

ROUGH RIDER NEWS

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Merry Christmas, and have a safe, prosperous and happy New Year, from the board of directors, managers and staff at Roughrider Electric Cooperative.

**May your homes —
and hearts
— be filled with warmth
this holiday season.**

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Who **POWERS** you?

‘BRINGING COMMUNITY TOGETHER’

Roughrider member David Logosz receives #WhoPowersYou nomination for Stark County Veterans Memorial contribution

BY CARMEN DEVNEY

David D. Logosz, a Vietnam War veteran and Purple Heart recipient, is a nominee in the fifth and final #WhoPowersYou contest. It honors people who inspire and power our local communities.



Roughrider Electric Cooperative members **David and Cathy Logosz** from Dickinson. Cathy nominated her husband for the national #WhoPowersYou award that honors local people who power local communities.

A Roughrider Electric Cooperative member from north Dickinson, Dave spearheaded the Stark County Veterans Memorial, which is dedicated to the men and women of Stark County who have honorably served in our nation’s military. The memorial’s mission states: “We will be forever indebted to these men and women, and will forever owe special gratitude to those who gave all to protect the freedoms we enjoy.”

Dave was nominated by his wife, Cathy, who learned about the contest by reading the community pages of her *North Dakota Living* magazine.

In partnership with the national brand alliance Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives, Roughrider Electric supports the #WhoPowersYou contest to highlight some of the folks working hard and doing good deeds in our area communities.

Nominations were made from Sept. 8 through Oct. 9 online at www.whopowersyou.com.

Judges reviewed the nominations and chose the winners based on creativity and impact on the community. The winners (\$5,000 grand prize; \$2,000 second prize; \$1,500 third prize; \$500 honorable mention) were announced at the end of November, after the magazine was transmitted to the print shop.

Across the United States, 112 people were nominated for this year’s contest. Two nominees are doing amazing things right here in North Dakota. Dave Logosz is the only nominee on behalf of the Roughrider membership.

In nominating her husband for the award, Cathy noted Dave served his country in Vietnam, serving for the U.S. Army as an E-5 sniper who had many “close calls.” At some point between 1969 and 1970, he was paired with a young man from Mandan named Carl Berger. Dave promised to take care of him. In one of their first

The Stark County Veterans Memorial was completed through the support of the county of Stark, the city of Dickinson and the Dickinson Parks and Recreation Department, along with thousands of private donations. The Roughrider Electric Charitable Foundation conferred a grant through its Operation Round Up program, and Roughrider Electric also contributed a Jeans Day Fund.



missions together, Carl was shot and killed, standing only about 10 feet from Dave. Dave was likely the target and the shooter accidentally missed; snipers were a highly prized commodity.

Even though the incident happened 50 years ago, not one day goes by that Dave doesn't think about Carl. Even though Dave himself was wounded several times in Vietnam, the loss of Carl was the driving force behind Dave's dream — to bring a veterans memorial to Dickinson and recognize veterans.

"We were able to make his dream become a reality with the help of people like Art Wanner and others who climbed on board with us right away in the beginning. Our local community climbed on board with us, too," Cathy says.

Art Wanner, vice president of the Stark County Veterans Memorial Association, worked with Dave, the president, throughout the construction process. Art's focus was forming a 501c3 non-profit organization, raising funds, and collecting names for the memorial. Dave's efforts centered on the monument construction, in collaboration with nationally renowned bronze sculptor Linda Little, who designed the memorial and sculpted the soldier.

The Stark County Veterans Memorial, located at 801 5th Ave. W. in Dickinson, was completed and dedicated in October 2015. The Veterans Pavilion, located adjacent to the Memorial, was completed and dedicated in July 2018.

The venue is used to host events and gatherings such as anniversary parties, baby showers, birthday parties, company gatherings, family reunions, graduation parties and wedding receptions.

The memorial is a destination for veterans, community members, school groups and more. Art says this memorial is unique because the committee made the decision to include the names of any person who served in



Dave was drafted into the U.S. Army and served from 1969 to 1971. He served a year in Vietnam from 1969 to 1970 attached with the 25th Infantry Division. He was stationed at Fort Carson, Colo., from 1970 to 1971. The photo shows Dave carrying an M-16 rifle and a radio. He served as a sniper and was often called upon to be the radioman.

the military.

