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National Electrical Safety Month



Keep your family safe in your home by brushing up on how to use electricity safely and by periodically giving your home an electrical checkup:

- Make sure outlets in the kitchen, bathrooms, laundry, workshop, basement, garage or any area with access to water are equipped with a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI). A GFCI monitors the flow of electricity in a circuit. If there is an irregularity, even a small one, the flow of electricity is shut off, preventing an electric shock. GFCIs should be tested monthly to ensure they are working properly.
- Periodically check outlets for loose-fitting plugs. Replace missing or broken wall plates so wiring and components are not exposed.
- If you have young children or pets at home, install tamper resistant outlets (TROs) or cover unused outlets with plastic safety caps.
- Never force plugs into outlets, and never remove the grounding pin (third prong) to make a three-prong plug fit a two-prong outlet.
- Avoid overloading outlets with adapters and too many appliance plugs.
- Extension cords are designed for temporary use only. They should never be put in place as a long-term solution. A qualified electrician can help you install the necessary wiring and receptacle outlets for a permanent solution.
- Make sure cords are not frayed or cracked, placed under carpets or rugs or located in high traffic areas. If a cord is damaged in any way, replace it. Do not nail or staple them to walls, floors or other objects.
- Also, as a safety precaution, make it a habit to remove a cord from the outlet by pulling on the plug rather than the cord itself.



- Check periodically for loose wall receptacles, wires or loose lighting fixtures. Listen for popping or sizzling sounds behind walls. Immediately shut off, then professionally replace light switches that are hot to the touch and lights that spark and flicker.
- Check that light bulb wattage matches the fixture requirements. Replace bulbs that have higher wattage ratings than recommended. Screw them in securely. Also, consider using LED bulbs to reduce energy use in your home.
- Make sure fuses are properly sized for the circuit they are protecting. If you do not know the correct rating, have an electrician identify and label the correct size to be used. Always replace a fuse with the same size you are removing. Check to make sure circuit breakers are working properly.
- If an appliance repeatedly blows a fuse, trips a circuit breaker or has given you an electrical shock, immediately unplug it and have it repaired or replaced. Look for cracks or damage in wiring and connectors, and use surge protectors to protect electronics.
- If fuses blow or trip frequently, have a professional determine the appropriate service requirements for your home.

For more information on electrical safety, visit SafeElectricity.org.

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Annual meeting recap and legislative update

Jared Echternach, CEO

Thank you to all who attended your cooperative's 78th annual meeting April 19 at the Bemidji High School. I always enjoy the annual meeting. It's a great time to connect with fellow members, have a nice meal and hear how your cooperative is doing. For those of you who weren't able to attend the meeting this year, members Charlie Parson, John Lund and Judy Honer were re-elected to the board, each to a three-year term.

Those of you who attended the annual meeting heard an engaging Q&A with Jim Horan with the Minnesota Rural Electric Association. Jim shared his perspective on several state and federal issues affecting your cooperative including:

Move Over and Slow Down HF 2719/SF2977

This legislation would require drivers to move over and slow down for utility workers in the same fashion that is required for law enforcement. We want to keep our employees and the general public safe and we support this bill.

Third Party Sales HF 2685/SF 2919

This bill would allow third parties to come between the cooperative and its members and use the electric distribution system as free riders without having to become a public utility and operate under the same rules as a public utility. The bill could lead to the erosion of energy sales and discourage maintenance and investment in the distribution system. We oppose the bill.

Conservation Improvement Program Reform

We continue to educate legislators of the need to reform the existing Conservation Improvement Program that mandates electric and gas utilities to conserve (reduce) 1.5 percent of their retail energy sales annually. Not many

business models are sustainable under a mandate that requires them to sell less of their product year after year. We're working to change that law and we will continue to promote the wise use of electricity and beneficial electrification, including equipment such as storage water heaters, storage space heating, air-source heat pumps, ground source heat pumps and electric vehicles.

These types of loads are beneficial not only to those using them, but to all cooperative members. Beneficial electrification allows us to use existing generation and distribution resources more efficiently and spread the fixed costs of our operation over more kilowatt-hours sold. It also allows us to better integrate renewable generation resources. As a result, we will continue to promote beneficial electrification in the best interest of our member-owners.

Federal issues



On the federal level, we continue to push Congress to fully fund programs that improve the quality of life in rural America. Specifically, the Farm Bill must include robust rural development programs that facilitate the innovative work electric co-ops do to generate and distribute electricity, help consumers manage their energy use, deploy advanced grid tools and manage the electric grid more securely and efficiently. The Farm Bill must also support the role of many electric

cooperatives as important economic development organizations in their communities, as well as the Rural Utilities Service Electric Loan Program. This is our primary lending agency from which we use funds to support our construction work plans and maintain your electric distribution system.

