYLE GOERES  
LYNN BULLINGER  
M & K WELDING  
MABEL  
AIPPERSPACH ESTATE  
MAHESH MUMUDI  
MANDI KOWALCZYK

MANHATTAN OIL INC  
MARC FLOBERG  
MARC TERNES  
MARIA D NICHOLS  
MARIA LUZ TRAXLER  
MARIA PUPPE  
MARIANN ANDERSON-  
LAWRENCE  
MARK A WALSH  
MARK BOLIN  
MARK DASSINGER  
MARK DOLL  
MARK LEE  
MARK NEUTMAN  
MARK T LAWRENCE  
MARK WILSON  
MARK ZIEGLER  
MARSHALL KARGES  
MARTIN HENKE  
MARTINA DUKART  
MARTWIN HERRMANN  
MARVEE FAUT  
MARVIN BERG  
MARVIN J BERG  
MARY E SHEA  
MARY ELLEN LOGAN DBA  
MEL'S EMPORIUM  
MARY FAHLSING  
MARY JANE OLHEISER DBA  
OLHEISER CATTLE & HOG  
MARY KEATOR  
MARY L OUKROP  
MARY L RYDEN  
MARY MOON  
MARY NELSON  
MARY R ZIMAN  
MARY SAMPLE  
MARY WEFLEN  
MATHEW THUNEY  
MATT ARNTSON  
MATT EINERT  
MATT MCGOWAN  
MAURICE J WASEM  
MAVIS STONE  
MCGILL CONTRACTING  
MEGAN B STAFFORD  
MEL OLSON  
MELISSA A AKIN  
MELISSA GOVEN  
MELISSA HUSCHKA  
MELISSA M DOLL  
MELISSA QUIGLEY-ROTH  
MELISSA REISS  
MELISSA SHEAR  
MELLON FINANCIAL  
MELVIN J RATHJEN  
MEREDITH ANDRUS  
MERILYN LIEBELT  
MERLE FISCHER  
MERLE O'SHEA  
MICHAEL A VACEK  
MICHAEL CARATTINI  
MICHAEL CHASE

MICHAEL J ISAAC  
MICHAEL J JUNDT  
MICHAEL J WOLF MD  
MICHAEL R JUST  
MICHAEL R SHIREK  
MICHAEL S SANNES  
MICHAEL STURGEON  
MICHAEL T STROH  
MIDWEST FEDERAL  
MIDWEST FEDERAL  
SAVINGS BANK  
MIDWEST INVESTMENTS  
MIGUEL TRUJILLO  
MIKE BENNETT  
MIKE BULL  
MIKE CROW  
MIKE HAMMEKEN  
MIKE HENDERSON  
MIKE MILBURN  
MIKE POWELL  
MIKE SAILER  
MIKE SCHUMACHER  
MIKE SOMMER  
MIKE STEFFENSON  
MILES TORGERSON  
MINDEE THUNEY  
MISSION OF  
GUARDIAN ANGELS  
MISTY WILSON  
MITCH NELSON  
MITCHELL F MURPHY  
MITCHELL GROSS  
MK HOMEBUILDERS  
MOLLY SCHWARTZ  
MONICA WATSON  
MONTE EDWARDS  
MOTHER DEAREST MOTHER  
FAIREST- SOCIETY  
MULARCHEK PARTNERSHIP  
MYRON SCHWEITZER  
NANCE M UNDERDAHL  
NANCY BESSINGPOS  
NANCY H MASSIE  
NANCY HILDRE  
NANCY HOEFPNER  
NATHAN MAXWELL  
NATHAN RICHARD  
NATIONAL MINERALS CORP  
NATIONAL  
WEATHER SERVICE  
NEIL GALLAGHER  
NELSON BENSON  
NEXEN MARKETING USA INC  
NICK BOWERS  
NICOLE BEAUDETTE  
NICOLE BICHLER  
NICOLE BOHN  
NIKKI FAUT  
NIKKI WOLLA  
NOAH MEDLAR  
NOBLE DEVELOPMENTS  
NORTHERN TUBING &  
RACK TESTING

### What are capital credits?

Roughrider Electric Cooperative is a nonprofit business. We exist only to provide goods and services to you, our members, not to make a profit for a shareholder or investor. Cooperatives are operated to provide at-cost electric service to their members. When all the expenses are paid, the cooperative's margins are credited to you in the form of capital credits. As the financial condition of your cooperative allows, you are paid these capital credits. In the meantime, your capital credits are your equity in the cooperative. Refunds are allocated based on the amount of business a member does with the cooperative – the more electricity used, the larger the capital credit check. If you have questions about your capital credits or would like a more detailed explanation, contact Roughrider at 800-748-5533.

