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Beltrami Electric Cooperative

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Turning wind into watts

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Across the Manager's Desk

Two longtime BEC employees are retiring this month. Our lead custodian Harlan Gibeau and marketing representative Jeanne LaCroix have decided to step down, both with nearly 20 years of service to the cooperative. I've known these two fine individuals since my first day on the job here at BEC, and they are truly dedicated to their

work and to the cooperative membership. They will be greatly missed, and I wish each of them the best in their retirement. Please take a look at Page 8 for details on the retirement open house honoring Jeanne and Harlan.



“Your cooperative had an excellent year in 2004 and this success is directly related to those of you who pay the bill.”

ROGER SPIRY
General Manager

More than 64 years ago, a group of strong-willed individuals had the vision and fortitude to create an organization that would offer much needed electrical services to people living in rural areas and to make it last a long time. Sure enough, Beltrami Electric's founders began this great program and made it work, but the job is not finished.

Now, BEC is planning for the 65th anniversary of your cooperative. The annual membership meeting is set for Friday, April 29. Please complete the registration card located in the newsletter and attempt to be in attendance. This year, we will have the election of directors in Districts 2, 4 and 6. The current directors from those districts are Barbara N. Beaulieu, Jack Swenson and Randy C. Johnson. Several years ago the

speakers, and I am sure his comments will be very informative. He'll give us some insight into future power needs and potential sources. Our main speaker is Mike Bunney, regional vice president and area representative of the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC). CFC is the exclusive banker for BEC's main source of borrowed capital. Mike is very well known throughout Minnesota and this region. He will definitely entertain you with an articulate presentation and provide you with some important information. Once again, we will have numerous door prizes to give away throughout the meeting, which always creates some interest and enthusiasm.

Your cooperative had an excellent year in 2004 and this success is directly related to those of you who pay the bill. The employees are also to be complimented for a job well done. Without the efforts of both, this cooperative could not exist. Indeed, the future of this cooperative looks bright, and I will give it my best to manage it wisely and efficiently. That is my commitment to you, the member-owners of the cooperative. I hope to see many of you at the annual meeting on Friday, April 29.

Until next month.

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Anyone who is planning 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 line, television cable, pipelines, electrical lines, water lines and sewer lines can be located to ensure that none will be severed or damaged.

On the cover: Two identical 900-kw wind turbines are supplying wind energy for customers enrolled in the *Infinity Wind Energy* program. Learn more on Pages 4-5.

Notice of Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the members of Beltrami Electric Cooperative Inc. will be held at the Northern Inn, 3600 Moberg Drive N.W., in Bemidji, Minn., at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 29, 2005, for the following purposes:

1. To pass upon reports covering the previous fiscal year;
2. To elect three (3) directors of the cooperative in accordance with the Bylaws, one each in Districts 2, 4 and 6, each for a three-year term;
3. Transacting such other business as may come before the meeting.

Arnold Christianson, Secretary
Beltrami Electric Cooperative Inc.
Board of Directors

Compact Fluorescent Lamps



Each person attending the annual meeting will receive a compact fluorescent lamp.

Compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) use one-quarter to one-third the energy to produce the same amount of light as an incandescent bulb. They produce 90 percent less heat and last more than 10 times longer than an incandescent bulb. The major advantage of using CFLs, however, is saving money!

Beltrami Electric Cooperative Inc. 2005 Annual Meeting Friday, April 29

Northern Inn, Bemidji, Minn.

Please RSVP by April 22, 2005

Beltrami Electric Cooperative
P.O. Box 488 • Bemidji, MN 56619-0488

*Roast Beef Dinner
5:30 to 7:00 p.m.
Meeting to follow.*

Please clip and return this coupon by April 22 with the number to be dining so that we know how many to plan for. Thank you.

