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That Seems a Little Too Coincidental



Russell Gall
Manager

Those of us who grew up in Lake Andes and are over 50 years old cannot forget the iconic Pete's Café. It was located on the corner of Third Avenue and Highway 50, directly west of the present-day Gus Stop. At the time, it was the prime location for a tire repair-restaurant-bar-gas station, and ironically was owned by my wife's great uncle Pete Novotny. In a great stroke of luck, Pete had purchased the station in 1942, just before the Ft. Randall Dam began construction, and he rode the wave of success all the way into the 1970s. Even after he sold the business, it was still a happening place where folks went to eat, drink and socialize.

It was always a big treat when we got to go there for a meal, since it was also a very rare occasion for a family with seven kids on a shoestring budget. For you see, I grew up with five sisters, one brother, and two rightfully frugal parents. They rarely spent their hard-earned money on frivolous things like a meal out, especially since feeding a big family was expensive and my mom was a great cook. So when Pete sold out to a new owner, Barney Kelley, we were all giddy to get to go to the café for a special supper. The occasion was the grand reopening event featuring inexpensive burgers for one night only! My parents, who were keen at spotting a good deal, jumped at the chance to take the whole family out for a meal. Coincidentally,

so did everyone else in the area. The café was packed and we waited for quite a while for enough seats for a family of nine. Even though it took a long time to get our food, it is still one of my favorite memories.

Now as General Manager of this electric cooperative, I tell that story to help members understand one very important aspect of electricity: coincidental demand. Coincidental demand refers to the simultaneous need for a service or product by multiple users at the same time, leading to peak usage periods. By comprehending this phenomenon, we can better plan and optimize

resources to maintain efficiency and reliability of our electric grid, while also addressing the cost implications to our members.

To better understand coincidental demand, let's draw a comparison with a familiar scenario. When Barney Kelly held the grand reopening of Pete's Café, there was a significant number of people who decided to eat all at the same time, resulting in a rush. The kitchen, wait staff, and seating area all experienced peak demand. In preparation, Barney had to handle this rush efficiently, scheduling more staff and ensuring sufficient ingredients were
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From the 1940s through the 1970s, Pete's Cafe often experienced an increase in demand after weekend dances at the Rest Haven resort and dance hall. Coincidence?

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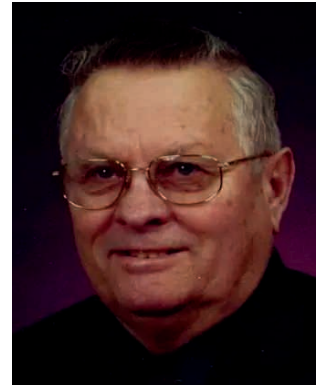
It is with heavy hearts that we remember Wally Johnson, who passed away on June 28th, 2024. Wally dedicated 34 years of his life, from 1980 through 2014, to serving on the CME Board of Directors, with twenty-five of those years in leadership as the President of the Board.

Wally's dedication and commitment surpassed the CME level, as he also served on the board of East River Electric Power Cooperative, where he held the roles of Assistant Secretary, Executive Committee member, and Vice-President. In addition, he was also active on the Mid-West Electric Consumer's Association resolutions committee, and the Action Committee for Rural Electrification.

In 2014, Wally was presented with East River Electric's highest honor, the "Cooperative Eminent Service" award.

Wally will be remembered with gratitude for his tireless promotion of the rural electric program. His efforts and vision were vital in ensuring that

Charles Mix Electric would remain a strong, viable, and reliable energy partner well into the future. We extend our condolences to his family.



Wally, pictured with the then-President and General Manager of East River Electric, is presented with an award for his dedicated service to the rural electric program.

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Extreme Heat Preparation

Learn How to Stay Hydrated

You need to drink enough water to prevent heat illness. An average person needs to drink about 3/4 of a gallon of water daily. Everyone's needs may vary.

