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15th annual Beltrami Electric Touchstone Energy® Open raises \$9,300 for United Way of Bemidji Area



The 15th annual Beltrami Electric Touchstone Energy® Open was held Friday, Aug. 23, at Castle Highlands Golf Course, and raised \$9,300 for the United Way of Bemidji Area.

“Beltrami Electric Touchstone Energy Golf Tournament has been a staple event for the United Way of Bemidji Area. Not only has the tournament given hundreds of participants the opportunity to support their community, it’s also helped thousands of people in our community to thrive. The event has raised nearly \$129,000 since its inception,” said Denae Alamano, executive director for the United Way of

Bemidji Area. “To give some examples of what those funds have done, that’s the equivalent of more than 500,000 meals, 26,000 weekend food packs, 5,000 night stays at a local shelter or providing more than 1,000 children a safe and educational place to go after school for a year. We can’t thank Beltrami Electric and their staff enough for the impact their event makes year after year!”

Beltrami Electric Cooperative would like to give a sincere thank you to the businesses, the 110 golfers and the tournament volunteers on behalf of the United Way of Bemidji Area.



FIRST PLACE

First place went to the team of John Hampson with a net score of 51.2 in the five-person team scramble tournament. Pictured from left: Jeffrey Benson, Mark Uglen, John Hampson, Tyler Syvertson and Chans Waale.



SECOND PLACE

Second place went to the team of Paul Bunyan Communications with a net score of 52.7. Pictured from left: Dane Jones, Brian Bissonette, Bob Lindberg, Don Dale and Doug Garrigan.



THIRD PLACE

Third place went to the team of Kraus-Anderson Construction, with a net score of 53.5. Pictured from left: Andy Hafs, Gary Rees, Joe Gish and Carl MaGauran.

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By the community, for the community

Jared Echternach, *President and CEO*

October is National Co-op Month

When you think of October, pumpkins, Halloween and beautiful fall foliage naturally come to mind. But October is notable for another reason – it's National Co-op Month! This is the time of year when cooperatives across the country, including Beltrami Electric Cooperative, celebrate who we are and, more importantly, the members we serve.

Cooperatives are different than other types of businesses. When the market declines to offer a product or service, or does so at a very high price, co-ops intervene to fill the need.



Similar to how Beltrami Electric Cooperative was built by members who came together to bring electricity to our community, cooperatives are conveners for the common good. Your electric co-op exists to provide safe, reliable and affordable energy to you, the members of the co-op. Equally important is our mission to enrich the lives of the members we serve.

As a co-op, we are well-suited to meet the needs of the community because we are locally governed. Beltrami Electric's leadership team and employees live right here in the community. Our board of directors, who help set long-term priorities for the co-op, live locally on co-op lines. These board members have

been elected to the position by neighbors like you.

We know our members have a valuable perspective. That's why we are continually seeking your input. Whether through community events, our social media channels, the annual meeting or member surveys, we want to hear from you.

Our close connection to the community ensures we get a firsthand perspective on local priorities, thereby enabling us to make more informed decisions on long-term investments, such as community solar programs, equipment and technology upgrades and electric vehicle programs.

Another feature that sets our co-op apart from a traditional utility is one of our core principles, "Concern for Community." We partner with many local organizations to support and improve our communities. We participate in the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour, where we take our community's brightest young people to Washington, D.C., for a week-long immersion to experience democracy in action.

Ultimately, the larger community benefits from these programs because of you and your neighbors. You empower the co-op through your membership and through your participation in and support of these programs.

We hope you will think of Beltrami Electric Cooperative as more than your energy provider, but instead as a local business that supports this community and powers economic development and prosperity for the people.

We will continue to learn from our members about their priorities so that we can better serve you – because your electric co-op was built by the community, for the community.



BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Beltrami Electric's board of directors conducted its regular monthly meeting Wednesday, Aug. 28, 2019. A quorum of directors was present.

