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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.

KEM Electric Cooperative, Inc., is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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Lineman Twardoski retires after 31 years

Reflects on self-help as the key to cooperative partnerships

Starting next month, every day is going to be Sunday for Dave Twardoski. A journeyman lineman for KEM Electric Cooperative in Linton, Twardoski says he’s throwing away his clocks — and retiring. After working 31 years for the co-op, his last day will be Dec. 3.

After graduating from the Bismarck State College lineworker program, Twardoski moved to the Linton area and accepted a job with KEM Electric. A native of Bismarck, he says he only knew one person. With an interest in real estate, Twardoski slowly learned who lived where and owned what ... and as he learned the cooperative service area, he came to know more and more of the membership.

In the November local pages of the *North Dakota Living* magazine, learn why Twardoski greatly values member self-help, and the work ethic and humor of his co-workers — and how he plans to spend his retirement.

Heating assistance may be available with LIHEAP

The Low Income Heating Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) can help eligible low-income households with home heating costs.

Applications are accepted Oct. 1 through May 31 for each heating season.

For information, visit www.communityoptionsnd.com or call Community Options at 1-800-823-2417 ext. 158.

Also in the NOVEMBER issue of *North Dakota Living*:

■ Careers in Energy ■ Board meeting highlights ■ Conservation award & more



Thanks for attending YOUR co-op celebration!

KEM Electric Cooperative held its annual "October is Co-op Month" luncheon on Oct. 23 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Linton.

More than 150 people enjoyed the free meal of knoephla, kraut, sausage and kuchen.

Electric cooperatives belong to the communities they serve. This heightened community focus allows us to quickly adapt to evolving member expectations. Our closeness to the community ensures a better response to these needs because we are led by the people we serve.

The annual lunch and our annual meeting are opportunities for KEM's co-general managers, board members and employees to visit with those in attendance, and learn their needs and how we can continue working together for the greater good.

Whether it's electricity, or kuchen and coffee, we appreciate the opportunity to serve you!



Holiday closings

KEM Electric Cooperative's offices will be closed Monday, Nov. 12, in observance of Veterans Day on Nov. 11, and Thursday and Friday, Nov. 22 and 23, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Line crews will be available in the case of an emergency power outage.

“PERFORM my job safely always!”
— Lead Lineman Kevin Horner

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PERFORM
my job safely always

ACCOUNT
for my actions and those taken by my crew

COMMIT
to speaking up, and responding to reported hazards

ENGAGE
in job briefings, focus on the task at hand and take the time to do it safely, always!

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WRITE A WINNING ESSAY AND
WIN A TRIP OF A LIFETIME!

Read the local pages of
North Dakota Living for information

JUNE 15-21, 2019

2019 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour

KEM Electric Cooperative is once again sponsoring a student on the 2019 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour trip to Washington, D.C.

From June 15 to 21, students nationwide will spend a week learning about history and American government; visiting with their state's congressional delegation; becoming more knowledgeable about the cooperative business model; and touring museums, national monuments and memorials. They will also develop leadership skills and a national network of peers.

To earn the trip, students must enter an essay-writing contest. To qualify, the winning student must be a sophomore or junior in high school, and his or her family or guardian must receive electric service from KEM.

The deadline to enter is **Jan. 31, 2019**. For instructions on how to apply, read the November local pages of the *North Dakota Living* magazine or call KEM at 701-254-4666.

For more information on the tour, visit www.ndyouthtour.com.