- You can check that you are getting enough water by noting your urine color. Dark yellow may indicate you are not drinking enough.
- Avoid sugary, caffeinated and alcoholic drinks.
- If you are sweating a lot, combine water with snacks or a sports drink to replace the salt and minerals you lose in sweat.
- Talk to your doctor about how to prepare if you have a medical condition or are taking medicines.

Make a Plan to Stay Cool

Do not rely only on electric fans during extreme heat. When temperatures are in the high 90s, fans may not prevent heat-related illness. Taking a cool shower or bath or moving to an air-conditioned place is a much better way to cool off.

- Spending a few hours each day in air conditioning can help prevent heat illness.
 - If you have air conditioning, be sure that it is in working order.
 - If you do not have air conditioning or if there is a power outage, find locations where you can stay cool. For example, a public library, shopping mall or a public cooling center. Plan how you will get there.
 - Additional resources may be available from local government or community groups.
- Make sure you have plenty of lightweight, loose clothing to wear.
- Create a support team of people you may assist and who can assist you. Check in with them often to make sure that everyone is safe.

Learn Emergency Skills

- Learn how to recognize and respond to heat illness.
- Learn First Aid and CPR.
- Be ready to live without power. Utilities may be offline. Be ready to live without power, gas and water. Plan for your electrical needs, including cell phones and medical equipment. Talk to your doctor. Plan for backup power.

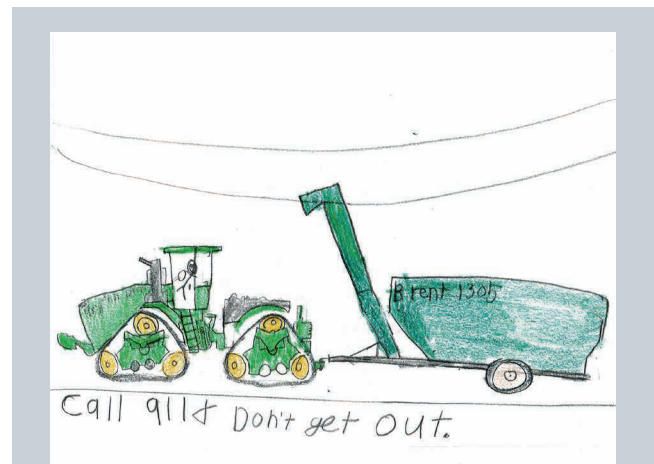
Gather Emergency Supplies

- Gather food, water and medicine. Stores might be closed. Organize supplies into a Go-Kit and a Stay-at-Home

Kit. In the event of a power outage, you may lose access to clean drinking water. Set aside at least one gallon of drinking water per person per day. Consider adding drinks with electrolytes. Include sunscreen and wide-brimmed hats.

- Go-Kit: at least three days of supplies that you can carry with you. Include backup batteries and chargers for your devices (cell phone, CPAP, wheelchair, etc.)
- Stay-at-Home Kit: at least two weeks of supplies.
- Have a one-month supply of medication in a child-proof container and medical supplies or equipment.
- Keep personal, financial and medical records safe and easy to access (hard copies or securely backed up)
- Consider keeping a list of your medications and dosages on a small card to carry with you.

Source: American Red Cross



Power Line Safety "Call 911 and Don't Get Out"

Hobie Klein, Age 12

Hobie Klein warns farmers to call 911 and don't get out of the tractor if contact is made with a power line. Hobie's parents are Dean and Karey Klein, 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.

Summer SALADS

MOM'S VEGETABLE SALAD

Ingredients:

Salad

2 cans diced carrots
1 can green beans
1 can yellow beans
1 small can peas
1 can cut baby corn

Drain all the vegetables

Add

1/2 cup diced green pepper
1 cup diced celery
1 diced medium onion

Dressing

Combine in a saucepan
1/2 cup oil
1 1/3 cup sugar
1/3 cup white vinegar
1/3 cup cider vinegar
2 Tbsp water

Combine in a saucepan and boil until clear

Method

Pour dressing over vegetables and refrigerate for several hours before serving. Keeps for a week.

