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# **Keeping Up With Operations & Engineering**



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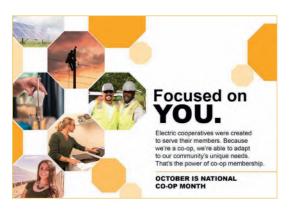
Fall is a busy time for everyone, and October is a particularly eventful month for your cooperative. We find ourselves very busy with no signs of things letting up anytime soon. Our new work orders, work plan projects, and everyday maintenance items have kept the operations and engineering guys hopping.

Our biggest hurdle that we've had to deal with this year is a material shortage. We continue to have issues in securing materials that are needed to keep up with the demand for new work orders and general construction projects. It seems that transformers and pedestals that are required for new underground services have been especially difficult to get. Our purchasing agent has placed orders with promissory delivery dates reaching out as far as a year before we will see them in the yard. As everyone knows, the shortages are not exclusive to the electrical industry. It seems everything takes longer to get these days. Hopefully, the material crunch will be over soon.

Despite the delays on the material side of things, we have had a very productive year in the operations and engineering departments. Once again, we have met our annual goal of a complete system line inspection. Our proactive commitment to this program has paid dividends in identifying and repairing potential problems before they cause outages to our members. We have been able to maintain our aggressive approach on the rightof-way cutting and trimming as well.

The right-of-way program is of the utmost importance to us. The current dry conditions are an extreme concern for us here at the cooperative. This is why the line inspections and maintenance items are done on an annual basis and are so critical. We appreciate the understanding of our members in allowing us to maintain our right-of-ways. Just a reminder, if you have a tree on your property that is close to a powerline and you would like it removed, give us a call and we'll take a look at

October is also a special time when all cooperatives of every type across the country celebrate National Cooperative Month. Since 1930, October has been designated as National Cooperative Month. Electric co-ops are owned by the members they serve. That means that we are a non-profit company and give profits or margins back to our membership in the form of capital credits.



Our co-op only exists because of you, our members. If you have any requests that we can help with, do not hesitate to reach out to us.

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# PROMOTED



Journeyman Lineman, Beau Bradeen, was promoted to Crew Foreman on June 9th, 2022. Beau began his career at Black Hills Electric Cooperative on May 7th, 2007, and worked up to his current position. We want to congratulate him on his deserving promotion.

Great job, Beau!

## **Black Hills Electric Cooperative** pays gross kilowatt hour tax

Black Hills Electric is a rural electric cooperative. South Dakota law requires BHEC to pay a tax on the kilowatt hours that are sold during a year. The kilowatt hours are tracked according to the local school district where they were sold. The tax is then distributed to the school district by the local company.

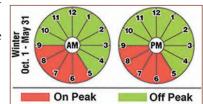
The school districts in our service area received a total of \$265,996.82 in gross kilowatt hour tax as a result of electric sales to members in 2021.

School District	Tax Amount		
Custer	\$74,716.74		
Edgemont	\$3,268.90		
Elk Mountain	\$4,666.75		
Hill City	\$18,597.12		
Hot Springs	\$26,449.47		
Lead/Deadwood	\$11,077.39		
Meade	¢.10		
Oelrichs	\$6,865.09		
Oglala Lakota	\$2,033.25		
Rapid City	\$118,322.01		
Total	\$265,996.82		

## **ELECTRIC HEAT SEASON & DEMAND TIMES**

We have two things that we want our members to be aware of beginning October 1st. First, the electric heat season begins and runs through May 1st. Members on the electric heat rate will receive a discount on any electric heat

consumed between October 1st and May 1st. Please make sure the breaker that powers your heat meter is turned on. The second item is our winter peak demand times. Our demand hours will be from 5-9 a.m. and 5-9 p.m. M-F. These dates will be in effect until May 31st.



If you have questions about your rate, please contact our office.

# Practice fire safety this fall and winter

When the weather turns colder, you inevitably start hearing more news about house fires. Even a small fire can be devastating.

Most house fires are caused by cooking that gets out of hand. But the second most common cause is materials in the home that catch fire. This often occurs when a heat source, such as a space heater or flying embers from a fireplace, comes into contact with fabric or paper, which then ignites. Once a fire starts, it can move so rapidly that even the best efforts to put it out may fail.

When it comes to old houses, the risks are even higher. The older the wood is that a house is constructed of, the faster it burns. Once flames invade the walls of an old house, they move with frightening speed.