The following reports were given:

- President and CEO Echnernach gave his monthly report, including discussion on July financials, local and legislative issues affecting the electric industry and an update on the Technology Park construction.
- Arlene Hogquist gave the Financial and Statistical report and reviewed work orders for July.
- Rich Riewer presented an amendment to the 2019 Construction Work Plan Budget.
- Directors and the president and CEO shared highlights of meetings attended on behalf of the cooperative and discussed member issues, cooperative opportunities and upcoming meetings and events.

The following actions were taken:

- Approved the consent agenda.
- Approved the 2019 Construction Work Plan Budget amendment.

The next regular board meeting will be Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2019.

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The Beltrami Electric Touchstone Energy® Open Golf Tournament Committee presents a check for \$9,300 to the United Way of Bemidji Area. Pictured left to right: Jeff Noren, Rich Riewer, United Way Director Denae Alamano, Bob Gregg, Cammie Vogel and Angela Lyseng.



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Is your off-peak heating system

Ready for Winter?

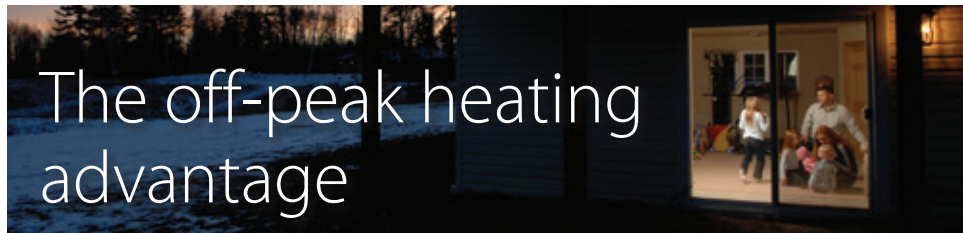
It's hard to believe winter is right around the corner. Since weather conditions and future wholesale power prices make the amount of load control hard to predict, all of our members with off-peak heating systems are encouraged to have a reliable, automatic back-up heating system in place and ready to use when needed.

To ensure your total comfort this winter, consider the following questions:

1. Is the system sized to heat your entire home or business?
2. Does it maintain an adequate comfort level?
3. Is it fully automatic?

Check current fuel prices and be sure to fill your propane or fuel oil tank at the beginning of the season. Also, make sure your tank is large enough to hold an adequate supply. If your tank gets low during periods of extreme cold temps, it may not work properly.

Contact our Energy Experts today at (218) 444-2540 to find out more about off-peak heating and the incentives available for the installation of new off-peak electric heating equipment.



The off-peak heating advantage

What is off-peak heating?

You can enjoy the comfort and convenience of electric heat and save money, too, by installing off-peak heating in your new or existing home. An off-peak electric heating system consists of an electric heat source as its main component and a supplemental heating source that will typically operate 100-300 hours per year during times of peak electrical demand in the region.

Can off-peak reduce my heating costs?

The off-peak program offers a lower electric heating rate that is about 40-50% below the regular service rate, making electricity one of the most stable and cost-effective energy sources available. With the off-peak rate, electricity is very competitive with other heating fuels such as propane or fuel oil, and the off-peak rate really looks good during times when fossil fuel prices rise dramatically.

Is it easy to convert an existing furnace to an off-peak heating system?

Yes. A home with an existing fossil fuel heating system can be converted to off-peak electric heating very easily. The Energy Experts at Beltrami Electric will be happy to advise you on the best electric alternative to meet your specific needs.

Why is off-peak heating environmentally friendly?

By temporarily controlling off-peak heating systems, your cooperative avoids the need to build a new fossil fuel power plant just to meet peak electricity demand. With more than 50,000 consumers participating, the off-peak program is one of the largest energy efficiency efforts in the region.

What options do I have for off-peak heating?



Plenum heaters

Electric plenum heaters turn your existing fossil fuel furnace into a dual-fuel heating system. You are able to use the most efficient heating source - fossil fuel or electricity - at any time.



