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Walker Witt - CEO
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I hope this message finds you happy and healthy this Holiday Season!

I have spoken and written often about the challenges, efforts, and accomplishments of our linemen. We have a great crew whose mission each and every day, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, is to ensure that we all have safe and reliable electric service. These guys are truly the “face of our co-op.”

I recently wrote about the “heart of our co-op.” Director of Communications and Member Services Michelle Fischer and her team of Member Service Representatives ensure that every department and individual member’s needs are met and that our linemen are safe and accounted for.

For those of you who do not know her, I want to introduce the “brain” of our co-op, Chief Financial Officer Sammi Langendorf. Sammi grew up in Walden, Colorado, and earned her bachelor’s degree from Colorado State University in Molecular Biology. Sammi began her career at the cooperative over 31 years ago as the office service assistant/receptionist. Sammi has held various positions at our co-op, being promoted to billing clerk, accountant, comptroller, and in July of 2016 to Chief Financial Officer.

Sammi, along with Accounting Clerk Nathan Scherer and Purchasing Agent/Work Order Clerk Kent Schneider, account for

every nut and bolt, transformer and pole, and nickel and dime that comes into and goes out of our co-op. They are responsible for maintaining accurate records, cash-flow management, and ensuring financial compliance. Kent, Nathan and Sammi have over 75 years of combined experience. The accounting team is the backbone of the cooperative’s financial stability and plays a key role in developing and proposing rate design.

As CFO, Sammi’s aptitude to analyze our cooperative’s financial strengths and weaknesses and provide sound strategic direction to me and our board is invaluable and a significant reason that our co-op is in the sound financial position it is in. She is one of the smartest and hardest working people I know – she truly is the “brain” of our cooperative! Thank you, Sammi!



Sammi Langendorf



Nathan Scherer



Kent Schneider

I hope and pray that you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving. I want to say how thankful I am for our cooperative. I am thankful for our board and the leadership they provide. I am thankful for our employees and their hard work and dedication. And I am so very thankful and appreciative of each of our members.

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Accepting Scholarship Applications

Black Hills Electric Cooperative is offering college scholarships to graduating high school seniors. Basin Electric Power Cooperative provides a \$1,000 scholarship, and Rushmore Electric accepts runner-up applications for \$500. We will also draw for scholarships at our Annual Meeting on May 30, 2024, in Hot Springs.

You can find the application online at www.bhec.coop, or request an application to be mailed or e-mailed to you. Completed applications and supporting documents must be returned to BHEC before Friday, February 2, 2024. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Michelle Fischer at 800-742-0085 or 605-673-4461.

AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR DEPENDENTS OF BHEC MEMBERS:

- \$1,000 Basin Electric
- \$500 Rushmore Electric

REQUIREMENTS:

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be a dependent of a BHEC member
- The graduating senior must be planning to enroll at an accredited college, university, or technical school.

THE RECIPIENTS WILL BE CHOSEN BASED ON:

- A combination of SAT or ACT scores
- Overall grade-point average
- Personal statement of career goals
- One-page essay
- An adult appraisal

**DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 2, 2024
WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN APRIL**



Be Prepared for Winter Driving

Prepare Your Car for Winter

In addition to annual maintenance, here are some tips to winterize your car:

- Test your battery; battery power drops as the temperature drops
- Make sure the cooling system is in good working order
- Have winter tires with a deeper, more flexible tread put on your car
- If using all-season tires, check the tread and replace if less than 2/32 of an inch
- Check the tire pressure; tire pressure drops as the temperature drops
- Check your wiper blades and replace if needed
- Add wiper fluid rated for -30 degrees
- Keep your gas tank at least half full to avoid gas line freeze

Remember to keep your car's emergency preparedness kit fully stocked, too.

