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November 2021



NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR ...

BELTRAMI ELECTRIC'S MITTEN TREE!

As winter approaches, we are once again collecting donated items for our Mitten Tree.

We are looking for donations of **NEW AND HOMEMADE** mittens, gloves, hats or scarves for children. Beltrami Electric will deliver items to our seven area Head Start and Early Child Family Education (ECFE) programs, as well as St. Mary's Mission School, in December.

As the number of children has grown each year, we would love to ensure that each child gets one item. In 2020, we delivered a record number of donated items to children in our communities!

Donations will be accepted through Monday, Dec. 6, 2021, and can be dropped off in the collection bin in the lobby at Beltrami Electric's office at 4111 Technology Drive NW in Bemidji.



If you'd like to help keep our area children warm and cozy this winter, please consider joining BEC in collecting these items: mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, etc.



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www.gopherstateonecall.org

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.

Mission of Beltrami Electric Co-op

To provide excellent value to our members through the safe delivery of reliable electric service, excellent member service and innovative energy solutions at fair and reasonable prices.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



THE CEO'S REPORT

It's a Matter of (Co-op!) Principles

by Jared Echternach, president and CEO

For me, this is a time of year for reflection and thanks, and topping my list of things I'm grateful for are the wonderful communities we serve. I know I speak for all Beltrami Electric Cooperative employees when I say that we are thankful to be in such an incredible place. We are fortunate to live in the same place where we work, which makes our ties to our communities that much stronger.

You may recall that last month, my column touched on the first three Cooperative Principles, so this month, I'd like to tell you about the remaining four principles. The Cooperative Principles are essential to the co-op business model and benefit all members of the co-op.

Autonomy and Independence

The fourth principle, Autonomy and Independence, means that the co-op operates in an autonomous way that is solely directed and guided by its members, reflecting the values and needs of our local community. This means the co-op is not being influenced by leaders or shareholders several states away. Instead, the co-op is led by the local members it serves.

Education and Training

The fifth principle, Education and Training, focuses on enhancing the knowledge of co-op employees and board members, which enables them to contribute to the development of the co-op.

By investing in continuous learning for our employees and board members, our co-op is making a commitment not just to individual professional and personal growth, but to the future of the co-op and the high quality of service our members expect and deserve. It's a win-win situation.

We also strive to inform our members (that's you!) and the public about the mission and operations of the co-op. In fact, that's why you receive this magazine every month, so we can share the latest co-op news and updates, as well as energy efficiency and safety tips.

Cooperation Among Cooperatives

Cooperation Among Cooperatives is the sixth principle and fosters the way that co-ops work together to address bigger challenges. While this principle applies to all types of cooperatives, it is especially

relevant in the energy industry. In our case, we put this principle in action after major storms and disasters that cause widespread power outages. When this happens, we call on nearby co-ops to come to our aid and assist with restoration efforts – and we of course extend the same help to them when they need us. I can't think of a better example of cooperation among cooperatives.

In addition, because we are part of the national electric co-op network, we can connect and collaborate with other electric co-ops to tackle industry-related challenges.

Concern for Community

The seventh principle, Concern for Community, is essential to who we are as cooperatives. We serve our communities not only by being an essential service, but by helping to power our local economy. Whether through economic development, volunteerism or donations to local causes, we invest in our communities because it's our home too.

I think you'll find that most cooperatives bring good people together to make good things happen in our communities. We hope you feel that way about us, your local electric co-op.

On behalf of everyone at Beltrami Electric Cooperative, we're thankful for your membership, and we hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Congratulations to Kay and Scott

Line foreman Scott Pemberton retired in October after 41 years of service to our cooperative. Thank you, Scott, for keeping the lights on all these years and for your safe, dedicated work on behalf of our members. I wish you a long and healthy retirement.

Human resources specialist Kay Olson retired in October after 31 years with the cooperative. I'd like to thank Kay for her leadership and dedication to our cooperative. Kay worked closely with our board of directors and me and always had a positive attitude. Her loyalty and dedication to our cooperative will be missed. Congratulations, Kay, and I wish you a long and healthy retirement.

