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*Congratulations on
retirement, Randy!*



We would like to congratulate Beltrami Electric Cooperative Line Superintendent Randy Dahle on his retirement. Randy retired on Friday, Jan. 5, 2018, after more than 38 years in the line department at Beltrami Electric. Randy joined BEC May 30, 1979, as an apprentice lineman.

In retirement, Randy plans to have more time to hunt and fish, as well as spend time with his grandkids.

Thank you Randy for your dedicated service to the cooperative and our members! Congratulations and enjoy your retirement. You will be missed!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR YEARS OF SERVICE!



From left: Brian Bakke - 10 years; Lee Pemberton - 25 years; Derick Kubitz - 15 years; Ron Komulainen - 20 years; Michelle Anderson - 15 years; Ricky Willberg - 40 years; Sam Mason - 25 years; Nick Zimmer - 15 years. **Not pictured:** Cammie Vogel - 15 years. Thank you all for your continued commitment to the cooperative and our members, with a collective 180 years of service to Beltrami Electric Cooperative!

Jeremy Seibel joins Beltrami Electric Cooperative



Jeremy Seibel recently joined Beltrami Electric as Manager of Information Technology (IT). Jeremy has a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in Information Technology Management from the University of Minnesota. His previous work experience includes Beltrami County in Bemidji, Minn., and Polk County in Crookston, Minn. Jeremy lives in Laporte with his wife, Shannon, and sons, Cole and Logan, and enjoys spending time with his family and attending school sporting events. Welcome Jeremy!

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How can we better serve you in 2018?

Jared Echternach, CEO

It's amazing what we learn through listening and observation.

New products and services are more likely to gain the satisfaction of consumers when their introduction follows market research.

Here at Beltrami Electric Cooperative, we've provided members with online and mobile applications called SmartHub enabling you to check the status of your electric service, and receive updates on energy use. We also offer outage texting as a service to our members making it easier to report an outage.

Beltrami Electric members are using the app to conduct routine business with us, like online bill payments, arranging service transfers and viewing outage updates. Over 30 percent of our members are using our SmartHub app since we launched it in 2013.



These mobile services are just new ways of connecting with people, like our member services representatives you reach when you call us, or greet you from behind the counters at our office. They help us offer quality services you expect us to provide.

Our goal is to find ways to help you control energy costs. That's why we communicate with you about energy prices and ways we can work together to help ease the burdens on your wallet.

Beltrami Electric also offers a load management program designed to help avoid high-cost energy by reducing overall demand during peak use periods. About 42 percent of you participate in

our load management program. If you haven't signed up, ask us about it – we're ready to listen.

Listening improves understanding, builds trust, strengthens relationships and fosters cooperation. It's also crucial to collaboration and success.

That's why Beltrami Electric still loves face time with our members. Our annual meeting is a social event for our whole co-op family. We also conduct district meetings in March in districts whose directors are up for election. We hope you'll make plans now to join us at one or more of these events (*details on page 8*).

So, how do we serve you better in 2018? The same way many of us try to serve community, society and family better, each day – by listening. In our offices, on telephones, through social media exchanges and in our face-to-face meetings, we're ready to listen.

When you have questions about energy efficiency, electrical service or any of our products or services, just ask us. When we know just what you want, we're in a better position to deliver successful results. So, drop in and see us, we're always glad to hear from you.

Congratulations to Randy

Line Superintendent Randy Dahle retired from Beltrami Electric in January and I'd like to personally thank Randy for his 38 years of service to our cooperative members. Randy has seen many changes in our cooperative over the course of his career but the ultimate goal of providing safe and reliable electric service to our members remains unchanged. Thank you Randy for your leadership and dedication to our members, and for keeping the lights on day in and day out – often in extreme weather conditions, and for being a great employee. I wish you a long and healthy retirement.

