

March 2005

Beltrami Electric Cooperative

# NORTHERN

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Attention high school juniors:  
This could be  
you! *pages 7 and 8*

# Across the Manager's Desk

April marks the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of your cooperative and again Beltrami Electric had another excellent year. I hope that many of you will attend your annual meeting scheduled for Friday, April 29, at the Bemidji Northern Inn. Your attendance and participation are a major contribution to the success of the cooperative. This year, we will again be



**ROGER SPIRY**  
General Manager

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having dinner, door prizes and a gift to our members. Every year, many members attend the cooperative's annual meeting and I sure hope that continues.

This year the members will have their third opportunity to vote by mail. All members will be receiving a ballot, asking you to vote on the election of three directors. Each member will receive a letter with instructions on how to follow the voting-by-mail process. Of course, if you vote by mail you will not be able to vote at the annual meeting. If you choose to cast your ballot at the annual meeting, it will easily be accommodated. The voting-by-mail process will allow members who are unable to attend the annual meeting to vote on the issues coming before the membership.

The board reviews the bylaws annually and occasionally makes recommendations for the membership to consider. This year the board and BEC's legal counsel again spent a considerable

**On the cover:** *Matt Rabe, of Kelliher, represented Beltrami Electric on the 2004 Youth Tour. See pages 7 and 8 to see how you can apply for the same opportunity.*

amount of time on BEC's bylaws but no changes were recommended for the membership. Some of you probably recall that last year a number of changes were made to BEC's bylaws.

Prior to the annual meeting, we will have three district meetings, which are highlighted on page four of this newsletter. All meetings start at 7 p.m. Generally, at those meetings we have a door prize, update the district members on issues of the cooperative, attempt to answer questions from the membership, and most importantly, complete the nomination process for that district. I hope the

folks from those districts can make it to their meeting.

Our main speaker for this year's annual meeting 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.

BEC just recently completed its annual audit for 2004. Your cooperative had an excellent year 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 members-owners of the cooperative.

I hope to see many of you at the annual meeting on April 29.

Until next month.

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*These are the inspectors covering the area served by Beltrami Electric. They can be reached by phone Monday through Friday between 7 and 9 a.m. or by fax or e-mail as indicated.*

### Gopher State One Call 1-800-252-1166

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

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## Beltrami Electric to host contractor program

Beltrami Electric will host an area-wide contractor program and dinner Monday, March 14, at the Bemidji Eagles Club. All area electrical, HVAC, plumbing and building contractors are invited to attend. A social hour and dinner will begin at 5 p.m., with the program scheduled for 6 p.m. The agenda will include the concepts for properly sizing and installing storage heating systems and a general question and answer session.

This is a free event to area contractors. Please RSVP no later than Friday, March 4, by calling Beltrami Electric at 218-444-2540 or 1-800-955-6083.