BELTRAMI EMPLOYEE NEWS

Congratulations on Your Retirement!



Kay Olson

We would like to congratulate human resources specialist Kay Olson on her retirement. Kay retired Oct. 29, 2021, after 31 years at Beltrami Electric. Kay started at BEC in 1990 as a file clerk. She moved to administrative assistant, then to human resources specialist, to the ultimate career of “retired.” Kay plans to stay healthy and busy in retirement and enjoy not using an alarm clock. Thank you, Kay, for your dedicated

service to the cooperative, our members and employees. We wish you the very best in your retirement!



Scott Pemberton

We would like to congratulate line foreman Scott Pemberton on his retirement. Scott hung up his hard hat and retired Oct. 22, 2021, after 41 years in the operations department at Beltrami Electric. Scott is looking forward to doing some traveling in his retirement. Thank you, Scott, for your dedicated service to the cooperative and our members. We wish you the very best in your retirement!

Welcome New Hire



Amy Dahlke

Beltrami Electric Cooperative welcomes Amy Dahlke to our cooperative team as an executive assistant. She has an associate’s degree in business management from Minnesota West Community & Technical College and has worked for nearly 11 years at North Itasca Electric Cooperative in Bigfork. Amy and her husband, Matt, live in Bigfork and have three sons. She enjoys hiking and kayaking and her favorite season is fall.

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Beltrami Electric Cooperative’s board of directors conducted its regular monthly meeting Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2021. A quorum of directors was present.

The following reports were given:

- President and CEO Echternach made his monthly report, including discussion on safety, the cooperative financials, employee updates, retirements and legislative issues affecting cooperatives.
- President and CEO Echternach shared highlights from the EV Ride & Drive event held at BEC yearly.
- President and CEO Echternach and Arlene Hogquist presented a financing analysis.
- Arlene Hogquist gave the financial report for August.
- Arlene Hogquist reviewed IRS Form 990.
- Directors and the president and CEO shared highlights of meetings attended on behalf of the cooperative and discussed upcoming meetings and events.
- Rick Coe reported on Minnkota Power and Minnesota Rural Electric Association.
- President and CEO Echternach and John Lund reported on Cooperative Development.

The following actions were taken:

- Approved the consent agenda.
- Approved the Form 990.
- Approved the director expenses.

The next board meeting will be Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2021.

Member privacy – Red Flags Rule

As many as nine million Americans have their identities stolen each year. As a result of that startling statistic, the Federal Trade Commission has developed a regulation called the “Red Flags Rule.” The Red Flags Rule requires businesses to develop a program to detect, prevent and minimize the damage that could result from identity theft.

The data privacy of our members is important to us, and as a Beltrami Electric member, you may be asked to provide additional information and identification when you make inquiries on your account, such as verifying the last four digits of your social security number.

A member may complete an Authorized Contact Agreement form to allow us to give account information to others you want to have access to your account. This permits an Authorized Contact to make inquiries on the account to which they are authorized. The Authorized Contact must provide their name, date of birth and the last four digits of their social security number in order to receive account information. While these practices may seem intrusive, please understand that these procedures are in place to protect your member data and prevent the occurrence of identity theft.



AS PROPANE PRICES SPIKE, OFF-PEAK PROGRAM PROVIDES STABILITY

The last two years have shown consumers how volatile pricing can be – from gas to building supplies to vehicles. Most recently, propane prices have skyrocketed, leaving some people planning for a costly heating season. If you're looking for something rock solid, take advantage of an air-source heat pump on your co-op's off-peak electric heating program for your next system replacement or new home.

For the last decade, our low off-peak electricity price has remained stable, protecting you from the harsh, sometimes pocket-emptying cost swings of propane. With the off-peak electric program, you still have the choice to utilize a backup fuel source when it's very cold, and you have more control over your monthly expenses. It's the comfort and security you've been longing for.

What is the demand response – or "off-peak" – program?