We were disappointed the Administration's fiscal year 2019 budget proposed to sell the transmission assets of the Power Marketing Administration (PMA) and Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), as well as change the rate structure from a cost-based system to a market-based system. Selling the transmission assets to send more money to Washington has been a bad idea

for decades, and asking consumers to pay more for power than is necessary to cover the costs of the PMAs to generate that power only exacerbates that problem. Currently, not-for-profit electric cooperatives receive power from the PMAs, in our case through an allocation of hydro power through the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA), through our wholesale power supplier.

We were pleased to see the budget included funding for the Low Income Heating and Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). Many of our members rely on this funding to heat their homes and we assist our members in accessing this funding. We will continue to advocate

for this program to be fully funded.

As I've said before ... cooperatives were born in politics and will remain involved with politics. As such, we will continue to advocate at the state and federal level on behalf of our members.

Congratulations to Sid

Director of Finance and Member Services Sid Sletten retired from Beltrami Electric in March after nearly 40 years of service to our members. Thank you Sid for your dedication to the cooperative and our members. I wish you a long and healthy retirement.

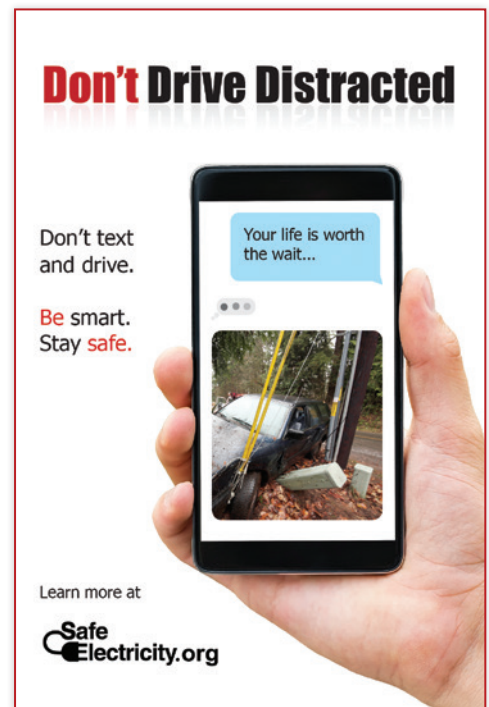


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The image shows a hand holding a smartphone displaying a text message and a photo of a car accident. The background is a blurred road scene.

Congratulations on your retirement Sid Sletten!

We would like to congratulate Beltrami Electric Cooperative Director of Finance and Member Services Sid Sletten on his retirement. Sid retired Friday, March 2, 2018, after nearly 40 years at Beltrami Electric. Sid joined BEC June 5, 1978, as a work order clerk, under General Manager Earl Larson. Sid worked under five of the six general managers while at BEC: Earl Larson, Don Anderson, Roger Spiry, Lynette Nieuwsma and Jared Echternach.

When asked about the most significant changes at BEC during his tenure, he said advancements in technology and facilities. Sid said he will cherish the many relationships formed while at BEC. Sid said he has always strived to enjoy life and live it to the fullest and plans to continue to do that in retirement. Thank you Sid for your dedicated service to the cooperative and our members! We wish you the very best for a long and happy retirement! Congrats!



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40 hp Force outboard, \$40. ¾ hp 2" jet pump, good pressure, \$30. ½ hp 2" well pump with 5-gallon tank, \$20. Call 224-2844.

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

9-inch disc sander, 6-inch belt sander, with stand, \$30. Ryobi 4-inch belt and 6-inch disc sander, \$30. 751-1336.

Weed wacker, in good condition, used only one summer. WORX 24V weed with edger, \$75. 987-2009.

Pontoon trailer, tandem axle, cantilever (crank-up) type, \$900/obo. 556-6736.

2015 18' Lund, 1775 Impact w/Mercury 115 hp motor, ShoreLand'r roller trailer, Lowrance Elite 7-Chirp, deep cycle batteries, loaded. \$26,500. Electric lift with winch/remote, 2 years old. \$5,500. 335-0173.

2 new arched windows, white clad, 72" x 36" x 18". \$85/each. 835-7484.

1995 32' Excel 5th wheel camper. One slide out, stored inside shed, excellent condition. \$4,500. 766-4720.

Office computer desk, L-shaped, \$50; oil lamps, \$12-15; wooden school desk chair, \$20; various size lamps. Call 224-2141 AM's.

