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ON THE COVER: Beltrami Electric Cooperative is now accepting applications for the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour in 2016. Learn more about the program and how to apply on page 8.



Across the MANAGER'S DESK

Lynette Nieuwsma, General Manager

Rates! Rates! Rates!

Last month, I informed you that Beltrami Electric Cooperative (BEC) would be seeing a 3.3 percent wholesale power cost increase in April of 2016.

Electric ratemaking centers on cost recovery, with an objective of fairness to all our members. BEC will be using an independent consulting firm to perform a cost-of-service study, which will help to determine how to divide those costs correctly and fairly among the various rate components. The two primary components of residential rates are the access charge and the energy (kWh) rate. Ratemaking is complicated, but I would like to briefly discuss the cost breakdowns and key rate drivers.

Because electricity is an instantaneous product that must be produced, distributed and consumed at the same moment in time, when we use electricity significantly impacts the total cost and reliability of the electrical system. The peak demand we create may be as big a factor as how much electricity we use. This has a significant impact on both the cost of wholesale power and BEC's local distribution system; both cost-driven by the capital expense required to build and maintain a system adequate to meet members' peak electrical demand periods. Nearly 70 percent of your electric dollar goes toward the cost of the generation and transmission system required to deliver wholesale purchased power. The largest component of the remaining 30 percent of your electric dollar goes toward costs of constructing and maintaining BEC's distribution system.

Density (the number of services per mile of line) is one of two major factors that impact the "access charge" component of our rates. Our density factor is just under six customers per mile and not as tightly packed together as in urban areas, like the city of Bemidji or the Twin Cities area, for comparison. Otter Tail Power has 23.25 and Beltrami Electric Cooperative has only 5.97 services per mile of power line. Utilities must fully recover the costs of the system. Rural utilities have less consumers per mile of line than urban utilities, and therefore need more revenue from each customer to cover the fixed costs of the system.

The second major factor I would like to discuss is fixed costs. Like any business, BEC has both fixed and variable costs. Electrical service requires more fixed costs on both the distribution and generation side than most members would think. On the distribution side

of the business, the poles, wire, transformers, meters and other necessary equipment represent the fixed costs that are required so that power can be available when you need it. That is where the access charge comes in. The purpose of the access charge is to recover a portion of the fixed costs we incur to build and maintain the system that carries the electricity to your home or place of business. Even if we never move a single kWh over the wires, we still face these expenses in keeping this system in place to be ready to carry energy. Like most cooperatives, we have chosen to recover a portion of this distribution expense with the access charge and the balance with the rate for the energy (kWh) used. Keep in mind that a change in customer kWh usage may cause a mismatch between actual expenses and the amount of revenue collected to cover the distribution expenses.

No doubt our access charge would be higher if we chose to recover all of our fixed costs through the access charge. That is where ratemaking becomes a balance. Ratemaking is sometimes called an art along with the science.

The purpose of this discussion is for education, which we will continue to try to do as we move through this process. I appreciate your interest in your cooperative.

Years of service recognition

Having just celebrated Beltrami Electric Cooperative's 75th anniversary in 2015, we also celebrated some important anniversaries for 12 of our employees. In December, we recognized those who reached important milestones this past year. Together, they represent 200 years of service to your cooperative. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank each of them for their years of service.

As we enter into 2016, remember this: all of us at Beltrami Electric, your local electric cooperative, are committed to making sure that you and your family always have safe, reliable and affordable electric service to your home or business.

Operation Round Up®

The concept behind the Operation Round Up program is to extend the principle on which electric cooperatives were built more than 60 years ago – neighbor-helping-neighbor – and as a Touchstone Energy® Cooperative to follow one of the core principles which is Concern for Community. "Small change that changes lives," is the foundation upon which Operation Round Up was built. Twenty-eight other Minnesota

electric cooperatives have made Operation Round Up a success in their communities.