Operation Round Up® awards \$22,885 to community programs



Thanks to the generosity of our members, the Beltrami Electric Cooperative trust board for Operation Round Up® recently awarded grants to 24 area nonprofit and community organizations totaling \$22,885. The board had a very difficult task as they received 29 grant requests totaling almost \$53,000, but there was only \$22,885 in funds available. The board was diligent in their review process of all grant applications and there were many worthy projects in the group. The trust board meets quarterly to review applications for grants and disburse funds. The next quarterly application deadline is **March 31, 2018**. Funding guidelines and 2018 grant applications are available at the BEC office or by visiting our website at www.beltramielc.com.

The following organizations have been awarded Operation Round Up grants:

ORGANIZATION	PROGRAM	GRANT
Bemidji Area Take a Kid Fishing	2018 Bemidji Area Take a Kid Fishing Event	\$ 2,000
Bemidji Community Theater	Play It Forward Literacy campaign	\$ 500
Bemidji Marching Band Booster Club	Repair/replacement of broken and overused equipment	\$ 1,000
Bemidji Public Library	1,000 Books Before Kindergarten	\$ 500
Bemidji Sculpture Walk	Fiberglass Dog Sculptures Auction	\$ 500
Birchmound Community Center	Metal roof, Birchmound Community Center	\$ 1,000
Blackduck Garden Club	Watering system for raised bed at Wayside rest area	\$ 1,000
Blackduck Public Schools	Sensory equipment, help social/emotional needs of students	\$ 1,000
Boys & Girls Club of the Bemidji Area	Improve technology access and programming	\$ 2,000
Churches United	Servants of Shelter, emergency transportation and housing for homeless	\$ 2,000
Civil Air Patrol-Northland Composite Squadron	Volleyball net for physical fitness and team building	\$ 60
Civil Air Patrol-Northland Composite Squadron	Plasma cars for Drug Demand Reduction Program	\$ 150
Confidence Learning Center	Camp Confidence	\$ 750
Evergreen Youth & Family Services	Evergreen Youth Food Pantry/Drop-In Center	\$ 1,000
Good Samaritan Society Blackduck	Annual GSS Easter Egg Hunt	\$ 475
Great River Rescue	Purrfectower	\$ 500
Headwaters School of Music & the Arts	Headwaters Pottery Program equipment	\$ 700
Hope Lutheran Church-Food Box Project	Food Box Project	\$ 1,500
Lutheran Social Services of MN-Senior Nutrition Program	Emergency weather-related meal for low-income, high-risk seniors	\$ 1,000
Northern Artist Association/Gallery North	Connecting with Kids Through Art	\$ 1,000
Senior Activity Center	Dining room air conditioning replacement	\$ 2,000
Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Philip's Conference	Hope in Bemidji	\$ 500
St. Mary's Mission School	St. Mary's Mission School Library Books	\$ 500
True Friends	Camp Registration Fee Assistance	\$ 250
Waskish Township	Township Grader Repair	\$ 1,000

Thank you Beltrami Electric Cooperative members!



Seated: Tricia Andrews, Headwaters School of Music & the Arts; Brandon Mustful, Great River Rescue; Kristine Cannon, Bemidji Community Theater; Nita Brown, Blackduck Garden Club; Leslie Frosaker, Blackduck Public Schools. **Standing:** Sharon Lembke, Beltrami Electric trust board for ORU; Julie Johnson-Willborg, Evergreen Youth & Family Services; Jeff Loewe, Bemidji Marching Band Booster Club; Tom Daly, Headwaters School of Music & the Arts; Bob Smith, Churches United-Servants of Shelter; Elizabeth Andrews, Senior Activity Center; Pat Roush, Hope Lutheran Church; Cal Rice, Bemidji Sculpture Walk; Darlene Morgenstern-Loch, Lutheran Social Services of MN-Senior Nutrition; Kathy Sanders, Northern Artist Association/Gallery North; Bina Silverthorn, Confidence Learning Center; Sue Young, Society of St. Vincent de Paul-St. Philip's Conference; Andrea Ohnstad; Boys & Girls Club of the Bemidji Area; Brian Mustonen, Bemidji Area Take a Kid Fishing; David Lindmark, Birchmound Community Center; Mike Houghen, St. Mary's Mission School.

