

September 2026

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For Dakota Electric members



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651-463-6212 or 1-800-874-3409
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4300 220th Street West
Farmington, MN 55024

24-Hour Outage & Emergency Service

651-463-6201 or 1-800-430-9722

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www.gopherstateonecall.org

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Have you herd?



We are wild about our members!

On Tuesday, July 21, Dakota Electric welcomed nearly 6,000 members to the Minnesota Zoo for our annual Member Appreciation Event, an evening dedicated to celebrating the members who make our cooperative special.

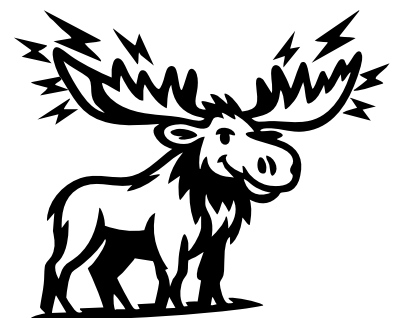
This year's event was a little on the wild side! Members sported "Wild About Our Members" moose antlers while enjoying free admission and a summer night at the zoo. Guests took in the Wings Financial World of Birds Show, explored the Dino Hideout and strolled the scenic Treetop Trail, making plenty of memories along the way.

The fun also came with an incredible show of generosity. Members were encouraged to support local food shelves by bringing non-perishable food items or making a monetary donation. Together, members donated 2,414 pounds of food and more than \$1,800 in cash, benefiting The Open Door and 360 Communities.

"It's always special to see so many of our members come together for an evening of fun while also giving back to the community," said Ryan Hentges, Dakota Electric's CEO. "Year after year, their generosity makes a meaningful difference for our neighbors, and we're incredibly grateful for their continued support."

Since the Member Appreciation Event at the zoo began in 1998, Dakota Electric members have donated an incredible 47,072 pounds of food and \$19,726.22 to support local hunger-relief efforts. That's nearly three decades of members giving back to their community.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for another memorable evening. It's safe to say we're still wild about our members!



One goose, two geese.
One moose, two...moose!
English is weird.

Moose on the *loose*!

Just a casual
moose selfie!

An extremely
productive
moose
meeting.
Probably.

The bison
appear
unaware
they're
under moose
surveillance.

Leaf the gas behind!

The days are getting shorter, the leaves are starting to turn, and before you know it, snow will be flying. Now's the perfect time to get ready for the changing seasons with battery-powered yard tools. Dakota Electric offers rebates on qualifying battery-powered leaf blowers and snow blowers, making it easy to gear up for fall cleanup and be ready for whatever winter has in store.

Visit www.dakotaelectric.com/member-services/programs-rebates for more information.



Members can now conveniently use **MyDEA** to submit rebate applications and enroll in our Cycled Air Conditioning program!

Visit www.mydea.dakotaelectric.com or scan the QR code.



Summer rates & your bill

Looking at your bill and wondering why it's higher? During the hottest months of the year, air conditioners work harder and homes often use more electricity. At the same time, increased demand across the electric grid makes wholesale electricity more expensive.

Dakota Electric's summer rate is in effect each June, July and August to reflect these higher costs. That means a higher summer bill can be the result of both increased electricity use and a higher seasonal rate. As temperatures cool, electricity use and Dakota Electric's seasonal rate typically decrease. To learn more visit www.dakotaelectric.com/save-energy-save-money.

Beat next summer's heat

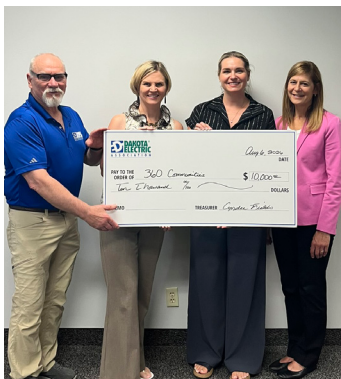
Sign up for Dakota Electric's Cycled Air Conditioning® program and receive a \$39 summer bill credit. Enrollment is quick and easy through MyDEA, so you'll be ready to start saving before next summer arrives.

