

NORTHERN

L I G H T S

September 2015



**Beltrami Electric
Cooperative Inc.**

© Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative



Community Spotlight - page 5

*Seeking nominations for 2015 Touchstone
Energy® Community Award - page 8*

Northern Lights (USPS 016488), Vol. 62, No. 9 is published monthly by Beltrami Electric Cooperative Inc., 4111 Technology Drive N.W., Bemidji, Minnesota 56619-0488. Subscription rate \$5. Periodicals postage paid at Bemidji, MN 56601.

Postmaster: Please send address corrections to Beltrami Electric Cooperative Inc., P.O. Box 488, Bemidji, Minnesota 56619-0488.

Office Hours: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Monday – Friday

Customer Service: 218-444-2540
or 1-800-955-6083
www.beltramielectric.com

Board of Directors

President	Rick Coe, DISTRICT 6 (Square Butte Director)
Vice President	John Lund, DISTRICT 7
Secretary	Murl Nord, DISTRICT 1
Treasurer	Judy Honer, DISTRICT 9
Directors:	Lea Perkins, DISTRICT 2; CHARLES PARSON, DISTRICT 3; Jerry Larson Sr., DISTRICT 4; Robert Wallner, DISTRICT 5; Terry Diffley, DISTRICT 8, (Minnkota Director)
General Manager	Lynette Nieuwsma
Editor	Angela Lyseng

Minnesota State Electrical Inspectors

Beltrami and Clearwater Counties
Davis Smid
507-227-2772 - mntristate@gmail.com

Cass and Hubbard Counties
Steve Schauland
218-652-2213 or fax 218-333-0451

These are the inspectors covering the area served by Beltrami Electric. They can be reached by phone Monday through Friday between 7 and 8:30 a.m. or by fax or email as indicated.

Gopher State One Call 1-800-252-1166 or 811

Anyone who plans to dig is required by law to notify the state of their intentions at least 48 hours in advance.

All digging requires the 48-hour notification so that buried telephone line, television cable, pipelines, utility electrical lines, municipal water and sewer lines can be located to ensure that none will be severed or damaged.

ON THE COVER: (Large photo) Derick Kubitz digging a splice pit (Small photo) Jerry Solheim and Glenn Grundmeier splicing cable.



Across ^{the} MANAGER'S DESK

Lynette Nieuwsma, General Manager

Another summer is behind us and kids are heading back to school, which is also a sign that the cooperative's construction season will be winding down before we know it. If you still have new service requests to be built this year, please get them to us as soon as possible. We always seem to have a last minute rush to get underground work done before the frost, so don't wait, because we all know too well, in northern Minnesota frost can hit us any time after Nov. 1, which brings our underground plowing of cable to a halt.

In addition to new service work, our crews have also been working on several line replacements that will increase service reliability. We have great employees with tremendous expertise in maintaining and repairing our infrastructure. We evaluate and deploy cost-effective system upgrades and preventive maintenance strategies across our service area. Between both our long-range work plans spanning 30 years to our shorter three-year work plans, we continue to look at the future needs of your cooperative infrastructure.

One of the projects nearing completion is an underground line replacement along Ponemah road. We replaced aging cable that was starting to fail and experience power quality and reliability issues.



Crews will also be working on installing 5.5 miles of new three-phase underground line for the feeder from Shooks to Kelliher, and 4.5 miles of three-phase line out of the Aardahl substation. These projects will be replacing both overhead and underground aging conductor.

Even as we continue to upgrade the

distribution system to provide you with reliable electricity, we face continual threats that cause maintenance issues. Maybe a storm like we experienced in July 2012. Maybe a neighbor forgets to call before he digs up his backyard. Maybe someone slides off the road and hits a utility pole or a transformer pedestal.

As your locally owned and operated not-for-profit utility, we deeply care about the areas we serve. It's a simple premise: when you flip the switch at home, the lights should come on. And we work hard to ensure you have electricity every hour of every day. It's what we do; we're here for you, our member-owners. We know you depend on electricity to power your life, and that's why we're committed to improving the reliability of our service.