This recently introduced Operation Round Up program has brought input from some of our members. Member's comments and input will be reported to the board of directors at the next board meeting on Jan. 27. Please look for further information on our website, which should be available about the time you read this article.

Round Up program is voluntary – We began the communications in our newsletter months ahead of time, adding information each month with the intent that any member not wishing to participate would have the opportunity to opt out of the program if they choose to do so. Communications in both the November and December issues talked about the program being voluntary and that members could choose not to participate at any time. The piece in the January *Northern Lights* was not as clear and for that I apologize. Valuable lesson; us writing and reviewing have the progression in our minds, while those reading it may be seeing it for the first time. We will make sure to mention the option to opt out in each communication piece. Our website

is a great place to get the most complete and up-to-date information. In the following months we will continue communication regarding the program, in addition to putting a message on our members' bills and refer them to the website.

Donation of Funds – Donations will stay local. Although it may be described as charitable giving, it will not go to "charities." Let me give you an example; a donation would not go to the American Red Cross, but it could go to a local rescue group. The funds collected will be placed in a Trust and administered by an independent board of directors called the Beltrami Electric Trust. The Trust is made up of five members from our service community who serve on the board on a voluntary basis. They will evaluate all requests for funds and determine how they will be distributed. The funding categories include: Community Service, Education & Youth, Economic Development and Environment. Operation Round Up funds will stay right here in our area. Grants will not be made for lobbying, political and religious organizations, veteran, fraternal and labor organizations, fund-raising dinners, raffles, national fund drives,

advertising or ongoing operational expenses. All contributions will be announced in our monthly member newsletter and on our website. Your contributions to Operation Round Up are tax deductible to you, the member, and you'll receive a summary of your contributions on your bill.

Cooperatives around the nation have been participating in Operation Round Up for more than 25 years, and we hope that you will join us in supporting this worthwhile program. When we work together, we support local organizations that can make a real and positive impact on the communities we live in. We've included a list of frequently asked questions to provide more information about the Operation Round Up program on page 7.

Please help Beltrami Electric Cooperative help our service area communities – let's make Operation Round Up the success it can be!

Members who choose not to take part may withdraw simply by notifying BEC of their decision at any point. Members can contact BEC at (218) 444-2540 or toll-free at (800) 955-6083.

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2016 rate increase Q & A

Beltrami Electric will be implementing a rate increase that will go into effect in the spring of 2016. Rate design entails a balancing act between meeting our revenue needs while minimizing the overall financial impact to our members. As a not-for-profit organization, we must recover our costs of doing business as well as maintain sufficient margins to reinvest in our electric distribution system. We will continue to communicate these changes with you over the next few months.

Q. What is the access charge?

A. The access charge is designed to cover each member's share of the cost for maintenance of poles, wires, transformers, meters, right-of-way and other expenses on the distribution system associated with providing electric service and access to the electrical grid. The access charge is related to the fixed cost of providing service at a location.

Q. When was the last rate increase?

A. The last cost-of-service study was performed in 2010, which resulted in three significant changes to our rate structure. One – moving from a two-step rate to a one-step rate. Two – phasing in a higher monthly access charge to help recover fixed costs. Three – implementing a purchase power adjustment, this allowed us to directly pass through changes in power costs without increasing all components of your bill.

Q. Who determines when a rate increase is necessary and by how much?

A. Beltrami Electric's board of directors, along with our senior leadership team, continuously monitor the financial stability of the cooperative to determine if or when a rate increase is necessary. To establish the new rate structure, an independent, experienced firm was hired to review and recommend changes to our rates.

Q. Will I continue to see the Purchased Power Adjustment (PPA) on my bill each month?

A. Prior changes in the PPA will be incorporated into this new rate structure, so in April 2016 the PPA will be reset to \$0. However, Beltrami Electric will continue to monitor the cost of purchasing electricity and will adjust the PPA accordingly in the future.

Q. Would I save money by installing my own solar system on my house?

A. Not necessarily. Currently, energy produced from renewable resources is more costly per kWh. In addition, that same transmission/distribution

system that provides power to your home still needs to be in place and the cost to maintain it does not go away. Otherwise, you would not have electricity when the sun didn't shine or the wind didn't blow.