Fire protection in any home is necessary, but even more careful precautions should be taken if your house is older. Here's how to help ensure the safety of your house and everyone in it.

**SMOKE DETECTORS.** These are the first and best line of defense; they allow you to get out of the house at the first whiff of smoke. Six in 10 deaths in house fires occurred in homes that did not have working smoke detectors. Go beyond the federal recommendations and put a smoke detector in every room. Stay on the even safer side by opting for those that detect both smoke and carbon monoxide.

**FIRE EXTINGUISHERS.** Keep small fires from getting out of control with fire extinguishers that are easily accessible. Choose several extinguishers that are light enough for even kids to handle. Make sure they have simple pull mechanisms that don't require much strength. Look for fire extinguishers that work for various parts of the house; for instance, an extinguisher in the kitchen should be able to handle grease fires.

**INSTALL ARC-FAULT INTERRUPTERS.** These ingenious little gadgets detect the electrical arcing that occurs when an old wire buried deep in your wall begins to fail. Speak with an electrician about where best to install interrupters and how your particular ones work.

MAINTAIN IT ALL. Finally, test everything on a regular basis. Smoke detectors should be tested every month, their batteries replaced every six months, and old smoke detectors replaced every 10 years. Opt to purchase an extra fire extinguisher so your family can take it to the backyard and practice using it.

# ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES REPRESENT AT DAKOTAFEST



Electric cooperative representatives were on hand at the 2022 Dakotafest in Mitchell to share information about energy efficiency and electric-powered lawn implements and to showcase a 2022 Ford Lightning electric pickup truck provided by Vern Eide Ford. Shown left to right are Sheila Gross, Jared Rakness, Jennifer Gross, Patrick Soukup, Kristie Hauck, Brett Snyders and Tara Miller.

To see a video of this event and learn more about how electric cooperatives serve our members, visit Cooperative Connections Plus by scanning the QR code at right.





# Do not touch power lines Kendyl Gill

Kendyl knows that electricity always seeks a path to the ground and that all power lines should be treated as if they are energized. Kendyl is the child of Brent and Emily Gill, and they are members of Moreau-Grand Electric based in Timber Lake.

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.



minute, stirring a few times.

Turn off heat and add cooked

pasta and zucchini, remaining 1

tbsp. of oil, salt, pepper, cheese

serve. Adjust seasonings to taste.

and parsley or basil; stir and

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#### MEXI-CORN LASAGNA

Ingredients:

1 lb. ground beef, browned and drained

1 can Mexican corn

1 can (15 oz.) tomato sauce

1 c. Pace picante sauce

1 tbsp. chili powder

1 1/2 tsp. ground cumin

16 oz. low-fat cottage cheese

2 eggs, beaten

1/2 c. parmesan cheese

1 tsp. oregano

1/2 tsp. garlic salt

12 corn tortillas

1 c. shredded cheddar cheese

#### **METHOD**

**Brandon** 

Combine first six ingredients in large skillet. Simmer 5 minutes, stirring frequently. Combine cottage cheese, eggs, parmesan cheese, oregano and garlic salt; mix well. Arrange 6 tortillas on bottom and sides of a lightly greased 13x9x2 baking dish, overlapping as necessary. Top with half the meat mixture. Spoon cheese mixture over meat. Arrange remaining tortillas over cheese. Top with remaining meat mixture. Bake 375 degrees for 20 minutes or until hot and bubbly. Remove from oven and sprinkle with cheddar cheese. Let stand 10 minutes, serve with additional picante sauce. Serves 8. Carol and Rollie Smith,

#### **BAKED SPAGHETTI**

Ingredients:

8 oz. package angel hair pasta

1/4 c. chopped parsley

1 lb. ground beef

1 lb. ground pork

1/2 tsp. salt

1/2 tsp. garlic salt

1/2 tsp. black pepper

1 1/2 tsp. sugar

1 tbsp. Italian seasonings

2 c. tomato sauce

1 c water

2 c. canned crushed tomatoes

2 bay leaves

2 garlic cloves chopped

1/2 c. green peppers chopped

1/2 c. onion chopped

1 c. shredded cheddar cheese

1 c. shredded Monterey Jack cheese

#### **METHOD**

Cook pasta and set aside. Add 1 tbsp. olive oil to pasta and stir in to keep it from sticking together. Precook beef and pork together with salt, garlic salt and black pepper. Drain grease off and set aside. In a large pan add parsley, Italian seasonings, tomato sauce and water, garlic, green peppers, onions and crushed tomatoes. Bring sauce to a boil then reduce to a simmer and continue to cook for 30 minutes. Add cooked meat to the sauce. Let set while preparing the baking pan. Grease a 9x13 inch pan. Layer sauce with spaghetti noodles in the pan. Bake 350 degrees for 30 minutes. At 30 minutes pull spaghetti from the oven and mix cheeses together then pour on spaghetti evenly. Bake 5-10 minutes until cheese is melted Jane Cave, Sioux Falls

