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We use electricity every day. This invisible force has become so commonplace that it can be all too easy to overlook possible electrical hazards, even in the safety of our own homes. May is Electrical Safety Month, and it's a good time to put the most important safety tool you have – your brain – to work.

Know the difference between electrical **FACT AND MYTH**

When it comes to electricity, you have to know the facts. It might save your life one day. Here are some common electrical myths:

Myth #1: Once a line is down, it is dead.

Fact: The electric current does not always turn off when a power line is down. Even if lines do not show signs of life (arcing, smoking, popping), they can still hold dangerous electrical current. Always treat a downed wire as energized because there is no way for you to know by looking whether it is hot or not. Just always stay away, and keep others away.

Myth #2: All power lines are insulated.

Fact: Most power lines are actually not insulated. The coating on the lines is actually for weatherproofing and will not offer any protection from the electrical current. Even if a power line is insulated, it can crack due to weather, reducing its safety. No matter the case, it is never safe to touch a power line.

Myth #3: There is no need to worry about power lines when digging a hole.

Fact: Always call 811 before you dig to have a professional come to your home and locate buried public utility lines free of charge. No matter the size of a digging project, if you come into contact with a buried power line, you could be electrocuted or seriously injured.

Myth #4: It is safe to work around a power line at home as long as direct contact is not made.

Fact: Always keep yourself and equipment at least 10 feet from power lines. This goes for ladders, pool skimmers, pruning poles and any other equipment. Always be aware of where power lines are so you do not risk electric shock. If you are trimming trees or attempting any do-it-yourself project near power lines, always call professionals for the job.

Myth #5: It is safe to remove the third prong from a plug.

Fact: The third prong is a safety feature designed to reduce the risk of shock or electrocution. That prong grounds the electrical current. If the outlet is only fit for a two prong plug, replace the outlet with a three-prong or a GFCI outlet.

Myth #6: Tires insulate my car from electrical dangers.

Fact: If a wire falls on your car while you are in it, the tires do not keep you from being injured by the electricity. The vehicle is the path to ground for the electrical current, so while you remain in the car, you are safe. The moment you step out of the car, you are the path to ground and in danger. If you find yourself in a situation where your car has hit a utility pole or power lines have fallen, stay in the car. Wait for a utility crew to cut the power. Only exit the car if it is on fire. Make sure to not touch the ground and the car at the same time. Jump from the car, keeping your feet together, and hop away from the scene.

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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.

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Legislative update

Jared Echternach, *CEO*

There are several pieces of proposed energy legislation that could affect your cooperative. Here's a brief synopsis of several bills being considered in the Minnesota Legislature and our position on each.

Conservation Improvement Program Reform - HF 1839/SF 1915

We continue to push the need to reform the existing Conservation Improvement Program that mandates electric and gas utilities to conserve (reduce) 1.5% of their retail energy sales annually, and spend 1.5% of their gross operating revenues doing so. Not many business models are sustainable under a mandate that requires them to sell less of their product year after year. We will continue to promote the wise use of electricity and efficient electrification, including equipment such as storage water heaters, storage space heating, air-source heat pumps, ground source heat pumps and electric vehicles.



This bill would update the Conservation Improvement program to eliminate the spending requirement and allow electric cooperatives and municipal utilities to offer more flexible and innovative programs designed around efficient electrification. We support these bills in their present form.

House Omnibus Energy Bill - HF 2208

The House Energy Committee unveiled its omnibus energy bill

with the main provisions including a 100% carbon-free standard by 2050, Clean Energy First legislation and the governor's version of Conservation Improvement Program modernization. In addition, the omnibus bill includes the energy use data bill HF 2681 (see



below). We're not opposed to renewable energy. In fact, our wholesale power supplier provides 30% of its energy using renewable sources. We're also not opposed to the state having goals, but mandates drive up the cost of power and threaten reliability, therefore we oppose the bill in its current form.

