

A Veteran's Day Salute

Veteran's Day honors all members of the Armed Forces who served this country valiantly, and in a very big way. They served and fought to protect us, to keep our country safe, and to preserve our way of life. Veterans gave their time, and risked their lives for all of us. In some cases, they made the ultimate sacrifice.

This holiday originally was called Armistice Day, and was first celebrated in 1921. In 1954, President Eisenhower changed it to Veteran's Day in honor of those who served and died from all wars.

On November 11, at 11:11, 1921, the United States, France, and England each buried an unknown soldier in

honor of those who died in World War I.

This began the annual Armistice Day holiday. The time and day was picked because fighting ceased in WWI in 1918 on November 11 at 11:11. In keeping with this tradition, work stops on this day and time each year for a moment of silence.



The World War II Memorial, located on the grounds of the SD Capitol Building in Pierre, SD, honors veterans from all branches of military service. The bronze figures are joined by a memorial from the Korean War as well as the newly dedicated Vietnam War memorial.

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Following is a summary of area schools and the amount they received this year:

•Avon	\$2,665.81
•Andes Central	\$24,404.94
•Geddes	\$10,938.73
•Platte	\$37,683.77
•Wagner	\$36,594.13
•Armour	\$1,358.47
•Delmont	\$1,214.48
•Tripp	\$120.76

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Announcements

Well Readings Due

• It's time to report the yearly meter reading for pasture wells, grain bins, vacant farms, and other services that are normally read and billed each fall. Readings need to be reported no later than October 25th to avoid a \$10.50 late reading fee. Annual bills will be mailed on or near November 1st.

All-Electric Heat Rate

• Beginning November 1st, members on the "all-electric-heat" rate may begin deducting their heating energy usage from their total usage, and using the cheaper rate for heating. Continue using this rate until May 1st of next year. If you think you may qualify for the electric heat rate, call Russell Gall at Charles Mix Electric.

Holiday Closings

• CME will be closed on Friday, November 10th to observe Veteran's Day (see the "Veteran's Day Salute on page 2). The office will also be closed on Thursday & Friday, November 23rd & 24th, to celebrate Thanksgiving. You can still reach us by calling 1-800-208-8587 if you have a power outage or emergency.

Energy Assistance for South Dakotans

• The Low Income Energy Assistance Program provides financial assistance to low income households, to help pay home heating bills, whether you have fuel oil, propane, natural gas, or electric heat.

• Energy crisis intervention assistance also available.

• Applications available at Charles Mix Electric, or by calling the Office of Energy Assistance at 1-800-233-8503. More info on eligibility and income guidelines available online at www.state.sd.us/social/energy.

• Must be able to provide verification of income, documentation of home heating costs, and names, birthdates, and Social Security numbers for all household members.

Office Hours
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Open over noon hour
Closed Saturday, Sunday &
Holidays

Read meter 1st of each
month. Bills due by 6th of
month. Add \$2 to any bill
paid after the 6th of the
month.