



# CURRENT NEWS



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## Strasburg students learn about energy industry

Students from Strasburg High School learned more about the electric cooperative that serves the outskirts of their community and beyond, and where energy comes from and how it travels, during a field trip in October.

Tim Dockter, manager of member services for KEM Electric Cooperative, hosted the tour, which stopped for tours at Antelope Valley Station, Dakota Gasification Company’s Great Plains Synfuels Plant, and the Coteau Properties Company’s Freedom Mine. The tours were given by employees of Basin Electric Power Cooperative and its subsidiaries.

Brian Grove, the social science/technology director at Strasburg High School, requested the tour from KEM. He takes students every two years, so they have the opportunity to experience first-hand how electricity is made and distributed. He also wants to show the teenagers how many career possibilities exist in the energy field.

In the December local pages of the *North Dakota Living* magazine, read about the students’ interest in the various technologies and energy processes — and how KEM Electric helped expose the students to career possibilities that may one day allow them to work a quality job close to home.



*The Strasburg students learned that coal generation in North Dakota, and other fossil fuel energy forms like natural gas and oil, are not archaic and dirty, and that people in the industry do care about the environment and the safety of others.*

## Operation Round Up awards grants

In October, this Operation Round Up Charitable Trust board reviewed grant applications and determined grant worthiness. They distributed \$2,000 equally among the Ashley Senior Citizens, the Gackle Ambulance, the Great Plains Food Bank, and the Strasburg Playground. The next application deadline will be Dec. 31. To request an application, call KEM at 701-254-4666 or 800-472-2673, or download the form at [www.kemelectric.com](http://www.kemelectric.com) (click “Your Community” and “Operation Round Up”).

**Holiday closings:** Our entire organization wishes our member-owners a Merry Christmas, and a safe and Happy New Year! In observance of the holidays in December and January, KEM will be closed:

- Friday, Dec. 22, and Monday, Dec. 25, for Christmas
- Monday, Jan. 1, 2018, for New Year’s Day

Line crews will be available in case of an electrical emergency outage.

WRITE A WINNING ESSAY  
AND WIN A TRIP OF A LIFETIME!

JUNE 9-15, 2018



## 2018 Electric Co-op Youth Tour

KEM Electric Cooperative is sponsoring a student on the 2018 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour trip to Washington, D.C.

From June 9 to 15, students nationwide will spend a week learning about history and American government; visiting with their state's congressional delegation; becoming more knowledgeable about the cooperative business model; and touring museums, national monuments and memorials. They will also develop leadership skills and a national network of peers.

To earn the trip, students must enter an essay-writing contest. To qualify, the winning student must be a sophomore or junior in high school, and his/her family or guardian must receive electric service from KEM.

The deadline to enter is **Jan. 31, 2018**. For instructions on how to apply, read the October local pages of the *North Dakota Living* magazine or call KEM at 701-254-4666.

For more information on the tour, visit [www.ndyouthtour.com](http://www.ndyouthtour.com).

### Also in the DECEMBER issue of *North Dakota Living*:

- Local highlights of the #WhoPowersYou contest
- Operation Round Up grants given
- Board meeting minutes & more

## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Purchasing electronic gifts this holiday season? Remember to purchase ENERGY STAR®-certified electronics and give the gift of energy efficiency. Visit [www.energystar.gov/productfinder](http://www.energystar.gov/productfinder) for a full list of efficient products.



**KEM ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE IS OFFERING \$6,000 IN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS TO AREA STUDENTS.**

**COOPERATIVE OFFERS**

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**OPPORTUNITIES**

KEM Electric Cooperative will award eight \$500 scholarships to qualified applicants whose parent(s) or guardian(s) are members of the co-op. School representatives from Ashley, Hazelton-Moffit-Braddock (HMB), Kidder County, Linton, Napoleon, Strasburg, Wishek, and Zeeland high schools will select one graduating senior to receive the funds.

Interested in applying? Students should contact their school counselor for deadline information. The schools will forward each recipient's name to KEM.

#### *Homeschool or GED scholarship available*

The co-op will also award one \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior who is attending homeschool or working toward a GED. The recipient must have parents who are members of our cooperative.

#### *KEM is also awarding one \$1,000 scholarship sponsored by Basin Electric*

We will award the scholarship to a student who is already enrolled or planning to enroll in a full-time graduate or undergraduate program. The student must attend an accredited two-year or four-year college, university or vocational/technical school. All post-secondary students who have parents/guardians who are members of KEM Electric are eligible to apply.

#### *NEW THIS YEAR: Luck of the Draw scholarships*

KEM will award one \$500 Luck of the Draw scholarship to be drawn at our annual meeting on June 21, 2018, in Linton. All high school seniors who have parents/guardians that are members of KEM Electric are eligible for this scholarship. Students must RSVP for the annual meeting, and attend with at least one parent.

Students can find the applications on our website, [www.kemelectric.com](http://www.kemelectric.com). Forms are also available at our office in Linton.

Fill out our online application or mail paper applications to KEM Electric Cooperative, Attn: Lisa Rossow, 107 S. Broadway, Linton ND 58552.

Return completed applications before Feb. 9, 2018.

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