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Growing stronger communities

Dakota Electric's support of local 4-H members is about more than the animals in the show ring. It's an investment in young people, the skills they're building, and the communities they'll help shape.

Behind every trip to the show ring are months of feeding, training, patience, and plenty of time in the barn.

Each year, Dakota Electric supports local youth through the Dakota County Fair 4-H livestock auction. This year, the cooperative supported five 4-H participants: Bryn Hallcock, Isaac Korver, Keira Luebeck, Morgan Wagner, and Reagan Dee.

For Morgan Wagner, preparing for the fair can mean spending four hours a day in the barn. The Vermillion sophomore has been involved in 4-H for 11 years and showed her goat, Hannah Montana, this year.

"My goat is really good at using her horns, so she has got me many times with them," Morgan shared. Beyond learning to watch out for horns, Morgan said 4-H has taught her leadership and how to work with anyone in any situation.

Reagan Dee knows plenty about hard work, too. Preparing her market lamb, Tank, involves halter breaking, brace training, walking, and wrapping legs several times a week.

The experience has taught Reagan responsibility and work ethic, while Tank has taught her that sheep can, in fact, get jealous. When Reagan works with others, Tank has been known to jump in her pen and stick her head through the gate.

For Bryn Hallcock, preparing a dairy steer means putting in work every day, but one of the biggest lessons from four years in 4-H goes well beyond the fair — "You never lose. Either you win or you learn."

Isaac Korver showed pigeons, chickens, and guinea fowl this year. Through seven years in 4-H, he has developed leadership and public speaking skills while learning plenty about poultry, including that guinea hens can run up to 20 miles per hour and are easier to catch at night.

While ribbons often capture the spotlight, it is the responsibility, resilience, confidence, and lifelong friendships forged through 4-H that become the true rewards, lasting long after the fairgrounds are quiet.

2026 auction

Participants we Supported



Isaac Korver



Bryn Hallcock



Keira Luebeck



Morgan Wagner



Reagan Dee



Lessons that last

From 4-H to Dakota Electric

For several Dakota Electric employees, the lessons of 4-H are familiar ones, with skills, friendships, and memories that have lasted well beyond the fair.



Bekka N., Plant Accountant

For Bekka, summers meant preparing dairy cattle alongside her older siblings. It wasn't about ribbons or trips to the State Fair, but the time spent training and bonding with the animals. One lesson in particular has stuck with her: **Always watch out for the feet.**



Cindi H., Utility Services Scheduler

Cindi remembers the skills she gained, the lifelong friendships she made, and the opportunities 4-H gave her to be involved in her community.



Dana S., Administrative Assistant

For Dana, 4-H meant participating in Arts-In, where theater, music, and production helped build teamwork, leadership, communication, and problem-solving skills, along with friendships that have lasted into adulthood.



Dave R., Energy and Member Services Manager

Dave credits 4-H with teaching him accountability, responsibility, and teamwork, values he continues to carry into his career and community today.

Different projects. Different generations. Same lasting impact.

Dakota Electric's continued support of 4-H is an investment in those experiences and in the young people who will carry them forward. Because long after the fair is over, what they've learned goes with them.

Saving energy made simple



For longtime Dakota Electric members Lee and Kate, saving energy doesn't have to mean constantly thinking about electricity use.

Putting programs to work

Lee has been a Dakota Electric member since 1986, and over the years, he and Kate have found simple ways to make their home more energy efficient while saving money.

For Lee, it started with wanting to be a good steward of the environment. He began looking for ways to reduce energy use while also lowering costs and found several Dakota Electric programs that fit.

Today, Lee and Kate participate in off-peak electric vehicle charging, Cycled Air Conditioning®, and Wellspring Renewable Energy®. They also recently switched to an electric water heater and enrolled in the off-peak program, finding another way to save on energy costs.

The biggest benefit? The programs don't require much thought once they're in place.