Q. What is Beltrami Electric doing to keep costs down?

A. Beltrami Electric will continue to operate efficiently while adhering to our commitment of providing affordable, high-quality and reliable electric service. We continually evaluate our operations in an effort to keep your rates as low as possible by:

- *Managing our power supply contracts. For each dollar collected, 70 percent goes to the cost of purchasing wholesale power to meet the needs of our members;*
- *Implementing beneficial technology, such as our outage management system or advanced metering infrastructure, to help control costs, provide operational efficiencies and increase reliability;*
- *Continuing to evaluate our day-to-day operations for opportunities to improve and gain efficiencies.*

Q. What can I do to reduce my electric costs and can Beltrami Electric provide any assistance in this area?

A. Beltrami Electric offers a number of ways to help you manage your electric bills. These services include tips on using power more efficiently as well as flexible payment options, such as our budget billing and auto-pay programs. Members may find helpful information about conserving energy on the Beltrami Electric website, which includes:

- * *Energy efficiency tips under Energy Savings.*
- * *PowerSavers rebates for installation of new electric heat through May 31, 2016.*
- * *Conservation rebates and incentives for residential and commercial applications.*
- * *Together We Save providing energy-saving tips and money-saving tools.*
- * *Links to Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives savings brochures under Co-op News/Publications.*

In addition, Beltrami Electric does offer free home energy evaluations to our members. For more information, you may contact our office at (218) 444-2540 or (800) 955-6083.