Unclaimed capital credits list

- Abbott**, Jenny L., *Bagley, Minn.*
Adams, Kathy and Karen,
Cass Lake, Minn.
Adkins, Gregory J. and Rebecca,
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Albright, Eileen E., *Bemidji, Minn.*
Allen, Richard C., *Baudette, Minn.*
Anderson, Kate O., *Fargo, N.D.*
Anderson, Ritchie D., *Bemidji,
Minn.*
Anderson, Roberta J., *Bemidji,
Minn.*
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Applebee, Lorie A. *Red Lake, Minn.*
Auginash, Kimberly J., *Redby,
Minn.*
Aultman, Travis M., *Grand Rapids,
Minn.*
Autstad, Christopher C., *Rushford,
Minn.*
Bader, Susan G., *Bemidji, Minn.*
Baltzell, Julie A., *Bismarck, N.D.*
Barr, Ellen R., *Albuquerque, N.M.*
Barrett, Frank, *Red Lake, Minn.*
Bastian, Radene, *Puposky, Minn.*
Bauch, Troy M. and Sharla Kilde,
Black River Falls, Wis.
Becker, David L., *Bemidji, Minn.*
Beil, Edward and Janice, *Fargo,
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Bellanger, James K., *Cass Lake,
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Minn.*
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Minn.*
Bode, Amy L., *Bagley, Minn.*
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Minn.*
Bremer, Phil and Angela, *Waconia,
Minn.*
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Brown, Michael L., *Akeley, Minn.*
Bruguier, Betsy, *Ponemah, Minn.*
Bubbastar II, LLC., *Bemidji, Minn.*
Buckingham, Scott W., *Bemidji,
Minn.*
Bullhead, Tex, *Bemidji, Minn.*
Bunten, Richard B., *Bemidji, Minn.*
Caccia, Robert E., *Lake George,
Minn.*
Carlson, Damien J., *Bemidji, Minn.*
Carlson, Sheree and Ron
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Casey, Samantha E., *Walker, Minn.*
Cass Lake Episcopal Camp,
Minneapolis, Minn.
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Clementson Scandi, Ladonna M.,
Bemidji, Minn.
Cleveland, Michael R. and Cherie,
Walker, Minn.
Cloud, Arthur and Roberta Wilson,
Ponemah, Minn.
Cloud, Violet, *Ponemah, Minn.*
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James, Crosslake, Minn.
Colby, Aaron, *Cass Lake, Minn.*
Cook, Craig A., *Redby, Minn.*
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Lake, Minn.*
Dahl, Keith D. and Nicole,
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Shingletown, Calif.
Deems, Donald E., *Pahrump, Nev.*
Defatte, Jason V. and Erica R.,
Bemidji, Minn.
Defoe, Consuelo A., *Red Lake,
Minn.*
Devlin, Jeffrey S., *Bemidji, Minn.*
Dimock, Warren E. and Gwendolyn
F. Kestrel, St. Louis, Mo.
Doubet, Michael R., *Bemidji, Minn.*
Dougherty, Donald C., *Arizona
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Douglas, Bryan L. and Malissa L.,
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Downey, Darlene K. and Jeff,
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Dutcher, Doreen E., *Mizpah, Minn.*
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Eckman, Larry D., *Sioux Falls, S.D.*
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Minn.*
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Episcopal Diocese of Minnesota,
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Fisher, Jacob A. and Shawna R.,
Sauk Rapids, Minn.
Fisher, Melanie S., *Blackduck,
Minn.*
Fogelquist, Jennifer L., *Davie, Fla.*
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Bartlett, Ill.
Fredrickson, Robert M., *Blackduck,
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Froehlich, Jeremy L., *Grand
Rapids, Minn.*
Gagnon, Verna, *Bemidji, Minn.*
Gilbertson, Gwen A., *Edmonds,
Wash.*
Gordon, Steven J., *Bemidji, Minn.*
Graves, Tracy C., *Cass Lake, Minn.*
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Minn.*
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Hardy, Leota, *Cass Lake, Minn.*
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Minn.*