Debra Clow
Harrisburg, S.D.

FRESH SUMMER SALAD

Ingredients:

3 tbsps. olive oil, divided
1 tbsp. lime juice
1/4 tsp. salt
1 1/5 cups fresh corn or thawed frozen corn
1 1/2 cups cherry tomatoes, halved
1/2 cup cucumber, finely chopped
2 tbsp. fresh basil, minced
1/3 cup crumbled Feta cheese or Parmesan cheese
1 tbsp. balsamic vinegar or Italian salad dressing

Method

Mix 2 tablespoons of oil, lime juice and salt in a small bowl. Cook corn in a skillet with remaining 1 tbsp. oil. Pour corn into bowl, cool slightly. Add tomatoes, cucumber and basil. Refrigerate. Before serving, drizzle with dressing, cheese and balsamic vinegar or Italian dressing.

Barb Selland
Mitchell, S.D.

CHICKEN SALAD

Ingredients:

1/2 cup plain lowfat yogurt
2 tbsps. mayonnaise
1 tsp. parsley flakes
1/2 tsp. seasoned salt
1/4 tsp. ground black pepper
1/2 rotisserie chicken, cut into bite-size chunks (about 2 cups)
1/2 cup thinly sliced celery
1/4 cup chopped red onion

Method

Mix yogurt, mayonnaise, parsley, seasoned salt and pepper in large bowl. Add chicken, celery and onion; toss to coat well. Cover. Refrigerate at least 30 minutes or until ready to serve. Serve in sandwiches or on salad greens.

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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 2024. All entries must include your name, mailing address, phone number and cooperative name.

Manager's Column

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on hand when the people piled in. This scenario is a clear example of coincidental demand, where the simultaneous arrival of multiple customers creates a peak load on the restaurant's resources.

In an electric cooperative setting, coincidental demand typically occurs during periods of extreme temperatures. During hot summer afternoons or cold winter evenings, members simultaneously increase their use of heating or cooling systems, leading to peak electricity demand. These peak periods place significant stress on the electrical grid and can lead to higher operational costs for the cooperative. In fact, the cost of coincidental demand can be from one-half to three-fourths of a typical power bill for Charles Mix Electric. Some of these costs are covered by commercial and industrial customers through a demand charge, but most of the costs are passed on through the sale of kilowatt-hours. That means customers are not directly responsible for the coincidental costs they create while using electricity. Rather, customers that use large amounts of electricity bear a large portion of those costs. That is about to change.

To address this, Charles Mix Electric is looking to implement demand charges for all customers. These charges will apply to members who use a significant amount of electricity during peak periods. The goal is to apply costs directly to those who create the coincidental demand while also encouraging members to shift their usage to off-peak times. This will reduce the overall demand during peak periods and help lower costs for the cooperative and its members.

Implementing coincidental demand charges for residential customers involves a few key steps:

1. METERING TECHNOLOGY: Back in 2009,

Charles Mix Electric installed advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) or smart meters capable of recording and reporting usage data in real-time. This technology was the first step which allows for precise measurement of electricity usage by every CME customer during peak periods.

2. EDUCATING MEMBERS: Throughout the remainder of 2024, the employees of Charles Mix Electric will work to inform residential customers about the purpose and benefits of coincidental demand charges. We hope to roll out education programs that can help members understand how their usage patterns affect

overall demand and costs, and how they can adjust their habits to save money.

3. DESIGNING THE TARIFF: We are presently working to develop a tariff structure that includes coincidental demand charges. This will involve specific charges on the demand for electricity during peak periods. We will try to be very clear and transparent as we communicate about these rates, hopefully gaining member acceptance.

4. INCENTIVES: As we make this switch, there must be an incentive to our members to reduce peak-time usage. This would likely include lowering the kilowatt-hour costs for members who shift their usage to off-peak times.

5. PROVIDE INFORMATION: Members can only adjust their usage habits if they know when peak periods occur. CME will provide online information regarding peaks, and can send real-time text messages for those who wish to participate in receiving that information.