The demand response program is voluntary for our members, and it has become a popular way to save on heating and cooling by reducing your exposure to variable propane prices. Participants allow our power supplier, Minnkota Power Cooperative, to remotely turn off electric heaters and other

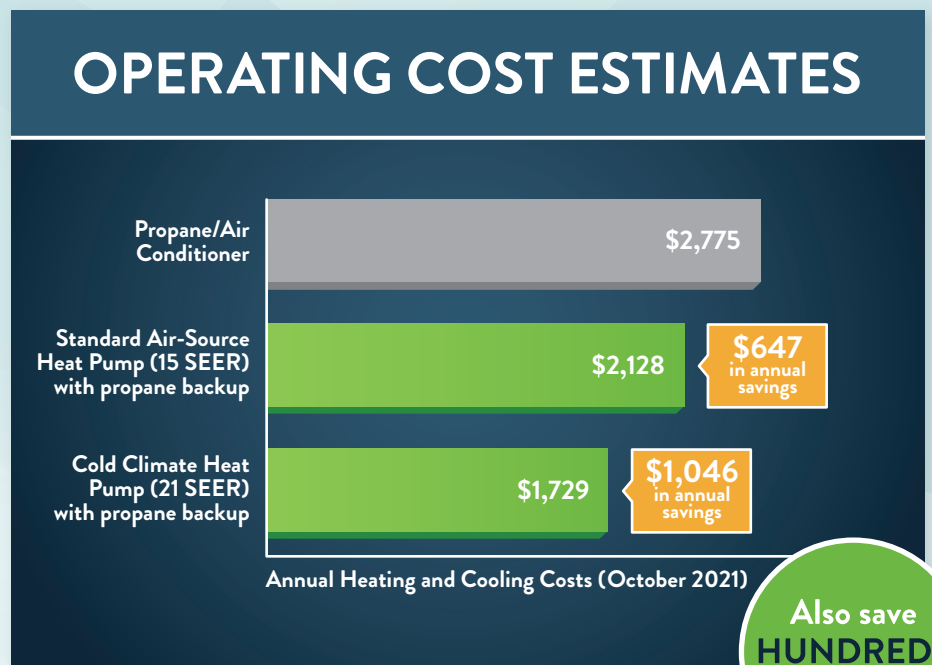
interruptible loads in exchange for a discounted retail electric rate. This enables Minnkota to more effectively manage its existing power resources and avoid adding new, costly electric generating resources.

Save money with an air-source heat pump

Because of their advanced efficiency, the cost to run an air-source heat pump (ASHP) often falls well below the cost of propane-only heat. The difference grows when propane prices rise, which

can happen without much notice. Beltrami Electric offers hundreds of dollars in rebates to help offset the cost of installing a qualified ASHP.

In addition to protecting you from unpredictable fuel prices, ASHPs maintain the same comfort you expect without the need to endlessly monitor fuel levels. Electric heat doesn't run out, so you can avoid more seasonal refills and messy maintenance. Plus, less reliance on fossil fuels means fewer emissions inside and outside your home.



Assumptions: Typical weather in a northern climate. Assumed heating requirements of 55,000 BTUh. Average propane price of \$1.99 per gallon. Standard electric rate of 12 cents per kWh. Off-peak electric rate of 6.72 cents per kWh. (Estimates courtesy of Bryant Heating & Cooling.)

Also save HUNDREDS in rebates!

See how your home can go off-peak by calling your Beltrami Electric energy pros at 218-444-2540 or visiting our website: beltramielectric.com.



Give thanks for the off-peak program

This time of year, we often reflect on what we are thankful for and express gratitude for the good things in our lives. BEC is grateful for member-consumers who participate in the off-peak program. In true cooperative fashion, the program helps us all work together to use energy wisely, improve reliability of electric service and save money. The off-peak program is voluntary for consumers who agree to let Minnkota Power Cooperative, our wholesale power provider, temporarily interrupt power to certain electric loads when demand for electricity is high. Learn more below about how we all have something for which to be thankful with the off-peak program.

Member-consumers

Member-consumers like you receive a discounted electric rate (about half the retail rate) for participating in the off-peak electric heating, water heating or vehicle charging programs. In exchange for these savings, consumers voluntarily allow these electric systems and other interruptible loads to be temporarily turned off or switched to a backup fuel source primarily during periods of high demand for electricity. In addition to the lower electric rate, your cooperative offers numerous rebate and incentive programs to help offset the cost of purchasing new equipment.

