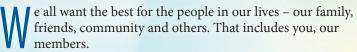


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## Electrical safety education - We make safety a priority -



It's why we make safety a top priority at Beltrami Electric Cooperative and devote time and energy to making everyone aware of how to stay safe around electricity.

Beltrami Electric conducts a number of school learning programs throughout our service area. From career fairs to electrical safety programs, Beltrami Electric believes a strong presence in our local schools will strengthen our communities and bring leadership to future generations.

We visit local schools to help children understand "Look Up, Look Out," the importance of things such as staying away from electric utility equipment, to never climb trees near power lines and to fly kites in wide open spaces safely away from power lines. We also talk about being aware of overhead power lines, especially if you're working with tall ladders, cleaning gutters or trimming trees, or undertaking other projects outside. Look up for and stay safely away from overhead power lines, especially those connected to your home. If a project involves digging, be

## **Voyageurs Expeditionary School visit**



High school seniors from Voyageurs Expeditionary School, along with Science teacher Becky Reinarz (*standing far left*) and Social

Industrial Tech teacher Ross Millar (*standing second to far right*) recently visited Beltrami Electric Cooperative as part of a weeklong energy tour. Director of Member and Energy Services Sam Mason (*standing far right*) gave a brief presentation about the cooperative business model, cooperative careers, energy resources and more. Journeyman lineman Kasey Kampfer (*standing second to far left*) talked to students about his job and demonstrated some of the tools and safety equipment used to perform line work. Students had the opportunity to tour the cooperative, including a look at the cooperative's solar garden, EV charging stations, operations dispatch center, warehouse and mechanic's shop.

sure to call 8-1-1 a few working days in advance to get underground utilities marked.

We don't want anyone to take a chance that could end in tragedy, and to help, we're also a partner in the Safe Electricity program. We encourage you to visit **SafeElectricity.org**, where you'll find life-saving information presented in videos, interactive games for children, online teacher resources and much more.

We share safety information on our website at **beltramielectric.com**, on our social media sites on Twitter and Facebook and on our You Tube channel. Be sure to follow and like



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our pages to see information on things such as electrical safety, outage updates, energy efficiency, cooperative events and much more!

We value your safety and well-being, and we'll continue working to educate everyone on important safety considerations. After all, aren't you and the people you care about worth it? We think so. In fact, we know so.

### Homeschool Co-op visit

Beltrami Electric Cooperative linemen Logan Mistic and Ryan Rogers recently presented to the Bemidji Homeschool Co-op about

electrical safety. The students asked lots of great questions and enjoyed the presentation.







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Anyone who plans to dig is required by law to notify the state of their intentions at least 48 hours in advance.

All digging requires the 48-hour notification so that buried telephone lines, television cables, pipelines, utility electrical lines, and municipal water and sewer lines can be located to ensure that none will be severed or damaged.





# You are a member, and that means something

Jared Echternach, CEO

A observed that, "Without a sense of caring, there can be no sense of community."

To a large degree, this reflects Beltrami Electric Cooperative's philosophy toward our memberowners and the broader service territory that we serve. As a cooperative, we have a different "bottom line." While our priority is always to provide reliable and safe energy, there is another equally important part of this equation. Your well-being and that of the larger community that we serve are of paramount concern.

To us, you are not a customer; you are a member of our co-op and without you, we would not exist.

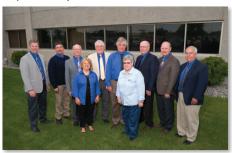
In 1940, Beltrami Electric Cooperative was founded to fulfill a vital need in our community that would not have otherwise been met. Concerned local leaders came together to build this co-op and bring electricity where there was none.

At that time, members of the community understood we were different because they likely knew someone who helped to create Beltrami Electric Cooperative. For most people, our founding and its circumstances have been long forgotten. Over time, folks in the community may have come to think of us as simply another energy provider, but we are not. We are a co-op that is constantly evolving to meet the needs of the communities we serve, and we are able to do this because of members like you.

Since our inception, we have sought feedback and engagement from you and that of the larger community to guide our long-term decisions. This is why we hold district meetings and annual meetings each year. We host member meetings like this to engage with you and obtain your feedback.

We strive to find new ways to help you use energy more efficiently. We're always looking to explore more options that will help you manage your energy use such as MyMeter, SmartHub or our Budget Billing program. In short, we are always seeking to keep pace with the changing energy environment, evolving technology and shifting member expectations.

