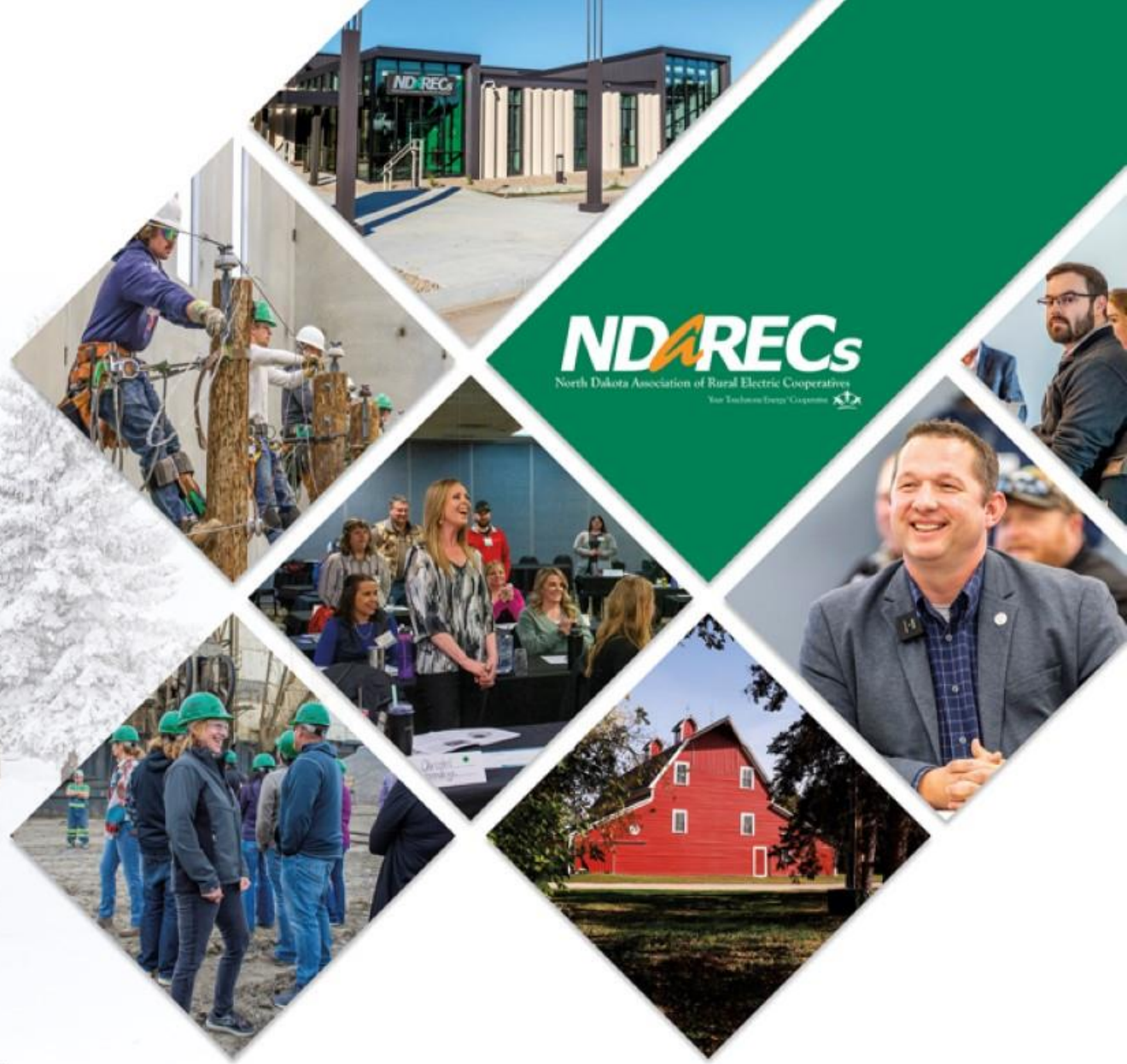


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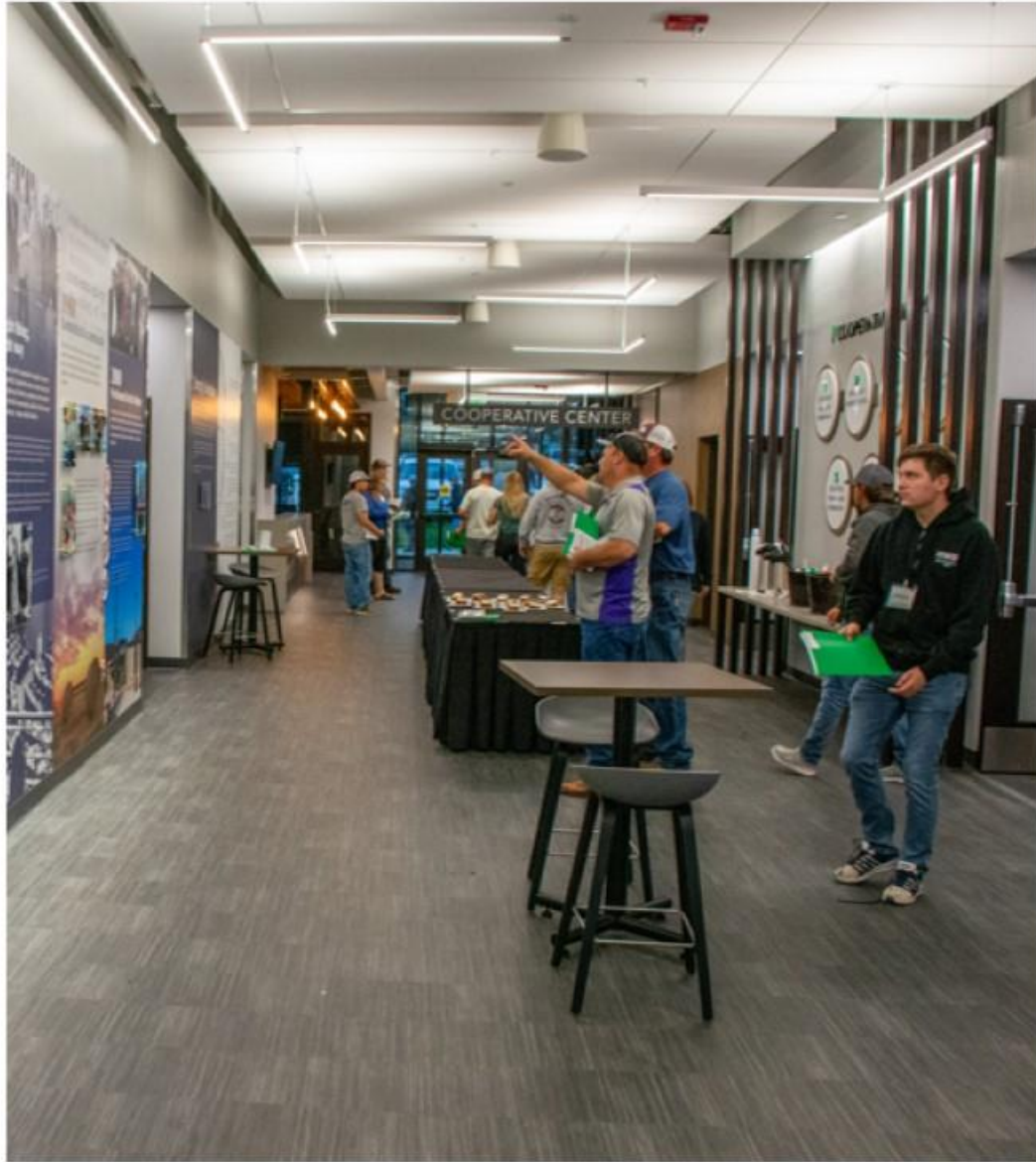
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Feb. 7-8 | Bismarck Hotel & Conference Center





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# Cooperative Center

USDA is one of several groups that met at the Cooperative Center last year.

# Grand Re-opening



# Open House Video

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**Moving forward...**

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- Infrastructure Act for Utilities - **\$100 Billion**
- Inflation Reduction Act - **\$12 Billion**
- Rural Electrification of America - **\$10 Billion**







NDAREC will continue to advocate and help find ways for our members to pursue these opportunities to improve rural electric cooperative systems.