# 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

**Crunden Electric**, Blackduck, 835-4127

**D-L Electric & Son**, Bemidji, 751-0370

**Grace Electric**, Bemidji, 760-3788

**Hand Electric**, Bemidji, 586-3573

**Haubrich Electric**, Bemidji, 759-1048

**Headwaters Electric**, Bemidji, 759-2613

**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

**Naylors**, Bemidji, 751-2620

**North Central Electric Inc.**, Blackduck, 835-7790

**North Country Electrical Services**, Laporte, 224-2704

**North Star Electric**, Blackduck, 835-6315

**Pete's Electric**, Bagley, 694-2371

**Perkins Electric**, Bemidji, 444-1422

**Taray Electric**, Bemidji, 751-8237

**Todavich Electric**, Bemidji, 751-1699

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

**Trosen Electric**, Walker, 675-5757

**Wiebolt Electric**, Bemidji, 444-8661



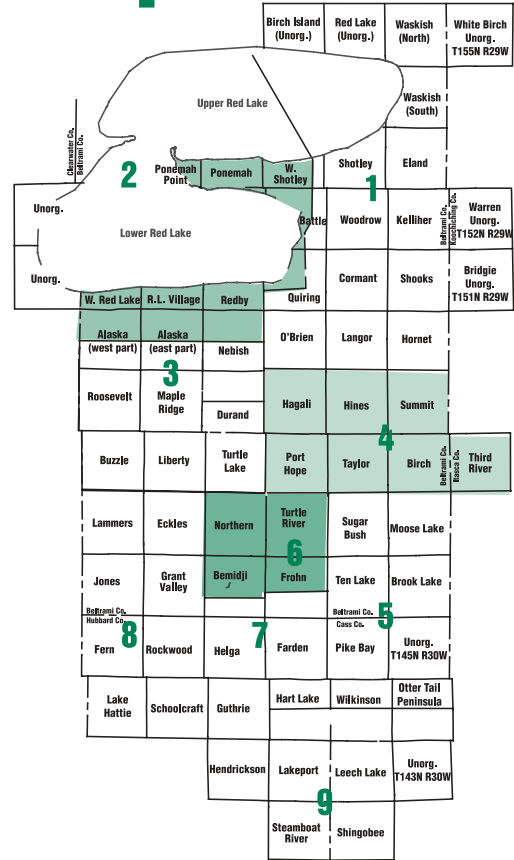
# Director nominations accepted at district meetings

District meetings have been scheduled for Beltrami Electric members residing in Districts 2, 4 and 6. Nominations will be accepted for director positions at these meetings. The top two candidates as determined by popular vote will have their names on the general election ballot.

The District 6 meeting will be held Monday, March 21, at the Bemidji Town Hall with Randy C. Johnson the incumbent. The District 4 meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 22, at the Blackduck Senior Center with Jack Swenson the incumbent. The District 2 meeting will be held Wednesday, March 23, at the Red Lake Elementary School with Barbara N. Beaulieu the incumbent. All meetings begin at 7 p.m.

District meetings are held each year in accordance with your cooperative's bylaws. Attendance at these meetings is encouraged, as they are a great way to become informed about your cooperative and to express concerns or ideas to directors and staff. The meetings also serve as a prelude to the upcoming annual meeting Friday, April 29, at the Northern Inn in Bemidji.

The following is a list of districts whose directors are up for re-election and the townships they represent. Members interested in running for a director position should attend their district meeting where they are eligible for nomination by another member of the co-op.



## District 6

Monday, March 21, 7 p.m.  
Bemidji Town Hall



Incumbent: Randy C. Johnson

**Townships in Beltrami County:** Turtle River, Northern, Bemidji (Sections 1 thru 24), Frohn (Sections 1 thru 18).

## District 4

Tuesday, March 22, 7 p.m.  
Blackduck Senior Center



Incumbent: Jack Swenson

**Townships in Beltrami County:** Summit, Hines, Hagali, Port Hope, Taylor, Birch, Third River.

## District 2

Wednesday, March 23, 7 p.m.  
Red Lake Elementary School



Incumbent: Barbara N. Beaulieu

**Townships in Beltrami County:** West Shotley (Sections 19 thru 22, 27 thru 34); Ponemah; Battle (Sections 3 thru 10, 15, 16, 21, 22, 27 excluding accounts 11-27-007 and 11-27-018, 28, 33); Quiring (Sections 4, 9, 16, 19, 20, 21); Redby; Red Lake Village; West Red Lake; West Alaska (Sections 1 thru 18); East Alaska (Sections 1 thru 18); Nebish (Sections 1 thru 18).

# Credit, billing & **DISCONNECTION**

## Membership & deposit

Federal law and the cooperative's bylaws require all consumers be members of the cooperative. The membership fee is \$50 and must be paid prior to receiving electrical service. All new consumers to the cooperative's service area must provide a satisfactory credit reference of at least 12 months from a previous utility or they will be charged a \$100 deposit in addition to the membership fee.

Interest on the deposit is paid to you each year by a credit to your electric account. If you keep your bill current for one full year, the deposit will be credited to your account. If you discontinue service, the membership and deposit will be applied to your final bill and any excess will be refunded to you. Your membership and deposit fees will **not** be applied to your past-due bill (if you should incur one) as long as you continue to be a member of the cooperative.

## Billing procedures

When you first take over an electric account, please contact the cooperative to confirm the date the transfer took place and to update your records at the office. This will create an effective date from which you will pay for the electric use. Similarly, if you change locations within the cooperative's service area, please inform the office of the date of your move and the meter reading to avoid being charged for electric use at both your old and new locations.