Beltrami Electric Cooperative members help guide important co-op decisions that improve and enrich the community. We value the perspective of our board members, who are members of the co-op and community – just like you.



As a local business, we have a stake in the community. That's why we support local charitable organizations such as the United Way of Bemidji Area, and through our programs like Operation Round Up<sup>®</sup>. When you support these efforts, you are supporting the community and making it a better place for everyone.

While the times may have changed, our mission and outlook have not. We view our role as a catalyst for good. Working together, we can accomplish great things for our community now and in the future.

and

## **Operation Round Up® helps local programs**

he Beltrami Electric Cooperative Trust Board for Operation Round Up® met in January to review 25 applications, which it received requesting funding for various local programs. The total amount requested this quarter was nearly \$55,000. The board had about \$21,534 to work with, so it was not an easy task selecting which groups would get funding and what amount they would receive.

Many local programs and organizations benefit from Operation Round Up, a charitable program designed to give members a means of working together to use our small change to make a big impact in our local communities. Together we are doing some wonderful things for our local communities.

The average amount a member will pay is 50 cents a month or \$6 a year, while the maximum annual contribution possible is \$11.88 per year. Contributions to Operation Round Up are tax deductible and will be shown on your billing statement. Participation is voluntary and members may opt out at any time by contacting our office. Members can also make an additional contribution and may contact our office to do so.

The Beltrami Electric Cooperative Trust Board for Operation Round Up is made up of five directors appointed by Beltrami Electric's board members. The directors volunteer their time and do not receive compensation for serving on the Board of Directors of the Trust. They meet quarterly to review applications for grants and disburse funds.

### The following organizations were awarded Operation Round Up grants in January:

ORGANIZATION	PROGRAM	GRANT
Beltrami County Historical Society	An inclusive research index	\$ 750
Bemidji Community Theater	BCT Caroliers and the '50s-doing doo-op	\$ 400
Bemidji Middle School Robotics Booster Club	Provide STEM education opportunities	\$ 1,500
Bemidji State University Alumni & Foundation	Drive for Success - indoor golf training center	\$ 1,000
Bemidji Vocalmotive	2018-2019 support - costumes/choreography	\$ 1,000
Bi-County Community Action Program (Bi-CAP)	YouthBuild Program	\$ 500
Blackduck Area Chamber of Commerce	Blackduck Chamber Winter Lighting Project	\$ 1,500
Blackduck Elementary School	Author's Visit with Student Mentor Program	\$ 500
Blackduck Library	Summer Reading Program	\$ 500
Blackduck Public School	Baseball/softball complex	\$ 1,500
First City Singers (Headwaters School of Music & the Arts)	Purchase of copywrited music	\$ 750
Good Samaritan Society - Blackduck	Annual GSS Easter Egg Hunt	\$ 1,000
Great River Rescue	Snow blower	\$ 800
Headwaters School of Music & the Arts	Headwaters Music & Arts Resource Library	\$ 1,000
Hubbard County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit	Hubbard County K-9 Fundraiser	\$ 2,500
Laporte Public School	Bicycle helmets for students	\$ 400
Laporte Public School	Safety for All - front door security system	\$ 600
Lincoln Elementary School - Grade 3	Rocketry Activity - Grade 3	\$ 334
LSS of MN - Nutrition Services	Emergency weather-related meals to high risk seniors in Beltrami County	\$ 500
Northern Artist Association/Gallery North	Connecting with Kids Through Art-2	\$ 500
Northwoods Battered Women's Shelter	New facility phase 1: schematic design	\$ 1,700
Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Philip's Conference	Hope in Bemidji	\$ 500
True Friends	Camp fee assistance - Camp Courage	\$ 300
United Together Veterans & Family Resources Foundation	Columbarium in Greenwood Cemetery for deceased military personnel	\$ 1,000
United Way of Bemidji Area	Donor tracking system upgrade	\$ 500



Thank you, Beltrami Electric Cooperative members!