Energy Data Bill - HF 2681

HF 2681 would provide access rights to energy usage data maintained by utilities. This would require electric utilities, including electric cooperatives, to submit metering data to the state. We pride ourselves in protecting member data; therefore, we oppose the bill.

As always, we will continue to advocate on your behalf.

ACRE and REPAC

One way members can participate in electric co-op advocacy is by becoming a member in ACRE – the Action Committee for Rural Electrification and REPAC, the Rural Electric Political Action Committee. ACRE and REPAC are non-partisan political action committees that support legislators who support electric cooperatives. I've been a member for many years and we are now offering members the opportunity to join as

well. If you feel strongly about your electric cooperative and would like to support those who support electric cooperatives, please consider joining ACRE and REPAC. See below for details on how to join and support this great cause. Thank you for your consideration.

Congratulations to Dave

Staking technician Dave Ethen retired from Beltrami Electric in March. I'd like to personally thank Dave for his 40 years of service to our cooperative members. Dave was committed to our members by designing our distribution system safely and efficiently. He had

tremendous knowledge of our system with four decades of experience in line work and system design. Thank you, Dave, for taking care of our system and for your service. I wish you a long and healthy retirement.



CO-OP OWNERS FOR POLITICAL ACTION



As a member-owner of Beltrami Electric Cooperative, you are among 42 million Americans who can claim ownership in a not-for-profit member-controlled utility that provides electricity at cost. The ACRE Co-op Owners for Political Action® program is an exciting opportunity for you to raise your voice and participate in the political process.

The Action Committee for Rural Electrification (ACRE®) is the political action committee of the nation's electric cooperatives. For over 40 years, ACRE has been working to support candidates for the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives who understand and support electric cooperatives and their member-owners. Through ACRE Co-op Owners for Political Action, you as a member-owner have the ability to

strengthen this support and join more than 30,000 ACRE members who form a strong, grassroots network dedicated to the long-term success of the electric cooperative program.

We hope that you will consider this program. Together we will continue to fight for a viable environment for electric cooperatives and for the quality of life of the people and communities that cooperatives serve.

If you would like to ensure that your voice is heard in the political process by participating in the ACRE Co-op Owners for Political Action, visit our website at www.beltramielctric.com/content/grassroots-0 for more information on how to participate.

Contributions to ACRE Co-op Owners for Political Action® are not tax deductible. All contributions to ACRE are voluntary and will be used for political purposes. Contribution guidelines are suggestions only. You may contribute more or less than the recommended amount. You may refuse to contribute without reprisal.



Congratulations on your retirement, Dave Ethen!



Staking technician Dave Ethen retired March 15, 2019, after nearly 40 years of working at Beltrami Electric Cooperative. Dave started at BEC as a lineworker in the operations department in August 1979. Thank you, Dave, for your years of dedicated service to the cooperative and its members. We wish you a happy retirement!

★ ★ ★ REPAC ★ ★ ★

The Rural Electric Political Action Committee (REPAC) is the state level equivalent of ACRE that helps Minnesota cooperative members pool resources to support candidates who will speak for and protect the interests of electric cooperatives and their member-owners.

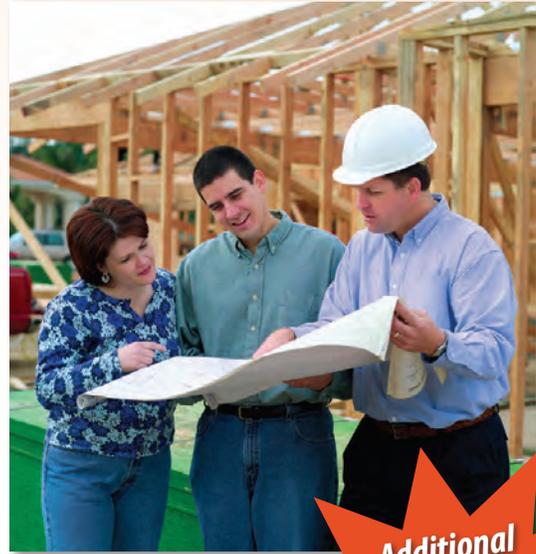
The funds are contributed to Minnesota State House and Senate candidates seeking public office. Contributions assist campaigns of Minnesota state legislators who protect electric co-ops' interests and acquaint metropolitan legislators with the vitality of electric cooperatives. Visit www.beltramielctric.com/content/grassroots-0 for more information on how to participate.