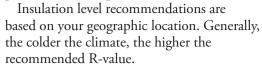
Please send your favorite recipes to your local electric cooperative (address found on Page 3). Each recipe printed will be entered into a drawing for a prize in December 2022. All entries must include your name, mailing address, phone number and cooperative name.

## Q. What cost-effective improvements will make my home comfortable year-round?

A: It isn't pretty, but insulation and air sealing typically provide the biggest bang for your buck when it comes to home energy efficiency improvements. When installed together, they can save you money and make a big difference in comfort and energy use.

**Insulation Rating** 

Insulation is rated in R-value. The R stands for resistance to heat transfer. The higher your R-value, the slower the heat transfer, or less wasted energy. There are several different types of insulation, including fiberglass batts, blown fiberglass, cellulose and foam. Each has its own R-value listed on the packaging. To determine the R-value of your existing insulation, multiply the number of inches by the R-value per inch for the type of insulation.



Where to Insulate

The typical locations for insulation are the attic, walls and floor. If you have a forced-air heating or cooling system, your ductwork should be insulated, too. You want a consistent thermal barrier around your home for maximum efficiency. A bonus to insulation is it can reduce noise from the outside of your home.

Attic insulation minimizes energy waste and can help maintain a more consistent temperature throughout your home. Combined with air sealing, it also can prevent ice dams from forming on your roof in colder climates.

Attics can be insulated using batts or blown-in insulation. Recommend R-values range from R-30 to R-60. If you use your attic for storage, you can build a raised platform with room for insulation underneath. Add insulation and weatherstripping to access doors or hatches.

Exterior walls and walls separating heated and unheated areas of the home—such as garages or enclosed porches—should be insulated to an R-value ranging from R-13 to R-21, based on your location and wall construction.

Wall insulation can be installed during construction or a remodel. If your home wasn't insulated when it was built, you can have the insulation blown in by a contractor. Blown-in options include cellulose, fiberglass and foam.

Your home should also be insulated between the floor and crawlspace or unheated basement. If your basement is heated, install insulation in the box sills—the area between the foundation floor of the home's main level.

Consider building and insulating the exterior walls in the basement or installing foam insulation on foundation walls. Check your local building code requirements. Recommended R-values for floor insulation range from R-13 to R-30. Also insulate heating and cooling ductwork located in unconditioned spaces to prevent energy waste.

Importance of Air Sealing

Think of insulation as a cozy sweater and air sealing as a windbreaker for your home.

You know that cozy sweater is no match for winter winds, so you need an extra layer to stop it from ripping through. The same goes for your home.

Air sealing prevents drafts and air infiltration from outside. It can improve efficiency, comfort and indoor air quality.

Air sealing can be done as a DIY project, but it is challenging to pinpoint and properly seal air leaks. Consider hiring a contractor to complete a blower door test and seal leaks.

Typically, air sealing is done around plumbing and electrical penetrations with spray foam or caulk. If using spray foam around gas appliances, temporarily turn off pilot lights. Spray foam is extremely flammable.

Sheet metal and high-temperature heatresistant caulk should be used to seal gaps between framing, chimneys and metal flues.



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# Headley, three others named to 2022 SDAC Hall of Fame

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Cooperative mergers, storm restoration and pitched political battles over renewable power and annexation... Jim Headley has never backed down in the face of challenges during his 25 years of service on the Central Electric Board of Directors.

Headley was recently inducted into the South Dakota Association of Cooperative's Hall of Fame. He was honored at the annual banquet in Oacoma along with Stan Hanson, Deino Sather and Bryan Roth.

"It's a real privilege to be able to recognize these outstanding individuals who have done so much during their stellar careers to promote the cooperative business model and the many ways that model has benefited citizens all across the state for decades," said Brenda Forman, executive director of the association.

