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**ON THE COVER:** Applications are now available for the 2017 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. See page 8 for more information.



## New year and legislative outlook

Jared Echternach, *CEO*

While 2016 ended flat in terms of energy sales, 2017 has brought us cold weather, and along with it increased energy sales. Electric utilities nationwide, especially cooperatives with their mostly residential load profiles, are experiencing flat or declining energy sales. Last year was no exception for your cooperative as sales were essentially the same as they were in 2015. Some of this trend is due to increased energy efficiency, for which electric cooperatives have long advocated. Some of this is due to the economic downturn of the late 2000s, from which we still have not fully recovered.

To put this into perspective, during the mid-2000s your cooperative was constructing more than 600 new services annually. For the last several years we have constructed between 200-250 new services. Will we ever get back to the growth we saw in the mid-2000s? We certainly hope so. But for the near future we project flat to very modest growth both in terms of new services and energy sales.

### State legislative outlook

Many changes took place during the November election, with many new faces at the capitol this year. Representing our service area at the state level are Rep. Matt Bliss, Rep. Matt Grossell and Sens. Justin Eichorn and Paul Utke. We met with our local candidates before the election to discuss what is important to our electric cooperative, and we've met with them following the election as well to get their perspective on the upcoming session and to reiterate what is important to the co-op. Now that the dust has settled and the session has begun, we will continue to focus on several issues important to us, although we predicted and our legislators confirmed, that much of the session will be focused on taxes, health care and transportation rather than energy issues.

Our primary issue of concern is the ability for cooperatives to maintain local democratic control. Cooperatives are owned and governed by their members, and we want to keep it that way. Over the

last decade, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission has expanded its reach to the point where it is costing electric cooperatives and their members' time and money. This regulatory overreach must be curtailed, and we must fight to maintain our autonomy to govern ourselves. We are working through our statewide association and with other electric cooperatives to draft legislation that leaves decision making regarding rates at the local cooperative level. Despite clear statutory language, the current PUC process has created uncertainty over the autonomy of cooperatives to locally regulate. We are resolving that uncertainty with reform that clarifies that cooperatives are locally regulated. This will eliminate unnecessary duplicate regulation, saving members and the state money.

### Federal legislative outlook

At the federal level we also expect the focus to be on health care and taxes, with not as much emphasis on energy issues. We will advocate to reinstate the geothermal tax credits that expired at the end of 2016. We had pushed for this last year, but legislators wanted to wait to include it in a 2017 comprehensive tax bill. Other issues we will push include the repeal of a tax on health care plans, streamlining the regulatory process with regard to permitting and the Clean Power Plan. It remains to be seen what the administration will propose in terms of the Clean Power Plan, but at the very least a delay or a glide path will help electric cooperatives plan for the future and ease the cliff looming in 2030 under the current plan.

I will provide more information as we progress, and we may call on you for assistance on these important state and federal energy issues. If there is one thing I've learned about the legislative process, especially in terms of energy issues, it is that messages directly from our members have much more weight than hearing from lobbyists in St. Paul or in Washington, D.C. Your voice truly matters.

# Operation Round Up® awards \$22,100 to community programs

Thanks to the generosity of our members, the Beltrami Electric Cooperative Trust Board for Operation Round Up® recently awarded 15 grants to area nonprofit and community organizations totaling \$22,100. The board had a challenging task reviewing and approving grants as the amount of requests was more than double the amount of available funds.

Operation Round Up is a charitable program unique to electric cooperatives and is designed to give members a means of working together to use their small change to make a big impact in their local communities. The average amount a member will contribute is approximately 50 cents/month or \$6 per year. Donations are tax deductible and members will receive an annual summary of their contributions on their January billing statement.

The Trust Board meets quarterly to review applications for grants and disburse funds. The funding guidelines are as follows: Community Service, Economic Development, Education and Youth and Environment. The next quarterly application deadline is **March 31, 2017**. Grant applications are available at the BEC office or by visiting our website at [www.beltramielectric.com](http://www.beltramielectric.com).