Nominations requested

Every year, Beltrami Electric and other Minnesota electric cooperatives throughout the state sponsor the Touchstone Energy® Community Award for each of their service areas. This is a great way to recognize groups and organizations that make a positive impact to the communities we serve. If selected, the group or organization is recognized with a plaque, \$500 and promoted via numerous media channels. In addition, if selected for the local award, the group or organization is also entered into a statewide competition, which provides the opportunity for even more recognition and an additional \$1,000. We have been fortunate that in two of the last three years our submitted award winners have also won the statewide competition. If you would like to nominate any group or organization that you see worthy of this wonderful award, please see page 8 of this issue of the *Northern Lights* for more information.

Northern Solar

We have been talking to you about our plans for an 80-kilowatt (kW) Direct

Current (DC) community solar garden for a few months now. This project is still contingent on members subscribing to at least 50 percent of the 192 panels' production output, or the equivalent of 96 panels subscribed.

Members who wish to subscribe to the Northern Solar project will pay \$1,295 for a full panel's output or \$647.50 for a half panel's output. A 10 percent down payment will be required to reserve the panel(s). In return, members will be allocated the energy produced (kWh) by their subscribed panel(s) to offset the kWh on their monthly electric bill. The monthly output of a panel is estimated at 37.5 kWh, with a panel producing more in the summer and less in the winter. The projected annual average of a panel is 450 kWh, based on the Solar Advisor Model from the U.S. National Renewable Laboratory.

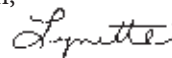
As I write this, we are completing the member participation contract, and will be mailing the contract to those members who have expressed interest in participating in this project. If

you have not yet signed up, please contact our Energy Services department for more information or to request a contract. You can also find more information or download a pdf version of the contract from our website at www.beltramielectric.com.

We appreciate your support

Thank you to all those who donated prizes and/or golfed in the 11th Annual Touchstone Energy® Open Aug. 21, at Castle Highlands Golf Course. We were able to raise a lot of money for the United Way of the Bemidji Area and we appreciate your support. This is our largest fundraiser of the year and really makes an impact in our community. Unfortunately, tournament results and the amount of dollars raised were not available at press time, so please look for details in next month's issue of the *Northern Lights*.

Until next month,



Northern Solar by Beltrami Electric Cooperative



Have you thought about adding solar to offset your energy costs or environmental impact, but haven't

been able to do it on your own? Community solar may be a good way for you to accomplish this goal with a very low investment.

Beltrami Electric has plans to construct an 80-kilowatt (kW) Direct Current (DC) solar garden array on our headquarters property at 4111 Technology Drive in Bemidji. The array will consist of 192 photovoltaic (PV) panels rated at 400 watts each. Members who wish to subscribe to the Northern Solar project will pay \$1,295 for a full panel's output or \$647.50 for a half panel's output. In return, members will be allocated the energy produced (kWh) by their subscribed panel(s) to offset their kWh on their electric bill. A 10 percent down payment will be required with a completed member participation agreement.

This solar project will not move forward until we are able to get at least 50 percent (96 panels) subscribed. If you are interested in enrolling for Northern Solar, you may contact the co-op's office at **218-444-2540** or toll-free at **800-955-6083** to request a contract, or you may download a pdf version of the contract from our website at www.beltramielectric.com.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - PART 3

Who is this program intended for?

The program is voluntary and available to all BEC members interested in using solar renewable energy. Community solar is an affordable, low-risk way for BEC members to enjoy the benefits of solar energy without the

hassle of designing, permitting, installing, maintaining and insuring their own PV solar array.

How much electricity will a panel generate?

Each panel is estimated to produce approximately 450 kWh annually, which translates into an average of about 37.5 kWh per month. A panel will produce more in the summer months and less in the winter months.

Does the system work if there is a power outage?

No. Photovoltaic (PV) systems are tied to the grid. For safety reasons, the solar array inverter is required to sense the loss of power and then stop solar generation within a set amount of time. When the power goes out, the PV array shuts down. If the PV didn't shut down, it could subject line workers to electrocution by back-feeding electricity through the line.