OPAL LINCOLN  
OSCAR RODRIGUEZ  
OTTO GIENGER  
PAM NELSON  
PAMELA CURTISS  
PATRICIA J STEIN  
PATRICIA M GANTT  
PATRICK FROHLICH  
PATRICK SOGGIE  
PAUL CHRUSZCH  
PAUL OOKA  
PAUL R DAILEY  
PAULETTE & RICHARD  
SCHUMACHER ESTATE  
PERFORMANCE  
DEVELOPMENT GROUP  
PERRY STAGL  
PETER J MCLEOD  
PETER L ODERMANN  
PETROSEARCH  
OPERATING CO  
PHIL N RANDALL  
PHIL PFENNIG  
PHILLIP BENNETT  
PHYLLIS HAAS  
PIZZA GALORE  
R & B PROPERTIES  
R D COATES  
RACHEL DEWHIRST  
RACHELLE CHRISTENSEN  
RAINALD ROMANYSHYN  
RANDALL BEDELL  
RANDALL KARGES ESTATE  
RANDY DECKER  
RANDY ENTZE  
RANDY HEITZ  
RANDY J MARTIN  
RANDY KUNTZ  
RANDY SCHMIDT  
RAY G GABEL  
RAY WOOD  
RAYMOND ENGBRECHT  
RAYMOND F SITTER  
RAYMOND H JOHNSON  
RAYMOND PETERSON  
REBECCA HUTCHINGS  
REBECCA MCGOWAN  
REBECCA ZIEGLER  
REED DUKART  
REGAL SIGNS INC  
REITEN TELEVISION INC  
RENAE R JOHNSON  
RETTERATH MANAGEMENT  
& SALES

RHONDA FAHLING  
RHONDA SCHMITT  
RIC CHRISTENSEN  
RICHARD A PETERSON  
RICHARD BIGNALL  
RICHARD HENNINGS  
RICHARD JONES  
RICHARD L CROSS  
RICHARD LORENZ  
RICHARD MATTHEWS  
RICHARD P HARTFIEL  
RICK J MYERS  
RICK SKRABA  
RICK SMITH  
RICKY WILLIAMS  
RIDL FARMS  
RISA GRAN  
ROB WICK  
ROBERT A GRANT  
ROBERT KOVALOFF  
ROBERT SEABERRY  
ROBERT WALTEE  
ROBERT WIEGAND  
ROBERTA L HETH  
ROBIN D CAROW  
ROCK SOLID  
QUARTER HORSES  
ROCKY ARMBRUST  
RODNEY F MILLER  
ROGER MILLER  
ROGER N BONN  
ROLAND CASTILLO  
ROLF SLETTEN  
RONALD G FELSKJE  
RONALD K HUCH  
RORY BIERMAN  
RORY MITCHELL  
ROSEY DORNER  
ROSS D WALKER  
ROXANNE MCINTYRE  
ROYAL V WARNER  
RUDY GEORGE ESTATE  
RUSSELL DECKER  
RUSSELL L STOCKIE  
RUSSELL W RUNGE  
RUTH KEMP  
RYAN A BOEHRM  
RYAN BECK  
RYAN D SCHIFF  
RYAN DOWHANIUK  
RYAN J SCHNEIDER  
RYAN SCHAPER  
S&S INSTALLERS  
SAFETY CONTROL INC

SANDY BOTTEICHER  
SANFORD BISMARCK  
SARA OLSON  
SARAH CURRENCE  
SARAH HASBARGEN  
SARAH L PETERSON  
SARAH MCCORMICK  
SARAH STRAND  
SARAH TIMM  
SCOTT HEMMELMAN  
SERGIO RIVERO  
SHAILA K KOST  
SHANA HOLLOWELL  
SHANE ERHARDT  
SHANE KLITZKE  
SHANNON K BERRETH  
SHANNON RASK  
SHANNON STAAL  
SHANNON STAFFORD  
SHARI STEIN  
SHAUNA ORDAHL  
SHAWN A SCHMITZ  
SHAWN GRAY  
SHAWN STROMME  
SHAYNE R WITTKOPP  
SHEILA GARTNER  
SHEILA SCHICK  
SHELDON WOLF  
SHELLY PALANIUK  
SHELLY QUACKENBUSH  
SHERRIE BASSETT  
SHERRY L JOHNSON  
SHIELA MARKEL  
SHIRLEY MICHELS  
SIDNEY SAILER  
SKYLINE FEEDLOT  
SONJA REITMEIER  
SONYA WALLETT  
SOUTHWEST SPEEDWAY  
SPRING L SWEARSON  
SQUARE BUTTE RANCH INC  
STACEY ZENT  
STACY FRANK  
STARMED  
HEALTH PERSONNEL  
STEPHANIE BAUMANN  
STEPHANIE M AAFEDT  
STEPHEN HUNNICUTT  
STEPHEN J POTTER  
STEVE MAMER  
STEVE OSTER  
STEVE REINSCHEMIDT  
STEVE SCHEID  
STEVEN LINDVIC

