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In 1990, **Moni** (Lembke) Kranz had a role in Annie Get Your Gun — the very first production of Sleepy Hollow Theatre and Arts Park in Bismarck. In 2009, her daughter, **Megan**, had two roles in the Wizard of Oz. As Sleepy Hollow celebrates its 25th anniversary, the women compare their theatre experiences, and share why costumes and sets may change — but the guest experience remains the same.

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n 1990, Moni Lembke auditioned for a role in *Annie Get Your Gun* — the very first production of Sleepy Hollow Theatre and Arts Park in Bismarck. A senior at Century High School, she scored the role of Dolly, Frank Butler's assistant. In the show, Frank has a romance with Annie Oakley, a poor girl from the backwoods who is a sharp shooter. She eventually joins Buffalo Bill's Wild West show.

Moni performed in several theatre productions during her high school years. Reflecting on her experiences, she says acting helped her meet people from other schools and towns. It also taught her how to give televised interviews, and learn about costumes, set design and lighting.

Her experiences with Sleepy Hollow differed from school productions, in that performing outdoors gave the students

unique opportunities.

"In our production, we had a 'stunt double' who rode a horse," she says. "Sleepy Hollow also gave me a broader sense of community and family involvement."

After high school, Moni moved to Minot for college. She married Jon Krantz, and they moved to Grand Forks. In the summer of 1996, the couple returned to Bismarck with their children Megan, Karli and Nate, to be closer to family.

In 2009, Megan followed in her mother's footsteps and auditioned for the Sleepy Hollow production of *Wizard of Oz*. She earned the roles of munchkin and flying monkey. Moni says all of their children have been involved in theater and music in some way. While it's been a big time commitment, Moni says her family has greatly benefited from their involvement.

"It is a great opportunity to make lasting friendships and further develop acting and singing skills," she says.

Moni and Jon, who are Capital Electric Cooperative members from north Bismarck, have attended many Sleepy Hollow events over the years. Moni's parents, Claus and Marsha Lembke, are also strong donors and supporters to ensure this gem in the community continues.

"There is a lot of talent in this community, and Sleepy Hollow offers great opportunities for young people to be involved in a professional show," she continues.

"Some of my longest friendships are friends with whom I shared theater experiences. I am proud to say I was in the very first production of Sleepy Hollow. It has been fun to see the improvements since 25 years ago when there was only a wooden stage."

The past

Twenty-five years ago, Sleepy Hollow Theatre started as a "what if?" in the family car of Bud and Evelyn Lundberg and their daughters, Stephanie and Susan.

"Dad, who was a wonderful thinker, started it out by saying, 'If you had lots of time and money, what would you do?'" Susan shares. "We said we'd start a theatre. While lack of money was a deterrent, we knew it would work because it was what Bismarck and our youth needed." A few weeks later, the idea that had been planted took root and started to grow, and the family began making plans and forming community partnerships.

"We charged full speed ahead with an idea and ambition, and have continued that pace," Susan says.

The idea was not to turn students into actors, but to help them grow in experience and life lessons.

"Sometimes what you learn off-stage is just as important as what you learn on-stage," Susan shares.

On the outskirts of Bismarck on east 26th Street and Divide Avenue, the Lundberg family chose Sleepy Hollow Park for a theatre site. The park, named by neighborhood kids because it was a hollow that was sleepy, offered a beautiful, rural setting.

The first production, *Annie Get Your Gun*, was basic in every aspect. The cast changed costumes in a semitrailer. The stage was made out of railroad ties with rebar, creating an



outline that was filled with sand and topped by 2'x 6' posts. It didn't matter. While the stage and sets have changed drastically over the years as Sleepy Hollow Theatre evolves, the guest experience never changes.

"The park still offers a beautiful setting. Thousands of people wander through the mature trees and see





Sleepy Hollow has the largest warehouse of costumes in North Dakota.

gorgeous skies, sunsets and nature. We have pheasants and squirrels and rabbits, and when the sun goes down ... it's just a wonderful experience," Susan says.

The present

This summer, Sleepy Hollow Theatre and Arts Park is putting on *Shrek*, *The Musical* from July 14 to 18 and July 26 to Aug. 1. It will then feature *Chicago* from July 19 to 25 and Aug. 2 to 6. Both productions are directed by Job Christenson and Casey Paradies.

Tickets are available at Eckroth Music, Satrom Travel and Tours, and select Subway restaurants. The park is located at 26th Street and Divide Avenue in Bismarck. For more information, visit www.shtap.org or call 701-319-0894.