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2nd row: Ashtin, Lincoln Elementary School; Christina Regas, Blackduck Chamber of Commerce; Tricia Andrews, Headwaters School of Music & the Arts; Dwight Kalvig, Blackduck Schools; Kathy Sanders, Northern Artist Association; Kari Kantack Miller, BSU Alumni & Foundation; Shannon Combs, United Way of the Bemidji Area; Kristine Cannon, Bemidji Community Theater; Piper, Lincoln Elementary School

3rd row: Sharon Lembke, Operation Round Up Trust Board President; Kelly Hanks, Blackduck Library; Paul Wiese, United Together Veterans & Family Resources Foundation; Margaret Hins, Bemidji Vocalmotive; Sue Young, St. Vincent de Paul-St. Philip's Conf.; Marilyn DeCrans, Hubbard County Sheriff's Office; Brittney Roberts, Betsy Skime, Anthony Dvorak, Bi-CAP YouthBuild; Brandon Mustful, Great River Rescue

4th row: Daniel Larson, Bemidji Middle School Robotics; Johnny Lee Walker, Blackduck Chamber of Commerce; Darlene Morgenstern-Loch, Lutheran Social Services; Jim DeCrans, Hubbard County Sheriff's Office; Gary Rozman, Beltrami County Historical Society; Andrea Kingbird, Rebecca Stone, Northwood's Battered Women's Shelter; Craig Kritzek, Hubbard County Sheriff's Office K9. Northern Lights • February 2019 3



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O'Neill, Sally and Tiffany L. Hildenbrand, Cass Lake, Minn. Opheim, Eric, and Val K., Fergus Falls, Minn. Ostlund, Shanise F., Blackduck, Minn. Panzer, Steven E. and Connie J., Merrill, Iowa Parks, Benjamin A. and Kelly L., Westernville, N.Y. Pauna, Douglas L. and Kimberly S., Bemidji, Minn. Peacock, Jeremy L. and Heather L., Bemidji, Minn. Pegler Estate, Jean A., Laporte, Minn. Pennington, Shawn B., Cass Lake, Minn. Perkins, James Jr., J. and Candace R. Proulx, Laporte, Minn. Peterman, James D., Bemidji, Minn. Peterson, Timothy R. and Carey E., Bonners Ferry, Idaho Pintar Estate, Corina K. C/O Shayla Fezette, Duluth, Minn. Plante, Chad L., Sioux City, Iowa Platt, James Jr., Solway, Minn. Prehn, Machelle S., Bemidji, Minn. Quint, Joshua R. and Amanda J., Gurnee, III. Raisch, Christina, Cass Lake, Minn. Ramp, Nancy J. and Erich R., Walker, Minn. Ranch House Supper Club, C/O Christiane Magnuson, Walker, Minn. Rapp, Krista A., Bemidji, Minn. Rattei, Dennis L. and Lori S., Wahpeton, N.D. Redfield, Wayne and Linda, Bemidji, Minn. Reed, Jessica D., Bemidji, Minn. Regel, Judith J., Columbia Heights, Minn. Reigle, Ronald C. and Lynne A., Minnetonka, Minn. Rembold, Steven R. and Beverly, Bemidji, Minn. Reynolds, Laura A., Laporte, Minn. Reynolds, Victoria R., Pahrump, Nev. Rezny Estate, Mary, Becida, Minn, Richardson, Scott D. and Dawn M., Bemidji, Minn. Richardson, Wynn A., Bemidji, Minn. Riches, Brian M. and Jennifer K., Callaway, Minn. Riehm, Jennifer L., Fort Totten, N.D. Riess, Charles L., Devine, Tex. Rivera, Daniel, Leonard, Minn, Rock Bersheid, Marie, Bemidji, Minn. Rodriquez, Ladeema M. and Ernie P., Bemidji, Minn. Roeder, Joseph, Maple Grove, Minn. Romero, Deborah C. and Anthony, Weed, Calif.

Ronnei, Jean M., Minneapolis, Minn. Ross, Deborah L., Bemidji, Minn. Rouland, Tracy J. and Don J. Mickel, Bemidji, Minn Roy, Craig Jr. and Jeni L. Zurhorst, Red Lake, Minn. Rubash, Myrtle A. and Delores Dahlberg, Kelliher, Minn. Rue, Elaine, Springfield, Minn. Rupp Estate, Benedikta K., Cass Lake, Minn. Rushman, Roni S., Blackduck, Minn. Rutten, James B, and David Olderman, Bemidii, Minn. Ryan Estate, Darrell G. and Maxine J. Howard, Cass Lake, Minn. Salley, Patrick J. and Christine D., Anthem, Ariz. Salmonson, Teresa L., Thief River Falls, Minn. Sargent, Leonard, Bemidji, Minn. Sassor, Dennis R., St. Petersburg, Fla. Sayers, Ashley A. and Charles E. Thompson, Red Lake, Minn. Sayers, Dionne L., Thief River Falls, Minn.