6. MONITORING & FEEDBACK: Lastly, we are planning to provide regular feedback to our members about their usage patterns and the impact of their efforts to reduce peak demand. We have added detail to our billing statements and offer online access to information through SmartHub that can help members track their progress.

Like the grand reopening at Pete's Café, this may all sound pretty daunting. Coincidental demand is a critical concept that impacts all areas of life from restaurants and mobile networks to public utilities and electric cooperatives. By understanding and effectively managing this phenomenon, your electric cooperative can ensure reliable and efficient electricity delivery to our members. This involves anticipating peak periods, optimizing resources, implementing demand management strategies, investing in technology, and applying cost-reflective pricing as key steps in managing coincidental demand effectively. This not only helps in maintaining grid stability but also ensures fair and equitable cost distribution among cooperative members. Implementing coincidental demand charges on residential customers will play a significant role in achieving these goals, promoting more efficient electricity use, and ultimately benefiting the entire cooperative community.

Until next month, God Bless you and stay safe!

COMMON CAUSES OF POWER OUTAGES

There is never a good time for the power to go out, but if it happens on a sunny day, you might be left wondering why. Here are the most common causes of a power outage.

WEATHER

High winds, snow and ice can cause tree limbs to fall on power lines. Other weather effects, like wildfires and lightning strikes, can cause major damage to equipment.

CRITTERS

Squirrels, birds, snakes and other animals can inadvertently contact power lines, causing short circuits and disruptions to electrical supply.

ACCIDENTS

Vehicles can crash into utility poles, bringing down power lines. Construction and excavation work can also result in disruptions to underground lines.

Scheduled MAINTENANCE

Occasionally, we plan outages to perform upgrades or repairs to parts of the local grid.

In comparison, here's a look at some statistics from CME's outage reports from the first six months of 2024. As of the end of June, CME has responded to 42 outage calls from members, broken down into the following causes:

- **WEATHER-RELATED** - 15 due to lightning, 4 due to strong winds/tree branches. Interesting note: Of the 15 lightning-related outages, nine of them occurred on the same day (June 17th) in the Platte area. The crews were kept hopping!
- **MATERIAL OR EQUIPMENT FAILURE** - 7 outages.
- **VEHICLE OR FARM EQUIPMENT ACCIDENTS** - 4 outages, including a broken yard pole, two damaged junction boxes, and secondary lines torn down by a sprayer.
- **ANIMALS** - 2 outages, in both cases, an unfortunate raccoon.
- **FIRE** - 1 outage due to a fire.
- **CAUSE UNKNOWN** - 9 outages where a fuse was blown, but no definite cause was found.

In addition, crews scheduled three major "planned outages", to complete scheduled construction and maintenance.

LINEMEN'S LENS



Platte Lineman Aaron Vandenhoeck captured this sssneaky fellow sunning himself on a transformer cabinet. Electrical hazards aren't the only thing linemen have to be cautious of as they do their jobs!

DON'T GET OUT

If your machinery, vehicle or other equipment **makes contact with a power line**, guy wire or electrical box, **DO NOT** get out of your cab. Stray power could energize your equipment and the ground.

To avoid becoming electrocuted:

- Call 9-1-1 and wait for us to arrive to cut the power.
- Wait to exit your cab until the **power is de-energized**.

In rare cases you may need to exit your cab due to smoke or fire. If you must get out, make a solid jump out without touching any part of the tractor or vehicle, and hop away as far as you can, keeping both feet together as you hop.



Safe Electricity.org



Photo Credit: North Dakota Geological Survey

Mammoth Discovery

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Over Memorial Day of 2023, a coal miner made a historic discovery at the Freedom Mine in North Dakota.

“The shovel operator just happened to take a scoop that had a complete mammoth tusk,” said Jeff Person, a paleontologist with the North Dakota Geological Survey.

“The tusk was about seven-foot-long. That shovel must’ve picked it up just perfectly to not damage or break it. The driver reported the find to his superiors at the Freedom Mine, who then contacted us,” Person said.