PLANNING TO BUILD THIS YEAR?

Keep your local electric cooperative in mind! Contact us soon to start the process to get your new electric service installed. Members may find more information and the necessary forms and requirements on our website at www.beltramielc.com/content/start-your-new-electric-service.

There are many decisions to make when building a new home, but one of the most important decisions you'll make concerns your heating system. A good heating system should provide comfort, be reliable and have low operating costs. Beltrami Electric Cooperative's energy experts can help you design an off-peak heating system to provide each of those features. Simply bring in a copy of your building plans and let us help you design a heating system that you will be happy with for years to come!

Many residential rebates are available for qualifying energy-efficient electric heating/cooling products, appliances, lighting and more!



Energy Star® clothes washer	\$25/unit	
Energy Star clothes dryer	\$25/unit	
Energy Star refrigerator	\$25/unit	
Energy Star freezer	\$25/unit	

Electric water heaters (80 gallon minimum, connected to daily cycle load control)	\$150/unit
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Programmable thermostat	50% of purchase price or \$25/unit max	
Energy Star smart thermostat	50% of purchase price or \$50/unit max	

LED bulbs (Energy Star recommended)		
40W-60W equivalent incandescent	50% of purchase price or \$2/bulb max	
65W and greater equivalent incandescent	50% of purchase price or \$4/bulb max	
LED fixture		
Complete fixture or replacement kit	50% of purchase price or \$4/fixture max	
Outdoor LED fixture		
Fixture wattage < 40 Watts	50% of purchase price or \$10/fixture max	
Fixture wattage of 40 Watts and greater	50% of purchase price or \$20/fixture max	

Air-source heat pump (ASHP)		
Supplemental heating source ASHP	\$500/unit	
Air-source heat pump & evaporator coil < 17 SEER	\$200/ton (includes mini-split)	
Air-source heat pump & evaporator coil ≥ 17 SEER	\$400/ton	

Furnace (air handler) w/ECM blower	\$100/unit	
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Geothermal heating		
Open loop (16.2 EER/3.6 COP)	\$200/ton	
Closed loop (14.1 EER/3.3 COP)	\$400/ton	

Some restriction apply. Offers may require inspection and are subject to change at any time.

Be aware of buried electric, gas, cable and other live lines



Spring showers bring May flowers, but digging on your own this spring could spell big trouble. Even if you think you could get lucky or that digging one small hole (or two) won't matter, don't take for granted what lines might lurk beneath the soil in your yard or easement.

Before you use that post hole digger or other unearthing tools, STOP and call 8-1-1 to request that buried electric, gas, cable and other live lines in or near your yard be marked. The service is free, but digging in an unmarked yard may not be.

You might think you don't have time for that and ask yourself, "What's the worst that could happen?"

YOU COULD DIE OR BECOME SERIOUSLY INJURED.
It doesn't make that yard project quite as pressing, does it?



There are other consequences of blindly digging and taking a chance. You could cause a power outage. You could hit a gas line and get burned or cause an evacuation in your neighborhood. You could be fined. If you hit a telephone line or fiber-optic line, you might lose your telephone, cable TV or internet service. Worse yet, it could interfere with your neighborhood's emergency assistance technology.

Although it all seems like "your" yard, utilities have the right of way to the live lines lurking under the ground in places where you might dig. In fact, an underground utility line is damaged once every nine minutes across the nation

because someone decided to dig without getting their yard properly marked, according to data collected by Common Ground Alliance. You may think one or two "small holes" won't matter, but that's what the person thought who hit a line nine minutes ago.