Schilling, Canadace and Darin J., Benedict, Minn. Schoning, Joel, Laporte, Minn. Schwartz, Al A., Shevlin, Minn. Schwartzlander, Scott, Bernidji, Minn. Security Pacific, Coon Rapids, Minn. Sepelak, Linda A. and George J., Bernidji, Minn. Shepard, Charmaine, Bernidji, Minn.

Sherik, Emil, Cass Lake, Minn. Shockley, Penny Y., Bemidji, Minn. Shuhart, Gary Chaz, Bemidji, Minn. Skinner, Gloria L., Kelliher, Minn. Smerud, Mary A. and Michael D., Bemidji, Minn. Smith, Charles Jr., J., Red Lake, Minn. Smith, Arnold L., Walker, Minn. Smith, Barbara J., Bemidji, Minn. Smith, David F. and Kim I., Bemidji, Minn. Smith, Delbert E. and Juanita M., Bagley, Minn. Smith, Dustin G. and Chantell K., Bemidji, Minn. Smith, Gregory T. and Gina M., Walker, Minn. Smith, Justina M., Red Lake, Minn. Smith, Michaela I., Northome, Minn. Smith, Natausha R., Duluth, Minn. Smith, Ruth S., Blackduck, Minn. Sneigoski, Richard L. and Claudia R. Bridger, Mont. Snyder, Joan E., Akeley, Minn. Snyder, Scott, Roseville, Minn. Sonsteby, Monika L., Blackduck, Minn. Sorenson, Richard L. and Phyllis E, Tenstrike, Minn. Sorenson, Russell G., Tenstrike, Minn. Sowada, Dorothea P., Stillwater, Minn. Spears, Lisa M., Billings, Mont. Stai, Theran and Penni J., Blackduck, Minn. Staples, Karen L., Bemidji, Minn. Staples, Patrick, Cass Lake, Minn. Starr, Dan J. and Sue M., Virginia, Minn. Stately, Marlene, Duluth, Minn. Statton, Lois J., Bemidji, Minn. Stebe, Dawn A., Bemidji, Minn. Steele, Leonard, Bemidji, Minn. Stefanich, Brian J. and Stepanie K., Bemidji, Minn. Stevens, Johna L., Bemidji, Minn. Stevens, Matthew, Bemidji, Minn. Stone, Don and Barb, Nicholasville, Kv. Stowell Seitz, Angela M., Solway, Minn. Strandemo, James, Bemidji, Minn. Strassburg, Melissa R., Bemidji, Minn. Strohecker, Harry Jr., Freeport, III. Sullivan, Jack W., St. Paul, Minn. Summa, Monty and Vernon Moseley, N. Sioux City, S.D. Sumner, LeeAnn J., Red Lake, Minn. Sundbom, Kim M., Fergus Falls, Minn. Swanson, Climena, Bemidii, Minn, Swanson, Duane W. and Deanna D., Pine Island, Minn Swanson, Jeffrey and Darla M., Wayzata, Minn. Swanson, Todd, Laporte, Minn. Swenson, Matthew J. and Michelle, Elkhorn, Nebr Tejohn, Linda J., Cass Lake, Minn. Templeton, Kristan M., Laporte, Minn. Templin, Jim E., Park Rapids, Minn. The Buckhorn Lodge and Donald L. Clemmenson, Medford, Minn. Thielman, Valeria, Jordan, Minn. Thillman. Charles and Michaelean. Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. Thingvold, Melanie R., Grand Forks, N.D. Thistle, Tera J., Bemidji, Minn. Thompson, Bret R. and Antoinelle R. Bemidji, Minn.