Number Attending _____

Contractors

Action Electric, Bemidji,
751-3712

Benedict Electric, Benedict,
547-1589

Bessler Bros. Electric,
Lake George/Walker, 224-2472/
266-3901

Clearbrook Electric, Clearbrook,
776-3995

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835-4127

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751-0370

Grace Electric, Bemidji, 760-3788

Hand Electric, Bemidji, 586-3573

Haubrich Electric, Bemidji,
759-1048

Headwaters Electric Inc.,
Bemidji, 444-2613

L & A Electric, Park Rapids,
732-3692

Lake Country Electric Inc.,
Bemidji, 751-9773

Larson Electric, Bemidji,
759-1066

LeClaire Electric, Bemidji, 766-
5198/751-9737

Lee Davis Electric Inc., Walker,
547-4175

Lynn's Electric, Hackensack,
682-2738

Mort's Electric Inc., Kelliher,
647-8128

Myers Electric, Bemidji,
586-3406/556-9894

Naylor's, Bemidji, 751-2620

North Central Electric Inc.,
Blackduck, 835-7790

North Country Electrical
Services, Laporte, 224-2704

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835-6315

Pete's Electric, Bagley, 694-2371

Perkins Electric, Bemidji,
444-1422

Taray Electric, Bemidji, 751-8237

Todaych Electric, Bemidji,
751-1699

T.R. Electric Inc., Bemidji,
751-0286

Trosen Electric, Walker, 675-5757

Wiebolt Electric, Bemidji,
444-8661

Turning wind into watts

By Mike Nisbet, Senior Publications Editor,
Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc.

Wind Turbine Facts

Locations

6 miles east of
Valley City, N.D.

3 miles east of
Petersburg, N.D.

Estimated annual generation

2.8 million kwh

Capacity factor

36 percent

Tower height

230 feet

Total weight

130 tons

Tower weight

93 tons

Generator weight

25 tons

Blade weight

4 tons each

Blade length

85 feet

Wind speed

Cut-in 8 mph
Cut-out 56 mph

Project cost

\$1.0 million/turbine

A closer look at the Infinity Wind Energy program

On Jan. 25, 2002, Minnkota's first utility-scale wind turbine was commissioned and began turning wind into electricity. Many Beltrami Electric members have been wondering how it has performed over the past three years. This article examines the turbine's performance on a monthly basis in terms of energy production, average wind speed, capacity factor, peak output and availability percentage.

The year 2002 was a historic one for Minnkota Power Cooperative, Beltrami Electric's wholesale power supplier, as it was the first time ever that Minnkota generated electricity from the wind.

"Minnkota generates more than 99 percent of its electricity from low-cost and abundant North Dakota lignite coal," said Al Tschepen, vice president of Planning & System Operations for Minnkota. "In 2002, we added a small amount of wind into our generating mix with the commissioning of our first turbine near Valley City, N.D., and the start-up of our second turbine near Petersburg, N.D., six months later."

Customer interest in wind power and their willingness to pay the added cost are the primary

reasons Minnkota created the *Infinity Wind Energy* program.

"Wind power is more expensive than Minnkota's other generation resources, so customers enrolled in the program are paying an additional \$1.50 per month for each 100-kwh block of wind energy they have agreed to purchase," said Tschepen. "The major factor contributing to wind power's additional cost is the intermittent nature of the wind, which requires Minnkota to have nearly a 100 percent backup source of power to reliably serve customer needs."

Subscriptions available

The output of both turbines is being utilized by



Yes! I want to join others in the Infinity Wind Energy program.

Please indicate the number of 100 kilowatt-hour *Infinity Wind Energy* blocks you wish to purchase each month. Each 100 kilowatt-hour *Infinity Wind Energy* block costs an additional \$1.50 per month.

- 1 block (100 kilowatt-hours per month), \$1.50/mo.
- 2 blocks (200 kilowatt-hours per month), \$3/mo.
- 3 blocks (300 kilowatt-hours per month), \$4.50/mo.
- 4 blocks (400 kilowatt-hours per month), \$6/mo.
- 5 blocks (500 kilowatt-hours per month), \$7.50/mo.
- Other – Please specify the total number of 100 kilowatt-hour *Infinity Wind Energy* blocks you wish to purchase per month _____, \$_____/mo.

If you require assistance in determining the number of wind power blocks you wish to purchase, call Beltrami Electric at 218-444-2540.

Name _____

Address _____

Daytime phone _____ Best time to call _____

Evening phone _____ Best time to call _____

Account number (located on your bill) _____

E-mail address (optional) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

I understand that my commitment is for one year and will continue on an annual basis until I notify you in writing to end my participation in the Infinity program.

Wind energy glossary

Anemometer: An instrument used to measure the velocity, or speed, of the wind.

Availability factor: The percentage of time that a wind turbine is able to operate and is not out of commission because of maintenance or repairs.