Take a deep breath, look over your landscaping or fence plans and call 8-1-1 before you dig. Each state has its own call center to help you get digging safely. You might know the service in your state by a different name – **Gopher State One Call (Minnesota)**, for example – but 8-1-1 is the one-calls-all in the U.S. By calling 8-1-1 or your state's digging call center directly, utilities or the companies they contract with will come to your home and mark your yard before you dig.

You may contact Gopher State One Call directly by calling 811 or 800-252-1166, or submit your request online at www.gopherstateonecall.org. Some information you will need includes your name, telephone number, mailing address, email address, township/range/section/quarter section, type of work, duration and address where work is being performed.

The site also lists the advance notice required for marking services, which is usually two days, not including the day you call.

So tiptoe through the tulips this spring and summer, both literally and figuratively. Know what's underneath that flower bed and everywhere else in your yard.

**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**




www.gopherstateonecall.org

COLOR CODING FOR MARKING UNDERGROUND UTILITIES	
WHITE	Proposed excavation
PINK	Temporary survey markings
RED	Electric power lines, cables, conduit and lighting cables
YELLOW	Gas, oil, steam, petroleum or gaseous materials
ORANGE	Communication, alarm or signal lines, cables or conduit
BLUE	Water
PURPLE	Reclaimed water, irrigation and slurry lines
GREEN	Sewer and drain lines

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CLASSIFIEDS

Classified ads rules

- Ads are due by the fifth of the month prior to publication of the next issue. Example:
 - Ads submitted by May 1 will be published in the June issue.
 - Ads submitted between May 2 and June 1 will be published in the July issue.
- Ads may be submitted via our website at www.beltramelectric.com (preferred).
- Include name and Beltrami Electric account number on all submissions.
- All ads must be **50 words or fewer** and typed or printed clearly.
- Members may only submit one for sale and one wanted or free ad per issue.
- No real estate, rental, personal or commercial ads will be accepted.
- Ads are published at no charge as space permits on a first-received, first-printed basis, **with no guarantee your ad will appear.**
- Ads are only allowed to be repeated for **three consecutive months** and must be resubmitted each month.
- Editor reserves the right to edit or reject any ad.
- All telephone numbers are presumed to have a 218 area code unless otherwise noted.
- Mail ads to: Beltrami Electric Cooperative, P.O. BOX 488, Bemidji, MN 56619.

For Sale:

Youth bow: Diamond "Nuclear Ice," 3-pin fiber optic sight, 4-arrow slotted quiver, 3 practice arrows, includes PLANO hard case, \$300. Excellent condition. Child ITECH hockey helmet with ITECH RBE III Junior face protector. Three helmet/face protector sets available. Like new condition. \$30/set. 368-4834.

Older General Electric gas cook stove. \$60. 612-274-8801.

Rare, 1945 Ford 1/4 ton 4WD. 766-4000.

Coffee table, live edge look, medium brown stain with black metal legs and lower shelf. 4ft.x2ft.x20", almost new, great condition. \$85. 759-2322.

14' Aluminum fishing boats, Alumacraft, Lund, and MirroCraft: \$250 - \$475 each. Call 760-8266.

Violins, violas and cellos. Assorted sizes. Also accessories-strings, shoulder rests etc. Call Nancy at 586-2536.

2006 Chrysler Town & Country touring van, 157K miles, good vehicle, always starts, even after sitting out in cold for a week. Has rust on both side doors and some surface rust; interior and upholstery is clean. Passenger side door doesn't open with fob, opens manually and with side button. Back hatch recently replaced. Call 755-9844.

Electric aluminum bunk pontoon lift, 4,000 lb. 120 in. wide. Will accommodate a 22' x 8'6" pontoon. \$2,400. Call 701-740-2601.