Giving back

Dakota Electric and CoBank donate \$30,000

Through a partnership with CoBank, Dakota Electric is once again helping organizations make an even greater impact in our communities. This year, Dakota Electric and CoBank donated a combined \$30,000 to four local organizations through CoBank's Sharing Success program.

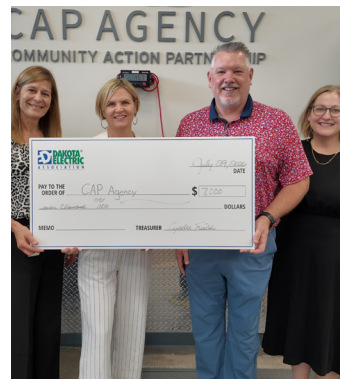
Each organization plays an important role in supporting our communities. 360 Communities provides support for families facing hunger, housing instability and other challenges; The Open Door works to end local hunger through access to healthy food; CAP Agency helps individuals and families build stability and self-sufficiency; and Hastings Family Service provides food, emergency assistance and other resources to neighbors in need.



360 Communities
\$10,000



The Open Door
\$7,000



CAP Agency
\$7,000



Hastings Family Services
\$6,000

Cold weather **rule**

Members can avoid disconnection or be eligible for reconnection between Oct. 1 and April 30 by following steps outlined by Minnesota's Cold Weather Rule. Your August bill statement included a Cold Weather Rule brochure with more information on program details and contact information for agencies that provide utility payment assistance.

For more information, visit www.dakotaelectric.com/member-services/billing-payment/electric-rates-rights.

Assistance for military personnel

If a member is ordered into active duty, for deployment or for a change of active military duty station, Minnesota law may protect these military personnel and their families from shutoff if they cannot pay their utility bills in full.

Call 651-463-6212 to get an application and set up a payment plan. You must keep your payment plan to qualify for protection.

For more information, visit www.dakotaelectric.com/member-services/billing-payment/financial-assistance.

National **Drive Electric** Month

Plug In America has announced that its annual National Drive Electric Week campaign is expanding to National Drive Electric Month, running from Sept. 11 to Oct. 12, 2026. The extended format gives communities more time to host events, offer EV test drives, and engage with the public about electric vehicles.

As an electric cooperative focused on supporting our members' interest in EVs, Dakota Electric encourages you to take part in this nationwide effort. Visit www.DriveElectricMonth.org to find or sign up for events near you and explore firsthand what it's like to drive electric. For local resources, rebates, and tools, check out our website at www.dakotaelectric.com.

National **Farm Safety & Health** Week



National Farm Safety and Health Week, September 21–25, is a good reminder that on the farm, electrical safety should always be part of the routine. Before the busy fall season gets underway, take time to inspect electrical systems and equipment, check grounding, and make sure outdoor outlets and equipment are protected from the elements. Using proper personal protective equipment (PPE), avoiding overloaded circuits, and safely storing electrical tools can also help prevent shocks, fires, and equipment damage.

Power lines deserve extra attention around large farm equipment. Always look up and know the location of overhead lines before moving augers, grain bins, ladders, or other tall equipment. Keep equipment at least 10 feet away from power lines and never attempt to move or raise a sagging line yourself.

If equipment comes into contact with a power line, **stay inside the cab and call 911 and Dakota Electric immediately.** Warn others to stay away and wait until utility crews confirm the line has been de-energized before exiting. If fire or another emergency forces you to leave, jump clear without touching the equipment and ground at the same time, then shuffle away with your feet close together.

A few extra minutes spent checking equipment, watching for power lines, and following safe practices can help keep everyone on the farm safe throughout harvest season and all year long.



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Upcoming Events

- **Labor Day: Office Closed**
September 7
- **Board Meeting**
September 24, 8:30 a.m.

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