Before You Start Out

- Clean your car's external camera lenses and side mirrors
- Remove dirt, ice and snow from sensors to allow the assistive-driving features, like automatic emergency braking, to work
- In frigid weather, you may want to warm up the car before you drive
- To prevent carbon monoxide poisoning, never leave a vehicle running in your garage – even with the garage door up
- If the forecast looks iffy, wait out the storm; if you must travel, share your travel plans and route with someone before you leave

How to Avoid a Crash

AAA offers the following driving tips:

- Avoid using cruise control in wintry conditions
- Steer in the direction of a skid, so when your wheels regain traction, you don't have to overcorrect to stay in your lane
- Accelerate and decelerate slowly
- Increase following distance to 8 to 10 seconds
- If possible, don't stop when going uphill

If visibility is severely limited due to a whiteout, pull off the road to a safe place and do not drive until conditions improve.

Avoid pulling off onto the shoulder unless it is an absolute emergency. Limited visibility means other vehicles can't see yours on the shoulder.

Know Your Car's Capabilities

My Car Does What? is a national campaign to help educate drivers about the safety features built into vehicles. Search for your car and find out what safety features are already built in.

Traction control is now standard on most new vehicles. This function helps your vehicle gain traction on snowy, icy or wet surfaces, particularly when accelerating from a stopped or slowed position, or when trying to make it up a slippery hill.

Anti-lock braking system (ABS) helps you steer in emergencies by restoring traction to your tires and is standard on most new vehicles. ABS may vibrate or pulse when engaged. This is normal. Continue to press and hold pressure to the brake pedal.

Remember, you are your car's best safety feature. Take precautions to ensure you arrive safely at your destination. If you become stranded in an unfamiliar area, do not leave your car. Light flares in front and behind the car and make sure the exhaust pipe is not blocked by snow, mud or objects.



Don't Dig Near Power Lines

Hayes Schomp, Age 10

Hayes Schomp cautions people to be careful where they dig. Hayes is the son of Thad and Devan Schomp from Eklton, S.D., members of Sioux Valley Energy.

Kids, send your drawing with an electrical safety tip to your local electric cooperative (address found on Page 3). If your poster is published, you'll receive a prize. All entries must include your name, age, mailing address and the names of your parents. Colored drawings are encouraged.

HOLIDAY FAVORITES

OYSTER STEW

Ingredients:

- 1 qt. medium/large oysters
- 1 medium onion (diced)
- 2 qts. half and half
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 lb. real butter (no cheating here)
- 3 tbsps. Worcestershire Sauce

Method

Before you know it, Christmas Eve will be here so get ready the traditional Oyster Stew. In a saucepan, saute onions and oysters with the butter. Simmer until the oysters crinkle. In a crock pot, add half and half, cream of mushroom soup, and Worcestershire Sauce. Then, add the oysters, onion and butter. Season to taste with fresh ground black pepper and salt. Simmer for six hours on low heat (high heat will curdle the milk). Serve with oyster crackers.

Kari Larson- Reder
Warner, S.D.

BETTER THAN CANDY PIE

Ingredients:

- 1 nine in. chocolate ready crust
- 1 cup sliced bananas
- 1/4 cup chopped, dry roasted peanuts
- 1 small pkg. instant butterscotch pudding
- 2/3 cup dry milk
- 1 1/4 cups water
- 2 tbsps. peanut butter
- 3/4 cup whipped topping
- 2 chocolate graham crackers, chopped

Method

Mix together dry milk, pudding, and water with wire whisk. Add peanut butter. Cover bottom of pie crust with bananas. Spread pudding mixture over bananas. Spread whipped topping next. Sprinkle with chopped peanuts and chopped graham crackers.

Janet Ochsner
Box Elder, S.D.

CHRISTMAS CRACK BARK

Ingredients:

- 1 sleeve saltine crackers, (about 35 crackers)
- 1 cup unsalted butter
- 1 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- 1/8 tsp. sea salt
- 1 1/2 tpsps. pure vanilla extract
- 1 pkg. (10 - 12 oz.) chocolate chips, semi-sweet, milk or dark chocolate

Method

Preheat oven to 400°F. Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper or foil. Spray lightly with no-stick cooking spray. Arrange crackers on baking sheet in single layer so that the edges almost touch. Heat butter and brown sugar in two-quart saucepan on medium heat. Bring mixture to a boil, stirring frequently. Simmer two to three minutes. Remove from heat; stir in salt and vanilla. Pour caramel sauce over crackers and spread to evenly coat crackers. Bake six minutes. Remove pan from oven. Sprinkle chocolate chips over caramel layer. Let stand five minutes. Spread chocolate chips into an even layer on top of caramel. Refrigerate 2 hours or freeze 30 to 45 minutes or until firm. Break or cut into pieces to serve. Store in an airtight container in the refrigerator up to one week.