Capacity factor: A measure of the productivity of a wind turbine, calculated by the amount of power that a wind turbine produces over a set period of time, divided by the amount of power that would have been produced if the turbine had been running at full capacity during that same time interval. Most wind turbines operate at a capacity factor of 25 to 35 percent.

Hub: The central part of the wind turbine, which supports the turbine blades on the outside and connects the low-speed rotor shaft inside the nacelle.

Nacelle (pronounced na-sell): The structure at the top of the wind turbine tower just behind the wind turbine blades that houses the key components of the wind turbine, including the rotor shaft, gearbox and generator.

Tower: The base structure that supports and elevates a wind turbine rotor and nacelle. Modern turbines are typically constructed using a tubular steel tower.

Utility-scale wind turbine: The size of turbine typically utilized by wind energy developers to produce large amounts of electricity, currently ranging in size from 750 kw to 1.5 mw.

Wind speed: Wind speed, or velocity, is simply the rate at which air particles move through the atmosphere, commonly measured with an anemometer.

customers who want wind energy to be part of their retail purchase power needs. Energy from the turbine near Valley City is currently being sold as monthly subscriptions of 100 kwh to customers of the associated systems. The majority of the wind energy output of the turbine near Petersburg is being sold to the Grand Forks Air Force Base through the base's retail power supplier, Nodak Electric Cooperative of Grand Forks.

The annual output of the turbines, which is approximately 2.8 million kwh per year, is nearly fully subscribed by customers who have agreed to pay the additional \$1.50 per 100-kwh block per month in addition to their regular electric rates.

"Minnkota is learning more about the operational characteristics of wind power from these two projects and we are sharing that information with the public," Tscheppen added. "All data related to cost, historical and real-time kwh output, and wind speed is available on Minnkota's Web site, www.minnkota.com. We believe public education about wind power is one of the key benefits of the *Infinity Wind Energy* program."

The actual operational history of these two projects has given Minnkota some insight into the challenges facing wind power, mainly the intermittent nature of the wind. Because consumers of the Minnkota-associated systems demand round-the-clock electricity at the flip of a switch, there is still a long-term need for reliable, low-cost, base-load power plants that utilize another of North Dakota's abundant energy resources – lignite coal.



2004 Monthly Statistics

900 kw Wind Turbines
Valley City, N.D., and Petersburg, N.D.

		Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Energy production - mwh	Valley City	215	244	296	247	283	183	150	181	210	289	283	233
	Petersburg	228	293	302	250	244	207	143	145	217	297	316	182
Average wind speed - mph	Valley City	16	17	19	17	18	15	13	14	16	19	18	17
	Petersburg	16	19	20	17	18	16	13	14	16	19	20	18
Capacity factor - %	Valley City	32	39	44	38	42	27	22	27	32	43	39	35
	Petersburg	34	47	45	39	36	31	21	22	33	44	49	27
Peak output - kw	Valley City	937	939	973	866	881	757	721	785	786	900	866	929
	Petersburg	934	904	940	838	815	752	674	754	757	844	845	928
Availability - %	Valley City	91	98	99	99	99	99	99	93	100	100	90	99
	Petersburg	95	99	99	99	99	97	97	87	100	100	100	87

Northern Lights CLASSIFIEDS

For Sale:

Purebred AKC-OFA-DNA certified German shepherd pups edwardeh@paulbunyan.net or 759-1535

'96 Arctic Cat Puma 340, great cond., less than 600 mi., w/cover 335-6260

18 cf. Whirlpool fridge \$50 444-5426

'01 Harley Dyna Wide Glide, '03 Harley XL Sportster, both mint cond. \$20,000 takes both; '84 14x70 MH, good cond., appliances included, must be moved 759-0080

Free pups to good home, mixed breed 224-2404

1,800 lb. Hewitt cantilever boatlift w/canopy, good canvas, full bunks, guide-ons \$1,900 obo; '01 Polaris 500 HO Sportsman, 175 mi. \$4,950 obo 507-794-4031 or 507-227-3983 lv. msg.