The tusk was found in an old streambed. Other fossils



Photo Credit: North Dakota Geological Survey

were found in the streambed, including “more than twenty bones from the skeleton, including ribs, a shoulder blade a tooth and parts of the hips,” according to a news release.

“Most of the mammoth fossils known from North Dakota are isolated bones and teeth,” stated Clint Boyd, Senior Paleontologist for the North Dakota Geological Survey, in the news release. “This specimen is one of the most complete mammoth skeletons discovered in North Dakota, making it an exciting and scientifically important discovery.”

The bones were sent off to the Paleontology Lab at the North Dakota Heritage Center and State Museum in Bismarck to undergo extensive cleaning before being prepped to be dried out, which requires that the bones be

wrapped in plastic.

It could take up to another year for the bones to be dried out enough to be taken out of the plastic wrap, Person said.

At that point, the bones will be the focus of scientific research, he said.

According to the news release, “mammoths lived in North Dakota during the Pleistocene Epoch, commonly called the Ice Age, and went extinct in this area around 10,000 years ago. Several species of mammoth lived in North America, including the Woolly Mammoth and the Columbian Mammoth. They lived alongside other iconic animals like saber-toothed tigers and giant sloths. Once the bones are fully cleaned, paleontologists will be able to identify which species was collected from the mine.”



Photo Credit: North Dakota Geological Survey

Youth Tour 2024



CME tourists Mallory Gant (left) and Madi Robertson pose with the US Capitol Building in the background.

A week of learning, a lifetime of memories.

Mallory Gant and Madi Robertson have returned from their whirlwind visit to Washington, DC, where they represented CME and South Dakota on the National Rural Electric Youth Tour. The girls returned from their week-long trip with stories and photos to share, and memories that will last a lifetime.

The 2024 group visited many of the historic sites the region offers, including Fort McHenry in Baltimore and the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History, and participated in a short meet and greet with U.S. Sen. John Thune and U.S. Sen Mike Rounds. Also while in D.C., Youth Tour participants from across the country toured many of our nation's historical sites – including the National Archives, Library of

Congress, Mount Vernon, U.S. Supreme Court, and many more.

Extra congratulations go out to Mallory, who was chosen to represent South Dakota on the “Youth Leadership Council”, or YLC. Being selected for this council is a very prestigious honor, as only one student from each state is chosen. Mallory told us earlier that she enjoys public speaking, which will serve her well as she will prepare and deliver a 5-7 minute speech about her experiences on the Youth Tour. Mallory will also represent CME at the 2025 NRECA annual meeting, known as the “Power Xchange”, in Atlanta, Georgia, where she will be recognized on stage during the opening ceremonies and bear the SD State Flag in a processional honoring all fifty states.

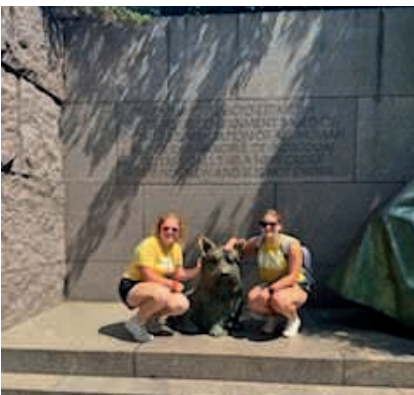


Mallory and Madi visited Ft. McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine, where one can imagine 400-lb cannonballs being fired from these Civil War-era cannons. The battle site is said to have provided Francis Scott Key with the inspiration to pen “The Star-Spangled Banner” after witnessing the bombing of the military fort by the British Royal Navy during the War of 1812.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

This trip was so much fun, I learned so much, and I made friendships with people from around the state. My favorite part was probably seeing the Capitol and speaking with our senators, the dance on the last day, and being allowed to meet so many new people from every state. What made the biggest impact on me was probably just seeing how many people there were in DC, and how many kids from across the country were sent by their electric co-ops.