McCormick.com

Please send your favorite recipes to your local electric cooperative (address found on Page 3). Each recipe printed will be entered into a drawing for a prize in December 2023. All entries must include your name, mailing address, phone number and cooperative name.

Coming Soon!

The graphic features a green background with a white 'smart hub' logo on the left. The text 'NEWLY REDESIGNED SMARTHUB' is prominently displayed in white. Below it, the phrase 'MANAGE YOUR ACCOUNT LIKE NEVER BEFORE' is written in white. A central image shows a computer monitor displaying the redesigned web interface. The interface includes a sidebar with navigation options like 'BILLS & PAY', 'USAGE', 'CONTACT US', 'SETTINGS', and 'HELP'. The main content area shows a 'HOME' dashboard with 'NOTIFICATIONS', a 'CUSTOMER OVERVIEW' section with three data points (\$10.00, \$0.00, \$10.47), and a 'USAGE OVERVIEW' section with a bar chart. At the bottom, a green banner contains the slogan 'SMART MANAGEMENT. SMART LIFE. SMARTHUB.'

AREA MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR 2024

February is a time many of us at Black Hills Electric Cooperative look forward to – a chance to visit with many of our members while enjoying a bowl of soup and tasty desserts.

Directors and employees of BHEC have been co-sponsoring area meetings for over 35 years. Area meetings allow cooperative personnel to show the co-op’s appreciation to its members.

Each year, the co-op collaborates with local civic organizations to co-sponsor a free meal. The organization provides the food, and the cooperative sends a monetary donation. Any donations collected during the area meeting are given to the civic organization co-hosting the area meeting.

Plan to bring your family and join your neighbors and friends at one of the locations listed below!



The 2023 Rochford Area Meeting was well attended! The community enjoyed a variety of different meal and dessert options.



Meal will be served from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at all meetings.

AREA MEETING	DATE	LOCATION	CO-SPONSOR
Oelrichs	February 8th	Oelrichs Community Hall	Oelrichs Rodeo Association
Rockerville	February 9th	Rockerville Community Hall	Rockerville Community Club
Johnson Siding	February 15th	Rimrock Community Center	Rimrock Community Club
Whispering Pines	February 19th	Whispering Pines VFD	Whispering Pines VFD
Hermosa	February 27th	Hermosa Elementary School	Battle Creek Fire District
Rochford	April 5th	Rochford Community Hall	Rochford Community Club

LIGHT PARADE



BRINGING THE LIGHT

Electric Cooperatives Spread Holiday Cheer

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While Santa's elves are hard at work at the North Pole, South Dakota's electric cooperatives are working to bring their own magic to their local neighborhoods, illuminating local parades with festive lights. Black Hills Electric Cooperative is just one of many examples of how a co-op can not only bring light but also creativity to their community.

Every December, Black Hills Electric crafts an exceptional float for the annual Custer Parade of Lights. For Bill Brisk, the manager of operations at Black Hills Electric, the parade isn't merely an event – it's a cherished tradition for their co-op.

As the parade approaches, the Black Hills Electric workshop bustles with

activity, mirroring Santa's very own workshop. Guided by a design from Brisk, linemen and staff assemble their unique Christmas float – crafting, welding and fabricating many of their designs from scratch.

“Just a few nights before the parade, we host a family night where we bring out the families of our employees,”



said Brisk. “The co-op provides food and drinks and we all work together to finish the float.”

In just two weeks, the co-op repurposes discarded equipment and scrap parts into creative masterpieces. One year, the co-op created an oversized shopping cart from old pipe laying around the shop. The next, they used retired meter loop pipes, guy wires, and meter covers to create palm trees and coconuts for a beachside Santa scene. Even Willie Wirehand, the co-op’s safety mascot, has been outfitted for a festive float. Despite being fabricated from old parts, the end result is always something worthy of a debut at the North Pole.