Beautiful flowers! Local organic flower farmer wants to deliver four weekly bouquets at one monthly price of \$85. Annuals, perennials and herbs. Every bouquet will surprise you! Call 556-0586. DIYer's for special events, call too!

Corral panels - (2): 12 ft (L) x 60" (H). \$50/each. 759-7730.

Left hand set of golf clubs. Includes bag and bag cart. Plus a Big Bertha driver. \$200, HP Envy 4512 Wi-Fi printer. \$60, Brother GX-6750 electronic typewriter. \$300. 224-2307.

Sears Galaxy electric range: 4-burner, one oven, white enamel, good condition, clean. \$125. Kenmore dishwasher: white front, good condition, clean. \$35. Both appliances light usage in vacation home. Selling due to kitchen remodel. 547-3052.

Super M Farmall 400 head and radiator. Put on recently: 12V alternator, fenders, new gauges and more. 10-20 McCormick head and complete overhaul gasket set. H Farmall for parts. New M Farmall manifold. Lots of parts for H's and M's. Good head for C-123 casting #251172-R1, fits a Super A through 200 Farmall. 647-8775.

Dock sections: 30 treated wooden dock sections, approximately 36" wide x 5' long. No hardware. \$500 for all. \$20 per individual section. Pictures available upon request. Located in Cass Lake area. 612-720-6330.

2004 Ford F250 Super Duty diesel, w/topper, 85K miles. 1999 Gooseneck trailer, tandem axle. 1988 Chevy Cheyenne 2wd, 70K miles - MINT. 2-car dolly. 1999 Ford Windstar. Pickup box trailer. Sovema rotary tiller for tractor. 340-9010.

5500 Vermeer Rebel hay baler, new in 2005, kept in shed. 1459 Massey Ferguson haybine, new in 2005, kept in shed. 18-ft International field cultivator. 1466 International tractor with cab and two extra back tires. 6-Bottom Oliver plow. Harley rock picker and rock rake. 751-4286.

Delta 12" planer, new blades, nice cond., \$150/obo. 4-season Anderson patio door w/fixed glass windows on each side, sliding door in center. Light pine wood finish int., white clad ext. 80" H x 107" W. \$250/obo. 14' Lund boat w/trailer, painted camo, good duck boat, \$400/obo. Dorm fridge. \$25. Yamaha 20A generator, \$200/obo. Air compressors: 1/2 hp, 22-gal, \$75. 1/2 hp 15-gal, \$50. 3-U.S. Coast Guard approved Stearns arctic marine survival suits, type V PFD, all adult large, \$100 each. Ice augers: 2 hp 8" Strikemaster Lazer Mag Express, \$50. 2 hp 7" w/12" ext., \$50. 2 hp 8" and 10" Eskimo w/12" ext., \$100. Call 766-2008.

Horizon treadmill, used once by senior. Has many speeds, elevation, readings for heart, pulse, blood pressure. Pd \$500, sell for \$250. Folds for storage. Wood building materials left over from jobs, some free, others at low-cost. Call Bill 766-5285.

Four upholstered dining room chairs, oak trim, nice. \$25 each. 444-9650.

1967 Starcraft 18' Starchief, 120HP I/O, sound hull, new gas tank, \$1,500. 250T-5 (V5) automatic motorcycle, \$750. Pflatzgraff Heritage dishes, setting for 20, with 50+ different serving dishes, \$250. Pflatzgraff Heritage Christmas dishes, setting for 12 w/serving dishes, \$200. 854-7453.

AKC Registered labs: puppies and starter dogs. Excellent hunting bloodline. Full and limited registration available. Text or call for more info. 244-7605.

Baby ducks, mixed breeds. 766-2853.

Wanted:

3-point tractor mount snowblower, 5-6 foot width, in good condition. 444-9929.

Low mileage SUV with AWD or 4WD, in good condition. Price range under \$10,000. 751-7693.

Two ladies looking for housecleaning jobs. Years of experience (No Sunday business). Please call 835-6434.