Thermal storage heaters

Electric thermal storage heaters draw electricity during off-peak hours when it is cheaper. Heat is stored in specially designed bricks to provide comfort 24 hours a day.



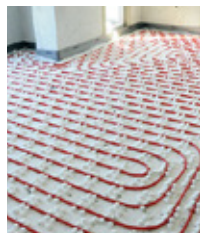
Air-source heat pumps

Air-source heat pumps work just like a central air conditioner in the summer. In the spring and fall, they provide super-efficient supplemental heat.



Geothermal heat pump

Geothermal heat pumps provide the highest efficiency for space heating and cooling available today. The system transfers heat to and from the earth using only small amounts of electricity.



Underfloor heating

Underfloor heating is a popular off-peak option because the system transfers consistently across the floor to reach people and objects, providing both comfort and efficiency.



Thermal storage water heaters

Electric thermal storage water heaters only draw electricity during off-peak hours when it is cheaper. Hot water is stored in a specially insulated tank designed to meet your 24-hour needs.

Cold Weather Disconnect Rule

216B.097 COLD WEATHER RULE; COOPERATIVE OR MUNICIPAL UTILITY

Subdivision 1. Application; notice to residential customer.

(a) A municipal utility or a cooperative electric association must not disconnect and must reconnect the utility service of a residential customer during the period between October 15 and April 15 if the disconnection affects the primary heat source for the residential unit and all of the following conditions are met:

(1) The household income of the customer is at or below 50% of the state median household income. A municipal utility or cooperative electric association utility may (i) verify income on forms it provides or (ii) obtain verification of income from the local energy assistance provider. A customer is deemed to meet the income requirements of this clause if the customer receives any form of public assistance, including energy assistance that uses an income eligibility threshold set at or below 50% of the state median household income.

(2) A customer enters into and makes reasonably timely payments under a payment agreement that considers the financial resources of the household.

(3) A customer receives referrals to energy assistance, weatherization, conservation, or other programs likely to reduce the customer's energy bills.

(b) A municipal utility or a cooperative electric association must, between August 15 and October 15 each year, notify all residential customers of the provisions of this section.

Subdivision 2. Notice to residential customer facing disconnection.

Before disconnecting service to a residential customer during the period between October 15 and April 15, a municipal utility or cooperative electric association must provide the following information to a customer:

- (1) a notice of proposed disconnection;
- (2) a statement explaining the customer's rights and responsibilities;
- (3) a list of local energy assistance providers;
- (4) forms on which to declare inability to pay; and
- (5) a statement explaining available time

payment plans and other opportunities to secure continued utility service.

Subdivision 3. Restrictions if disconnection necessary.

(a) If a residential customer must be involuntarily disconnected between October 15 and April 15 for failure to comply with subdivision 1, the disconnection must not occur:

(1) on a Friday, unless the customer declines to enter into a payment agreement offered that day in person or via personal contact by telephone by a municipal utility or cooperative electric association;

(2) on a weekend, holiday, or the day before a holiday;

(3) when utility offices are closed; or

(4) after the close of business on a day when disconnection is permitted, unless a field representative of a municipal utility or cooperative electric association who is authorized to enter into a payment agreement, accept payment, and continue service, offers a payment agreement to the customer.

Further, the disconnection must not occur until at least 20 days after the notice required in subdivision 2 has been mailed to the customer or 15 days after the notice has been personally delivered to the customer.

(b) If a customer does not respond to a disconnection notice, the customer must not be disconnected until the utility investigates whether the residential unit is actually occupied. If the unit is found to be occupied, the utility must immediately inform the occupant of the provisions of this section. If the unit is unoccupied, the utility must give seven days' written notice of the proposed disconnection to the local energy assistance provider before making a disconnection.

(c) If, prior to disconnection, a customer appeals a notice of involuntary disconnection, as provided by the utility's established appeal procedure, the utility must not disconnect until the appeal is resolved.

Subdivision 4. Application to service limiters.