Your cooperative

The cost of electricity is not only based on how much is used, but also when it is used. Your cooperative saves on its wholesale power costs through the off-peak program by reducing its demand for electricity during peak events. These savings are passed back to you through the lower off-peak rate.

Contact your cooperative's energy experts at 218-444-2450 or visit beltramielectric.com to learn about the great rebate programs available.

Minnkota and the grid

By utilizing the off-peak program, Minnkota can more effectively manage its existing power resources and avoid purchasing high-priced energy from other utilities or the energy market. It also prevents the need to acquire or build new electric generating resources that would carry a very high cost.

The off-peak program proved extraordinarily valuable during the electric grid challenges experienced in February 2021, when widespread power outages and high market prices impacted other areas of the country. Minnkota and your electric cooperative were able to strategically use the program to shield you from price volatility and other system issues.



Is your dual fuel heating system ready for the winter season?

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

TO ENSURE YOUR TOTAL COMFORT THIS WINTER, CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. Is your backup heating system sized to heat your entire home or business and does it maintain an adequate comfort level? If not, consider upgrading.
2. Is your backup system propane/fuel oil? Be sure to fill your propane or fuel oil tank at the beginning of the season, and make sure your tank is large enough to hold an adequate supply. If your propane tank gets low during extreme cold temps, it may not work properly.
3. Is your backup system wood? Ensure you have an adequate

supply of firewood available and be ready to use it when needed.

4. Is your backup heating system working properly? Make sure to change your furnace filter regularly. Contact a heating/ventilation/air conditioning (HVAC) professional to inspect/maintain your system as needed.

Contact our energy experts today at **218-444-2540** to find out more about how off-peak heating works and the incentives available for the installation of new off-peak electric heating equipment. If your electric heating equipment isn't operating properly, contact our office to learn more about our electric heat maintenance program.



CLASSIFIEDS

Classified ads rules

- Ads are due by the first of the month prior to publication of the next issue.
 - Ads submitted by November 1 will be published in December issue.
 - Ads submitted between November 2 and December 1 will be published in January issue.
- Ads may be submitted via our website at www.beltramelectric.com. (preferred)
- No real estate, rental, personal or commercial ads will be accepted.
- All ads must be 50 words or less and typed or printed clearly.
- Editor reserves the right to edit or reject any ad.
- Members may only submit one for sale and one wanted or free ad per issue.
- 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.
- Include name and Beltrami Electric account number on all submissions.
- **NOTE: Anyone with a telephone number from the 218 area code will need to dial 10 digits (area code + telephone number) for all local calls.**

For Sale:

Raw, local honey. Extracted this year. \$12/pint. \$22/quart. 218-766-6386 call or text.

Youth bow with practice arrows and hard case, excellent cond., \$250. Also selling a set of four Nexen 235/40R19 used tires, good cond., \$80. 218-368-4834.

Do you need that old chair re-caned? Call 218-407-0168.

New: two-gun boot scabbard with auto latch mounting system that fits in the back box on Polaris Rangers. They sell for \$300+, asking \$200. Also, a new pair of mesh doors for a Polaris Ranger asking \$75, and a camo ATV cover asking \$50. Call 218-760-8266.

Four travel trailer tires almost new condition. ST225/75R15, load range D (2540-lbs) in Blackduck area. \$100 for all. 352-270-0998. Leave a message if you get a Robokiller recording.

Guineas several colors to choose from, \$10 each. 218-586-2839.

Marlin 25-06 Bolt Mod XL7 Nikon \$750, Stevens 20g Pump Mod 320 \$400, Rem 12g Auto Mod 11-48 \$300, Taurus 38 \$400, Ruger 357 GP 101 \$750, Reloading dies, RCBS, Hornady, 22-250, 38/357, 40 S+W, 30-30, 243, 25 Rem, 6.5 Creedmore, 300 Win Short Mag, plus more, powder, brass, ask. 320-491-7254.