*The following organizations have been awarded Operation Round Up grants:*

ORGANIZATION	PROGRAM	GRANT
Bemidji Community Theater	Dragonsong children's theater program-transportation for students	\$ 1,650
Bi-County Community Action Program (Bi-CAP)	Window insulator kits	\$ 1,000
Blackduck Elementary	Hands-on technology (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math)	\$ 1,050
Evergreen Youth & Family Services, Inc.	Crisis shelter kitchen/laundry floor re-tiling	\$ 2,500
Fern Township	Rebuild Fern Town Hall	\$ 1,500
Good Samaritan Society-Blackduck	Manikin to provide training and education	\$ 4,000
Headwaters School of Music and the Arts	Headwaters Art Club	\$ 800
Kelliher Bone Builders	Purchase additional weights	\$ 400
Lakes Area Dive Team	Lakes Area Dive Team - dry suit replacement	\$ 3,000
Laporte School	Preschool/Kindergarten Student Stability Project	\$ 900
Muscular Dystrophy Association	Summer camp for local kids with MD-Camp Courage	\$ 1,000
North Beltrami Sportsmen's Club	Facility expansion-electrical work	\$ 2,000
Red Lake Nation College	2nd annual college and career fair	\$ 300
Red Lake Rosie's Rescue, Inc.	Red Lake Neuter/Spay Project	\$ 1,000
Society of St. Vincent De Paul, St. Philip's Conference	Getting Ahead in a Just-Getting-By World classes	\$ 1,000

*Thank you Beltrami Electric Cooperative members!*



**Seated:** Nancy O'Sullivan, Karen Good, Red Lake Rosie's Rescue. **Standing:** Beltrami Electric Cooperative Trust board members Sharon Lembke, Randy Frisk; Robin Mystic, Blackduck Elementary; Janice and Wes Frenzel, Kelliher Bone Builders; Sue Young, Society of St. Vincent De Paul, St. Philip's Conference; Shannon Eickstadt, North Beltrami Sportsmen's Club; Tricia Andrews, Headwaters School of Music and the Arts; Kevin Wolden, Red Lake Rosie's Rescue; Dawna Rankin, Good Samaritan Society-Blackduck; Kevin Krueger, Lakes Area Dive Team; Andrea Major, Good Samaritan Society-Blackduck; Jeff Farr, Bi-County Community Action Program (Bi-CAP); Kristine Cannon, Bemidji Community Theater; Amy Mart, Fern Township; Julie Johnson-Willborg; Evergreen Youth & Family Services; Joan Moorhead, Laporte School; and Mandy Schram, Red Lake Nation College.