For the purposes of this section, "disconnection" includes a service or load limiter or any device that limits or interrupts electric service in any way.



Need help paying your electric bill?

The Energy Assistance Program (EAP) helps pay for home heating costs and furnace repairs for income-qualified households. We urge you to contact them immediately to avoid disconnection if you feel you are eligible for aid. (Eligibility is based on energy costs, household size and the three most recent months of income). The following agencies may be able to assist you with your electric bill.

Bi-CAP

6603 Bemidji Ave N, Bemidji, MN 56601
218-751-4631

Kootasca

201 NW 4th St., Suite 130,
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
218-999-0800

Leech Lake

115 6th St., Cass Lake, MN 56633
218-335-3783

Mahube

120 North Central Ave,
Park Rapids, MN 56470
218-732-7204

Red Lake

15525 Mendota Ave, Redby, MN 56670
218-679-1880

EAP services may include: payment of energy bills, help with utility disconnections or fuel deliveries, repair or replacement of homeowner's broken heating systems, education on efficient and safe use of energy.

Visit <https://mn.gov/commerce/consumers/consumer-assistance/energy-assistance/> for EAP income guidelines and program information.

ATTENTION: MILITARY SERVICE PERSONNEL

325E.028 UTILITY PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR MILITARY SERVICE PERSONNEL. The Minnesota Legislature passed a law concerning disconnection, payment arrangements and appeals for electric service of military personnel who are issued orders into active duty, deployment or have a permanent change in duty station. Contact our office for more information.

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Classified ads rules

- Ads are due by the first of the month prior to publication of the next issue. Example:
 - o Ads submitted by October 1 will be published in the November issue.
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- Ads may be submitted via our website at www.beltramiellectric.com (preferred).
- Include your name and Beltrami Electric account number on all submissions.
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- All telephone numbers are presumed to have a 218 area code unless otherwise noted.
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For Sale:

Two riding lawnmowers, 42" new batteries, complete service, filters, blades, etc. Old Cub Cadet, no deck, has self-propelled tiller. 9' I.H. field cultivator. Rear-tine rotor tiller, MTD. 14.9 x 38" rear tractor tires on rims, 75% tread left. 647-8775.

Wayne ¾ hp shallow well pump w/tank, 2 yrs old, \$100. Amana washer, 5 yrs old, \$120. Teeter hang up inversion table, \$95. 444-8934.

WW II lead naval identification ships used for pilot training. Approximately 20 in excellent condition, another dozen incomplete but good for replacement parts, and original wooden case with ID plaque. WW II original photos taken in the South Pacific by Navy photographer. 248-207-4011.

2004 Nissan 350Z Roadster, 6-speed manual transmission, AM/FM/CD, heated black leather seats, power top, graphite color with black top, custom wheels. Never seen winters, stored away for years. A few scratches on body, interior, engine spotless. 22K original miles. Serious inquiries only. \$12,500 firm. 612-868-3807.

1,500 feet ¼ inch galvanized steel wire rope cable. Includes reel and support frame on rollers. \$400/obo. 407-2816.

Car magazine collection. 1,170 issues dating back to the

50s. Would like to sell as a whole, not single issues. Call for more info and list of what I have. 751-8804.

Scent Blocker camouflage hunting jacket and hood (men's large), \$25. Insulated camouflage hunting jacket (men's L or XL), \$25. Smackdown men's camouflage shirt (XL) and pants (L), \$25. Bagboy hand golf cart-\$20. 444-8210.

Selling a 42-inch snowblower that was mounted on a Cub Cadet LTX 1050 V-Twin hydrostatic garden tractor. I am sure it will fit on other Cub Cadet garden tractors. Original cost was \$1,300, has been used only two seasons. Selling because I bought a pickup with a snowplow. Keeping the garden tractor/mower. Call Ron at 556-4926, leave a message if I do not pick up.

2012 Subaru Impreza AWD, leather, 81,000 miles, great condition, all oil changes and check-ups. Great in snow. \$9,000. Contact 556-5019.