Harvey, Melissa A., *Bemidji, Minn.*
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Lake, Minn.*
Hendrickson, Arnold F. and
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Lake, Minn.*
Hennen, Greg J., *Blackduck, Minn.*
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Herr, Marian C., *Bemidji, Minn.*
Herrick, Hugh and Sharon, *Duluth,
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Holler, Willam H., *Three Forks,
Mont.*
Hough, Kenneth Sr., *W. Cass Lake,
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Howies Funfort, Joanne Mulbah,
Richfield, Minn.
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Huewe, Brian N., *Bemidji, Minn.*
Hughs, Carla J. and Kelvin R.,
Bemidji, Minn.
Hurd, Rhonda E., *Cass Lake, Minn.*
Jackson Estate, Rodney,
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Jacobs, Beverly J., *Cass Lake,
Minn.*
James, Diane J., *Park Rapids,
Minn.*
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Matlock, Wash.
Jelle, Timothy R. and Shelli,
Gillette, Wyo.
Jensen, Valerie, *Bemidji, Minn.*
Jim's Golden Grill, James R. Allen,
Cass Lake, Minn.
Johnson, David J., *Bemidji, Minn.*
Johnson, Denise R., *Red Lake,
Minn.*
Johnson, Mark L., *Bemidji, Minn.*
Johnson, Rebecca L., *Bemidji,
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Minn.*
Jones, Valencia D., *Bemidji, Minn.*
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Red Thunder, Bemidji, Minn.
Kacena, Richard M. and Sarah E.,
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Surprise, Ariz.
Kemmer, Becky J., *Park Rapids,
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King, Georgina, *Red Lake, Minn.*
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Larson, Danny L. and Tammy L.,
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Larson, Lowell W., *Aitkin, Minn.*
Larson, Rachael, *Bemidji, Minn.*
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Prague, Minn.*
Little Lambs Learning Center,
Tammi Depew, Blackduck, Minn.
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Cloud, Minn.*
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- Slough**, Curtis L., *Park Rapids, Minn.*
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- Smith**, Melissa L., *Turtle River, Minn.*
- Smith**, Steven L., *Bemidji, Minn.*
- Smith**, Susan E., *Bemidji, Minn.*
- Smith**, Yolanda, *Bemidji, Minn.*
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- Thomas**, Donald L., *Bemidji, Minn.*
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- Tongen**, Dennis, *Clarkfield, Minn.*
- Tuggle**, Charles R., *Charleston, Ill.*
- Vaughan**, Annette D., *Deer River, Minn.*
- Viking Pipe Services Co. LLC**, David Olson, *Bemidji, Minn.*
- Villier**, Sharon R., *Cass Lake, Minn.*
- Vogel**, Randy F., *Emerado, N.D.*
- Vojak**, Ronald J. and Susan J., *Bemidji, Minn.*
- Walker Sand and Gravel**, James A. Anderson, *Brainerd, Minn.*
- Ward**, Jessica M., *Minneapolis, Minn.*
- Watkins**, Duane S. and Debra S., *Shevlin, Minn.*
- Wegener**, Matt and Belinda, *Oglesby, Ill.*
- Weir**, Ivan L., *Bemidji, Minn.*
- Wells**, Brandi, *Red Lake, Minn.*
- Welter**, Ken, *Grand Forks, N.D.*
- Wernberg**, Marvin E., *Kelliher, Minn.*
- White**, Carol L., *Bemidji, Minn.*
- White**, Judith A., *Minneapolis, Minn.*
- Wiebolt**, Delroy, *Bemidji, Minn.*
- Williamson**, Kevin, *Bemidji, Minn.*
- Willis**, Jeffrey R. and Jenny R., *Bemidji, Minn.*
- Wilson Estate**, James E., *Cass Lake, Minn.*
- Winchell**, Mark E., *Lincoln, Nebr.*
- Wold**, Bruce W., *Cologne, Minn.*
- Wolkerstorfer**, Mark, *Laporte, Minn.*
- Woyach**, Tanya R. and Jolynn, Fisher, *Akeley, Minn.*
- Wrabek**, Lynn, *Minneapolis, Minn.*
- Zacher**, Dustin, *Walker, Minn.*
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- Zieske**, Carolyne and Darrell, *Hugo, Minn.*