I am so excited to serve as the South Dakota Representative on the Youth Leadership Council. I hope to represent South Dakota well, and I am very grateful to have been chosen. Thanks again,
--Mallory Gant



Mallory and Madi visited the FDR Memorial, featuring a statue of Fala, the president's beloved Scottish Terrier. Fala is the only presidential pet to be honored with a statue in a Washington DC memorial.



A twilight cruise along the Potomac River was one of the social activities of the week.



Mallory and Madi pause for a photo in front of the White House. South Dakota co-ops have sponsored over 1,300 teens on the annual Youth Tour, dating back to 1963.



A GOLDEN HARVEST

The Buzz Behind Adee Honey Farms

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Three generations ago, the Adee family learned that a tumultuous time can lead to significant opportunity. During the 1930s, the Great Depression wreaked havoc on small rural communities and the agricultural industry. The value of crops and livestock plummeted, and the land became arid.

These hard times impacted many in the Midwest, including Vernon Adee, a rural teacher and rancher in Nebraska. Vernon needed a new way to provide for his family, and a letter from his brother held the answer: “I can’t sell chickens or hogs, but I’m doing well with honey. Be advised: Get a beehive.”

Following his brother’s advice, Vernon attended a foreclosure auction and purchased his first beehive. The decision to begin

beekeeping would inspire several more generations of the Adee family to continue in the trade.

Wanting to start their own operation, Vernon’s sons, Richard and Stanley, purchased a retiring beekeeper’s business through a trade magazine advertisement in 1957. Located in Bruce, South Dakota, the business included 1,500 hives and a breeding yard in Woodville, Mississippi. The acquisition marked the beginning of Adee Honey Farms, and what began as a small family farm quickly grew into the largest beekeeping operation in the country. Today, Adee Honey Farms supports more than 80,000 colonies and nearly 70 full-time employees.

“It started with survival and eventually became a family business,” said Bret Adee, Vernon’s grandson and the owner-operator of Adee Honey Farms. “I can remember being four or five years old and being in the field with my dad, holding the smoker and helping where I could. By the time I was in elementary school, I was loading trucks and moving boxes in the warehouse. Like anyone who grew up on a farm, I was involved in the family business by the time I could walk.”

From a young age, Bret has held a deep love and appreciation for the honey bee. The insect’s ability to cooperate and produce golden treasure while benefiting plants, crops, and the ecosystem at large makes them a unique livestock, unlike any other.

“To watch a hive grow and forage, and by the end of the summer make up to 150 pounds of honey – it’s just so exciting,”

said Bret. “It’s the dynamics of the biology that keeps it interesting.”

Right now, Adee Honey Farms is engaged in honey production in the Midwest, with their bees spread across South Dakota and the west edge of Minnesota and the south edge of North Dakota. Around the first week of August, Bret’s business will start the honey harvest, an event that can last until the first frost or even longer. For now, Bret said this year is shaping up to be a good season for honey production.

“It’s early, but I’m optimistic. The years when there is a lot of clover are the years that beekeepers do well,” said Bret. “We had a wet enough fall that enough clover germinated. We can always lose that to a hot dry wind... but we are optimistic right now.”

But bees aren’t just used to make honey; they also have hand in pollinating crops across the country. More than a neat fact, it’s also the second half of the beekeeping industry. The mere presence of honey bees can increase yields for crops such as alfalfa and sunflowers by up to 20 to 30 percent, depending on the variety of crop. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, pollination is responsible for more than \$18 billion in added revenue to crop production in the country.

Once the honey harvest is over, the bees will be loaded onto a truck to tour the country, traveling from the Dakotas to California and later to Texas in search of favorable weather and crops to pollinate. In fact, crop yields from California almond trees and apple trees are almost totally dependent on pollination from bees, enticing farmers from across the country to welcome

bees onto their land. Everyone benefits – even bees.

“It’s a win for the consumer who gets to eat the honey. It’s a win for the landowner who has the bees on his land, and if everything goes right, it’s good for the beekeeper’s family too,” said Bret.