Horse hackamore, \$20. Brown canvas saddlebags \$30. 759-4734.

Tractor: Johnny Popper Model GP John Deere 1929 (1928-1935). Please text or call 612-254-4329.

Four-door Honda Civic LX sedan with fairly new tires. Please call (218) 553-1110 for more information if interested.

Ithaca Model 37 Featherlight 12-gauge shotgun (1974), 2 7/8" in. chamber, with 2 barrels: 26" IC vent rib; 30" full vent rib. 759-9235.

Browning 308 bar, 4 to 12 Leopold scope, two clips and case \$800. Remington 742 Woodmaster 308, with scope games scene on both sides, excellent condition, two clips included, \$400. 835-7484.

"Elite Billiards" solid oak 4'x8" pool table, wine colored cloth, excellent condition, asking \$1,150/obo. Call 760-8266 to view on Face Time or we can send photos.

Three-burner Weber grill, made in USA, good condition, w/tank, \$235. 760-3967.

DR Field and Brush Mower: electric start, pull behind, 13.3 hp engine, 44" cut. Seldom used. \$1,200. Ritchie automatic waterer: one hole, older metal model, works good. \$100. 759-7730.

Made in Minnesota queen-size pine log futon. Minnesota made custom cushions with Big Sky Northwoods patchwork upholstery with moose, bear, fish and leaves. \$475. 444-9559.

Craftsman walk-behind snowblower. 9 hp, 30-inch cut, electric start, very good condition. 556-1213.

1966 Chevrolet Impala SS convertible, rust free, straight car, excellent chrome, clear title, all numbers match. An excellent car to restore. Call for pictures. \$9,500/obo. WeatherTech front and back floor mats for a 2016 Chevrolet Equinox. Excellent condition. \$75. 760-1095.

RAM golf clubs, #1&3 drivers, #3 hybrid, #4-9 irons, pitching wedge, putter, golf bag, head covers. \$35, call Steve at 444-4931.

Propane refrigerator/freezer. Great for off-grid (hunting shack), 556-9440.

Started and Finished AKC registered hunting Lab Fox-Red shade. Excellent hunting bloodlines! Finished dogs are genetically cleared and OFA completed. Started dogs have 26-month hip guarantee and lifetime inherited disease guarantee. All UTD on shots and de-worming. Text or call 244-7605 for more information.

2002 Polaris Sportsman 700 ATV with plow, winch and mirror. This machine is in good shape and runs well! New clutch assembly, rear brake and carb overhaul last year. Odometer stopped working at 3,279 miles, but gear indicator works fine. \$2,600/obo. Call or text 556-4997.

Antique dark stained cherry three-shelf bookcase with glass doors and three small enclosed cabinets across the top. 68" H x 42" W x 13" D. \$400/obo. 759-2099.

Medium animal cage and accessories. All brand new. This multi-level cage is like new and used for one week. Measures 36" W x 25" H x 62" L. Assembled and clean. Purchased for \$175 at Pet Zone. Sell for \$50, any offer will be considered, will deliver. Call Sandra or text 556-3371.

3,000-pound ShoreMaster pontoon lift, 25-ft long, has electric lift and canopy. \$3,800. 766-2383.

Youth bow and arrows with hard case, great cond. \$250. Youth hockey helmet with face protector sets, new cond. \$20 per set. Vintage Kodak movie camera, original box and instruction manual, great cond. \$25. 368-4834.

2002 Ski-Doo 800 snowmobile. Low mileage, always stored inside. 136" track. Good condition. Longer track is better in snowy conditions and slush. \$1,000/obo. 766-1123.

Shopsmith Mark V Home Workshop System - All you will need to do your projects! Includes scroll saw, band saw, table saw, sanding disc, sanding paper, saw blades, lathe and lathe tools and every option available. Comes with instruction manual. \$1,200/obo. 556-8179.

Blue vinyl lift chair in excellent condition, \$150. Call 760-0296.