Downsizing: Attention-couple from Blackduck who had fire, please give me a call. Bill 766-5285.

Free:

For woodcarvers: Several downed Basswood trees from last summer's storm. Most are 8-12 inches in diameter. They are accessible. You cut, you haul. 586-2046.

Lowrey "Holiday" organ with magic genie. Sounds great. 333-1581.

Beltrami Electric survey notice



Beltrami Electric Cooperative (BEC) has partnered with TSE Services and Bellomy Research to conduct member satisfaction surveys.

Member feedback will be collected via telephone interviews as well as online surveys. If BEC has your email address on file and you are one of the randomly selected participants, you will receive an email invitation to participate in the survey. Those members whose email address the cooperative does not have will be contacted by telephone to complete the survey.

Members may receive the email invitation or phone call between the last week in April and the first week in May asking for their participation. If contacted by telephone, the caller ID will say "Electric Coop" and the call will come from a 336 area code, as BEC's partner is based in the Winston-Salem area. Calls will generally be made Monday through Saturday from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and should last no more than 15 minutes.

The feedback you provide will help us gauge our performance in serving you, our members-owners, and assist us in providing better service in the future.

We strive to provide the best possible service to our members, and it's important to know what we're doing well and, more importantly, where we may need improvement.

We appreciate your time and thank you for sharing your thoughts.

Board Meeting Highlights

Beltrami Electric's board of directors conducted its regular monthly meeting Thursday, March 21, 2019. A quorum of directors was present.

The following reports were given:

- CEO Echtenach gave his monthly report, including discussion on legislative issues affecting electric cooperatives, meetings attended, an employee retirement and financials of the cooperative. He also presented the sample election ballot to be mailed to the membership.
- Operation RoundUp Trust Board appointments were discussed. Sharon Lembke and Michelle Sand wish to serve another term on the board of directors of Beltrami Electric Cooperative Trust.
- David Holt of Brady Martz & Associates gave the 2018 audit report, giving Beltrami Electric Cooperative a clean audit opinion.
- 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 applying the 2017 operating loss to offset the 2018 allocated operating margin.
- Approved the election ballot.
- Appointed Sharon Lembke and Michelle Sand each to a three-year term on the board of directors of Beltrami Electric Cooperative Trust.
- Nominated Rick Coe as the Minnkota Power director and Murl Nord as the Square Butte director.

The next regular board meeting will be Wednesday, May 29, 2019.



Beltrami Electric Cooperative
offices will be closed

Monday, May 27, 2019,
in observance of Memorial Day.

We are looking for you!

Beltrami Electric is looking for **Angela M. Perkins** (Red Lake, Minn.). Please call **218-444-2540** if you have any information.

Operation Round Up[®] helps local programs

The Beltrami Electric Cooperative Trust Board for Operation Round Up[®] met in April to review 26 applications requesting funding for various local programs. The total amount requested this quarter was nearly \$53,000. The board had about \$21,500 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 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 following organizations were awarded Operation Round Up grants in April:



First row: Michelle Sand, Operation Round Up Trust board; Nancy O'Sullivan, Red Lake Rosie's Rescue; Kristine Cannon, Bemidji Community Theater; Marcia BMarthaler, Bemidji Sculpture Walk; Terri Melhus, Shannon Murray, Bemidji Community Special Olympics; Stacey Lundberg, Bemidji Sculpture Walk; Mary Omen, Red Lake Community Center.

Second row: Gary Rozman, Beltrami County Historical Society; Gregory Wood, Rebecca Barrett, Red Lake Safety Camp; Denise Johnson, Bemidji Area Senior Class Party; LaVon Weidenborner, Koochiching County Fair; George-Ann Maxson, Mississippi Headwaters Audubon Society; Tricia Andrews, Diamond Knispel, Headwaters School of Music & the Arts; Sue Young, St. Vincent de Paul-St. Philip's Conference; Marilyn DeCrans, Hubbard County Sheriff's K-9 Unit.