# COOPERATIVE CENTER



NDAREC Colleagues

# GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

- Created a taskforce among our electric cooperatives, to capitalize on the funding available through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and the Inflation Reduction Act
- Lobbied in Washington D.C., for enactment of Rural Utilities Service repricing and direct pay





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**MEMBER DIRECTORY 2022**

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# Income-generating Publications



# Through **SNOW,** **MUD** and miles

BY CALLY PETERSON,  
WITH PHOTOS BY LIZA KESSEL AND JOHN KARY

An ice and snow storm rolled into North Dakota late April 22. Over two days, icy rains, heavy, wet snow and winds up to 60 miles per hour wreaked havoc on western and north central North Dakota. The storm affected 14 electric cooperatives, toppling more than 4,000 poles, downing distribution and high-voltage transmission lines, and damaging substations, with the brunt of damage sustained in the northwestern quadrant of the state and areas served by Burke-Divide Electric Cooperative, McLean Electric Cooperative, McKenzie Electric Cooperative and Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative.

"It's the snow that breaks everything," said Jerry King, Burke-Divide Electric Cooperative (BDEC) general manager. "This is probably the wettest snow I've ever seen in my life -- it was blue, it had that much water in it."

By Saturday evening, all BDEC members were without power. It was the first time the co-op went dark in its 77-year history.



“The mutual aid that co-ops offer to each other is invaluable.”  
— Jerry King



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Your local cooperative news  
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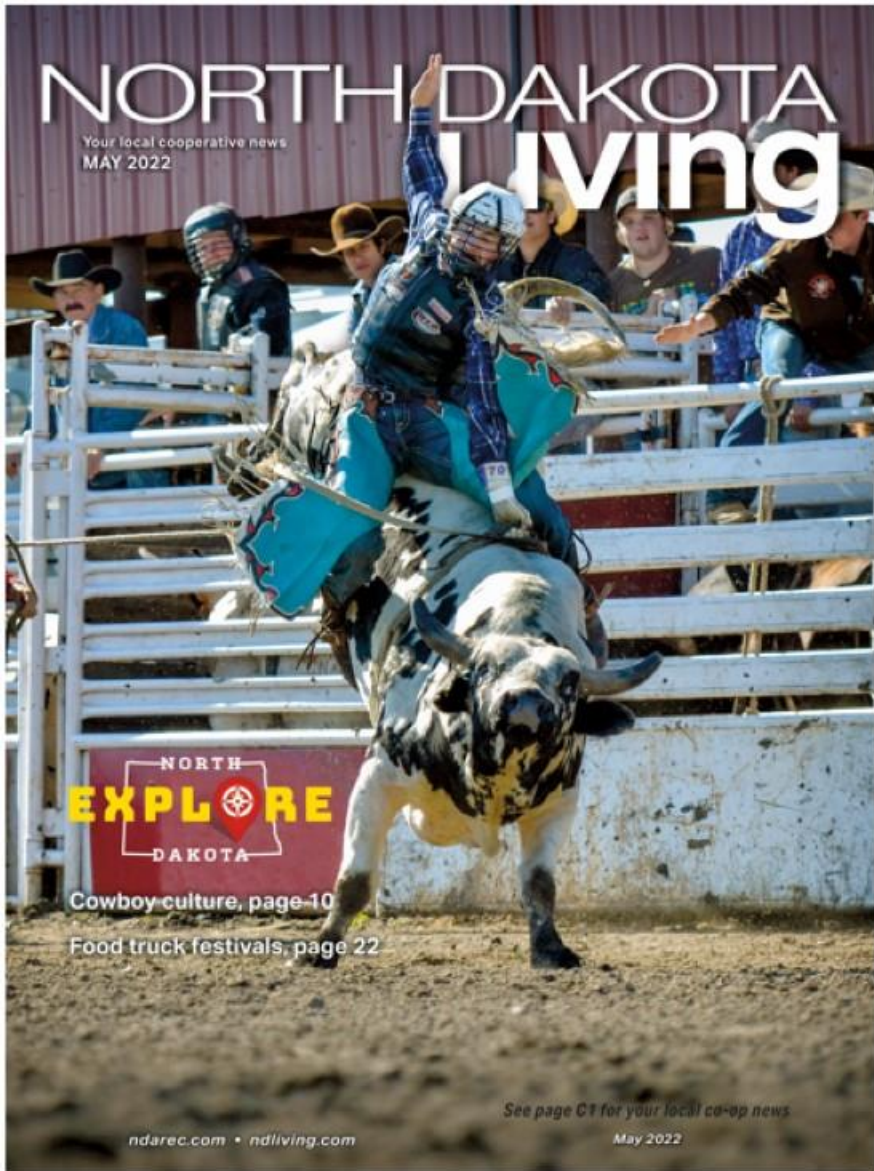
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# Readership at 70%