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 Millsaps, David L. and Kandra L., *Walker, Minn.*
 Mitchell, Carlene A., *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Mitchell, Sean and Carlene, *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Mjolsnes, Alan D. and Betty J., *Bloomington, Minn.*
 Moe, Frank R. and Sherri L., *Hovland, Minn.*
 Morine, Gerald H. and Bonnie, *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Morris, Davine J., *Cass Lake, Minn.*
 Mortenson, Kevin G., *Blackduck, Minn.*
 Mortenson, Kevin G. and Paula Haarstad, *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Mountain, Billie J., *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Moylan, Amy, *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Munson, Michael J. and Kari L., *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Myers, Angela J., *Grand Rapids, Minn.*
 Myers, Catherine J., *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Navratil, Allen and Paula, *Hamilton, Mont.*
 Neadeau, Peter A., *Redlake, Minn.*
 Nelson, Amy and Debra Bjerum, *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Nelson, Dorothy, *Redby, Minn.*
 Nickerson, Shirley A., *Minneapolis, Minn.*
 Nipp, Terry A., *Blackduck, Minn.*
 Nord, Mark D., *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Norman Estate, Marjorie A., *Grand Forks, N.D.*
 Northbird, Russell L. and Sharon J., *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Northwoods Prof. Dog Training, Harm J. Nolan, *Blackduck, Minn.*
 OBrien, Keith D., *Beloit, Wis.*
 Ohtelie Davis, Diane, *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Olhava, Richard B., *Marion, Iowa*
 Olson, Alan M., *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Olson, Wayne R. and Kathryn R., *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Olszanski, Henry, *Minneapolis, Minn.*
 Oman, Andrew S., *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Onstad, Jean, *Minneapolis, Minn.*
 Ozland, Genevieve, *Bloomington, Minn.*
 Palm, Holly D., *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Paulson, Christopher J. and Neeli R., *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Peeler Estate, Jerry R., *Cass Lake, Minn.*
 Pemberton, Theresa L., *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Petefish, Rebecca, *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Peterson, Darrell, *Walker, Minn.*
 Peterson, James R. and Donna M., *Tracy, Minn.*
 Peterson, Lyle C. and Jean K., *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Peterson, Ronald C., *Eden Prairie, Minn.*
 Peterson, Timothy R. and Carey E., *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Phillips, Larry L. and Robin D., *Kelliher, Minn.*
 Pino, Mary J., *Wichita Falls, Tex.*
 Piprude, David W., *Walker, Minn.*
 Pohl, James L. and Mary J., *Saltsburg, Pa.*
 Pollock, Sarah J. and Carmen M. Kulzer, *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Polta, Dr. Thomas, *Spring Lake Park, Minn.*
 Potter, Warren F. and M. Virginia, *Chisholm, Minn.*
 Poulton, Paul R., *Bemidji, Minn.*
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 Pratt, Alan K., *Saint Paul, Minn.*
 Progressive Contractors, Roy Hegland, *Osseo, Minn.*
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 Rau, Douglas L., *Sacramento, Calif.*
 Reamer, George R., *Henning, Minn.*
 Red Lake VFW Post 6889, *Redlake, Minn.*
 Reimer, Tracy A., *Cass Lake, Minn.*
 Rettke, Eunice A., *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Richardson, Raymond E., *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Riches, Brian M. and Jennifer K., *Moorhead, Minn.*
 Richmond, Doreen E., *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Ridgeway, Janice L., *Coleraine, Minn.*
 Risland Estate, Donald J., *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Rist, Rose, *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Rives, Synthia, *Ponca City, Okla.*
 Roman, William, *Blackduck, Minn.*
 Rosebear, Sharon, *Ponemah, Minn.*
 Roy, Kathleen, *Pennington, Minn.*
 Roy, Michael, *Pennington, Minn.*
 Roy, Thomas J., *Cass Lake, Minn.*
 Ruppert, Michael and Julia R., *Cass Lake, Minn.*
 Russell, Gina R., *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Russell, Joe G., *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Saaristo, James, *Cloquet, Minn.*
 Sander, James A. and Laurie A., *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Sawyer, Mark and Linda L., *Columbia, S.C.*
 Sayers, Royce D., *Redby, Minn.*
 Schafer, LeeAnn, *Saint Joseph, Minn.*
 Schlink Estate, Tommie J., *Dow City, Iowa*
 Schmidt, Carol, *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Schmidt, David M., *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Schneider, David B., *Bronston, Ky.*
 Schricker, R. W., *Harlingen, Tex.*
 Schroeder, Amy D., *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Schuh, Mary A., *Kelliher, Minn.*
 Schuh, Sandra L., *Kelliher, Minn.*
 Schulke, Patricia L., *Minot, N.D.*
 Schultz, Michael, *Garner, Iowa*
 Schulze, Alfred H., *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Schwartz, Tammy L., *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Schweitzerberger, A. D. and Patricia, *Menahga, Minn.*
 Schweyen, Ronni M., *Green Bay, Wis.*
 Scripture, Jeffrey and Michelle, *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Scripture, Michelle, *Saint Cloud, Minn.*
 Sebo, Marion, *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Sederstrom, Gina A. and Jason Hill, *Detroit Lakes, Minn.*