Mixed firewood. Cut, split, seasoned. Near Kelliher. \$55 standard pickup load; you haul. Can deliver. Call Mike at 320-256-7255 or 320-557-8080.

Sako AV .270 Cal., bolt action, exc. cond. w/3 x 9 Nikon Monarch scope and gun case. \$1,300. Vanguard Steady Aim rifle rest used once \$88. Coca-Cola Low Boy cooler holds 18 bottles, ex. cond. \$279. Coca-Cola Junior cooler 12 bottles, ex. cond. \$175. If interested call Steve at 218-444-2280.

AKC Registered Fox-Red shade and Black Lab puppies. Come with lifetime inherited diseases guarantee and 26-month hip and elbow guarantee along with a host of other benefits. These puppies make wonderful hunting and family companions. Contact us at 218-244-7605.

Farm tractor chains from Ford 9N tractor, \$250. Six-foot Hunk of Love Vermont teddy bear, \$100. Large men's Outback Bush Ranger duster, \$125. Troy-Bilt Junior Tomahawk chipper/shredder, \$50. Fifty Shades Vermont teddy bear, \$40. 218-759-0186.

2002 Jeep Grand Cherokee Limited, 4x4, automatic, good condition, call for info, \$2,500. 218-586-3485.

High quality gently used band instruments. Trumpet, silver Yamaha Allegro YTR 5335GSAL: \$1,000 with case. Alto saxophone, Yamaha Allegro YAS580AL: \$1,500 with case and upgraded Rovner ligature. Call 218-444-7819.

Men's 26" Huffly bike \$40, ladies 26" Huffly bike \$40. Old school, no cables. Never used. Two bike helmets, \$15 each. New. Call Mike at 218-759-4734. Great Christmas gifts.

One-ton rotating engine stand, new in box \$200, wood 8' tall treated posts \$15 per post, about 50 available. Cement pelican, 33" tall, 12" wide, sits on pier post, all one piece freshly painted. \$35. Presto pizzazz rotating pizza oven used once, \$25. 218-224-2483.

Three-year-old Frigidaire refrigerator, \$175, vent-free propane heater, good for fish house, \$179 new, asking \$75, Senco trim nail gun, \$75. Like new lift chair, blue, \$400. Call 218-586-2534.

60" antenna tower. \$250. Buyer takes it down. 701-739-1470.

Hoyt Protec compound bow package, all in mint condition: HHA Optimizer Single Pin slider sight, Whisker Biscuit Pro Rest, Plano Pillarlock hard case, Tru-Fire release and ICS Hunter 400 arrows. Bow has new strings and was meticulously cared for. Perfect, like-new condition. \$450 for all. 218-444-6014.

Christmas dishes-Queensberry by Royal Gallery of Japan created for Macy's Dept.store. Four-place settings: cups, saucers, dessert plates, dinner plates. Excellent condition. \$80. 218-751-8746.

2007 Ford F550 Super Duty with 8' x 12' platform and hoist, \$10,000. Allis Chalmers fork rough terrain fork lift with 2-stage mast, \$9,800. 218-547-1671.

10' x 10' greenhouse, \$100/obo. 6' antique toboggan, \$100/obo. ProForm XL160 elliptical, \$75/obo. PSE Carroll Intruder bow, 30" arrows, 310 FPS, all set up for hunting, lots of extras, \$200/obo. 218-368-1073.

Protect your RV tires from sun damage-set of 4 heavy duty vinyl (like naugahide) wheel covers, never used, \$100. Tree stand, \$30. Metal snow scoop, \$30. Four-bottle wooden wine rack, \$20. Wooden computer desk, \$25. Bathroom wall rack holds 2 rolls of paper and several magazines, \$20. Padded guitar base, black, \$15. 218-586-2884.

Two upland hunting vests, size large, 4 blaze orange caps, 3 pairs of blaze orange gloves. Very heavily padded gun case, everything in great shape. Save big money! 218-444-1662.

Three porch/garage lights and one motion light. All work great. Rustic color. Great condition. \$15 each for porch light. \$25 for motion light. 218-779-4405.