“Most everything we do is built in our shop.” said Brisk. “We do all

of the fabrications ourselves, and we haven’t had a flop yet.”

Luckily, the co-op’s efforts haven’t gone unnoticed. Since 2015, they’ve clinched an award every year at the Custer Parade with the only exceptions being 2020 and 2021 when the pandemic halted festivities. Their trophy collection holds a wide range of awards, boasting awards like the Rudolph’s Choice Award, Best Light, Best Music and most recently, the Custer Fruit Cake Award.

Dawn Murray, the executive director of the Custer Chamber of Commerce, expressed her admiration. “They really go all out. Beyond the parade, they even participate in our scarecrow decorating contest. I remember one year they had a scarecrow up in a

bucket truck, which was really cool.”

Yet, for Black Hills Electric, Custer is just the beginning. The co-op has grand visions for a broader festive footprint. With a service area that stretches from just south of Terry Peak to Nebraska, Brisk sees even more opportunities to shower communities with holiday cheer.

“It’s a festive time of year and something that we want to extend out to different towns in our service territory,” said Brisk. “Seeing the kids’ eyes brighten when we light up our float for the first time really makes the whole thing worth it, and if we can spread that to more of our members, all the better.”





DRY FORK STATION

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On September 21st, around 25 BHEC members and employees toured the Dry Fork Station, seven miles north of Gillette, WY.

The Dry Fork Station is a coal-based electric generation power plant owned by Basin Electric Power Cooperative. Basin Electric is a consumer-owned, regional cooperative headquartered in Bismarck. It generates and transmits electricity to 141 rural member electric systems in nine states: Colorado, Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, and

Wyoming. These member systems distribute electricity to around three million member-owners.

The Dry Fork Station began operation in 2011. Among many significant milestones, the safety record during construction included more than 6 million man-hours worked without a lost-time accident. The power plant was built for \$1.35 billion.

Sub-bituminous coal from the nearby Dry Fork Mine provides fuel for Dry Fork Station via a conveyor system approximately one mile in length. The station uses pulverized coal technology and the latest generation of pollution control technologies, resulting in very low emissions.

The plant is home to the Wyoming Integrated Test Center and the Wyoming CarbonSAFE project. Both research projects aim to further carbon capture technology.

Production of electricity at a coal-based power plant involves heating water to make steam. The steam spins a turbine connected to a generator, which produces electricity. This cycle is basically the same whether a plant gets heat from burning coal, oil or natural gas, or from nuclear fission. Beyond the similarity in this cycle, power plants are quite different from each other.

The water-to-steam-to-water cycle is a closed-loop process. Make-up water is added as needed to maintain water quality and quantity. The Dry Fork Station is a zero-discharge facility, and its dry cooling technology is designed to



Members were able to view the incinerator while using a protective shield.

conserve water resources. The majority of electricity produced at the Dry Fork Station is sent via 125 miles of a 230,000-volt transmission line to substations in northeast Wyoming, where it connects to the transmission grid.

The members and employees were able to take a tour of the coal mine and the power station. After reviewing the surveys, it appears that everyone had a great time and were able to learn more about where their energy comes from.

We will be offering this tour again in 2024. If you want to get put on the attendee list, please let us know!