 Seidel, Dawn M., *Glenwood City, Wis.*
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 Shepherd, James K., *Hot Springs, Ariz.*
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 Singer, Lelia M., *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Skala, Joanie A., *Mondovi, Wis.*
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 Smith Estate, Gary J., *Benedict, Minn.*
 Smith, Johnnie A., *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Smith, Kevin J., *Fergus Falls, Minn.*
 Snowden, Kimberly L., *Lewisville, Tex.*
 Soley, Clarence, *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Souder, Elizabeth, *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Spaeth, Andrew G., *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Stately, Elaine, *Redby, Minn.*
 Steve, Ronald H., *Waterloo, Nebr.*
 Steele Estate, Chester L., *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Stein, James J., *Blackduck, Minn.*
 Stenson, Ann M., *Blackduck, Minn.*
 Stickles, Evelyn D., *Redmond, Ore.*
 Stoe, Kenneth and Agnes, *Roseau, Minn.*
 Stone, Steve G. and Justina, *Hopkins, Minn.*
 St. Onge, Susanna M., *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Store, Vickie L., *Glenwood, Minn.*
 Stout, Jack, *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Stout, Marlene J., *Puposky, Minn.*
 Stradtman, Michael F. and DeeDee F., *Saint Cloud, Minn.*
 Strand, C. J., *Mora, Minn.*
 Strowbridge, Fred, *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Stucky, Anna M., *Saint Paul, Minn.*
 Sullivan, Michael J. and Darcy A., *Cedar Falls, Iowa*
 Sumner, Stuart L., *Redlake, Minn.*
 Sumstad, Lance S., *Hackensack, Minn.*
 Sutton, Gail M., *Puposky, Minn.*
 Sutton, Penny K., *Minneapolis, Minn.*
 Swanson, Cheryl, *Livingston, Mont.*
 Swedburg, Brian and Julie, *Duluth, Minn.*
 Swenson, Robert D. and Christine R., *Moorhead, Minn.*
 Swenson, Shawn M. and Craig A., *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Syverson, Tara L., *Bagley, Minn.*
 Tammaro, Scott and Annette, *Lake George, Minn.*
 Taylor, William R., *Forreston, Tex.*
 Tegtmeyer, Kevin R., *Shevlin, Minn.*
 Thibodeau, Leo M. and Ruth J., *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Thiemecke, Kurt, *Bismarck, N.D.*
 Thompson, Genevieve M. and Jacqueline Williams, *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Thompson, Hope, *Blackduck, Minn.*
 Thompson, Dr. James R., *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Thompson, Kimberly J., *Duluth, Minn.*
 Thompson, Terry E., *Leonard, Minn.*
 Thunder, Rosie, *Redby, Minn.*
 Thunem, Kathy, *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Tisland, Gloria, *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Tolman, Tod A., *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Tolson, Thomas R., *Becida, Minn.*
 Tomson, Errane, *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Tonce, Beverly J., *Cass Lake, Minn.*
 Toupin, Gregory A. and Carolyn, *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Towberman, Carl E. and Marlys I., *Saint Cloud, Minn.*
 Traaseth, Kelli R. and Timothy A., *Gainesville, Ga.*
 Trisco, Chris G. and Terri, *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Trosen, Larry J. and Amy S., *Byron, Ga.*
 Troskey, Paul N., *Grand Forks, N.D.*
 Ulve, Melissa, *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Vandervest, Pearl R., *Bemidji, Minn.*
 VanHale, Wendi K., *Bemidji, Minn.*
 VanHouse, Michael D., *Faribault, Minn.*
 Vanleeuwen, Harold, Jr. and Diana L., *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Varney, Joelee, *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Verso Paper, Attn: Keith Hegg, *Bemidji, Minn.*
 VFW Post 8754, *Benedict, Minn.*
 Vold, Esther C., *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Vondal, Robert J. and Cheryl S., *Chatfield, Minn.*
 Voss, Jon L., *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Waabooz Embroidery, Jim R. Chase, *Cass Lake, Minn.*
 Waidelich, Michael, *Superior, Wis.*
 Wallace, Daniel V. and Susan P., *Hinsdale, N.H.*
 Waltman, Gary A., *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Wambheim, John I., *Fargo, N.D.*
 Washburn, Laurie, *Laporte, Minn.*
 Weiher, Jonathon J. and Tammy L., *Lake George, Minn.*
 Wells, Karla S., *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Wepsala, Michael A., *Walker, Minn.*
 Westrum, Chard and Candi, *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Whalen Estate, Hugh W., *Charlottesville, Va.*
 Whipple, Virgil L., *Rochester, Minn.*
 White, Agnes J., *Ponemah, Minn.*
 White, Carol A., *Redlake, Minn.*
 White, Jerry, *Blackduck, Minn.*
 White, Russell D., *Cass Lake, Minn.*
 Wilkens, Gary D., *Blackduck, Minn.*
 Williams, Krista C., *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Wilson, Landon M., *Coppell, Tex.*
 Winter, Eileen, *Fosston, Minn.*
 Wirtanen, Robin A. and Heather L. Dehn, *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Wisniewski, Lisa, *Laporte, Minn.*
 Womack, Fred and La Vonda, *Pennington, Minn.*
 Wright, Gordon, *Wrights Service, Bemidji, Minn.*
 Yavarow, Rosemary F., *Ashby, Minn.*
 Yoder, Charity S., *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Young, Kory, *Mesa, Ariz.*
 Young, Kyle B., *Mesa, Ariz.*
 Young, Kyle B. and Connie M., *Mesa, Ariz.*
 Young, Pattie J., *Bemidji, Minn.*
 Zavoral, Lois, *East Grand Forks, Minn.*
 Zeleske, Harry L., *Minneapolis, Minn.*
 Zetah, Pamela M., *Bemidji, Minn.*