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Alcorn, Randy and Theresa,  
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Allen III, James F., Corrigan, Tex.  
Allen III, James F. and Leah L.,  
Corrigan, Tex.  
Allen, Christopher and Shelly, Bemidji,  
Minn.  
Allen, Philomene, Red Lake, Minn.  
Allery, Donald K., Falls Church, Va.  
Alten, Wade and Caren, Bemidji, Minn.  
Alvarado, Derrick W. and Christine M.,  
Waubun, Minn.  
Anderson Estate, Edna B., Moorhead,  
Minn.  
Anderson, Diane, Roseau, Minn.  
Anderson, Hyle R., Aberdeen, S.D.  
Anderson, Jeanette M. (White Pine  
Home), Inver Grove Height, Minn.  
Anderson, Olin M. and Christine A.,  
Beccida, Minn.  
Applebee, Lorie A., Minneapolis, Minn.  
Barott, James A. and Laura J., Ely,  
Minn.  
Barthen, Richard B., Kingsport, Ten.  
Bates, Kris D., Superior, Wis.  
Bay, F. Leonard and Jeanne M.,  
Minneapolis, Minn.  
Beardsley, Donna J., Council Bluffs,  
Iowa  
Beaulieu, Brenda E., Cass Lake, Minn.  
Beaulieu, Judy L., Red Lake, Minn.  
Becida Bar, C/O Jane Miller, Bemidji,  
Minn.  
Bellanger, Antoine J., Red Lake, Minn.  
Belles Estate, Violet, Oshkosh, Wis.  
Benaise, Marilyn, Redby, Minn.  
Berg, Cheryl A., Bemidji, Minn.  
Black, Ida, Redby, Minn.  
Blake, Rebecca S., Bemidji, Minn.  
Bombardir, Brad and Heather,  
Woodbury, Minn.  
Boomgaarden, Larry W. and Kathy E.,  
Grand Rapids, Minn.  
Borgstrom Estate, Richard, Tower, Minn.  
Bossart, Mary J., Walker, Minn.  
Bourcy, Michael, Bemidji, Minn.  
Boyer, Jerry, Bemidji, Minn.  
Bradseth, Martin T. and Susan B.,  
Hines, Minn.  
Brecke, Dean, Spicer, Minn.  
Brennan, Dan and Kaija Webster,  
Bemidji, Minn.  
Brooks, Scott R. and Sherri M.,  
Bemidji, Minn.  
Brousseau, Pamela A., Kalispell, Mont.  
Brown, Robert and Teresa, Poplarville,  
Miss.  
Bruce Estate, Bonita, Walker, Minn.  
Buffalo, Lavetta J., Carnegie, Okla.  
Buitenwerf, Eric J. and Michelle,  
Bemidji, Minn.  
Burger, Margaret B., Bemidji, Minn.  
Burgess, Larry C., Ramsey, Minn.  
Burnham, Gary A. and Lisa M.,  
Burnsville, Minn.  
Butler, E. Marie, Albuquerque, N.M.  
Byfluglien, Matthew and Stacy,  
Bemidji, Minn.
- C M of North Dakota, Fargo, N.D.  
Canfield, Brian C. and Adelyn M.,  
St. Petersburg, Fla.  
Cheney, Robert M., Blackduck, Minn.  
Cheney, Thomas H. and Dorothy A.,  
Bemidji, Minn.  
Chippewa Bible Church, C/O Karen  
Moses, Cass Lake, Minn.  
Chirpich, Aaron J., Bemidji, Minn.  
Christiansen, Joseph R. and Sarah,  
Larimore, N.D.  
Cloud, Arthur and Roberta Wilson,  
Ponemah, Minn.  
Coequyt, Kimberly R., Bemidji, Minn.  
Coleman, Kimberly K. and Jody  
Bratsch, New London, Minn.  
Colen, Mary C. and Lester A., Hines,  
Minn.  
Collins, Debbie A. and Dana, Bemidji,  
Minn.  
Cooley Faith, Portland, Ore.  
Cope, Julie A., Intl. Falls, Minn.  
Correll, Randy J., Navajo, N.M.  
Countryman, Bernard and Kimberly,  
Coon Rapids, Minn.  
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Yates, N.D.  
Crary, Joseph, Grand Forks, N.D.  
Crohn, David C. and Leslie R.,  
Chandler, Ariz.  
Cronk, Roger L. and Shari L.,  
Conway, Ark.  
Crosby, James and Joan, Bemidji,  