Portable (on wheels) driveway basketball system, adjustable height, 42" backboard, good shape. \$60. 14' Lund aluminum boat with trailer, camo-painted, good duck or fishing boat, lifetime license on trailer, \$425/obo. 766-2008

Square hay bales, no rain. \$3.50. 444-0622, leave a message.

Pair of Klipsch bookshelf speakers, black finish, impedance 8 ohms, max input power 85 watts, great for recreation room or college dorm. Reasonable price. Call Jeff 308-1085.

2002 GMC Sierra extended cab, good condition, 214K miles, \$4,200/obo. 1994 Nova fiberglass canoe, \$100. 214-6656.

Round wood table, four chairs, one leaf. WP stainless stovepot/downdraft fan and grill. Stainless sink/faucet. Two garage windows. Bi-fold closet door. Old wicker chair. Ceiling fan, glass and brass. Canner and jars. 444-3510.

Electric snow shovel, used three times, \$45. 647-8954.

2008 Kia Sportage EX V6, 4WD, 140K miles, call for picture. Custom 21" duck hunter's pontoon, 30 hp Mercury motor w/electric start, \$2,900. 760-3298.

Savage 30-06 Mod. axis, bolt, with scope, new in box, unfired. \$350. 751-5667.

Whirlpool dishwasher, beige color, works great. \$100. 444-4650.

Ariens zero-turn lawn tractor, 15 hp, 42" mower. Comes with 40" snowblower, chains and weights, bagger attachment. Good condition. \$1,200. Cash only. Werner aluminum 28' extension ladder, rated 250-lb, \$100. Werner multi-master aluminum ladder, model M8-16, extra heavy duty, rated 300-lb, \$80. Both in excellent condition. Cash only. 835-6247.

Large roll-top desk, 54"W x 31"D x 52"H, \$350. Log three-leg cribbage table, 34.5"L x 21.5"H x 8"W, \$50. Work shard W52000 tool sharpener, new-in-box, \$50. Bosch Colt 1 hp plunge router, like new, \$75. Oster french door countertop oven, new, never used, \$100. 444-3424.

4-5-6 Block, Crazy, Star quilts; twin, \$35; full, \$40; queen, \$55; king, \$60. Sewing machines, \$15 each. 243-2702.

Ridgid belt/spindle sander, \$110. Wood lathe with knives, \$110. DeWalt 13-in planer with extra knives, tables, dust collector, \$500. All for \$675. 766-3212.

ADCO SFS AquaShed truck camper cover: like new! Fits 8-10' campers. \$100 FIRM. 243-3029, leave message.

Wanted:

Walk-behind snowblower in good running condition, snowplow for light duty pickup truck. Please text Luke at 556-0553.

Will pet sit at your home or mine, 766-6510, leave message.

We wish to make a good home for a Maltese puppy! 444-8008.

Do you need your house/cabin cleaned? Bemidji, Laporte, Cass Lake, Walker areas. Call Kim 320-248-5795.

Mother-daughter team looking for a couple more cleaning jobs in the Guthrie area. Weekly, monthly or occasionally. We are flexible and dependable. Call for info 224-3688.

For recycling: E scrap, pianos, appliances, etc. Picked up free of charge. Can move heavier items also. Within 75-mile radius of Bemidji. 712-369-3291.

Chest freezer, reasonable price. 335-2328.

Free:

Upright piano, you move. Great starter for a child. 368-8416.

Lost:

Fish spear between Benedict and Cass Lake. Fish and weeds wood burned on handle. Lost on 11/28/18. \$50 reward. 335-6778.