Northern Lights

CLASSIFIEDS

For Sale:

10-inch Sears table saw, Delta Ind. drill press, both good shape, \$300 takes both, 647-8560.

2003 Chevy Trailblazer, 160K miles, good condition, \$3,200/obo, Weil-McLain gas boiler, 120K Btu set up for NG, can convert to LP with kit, call 467-9298.

Fisher-Price vintage little people sets and more, Sesame Street, airport, garage/service center, playground, play family/hospital, mini-bus and more, \$50 for all, 751-2739.

DeWalt 20" scroll saw on stand \$200, DeWalt 1/2" electric drill, new \$75, Husqvarna 257 chain saw \$200, electric hedge trimmer \$30, Kreg drilling set \$30, 224-2737.

Wood splitter in great condition, with brand new 5 hp Honda motor \$450/obo, roll-top desk, like new condition \$125, call 444-8364.

Frabill Speed Shak-XL fish house 6x6x6, folds to 3x6, sets up in 2-min. \$100, good for fish house, Humphrey gas light \$25, fold-up card table, screws to wall \$20, 759-1956.

"Elite Billiards" solid oak 4'x8' pool table, wine colored cloth, excellent condition, asking \$1,200/obo, call 224-2836.

19" TV, (not flat screen), great shape \$20, 766-8781.

Two Michelin tires P-235-55-R17 in good condition, \$125 for the pair, call 751-1907.

Leer Uni-cover for pickup, fiberglass with tinted locking side and rear windows, original cost \$1,300, asking \$600/obo, new condition, 224-3284.

2001 Ford F150 4x4, new tires, brakes, rotors, rear-end, wire harness and snowplow attach-

ment, plow, 250K miles, no tailgate \$8,000/obo, 209-6759.

"Parting out" - '94 Chevy S10 pickup, all or any parts available, 760-0104 or 335-6408 evenings.

2007 Whirlpool black, bottom freezer refrigerator, 29" deep, 65.5" tall, 33" wide, needs compressor, \$300/obo, Renee 239-0128.

Purebred AKC lab puppies, yellows and blacks, dew claws removed, first shots done, ready to go on Jan. 23, \$500, 766-5457.

E-Z-Go golf cart charger 36v \$100, Alice in Wonderland foam hand-carved 10-ft tree \$200, Xerox Outlook video magnifier for low vision \$200, 2011 GMC front grill chrome \$60, Herand figurine \$50, Amager girl figurine \$50, 751-9311/368-9034.

Sheepskin rugs \$55, one sheepskin rug for \$55 or 2 for \$100, one was bought in New Zealand and the other in U.S., both are in excellent condition, each is 42" x 30", fireplace tools \$9, brass, stand, poker, tongs, shovel, broom, used, good condition, call 497-2491.

2009 Ski-Doo MXZ TNT XP 600 E-Tec, after-market can, 120 track, 4 carbides, push button reverse, clean, extra windshield and tunnel bag, 1,800 miles, \$5,500, 368-1265.

All new snowmobile dolly set \$20, ATV camo cover w/bag \$50, set of chains \$35, call 368-5264.