'92 Cal Spa hot tub \$1,500; new log dining room table w/6 log chairs \$2,000 755-1165

'99 V92C Victory motorcycle, best offer, \$1,500 mi., windshield, gel seat, saddlebags, many extras 335-2625

Tractor tires 2- 13.6/28, 1- 13.6/38 444-2011

Cleaned feed oats, Gerry brand \$2.60/bushel 751-2831

John Deere 450B dozer, straight blade, exc. undercarriage \$9,500 224-2136

'89 Chevy Blazer, 2 dr., 142K, 4WD, some rust, new tires, exhaust, rear differential \$2,500 obo 835-4643

6x10 2-wheel trlr., tongue jack, fenders good cond. \$400 547-3128

House windows stored in shed, good cond., 1-61 3/4 x 57, 2- 51x41 1/2, 1- 28x37 1/2, other various sizes, screens, windows, make offer 751-3632

'98 Jeep Wrangler, 53K, factory ext. warranty to 90K, exc. cond. 444-6599 or 556-6736

Newer 4,000 lb. Shorestrand boatlift w/canopy & wheel kit brackets, very nice, asking \$3,500, new \$5,000 701-746-2817 lv. msg.

70 hp. 3-phase converter \$1,500 586-2271 or 444-2435

Beds, all sizes \$65 224-2486

8x12 fish house, removable axles \$1,650 obo 224-2195

Lab & springer X pups, chocolate or black, look like small labs 566-4512

AKC English springer spaniel pups, M & F, family hound or companions 759-0321

Round quilting hoop, Hinterberg floor model, approx 23", hardwood, fully adjustable, turns 360 \$60 759-1929

'52 Ford 8N, new paint & parts, new cond. \$3,800 delivery 507-289-2904

Craftsman 18.5 hp. riding lawn mower, 42" cut, hydrostatic drive, used very little; Coleman 4,000W generator, 2-hr. run time \$3,000 224-3213

4 Firestone Steeltex A/T LT 265/75 R16, load range D, 8 ply, 30% tread \$15 ea. or \$50/set 444-7249

Well-broke, 13-yr.-old qtr. horse, not registered, w/16" saddle \$1,800; 2-yr.-old unbroken, unregistered, dun/buckskin \$1,200 obo dntwinge@paulbunyan.net

6x12 fish house on wheels; 2 med. size kids bikes; 2 gas powered weed wackers; 3-pt. sprayer 586-3747

'00 Dodge Sports Caravan, low mi. \$9,500 835-6616

10" Black & Decker radial arm saw w/Freud carbide blade \$100 224-3240

'72 Harley-Davidson Sportster; '64 Chevy PU, Fleetside, wood bed, runs 224-2587 or 838-2058

Newer gas range, white \$150; yellow fridge & elec. range set \$185 751-2768

Hide-a-bed, blue design, new cond., has been covered \$200 224-2722

583 Ski-Doo engine, all parts 854-7322

Metal sign "Pure Maple Syrup Sold Here" 2'x3' \$30; blue sap-gathering tubing, approx. 400' \$35 835-7719

'03 VTX 1300 Honda cruiser motorcycle 3,000 mi., windshield, 3-light bar, hard side bags & rear bag w/carrying rack & sissy bar, loaded \$7,900; '02 Eagle GPS, works great, new \$200, sell for \$50; 6x8 fish house, portable, tent style, 6 holes \$200 835-4515

Exercise bike \$10; Nordic Track \$15; Ab Roller \$20; antique library table \$80 759-1671

2 portable fold-down fish houses, 4x8 angling & 4x6 dark house \$50 ea., both in good cond.; JD Trailfire 340 \$150; nice hide-a-bed couch \$25 335-2952

'77 Skyline MH, includes washer, dryer, stove, AC, also 10x12 addition, must be moved by April 30 335-0086 or 335-2080

'99 Chevy Tahoe LT, all options, Autotrac 4WD, heated leather seats, blue, EC \$12,000 obo 751-1143

10 sewing machines; 6 maple chairs; 4 oak dining room chairs; 48" sq. oak table; exercise bike; Walker school desk; misc. tables; bi-folds; kitchen table; sewing rocker; 3 press-back chairs; trash burner; homemade quilts 243-2702

'01 Ford Escort, 4 dr., 4 cyl., AT, 32K, loaded, new tires, exc. cond. \$5,500 835-4596 or 760-6214

'98 Suzuki 250 2x4, 1,200 mi., full-size racks, very nice cond. \$1,900 obo 243-2197

Allis Chalmers WD, Paulson loader, 2 buckets, 3-pt. lift, chains, recent paint & decals \$2,500 444-9929