Minn.  
Curd, Richard D. and Teresa M.,  
Plymouth, Minn.  
Current, Timothy, Delano, Minn.  
Curtis, Caera and Patric Greer,  
Nisswa, Minn.  
Cuthbert Payne, Valory, Walker, Minn.  
Dahl, Alberta L., Sioux Falls, S.D.  
Dahl, Earl D., Roseville, Minn.  
Dahlke Lewis, Sandy, Bemidji, Minn.  
Daniels, E. Joan, Harlingen, Tex.  
Danielson Jr., Roger M. and Donna K.,  
Bemidji, Minn.  
Dappen, William R., Laporte, Minn.  
Davis, Clara J., Bemidji, Minn.  
Davis, Neil A. and Sharon K., Bemidji,  
Minn.  
Degroote, Holli L., Pengilly, Minn.  
Dennis, Jason T., Baker, Minn.  
Devries, Craig and Nancy, Birmingham,  
Iowa  
Dewaele, Anthony and Joan, Oakdale,  
Minn.  
Dewit Estate, John C., Pierre, S.D.  
Dickey, David, Maryville, Tenn.  
Donaldson, Blaine and Dorathea, Sun  
City, Ariz.  
Donnell Estate, Gordon A., Red Lake,  
Minn.  
Doran, John A. and Mary, Seattle, Wash.  
Dosdall, Harold, Huntsville, Ala.  
Doubet, Michael R. and Kami L.,  
Bemidji, Minn.  
Drong, Tina R., Bemidji, Minn.  
Dunbar, John, Bemidji, Minn.  
Eckenrode, Reed F. and Ranae L.,  
Bemidji, Minn.  
Elofson, Gary L. and Marianne,  
Northfield, Minn.
- Engel, Gerald J. and Carolyn J.,  
Kodiak, Alaska  
Erdman, Don C. and Ruth M., Elk  
River, Minn.  
Erickson, James C., Hines, Minn.  
Erickson, Matt C., Cass Lake, Minn.  
Evans, Lyle R. and Barbara E.,  
Pinewood, Minn.  
Everhart, Mary A. and James L.,  
Goudge, Bemidji, Minn.  
Faine, Linus J., Belcourt, N.D.  
Farl, Jennier R., Bemidji, Minn.  
Feda, Debra L., Bemidji, Minn.  
Feickert, James A and Nicole L.,  
Northwood, N.D.  
Fenner, Tama J., Bemidji, Minn.  
Fillman, Harold R., Carlisle, Iowa  
Fineday, Patricia, Detroit Lakes, Minn.  
Fitch, Eric, Bagley, Minn.  
Fogelquist Estate, Daniel W., Bemidji,  
Minn.  
Foster, Virgil F., C/O Patrick Foster,  
Pequot Lakes, Minn.  
Fox, Roger A., Andover, Minn.  
Frei, R. H., Wagner, S.D.  
Fuhrman, Charles D., Sleepy Eye, Minn.  
Fylling, Carelyn P., Punta Gorda, Fla.  
Galle Estate, Wilbert D., Pennington,  
Minn.  
Gard, Marilyn K., Bemidji, Minn.  
Gates, Thomas M. and Carole A.,  
Maple Grove, Minn.  
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Yuma, Ariz.  
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Graves, Rhianon and Harold Jr.,  
Redby, Minn.  
Greenleaf Jr., Dennis, Ponemah, Minn.  
Griffith, Greg, Bemidji, Minn.  
Gross, James R., Minot, N.D.  
Grott, Brian J. and Cathy, Monticello,  
Minn.  
Grumbo, Jackie C., Blackduck, Minn.  
Guemsey, Cynthia A., Cass Lake, Minn.  
Hackett, Peter and Betty, Walker,  
Minn.  
Hackey, Vickie A., Bemidji, Minn.  
Hagge, Robert P. and Jill E., Bemidji,  
Minn.  
Hamann, Donald P. and Theresa,  
Walker, Minn.  
Hamburg, Nick, Bagley, Minn.  
Hamlin, Christa, Moorhead, Minn.  
Hanevold, Mary L., Bemidji, Minn.  
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Hanson, Anthony J., Red Lake, Minn.  
Hanson, Lisa A., Bemidji, Minn.  
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Kingbird, Richard A., Ponemah, Minn.  
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Schindler, Rachel and Darrell, Olivia, Minn.