What happens at the end of the 20-year agreement?

The member participation agreement terminates after 20 years. However, BEC will monitor and evaluate advances in solar technology to determine whether a new project would begin or an extension of the agreement would be practicable at that time.

Welcome Aric!



Aric Haug joins BEC

Aric Haug, son of Ed and Jill Haug, recently joined Beltrami Electric as an information systems technician. Aric holds a BS degree in Management Information Systems from Bemidji State University. He enjoys hunting and fishing, as well as playing softball and spending time on the lake. He currently resides in the Wilton area with his parents. Welcome Aric!

Contact Gopher State One Call

at least 48 hours before digging begins



Many of us still have our sights set on completing outdoor projects this fall. Whether you plan to dig posts for a deck or plant a tree or trench in electric lines for an outbuilding, it is important to understand and utilize Gopher State One Call (GSOC).

The GSOC system is designed to notify utilities that might have underground facilities in the area where digging is planned.

That call needs to be made at least 48 hours (excluding weekends and holidays) before you plan to dig. If a homeowner hires a contractor to do the work, then by law the contractor must obtain the ticket that allows digging to proceed.

When you contact GSOC, you may call **811** or **1-800-252-1166**. You may also visit www.gopherstateonecall.org to submit your ticket application online. Be prepared with the following information: your name, home phone number and work/cell phone number, when you plan to begin work, how many days the digging will take, type of work you will be doing, county and city/township where work will be done, address and nearest cross streets or township range/section where work will be done, where you will be digging on the property (also mark the area with white paint) and whether any digging will be done in the road right-of-way.

Since most private facilities are not listed on GSOC, it is the homeowner's responsibility to hire someone to locate their private underground facilities.

What are private electric underground facilities?

Private underground facilities, or customer-owned facilities, are those facilities that were installed behind or after the meter. Also, if overhead distribution lines serve the property and the power is then distributed on the property by underground service

facilities, those service facilities may be considered private. If the homeowner's electric meter is located on the property line, then that electric line from the meter to the house is considered privately owned and will not be located.

Where are private facilities found?

Private facilities are found everywhere, including single-family homes, multi-family housing units, industrial areas, trailer parks, shopping centers and sometimes in the road right-of-way. Other private facilities can include: natural gas farm taps, natural gas or propane gas underground piping to buildings, gas grills and pool heaters, private water systems, data communication lines, underground sprinkler systems, invisible fences and many others. Unless the property owner participates as a member of Gopher State One Call, private or customer-owned facilities will not be marked or notified. If you have a question on whether a facility in your excavation area is considered private or not, please contact that local utility office.

Whose responsibility is it to locate private facilities?

When a property owner or tenant has any type of private underground facility, they are responsible to locate those facilities, or hire someone to locate them. Within the Beltrami Electric service area you may contact Cooperative Development at (218) 444-1143, and their locators will locate the lines for a fee.

No one should ever remove flags before work is completed as they are there to mark lines for the safety of all digging in the area.

If you come in contact with an underground utility, evacuate the area for safety, notify your utility provider and do not attempt to fix the problem yourself.



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

Buena Vista Fall Festival



Buena Vista Logging Village (12 miles N of Bemidji on County #15)

Sat. Sept. 19, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. • **Sun. Sept. 20**, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Horse-drawn wagon rides, music, food, crafts, blacksmithing, chain saw carving, square dancing, wood carving in caboose, kids activities, historic displays, paintings in train car, walking tour and more.

Rates: \$6 (13 and over) • \$3 (5-12) • Under 5 (free)

www.bvskiarea.com • 218-766-9919





LAPORTE Community Spotlight

Laporte Community Park

Lynette Nieuwsma, chief executive officer at Beltrami Electric, presents a donation check to Joe Sawyer, mayor of Laporte. This donation helped to make a new community shelter and playground along the Heartland trail in Laporte possible. The new Laporte Community Park is adjacent to the trail, where it crosses Highway 200 in downtown Laporte. The shelter and park is an excellent spot for companies, family reunions and gatherings, as well as other community events to be held. It is complete with picnic tables, grills, a playground, parking lot and even electricity.