'94 Sunlight Hide-a-Way PU camper, 9 1/2 SD, BA, AC, exc. cond. 751-4151

Well Mate pressure tank, used 6 yrs., still works, make offer 586-2994

Project car, '62 Chevy 2 dr., reasonable offer or trade 835-6420

Franklin stove, 20' of 8" dbl. insulated steel pipe, fireplace tools 335-8945

'02 SW FC180 pontoon \$8,400; '98 Acura PL2.5 \$8,300 759-6947 after 4/4

Farmall 400, wide front, power steering, hydraulic snow bucket \$3,500 or trade for 4 wheeler 751-9078

'89 Alumacraft Luner V-16 LTD boat, Mariner 25 hp. motor, trlr., many extras \$2,000 952-891-3520

CD '96 16x80 MH, 3 BR, 2 BA 800-620-1526 '65 12x52 MH, fridge, stove, very clean no title \$2,500 820-1526

15" Martha Josey square skirt barrel saddle \$600 obo 751-9325

Table brand console piano \$1,200 obo, exc. shape, tuned 760-2152

2 lg. wooden 6-drawer lowboy dressers \$75 ea. or both for \$100; exercise bike \$20 751-7741

'96 Smokercraft Ultima 175, 150 hp. Mercury, loaded, very low hours, exc. cond. inside and out \$11,800 obo 243-3067 or 766-7668

Day-old ring-necked pheasant chicks, May & June hatch \$1 ea. 586-2839

'91 Suzuki Sidekick, hardtop convertible, 87K, 4x4, AC, CD \$2,500 224-3449

Franklin free-standing fireplace, w/accessories 467-3335

Pontiac Grand Am SE front bumper cover, fits '99-'02, new, never painted \$40 760-7377

'71 14x60 MH, fixer upper, to be moved \$2,500 320-230-3551

'97 Plym. Grand Voyageur, 130K, air, tilt, power, very clean. \$3,500 766-9807 days, 647-8180 eve.

Ashley sofa & love seat, 3 yrs. old, camelback, rolled arms, exposed legs, deep beige color & multi tapestry, beautiful shape \$800/pair obo; Fred Bear Whitetail Legend compound bow \$75 444-8297

Free to good home, 4-yr.-old female husky 766-1152

Troy-Bilt garden tractor, hydrostatic drive, 38" mulching deck, 54" snow blade, chains, weights for tires, all '95 except blade is '99, exc. cond. \$800 766-8649

Sauder entertainment center w/25" TV, Sound Design stereo AM/FM radio & dual cassette deck w/2 speakers, includes free VCR that needs minor repair \$120 759-9729

Several hundred 2x4 & 2x6 pine lumber, all 8' length, 2x4x8 \$2.50 ea., 2x6x8 \$4 ea., will consider quantity discount 224-2836 or 800-450-6260

4 prom dresses, black & white, red & white, pink, purple, sz. 11/12 \$75 ea. obo 243-3382

'94 16'6" Sea Nymph alum. boat, heavy-duty trlr., 40 hp. Mariner, elec. start w/tilt, accessories \$3,900 751-2924

8x14.5 mobile home tires mounted on wheels 326-2662

Free female dogs, chow/basset, 3-4 yrs. old, collie German shepherd cross, 2 yrs. old, male Black Lab 1 yr. old; 5 male pups, will be small dogs \$15 ea. 224-2622

Biodyne weight bench w/weights \$125 586-2009

John Deere Skidsteer w/bucket & hay fork \$3,500; '93 Southwind Class A diesel motor home, will trade for land, etc. 335-4050

Like new Leer fiberglass topper w/bed liner, fits '99-'05 Chevy or GMC ext. cab \$650 586-2978 or 751-4577

3 young geese, 1 gander, 2 hens, \$5 ea. or all for \$12 751-7980

'00 Nisan Altima GXE, 46K, all power, tint, manual, Kenwood CD, exc. cond. \$7,950; Honda 200 3-wheeler, '82, new engine, exc. cond. \$695 759-9668

Men's golf clubs, belly style putter \$70, long putter \$80, liquid metal driver \$175, Adams 3 wood \$65 obo; '93 Crestliner Viking Deluxe, 17', 90 hp. Evin., Shorelander, extras \$7,950; older fiberglass tri-hull, remodeled, 40 hp. Evin., trlr., trolling motor \$2,200 obo 586-2534