Headley is a farmer and rancher from White Lake who recently retired from the Central Electric Board after 25 years. He was on the board when Tri-County Electric and InterCounty Electric

merged in 2000 and recalls wanting to make sure the right steps were taken so that the best interests of the members were taken into account.

He took a leadership role in completing the merger and later helped guide the co-op through issues such as emerging technology, rising cost pressures, cybersecurity and pitched political battles like the annexation of electric cooperative service territories and the adoption of renewable power.

In fact, Headley figured prominently in the creation of Prairie Winds, a 135,000-acre wind farm project near White Lake that has 108 turbines and the capacity to generate 162 megawatts of electricity each year. It was the first community-owned wind investment partnership with more than 600 South Dakota investors and is now owned by Basin Electric Power Cooperative.

For his leadership, Headley received Basin Electric's "Cooperative Spirit Award" in 2011.

One accolade that holds special meaning for Headly was presented last year at the Buffalo County District Meeting when he received a star quilt from fellow Central Electric Director

Donita Loudner and Crow Creek Sioux Tribal Chairman Peter Lengkeek. The quilt was in recognition of his many years of dedicated service to the Tribe as he has made an effort to preserve many unique Native American artifacts found in his pastures.

Headley also serves on the Patten Township Board and has been active in a number of organizations including

the White Lake School Board, Aurora County Zoning Board, GF&P Regional Advisory Board and United Methodist Church Board. He is currently a member of Farmers Union, Farm Bureau,



Jim Headley

Dakota Rural Action and the Jerauld County Game and Fish Club.

Jim and Cristine Headley have had four children. Their son Jay lost his life in a boating accident on Lake Poinsett in 2002 at the age of 30. Jay's children, Jack and Sydney, later moved to Colorado with their mother, and Jack passed away in 2016. For nearly 20 years, Headley has donated a portion of his board compensation to fund the Jay Headley Memorial Scholarship for dependents of Central Electric members.



Roger Lawien and his wife, Kris, are regular participants in the Line Patrol Charity Ride. Photos by Brad Letcher

# **Line Patrol Charity Ride marks** 20 years of serving those in need

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When Roger Lawien encountered some unexpected health problems, his fear and anxiety were assuaged by the assurance that he had several key factors in his favor.

He knew he could rely on his faith. He knew he could rely on his family. And he knew he could rely on his fellow cooperative employees across the state.

Lawien, member services manager at Moreau-Grand Electric based in Timber Lake, is a part-time volunteer and full-time advocate of Line Patrol, Inc., a charitable organization that exists to provide financial relief for South Dakota electric cooperative employees and their families in times of need.

Since the program was launched in 2003, hundreds of co-op employees have contributed to the emergency response fund by staging golf tournaments, bowling tournaments, auctions, trap shoots, 5K runs, raffles, bake sales and more. One of the most popular and highly anticipated events is the annual Line Patrol Charity Ride held each September.

This year's 20th annual event took place on Sept. 10 and was co-hosted by Rushmore Electric, Butte Electric and Grand Electric. More than 200 riders and other participants gathered in Whitewood at the Iron Horse Inn and spent the afternoon motoring through the picturesque northern Black Hills.

Lawien was there perched aboard his prized Indian Roadmaster, soaking in the experience with his co-op friends and feeling grateful to have a dependable network of support that can be counted on not only to help rebuild lines and poles after a storm but also render aid in a personal crisis situation.

"Having been a recipient of funds from this program, it means a lot to be among these fellow co-op employees who are all so eager and willing to demonstrate their kindness and sincerity by showing up every year to contribute

**Estimated amount** of Line Patrol funds

\$580,000

donated to electric co-op employees

to a worthy cause like this," Lawien said. "It's that same cooperative spirit that bonds us all together. It's the can-do attitude they bring to their jobs every day in service to their members and their ongoing efforts to improve the quality of life in their communities. They are salt-of-the-earth people who care deeply for one another and the people around them."

Lawien said more than 240 families have received assistance through the fund totaling roughly \$580,000. He is one of three directors of the program along with Jessie Tucker (West Central Electric) and Tim Neises (Central Electric).

Jerry Swartz was one of the first

#### LINE PATROL





Jerry Swartz, pictured above-left, was the first recipient of Line Patrol funds after he was injured in 2004.

recipients of Line Patrol funds after he was involved in a workplace accident. He expressed what the charitable organization has meant to him and his family.