12' x 7' steel overhead door, paneled, all parts

to install, new \$475, sell \$150. Craftsman 10' table saw, \$85. Call 218-835-4233.

60 John Deere, narrow front, recently overhauled, hydraulic and live P.T.O., excellent rubber, J.D. 3-bottom trip beam plow included, \$4,000/obo. 218-444-4796.

Custom made 8-gun (lockable) Amish cabinet. Quality craftsmanship, solid oak, beautiful details w/2 glass doors and 2 bottom drawers. 6' 2" H x 3' W x 31" D. Excellent condition. \$1,000. 218-835-4331.

Tractor loader, taken apart; parts are there except for hoses and some bolts; two buckets. 218-444-6108.

Wanted:

Looking for OLD issues of Beltrami Electric Cooperative's Northern Lights newsletter, between the 1940s-1960s. Please contact Angela at Beltrami Electric or call 218-444-3689.

Wanted for parts or if working will make offer. Early to late 80's Stihl 410av brush saw-big hand operated-like weed whip. 218-335-6778.

Private collector looking to buy gold and silver coins and bullion. No collection to large or small. 218-766-4829.

Please help my sister, Tammy Collins. Tammy needs a kidney transplant and is looking for a living kidney donor, type O blood. If interested please call Fargo Transplant at 701-234-6715. they will answer all questions. Thank you!

Metal fencing to use for gardening. 4-ft tall or higher. 218-835-4331.

Used roller boat trailer in good shape for old 16' Lund boat. 701-213-6866.

Used lift chair. Call 218-335-6882.

Free:

Very nice looking and working piano. Comes with built in humidifier. You will need to move it, but it's in a one level home with only one step into the house. Call Keith 218-766-1958.

Two TVs - older tube type, but both work well. 27" Mitsubishi, 19" Admiral. Both have remote controls. Can meet you in town (Bemidji) to deliver. Call or text 612-812-8159.

To someone who makes baits-lead for jig casting. 218-586-2884.



Need help paying your electric bill?

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

Bi-CAP in Bemidji

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

Bi-CAP in Walker

8245 Industrial Park Rd NW, Walker, MN 56484
218-547-3438

KOOTASCA

201 4th St. NW, Suite 130, Grand Rapids, MN 55744
218-999-0824

Leech Lake

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

MAHUBE-OTWA

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

Red Lake

15809 High School Dr., Red Lake, MN 56671
218-679-3350

2022 Maximum EAP Income Guidelines

Household Size	3-month Maximum	Household Size	3-month Maximum
1	\$8,809	4	\$16,941
2	\$11,520	5	\$19,651
3	\$14,230	6	\$22,362

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

"Together is our favorite place to be at"



Buena Vista Ski Area

OPEN HOUSE & SKI SWAP

Season Pass Sale
Saturday, Nov. 20, 2021
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Come Home to Buena Vista!
19600 Irvine Ave NW, Bemidji
www.bvskiarea.com



RESIDENTIAL ELECTRIC HEAT SALES TAX EXEMPTION FORM

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

Account # _____ Member Name: _____ Location # _____

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

Date of Application: _____ Member Signature: _____

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO: Beltrami Electric Cooperative Inc., PO Box 488, Bemidji, MN 56619-0488

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

Some buildings have both residential quarters and commercial operations. If there is one meter for the entire

building, the exemption applies if more than 50% of the square footage of the building is residential.

Complete and submit the above form only if you are eligible for the exemption. If you have more than one account, an exemption form must be filed with each location. The state of Minnesota recommends the exemption forms should be updated and resubmitted every three to four years to be eligible for the exemption. Members who receive a tax exemption when electric heat is not their primary source of heat are in violation of the sales tax law.