Tree of Life

On the north side of Miller's Gas & Service station on Main Street in Laporte, you will find a large framed tree full of colorful leaves. Each year the Laporte-Benedict Lions Club holds a fundraiser where people can purchase a leaf for the tree in memory of a loved one. All the money raised by the sale of the leaves goes to the Lakeport Emergency Medical Responders (EMR) to cover expenses for training and supplies.



Pictured in front of the Tree of Life: Lions Club members Lani Greenway, Walter and Margaret Renskers present a check from the Tree of Life donations of more than \$700 to Dwight Powell and Greg Olson, members of the Lakeport First Responders.

Stitch-n-Together



The first and third Monday of each month, the Trinity Lutheran Church in Laporte lets a group of ladies use their space to knit. As few as six and as many as 22 ladies have attended with knitting needles in hand. They gather around a table and take a look at the yarn they have to work with. The yarn is only part of their story.

It started with a simple "Wanted" ad placed in our *Northern Lights* classifieds looking for yarn and/or people to knit. Mary Pierce, one of the ladies in the group, provided her name and contact number for the ad and as a result, they would find generously donated bags of yarn left for them at the church. One day they found a bag with 15-16 skeins of a beautiful cream colored 100 percent wool yarn. One of the knitters, Joan Huseby, took this donation and what she created was amazing. She crafted a zipper front sweater, with matching tam, mittens and scarf. The group then started to sell raffle tickets for a chance to win the set, deciding that all the proceeds from the sale of the raffle tickets would be donated to the Lakeport Emergency Medical Responders (EMR). By the time they were ready to draw for the lucky winner, they had collected \$700, which they presented to Greg Olson, one of the members of the Lakeport EMR.

The story doesn't end there. The group also knits hand warmers and donates them to area nursing homes, beautiful baby sweaters and blankets for the local pregnancy centers and 40"x60" blankets for the VA clinic in Fargo, which many of our local residents attend. Knitted hats and mittens get delivered to the People's Church, local food shelf, Giving Tree and the Homeless Shelter in Bemidji. "All of the yarn that we knit with has been donated by people who read the ad in the *Northern Lights*' classifieds," said Mary Pierce with a smile.

As I looked around the room, my heart swelled as I watched the ladies busily knit new creations. The knitters that day were Margaret Renskers, Sandy Mann, Dianna Noyes, Mary Pierce, Joan Formo, Joan Zuehlsdorff, Carol Christianson, Lois Stensland, Janet Eidbo and Kathy Japs. It is truly amazing what a large community impact can be made by just a few people, some donated yarn, and a small classified ad in your cooperative newsletter.



Northern Lights CLASSIFIEDS

For Sale:

Yamaha Trumpet, used, model YTR 2320, \$200, 586-2009.

4-wheel scooter, like new, \$600/obo, Champion Juicer, \$50, Radio Shack keyboard, full sided, like new, \$50, 444-7538.

Mixed firewood, cut, split and dried, \$45 standard pickup load, you haul, Kelliher area, 647-9003 (cabin) or 320-256-7255 (home).

20-gauge 870 Wingmaster shotgun, 700 Remington ADL 30-06 rifle with scope, 368-2261.

50-lb alfalfa square bales, \$3.50. Mike, call or text 407-1353.

9N Ford tractor, loader, forks and back blade, mower, snow bucket, \$3,500, 586-2285.

14' Crestliner boat w/6 hp Johnson (94')-excellent cond. \$750/obo, 586-2212 or 766-1167.

Two small reclining couches, excellent condition, cream microfiber fabric, great for small areas, like new, \$225 each, 766-9112.

Assorted weights, barbells and dumbbells, used bench, got old, ready to sell, \$75, 759-4734.

Must sell, new-in-box Yamaha electric keyboard, \$200 or best offer, can be seen by calling 586-2577.

Cord of oak wood, 15 inch, already split, \$100, 751-1553.

Firewood – hard wood - \$60 per pickup load, soft wood - \$50 per pickup load, you haul, 586-2839.