"Back in 2004, I had an extreme accident at work. I spent six months in recovery and this foundation gave us a check for \$500 to help us out. It may not seem like much money, but at the time it meant everything to me and my family. It's amazing. God bless this fund and the people who donate to it and keep it running," Swartz said.

One of the original organizers of the Charity Ride is former Northern Electric General Manager Jim Moore. Each year, as is the custom, Moore leads the cavalcade of dozens of motorcycles

away from the gathering site and along the chosen route.

"The ride has just gotten bigger and better over the years," Moore said. "The money goes to help co-op employees in need. One person had a tornado damage their home, another lineman from Yankton was killed in Afghanistan and we set up a scholarship fund for his three children. I always tell my wife, Janice, this is the one thing I look forward to every year and truly love because we're helping employees and their families get back on their feet."

Laine Mitchell, communications director at Butte Electric, said helping to host the Charity Ride was an honor for the cooperative and something the organization was happy to support.

"Having many of our own employees benefit from the Line Patrol fund over the years, we are thrilled to co-host this year's event and help raise money for other cooperative families across South Dakota. The ride is just one of the many ways the foundation bonds our cooperatives together and has touched countless lives in the last 20 years," Mitchell said.

The weekend began with a social on Friday evening and concluded the following night with a buffet dinner and charity auction.

Sponsors for this year's ride were Irby, Altec, RESCO, Dakota Supply Group, Border States Electric, WESCO and The Okonite Company.



Hundreds of riders from across the state participate in the annual Line Patrol Charity Ride each year. The program exists to provide financial support for electric cooperative employees and their families in times of need.

# DO WE OWE YOU MONEY?

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



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The Sioux Falls Food Co-op has persevered for 50 years by adhering to the co-op model. Photo by Sioux Falls Food Co-op

## Food co-ops meet the need for nutritious, healthy choices

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Back in the 1930s, rural community leaders all across the country began traveling from farm to farm knocking on doors and asking for \$5 as seed money to build out a network of electric distribution systems.

It was not an insignificant sum to solicit from many farmers and ranchers contending with substandard soil conditions, the vagaries of weather patterns and fairly primitive mechanization compared to today's operations.

But in exchange for that investment, those same community leaders turned the promise of rural power into a reality and presently there are more than 750 locally-owned electric cooperatives serving roughly 40 million Americans.

Bess Pallares keeps that electric co-op success story close to mind as she embarks on establishing a grocery store in Brookings County using the

cooperative business model as her template.

Pallares is president of the Dakota Community Market board of directors, whose members have been working since 2019 to bring a food cooperative to the Brookings area. She reports that the endeavor hasn't been a cake walk, but she continues to be inspired by the way like-minded electric co-op leaders back in the '30s managed to gain popular support for locally-owned, independent entities created to provide a valuable service.

The board's market analysis indicates that a "low food access zone" exists within Brookings County when it comes to full-service retail grocery stores with just two providers in a 50-mile radius.

"On average, there are typically 2.84 grocery stores per 10,000 population. We have .68 in this area," she said. "People keep saying they're sick of having to drive miles and miles to get to a full-service grocery store that stocks



**Bess Pallares** 

what they want and need for their

To generate start-up capital, the board is offering memberships at \$150, a little more than a week's worth of groceries for many families. Meanwhile, Pallares and her board members are scouring the landscape for additional financing sources and federal grant opportunities with plans to have a retail store up and running as soon as possible.

She has had discussions with East River Electric in Madison about accessing available funds through the Rural Electric Economic Development Fund (REED). The REED program



Caselli's Garden is among a growing list of fresh food suppliers for Dakota Community Market. Photo by Caselli's Garden

is designed to provide financing to help build the economic base of rural communities within East River Electric's regional service area. Hundreds of organizations, businesses, medical facilities, housing projects and many more have received financial support through the REED program over the past 20 years.

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Pallares said she sometimes feels exactly like those early electric cooperative pioneers, attempting to pave the way for providing a reliable source of quality, low-cost food in the Brookings area. She has become active in the Billie Sutton Leadership Institute Rural POWER program to help tap into the regional business community with the goal of developing an optimum financial strategy and making connections with future suppliers and other partners.

"The Institute opens up a giant network across the state where you can meet a lot of people doing the same kinds of things you're doing, and they've got great ideas and big goals and a fearless entrepreneurial spirit. One of our board members has gone through the class and I'm doing it now. It's been transformational," she said.