STEVEN R STIEFEL  
SUSAN NEWMAN  
SUZANNE KALENZ  
SUZANNE LEWIS  
SYLVIA B BACH  
SYLVIA ERBES  
T J SCHNAIBLE  
TABATHA PETERSON  
TAD TORGERSON  
TAMI ROSAAEN  
TAMMY ERICKSON  
TAMMY FERDERER  
TAMMY J MOE  
TAMMY STICKA  
TAMMY WESTGARTH  
TANA MAHER  
TARA L COUCH  
TERESA KESSEL  
TERILEE SADLER  
TERRANCE L CLEMENT  
TERRI ZIMPRICH  
TERRY CLEMENT  
TERRY FICEK  
TERRY HUBER  
TERRY MARKEL & SCOTT  
CAYA  
TERRY MARTENS  
TERRY TUCKER  
TESORO HIGH PLAINS  
PIPELINE LLC  
TGW INCORPORATED  
THEODORE PFENNING  
THOMAS C FERGUSON  
THOMAS RUSTVANG  
TIFFANIE BERGER  
TIM DUTOIT  
TIM GEISZLER  
TIM RAGAINS  
TIMOTHY L WALKER  
TIMOTHY MARTWICK  
TIMOTHY PERRY  
TINA SANTROCK  
TODD BELDEN  
TODD MARKHAM  
TODD SOLEM  
TOM DOPPLER  
TOM H MOSIER  
TOM MEYER  
TOM RADER  
TOM SAGE  
TOM STICKA  
TOM T SMITH  
TOM WETZEL  
TONI ROBINSON

TONY J KORDONOWY  
TRACEY BOWERS  
TRAVIS C THARP  
TRAVIS SABROSKY  
TRISH PRITCHARD  
TROY HOFF  
TWIN BUTTES BULLRIDING  
TWIN BUTTES CELEBRATION  
TYLER GABBERT  
TYLER STRAND  
USDA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
VALERIE CLONCE  
VALERIE HEART  
VANG LUTHERAN CHURCH  
VAUNDA OLHEISER  
VERLINDA A WASHBURN  
VERNON E NEALIS  
VERNON HERMAN  
VICTOR BOLSTER  
VIRGINIA BALSDON  
VIVIAN STONE  
VONDRA IVERSON  
VOYAGEUR COVE  
W W GERLACH  
WADE BLANKENBAKER  
WARREN HUESMANN  
WAYNE MCMILLIAN  
WAYNE MYERS  
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## Protect your livelihood – and your life!

Stacking hay under electrical lines can be dangerous, potentially deadly and could send your cattle's feed up in smoke.

When stacking hay, it is best practice not to do so under a power line. If you must, be sure there is over 10 feet of clearance between the neutral line and the top of your hay bales. Due to the warmer weather, lines are more likely to sag, making it more likely to come into contact.

If you back your equipment into a guy wire and a pole bends or breaks, or if you hit an overhead line with the loader, the line could fall on the hay and ignite. The hay you need to feed your cattle – and the provisions you made to feed your family – just went up in smoke.

And that could be the best-case scenario. If you or your equipment comes into contact with a power line, you could receive an electric shock

that could cause injury and even death. Not to mention that having hay too close to a power line could be dangerous if children are climbing on top of the bales.

Protect your livelihood and your life and stay away from power lines and poles. If you do make contact with a power line, call 911. Remain seated, warn others to stay away, and wait for Roughrider Electric lineworkers to deenergize the lines. Do not move from the equipment.

To report system damage that is not in need of immediate repair, call Roughrider Electric Cooperative at 800-748-5533 or email [safety@roughriderelectric.com](mailto:safety@roughriderelectric.com). If you send an email, please include the location, your name and contact information, and a photo if possible.

Members, your safety matters. Working together helps ensure the safety of all! ■



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## Explore it, adore it and save!

In partnership with the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation, Roughrider Electric Cooperative is once again making excursions to Medora more affordable for families.

**This summer, our members are eligible for a 15% discount off the following reservations:**

- Tickets to the Medora Musical
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- Elkhorn Quarters
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To make your reservations and claim your savings, call **1-800-MEDORA-1** and provide the discount code: **Touch2022**.



In observance of the Fourth of July holiday, Roughrider Electric will be closed on Monday, July 4.

Line technicians will be available in case of an emergency outage.



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### HAZEN OFFICE

701-748-2293 or 800-748-5533  
800 Highway Dr., Hazen, ND 58545  
7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. CT Monday-Friday

Payments may be deposited in the deposit box by Roughrider Electric's main office entrance or in the drop boxes located at Krause's Super Valu in Hazen or Bronson's Super Valu in Beulah.

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P.O. Box 1038, 2156 4th Ave. E.  
Dickinson, ND 58602  
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