Plaid chair \$25; sleeper sofa, plaid, \$60; rocking chair, \$25; standing lamps, \$15 each. Call 224-2483 mornings.

Wanted:

Looking for a 6" jointer or bigger for woodworking shop. Also looking for a pretty good quality table saw with a closed stand to upgrade from an existing contractor table saw. I don't mind if they are new or old as long as they are sturdy and pretty good quality. If somebody has these in an old shop collecting dust, I'd like to put some cash in your pocket and bring them back to life. Call or text Keith 841-3755.

3-pt. disc for subcompact tractor. Call 854-7483 (Becida).

Will pick up for recycling: old appliances, pianos, LP bottles, E scrap, etc., FREE OF CHARGE. Would cut/haul larger items on a % basis. 75-mile radius of Bemidji. 712-369-3291.

I will do pet sitting at your house or mine, also do house check while you are gone. 766-6510.

Bolens Lawn and Garden tractor, running or not, attachments or not. 835-6304.

Exercise machine, elliptical in good condition. 444-9751, evenings.

Free:

Holiday with Genie cord organ to a special person who will play it. 751-2172.

Board Meeting Highlights

Beltrami Electric's board of directors conducted its monthly meeting Wednesday, March 28, 2018. A quorum was present.

The following reports were given:

- Arlene Hogquist presented the December, January and February financial reports and February work order inventories.
- Sam Mason discussed the District meetings and upcoming annual meeting. Incumbent directors Judy Honer, Charlie Parson and John Lund will be running unopposed and therefore no ballot will be mailed to the membership as allowed in the Bylaws. The proposed Bylaw amendments to be presented to the membership for approval in conjunction with the 2018 director election were also discussed.
- CEO Echternach and Rich Riewer reviewed changes to Service Standards 3000.
- Operation Round Up* Trust Board appointments were discussed. Randy Frisk and Sherry Billups wish to serve another term on the board of directors of Beltrami Electric Cooperative Trust.
- David Holt of Brady Martz & Associates gave the 2017 audit report giving Beltrami Electric Cooperative a clean audit opinion.
- CEO Echternach gave his monthly report, including discussion on February financials, the new meter system, legislative issues affecting electric cooperatives and meetings attended.
- CEO Echternach and John Lund reported on Cooperative Development and the sale of two lots to Delta Dental of Minnesota.
- 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 to withdraw from consideration the recommended changes to the Bylaws until the 2019 election/annual meeting.
- Appointed Randy Frisk and Sherry Billups, each to a three-year term, on the board of directors of Beltrami Electric Cooperative Trust.
- Accepted the audit report as presented.

The next regular board meeting will be May 30, 2018.

Operation Round Up® awards \$23,410 to community programs

Thanks to the generosity of our members, the Beltrami Electric Cooperative Trust Board for Operation Round Up® recently awarded grants to 30 area nonprofit and community organizations totaling \$23,410. Grant applications were received indicating a total need of more than \$68,000 for community projects. Because of the limited amount of funding, all requests could not be granted. The Operation Round Up program is unique to electric cooperatives and provides financial assistance to nonprofit and community-based organizations. Applications may be submitted year-round, and the next application deadline is **June 30, 2018**. To obtain an official grant application form, contact our office or download it at www.beltramielctric.com.



The following organizations were awarded Operation Round Up grants in April:

ORGANIZATION	PROGRAM	GRANT
All-Pro Dads	All-Pro Dad's Program	\$ 1,000
Bemidji Area Senior Class Party	Bemidji Area All-Night Senior Class Party – safe event for students	\$ 500
Bemidji Community Food Shelf	NRCS High Tunnel	\$ 1,000
Bemidji Youth Clay Target Association	Shotkam	\$ 750
Birchmound Community Center	Birchmound Community Center metal roof	\$ 500
Blackduck Area Senior Center	Indoor lighting improvements	\$ 500
Blackduck High School	Live streaming video equipment	\$ 1,500
Camp Oak Hills	Camp Dining Hall Project	\$ 1,500
Concordia Language Villages	15 th Annual Scholarship Essay Contest – 4 th and 5 th grade	\$ 1,000
Evergreen Youth & Family Services	Beltrami Area PACT Behavioral Health Partnership	\$ 1,000
Fern Township	Help to rebuild Fern Townhall	\$ 1,500
First City Singers of the Headwaters School of Music and the Arts	Copyright law compliance for sheet music	\$ 800
Hope House/Community Support Systems	Filling the Mental Health Worker Gap	\$ 500
Hubbard County 4-H	R.E.D. (Realize, Energize, Deliver) Leadership Retreat	\$ 500
Hubbard County Sheriff's Mounted Posse	Garmin radios/GPS purchase	\$ 1,000
Lakes Area Dive Team	Team transport vehicle replacement	\$ 2,000
Laporte Area Take-a-Kid Fishing	2018 Laporte Area Take-a-Kid Fishing event	\$ 1,000
Laporte Public School	Community Closet	\$ 260
Laporte School	Alternative seating (5-12 grade)	\$ 500
Laporte School	FIRST books	\$ 500
Laporte-Benedict Lions Club	Trash to Grow	\$ 200
Lincoln Elementary 4 th Grade Class	Field trip to Great Lakes Aquarium/Lake Superior Railroad Museum	\$ 500
Northwoods Caregivers	Virtual Dementia Tour Program	\$ 500
Red Lake Nation College	RLNC Recycling Service Learning Project	\$ 500
Red Lake Rosie's Rescue	Red Lake Neuter/Spay Program	\$ 1,000
Solway Elementary Library	New books for beginning readers – Solway Library	\$ 500
St. Vincent de Paul-St. Kateri Conference	Energy assistance/other assistance	\$ 500
Summit Township History Book Committee	Book of the History of Summit Township-Past and Present	\$ 500
The Nature Connection	MN Predators-Big & Small/Prop & Animal Aquisition	\$ 500
United Way of the Bemidji Area	Young Executive Community Impact Course	\$ 900