The Dakota Community Market is not the only fearless group striving to launch a locally-owned and locallycontrolled food cooperative. The Coteau Community Co-op is also trying to establish a food co-op to serve the Watertown area. Both have plenty of successful models and supporters to help guide and inspire their efforts.

The National Food Co-op Startup Network and the National Co-op Grocers based in Minneapolis are both available to provide resources and expertise. Additionally, there are a few successful stores already operating in South Dakota, including Natural Abundance in Aberdeen, Breadroot Natural Food Co-op based in Rapid City and the Sioux Falls Food Co-op.

Patrick Sayler is general manager of the Sioux Falls Food Co-op on West 18th Street, an operation that has been going strong for the past 50 years through several relocations, growing competition and even a fire. Sayler sees food co-ops across the region as sharing the same common goals and working together to accomplish those goals.

"We tend to put a different twist on things, but in the end we all want the families we serve to have a better way of accessing the food they eat to maintain good health and a healthy lifestyle," said Sayler, who used to frequent the store as a teen and replaced long-time manager Molly Langley in 2016. "It's always encouraging to see different leaders working hard to do what we've been able to do. It takes a lot of effort and it takes tireless visionaries to stay focused and committed to achieving what you want to accomplish together."

In meeting its commitment to improve the quality of life in the community, the co-op has a program called Big Change, where shoppers are invited to round up their expenditures to the next whole dollar amount. The difference is added to a fund that goes to support local charities such as the Teddy Bear Den, Mobile Pantry of Sioux Falls, Bishop Dudley Hospitality House, SD Voices for Peace and many more. The co-op even has a space available for public meetings and workshops.

The store recently celebrated an expansion and re-opening, and Sayler said he's optimistic about the future while keeping an eye on industry trends.

"We're growing. There's a lot of competition, but we've got a great location, great employees and a great product," he said. "The co-op model is alive and well. We have members who support us and are committed to our mission of providing a source of healthy, affordable good choices."

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#### SEPT. 30-OCT. 1 Oktoberfest Citywide, Deadwood, SD 605-578-1876

SEPT. 30-OCT. 2 SiouxperCon 1201 N West Ave. Sioux Falls, SD

#### OCT. 1 Prairie Village Hobo Marlin **Pumpkin Train** 45205 SD Highway 34

Madison, SD 605-256-3644

#### OCT. 1-2 **Magic Needlers Quilt Festival**

Codington County Extension Complex, Watertown, SD 605-881-3273

#### **OCT. 7** The Pumpkin Patch Rapid Valley United Methodist Church, Rapid City, SD 605-393-1526

#### OCT. 7-9 **Great Scarecrow Festival** Campbell Park

Huron, SD 605-353-8530

#### OCT. 7-9 **Black Hills Powwow** 444 Mt. Rushmore Road Rapid City, SD

605 341-0925

#### OCT. 7-8 **Holman Acres Pumpkin Fest & Vender Show** Philip, SD

605-441-1060

#### OCT. 8 Fall Festival

Fairburn United Methodist Church, Fairburn, SD 605-255-4329

#### OCT. 8-9 **Crazy Horse Marathon & Races**

Crazy Horse Memorial 12151 Avenue Of The Chiefs 605-390-6137

#### **OCT. 15 Fall Festival**

18473 US Hwy 83, Onida, SD

#### OCT. 22 **Ladies Day** The Crossing Bar, Mina, SD

605-390-2939

#### OCT. 28-30 ZooBoo Great Plains Zoo Sioux Falls, SD 605-367-7003

#### **NOV. 3-5** Yankton's Harvest Halloween Downtown, Yankton, SD harvesthalloween.com

#### **NOV. 3-5 Huron Ringneck Festival & Bird Dog Challenge** 100 4th Street SW, Huron, SD 605-352-0000

#### **NOV. 5-20 Rustic Designs & More Christmas Show** 9 a.m.-5 p.m. daily Ethan, SD 605-770-2411

#### NOV. 11-13 Christmas at the Barn Front Porch 605, Groton, SD 605-216-4202

#### **NOV. 12 Black Hills Meat Festival** Black Hills Harley Davidson 2820 Harley Dr., Rapid City, SD 605-390-7917

#### NOV. 18-20 **Deadwood's Big Whiskey Festival** Deadwood, SD 605-578-1876

#### **DEC. 2-3 Christmas in the Hills** Mueller Center, Hot Springs, SD 605-745-4140

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