Bret Adee, owner-operator of Adee Honey Farms, is a third-generation beekeeper in the Adee family. Photos courtesy of Adee Honey Farms.



FOOD TRUCKS



Photos Courtesy of Karli Hinds

Food Trucks

How Karli Hinds Jumped Into the Business

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Karli Hinds was working a typical corporate 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. job when she realized she wanted a life where she had the flexibility to travel with her husband.

“So I had actually quit my job and stayed home for six months or so,” Hinds said. “Then I wanted something I could do but still have the flexibility to travel.”

Hinds had a couple ideas, one that had to do with the fact that she’s a “foodie.”

“I started cooking really young. I would say I was making meals by myself when I was in middle school,” she said.

The idea for opening a food truck was at the forefront of her mind, given that she was not interested in having a storefront.

“I didn’t want the hassle and responsibility of it. I wanted a business I could rely on myself and not have to rely on several employees,” Hinds said.



“On my second day in the food truck, I was serving Tex Mex, and I had a crazy line. It was just insane. I wanted to quit right then, but I also was thinking, ‘this is going to work.’ It was a good turnout, and it was only my second day.”

- Karli Hinds

Financially, there are pros and cons to starting up a food truck business.

Hinds said there’s limited finance options for food trucks while at the same time, there’s more cash that you must have on hand to get started.

Finding a food truck or trailer was the next challenge and proved to be fairly difficult for Hinds at first.

“We wanted one that was brand new,” Hinds said. “Most of the manufacturers are out of Mexico, and they don’t always have the best reputations. We really struggled with finding a reputable company to build a trailer with me. Somehow, we found a random post on Facebook from a guy that was selling brand new food trailers somewhere in the middle of nowhere in Iowa.”

Hinds and her husband walked through the trailers and picked out what they liked and didn’t like before finally deciding on the one to get.

Hinds uses the food truck to cook up an array of menu items every week.

“I’m actually a really picky eater, believe it or not,” Hinds said. “I didn’t want to specialize in one thing. People in small towns know we get kind of burnt out from eating the same thing over and over.”

Hinds rotates between eight or so different food themes.

“Once in a while I come

up with something new to add within that theme,” Hinds said. “My best seller is always my smash burgers.”

She’ll find her recipes on the popular social media app, Tik Toc.

On her second day of business, Hinds knew her food truck business would be sustainable.

“On my second day in the food truck, I was serving Tex Mex, and I had a crazy line,” Hinds said. It was just insane. I wanted to quit right then, but I also was thinking, ‘this is going to work.’ It was a good turnout, and it was only my second day.”

Hinds said the job isn’t always fun and is physically demanding.

“The hours are a lot more chaotic,” she said. “The problem-solving aspect is better as I don’t have a chain of command that I need to go through to make things right with the customer.”

During the winter months, Hinds delivers lunches a couple days out of the week.

“It’s just one item and I deliver them in town within Vermillion,” Hinds said. “That’s just something that I do that’s a little bit different than other food trucks.”



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Fur Trader Days
Geddes, SD
605-680-2160

AUG. 17
Yankton Extreme Bull Riding Tour
7 p.m.
Yankton, SD
605-760-2153

AUG. 18
Arlington Car Show
Arlington, SD
605-203-0728

AUG. 20-22
Dakotafest
Mitchell, SD

AUG. 22
61st Annual Steam Threshing Jamboree
Prairie Village
Madison, SD

AUG. 28 - SEPT. 2
South Dakota State Fair
7 a.m. - 8 p.m.
State Fairgrounds
Huron, SD
www.SDStateFair.com

SEPT. 8
Homesteader Day
1-4 p.m.
Beaver Creek Nature Area
Valley Springs, SD

SEPT. 14-15
2024 Kuchen & Harvest Festival
Delmont, SD

SEPT. 17
EV Expo
W.H. Lyon Fairgrounds
Sioux Falls, SD

OCT. 17
Co-op Month Celebration
Cherry Rock Farms
Brandon, SD

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