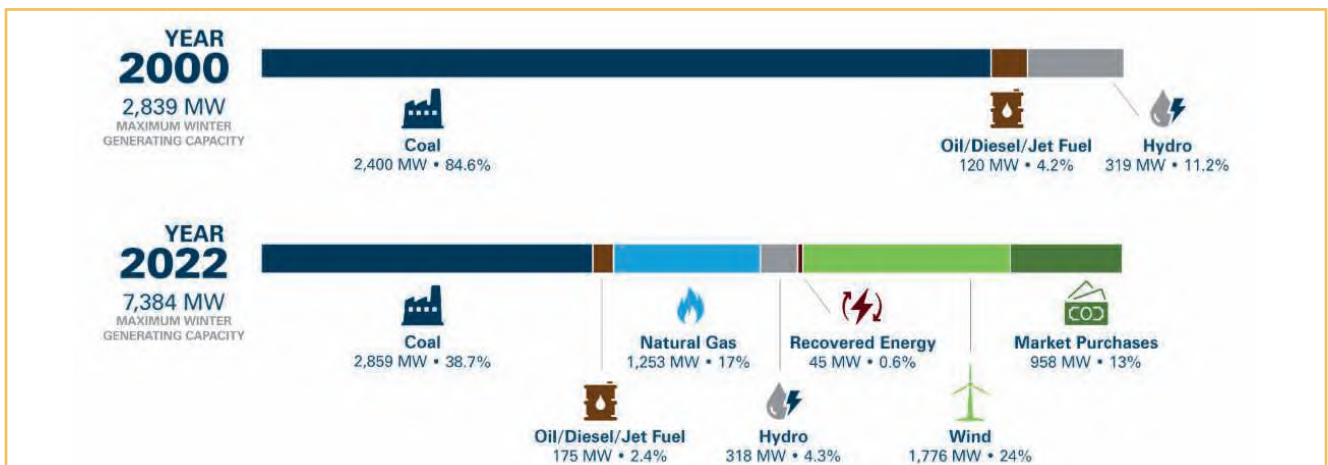
We were also able to view the monitoring and operating systems.

The BHEC smurf crew.

L-R: Michelle Fischer, Mark Svoboda, Bill Brisk, and Dominick Schooler.



The tour guide provided an overview of the Dry Fork Station and Basin Electric.





Garretson Childcare helpers are getting ready to help grow their daycare.

REED FUND

Powering Your Community

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The community development financial institution powered by rural electric cooperatives in South Dakota is about to reach a major milestone.

The (Rural Electric Economic Development) Fund's total dollar amount in projects impacted is anticipated to reach \$1 billion by the end of 2023, according to Eric Fosheim, Economic Development Manager for REED.

REED also exceeded 10,000 in jobs impacted (created or retained) since its creation in 1996.

"Currently, we sit at just over \$998 million in total projects impacted," Fosheim said in October.

The REED Fund is a 501(c)3

corporation and operates as a revolving loan fund that provides financing for economic development projects in rural areas.

Those projects that receive REED Fund dollars must promote growth and be a catalyst in creating more business, wealth and job opportunities within the rural community. The projects are also expected to improve infrastructure and economic base in rural areas.

The REED Fund provides financing from the federal government and other lender, in addition to revolving interest payments collected over the years. The REED Fund does not use money generated by electric rate charges.

Fosheim said that as of September 30, REED has issued 401 loans for a total of \$125.26 million.

"This includes \$104,174,418 in loans made using REED dollars and \$21,082,793 from the USDA Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant program," Fosheim said.



Central Electric General Manager Ken Schlimgen, left, delivers REED funding to Mitchell Technical College.

Fosheim said it isn't entirely surprising that the \$1 billion was hit this year.

"REED has seen steady growth over the years, but typically sees higher than normal application volume in times of rising interest rates. In addition, costs are rising as well, so total project costs for each individual project have been higher as well.

Dakota Energy General Manager Chad Felderman has been on the REED Fund board since 2018.

He said the impact the REED Fund has on local communities is unique, noting that the businesses the fund helps aren't necessarily ones that Dakota Energy provides electricity to, but are ones that help our communities, "which in turn helps our members where they live," he said.

"It is gratifying to help our hospitals, fire departments, and schools purchase equipment so our small communities can provide those essential services," Felderman said.

One of those projects funded by REED is the Huron Regional Medical Center dialysis building.

"We are proud to support HRMC in sustaining and expanding local access to critical medical services right here in our community," Felderman said.

Douglas Electric Cooperative General Manager Jay Spaans echoed Felderman's sentiment, noting that the REED Fund is special because co-ops get to loan money to businesses that they don't always serve.

"For us, it is just about making

improvements in the community. Sure, we would like to serve the load, but even if the new load doesn't reside in our territory, we still will fund the loan," Spaans said. "It is all about the greater good for our communities."

