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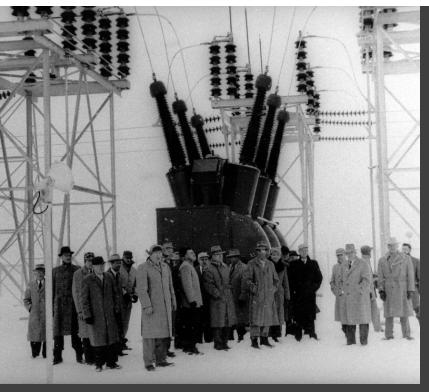
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Statewide Association forms in 1942

## Statewide Services

Communications & Government Relations

Safety

Community & Rural Development

Education













# **Education Opportunities**

- 6 board governance programs,
- 4 all-employee webinars
- 6 technical webinars for engineering and operations



89 directors achieved Credentialed Cooperative Director status



- 192 on-site safety training courses
- 24 members including cooperatives, municipals, contractors and the Minot Air Force base.
- 9 training sessions for each full-time AT&S member



Graduating Apprentices

• 70 enrollees in the apprenticeship and skills training improvement programs



# On the Road Again...

- Statewide training participants reached 3,764 in 2019.
- The statewide team also had a bit of windshield time logging 131,315 miles working on behalf of our members
- Statewide team participated in more than 600 meetings







## Downtown Comeback Story





FOOD + POLICY FARMING

### What it Takes to Keep Independent Grocery Stores Open in Rural Communities

When rural grocery stores shutter, communities lose more than their only source of food. We visited two small groceries in North Dakota that have found innovative ways to keep the lights



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At 75. Linda Grotberg is more than ready to retire. Instead, however, the mother of 11 and grandmother of 40 manages a small grocery store in her hometown of Wimbledon, North Dakota.

Some days, she works the register and oversees the restocking of the small store. On others, she drives 30 miles to lamestown, a nearby city of 15,000, in order to











• In 2019 alone, \$609,395 in grants and loans were made through the Rural Development Finance Corporation





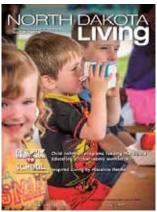




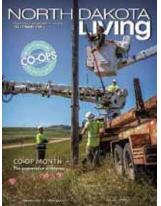






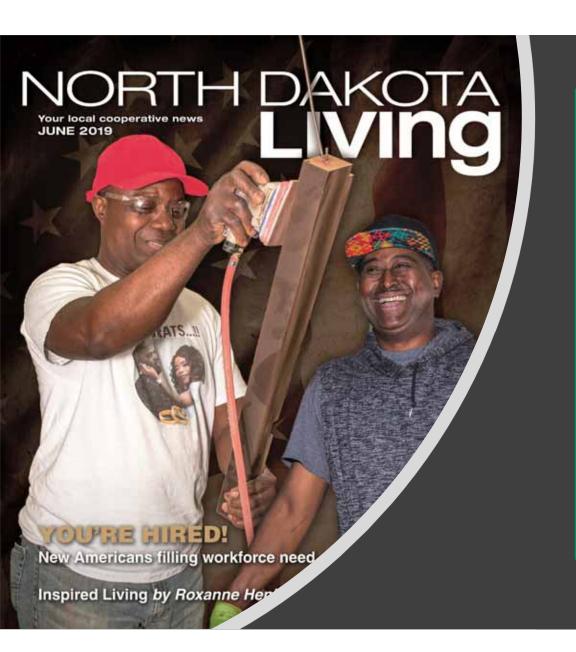












"I am a pastor in the northwest corner of North Dakota, and a parishioner recently shared your New Americans article with me. ... I just got the opportunity to read it, and I want to say thank you for your work. Your piece is inspiring amidst a crises in which I struggle to maintain hope.

### Your work makes a difference."

• Burke-Divide Electric Cooperative member.

---McKenzie Electric Cooperative member

"(My husband) mentioned the story of the Bank (of North Dakota). We need to know our great history which this institution is a part of. I learned a lot reading it. ... North Dakota Living is a fine magazine. (My husband and I) both look forward to each issue."

-Dakota Valley Electric Cooperative member



- In 2019, we saw more than 600,000 impressions through Facebook.
- Appeared in more than 30 new stories and interviews and publishing several letters to the editor.

ND REC Benefit Trust





### NDAREC's Membership & Dues policies

- 11 person committee
- 6 Directors
- 5 managers
- New dues structure will begin in 2021





Worked with JLG Architects on a building improvement plan











## Grace Ballalatak and Bailey Wilhelm

### NDAREC 2019 Annual Review