The amount of your monthly bill is determined by a meter reading, which is recorded at the office through an automated reading device installed in the meter. Meters are read automatically around the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. This reading is used for the bill received on the first of the following month. You have until the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month in which to make payment. If your bill is paid or postmarked after the 10<sup>th</sup>, a \$2 penalty will be added to the amount owed. In addition, a 1.5 percent late charge is applied to all balances over 30 days.

**Any member whose billing address changes should contact the cooperative as soon as possible to avoid mail returns. The billing policies incorporated by the board of directors are on file at the office. If you would like a copy of these policies, please contact the office at 218-444-2540 or 800-955-6083.**

Members whose bill is not paid by the 10<sup>th</sup> will receive a late notice. Any account over 30 days past due may be subject to disconnection or a collection trip for which there is a \$20 charge.

## Disconnection

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

Should your electrical account become disconnected for nonpayment and no payment arrangements have been made, you will be charged \$20 for the disconnection trip and \$50 to become reconnected. These fees will be added to the balance that is presently owed. An additional security deposit may also be required. This additional deposit, together with any existing deposit, will be no higher than two months' average bill. Any delinquently disconnected account that wants to be reconnected after normal business hours will pay an additional fee of \$100 in addition to the other fees.

During the cold weather months, October 15 through April 15, the cooperative will follow the Cold Weather Law guidelines prior to disconnecting a service for nonpayment. The cooperative chooses to use power limiters prior to disconnecting the electrical service during the winter months. The power limiter provides the member with full electrical power for one-half hour and then shuts the electrical power off for one-half hour. This cycle repeats until the member pays to have the power limiter removed. Should a power limiter be installed, the member will be charged a fee of \$20 to install the power limiter and \$50 to remove. The removal of the power limiter will normally be done only during regular business hours. The member will pay an additional fee of \$100 for after-hours removal of power limiters.

## Notice to cogenerators

In compliance with Minnesota Adopted Rules Relating to Cogeneration and Small Power Production, Chapter 7835, Beltrami Electric Cooperative is required to interconnect with and purchase electricity from cogenerators and small power producers that satisfy the conditions of a Qualifying Facility.

Beltrami Electric has available and will provide free information to all interested members regarding rates and interconnection requirements. An application for interconnection is required for a Qualifying Facility to interconnect and operate in parallel with the cooperative's distribution system and is subject to approval by the cooperative.

Any disputes over interconnections, sales and purchases are subject to resolution by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission. For more information, please call Sam Mason at 218-444-2540.

# Northern Lights CLASSIFIEDS

## For Sale:

'93 Mazda Proteges, 1 runs, 1 doesn't but has a good engine \$500 obo; free-standing wood fire-place, blower fan, good shape \$100; free to good home 2 very nice cats, neutered males, very friendly & intelligent, fully registered Siberians 444-3647 or 751-0438

'95 Dodge conversion minivan, quad seating, TV, VCR, rear stereo, front wheel drive, loaded, 158K, exc. cond., new tires \$4,500; '94 GMC Sonoma PU, 4WD, AT, 130K, needs new tires \$4,200 444-2308 or 760-0057

Like new 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> seats for Plym. Voyageur van, gray \$35/pair; decorative terry cloth kitchen towels, crocheted top & button for hanging; LPs from Big Band Era, Mitch Miller, Glen Miller, etc., lots of Christmas and polka; knit cotton dish cloths \$2 ea. or 3/\$5 444-8532

3 Elvis musical statues make offer; corner computer desk \$75 854-7396

'97 Arctic Cat EXT, EFI, 1,250 mi. \$2,300 224-3576

Diazit blueprint machine, 42" copies \$100; plotter, large format HP330, 24" paper, color upgrade \$200 224-2251

'92 Buick Riviera, leather int., 78K, exc., must see \$4,900 444-9929

'88 Friendship dbl.-wide, 2BR, 2BA, new furnace, AC & appl., to be moved 586-3738

.223 WSSM gun, like new 243-3360

Chest type freezer, make offer 751-4608

Power wheelchair, sacrifice to needy family 751-1148

Louis L'Amour books \$1.55 ea. 444-0588

Snow blowers, 5 hp. \$195, 7 hp., 2 stage; qn. beds \$99, king \$125 224-2486

Trash burning stove; maple chairs; oak chairs; pressed back chairs; coffee table; microwave table; exercise bike; sewing machines; round oak table; sq. oak table; oak desk chair; rocker; school desk; sm. kitchen table; sewing rocker 243-2702