Thompson, Carol L., Red Lake, Minn. Thompson, Theresa R., Redby, Minn. Thomson, Jesse L. and Jill C., Horace, N.D. Thooft, Phil J. and Michelle K., Bemidji, Minn. Thoreson, Katie A., Bemidji, Minn. Thorne, Doug W. and Susan M., Lebanon, Ore. Thorson Estate, Doris M., Bemidji, Minn. Thorwardson, Danielle L., Cass Lake, Minn. Toenies, Euguene B., Melrose, Minn. Toivonen, Dand L. and Pat K. International Falls, Minn Torgrimson, Kenneth C. and Linda L. St. Cloud, Minn. Tri, Jon P. and Holly R., Bemidji, Minn. Triple E Automotive Services, David J. Elliot and Jennifer, Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. Tuck, Ralph L., Sturgeon Lake, Minn. Tufts, Gordon, Walker, Minn. Tverstol, Harold and Tammy, Bemidji, Minn. Twa, Kerry L. and Gary Hazelton, Turtle River, Minn Up North Archery, Solway, Minn. Vasilakes, Paul L. and Kristine J., Bemidji, Minn. Vernlund, John J. and Faith E., Hines, Minn. Viehauser, Leonard, Rice Lake, Wis. Vigen, Denise L., Bemidji, Minn. Vigessa, Hans C. and Amy L., Hastings, Minn. Vincent, Thomas Jr., D. and Vanessa B., Bemidji, Minn. Vogel, Gwendolyn, Bemidji, Minn. Vogel, Randy F., Emerado, N.D. Waalen, Micah A. and Melissa A. Morris, Dassel, Minn Walter, Jay J. and Dianne L., Park Rapids, Minn. Ward, Jackie L., Britt, Minn. Warren, Anita L., Shawnee, Kans. Weiss, Natalie M., Ponemah, Minn. Welch, James A., Brookings, S.D. Wellerman, Larkin and Rebecca B., Duluth, Minn. Wheeler Estate, Joseph C., Parkersburg, W.Va. White, Kylene A., Ponemah, Minn. White, Orville D., Bemidji, Minn. White, Randall S. and Amber L., Red Lake, Minn. Whiting, Paula L., Detroit Lake, Minn. Whitney, Bridget A. and Juan J. Castro-Marguez, Longboat Key, Fla. Widseth, Richard A., Crookston, Minn. Wiley, Richard and Irma, Green Valley, Ariz. Will, Susan E., Grand Rapids, Minn. Williams, Russell C. and Michelle, Fort Yates, N.D. Wilson, Robert D. and Linda S., Sugar Land, Tex. Wiltse, Jeff and Sally, Bemidji, Minn. Wilwant, James W., Bemidji, Minn. Winge, Denise K., Platte City, Mo. Wolfenbarger, Jeremy J. and Lavelle J. Walker, Minn Woodson III, Parker, Walker, Minn. Worley, Susan A. and Shane P., Brainerd, Minn. Wright, Carol A., Chicago, III. Wright, Krystal A., Cass Lake, Minn. Wright, Lucille M. for Stuarts, Inc., Bemidji, Minn. Wvatt, Mary L., Brooklyn Park, Minn. Zacher, Jason and Jahaira, Laporte, Minn. Zeman, Richard, Bemidii, Minn, Zenzius, Wanda F., Bemidji, Minn. Zimmerman, Jeanne K., Bemidji, Minn. Zimmerman, Keni L., 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.



### **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. 1 will be published in the March issue.
- o Ads submitted between Feb. 2 and March 1 will be published in the April issue.
- Ads may be submitted via our website at www.beltramielectric.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 as surveyed will.
- 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.
- Mail ads to: Beltrami Electric Cooperative, P.O. BOX 488, Bemidji, MN 56619.

### For Sale:

"Ellite Billiards" solid oak 4'x8' pool table, winecolored cloth, excellent condition, asking \$1,300/ obo. Call 760-8266 to view on face time or we can send photos.

ProForm XP 615 electric treadmill. Good condition, \$40, call 444-2336 between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

2002 Dutchman travel trailer, model #31BH with slideout, has water damage by front window and by slideout that needs a lot of work. You can fix it yourself, use it as is, or take it apart for salvage. \$2,000/obo. 586-8510.

1997 Ford E350 Club Wagon XLT van with V10 engine and equipped with a hitch, olive green. The engine sounds and runs great. \$2,500/obo. Please call 553-1110 if interested.

Reloading equipment and supplies. Lyman reloader with carbide pistol dies, powder scales, case trimmer, and many accessories. No powder or primers. Call for a list. Selling at significant discount. 444-4140.

2016 Chevrolet Equinox WeatherTech floor mats/ liners for the front and back. Excellent condition. \$100 (new price is \$195). Cash only. 760-1095.