TV antenna with rotor and telescoping pole, four railroad ties, interior glider window, like new, two interior doors 28x80, 8-piece Mirro cookware, like new, children and adult rain boots, ironing board, full-size bed sheet sets, 335-8945.

Stainless steel propeller, 15¼ in. diameter, 19 pitch, never been used, stationary portion for an Anderson 48" sliding glass door, never been used, 987-2410.

Beautiful lighted Broyhill china cabinet (stacked hutch and buffet) in excellent, like-new condition, lots of storage, beautiful mahogany wood finish, ¼" thick glass shelves, grooved for storing/displaying plates, 65" L x 18" D x 84" H, was \$1,500 new, asking \$800, 333-1442.

ESTATE SALE: The sale you've waited for all summer! Antique toys, printer boxes and matchboxes, basswood, chain, vintage boat motors, tools, electric motors, hole saws, bottle jacks, brass Murphy bed, trailer loads full, Sept. 19, 7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. 2303 Royal Estates

Rd NE, Bemidji, 3 miles east on Power Dam Rd.

Restored 1954 8N Ford tractor with loader and back blade, new paint and tires, \$5,250, 1952 8N Ford tractor, restored, painted, new tires, \$4,000, can deliver, (507) 289-2904 or (507) 259-5117.

Homemade crazy and star block quilts, twin \$35, full \$40, queen \$45, king \$55, sewing machines \$15 each, refinished oak antiques: 44x44 dining room table \$150, 6 chairs \$150, washstand \$150, highboy 5 drawer dresser \$150, rocker \$75, chairs \$25, new grip MS General 700-15 LT tubeless tire \$75, 243-2702.

Quick Meal wood cookstove, mfg. 1934 in St. Louis, MO, aged ivory or almond in color with black iron trimmings, includes a backsplash with shelf, excellent plus condition, almost like new, \$1,950, Mark 751-7206.

Large Dogloo doghouse, used two winters, \$75, new, large dog bed with washable cover, \$15, 760-4749.

34-gallon gas tank, fits '97 GMC pickup, band sawed lumber, many lengths, 751-5384, leave message.

410 shotgun, single shot, New England arms, \$150, 8mm bolt action rifle, good deer hunting gun, \$225, call 751-5667.

17-ft. Grumman lightweight aluminum canoe, camo, carrying yoke, three paddles, life jackets, excellent condition, \$650, 444-5794 or 766-9862.

40-ft. semi-trailer, does not leak, \$2,500/obo, 1998 motor home, 38-ft Dutch Star by Newmar, 8.3 diesel Cummins, Allison transmission, 40,000 miles, kitchen slide, good shape, \$38,000/obo, 308-4025, leave message.

Propane gas grill, 2 racks with 2 propane tanks, 5 white-lighted reindeer, Ethan Allen rocker, low seat-high back, lady's leather jacket, size large, 586-2941.

14-ft. Lund aluminum boat, 15 hp Johnson motor and trailer, \$875, 556-0377.

Four 17" Cooper tires (Discover ATR) LT 245/75 R17, good tread, 333-8908.

Kodiak 4 x 4, 400 cc with extras, Alumacraft 16-ft boat with Spartan trailer, MEC shotgun reloader, 9000 series, Magnum shot #8, \$50 a bag, 700 Remington 300 Winchester Magnum, 497-0231.

PSE Primos 33 Special bow, like new with hard case, arrows and release, \$675 new, sell for \$325, also, Shorelander trailer, 14-16 ft. \$500, call 586-2534.

Sears Kenmore dehumidifier model #580 w/digital controls, removal: 50 pints/24 hours, asking \$60, call 308-1085.

Small square bales, inside, no rain, \$3.50 each, 407-0278.

Wanted:

Yarn! (An interdenominational ladies group that meets at Trinity Lutheran Church, Laporte, the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month from 1-3 p.m., knit projects that are given to those in need.) We donate items to charitable organizations, such as layette sets, blankets, sweaters, caps, mittens, scarves, slippers, hand warmers and much more. If you have unused yarn to donate, please call and we will arrange to pick up or meet you. You may even want to join us. Mary at 333-3747.

