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We also aspire to meet the Touchstone Energy® Cooperative core values of integrity, innovation, accountability and commitment to community.

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Winter Storm Europa A Christmas Weekend Blizzard

On the morning of Monday, Dec. 26, nine substations in the KEM Electric Cooperative service area lost power, leaving approximately 1,050 members without power. Some members (and their livestock) were without power for 3½ days.

Wind, freezing rain and ice were the root of the problem. Galloping lines and wind lead to numerous wire breaks. Twenty transmission line cross-arm braces broke, 15 three-phase poles and four single-phase poles fell to the ground. The rare occurrence of thunder snow was also reported.

Crews from Capital Electric Cooperative, Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, VIP Construction, J.B. Construction, 3C Construction and K&H Electric assisted KEM linemen in restoring power. Area farmers also helped move snow.

Read more about the Christmas blizzard and how your local Touchstone Energy® Cooperative linemen worked with integrity and accountability to restore power outages, in the February local pages of the *North Dakota Living* magazine.

DEADLINES APPROACHING ON YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES!

For details, read the February local pages of *North Dakota Living*, visit <http://kemelectric.com/> or call Lisa or Kirk at 254-4666 or 1-800-472-2673.

Co-op scholarships

KEM is again offering two scholarships to qualifying seniors, in partnership with Basin Electric Power Cooperative. One scholarship is in the amount of \$1,000 and the other in amount of \$500. The deadline to apply is Feb. 10.

Safety poster coloring contest

Kids, draw a poster that tells our readers how you play and work safe around electricity! The deadline to apply is Feb. 28.