Breyer model horses, most discontinued, many new in box, most \$25 ea. 751-7741

Free to good home 1-yr.-old male lab/chow mix 444-9440

Color splash sofa, cream, green, blue and green chair \$120/set 444-4469

Girls daybed w/trundle, white metal, exc. cond. \$250 751-3639

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

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

4,000 lb. Shorestation, new style boatlift, wheel kit brackets & canopy \$5,000 new, asking \$3,500 701-746-2817

'91 Honda Accord LX, LS, PW, PL, 226K, new tires & brakes 586-2688

7' sofa \$15; wooden kitchen table 3.5x3.5 \$20; Saunder's video cabinet \$5 444-6334

Crossbred butcher rabbits, pedigreed rex, mini rex, New Zealand and more 760-0616 or 467-3309

'96 Dodge PU, 2WD, SLT pkg., 1 owner, 98K \$5,300 835-7484

Registered German shepherd pups, born 12/25, 8M, 3F, shots & wormed 243-2670

Must sell, '97 Nissan Maxima, leather, loaded, exc. cond. \$6,500 444-0598

David's Bridal flower girl dress, sz. 7, sleeveless w/beading around neck and bottom \$80 243-2000

Highlander heifers and bull calves; miniature bull 689-2784

Firewood, split, you haul, mostly oak & maple; '88 Dodge Lancer, runs like a top, looks good \$1,000 obo 224-3618

New in box, Kettler stationary exercise bike \$125 751-4656

Free older GE microwave, works well 751-8355

Plum/green plaid hide-a-bed \$100; '87 John Deere 214 mower \$75 obo 444-7298

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

'92 Mercury Topaz, 176K, runs good \$800 751-2847 or 800-590-0308

'95 Cutlass Cruiser wagon, no rust, 40K \$3,500 835-7484

314 JD garden tractor w/snow blower, chains, mower deck \$1,095; 12/38 Ranch King lawn tractor \$325 586-3465

Oak cabinets & countertop \$500 751-6338

Fish house 8x16 on wheels, 30,000 Btu furnace, 4 bunks, 12V lights, insulated, carpeted, paneled \$2,900 224-2836 or 800-450-6260

'65 12x52 MH, 8x20 porch & shed, fridge, stove, very clean, no title \$2,500 820-1526

'96 Ford Ranger step-side, 75K, 5 sp., very nice \$6,000 586-2994

Allis Chalmers tractor WD, loader, rebuilt engine, new tires 467-3486

'00 16x80 MH, 3BR, 2BA, new carpet, W/D, dishwasher, microwave, water softener, will finance 320-230-3551

'85 S10 PU 4x4 \$800 obo 835-8011

JD375 round baler, bought new, always shedded 4Hx5W bales; JD 18.5' cultivator, never broken; IH720 plow 5 bottom; water tanks 647-8523

¾ cocker spaniel pups, 1M, 3F \$100 224-3615

'85 Baja Sport 170 w/'89 Yamaha 150 w/'92 trlr., all in exc. shape \$4,200 759-2105

4-yr.-old registered Red Angus bull, heavily muscled, calving ease, out of Grand Canyon sire, can be used on heifers and cows, high epds. 854-7466

Pine log siding, half log, 16' lengths \$250 for 20 lengths 444-9774

Rebok RB 450 recumbent bike \$75 16 mos. old \$512 new, needs new crank 759-2796

Burton Snowboard pkg. 140cm snowboard, bindings & sz. 8 Burton boots, great cond. 751-2739

New Welso exercise cycle w/computer \$65; Underwood elec. typewriter w/stand \$50; numerous shop tools; oak roll-top desk \$250; Sharp 10 key adding machine \$10 759-9729

Bio-dyne weightlifting bench w/260 lb. weight set \$150; older dorm-size fridge \$30 586-2009

'93 Buick LeSabre, high mi. but nice \$2,250 835-6304.

