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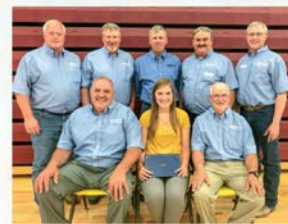
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KEM Electric Cooperative is dedicated to providing affordable, reliable energy and services that support and unite our member-owners.

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

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ATTEND YOUR *Annual Meeting!*

KEM Electric Cooperative
2018 annual meeting
June 21, 2018
Linton High School, Linton

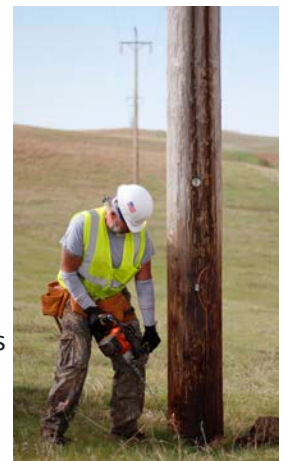
Supper includes roast beef, buns, coleslaw, baked beans, chips, pickles and cookies.

Learn what’s happening at KEM Electric Cooperative, meet the winners of the various contests held throughout the year, discuss how national changes are affecting our local cooperative, see what impact your charitable giving is making in the community, socialize with friends and neighbors, enjoy kids’ activities and earn door prizes.

And make your vote count! At this year's annual meeting, the director seats up for election are those of John Beck, District 1; and Carter Vander Wal, District 2.

Pole testing scheduled

KEM Electric has contracted RAM Utilities LLC to do our annual pole testing. They will be working in our service territory northwest of Linton for the next 4-5 weeks. The inspection will consist of team members accessing all cooperative distribution lines using pickups and four-wheelers, and testing each pole for rot or other damage. We thank our members for their understanding as we work to make the system as reliable as possible.





May is National Electrical Safety Month

This month, we encourage all members to take extra time to plug into safety.

Plug into electrical safety

In May, electric cooperatives promote safety awareness to coincide with National Electrical Safety Month. Every year, thousands of accidents occur due to shock hazards, and KEM Electric Cooperative, a not-for-profit electric utility, is committed to educating the public about potential electrical dangers in the home.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, in 2016 a residential fire was reported every 90 seconds across the United States. Many home fires occur when electrical equipment is outdated or improperly used.

“It is important that our members understand their home’s electrical system and the safety concerns associated with the latest residential technologies before bringing them into their homes,” says Tim Dockter, manager of member services. “People need to ensure they have an electrical system that’s compatible with the increased load.”

Through electrical safety awareness and education, we all play a role in preventing electrical hazards and injuries. Together, let’s plug into safety.

Also in the MAY issue of

North Dakota Living:

- Brave The Shave donations
- New safety campaign launches
- Board meeting minutes & more

KEM awards scholarships to graduates

Read KEM’s May local pages in the *North Dakota Living* magazine to meet the 2017-2018 student scholarship winners.



STILL TO COME – Luck of the Draw \$500 scholarship!

KEM Electric will award one \$500 Luck of the Draw scholarship to be drawn at our annual meeting on June 21 in Linton. All high school seniors who have parents/guardians that are members of KEM Electric are eligible for this scholarship. **Students must attend our annual meeting with at least one parent, and are required to RSVP for the meeting.**

Also in the May local pages of *North Dakota Living*, meet some area kids who participated in this year’s safety poster coloring contest. The number of participants was low — but their individual messages were powerful. Here is one of the winners! Check the local pages for more. ~Poster by Charles Schuetzle