Mixed hardwood firewood, mostly oak. Cut, split and delivered in Bernidji area. 8-foot pickup box load. \$115. Phone 224-2613.

Toro single-stage 5 hp snowblower. Manual start. Runs good. \$100. 766-7052.

AKC registered Labs ready for their forever homes. Come from Champion bloodlines. Have great on/

off switch for hunting and family pet. We have different ages and stages of puppies to choose from. For more information please text or call Jassica at 244-7605.

Wine-making stuff \$50. Size 7 cross country women's boots and skis \$25. Size 7 downhill boots and skis \$100. 647-8256.

Wood duck houses for sale. \$40 each, made locally from rough-sawn cedar. Will install and maintain for additional fee. Call or text 766-2096.

Very reliable 2006 Chrysler Town and Country Touring Mini Van. \$3,500. Light metallic blue. 154,911 miles. Upholstery is clean. Some rust. 755-9844.

2012 Crest Caribbean 230 Pontoon with 2012 Mercury 90 hp 4 stroke, less than 30 hours on motor. The boat is 8' 6" x 23' 10", with 26-inch diameter big water pontoons. Original owner, stored inside, never in the water overnight, has been on lift. Capacity of 14 people, birnini top, full cover, premium audio system, GPS chip-able fish locator, lighted cup holders, changing room, swimming ladder, plus much more. It is stored in building, easily seen. No trailer. \$27,000 firm. Walker, 612-868-3807.

Work bench \$10, walker w/seat \$40, portable air tank, \$25, DVD player \$20, wheelchair and scooter lift, two 80,000 Btu fuel oil heaters, 100-lb propane tank, 30-gal propane tank. Call 791-8414.

Block, crazy or star homemade quilts: Twin, \$35; Full, \$40; Queen, \$50; King, \$60. Sewing machines, \$15 each, works. 243-2702. La Barge glass-top table, excellent condition, antique brass, 80 x 44, 29" H, ½-in glass-beveled edge. Suggested retail \$3,150, asking \$800, cash only. Call 586-2875 after 10 a.m., leave message if no answer.

Hospital bed, \$500. Two wood TV stands, curio cabinet, small glass-top table with alabaster base, push wheelchair with foot rests, black framed mirror, 34 x 22. 586-7001, leave message.

A team of well broke horses. Call 766-6437.

Sango China® Japan "Julie 6164." Service for 12 plus serving dishes and platter. Mint condition. \$40. 586-3424.

### Wanted:

Used kitchen cabinets for use in my shop. Call 760-8266.

I'm looking for a Men's or Women's North Dakota Fighting Sioux hockey jersey that someone wants to get some cash for. Call or text Matt at 368-0737. Thanks!

Pet sitting. In your home or mine. Please call 766-6510, leave message.

House cleaning. Will clean house, cabin or office. Will also house sit or dog sit. Dependable with good references. 320-248-5795.

### Free:

9x8 wood insulated garage door with hardware and opener. 224-2307.

## Beltrami Electric scholarships

Once again, it is time for high school seniors to apply for Beltrami Electric's college scholarships. Beltrami Electric Cooperative funds college scholarships with unclaimed capital credit dollars that, per Minnesota state law for unclaimed property, would otherwise be forfeited to the state.

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 of BEC members attending seven area high schools to help with this evergrowing 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



### **ATTENTION CONTRACTORS!**

Beltrami Electric Cooperative is holding a Vendor Show/Open House for all local BUILDING, ELECTRICAL and HEATING (HVAC) contractors.

- · Lunch and refreshments provided
- Visit with vendors from Steffes, Marathon, Electro Industries, Auer Steel, RESCO and more!
- Learn about BEC's Electric Heating Incentive Program for contractors, available rebates, loadmanagement programs and more!

Contractors may **RSVP by Feb. 19** to Bob Gregg at **444-3622** or via email to <u>bgregg@beltramielectric.</u> <u>com</u>.



# Need help 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 15525 Mendota Ave Redby, MN 56670 218-679-3350 ext. 2603 or ext. 2681

### Kootasca Energy Assistance

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

## DO NOT TAMPER WITH YOUR ELECTRIC METER

Meter tampering can result in electric shock, is illegal and increases electricity rates for other co-op members.



Never break a meter seal.
 Never open a meter base.
 Never remove a meter or alter an entrance cable in any manner.

If you know or suspect that someone has tampered with their meter, please contact us immediately.