'01 Harley FXD Superglide, 22K, black, loaded w/extras \$10,500 759-2890

Allis Chalmers WD tractor w/loader, snow blade, new rubber, overhauled, good paint 467-3486

Vito clarinet, like new \$500; Samick guitar, black w/deluxe carrying case and tuner \$150; First Act children's guitar \$10 751-9357

Snack/pop vending machines, 2 yrs. old, great for small offices make offer 547-3410

'01 14' Sledbed V front alum. snowmobile trlr., salt guard, plastic ski pads full length, spare tire, exc. cond., \$1,400; Sears Craftsman snow blower, 30", covered snow shield, 11 hp., used 5 hrs. \$900 547-1744

'98 Dodge Caravan, exc. cond. \$4,500 obo; oak kitchen cabinets, make offer 243-2633

Spotted Easter bunnies, very tame \$10 ea. or 2 for \$15 647-8876

12' base cabinets & 16' upper kitchen cabinets w/butcher block counter \$500; 10 various sizes thermal pane, single-hung windows \$15 ea. 515-240-2588

'95 Geo Prism LSI, 88K \$2,900 444-9642

New 7 1/2 hp. Briggs horiz. shaft engine, still in box \$325 586-3465

'77 Ford F250 4x4, runs but needs work \$600 obo 586-2665

'95 Olds. Cutlass Cruiser, exc. cond., no rust, 40K, \$3,250 835-7484

4 15"x8" five-spoke American Racing rims, multi-lug pattern, fit Ford \$150 759-2748

4 new Kumho tires P215/70 R15, \$200; '94 Dodge Grand Caravan, 3.3, 144K, good cond., new tires, tow pkg. \$2,000; '90 Dodge Caravan, motor, tranny, parts van \$150; 8 school desks \$1 ea. 444-9422

2 300-gal. fuel tanks w/stands 751-0408 eve.

'87 '33' Mallard motor coach, perfect condition; '91 Mustang convertible LX 5.0, 63K, good cond.; '80 Chevy 2wd PU, no motor or tranny, good cond. 877-539-9399 eve.

'87-'89 Honda Accord motor and 5 speed; '76 Starcraft IO, mint cond.; 15' sailboat 766-9399 eve.

'94 GMC 1500 SLT 4x4 Grand Prix \$6,800; '69 Ford F100, overload springs 390 ci., new motor \$4,300 547-0359 eve.

Wanted:

Late model Stihl or Echo brush cutter or trimmer/brush cutter 751-6869

'75-'81 Arctic Cat Jag or El Tigre snowmobile for parts 224-2388

Beer cans from the 1930s, '40s and '50s 760-0470 or 335-6897

Building to move off, preferably 2-stall garage type, 16x24 or larger 547-3128

Good newer boat, 18'+ and 90+ hp. motor, prefer alum, equipped for fishing, buy or trade for newer Jeep Wrangler 444-6599 or 556-6736

Insulated Thermopane windows and 2 doors, various sizes 335-9884

Riding lawn mowers that don't run 224-2486

4-12-yr.-old Gelding, qtr. or paint, tall, well-started, need not be reg. 759-0321

3-pt. 2-bottom plow; 2-4-row corn planter; smaller 3-pt. cultivator 586-3747

Used cupboards 751-4125

Pair of doves or conure/exotic bird 751-4604

Alum. square-back canoe 751-5607 after 5 p.m.

Polaris Ranger 4x4 507-794-4031 lv. msg.

Used elec. meter base w/multiple lugs, 320-400 amp 760-7377

Older Singer sewing machine, '60 or older; 2-wheel car dolly 335-2765

Snow blower, 8 hp. w/elec. start, good cond. 751-2924

Used 2,000 lb. boatlift w/canopy, alum. or steel 326-2662

Used 36" or 48" wood dock sections 759-2748

Addresses Needed:

Kenneth Roberts

Debra Mason

Corner Cupboard: Garlic shrimp with chives

Ingredients

¼ cup butter
1 lb. large shrimp with tails
2 cloves fresh garlic, crushed, peeled and minced
1 tsp. Dijon mustard
Juice from 1 fresh lemon
2 tsp. fresh chives, chopped and divided
½ tsp. table salt
Paprika

Directions

Peel shrimp but leave tails on. Remove veins from shrimp, rinse with cold water and drain well.
Crush, peel and mince garlic.
Chop chives and combine with mustard and lemon juice. Heat a large saucepan over low heat. Add butter and melt. Add shrimp and stir-fry, turning for three minutes or until just pink. Do not overcook. Add minced garlic during last minute of cooking. Remove from heat. Add mustard, lemon juice, chives and salt. Stir to combine. Sprinkle lightly with paprika. Divide and place in heated serving bowls.