Schlueter, Mildred, Bemidji, Minn.

Schmidt Estate, William G., Bemidji, Minn.

Schroeder, William T., Wilton, Minn.

Schulz, Tom A. and Julie, Bemidji, Minn.

Schwanz, Kevin, Bemidji, Minn.

Sederstrom, Gina A. and Jason Hill, Detroit Lakes, Minn.

Seidel, Dawn, Glenwood City, Wis.

Seitz, Derrick S. and Angela, M., Bemidji, Minn.

Shadiow, Guy A., Kuna, ID

Shepard, Heidi M., Bemidji, Minn.

Sheridan, Darold J., Isanti, Minn.

Shongo, Earl, Puposky, Minn.

Shutter Estate, Dorothy, Bemidji, Minn.

Simpkins, Michael, Bemidji, Minn.

Sims, Patrick D. and Nicole Kelly, Grand Forks, N.D.

Sisson, Eva M., Shevlin, Minn.

Small, Donald, A & M Forestry Inc., Deer River, Minn.

Smith Estate, Roberta J., Pennington, Minn.

Smith, Beverly J., Red Lake, Minn.

Smith, Marian M., Bemidji, Minn.

Smith, Natausha R., Duluth, Minn.

Spears, Devonna L., Red Lake, Minn.

Staples, Donavon L. and Dawn S., Cass Lake, Minn.

Steele, Leona M., Boise, ID

Stehlik, Alice, Walker, Minn.

Stein, Thomas E. and Diana, Brookings, Ore.

Stenros, Pete, Cass Lake, Minn.

Stephens, Shelly A., Bemidji, Minn.

Stillday, Marshall T., Ponemah, Minn.

Stillday, Rebecca L., Red Lake, Minn.

Stoutenburgh, Jacob I. and Mareike, Bemidji, Minn.

Striebel, Wayne A. and Jerlene S., Walker, Minn.

Stringer, Harold, Moorhead, Minn.

Stringfellow, William and DeLoras, Centralia, Wash.

Strowbridge, John, Bemidji, Minn.

Sumstad, Lance S., Hackensack, Minn.

Sundvall, Trina, Bemidji, Minn.

Swanson, Einar A. and Elaine, Bemidji, Minn.

Tandstater, Martin R., Hutchinson, Minn.

Tatter, Andrea, Akeley, Minn.

Taylor, Dene D., Walker, Minn.

Thiel, Reggie L. and Roxanne, Ottertail, Minn.

Thomas, Tiffany and Melvin, Northome, Minn.

Thompson, Angela M. and Jeff L., Valley City, N.D.

Thompson, Shane U. and Rebecca D., Bemidji, Minn.

Tompkins, Gary D. and Carol, Asher, Okla.

Tompkins, Laura J. and Rick, Bemidji, Minn.

Trottier, Ben L. and Marlene, West Fargo, N.D.

Tuomala, Patrick P. and Jean N., Bemidji, Minn.

Tverstol, Harold, Bemidji, Minn.

Underwood, Donald L. and Mary G., Deming, N.M.

Urseth, William, Prior Lake, Minn.

Vanasse, Thomas E. and Kalsie, Bemidji, Minn.

Vesely, Lily V., Montrose, Colo.

Vogel, Randy F., Emerald, N.D.

Walen, John J. and Donita J., Washburn, N.D.

Walsh, David H., Moorhead, Minn.

Wambheim, Bruce, Northfield, Minn.

Ward, Bradley S. and Kelly J. Lindstrom, Bemidji, Minn.

Washington, Kari A., Redby, Minn.

Watkins, Duane S. and Debra S., Shevlin, Minn.

Western Relocation, C/O Century 21, Bemidji, Minn.

Whalen, George M. and Suzi, Grand Forks, N.D.

Whitney, Rhonda M., Rochester, Minn.

Wiebbecke, Earl and Beverly Aspenson, Little Canada, Minn.

Wiese, Elizabeth M., St. Cloud, Minn.

Wiest, Henry L., Puposky, Minn.

Wilde, Travis J. and Sara A., Maple Grove, Minn.

Wildes, Leonard M., Waycross, Ga.

Wilkens, Gary D. and Faith, Blackduck, Minn.

Wiltse, Beverly A., Crookston, Minn.

Wipf, Arlie G., Red Lake, Minn.

Wipf, Robyn J., Red Lake, Minn.

Wirtanen, Robin A., Foley, Minn.

Wolfe, Tamara A., Mankato, Minn.

Woosley, Ray D., Laporte, Minn.

Wuollett, David A., Houston, Tex.

Yankowak, Tom, Mora, Minn.

Zeige, Lisa and Shirley Oftedahl, Bemidji, Minn.

*These former members may contact Beltrami Electric Cooperative by calling the office at 218-444-2540 or 800-955-6083 or via email at [info@beltramielectric.com](mailto:info@beltramielectric.com).*

# Northern Lights

# CLASSIFIEDS

## Classified ads rules

- Ads may be submitted via our website at [www.beltramelectric.com](http://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 to run additional months.
- Ads are due by the first of the month prior to publication of the next issue.
  - o Ads submitted by Jan. 5 – will be published in February issue
  - o Ads submitted by Feb. 5 – will be published in March 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.
- Mail ads to: Beltrami Electric Cooperative, P.O. BOX 488, Bemidji, MN 56619

## For Sale:

Table and four bar stool chairs \$120 or best offer, coffee table and end table \$50, upright dresser \$20, lamp \$10, wicker mirror \$20, wall hanging pictures \$10 to \$20 each. 586-5756.