Compact garden tractor with mounted rototiller. It must be in good condition. Please contact Darrel at 791-2947.

Professional office space available for lease

600-square-foot office suite – reception area with three separate office suites. Second floor location, elevator, meeting room, break room, safe, clean, quiet, low-traffic area of well-maintained professional building. For further details contact Sam Mason, Beltrami Electric Cooperative, 218-444-3623.

Classified ads rules

For sale and wanted items only. 50 words or 300 characters, maximum length. No rental, business, service, real estate or personal ads. Ads are published on a first-come, first-serve basis and are free to Beltrami Electric members. Due to space constraints, there is no guarantee your ad will appear. Limited to one "for sale" and one "wanted" ad per issue. Repeat ads are only allowed for three consecutive months. The ad deadline is the first of the month to be included in the next issue. For example, an ad received September 1 would be included in the October issue due out the end of September. An ad received September 2 would be included in the November issue due out the end of October. Ads are preferred to be submitted via the web at www.beltramielectric.com or via email at info@beltramielectric.com, but may be submitted by mail, phone or in person at the cooperative. All telephone numbers are presumed to have a 218 area code unless otherwise noted.

We are looking for you!

Beltrami Electric is looking for Roxanne Goose (Bemidji, Minn). Please call 218-444-2540 if you have any information.

NOTICE

Due to temporary technical trouble with our online ad submission in July, we did not receive all of the ads submitted through our website. If you submitted an ad online prior to Aug. 1 and it is not listed here, please feel free to resubmit your ad to be published in the next issue. We apologize for any inconvenience.



Beltrami Electric Cooperative's office will be closed Monday, Sept. 7, in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

Board Meeting Highlights

"Watt's Cooking?"

Peppers & Anchovies Italian Style



- 1 lb. green or red sweet peppers
- 3 Tbsp. olive oil
- 1 2-oz. can flat anchovies (drained)
- 2 Tbsp. drained capers (optional)
- 1 tsp. oregano
- Salt and fresh-ground pepper
- 1 tsp. finely chopped garlic
- 1 Tbsp. red wine vinegar
- 1 Tbsp. finely chopped parsley
- Lemon wedges

Core and seed peppers. Cut them into ½ inch lengthwise strips (about 4 cups). Heat oil in heavy skillet and add peppers. Cook, stirring and shaking skillet, about 2 min. Chop drained anchovies and add to peppers. Add capers, oregano, salt,

pepper and garlic. Cook, stirring and shaking skillet for about 2 minutes more. Sprinkle with wine vinegar and remove from heat. Serve hot or cold, sprinkled with parsley and lemon wedges.

Yield: 6-8 servings

(Submitted by Marguerite Torrey, Cass Lake, Minn.)



"Like" us on Facebook

at www.facebook.com/BeltramiElectricCoop to keep current with your cooperative.



Follow us on Twitter

for updates from your cooperative.



Check out our video library

on our YouTube channel to learn about various topics.

Beltrami Electric's board of directors conducted its monthly meeting Wednesday, July 22, 2015. All directors were present except Judy Honer. Also present were General Manager Lynette Nieuwsma, Director of Finance and Member Services Sid Sletten and Executive Secretary Kay Olson.

The following reports were given:

- New employees, Aric Haug and Angie Schneider, were introduced to the board.
- The board welcomed new director Charlie Parson and congratulated reelected directors John Lund and Judy Honer.
- The manager made her monthly report, including a mid-term budget comparison and an update on wholesale accounts and the new meter system research.
- Andrea Bunich gave a report to the board on the NRECA Youth Tour she attended.
- Sid Sletten reviewed the June financial report, mid-year financials, 2015 second-quarter budget performance and work order inventories.
- Rich Riewer reported on the procedures regarding idle services and retirements on the cooperative's system.
- Sam Mason reported on the annual meeting held June 24, 2015. The annual meeting for 2016 is proposed to be held on Thursday, April 21, 2016, at the Bemidji High School.
- Sam Mason gave an update on Northern Safety & Security.
- Rick Coe was elected president, John Lund was elected vice president, Murl Nord was elected secretary and Judy Honer was elected treasurer.
- Terry Diffley reported on the Minnkota board meeting.
- The manager reported on the Minnkota managers meeting and the annual meeting of Minnesota Rural Electric Trust.