SEATED IN FRONT ROW: Natalie Carlson, Addisyn Carlson, Isabelle Settle, Nicolas Settle, Jeron Huseby, Austin Riewer, Caden Beighley, Josie Klinke, Andrew Settle, Lincoln Elementary 4th grade students.

SEATED SECOND ROW: Jessica Malterud, Laporte Schools, Laporte-Benedict Lions Club; Sue Olson, Laporte-Benedict Lions Club; Judy Honer, Laporte Area Take-a-Kid Fishing; Wanda Anderson, Mary Joy, Summit Township History Book Committee; Nancy O'Sullivan, Jo Tallchief, Karen Good, Kevin Wolden, Red Lake Rosie's Rescue.

STANDING FIRST ROW: Sharon Lembke, Michelle Sand, Beltrami Electric Cooperative Trust Board for ORU; Julie Johnson-Willborg, Evergreen Youth & Family Services; Jackie Frana, Lakes Area Dive Team; Cori Rude, Concordia Language Villages; Amy Mart, Fern Township; Julia Simons, Solway Elementary Library; Denise Johnson, Bemidji Area Senior Class Party; Robin Wold, Hope House/Community Support Systems; Chris Tolman, The Nature Connection; Curtis Wetzell, Blackduck Area Senior Center; Kiah Martinson, Annelise Morris, Bemidji Youth Clay Target Association; Margaret Zachau, First City Singers of the Headwaters School of Music and the Arts.

STANDING BACK ROW: Erin Meyer, Laporte Area Take-a-Kid Fishing; Marcel Noyes, Laporte-Benedict Lions Club; Mike Mastin, Jessica Howg, Laporte Area Take-a-Kid Fishing; Kelsey Ebert, Northwoods Caregivers; Dwight Powell, Laporte Area Take-a-Kid Fishing, Laporte-Benedict Lions Club; Marilyn and Jim DeCrans, Hubbard County Sheriff's Mounted Posse; Jesse Carey, Blackduck High School; Barry Karpinski, All-Pro Dads; Scott Buchan, Camp Oak Hills; David Lindmark, Birchmound Community Center; Shannon Combs, United Way of the Bemidji Area; Leah Kingbird, Tori Kingbird, Red Lake Nation College; Jack Judkins, Bemidji Community Food Shelf; Lee Morris, Nic Geiger, Brandon Morris, Kelli Peterson, Nicholas Peterson, Mark Geiger, Dave Smith, Bemidji Youth Clay Target Association.



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The Beltrami Electric Cooperative office will be closed Monday, May 28, in observance of Memorial Day.

BELTRAMI ELECTRIC'S INDOOR GARAGE SALE TO BENEFIT THE

United Way of Bemidji Area



Saturday, May 5, 2018

8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
at Beltrami Electric Cooperative
(in the garage)

4111 Technology Dr NW, Bemidji
(near Paul Bunyan Communications)

- Access to 91 booths and the comfort of indoor shopping!
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- All fees (rent, entrance, food) go to the United Way of Bemidji!



\$1 entrance fee (12 & under are free)

We are looking for you!

Beltrami Electric is looking for **Thomas H. Zschokke** (Bemidji, Minn.) and **Chris T. Wagner** (Blackduck, Minn.). Please call 218-444-2540 if you have any information.