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Classified ads rules

- Ads are due by the fifth of the month prior to publication of the next issue. Example:
 - o Ads submitted by Feb. 5 – will be published in March issue.
 - o Ads submitted between Feb. 6 and March 5 – will be published in April issue.
- Ads may be submitted via our website at www.beltramelectric.com (preferred).
- Include name and Beltrami Electric account number on all submissions.
- All ads must be **50 words or less** and typed or printed clearly.
- Members may only submit one for sale and one wanted or free 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 each month.
- Editor reserves the right to edit or reject any ad.
- All telephone numbers are presumed to have a 218 area code unless otherwise noted.

For Sale:

2000 Dodge Durango, PS/PW/PL 4 wheel drive, 3rd row seating, good heater and A/C, rear air and A/C, Astro Start, cruise control, in good shape. Asking \$1,400. 760-6246.

Hoyt Spyder 30 compound bow with 55 lb-65 lb limbs; 26"-28" draw. I got this bow new four years ago (\$900) and I'm upgrading to brand new so I need to sell this one - \$475. Selling my Marcum LX-5 flasher - \$225. Call or text Matt at 368-0737.

US Navy Kersey Pea Coat. The real thing from the 60's, seldom worn (west coast sailor) and is in excellent condition. Size 38R. \$100 cash. 854-7444.

Firewood, 2 cords dry popple in various lengths, you haul, \$80. Call 224-2836.

1992 Ford F-150, 111,000 miles, 6 cylinder, 4x4, automatic, rusty, does need some work, need to sell, taking up room on property. \$1,500/obo, 444-9690. Leave message.

Very nice antique original Lane cedar chest: an original - manufactured in 1942, in great to excellent condition. Dimensions are 48 in. L x 20 in. H x 19 in. D. No key for lock. Well taken care of. \$450. 444-4137.

18" or 20" Stihl MS291C 55cc, easy start used one time, cost \$789 will sell for \$700 to include case. Antique exam/delivery table \$1,000. Bowflex with all the extras \$1,000. Call 243-2663.

Yamaha Xeno Trumpet, like new, includes case, mute, accessories. Over \$2,000 new, asking \$675. 701-739-1419.

42" x 42" kitchen table with 18" leaf and 4 chairs that have been re-upholstered. Excellent shape \$200/obo. 333-0901.

Fish house, 6'6" x 16', factory crank down frame, 12V with gas heater stove and oven. \$4,250. 467-3377.

2016 snowblower 28" - Briggs & Stratton engine - hand warmer - used maybe 5 times. \$850/ negotiable - nice little beast. 2016 Snapper riding lawn mower - 46" deck - Briggs & Stratton engine, 22 hp, hydrostatic transmission, cruise-control - \$1,500. Call Renee at 239-0128.

X-Country ski sets: Peltonen Carot no wax men's 83", 62" poles, size 12 boots, women's 79", 56" poles size 9 boots \$50/set. 2 cold weather sleeping bags \$40 each 2/\$75. Snowmobile shop dolly \$75. 547-1744.

Set of 4 used Goodyear Eagle LS2 tires P225/50 R18 \$260. 368-4834.

Moving: Like new queen size, brown davenport hide-a-bed, 3 extra matching cushions. Bought new from Slumberland for \$1,000, asking \$600. Call 444-8747 or cell 324-1676.

Western Pro snowplow, 8-ft. Chevrolet mount, \$2,350. 4-5-6-inch Block, Crazy, Star quilts; twin \$35, full \$40, queen \$55, king \$60. Antique oak rocker, \$65. Sewing machines, \$15 each. 243-2702.

Baby crib, oak, like brand new. New \$150. \$40/obo. 751-2121.

Craftsman 20 hp rider w/46-in deck, w/snowblower, chains and rear bagger. Low hours. \$750. 751-1009.

Interior pine door, new-28", \$65. Oak coffee table w/drawers, \$10. Call 751-0408, leave message.