2008 Ford Focus 148,000 miles, very good condition. Heated leather seats, blue tooth, Sirius XM available, lighted floor and cup holders. Weather Tech liners. Nonsmoker, no pets. Oil changes done through Bemidji Chrysler on regular basis. \$4,200/obo. 368-0198/766-3049 for more information.

MTD snowblower with 26-inch cutting width powered with a 8 hp Tecumseh engine. Well-maintained machine with electric start. \$350. A CLAM Fish Trap ice shelter, 2-person, in great condition. \$225. Call 444-8312.

Kenmore 50 PT dehumidifier, \$30 (good cond); Perfect Aire 30 PT dehumidifier, \$50 (very good). 444-2336.

Winchester.284, \$750, S&W 9mm, \$500, Ruger 10/22, \$300. 368-9895.

Schnoodle puppy, very affectionate and intelligent, nonshedding, will be about 15#. Parents AKC, vet-checked, 1<sup>st</sup> shots, ready 2-4. \$250. 224-2303.

Electrolux canister vacuum cleaner with power-head. \$20. 556-1213.

2005 Polaris snowmobile 550 cc trail touring 2 up with electric start, reverse and cover. 3,200 miles in excellent condition. \$3,000/obo. Call 243-2883, leave message.

Tables, 4 dining and 3 kitchen tables, 2 vacuum cleaners, 2 metal frame beds, 1 single, 1 double, 2 wooden chairs, hand ice auger, room steamer. 224-2811.

German Shepherd, female; 18 months \$500. 751-5730.

1998 Toyota Camry. 250,000 mi. \$1,000. 556-4674.

2001 John Deere 28 inch, 12.5 hp snowblower. Runs good, needs new belts and adjustments. \$200. Call 224-3565.

Firewood, various lengths up to 7' long, freshly cut Pine, Aspen/Popple and Birch tops, in piles on landing areas of a timber sale. Starting at \$20 per pickup load. 760-8266.

All natural local raw honey for sale. No chemicals used in treatment of bees. Glass jars with BPA-free lids. 760-1503.

'07 Chev Suburban, 4WD, all power, CC, 5.3 Liter, 90,000 miles, 4 leather bucket seats, AM/FM/CD, DVD, sun roof, running boards, exc. cond., sandstone ext., gray int., alloy wheels, Weather Tech mats frt and RR, never hit body. Book \$16+K, asking \$15K. 444-2280.

Zenith Transoceanic short wave radio R-7000-1 with owner, service manual and map. Working condition. \$200. 854-7444.

19-ft 5<sup>th</sup> wheel Scamp camper, 6 hole, 5' x 13' wheeled fish house no bunks. 335-2355.

Barronett Grounder model 250 blood trail, camo hunting blind, 16 lbs, 5 hub design, 59" long, 75" wide, 67" high, storage bag included. Used once. \$50. 444-6165.

## Wanted:

Seat and backrest for 1997 Ski-Doo touring 2 up or a single seat from a SL. Small wheeled or skid fish house, vented fish house stove, vented propane wall heater. 209-5413. Text or call/leave message.

## Free:

Gecko, 751-5730.

Tame, ring-necked Dove, Tangerine Pearl. Male. Cage included. 444-7815 or 760-7264.

## Co-op Connections

## Business Deal of the Month

## Buena Vista Ski Area

10% off lift tickets and tubing tickets

19276 Lake Julia Dr. NW  
Bemidji, Minn.  
218-243-2231

[www.bvskiarea.com](http://www.bvskiarea.com)

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## 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Minnesota Finlandia Ski Marathon

Saturday, Feb. 18, 2017  
Buena Vista Ski Area

The Finlandia is a truly international event, drawing citizen and elite skiers from around the world. The Minnesota Finlandia is a world-class athletic event open to everyone. For more information, visit:

<http://www.minnesotafinlandia.com>



## Systemwide meter upgrade – installing new meters to help serve you better



Our systemwide meter upgrade began in November, and to date we have installed more than 1,685 new meters. 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 old equipment. The new meters will improve reliability, outage management and will give you more tools and opportunities to manage and save energy.