## Board Meeting Highlights

Beltrami Electric's board of directors conducted its regular monthly meeting Friday, Dec. 21, 2018. A quorum of directors was present.

### The following reports were given:

- President Coe presented a Resolution as a memorial for former Director John "Jack" Swenson who passed away.
- CEO Echternach gave his monthly report, including 2019 membership to ACRE and REPAC, employee updates and legislative issues, and presented the nonunion compensation and benefit plan.
- Arlene Hogquist reviewed the November financial report and reviewed the work order closeouts.
- Sam Mason presented the 2019 Marketing Plan.
- CEO Echternach presented the 2019 budget and general plant purchases.
- President Coe appointed John Lund as the NRTC voting delegate with Judy Honer as the alternate.
- Directors and the CEO shared highlights of meetings attended on behalf of the cooperative and discussed upcoming meetings and educational conferences.

### The following actions were taken:

- Adopted Resolution as memorial for former Director John "Jack" Swenson.
- Approved the consent agenda.
- Approved the 2019 Budget.
- Approved the 2019 Marketing Plan.
- Approved the nonunion compensation and benefit plan.

The next regular board meeting will be Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2019.

## Thank you for your years of service!



The following employees were recognized for their years of service in 2018 (290 years):

SEATED FROM LEFT: Tiffany Volk, 15 years; Sheila Story, 20 years; Amy Pillsbury, 25 years; Holly Solo, 10 years. STANDING FROM LEFT: Dan Edens, 35 years; Kip Reinarz, 15 years; Dan Hogquist, 35 years; Matt Dockendorf, 35 years; Bob Gregg, 15 years; Dan Dudgeon, 20 years; Eric Splichal, 25 years; Bruce Huderle, 10 years; Judy Perkins, 10 years. (NOT PICTURED: Theresa McKee, 20 years)





Laundry Tip: Dry towels and heavier cottons

separately from lighterweight clothing. You'll spend less time running the dryer for lighterweight items, which saves energy.

— Source: energy.gov



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# Cooperative board of directors nominations accepted at district meetings in March

ominations 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 1, 5 and 8. 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**. For more information on what it means to be a director, please visit www.beltramielectric.com/content/board-directors.

### District 1: Monday, March 4, 2019, 7 p.m.

North Beltrami Community Center 220 E. Main Street, Kelliher, Minn.

MURL NORD IS THE INCUMBENT.

**Townships in Beltrami County:** Battle (including account 11-27-018 in section 27), Birch Island, Cormant, Eland, Hornet, Kelliher, Langor, O'Brien, Quiring, Red Lake, Shooks, Shotley (East and West), Waskish (North, South and West), and Woodrow.

*Townships in Koochiching County:* Unorganized T151N R29W, Unorganized T152N R29W, Unorganized T155N R29W.

### District 5: Tuesday, March 5, 2019, 7 p.m.

### Ten Lake Town Hall 2142 Mission Road SE, Cass Lake, Minn.

BOB WALLNER IS THE INCUMBENT.

Townships in Beltrami County: Brook Lake, Frohn (Section 25), Moose Lake, Sugar Bush, Ten Lake.

**Townships in Cass County:** Otter Tail Peninsula-NW (Sections 1 through 18), Pike Bay, Unorganized T145N R30W, Wilkinson (Sections 1 through 18).

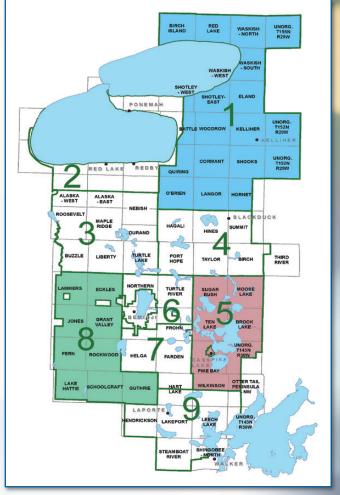
### District 8: Thursday, March 7, 2019, 7 p.m.

Fern Town Hall

47978 129th Avenue, Becida, Minn.

SUE KRINGEN IS THE INCUMBENT.

*Townships in Beltrami County:* Eckles, Grant Valley, Jones, Lammers. *Townships in Hubbard County:* Fern, Guthrie, Lake Hattie, Rockwood, Schoolcraft.



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 Tuesday, April 23, 2019, at Bemidji High School.