West River Electric CEO Dick Johnson also serves on the REED Fund board. He's one of the first board members to represent a co-op in the western part of the state. The REED Fund was originally set up by co-ops in eastern South Dakota. After two decades of successful growth and development, the REED Fund decided to allow co-ops in western South Dakota to join in 2017. Johnson said West River Electric was one of the first western co-ops to be accepted into the REED Fund.

"It was one of the best things we could ask for. We were struggling with our own revolving loan fund but we had primarily loaned to government entities, no businesses," Johnson said.

"When we became members of REED that gave us another tool in our toolbox to offer our members who were interested in our area or needed to expand their businesses or infrastructure."

West River Electric hasn't had many loans, but Johnson is still encouraged by what he's seen as a board member.

"Sitting on the Board and seeing the applications and the impact we are having on the economy of small towns all over South Dakota is phenomenal," Johnson said.

Johnson had high praise for the folks at the REED Fund office in Madison, calling

them a "class act" who really understand the region's rural areas.

"They work hard to say yes and somehow make it work. The fact that the local co-op board can help make the decision to move a project forward is unheard of – real boots on the ground who are in the communities we serve and understand what is needed to thrive," Johnson said. "It is a unique model just like the cooperative business model."

Did You Know

From 2018 to 2022, electric cooperatives in South Dakota spent \$5.7 Billion on capital investment, operations, and maintenance activities and retired \$102.8 Million in capital credits paid to consumer-members.

Through these expenditures, co-ops drive economic benefits in their local communities and throughout the state.

Over the five-year period, electric co-ops in South Dakota are responsible for:

STATEWIDE IMPACT

- \$4.2 Billion to South Dakota's Gross State Product (GSP)
- An average of 5,848 jobs in South Dakota each year
- \$2 Billion in labor income in South Dakota
- \$194.1 Million in federal taxes
- \$423 Million in state taxes
- \$418.4 Million in local taxes

All of these impacts occur in counties where electric cooperatives operate, showcasing the substantial local economic benefits that co-ops provide in the communities they serve.



Participants celebrate the groundbreaking for the National Music Museum in Vermillion.



Cameras give producers the opportunity to monitor one of the ranch's most valuable assets: cows!

BOVINE BABY MONITORS

Local Producers Blend Tradition with Innovation

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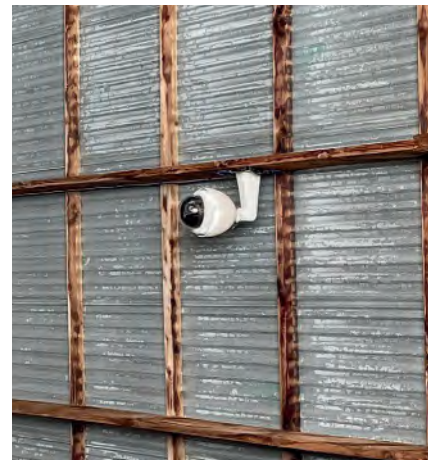
Just as parents rely on baby monitors to keep an eye on their sleeping infants, ranchers across South Dakota are embracing advanced camera systems to protect their prized newborn calves. These bovine baby monitors offer a crucial safeguard, ensuring the safety of one of the ranch's most valuable assets.

Producers Logan and Layton Hendrickson, hailing from Meadow, S.D., represent the sixth generation of their family's operation in farming and ranching in South Dakota. The

surveillance technology utilized by Logan and his family, however, is a far cry from the farming practices of Logan's great-great-great-grandfather, Franz Seidel, who at the unlikely age of 56, established their farmstead in 1907 after fleeing from unsettled times in Russia. Despite a legacy spanning over a century, the Hendrickson and Seidel family operation proves that even a long-standing operation can embrace new technologies and modern solutions.

"Our farm has been passed down through the generations, and we have been building on it ever since, like Lego bricks," said Logan.

Recent winters marked by challenging weather and significant snowfall have emphasized the role of cameras during the calving season. After all, it doesn't matter whether the sun is shining or a blizzard is rolling in, nature persists. Beyond staying warm, these cameras offer producers a less invasive method of observing their cattle, reducing the amount of stress put on cow and calf pairing. Installed in their barn, the Hendrickson's camera system streams live video of the cows straight to



The Hendrickson family uses a camera to keep an eye on their cattle during the calving season.