The following actions were taken:

- Approved educational class attendance toward the Board Leadership Certificate.
- Appointed voting delegates and alternates for the NRECA Region 6 meeting and NRECA annual meeting.
- Approved moving the November regular board meeting to Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2015.

The next board meeting will be Aug. 26, 2015, at 9 a.m.

Statement of Operations **Year-to-date: June 2015**

	June 2014	June 2015
Operating Revenue.....	\$ 27,034,883	\$ 24,497,333
Cost of Purchased Power.....	\$ 17,527,126	\$ 17,187,506
Other Operating Expenses.....	\$ 7,039,973	\$ 7,245,167
Total Cost.....	\$ 24,567,099	\$ 24,432,673
Operating Margin.....	\$ 2,467,784	\$ 64,660
Interest Income.....	\$ 98,270	\$ 122,313
Other Margins.....	\$ 41,176	\$ 439,288
Total Margins.....	\$ 2,607,230	\$ 626,261
kWh Purchased.....	270,759,698	250,777,195
kWh Sold.....	272,711,880	236,202,756
Meters Billed.....	20,398	20,463



Beltrami Electric Cooperative Inc.

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

4111 Technology DR NW
PO Box 488
Bemidji, MN 56619-0488
218-444-2540 • 800-955-6083
www.beltramielectric.com

Seeking nominations for the 2015 Touchstone Energy® Community Award

Do you know an organization that has made outstanding contributions to the local community?

Beltrami Electric is seeking applications for the Touchstone Energy® Community Award, which recognizes businesses, nonprofit and community groups that have shown a strong commitment to the community. Any organization that has helped make their community within the areas served by Beltrami Electric a better place to live and work is eligible for the award. The recognition comes with a \$500 cash award to be donated to a charitable community cause. If the winner is the charitable cause, they can use the money for their organization.

Community members may nominate an organization, association or business by completing the Touchstone Energy® Community Award application form, which can be printed from the link below.

The application will require a description of the project, program or event and the positive impact it brought to the community. Completed applications must be received at Beltrami Electric's office by Oct. 30, 2015.

The award recipient will be announced Nov. 6, 2015, and will then contend for the statewide Touchstone Energy® Community Award, which has a cash prize of \$1,000, to be donated to a charitable community cause. If the winner is the charitable cause, they can use the money for their organization. The statewide award winner will be recognized at the Minnesota Rural Electric Association's annual meeting in March 2016.

The Minnesota Touchstone Energy® cooperatives are part of a national alliance of more than 700 rural electric cooperatives that adhere to the values of integrity, accountability, innovation and commitment to community. For information and to download an application, please visit www.beltramielectric.com/TSE_Award.aspx.



Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative



2014 award winner - Bemidji Area Reading Canines

Past years' winners

- 2004 - Blackduck Tri Sigma General Federated Women's Club
- 2005 - Bemidji Area Task Force on Underage Drinking, Drugs and Gang Activity
- 2006 - Healthy Community Healthy Kids
- 2007 - The Sexual Assault Program of Beltrami, Cass and Hubbard Counties
- 2008 - The Radiothon to End Child Abuse
- 2009 - Bemidji Garden Club (Formerly Northwoods Garden Club of the Bemidji Area)
- 2010 - Bemidji Skate and Bike Association
- 2011 - Kelliher Resource Center Committee
- 2012 - Bemidji Area Take a Kid Fishing* (*Awarded statewide award)
- 2013 - Blackduck Area Toys for Kids
- 2014 - Bemidji Area Reading Canines (BARC)*



Northern Safety & Security offers customized security systems to help guard against intrusion, fire, unexpected flooding, carbon monoxide and much more.

218-444-3902

www.northss.com