"It's really set it and forget it," Lee said. "Once you're enrolled, you don't have to think about it. You just know you're saving energy and money."

A clearer picture with MyDEA

While their programs work quietly in the background, My Dakota Electric Account, or MyDEA, gives Lee and Kate a closer look at their energy use.

Lee appreciates seeing their usage in near real time, including during off-peak hours. MyDEA also makes everyday tasks easier, from submitting rebates to accessing account information anytime.

"Things have become way more convenient," Lee said.

Even with these online tools, Lee still values the personal service Dakota Electric provides. He describes employees as friendly and knowledgeable and especially appreciates the help of Dakota Electric's Energy Experts®.

His advice for other members?

"Call the Energy Experts today. It's worth having the conversation to learn more about the programs and your options."

Their **energy-saving** lineup

- **Off-Peak EV Charging**
- **Cycled Air Conditioning**
- **Off-Peak Water Heating**
- **Wellspring Renewable Energy**

Have questions about energy-saving programs? Call the Energy Experts at 651-463-6243 to learn more about your options.

Energy assistance available

Dakota County residents who need help paying their energy bills can apply for support through the Community Action Partnership (CAP) Agencies' Energy Assistance Program. The program helps eligible households with heating and utility costs during the colder months.

Accepting applications October 1 - May 31.

Household Size	Maximum Gross Income for 1 month
1 person	$3,205
2 people	$4,191
3 people	$5,177
4 people	$6,164
5 people	$7,150
6 people	$8,136

For more information or to apply, visit **www.capagency.org**, call 651-322-3500, or scan the QR code.

Safe at home

Address confidentiality program

Safe at Home helps survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and other crimes, and anyone who fears for their safety, by establishing a confidential mailing address and providing a mail forwarding service.

While Dakota Electric needs members' actual addresses to establish and maintain electric service, we use Safe at Home addresses for communicating with members and take special steps to protect Safe at Home participants' addresses. If you participate in Safe at Home, alert Dakota Electric and provide your Safe at Home mailing address.

To learn more, contact the office of the Minnesota Secretary of State by calling 1-866-723-3035 or visit **www.sos.state.mn.us/safe-at-home**.

Nominating **Committee**

Dakota Electric is **seeking interested members** to help be part of our annual election process by serving on the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee serves as an integral part of our annual election process by interviewing Director candidate applicants and helping to determine those qualified to be placed on the election ballot for 2027.

Members interested in serving should visit **www.dakotaelectric.com/about-us/annual-meeting-election** for more information. All interested volunteers must submit their request to serve via the application link on the webpage. The application link will be available on **November 13, 2026**. All applications must be received by **5:00 p.m. on December 2, 2026**.

All Committee members are required to be available and participate in the following:

- **January 12, 2027 (afternoon/evening)** – Orientation for Committee members, plus Committee prep meeting (in-person at Dakota Electric Headquarters*)
- **January 26, 2027 (afternoon/evening)** – Director candidate interviews (in-person at Dakota Electric Headquarters*)
- **January 27, 2027 (afternoon/evening)** – Director candidate interviews backup date (in-person at Dakota Electric Headquarters*)

**There is a preference for in-person candidate interviews, but accommodations for other suitable means, including but not limited to video or telephone conferencing, will be granted due to unforeseen or exceptional circumstances.*

Two members and one alternate member from each district will be selected at random from the pool of eligible member applicants. Selected member volunteers will be notified of the outcome following the Board meeting held on **December 17, 2026** and will also receive a handbook outlining Committee responsibilities. Those who serve on the Nominating Committee will receive a stipend for their time.

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Upcoming Events

- **Board Meeting**
  November 19, 8:30 a.m.
- **Office Closed**
  November 26 & 27

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From all of us at Dakota Electric, Happy Thanksgiving!

We're grateful for the trust you place in us and the opportunity to serve communities we're proud to call home.

Dakota Electric belongs to the people we serve, and that connection inspires us to make a difference today and for generations to come.