The Hendrickson-Seidel ranch is a sixth-generation operation in northwest South Dakota.

a cellphone, often without the cows ever knowing.

“We aren’t in their space, disrupting their natural habits,” he said. “All we have to do is pull out our phones and we know what is going on.”

In addition to convenience, cameras can also help producers catch complications that arise following the calving process. For instance, accessible oversight can allow a producer to prevent an unruly cow from unintentionally harming their newborn calf. The result is a better operational efficiency, fostering a more relaxed environment during an otherwise stressful time and creating better outcomes for both the calf and mother.

“It doesn’t take long for these systems to pay for themselves,” said Logan. “And at the end of the day, it creates a more comfortable experience for the cow and calf during a very stressful time.”

The development of technology on the Hendrickson-Seidel ranch isn’t just limited to cameras. Their family operation like other operations across the state has seen development in nearly every aspect of their operation through the generations.

“It’s not technology in the sense of having the latest electronics but technology in the sense of development,” said Logan. “My great grandfather went from using a 20-horsepower tractor with steel tracks at the beginning of his career

to using a 400-horsepower tractor with auto-steer and air conditioning.”

Whether it’s record-keeping on your cellphone or using advanced technologies like GPS guidance, Logan said his family has utilized new technologies in a way that has kept their operation competitive and relevant for over a hundred years, proving the old myth, “you can’t teach an old dog new tricks,” simply isn’t true.

“One of the first people to adopt a new technology on the farm is my grandfather,” said Logan. “He is the person pushing to new innovations because he sees the economic benefit long before any of us do.”





Dec. 14-17
Christmas at the Cathedral
 521 N Duluth Avenue,
 Sioux Falls, SD
 605-988-3765

DEC. 17
Christmas Cantata
 3 p.m.
 Hermosa United Church of
 Christ
 Hermosa, SD

JAN. 5
**Granite Sports Fantastic
 Friday**
 3 p.m.
 Hill City, SD

JAN. 6
Live on Stage
 High Country Guest Ranch
 Hill City, SD

JAN. 12
**Granite Sports Fantastic
 Friday**
 3 p.m.
 Hill City, SD

JAN. 12
**Granite Sports Fantastic
 Friday**
 3 p.m.
 Hill City, SD

JAN. 20
Live on Stage
 High Country Guest Ranch
 Hill City, SD

JAN. 23
**A Trip to Chile (Reservations
 Required)**
 6:30 p.m.
 Mangiamo
 Hill City, SD

JAN. 25
**A Trip to Chile (Reservations
 Required)**
 5:30 p.m.
 Mangiamo
 Hill City, SD

JAN. 26
**Granite Sports Fantastic
 Friday**
 3 p.m.
 Hill City, SD

NOV. 24
**Hill City Olde Tyme
 Christmas Parade**
 Main Street
 Hill City, SD

NOV. 24-25
**Kris Kringle Craft Fair &
 Bazaar**
 Hill City, SD

NOV. 24-DEC. 30
**Olde Tyme Christmas &
 Lane of Lights Viewing**
 Hill City, SD

NOV. 24-30
Trees & Trains Exhibit
 South Dakota Railroad
 Museum
 Hill City, SD

NOV. 24-30
**Holiday Express & Holiday
 Express Spiked**
 1880 Train
 Hill City, SD

NOV. 25
Mid-Winter Fair
 Gregory Auditorium
 Gregory, SD
 605-830-9778

DEC. 1-2
Christmas in the Hills
 Hot Springs, SD

DEC. 2
**Rapid City Garden Club's
 62nd Annual Wreath and
 Centerpiece Sale**
 8 a.m.
 Central States Fairgrounds
 Rapid City, SD

DEC. 1-30
Trees and Trains Exhibit
 SD State Railroad Museum
 Hill City, SD

DEC. 1-30
**Holiday Express and Holiday
 Express Spiked**
 1880 Train
 Hill City, SD

DEC. 10
**Hill City Senior Saturday
 Breakfast**
 Hill City Center
 Hill City, SD

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