This project will occur over the next two years, with an estimated completion date of the end of 2018. BEC has contracted with a third party metering company, Sooner Meter, that will start in April to assist in completing the remaining meter exchanges. Sooner Meter vehicles will have signage designating them as a BEC Contractor so that our membership will know they are acting on behalf of BEC.

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. We will not need access to your home or business, nor will you need to be on-site when crews perform this work.

## Board Meeting Highlights

Beltrami Electric's board of directors conducted its monthly meeting Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2016. A quorum of directors was present.

### *The following reports were given:*

- CEO Echternach gave his monthly report, including updates on the new meter system, the Northern Solar project and the legislative forum held at BEC. He also presented the 2017 Budget and Strategic Plan.
- Sid Sletten gave the financial report for November, including review of work orders.
- Sid Sletten presented a resolution establishing borrowing limits for the cooperative and gave an update on the revenue deferral plan.
- Brendan Kennelly, of Minnkota Power, gave an update on transmission reliability.
- Appointed voting delegates and alternates for the NRECA annual meeting and MREA annual meeting.
- Directors and the CEO shared highlights of meetings attended on behalf of the cooperative.
- Meetings for Districts 2, 4 and 6 were discussed.

### *The following actions were taken:*

- Approved the consent agenda and work order inventories.
- Approved the Resolution establishing the cooperative's borrowing limits.
- Approved the 2017-2019 Strategic Plan.
- Approved the 2017 Budget and Marketing Plan.
- Approved the Non-Union Compensation and Benefits Plan.
- Approved changing the January regular board meeting to Monday, Jan. 30, 2017.

*The next board meeting will be Jan. 30, 2017.*



## Problems paying your electric bill?

**Energy assistance may be available!**

*If you are receiving a low income or suffering from a temporary financial shortfall, the following agencies may be able to assist you with your electric bill. We urge you to contact them immediately to avoid disconnection if you feel you are eligible for aid.*

### **Bi-CAP Energy Assistance**

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

### **Mahube Energy Assistance**

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

### **Leech Lake Energy Assistance**

115 6<sup>th</sup> St NW, Suite E  
Cass Lake, MN 56633  
218-335-3783

### **Red Lake Energy Assistance**

PO Box 190  
Red Lake, MN 56671  
218-679-1880

### **Kootasca Energy Assistance**

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

## ATTENTION CONTRACTORS!

Beltrami Electric is holding an informational meeting for local building, electrical and heating (HVAC) contractors. The meeting will be held in the community room at Beltrami Electric on THURSDAY, FEB. 23, at 11:30 a.m. and lunch will be provided. The agenda will include updates on available rebates, including some new rebates for 2017, new service updates, electric off-peak heating equipment and more! Contractors may RSVP by Feb. 21 to Bob Gregg by emailing [bgregg@beltramielectric.com](mailto:bgregg@beltramielectric.com) or calling 218-444-3622.



**FEB. 23, 2017**

## We are looking for you!

Beltrami Electric is looking for **Brett B. Campell** and **Ashley M. Kahle** (Bemidji, Minn.), **Samantha E. Casey** (Cass Lake, Minn.) and **Gary L. Johnson** (Ponemah, Minn). Please call 218-444-2540 if you have any information.



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**JUNE 10-15, 2017**

**B**eltrami Electric Cooperative is accepting applications for the 2017 Youth Tour, an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., on June 10-15.

Each year the cooperative sponsors one high school junior (will be a senior in the fall of 2017) 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 Wednesday, March 1, 2017, and are available at your high school counselor's office or via download at Beltrami Electric's website at [www.beltramielectric.com/content/youth-tour-washington-dc](http://www.beltramielectric.com/content/youth-tour-washington-dc).

*(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](http://www.youthtour.coop) for exciting highlights of past Electric Cooperative Youth Tours.