“We felt it was important,” he says. “Dave put his heart and soul into the Veterans Memorial.”

Proud of her husband playing a key role in the development of the memorial, Cathy says she sees a reawakened spirit of patriotism in Dickinson and beyond.

Dave visits the memorial with frequency, visiting with tourists and remembering the team of people who worked together to complete this important reminder of history. Dave says little by little, his visits help him heal from his time in Vietnam.

“When Linda Little designed that memorial, she said the circle around it is a circle of healing. We’ve seen veterans who were physically handicapped and barely getting around. But when they get in that circle, it makes them

feel better. They can stand up straight, respecting all the names on the wall,” he says.

“I’m concerned about veterans, and my greatest accomplishment is the completion of our Veterans Memorial in Dickinson. It’s affected so many people. Whether their name is up there [on the wall] or their dad’s name or uncle’s name or a brother or relative or even a friend. It’s helped bring this community together.”

Dave, thank you for your military service and sacrifice. On behalf of those who helped make Dave’s dream a reality, thank you for your vision and labor, in bringing this beautiful monument to Dickinson, and helping people heal.

The following is Cathy’s letter of nomination. ■

‘Dave’s dream’ — a place of reflection and healing

BY CATHY LOGOSZ

As a Vietnam War veteran and Purple Heart recipient, David D. Logosz had a dream to honor area veterans. He formed the Stark County Veterans Memorial Association in Dickinson, and in 2015 that dream became a reality with the completion of the Stark County Veterans Memorial.

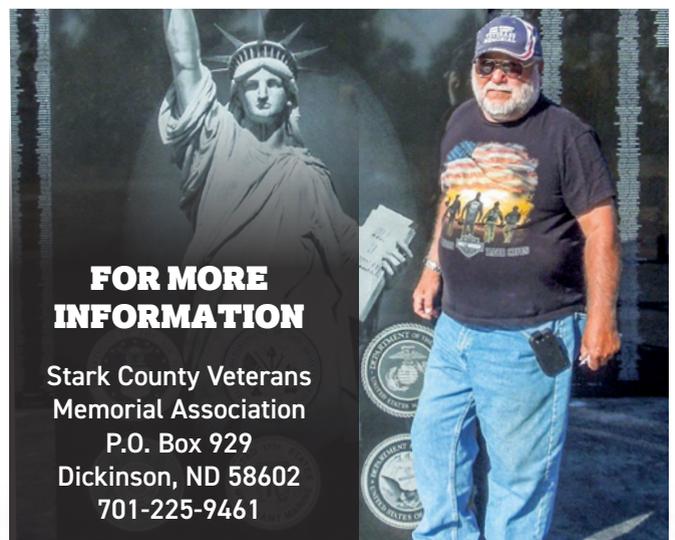
Dave brought together a group of like-minded veterans, citizens, artists and businesses to work together as a community with the common goal of creating a place of reflection and healing for our military and veterans. The memorial was designed to recognize the service of all veterans, whether they served in wartime or peacetime.

With the support of private donations, as well as the County Commission, City Commission, and Parks and Recreation Districts, the memorial was completed. It features black granite tablets containing more than 6,000 names of those who have served from the Civil War to present, with space allowed for adding additional names from the past, as well as the future.

Old Army buddies have met with each other; the memorial is a field-trip destination for area school children. Dave oversaw the construction of the Veterans Pavilion, completed in 2018, which serves as a meeting place for local veterans’ organizations. The building is also available for rent by the public for class reunions, family gatherings, Christmas parties, and more.

Dave’s dream for the Stark County Veterans Memorial brought a deep sense of patriotism to our community,

which in turn brings out a great feeling of pride and respect by our citizens: for those who have served, and those who are serving, this great country of ours. His vision for this memorial, and the reality with the completion of this great project, have far exceeded his “dream!” ■



FOR MORE INFORMATION

Stark County Veterans
Memorial Association
P.O. Box 929
Dickinson, ND 58602
701-225-9461

Vietnam veteran **Dave Logosz**’s dream was to bring a veterans memorial to Dickinson and recognize veterans. That dream became a reality with the Stark County Veterans Memorial, which has helped heal some difficult memories from his time spent in Vietnam. Dave’s wife, Cathy, says it has also brought a sense of patriotism to the Roughrider Electric service area and beyond.