35mm camera set bag, 1-Yashica, 1-Contax, 3 different flashes. 2x ext., auto advance, 6 different lenses, set of filters, tri-pod, etc. Make offer. Call 368-0441 or 333-1510.

Maytag refrigerator/freezer, almond color, fridge 16 cu. ft., OH freezer 7.7 cu. ft., great shape, 8 yrs old, works great, we remodeled kitchen. Dimensions: 33" W x 68" H x 33" D. \$150. 586-2362.

Hospital bed, electric, rails, trapeze, \$300. Hoyer mechanical, universal sling-med, \$300. Blood pressure cuff, CVC, M-L size, \$40. 553-1893.

8-track players, 76 cassettes, country-western, \$100. Wooden desk, 70's, 48" x 22" x 1", \$50. Lincoln arc welder with helmet, 180-amp, \$125. Wooden gun cabinet, non-locking, holds 8 rifles, 27" x 13" x 73", \$50. 335-6221.

Books: "These Old Boots" by James O. Lowmaster. Life from farm to forest. Growing up during the Great Depression and World War II, Marine Corps Service and adventures as a professional forester on four different Indian Reservations. Two volumes, large print for \$45. Mailed \$52. 586-2492.

Solid oak dining room table, pedestal w/four chairs, one leaf. Great shape. \$350. 766-8781.

Tires: (3) 255/16" - \$25 each, (3) 225/16" - \$25 each, (4) 275 x 55x20 - \$50 each. Portable fish house, \$100/obo. 766-2132.

Motorized wheelchair, good working condition. \$500. 243-3327 or 407-7723.

Wanted:

Looking for used wire mesh fencing in any height. Also looking for a 12' aluminum boat. Please call or text Matt at 368-0737 if you would like to sell either of these. Thanks.

Free:

Free firewood. Blow down in city of Bemidji. You cut, you haul. 763-587-1914 or 335-7838.

Several 30 gal bags styrofoam packing peanuts. 547-1744.

Items for sale by bid

Items available for viewing at Beltrami Electric from Feb. 5 through Feb. 9 up to 4 p.m. Both sold "As-Is". Cash only.



2006 GMC 2500HD, 4x4, 6 liter, 162,767 miles. No Box. **Minimum bid:** \$1,500.



2007 Chevrolet 2500HD, 4x4, 6 liter, 192,019 miles. **Minimum bid:** \$2,000.

Beltrami Electric Cooperative scholarships

Once again, it is time for high school seniors to apply for Beltrami Electric's college scholarships. As we all know, a college education can be expensive. Beltrami Electric and its board of directors are pleased to offer \$1,000 in scholarship money to deserving students attending seven area high schools to help with this ever-growing expense. To be eligible to be awarded scholarship money this spring, the parents and/or guardians of the students must be members of Beltrami Electric Cooperative.



If you are a high school senior who attends one of the schools listed below and are interested in applying for a scholarship from BEC, please contact your high school's designated guidance office or scholarship committee for additional information and applications. The scholarship selection process is handled through each school's designated career guidance offices or scholarship committees.

- Bemidji High School
- Blackduck High School
- Cass Lake High School
- Kelliher High School
- Laporte High School
- Red Lake High School
- Walker-Hackensack-Akeley High School

New for 2018!

Beltrami Electric will award **four \$1,000 At Large Scholarships** to members or dependents of BEC members, who plan to enroll as a full-time student in their first year in an undergraduate course of study

at an accredited two-year or four-year college, university or vocational/technical school. The At-Large Scholarship Program is for students who do not attend one of the seven schools listed under the Beltrami Electric Scholarship Program above.

This Summer ... Go on a Power Trip!

2018 YOUTH TOUR

WASHINGTON, D.C., JUNE 9-14, 2018

Be There. Be Heard. Be Inspired.



Beltrami Electric Cooperative is now accepting applications for the 2018 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour, an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., June 9-14, 2018.

To qualify, candidates must be a high school junior (will be a senior in the fall of 2018) whose parent or guardian is a member of Beltrami Electric Cooperative, 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.