The future

Susan and Stephanie continue the family dream of offering the community great theatre programming in an attractive outdoor setting. They signed a 25-year contract with the park district in 2012 for the total management of the park. "Now we can build because we know we're going to be here for 25 years," Susan says.

Recent enhancements include a reconstructed stage, orchestra pit and full basement, plus a new gazebo site. In mid-July, a pergola and turrets to mark the entrance should be complete. The sisters are also currently working with an architect to design plans that would construct the side stages to the center stage and lighting towers with enhanced electrical capabilities this fall. Down the road, they also hope to add a stage covering with catwalks.

"Our idea is to make it a threeseason theatre. We are going to use it, and the community can use it to bring in regional and national shows," Susan shares. "What better thing than to be under the stars and have an outdoor concert? It's going to be stunning."

But like the dream that started in the car 25 years ago, grants and other significant donations are needed to turn sketches into skits.

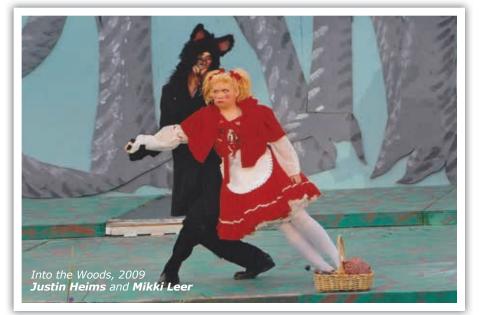
"After 25 years, Sleepy Hollow has become a fabric of the community. Stephanie and I know Bismarck. We've been around it all our lives. It's our responsibility to do as much as we can," Susan says. "We always say, you can never ask someone to do something that you are not willing to do yourself. So we have been working hard. Our goal is to put it on a stable basis . we belong forever."

Their father, who loved sports and was a good athlete, once told his daughters that a game never changed his life. But when he would go to hear a concert or see a production, it changed his life.

"That's the arts," Susan simply says.

"We all have problems and responsibilities. What the arts can do: For a couple hours, you forget everything. You are just there and engaged. And when you come back to your problem, you think, 'Maybe I could approach this differently. Maybe it's not as important as I thought.' We are always all-thinking. The arts just relieve that tension, and make us a different person," she concludes.

Sleepy Hollow is a nonprofit organization that relies on grants and donations to offer community entertainment. To contribute to the next 25 years of Sleepy Hollow Theatre and Arts Park, contact Susan Lundberg at 701-319-0894.



CAPITAL CREDIT CLAIMS

Listed below are the names of former Capital Electric Cooperative, Inc. members who had capital credit checks mailed to them in June of the year 2008. These checks have been returned to Capital Electric Cooperative by the postal service because they could not locate the members at the address on file. A further search by Capital Electric personnel has not turned up their whereabouts.

If you received electrical service from Capital Electric Cooperative, Inc. any time during the year 1992 and your name is on this list, please contact our office. If you know of the whereabouts of members on this list who received electrical service from Capital Electric Cooperative, Inc. any time during the year 1992, please have them contact our office at 701-223-1513.

Please keep in mind that not all of the capital credit amounts are large. However, we desire to get the money due to those who earned it, and clear up our records.

We will redeem capital credits for those members on the following list who notify us prior to Dec. 1, 2014. Notice is hereby given that any of the aforementioned unclaimed capital credits outstanding after Dec. 1, 2014 will be forfeited pursuant to Section 10-15-34.1 and 10-15-23 of the North Dakota Century Code.

1ST NOTICE – JULY 2014

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Rick Gieser, lead lineman, and **Shari Vetter**, billing coordinator



Paul Fitterer (center), business manager, oversees the Election Committee's tabulation of votes.

ANNUAL MEETING RECAP Every vote makes a difference

Every vote made a difference at Capital Electric Cooperative's 68th annual meeting held June 3 at the Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck. More than 1,000 members attended to learn about co-op issues; to collect a capital credit check if they qualified; to enjoy entertainment and eat a free meal; and to cast their vote and elect three members to serve on the board of directors.

Three members were elected to serve three-year terms on the board of directors. Rodney Eckroth of Bismarck ran unopposed and was re-elected to represent District 1. In an extremely close election in which the Election Committee consulted the bylaws prior to making an announcement, Kyle Hilken was re-elected to represent District 2 and William Patrie defeated Rex Hollenbeck to represent District 2. Just as the second cooperative principle states under democratic member control: one member, one vote. In this year's election, a handful of votes made the difference.