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ELECTRIC HEATING SALES TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE

Please complete and return to:
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This is to certify that the main source of heat for my home (more than 50%) is furnished by **permanently** installed electric heating equipment (not portable) and I, therefore, am eligible for the electric heating sales tax exemption as provided by Minnesota State Tax Fact Sheet 157. This exemption is for the billing months of November through April only.
**Exemption forms should be resubmitted every 3-4 years. Please notify us if you change from electric heat to a different primary heating source.*

Account # _____ Member Name: _____ Location # _____

Meter # _____ Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Tax ID#/FEIN/Driver's License# or State Issued ID#: _____

Date of Application: _____ Member Signature: _____

Electricity sold for residential use is not taxable for the billing months of November through April when sold to metered members who use electric heat as their primary source of residential heat. If more than one type of heat is used, electricity is not taxable if electric is the primary source of heat. Primary source of residential heat is the source that supplied more heat than any other source for the largest period of time during the heating season. Members with an off-peak meter are only exempted sales tax on the electricity that is recorded on the off-peak meter.

Some buildings have both residential quarters and commercial operations. If there is one meter for the entire building, the exemption applies if more than 50% of the square footage of the building is residential.

Complete and submit the form above only if you are eligible for the exemption. If you have more than one account, an exemption form must be filed with each location.

The State of Minnesota recommends the exemption forms should be updated and resubmitted every three to four years to be eligible for the exemption. Members who receive a tax exemption when electric heat is not their primary source of heat are in violation of the sales tax law.

Commercial Accounts must use an ST3 form, which is available on our website.

*Please note that this form can also be submitted online at <https://www.beltramielctric.com/content/electric-heating-sales-tax-exempt>.

ATTENTION CONTRACTORS!

Electric

101

Heating

Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2019 | At Minnkota Power Cooperative

Intro to Heat Pumps

- Why air-source heat pumps work in the northern climates
- Basic installation and proper refrigeration charging
- Understanding controls, balance point and defrost cycle



Why Should I Attend?

- To learn about the value of electric heating
- Up to five drawings for Visa gift cards
- Lunch is on us!
- It's **FREE** - Register online at www.minnkota.com

Storage Heating 101

- Basics of Electric Thermal Storage (ETS)
- Properly timed load growth
- Basic economics – consumer cost of operation comparisons
- Pricing and delivery



Class Schedule

Minnkota Headquarters – 5301 32nd Avenue S., Grand Forks

- 8:30 – 9:00 a.m.** Registration
- 9:00 a.m. – Noon** Intro to Heat Pumps – *Auer Steel*
- Noon – 1:00 p.m.** Lunch and Networking Opportunities
- 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.** Storage Heating 101 – *Steffes*

** Continuing education credits will not be offered **



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Beltrami Electric is seeking applications for the 2019 Touchstone Energy® Community Award



2018 award winner – Ruby's Pantry of Bemidji

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

Beltrami Electric is seeking applications for the Touchstone Energy® Community Award, which recognizes businesses, nonprofits and community groups that have shown a strong commitment to the community. Any organization that has helped make its community within the areas served by Beltrami Electric a better place to live and work is eligible for the \$500 cash award.

Community members may nominate an organization, association or business by completing the application form, available at Beltrami Electric Cooperative, 4111 Technology Dr NW, Bemidji, or online at www.beltramielectric.com. Questions may be directed to Angela Lyseng at 444-3689. The application will require a description of the project, program or event and the positive impact it brings to the community. **Completed applications must be received at Beltrami Electric's office by Oct. 31.**



Touchstone Energy®

“As an electric cooperative serving this area, we have a high regard for community involvement,” Beltrami Electric president and CEO Jared Echternach said. “This award allows us to highlight and encourage those organizations that have shown an outstanding commitment to our community.”

The award recipient will be announced Nov. 8, 2019, and will then contend for the statewide Touchstone Energy Community Award, which has a cash prize of \$1,000. The statewide award winner will be recognized at the Minnesota Rural Electric Association's annual meeting in March 2020.

The Minnesota Touchstone Energy cooperatives are part of a national alliance of more than 750 rural electric cooperatives in 46 states that adhere to the values of integrity, accountability, innovation and commitment to community.

For more information, a list of past years' winners and to download an application, please visit our website at www.beltramielectric.com.