2022 Annual Drive-Thru Meeting

Investing in our Youth

Scholarships



Zach Loest of Yankton High School was chosen to receive the \$1,000 Basin Electric Scholarship. Zach plans to attend South Dakota Schools of Mines and Technology and study chemical or mechanical engineering. His parents are Greg and Cheri Loest.



Isabell Sees of Irene-Wakonda High School was selected to receive the one of the \$500 Bon Homme Yankton Electric Scholarships. Isabell plans to attend University of Mary to study Psychology. Her parents are Mike and Kris Sees.



Elizabeth Elsen of Yankton High School was selected to receive one of the \$500 Bon Homme Yankton Electric Scholarships. Elizabeth plans to attend South Dakota State University and study data science. Her parents are Mary and Jim Elsen.



Samuel Kampshoff of Yankton High School was selected as the Touchstone Energy Scholar of the Week for the week of October 24th-30th, 2021, and he received a \$250 scholarship from B-Y Electric for this honor. Samuel plans to attend Dakota State University and major in computer science.



Katie Greschamnn of Avon High School was selected as the Touchstone Energy Scholar of the Week for the week of February 27th - March 5th, 2022, and she received a \$250 scholarship from B-Y Electric for this honor. Katie plans to attend the University of South Dakota and major in dental hygiene.

Co-ops in the Classroom

Co-ops in the Classroom is a program offered by B-Y Electric in conjunction with our wholesale power provider, East River Electric Power Cooperative. Jennifer Gross, Education/ Outreach Specialist for East River, travels throughout East River's service territory in eastern South Dakota and western Minnesota to teach children about electrical safety, generation, conservation, and economics.

In February, we brought this program to four elementary schools in our service territory: Scotland Elementary, Tyndall Elementary, Springfield Elementary, and Yankton Stewart Elementary. Co-ops in the Classroom is targeted to 5th grade

B-Y Electric values the time we get to spend in local classrooms because it is important to teach kids about electrical safety, energy efficiency, and the cooperative business model. Co-ops in the Classroom targets fifth graders because learning these concepts at an early age helps them become better prepared to make wise energy decisions now and educated consumers of energy in the future.





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Promotions and Services

Water Heater Rebates

B-Y Electric members who purchase a lifetime warrantied electric water heater have the following incentives available:

- \$6.00 per gallon rebate
- \$7.00 per month bill credit

Requirements:

- Greater than or equal to 50 gallon.
- Load control receiver must be installed (no charge to install).
- No water heater rebate issued at location in the past 10 years.
- Offered on new construction and existing structures.

Electric Rebates

Electric Heat Rate:

- 2.5 cent per kWh bill credit
- Electric heating systems are eligible for the electric heat credit on all energy used by the heating system.
- System must have a separate sub-meter to determine usage.

Residential Heating:

•	Electric Heat Pumps - 2 tons or larger\$600)
	Electric Resistance Heat\$10 per kW	
•	Mini-Split Heat Pump - under 2 tons\$300	0

Commercial Heating:

- Electric Resistance Heat.....\$10 per kW up to 600 kW
- Electric Heat Pumps 2 tons or larger......\$50 per ton of heating capacity

General Contractor Rebate:

\$100 rebate available to the general contractor for installing an all-electric heating system at a new residential dwelling of at least 1,200 sq. ft.

Electric Vehicles Rebate:

B-Y Electric members are eligible for a \$100 rebate for an electric vehicle that is primarily charged at their B-Y Electric residence and is owned by the member.

Online Bill Pay & Account Access

B-Y Electric offers online bill pay and account access. Members can access their accounts through our website byelectric.coop or the SmartHub app. Find sign-up instructions for outage notifications at byelectric.coop/smarthub-tutorials.

Safety Presentations

Another service provided by B-Y Electric to our members and the general public is electrical safety presentations. Whether it be farm safety information, our high voltage demonstration trailer, educating area first responders on contact accidents, or covering electrical safety issues using videos, newsletters, or demonstrations. If your group or class would like B-Y Electric to present a safety demonstration, please give us a call at (605) 463-2507.

Safety presentations in 2021 and through June of 2022:

- 5 High Voltage Trailer Demos
- 6 PowerTown Presentations
- 6 Co-ops in the Classroom Presentations
- 3 First Responder Trainings

Donations & Community Programs

In 2021 we continued to provide donations to local groups as needed. At the end of 2021, we donated \$2,500 and received matching funds from CoBank to bring our donation up to \$5,000 to the Tabor Town & Country Pool. The pool was raising money to renovate the pool and replace the pool liner.

This year, we held an employee volunteer day at Habitat for Humanity of Clay and Yankton Counties on January 31st. B-Y Electric employees had a great time painting and volunteering for a great cause. On June 10th, 2022, our Operations Department volunteered to remove the Tabor Town & Country Pool liner and prepare the pool to be renovated.

Throughout 2021, we got out in our community at local events including the Tabor parade of lights, Czech Days parade, Riverboat Days parade, Tyndall Homecoming parade of lights, and the Mazing Acres Farm Scarecrow contest.

We launched our new discount card program Co-op Connections in April, 2021. All members received a physical discount card in the mail, and we have had over 450 members sign up for online accounts at www.connections.coop. We currently have eight local businesses signed up, and we are still looking for more participating businesses.