Wanted:

Whiskey barrels in good shape, 586-2803.

One set of 18.4 x 34 tractor tire chains, to fit 826 International tractor, must be in good condition, 224-2895 after 7 p.m.

Female miniature schnauzer, 586-3424.

Classified ads rules

- All ads must be 50 words or less.
- Members may submit one **For Sale** and one **Wanted** ad per issue.
- No real estate, rental, personal or commercial ads will be accepted.
- Ads are published at no charge as space permits on a first-received, first-printed basis, with no guarantee your ad will appear.
- Ads are only allowed to be repeated for three consecutive months and must be resubmitted to run additional months.
- Ads are due by the first of the month prior to publication of the next issue.
- Editor reserves the right to edit or reject any ad.
- All telephone numbers are presumed to have a (218) area code unless otherwise noted.
- Include name and account number on all submissions.
- Ads may be submitted via our website at www.beltramielc.com (preferred).
- Mail ads to: Beltrami Electric Cooperative, P.O. BOX 488, Bemidji, MN 56619. If submitting by mail, ad must be printed clearly.

Professional office space available for lease (Beltrami Electric's headquarters)

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

ATTENTION DUAL FUEL MEMBERS

Remember to check your backup propane or fuel oil tank levels periodically during the winter. It is important to always have adequate fuel reserves so your backup heating system runs during times when off-peak electric heating systems are being controlled. Off-peak members can see when they are being controlled by going to www.beltramielc.com/LC_Status.aspx, as well as watching Paul Bunyan Communications channel 301. If members have any questions, they may contact our office at (218) 444-2540 or (800) 955-6083.

CELEBRATING YEARS OF SERVICE



Beltrami Electric recently recognized 12 employees for a total of 200 years of service to our members. From left to right, with number of years in parenthesis: **Front row** – Larry Eichstadt (35), Ryan Rogers (15), Scott Pemberton (35) and Ken Norenberg (10). **Back row** – Angela Lyseng (10), Becky Trefz (10), Leslie Huot (15), Rich Riewer (15), Kay Olson (25), Terri Lindseth (10), Vonda Johnson (10) and Chris Thronson (10).

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Beltrami County Fairgrounds
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Operation Round Up®

Q & A

The Beltrami Electric Cooperative, Inc. board of directors is pleased to announce a new community oriented program called Operation Round Up. This program encourages members to “round up” the change on their electric bill to the next highest dollar, with the money going into a fund for charitable community projects and local needs. To help you better understand the program, we have provided some questions and answers about Operation Round Up.



Q. What is Operation Round Up?

A. It's a charitable program designed to provide financial assistance to local nonprofit organizations and community projects. Co-op members can voluntarily participate by “rounding up” electric bills each month to the nearest dollar. What is most rewarding about the concept of Operation Round Up is that it is an extension of the concept of neighbor helping neighbor that built our electric cooperative more than 75 years ago.

Q. How much money will each member donate?

A. The average donation will be around 50 cents per month, or about \$6 per year, while the maximum annual contribution possible is \$11.88 per year. Your contributions to Operation Round Up are tax deductible and will be shown on your billing statement.

Q. How does Operation Round Up work?

A. This program is designed to “round up” each electric bill to the nearest dollar and use the additional change to fund the Operation Round Up program for charitable giving purposes. Although the individual change is a small amount, when combined with other participating co-op members, the potential impact could make a substantial difference in our communities.

Q. Who benefits from Operation Round Up?

A. With budget cuts to many programs traditionally funded by the state and an increased number of requests for donations, the collective small change donated by co-op members will benefit nonprofit or community-based organizations that demonstrate a commitment to enhancing the quality of life in the region. Contributions will be distributed primarily in the local area served by Beltrami Electric.

Q. How do we know where the funds go?

A. A list of the administered funds will be featured periodically in the *Northern Lights* and on our website. There will also be an annual report for the Trust fund. Until the funds are distributed, they will be placed in a trust fund with the Beltrami Electric Trust.