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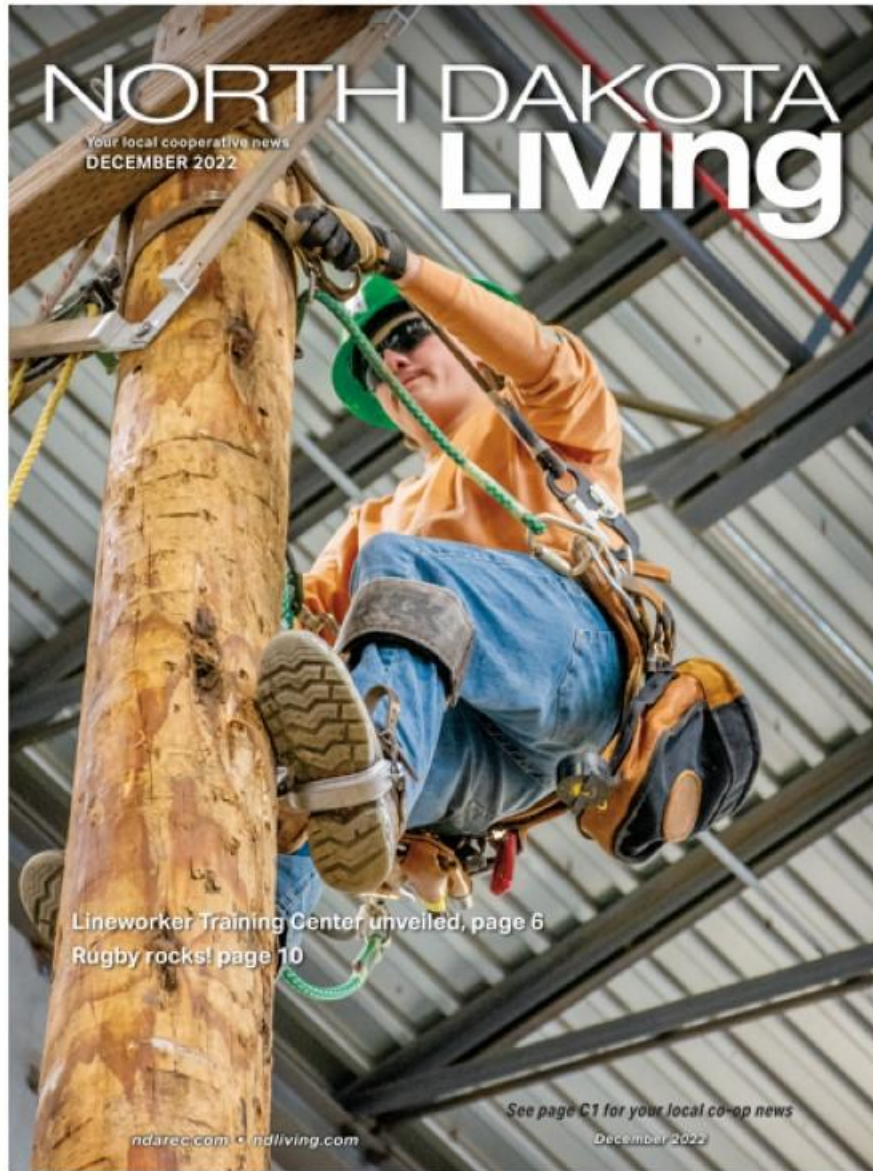
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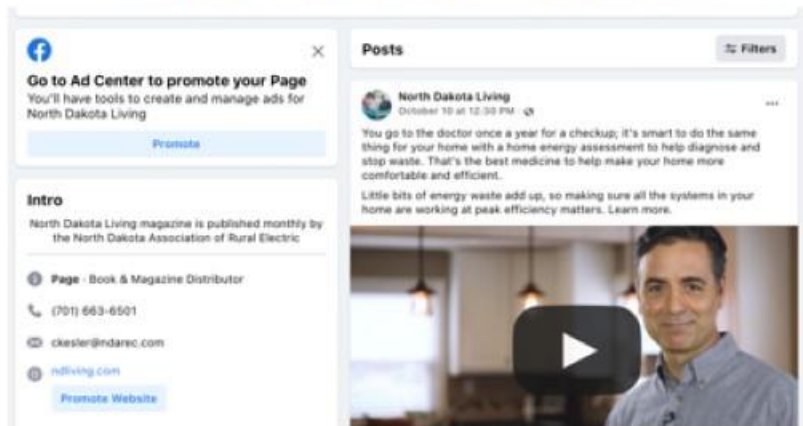