Disconnection procedure clarification

The March issue of Northern Lights included a summary of Beltrami Electric's credit, billing and disconnection procedures. The following paragraph has been revised for clarification.

The member is required to contact the cooperative by the 10th of the month if they are unable to pay the bill. The member must inform the cooperative of how they plan to pay their account as soon as possible. The cooperative will work with the member to develop a payment plan to meet his or her individual needs.

Board Meeting Highlights

Beltrami Electric's board of directors conducted its monthly meeting Feb. 24, 2005. All directors were present. Also present were general manager Roger Spiry, Sid Sletten and Kay Olson.

The following reports were given:

- The manager made his monthly report, including a review of recent audits performed and key account profiles.
- Sid Sletten reviewed the January financial and statistical report.
- Sheryl Cummings reported on the 2004 capital credit allocation.
- Dan Dow reviewed the PUC compliance filing responses and proposed changes to BEC policies 206 and 209.
- Sam Mason reported on load management activity, customer service, our upcoming annual meeting and Northern Safety & Security.
- Jared Echternach profiled BEC's key accounts.
- Lyle Robinson reported on the last two Minnkota board meetings.
- Jack Swenson, Randy Johnson, Barbara Beaulieu, Lyle Robinson and the manager reported on the MREA annual meeting.
- The manager and Emmet Weidenborner reported on Cooperative Development.

Also discussed were:

- The annual and district meetings.
- Possible changes to BEC policies 205, 306, 312 and 408.

The following actions were taken:

- The 2004 capital credit allocation to the membership was approved.
- New policies 102, 423 and 425 were adopted, and policies 103, 206, 209, 213, 230, 235, 240, 245, 305, 307, 311, 401, 402, 403, 405, 410, 416, 420 and 422 were revised.
- Lyle Robinson was nominated as delegate to the Minnkota board.
- Emmet Weidenborner was nominated as delegate to the Square Butte board.

The April board meeting will be held April 27, 2005.



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Open house retirement for

Harlan Gibeau
and
Jeanne LaCroix

Friday, April 1
2:30-4:30 p.m.
Beltrami Electric Cooperative
Community Room



Two longtime BEC employees will soon retire from the cooperative. An open house honoring Harlan Gibeau and Jeanne LaCroix is scheduled for April 1 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. in Beltrami Electric's community room.

Harlan was hired in 1987 as a custodian and facility maintenance employee. He has been responsible for the overall maintenance of BEC facilities. Before joining the cooperative, Harlan was employed as a maintenance supervisor at the Archdeacon Gilfillan Center in Bemidji. Prior to that he worked at Penny's Bakery in the Twin Cities, where he was supervisor of the machine shop. Harlan is originally from Clearbrook and graduated from Clearbrook High School.

Harlan said what he will miss most about the job is working with his fellow employees. "It (BEC) was a good place to work, and these were nice people to work with," he said.

Once retired, Harlan plans to travel with his wife, Judy, and to spend time with their two daughters and two grandchildren.

Jeanne LaCroix began her co-op career in October 1985 as a secretary in the load management department. Currently a

marketing representative, Jeanne is often the first point of contact for members enrolling in the co-op's off-peak program. She also works closely with area electrical and building contractors who are installing off-peak heating systems for their clients. She has also been a key planner for the co-op's annual meetings.

Before joining BEC, Jeanne worked for 20 years in various departments at Northern National Bank in Bemidji. Prior to her banking days, Jeanne was employed as a dental assistant with Dr. Rognlien's office in downtown Bemidji. She also worked many years for Schmunk's Grocery before and after graduating from Bemidji High School.

Jeanne said what she will miss most about working at BEC are her fellow employees, co-op members and the many electrical and building contractors she has come to know over the past 19 years. "BEC has been a super place to work," she added.

In retirement, Jeanne plans to spend time golfing, biking, working in her yard and traveling.

Congratulations Harlan and Jeanne!



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