***Note: this form can be found/submitted online at <https://www.beltramielectric.com/forms>.**

+ ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR

CONTINUING EDUCATION SESSIONS

SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY, FEBRUARY



<p>Tuesday, January 4 Fargo Holiday Inn 3803 13th Ave South Fargo, ND</p>	<p>Wednesday, January 5 Fargo Holiday Inn 3803 13th Ave South Fargo, ND</p>	<p>Tuesday, January 11 Fergus Falls Eagles Club 120 S Peck Street Fergus Falls, MN</p>
<p>Tuesday, January 18 Bemidji Eagles Club 1270 Neilson Ave SE Bemidji, MN</p>	<p>Tuesday, February 1 Minnkota Power Cooperative 5301 32nd Ave South Grand Forks, ND</p>	<p>Wednesday, February 2 Minnkota Power Cooperative 5301 32nd Ave South Grand Forks, ND</p>

CLASS SCHEDULE

- + 7:15 - 8 a.m.
Sign-in
- + 8 a.m. - noon
Workshop
- + Noon - 1 p.m.
Lunch provided
- + 1 - 5 p.m.
Workshop

Registration can be done online at www.minnkota.com.
 Call (701) 795-4292 or email contractortraining@minnkota.com for more info.

\$75 REGISTRATION FEE FOR EIGHT CODE CREDITS

Daily cycling of electric storage heat could begin in November

Members heating with electric thermal storage on the off-peak program, such as thermal storage room units, thermal storage furnaces and slab/in-floor heating, should turn on their heating system prior to Nov. 15 to allow a heat reservoir to build up before daily cycling of loads begins. The actual date daily cycling begins varies each season. Thermal storage heating is controlled each day from 7 a.m. to noon and 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.



Beltrami Electric will be closed on:

Thursday, Nov. 11,
 in honor of Veterans Day

– and on –

Thursday, Nov. 25,
 as we celebrate Thanksgiving



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OPERATION ROUND UP® HELPS LOCAL PROGRAMS

The Beltrami Electric Cooperative Trust board met in October to review Operation Round Up® grant applications, which it received requesting funding for various local programs. The total amount requested this quarter was \$51,319. The board awarded grants to 18 area nonprofit and community organizations totaling \$43,222.

Many local programs and organizations benefit from Operation Round Up, a voluntary, member-driven fundraising program of Beltrami Electric Cooperative, designed to give members a means of working together to use their small change to make a big impact in our local communities. Together, we are doing some wonderful things for our friends and neighbors.

All funds for Operation Round Up are placed into a trust fund that is separate from electric accounts. The trust is administered by its own board of directors, comprised of five volunteers from our communities, who meet twice a year and decide if an application meets the guidelines of the program and if funds are available. The average amount a participating member will contribute 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 or opt back in by contacting our office. **The next application deadline is March 24, 2022.** Applications and information about the Operation Round Up program may be found on the cooperative's website at <https://www.beltramielctric.com/operation-roundup>.



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

ORGANIZATION	PROGRAM	GRANT
Bemidji Community Theater	Microphones	\$ 4,125
Bemidji Early Childhood Collaborative	Movement and Play (MAP)	\$ 1,500
Bemidji Gymnastics Club	Safely Training for Success!	\$ 1,600
Bemidji High School	Career Academies Exploring program	\$ 4,500
Bemidji Symphony Orchestra	Believe in the Spirit of Music	\$ 3,500
BHS Boys Soccer Boosters	BHS boys soccer travel gear	\$ 750
BHS Girls Soccer Boosters	BHS girls soccer travel gear	\$ 650
Blackduck Area Senior Center	New sign and lighting	\$ 2,500
Blackduck Area Toys for Kids	Toys for Blackduck area kids	\$ 2,000
Blackduck Beach Project Committee	Restroom/changing area construction	\$ 7,000
Blackduck Woodcarvers Arts & Crafts Festival	Music for festival	\$ 2,000
Community Resource Connections	Security prevention measures	\$ 3,784
Face It Together Bemidji	Art for Recovery	\$ 1,360
Kelliher Library and Information Center	KLIC expansion	\$ 1,078
Mask and Rose Women's Theater	Story Telling Slam Nights	\$ 500
Solway Elementary School	Headwaters Science Center demonstrations	\$ 375
United Way of Bemidji Area	Child Abuse prevention in Beltrami County	\$ 3,000
Walker Bay Theater, Inc.	Walker Bay Live – summer event series	\$ 3,000

Small change makes a BIG DIFFERENCE!