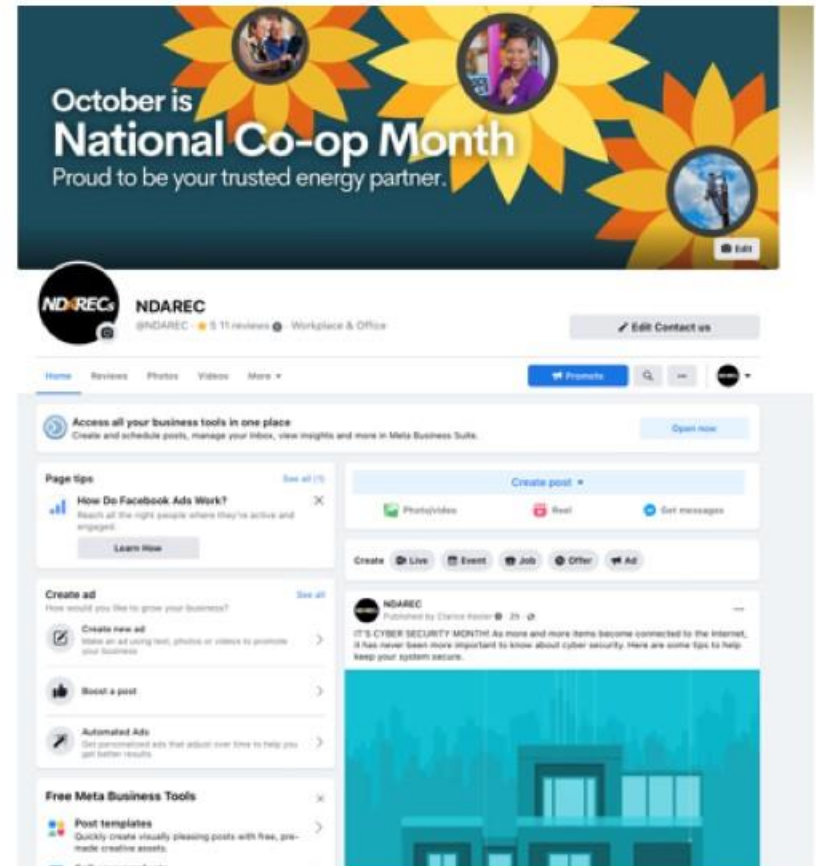
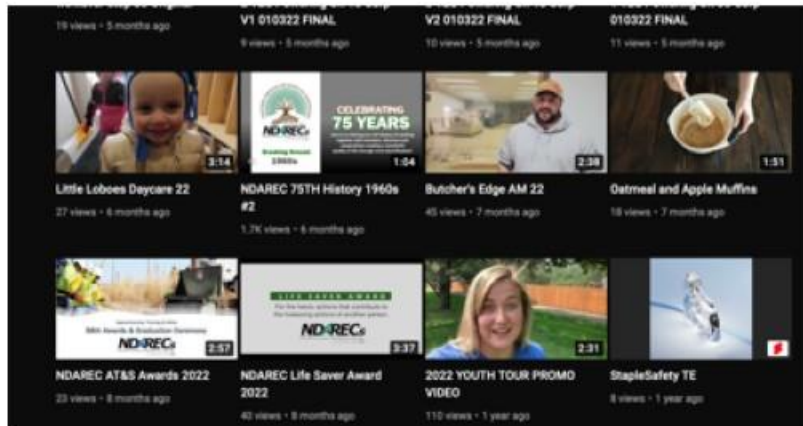
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# NDAREC Communications Workshop