Third row: Ed Marthaler, Bemidji Sculpture Walk; Faith McIntyre, Bemidji Community Theater; Cheri Ford, Walker Area Food Shelf; Rebecca Stone, Andrea Kingbird, Northwood's Battered Women's Shelter; Cori Rude, Concordia Language Villages; Jill Parson, St. Mary's Mission Elementary School; Jake Upton, Laporte School; Marcia Syverson, Senior Activity Center; Jim DeCrans, Hubbard County Sheriff's K-9 Unit.

ORGANIZATION	PROGRAM	GRANT
Bemidji Area Senior Class Party	Bemidji area all-night senior class party (Safe Event)	\$ 500
Bemidji Community Special Olympics	Special Olympics travel support for state competitions	\$ 500
Bemidji Community Theater	BCT Kidz Clubhouse	\$ 500
Bemidji Sculpture Walk	20 th Anniversary Arts Festival – supplies, materials and equipment	\$ 500
Cass Lake Area Food Shelf	Food shelf signage	\$ 1,000
Concordia Language Villages	16 th Annual 4 th and 5 th Grade Scholarship Essay Contest	\$ 750
Headwaters School of Music & the Arts	Summer music camps – student scholarships	\$ 1,000
Hubbard County 4-H Riders	New portable horse stalls	\$ 2,000
Hubbard County Sheriff's K-9 Unit	Hubbard County K-9 Puppy Project	\$ 1,000
Kindred Family Focus	Kindred CARES for foster families	\$ 500
Koochiching County Fair	Fair buttons	\$ 250
Laporte School	Purchase a new upright Yamaha piano for school	\$ 1,500
Lutheran Social Service of MN/Nutrition	Food support for high-risk seniors in Walker/Laporte area	\$ 1,000
Mask & Rose Theater/Beltrami County Historical Society	Aug. 18, 2019 Celebration of 100-Year Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote	\$ 500
Mississippi Headwaters Audubon Society	Field science equipment for Young Naturalist Program	\$ 800
Muscular Dystrophy Association	MDA summer camp for kids	\$ 700
Northwood's Battered Women's Shelter	New facility phase 1: Schematic design	\$ 1,000
Red Lake Community Center	Movie and bingo activity nights for families	\$ 500
Red Lake Rosie's Rescue	Red Lake Reservation Neuter/Spay Program	\$ 1,000
Red Lake Safety Camp	Annual safety camp for 3 rd grade students	\$ 1,000
Senior Activity Center (Beltrami County)	Sprinkler system improvements	\$ 1,500
St. Mary's Mission Elementary School	Library books	\$ 500
St. Vincent de Paul-St. Kateri Tekakwitha Conference	Friends of the Poor	\$ 500
St. Vincent de Paul-St. Philip's Conference	Hope in Bemidji	\$ 1,000
Walker Area Food Shelf	Freezers and cooler for food shelf operation	\$ 1,500

Small change makes a **BIG DIFFERENCE!**



Thank you,
Beltrami Electric
Cooperative
members!



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- Beltrami Electric Cooperative technicians will install the standby generator system for you

Contact our Energy Services department today for more information and current pricing at 218-444-3622.



SAFELY connect a portable generator to your home with

When you have lost power, a portable generator can temporarily provide needed electricity. However, it may present serious hazards if not used properly. **NEVER plug a portable generator directly into your home.** This can cause electricity to feed back through your home onto the utility's system. This "**backfeed**" can be deadly for lineworkers working on lines that they believe are off and anyone near downed power lines.



- The GenerLink is a 200-amp, UL-listed automatic transfer switch to safely connect a generator to your home.
- Purchase a generator that can provide the amount of power you expect to need during an outage.
- Beltrami Electric Cooperative's technicians will install the device at your electric meter.
- **GenerLink allows you flexibility and control to select what you want to run using your home's curcuit panel.**



Contact our Energy Services department today for more information and current pricing at 218-444-3622.