Capital Electric congratulates Rodney and Kyle, and welcomes Bill to the board. The co-op also thanks Rex for serving as a board director for the past six years, and Curtis Jundt for running for a seat on the board.

Business meeting highlights

Prior to the business meeting, the Capital Electric membership was greeted by Bismarck City Commissioner Mike Seminary. Lieutenant Governor Drew Wrigley and State Senator and U.S. Congressional candidate George Sinner were also on hand to address the membership. North Dakota's Congressional delegation provided video greetings as well.

During the business meeting, Jerry Doan, board president of the Charitable Trust, gave a report on the cooperative's Operation Round Up program. He encouraged members to opt in, if they do not already support the program.

Jonathan Materi, a graduate from St. Mary's Central High School in Bismarck, accepted the student scholarship. He plans to attend North Dakota State University and major in engineering.

During the president's and manager's combined report, Wrangham and Lars Nygren, manager, shared some of the events and activities at Capital Electric Cooperative from the past year, updated the membership on power supply issues, and gave an update on the progress of infrastructure improvements.

Wrangham reported the cooperative continues to see an increase in kilowatt-hour sales. Nygren added, "In the past 10 years, our consumer levels have seen steady growth."

Wrangham said the consolidation of Capital Electric's transmission and substation assets with Central Power Electric Cooperative was considered effective Jan. 1. Paperwork is still being reviewed and approved, and the consolidation should be complete this year.

Tom Meland, general manager and chief executive officer of Central Power, gave an overview of Central Power and discussed how Capital Electric fit into the membership following the consolidation.

Nygren reported that Basin Electric Power Cooperative is still in the power supply-building mode. It continues to add new generation to meet the needs of its 137 member-owners. The cooperatives that serve the oil and gas industry in western North Dakota are continuing to see huge increases in demand.

"We are hoping to see our wholesale power costs level off over the next few years," Wrangham added. "We hope we can



Rodney Eckroth, Kyle Hilken and **William Patrie** earned seats on the Capital Electric Cooperative board of directors.

hold rates steady for next year."

Capital Electric continues to grow and meet the needs of its expanding consumer base. During 2013, the co-op added \$5.8 million in plant additions. Linemen have also been rebuilding approximately 25 miles of overhead line per year.

Wrangham reported the co-op is planning to automate the Wing and Erickson substations that serve northern Burleigh County. This automation will allow cooperative personnel to monitor and control breakers in the substations from co-op headquarters.

Wrangham updated the membership on SmartHub, an online tool that allows members to access their accounts by computer or mobile device day and night. He also reported that the linemen are using iPads to make their jobs easier and more efficient.

Nygren reflected on the co-op's prepaid billing system, and said the members who are using it seem to like it. He also noted that 2014 has been designated "International Year of Farming" by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. He recognized and thanked the farmers in the co-op's service area for serving a vital role in providing high-quality food.

Current and former directors were recognized, and current and former employees were recognized. Nygren congratulated the current employees for having an incident-free year, as they continue to do their jobs safely.

"We are proud to have been named a top-performing safety cooperative by our insurance carrier, Federated Insurance. This means we are in the top 10 percent of co-ops in the country based on our safety record over the past five years," Nygren said.

He also gave special recognition to Jim Siirtola, a meter reader and repairman who retired in April after 37 years of service.

After the election results were announced and approved, the business meeting was adjourned.



Members listen to the business report.



Capital Electric Cooperative members **Marvin** and **Marlene Hochalter** came to the annual meeting to pick up their capital credit check. The co-op's board of directors approved the capital credit retirement of all unretired capital credits from 1998 totaling \$1,033,000. Prior to the business meeting, employees distributed checks.



Capital Electric Cooperative member **Arlene Abraham** brought granddaughters **Birgen**, **Demi** and **Kennedy** for the meal. When asked what she likes best about cooperatives, Arlene explained to her granddaughters how a co-op is member-owned.

CAPITAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE board minutes report

Board minute excerpts May 23, 2014

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Capital Electric Cooperative, Inc., was held on Friday, May 23, 2014, at co-op headquarters in Bismarck.

Financial review (April 2014): Prior to the board meeting, Directors Wrangham and Olson reviewed the April 2014 check register and expenditures. It was reported that all checks were in order. It was moved, seconded and carried to approve April expenditures in the amount of \$2,686,361.78.