## **EDUCATION & MEMBER SERVICES**

- 5 board-governance programs,
- 17 employee webinars, and
- 4 Supervisor and Manager Development Program courses

# **Education Video**

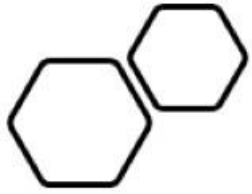
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# EDUCATION & MEMBER SERVICES

## Topics for REC IT & Cybersecurity user group

- **Critical security controls and back-up infrastructure**
- **Cybersecurity response plans and templates**
- **Setting up computers and mobile devices for users**
- **Phishing threats and simulations**
- **Security trends**
- **Servers and storage**
- **Software products and vendors**
- **Policies, procedures and budgets**



# FINANCE & OPERATIONS

- Provided financial management for the NDAREC headquarters renovation and Lineworker Training Center construction projects.









Lidgerwood Grocery Store



Little Loboes Bright Beginnings

## RURAL DEVELOPMENT

- Total assets of RDFC's revolving loan fund have grown to more than \$8.2 million.
- RDFC has provided 127 loans since its inception.



## N.D. legislature considers a bill to help struggling rural grocery stores stay open

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Tasha Carvell  
Jan 26, 2023 | 9:07 AM

BISMARCK, N.D. (KFGO) — John "Jiggs" Dyste says while there are 24 heads of lettuce in a case of iceberg lettuce, a typical small town grocery store knows they probably only need six each time they order inventory. But prices mount significantly if stores aren't able to purchase a full case, and doing that would likely mean throwing out a lot of food.

It's a challenge Dyste knows well — he was a fourth generation grocer in the southeast North Dakota town of Forman (population 509). He also owned stores in three other small towns before becoming the president of the North Dakota Grocers Association. He says it's a constant struggle for rural grocery stores that want to offer their customers fresh fruits and vegetables and other perishables at fair prices, and that's a big reason why so many have had to close.

But a pilot program in Walsh County may have cracked the code for how those small town groceries can not only survive but thrive, and on Thursday Dyste will testify in front of the Senate Agriculture and Veteran's Affairs Committee at the North Dakota Legislature, and recommend a do-pass on a bill that would replicate the program for a larger swath of the state.

Senate Bill 2273 would provide an appropriation of \$2 million to the state Department of Commerce to establish a rural grocery store sustainability and food access expansion pilot grant program like the one that has been working as a