Applications must be received by **Thursday, March 1, 2018**, and are available at your high school counselor's office or via download at Beltrami Electric's website at www.beltramielectric.com. Those interested should mail their completed application to Beltrami Electric Cooperative, Inc., Attn: Youth Tour, P.O. Box 488, Bemidji, MN 56619-0488. For more information, contact Angela Lyseng at Beltrami Electric, **218-444-3689** or visit our website www.beltramielectric.com.

Cold Weather Expo

Monday, Feb. 12, 2018
1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Roger Spiry Community Room
4111 Technology Dr. NW Bemidji

- Cold Weather Rule Clarification
- Visit with Assistance Agencies
- Energy Conservation Rebates and Tips
- Load Management Information
- Member Tools Demonstrations of SmartHub and MyMeter

* Cookies and refreshments will be available!

* Enter to win a \$50 credit on your BEC electric bill!

* FREE gift while supplies last!

Board Meeting Highlights

Beltrami Electric's board of directors conducted its monthly meeting Monday, Dec. 18, 2017. A quorum was present.

The following reports were given:

- CEO Echternach gave his monthly report, including 2018 membership to ACRE and REPAC, updates on the new meter system and legislative issues and presented the non-union compensation and benefit plan.
- Sid Sletten reviewed November work orders.
- CEO Echternach presented a sample policy Cooperative Dispute Resolution Rules and also reviewed proposed bylaw amendments as recommended by the bylaw review committee.
- CEO Echternach and the management team presented the 2018 budget narrative, general plant purchases and the 2018 marketing plan.
- President Coe appointed 2018 voting delegates and alternates.
- Directors shared highlights of meetings attended on behalf of the cooperative and discussed upcoming meetings and educational conferences.

The following actions were taken:

- Approved the consent agenda and work order inventories.
- Approved the proposed bylaw amendments.
- Approved the non-union compensation and benefit plan.
- Approved 2018 budget and marketing plan.

The next regular board meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2018.

ATTENTION CONTRACTORS!

Beltrami Electric is holding an informational meeting for all local building, electrical and heating (HVAC) contractors. The meeting will begin with a hot lunch served at 11:30 a.m. followed by a presentation by Electro Industries, including NorAire heat pumps, WarmFlo plenum heaters and high efficiency heating systems. Beltrami Electric will provide a brief update on available rebate programs, the load management program and new service information. Contractors may RSVP by Feb. 20 to Bob Gregg by emailing bgregg@beltramielectric.com or calling 218-444-3622.



FRIDAY, FEB. 23, 2017 • 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. • Roger Spiry Community Room

SYSTEMWIDE METER UPGRADE CONTINUES

Installing new meters to help serve you better

Work continues on our system-wide meter upgrade project, and to-date, we have completed 25,000 meter replacements. As we have been communicating over the past year, our existing metering system was installed in the mid-1990s and has reached its end-of-life, and the manufacturer is no longer supporting this older equipment.

BEC contracted with a third party metering group, Allegiant Utility Services, to assist in completing the remaining meter exchanges. Allegiant Utility Services' vehicles have its logo, as well as signage designating that they are a contractor for Beltrami Electric Cooperative. The contractors from Allegiant Utility Services wear an ID badge with their name



and photo and upon arriving at a member's location, will door knock to let the member know why they are there. If they don't receive an answer, they will leave a door tag notifying the member of their visit.

The impact of the installation is minimal. Co-op members can expect to lose power for a few minutes on the day of installation. You may need to reset your electronic devices, such as digital clocks. In addition, the next bill will show two meter readings: one from the old meter and one from the new meter.

Technology has changed a lot in 20-plus years when we installed our previous metering system. These new meters will improve reliability and give you more tools and opportunities to manage and save energy.





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Cooperative board of director nominations accepted at district meetings in March

Nominations are now being accepted for director positions at district meetings scheduled in March. Beltrami Electric Cooperative is divided into nine districts, each represented by a director. This year, director positions are open for Districts 3, 7 and 9. The top two candidates as determined by popular vote will have their names on the general election ballot in April.