Q. Who administers the funds donated by Beltrami Electric Cooperative members?

A. The Trust board oversees charitable giving through Operation Round Up. The Trust board is comprised of five cooperative members from our service area, appointed by the Beltrami Electric Cooperative board of directors. The Trust board is responsible for reviewing applications and dispersing

funds to local community organizations and projects.

The Trust board will evaluate and distribute grants within the following giving categories:

- Community Service
- Education and Youth
- Economic Development
- Environment

Trust board members volunteer their time and receive no pay or compensation for serving on the board. The directors will have staggered terms.

Q. What if I can't or don't want to participate in this program?

A. Participation in the program is voluntary.

We realize that not everyone is willing or able to participate in the program. You may opt out of the voluntary program any time by contacting us at (218) 444-2540 or toll-free (800) 955-6083.

Q. Why should I participate?

A. One should contribute only if they want to join other co-op members in a community development effort AND only if they feel they can afford to contribute up to \$11.88 a year. Through a cooperative and unified program, members will have a means of donating to worthy causes, and, through Operation Round Up, the small change of individuals can add up and make a big difference for our area. Together, we can do some wonderful things for our local communities.

Q. When will this program start?

A. To give members who do not wish to participate several months in which to contact us, we will not be implementing this program until mid-2016.

Board Meeting Highlights

Beltrami Electric's board of directors conducted its monthly meeting Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2015. All directors were present. 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:

- The manager presented her monthly report, including a review of current operations, wholesale accounts and discussion on the Revenue Deferral Plan and legislation updates.
- Sid Sletten reviewed the November financial report and work order inventories.
- Department managers and the CEO presented narratives for the various departments' 2016 budget.
- Sid Sletten presented the 2016 budget.
- Sam Mason reported on load management hours, Incremental Pricing Plan, Conservation Improvement Program and presented the 2016 Marketing Plan.
- Terry Difley reported on the Minnkota board meeting.
- Rick Coe reported on the Square Butte board meeting and the Minnesota Rural Electric Association board meeting.

The following actions were taken:

- Approved the 2016 budget.
- Approved the automated metering system proposal of Tantalus.
- Approved the 2016 Marketing Plan.
- Approved the use of Revenue Deferral Funds.

The next board meeting will be Jan. 27, 2016.

We are Looking for you!

Beltrami Electric is looking for **Richard and Suzeann Oien** (last known address of Bemidji, Minn.). Please call 218-444-2540 if you have any information.



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This summer go on a Power Trip to ...

WASHINGTON, D.C.

JUNE 11-16, 2016

Beltrami Electric Cooperative is now accepting applications for the 2016 Youth Tour, an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., June 11-June 16.

Each year the cooperative sponsors one high school junior (will be a senior in the fall of 2016) whose parent or guardian is a member of Beltrami Electric Cooperative.

Students on the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour will have the opportunity to meet with elected representatives in the U.S. House and Senate, discuss the process of government and increase their overall knowledge of electric cooperatives and U.S. history. They will also spend time touring several historic sites in Washington, D.C. Students have said that the Youth Tour was the best week of their entire summer!

To qualify, candidates must submit an application, write a 500-word essay from a list of selected topics and submit two letters of reference from teachers, group or community leaders and have a parent or guardian who is a member of Beltrami Electric Cooperative.

Applications must be received by **Tuesday, March 1, 2016**, and are available at your high school counselor's office or via download at Beltrami Electric's website (<http://www.beltramielectric.com/youth-tour.aspx>). Those interested should mail their applications, letters of recommendation and essays to Beltrami Electric Cooperative, Inc., Attn: Youth Tour, P.O. Box 488, Bemidji, MN 56619-0488. They can also be dropped off at the office located at 4111 Technology Dr. NW in Bemidji.

For more information, contact Angela Lyseng at Beltrami Electric, 218-444-3689 or visit <http://www.mrea.org/youth-tour/> and www.youthtour.coop for exciting highlights of past Electric Cooperative Youth Tours.