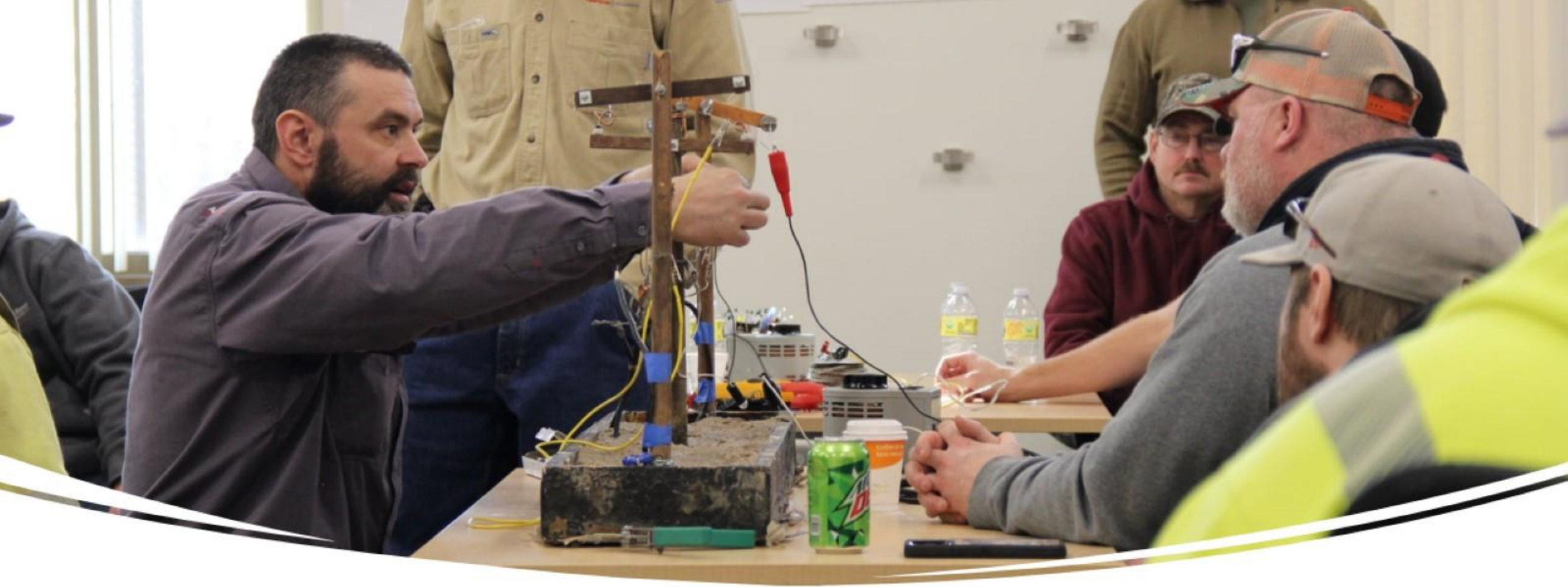
# RURAL DEVELOPMENT

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# **Father's Farm Video**

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## **APPRENTICESHIP & SAFETY TRAINING**

- Safety instructors held 283 meetings in North Dakota and Montana.



# Special Schools

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## APPRENTICESHIP & SAFETY TRAINING

- Implemented a regional mutual-aid plan
- Implemented a statewide outage mapping system across all cooperatives and counties







Outage Mapping System



## ND REC BENEFIT TRUST

- \$6,000 in charitable funds went to local communities in 2022 with a total of total of over \$22,000 since 2019.



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*Electricity* FOR HIM

**1930** THE *NEW* WAY  
**\$5 and a handshake**

The legacy of electric cooperatives is one of the greatest engineering achievements of the 20th century. It's a story of self-help, determination and cooperation.

With the stroke of the pen on July 5, 1930, President Franklin D. Roosevelt authorized the Rural Electrification Administration (REA) by Executive Order No. 5052. It would take Congress another year to pass the Rural Electrification Act, mandating a lending program for the REA to finance.

Soon after, cooperative leaders in REA offices that were scattered across the country met in a group to discuss the program. They agreed to work together to help farmers and ranchers get electricity.

In North Dakota, local electric cooperatives began with 20 and a handshake. Farmers and ranchers were able to share the cost of power lines and equipment. By 1935, the REA had provided a loan to finance the first cooperative.

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## 21 REA Cooperatives Now Organized and Working in State

### A unified voice July 1942

Co-ops across North Dakota joined together to boost rural electrification efforts that would improve the quality of life for rural people.

At a staff in Carrington, electric cooperative managers and directors met from five co-ops - Baker, Cass County, Nodak, Tri-County and Verendrye. Within 30 minutes, they created a statewide association, known today as the North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives (NDAREC).

Soon after, North Dakota led the nation in electricity when combined with its advanced planning, its cooperative organizations provided a model for the rest of the country.

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### 1960 Passionate visionaries

Early cooperative leaders planned for the future, often creating visions that seemed nearly impossible to achieve. But through the collective efforts of North Dakota's electric cooperatives, they met every challenge.

As electric demand increased, co-op leaders worked to develop long-term solutions to increase power supply and train the future workforce.



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### The right thing, the right way

From the beginning, electric cooperatives sought to improve the quality of rural life. Cooperative success means doing the right thing, the right way. Directors, employees and members worked together for their communities, which at times meant fighting - and winning - major political battles.

Defeated by North Dakota's electric cooperatives, the Senate's Rural Electrification Act was overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1942. It took another year to get the Rural Electrification Act passed. The REA was then a very young agency for co-ops, offering cooperatives the right to be heard in their own defense.

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### 1980 Committed to community

Historically, member-owners have used the cooperative model to expand their capacity for self-help. Cooperatives acted as catalysts, offering solutions to problems and, together, doing things otherwise difficult or impossible to do alone.

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### 2000 Positioned for the future

For decades, electric cooperatives have evolved to meet the needs of their members. Because they were built by and belong to the people they serve, electric co-ops continue to thrive by remaining agile and responsive to members - now and in the future.

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# **Lineworker Training Center Video**

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