Persons eligible to become or remain a director of the cooperative shall be a member in good standing of the cooperative and receiving electric service at the member's primary residence in the district where nominated. If you have any questions regarding qualifications or responsibilities of board members, please contact Beltrami Electric Cooperative CEO Jared Echternach at 444-2540.

District 9: Thursday, March 1, 2018, 7 p.m.

Laporte/Lakeport Firehall
160 County 39 SW, Laporte, Minn.

JUDY HONER IS THE INCUMBENT.

Townships in Cass County: Leech Lake, Otter Tail Peninsula – NW (Sections 19 – 36), Shingobee – North, Unorganized (T143N R30W) and Wilkinson (Sections 19 – 36).

Townships in Hubbard County: Hart Lake (Sections 19 – 36), Lakeport, Hendrickson and Steamboat River.

District 7: Monday, March 5, 2018, 7 p.m.

Nary Community Hall, Helga Township
25895 County Rd 9, Bemidji, Minn.

JOHN LUND IS THE INCUMBENT.

Townships in Beltrami County: Bemidji (Sections 25 - 36), Frohn (Sections 19 – 36, except 25).

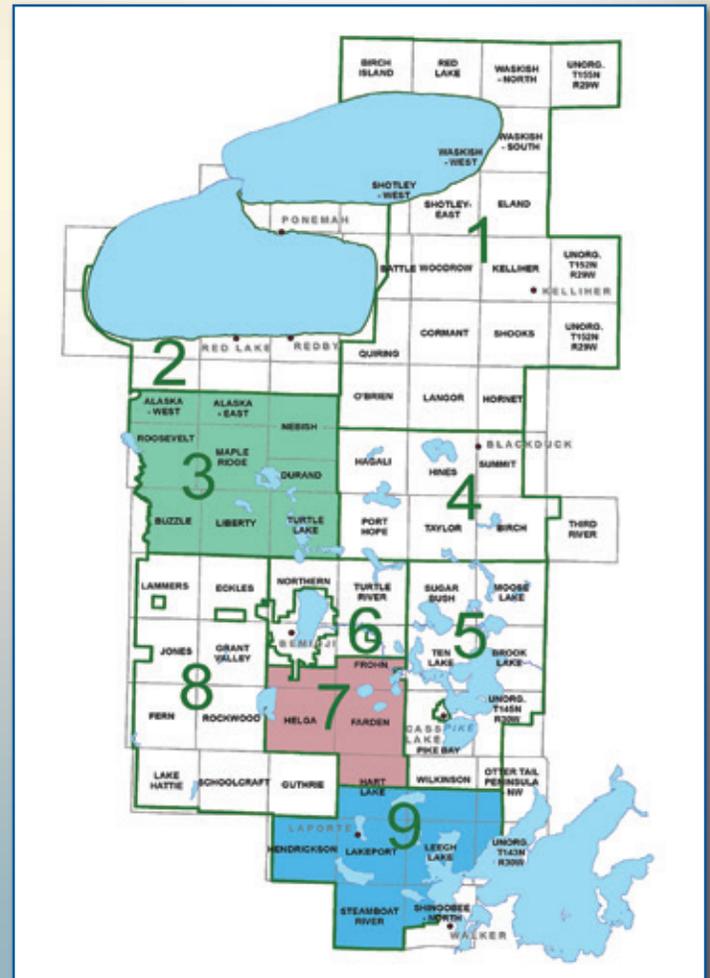
Townships in Hubbard County: Farden, Hart Lake (Sections 1 – 18) and Helga.

District 3: Tuesday, March 6, 2018, 7 p.m.

St. John's Church
27867 Irvine Ave NE, Nebish, Minn.

CHARLES PARSON IS THE INCUMBENT.

Townships in Beltrami County: Alaska (East and West), Buzzle, Durand, Liberty, Maple Ridge, Nebish, Roosevelt and Turtle Lake.



District meetings are held each year in accordance with your cooperative's bylaws presenting the opportunity to place names on the ballot for director positions. The meetings also serve as a prelude to the upcoming annual meeting Thursday, April 19, 2018, at Bemidji High School.