Cooperative offers scholarship opportunities



Roughrider Electric Cooperative is offering **\$8,500** in college scholarships to area students. The co-op will award nine **\$500** scholarships. Each school in our service area chooses one recipient. School representatives from Belfield, Beulah, Center-Stanton, Dickinson High, Dickinson Trinity, Hazen, Richardton-Taylor, South Heart and Dickinson Hope Christian Academy choose a 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 Roughrider.

The co-op will also award one \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior from a school outside of our service area.

The recipient must have parents who are members of our cooperative.

Roughrider is offering one \$1,000 scholarship from Basin Electric Power Cooperative.

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

Roughrider is also offering one \$500 lineworker scholarship from 3C Construction, LLC.

Owned in part by Roughrider Electric, 3C Construction employs linemen who travel, plowing cable and assisting with projects as needed.

Eligible applicants are high school seniors who are enrolled or planning to enroll in a certified vocational or technical school pursuing a career as a lineworker, and who have parents that are members of Roughrider.

Roughrider is also offering one \$500 mechanic scholarship from West Dakota Utility Services, LLC.

Also owned in part by Roughrider Electric, WDUS services utility vehicles, farm trucks and machinery, and equipment that needs hydraulic repairs or N.D. Department of Transportation certification.

Eligible applicants are high school seniors who are enrolled or planning to enroll in a certified vocational or technical school pursuing a career as a mechanic, and who have parents that are members of Roughrider.

Roughrider will award three \$500 Luck of the Draw scholarships to be drawn at our annual meeting on June 2 in Dickinson.

All high school seniors who have parents that are members of Roughrider are eligible for this scholarship. Students must attend our annual meeting with at least one parent, and will be required to RSVP for the meeting. See website listed below for RSVP form.

Students can find the applications on our website www.roughriderelectric.com. You may also call 800-748-5533 to request an application.

Mail applications to: Roughrider Electric Cooperative, Attn: Scholarship Committee, 800 Highway Dr., Hazen, ND 58545.

The due date to apply is Feb. 1, 2021.



Report from **THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS** **OCT. 30, 2020**

When, where and who: A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Roughrider Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Roughrider) was held via conference call Oct. 30.

Agenda: The Board reviewed, added to and approved the meeting agenda.

Minutes of the previous meeting: The Board reviewed and approved the minutes of the Sept. 25, 2020, meeting.

Consent agenda: The Board reviewed, discussed and approved the consent agenda, including proposed membership applications, service connects and assignments, proposed cancellations of membership and requests for retirement of capital credit accounts.

Co-General Managers' report: Don Franklund and Travis Kupper presented the managers report.

RUS loan application and loan covenant requirements discussion: Mr. Franklund and Ms. Grosz have been working to develop a document for the Board so it will have a comprehensive resource on what the requirements are of Roughrider and the Board in connection with borrowing funds from Rural Utilities Service (RUS).

2021 draft budget: Mr. Craigmile provided the Board with an overview of the draft budget attached to the agenda. He noted the budget is about 85 to 90 percent complete.

Operations and construction report: Mr. Bentz referred the Board to his written report. He stated that Roughrider crews are working to finish fall work.

Reorganizational meeting: The Board held its Annual Reorganizational Meeting in accordance with the bylaws. Ms. Grosz acted as chair of the meeting. The following officers were elected by unanimous ballot:

President – Roger Kudrna

Vice President – Darell Herman

Secretary – Troy Sailer

Treasurer – Bruce Darcy

Upcoming meeting: The next Board meeting was set for 8 a.m. MT on Nov. 20, 2020, to be held via conference call.

Other business: There being no other business, upon motion made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned.



Youth Tour update

Due to circumstances surrounding the pandemic, the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour essay-writing contest and trip has been sidelined for 2021. Safety is the culture of Roughrider Electric Cooperative, and while we are disappointed at this turn of events, we know better years are ahead for our students and our chaperones.