Business department report: The Business Manager reviewed the April financial and statistical report with the Board. The total kilowatt-hour (KWH) sales for April 2014 were below budget by 2.1 percent. The actual monthly electric revenue is up 2.8 percent from budget. Year-to-date, KWH sales are up from budget by 6.4 percent and electric revenue is over budget by 6.9 percent. The financial margin for April is \$141,179, versus the budgeted margin of \$218,239, below budget by \$77,060. Operating margins for the month were \$93,973, below budget by \$101,838.

In April, 45 new services were billed, bringing active services to 17,795 versus 17,118 at this time last year.

The Business Manager reviewed the comparison of actual-to-budgeted expenses for the month of April and for the year-todate through April 2014. Accounts receivable balances as of May 22, 2014, were reviewed.

Revenue deferral extension: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) has approved our request to continue with our Dakota Gasification Company revenue deferral as it relates to the stipulation of required guidance after two years of no activity.

Social Media Policy revisions: Fitterer reviewed the Social Media Policy revisions as revised by the attorney. It was moved, seconded and carried to adopt Policy I-12 as revised.

At 10:30 a.m., Mark Martens, auditor with Eide Bailly, joined the meeting.

Eide Bailly audit: Capital Electric Cooperative had a clean audit and the auditors determined that no material issues were found.

RUS non-discrimination: RUS updated its non-discrimination statements. We will update our materials accordingly.

Interruptible rate: The proposed rate schedule "CI" was reviewed. Due to our consolidation with Central Power Electric Cooperative, we can offer a Three-Phase Off-Peak Interruptible rate. The Central Power peak versus the Capital Electric peak facilitates load control, which allows us to offer this off-peak interruptible rate. It was moved, seconded and carried to adopt rate schedule "C1."

Central Power consolidation: The manager reviewed the informal communication concerning the Central Power consolidation.

It was moved, seconded and carried to move forward with final selection of entire notes to be assumed by Central Power to complete consolidation.

The accountant concurred with this direction to complete consolidation.

Martens presented the 2013 audit report to the Board. He reported the audit was a "good, clean audit." It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the 2013 audit results.

Capital credits: Following review of the financial condition of the cooperative and recommendation by management, it was moved, seconded and carried to authorize payment of capital credits to the following deceased members' estates:

William J. MacDonald Albert Godes	\$20,479.25 \$345.15
Beverly Wittenberg	\$508.52
TOTAL	\$21,332.92

Engineering and operations report: The manager reviewed the written report from the engineering and operations department. This month 29 work orders were completed, adding 37 new consumers to the system.

Fisher Contracting and Third Generation are busy trenching and VIP has been working on our rural rebuild.

Capital Electric crews have been trimming trees, inspecting lines and putting on 46-KV lightening arrestors.

Summit Utilities Services continues to do our underground locating.

On May 2, 2014, we presented our case to the N.D. Public Service Commission for the new Menards facility east of the village of McKenzie.

Rich Dunn, engineering assistant, has been busy programming a new RTU for our North Bismarck Substation. We also replaced our old breaker controls with new ones that will talk with this new RTU so that we can communicate with them via our SCADA system. When this is completed, we plan on doing the same to our Lincoln Substation RTU.

Member Services department:

Energy Resource Conservation loans: The following heat pump loans were presented to the Board:

Eric Molbert Greg and Toni Wheeler Upon review and recommendation by management, it was moved, seconded and carried to approve the loan.

Communications and public relations department: Wes Engbrecht reviewed the written report from the communications and public relations department.

Nominating Committee results: The Nominating Committee met on April 15, 2014, and put forth a slate of five candidates for the three open board positions. The nominees are as follows:

District 1: Rodney Eckroth of Bismarck

District 2: Kyle Hilken of Wilton Rex Hollenbeck of McClusky Curtis Jundt of Bismarck William Patrie of Bismarck

Annual Meeting planning: Mike Seminary, city commissioner, will be greeting the membership on behalf of the city.

Safety report: There were no lost-time accidents this month.

Jason Smith, safety instructor from the North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives, was at the shop on May 15, 2014, to conduct a safety meeting on Mayday procedures and to instruct the linemen on poletop rescue.

Capital Electric annual meeting: The Capital Electric annual meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2014, at the Ramkota.

National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Legislative Rally: The manager reported on a good meeting with members of Congress. The North Dakota delegation shares our concerns over Environmental Protection Agency regulation.

McClusky franchise: It was moved, seconded and carried to accept the 20-year limited franchise with the City of McClusky.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the meeting, without objection, the regular meeting was adjourned.

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