Roughrider line crews patrol power lines



PHOTO BY SHAWN OLSON

As time allows, Roughrider Electric Cooperative line crews patrol power lines and poles, concentrating on certain areas of our system. They look for possible line maintenance issues, safety hazards or other problems that may affect the distribution lines that bring power to your home or business.

Line crews are currently patrolling lines throughout the system. Because power lines are on and off the beaten path, you may see employees in a Roughrider truck, an all-terrain vehicle or a snowmobile. When you see them out and about, thank them! They are doing preventative maintenance to strengthen the power system and make sure it is safe. ■

10 safety tips of Christmas



As you light your holiday with shining stars and shimmering snowmen, staying safe around electricity will keep the holidays bright. For a happy, and safe, holiday, Roughrider Electric Cooperative shares these 10 safety tips of Christmas:



1. Inspect electrical decorations for damage before use. Cracked or damaged sockets, loose or bare wires, and loose connections may cause a serious shock or start a fire. Discard any that are damaged or worn.

6. Protect cords from damage. To avoid shock or fire hazards, cords should never be pinched by furniture, doors or windows, placed under rugs, located near heat sources, or attached by nails or staples.



2. Fasten outdoor lights securely to trees, the house or other firm supports to protect them from wind damage, but do not attach or support light strings in a way that might damage the cord's insulation.



7. Test your smoke alarms, have an adequate number of smoke alarms in your home and develop a fire escape plan with your family.



3. Make sure all extension cords, lights and electrical decorations used for outdoor decorating are marked for outdoor use. Outdoor lights and decorations should be plugged into circuits protected by ground-fault circuit interrupters.

8. Keep combustibles at least 3 feet from heat sources.



4. Turn off, unplug and extinguish all decorations when going to sleep or leaving the house. Half of home fire deaths occur between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m.



9. Keep the live tree fresh by watering daily. Dry trees are a serious fire hazard. When purchasing an artificial tree, look for a "fire resistant" label. Do not use electrical ornaments or light strings on artificial trees with metallic leaves or branch coverings. Place the tree at least 3 feet away from all heat sources, such as fireplaces, radiators or space heaters.



5. Never connect more than three strings of incandescent lights. More than three strands may not only blow a fuse, but can also cause a fire. Avoid overloading electrical outlets with too many decorations or electrical devices. They can overheat and cause a fire.

10. Use battery-operated candles. Candles start almost half of home decoration fires.



Snowbirds, have you signed up for SmartHub?



Members, are you leaving home for all or part of the winter? Make sure you are signed up for SmartHub to receive important cooperative updates, like planned power outages, while you are away! You will receive a text message or email notifying you of important information related to your electric service.

Now's a good time to also make sure

Roughrider Electric has your current contact information! To verify your telephone number or email address, or request an update, call 800-748-5533. Or, log into your SmartHub account to update your information.

If you do not have a SmartHub account, set one up by going to www.roughriderelectric.com and selecting Your Account, Payment Options and SmartHub.

Roughrider also has a Facebook page! Please like and follow to learn timely cooperative and community news.

Members, thank you for staying in touch and helping us keep you informed! ■



Holiday closings

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

**Thursday, Dec. 24,
and Friday, Dec. 25, for Christmas
Friday, Jan. 1, 2021, for New Year's Day**

Members: Line crews will be available in case of an emergency or power outage.

www.roughriderelectric.com

HAZEN OFFICE
701-748-2293 or 800-748-5533
800 Highway Dr., Hazen, ND 58545
7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. CST Monday-Friday

Payments may be deposited in the deposit box by Roughrider Electric's main office entrance or in the drop boxes located at Krause's Super Valu in Hazen or Bronson's Super Valu in Beulah.

DICKINSON OFFICE
701-483-5111 or 800-627-8470
P.O. Box 1038, 2156 4th Ave. E.
Dickinson, ND 58602
7 a.m. – 4 p.m. MST Monday-Friday

Payments may be deposited in the deposit box west of Roughrider Electric's main office entrance or in the drop boxes located at Dickinson City Hall, or the west and south locations of Family Fare supermarkets.

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