'91 Ford Explorer 4x4, 5-sp., needs some work \$850; 40 gal. gas water hr. \$75 368-3770

New barrel stove, 30 gal. \$60; new doghouse for medium-sized dog, insulated, heated \$75 444-3458

'00 Lund Pro-V SE 1775, 90 hp. Honda 4-stroke, remote trolling motor, galvanized trlr. \$13,500 444-5675

'96 Four Winds 32' travel trlr., bumper pull, self-contained, clean \$10,000 obo 467-3558

'83 Dodge Ram PU, 318 eng., no rust, exc. cond. 835-4560

'94 Mitsubishi Gallant; '88 GMC Jimmy, good running order 751-6810

Free to good home, puppies, mixed 224-2404

'97 Chevy Astro, AWD w/conversion pkg., 170K, forest green, rear heat \$4,200 obo 760-7377

'89 Plym. van, 3.0, 4-sp. OD tranny, 80K on tranny, doesn't run \$250; steering column from '89 Caravan w/key, no tilt \$20 755-1380

Good Zenith TV \$15; living room window unit; 2 patio doors 759-9556

Pit bull pups, 3F, 1M, 1<sup>st</sup> shots \$200 ea.; free to good home, Rottweiler cross pup, 5 mos. old female, shots 679-2689 or 760-4331

1855 MF garden tractor, 18 hp. Onan eng., includes cab, 3 pt. mower and blade, 2-stage Ariens snow blower 467-3553

## Wanted:

Wood stove in good running order 444-3647 or 751-0438

Used video camera 586-2599

'95-'98 ¾ ton PU, very nice cond., alum. topper for '97 Chevy 224-3368

Repairable riding lawnmowers, ATVs, tillers, snow blowers, chainsaws, etc. 586-3465

Used pull behind fish house w/crank down wheels, reasonable 243-2581

Claw foot bathtub, washstand, bathroom sink 335-3994

Good farm home for exc., gentle 5-yr.-old yellow Lab 759-0011

2-3BR MH by C/D, reply to PO Box 1274 Cass Lake, MN 56633

Careers board game in exc. cond., will pay \$10 760-7377

## Trading Post rules

For sale and wanted items only. No rental, business, service, real estate or personal ads. Please limit your ad to 10 words. Limited to one for sale ad and one wanted ad per issue. Ads are published on a first-come, first-served basis and are free to Beltrami Electric members. The ad deadline is the first of the month to be included in the next issue. For example, an ad received June 1 would be included in the July issue due out the end of June. An ad received June 2 would be included in the August issue due out the end of July. Ads are preferred via e-mail at [info@beltramielctric.com](mailto:info@beltramielctric.com), but may be submitted by mail, phone, or in person at the cooperative. All telephone numbers are presumed to have a 218 area code unless otherwise noted.

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# Attention high school juniors

All interested high school juniors whose parents are Beltrami Electric members are eligible to apply for the 2005 Youth Tour contest sponsored by Beltrami Electric. The successful candidate will join hundreds of other high school juniors representing cooperatives throughout the United States on an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., June 18-23.

See historical sites like Arlington Cemetery, the Smithsonian, Mt. Vernon, the National Archives and the Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, FDR and Veteran's memorials. One of the most popular tour features is a day on "The Hill," where delegates witness first-hand the day-to-day operations of the federal legislature.

Last year, Beltrami Electric's representative Matt Rabe of Kelliher said the trip was one of the most memorable experiences in his life. Past Youth Tour representatives have earned the opportunity to speak at local, regional and national conferences, taking them across the country.

To qualify, applicants are required to submit a 500-word essay on "The importance of the cooperative business model," complete a short application form and submit two letters of recommendation from teachers, group, community or church

leaders. Cooperative staff will then interview finalists prior to selection.

An application packet can be picked up at Beltrami Electric or from your high school guidance counselor. Applications and additional information can be found on the cooperative's Web site at [www.beltramielectric.com](http://www.beltramielectric.com). Applications must be received by Monday, March 28, and can be dropped off in person at the cooperative or mailed to:

**Youth Tour**  
**Beltrami Electric Cooperative**  
**P.O. Box 488**  
**Bemidji, MN 56619-0488**

For more information, contact Beltrami Electric at 218-444-2540 or 1-800-955-6083.



## Corner Cupboard: Fruity breakfast shake

### Ingredients

2 cups sliced bananas  
 2 cups sliced strawberries  
 2 cups chopped pineapple  
 -OR-  
 2 cups chopped papayas  
 1 cup chopped peeled apples  
 ½ cup ice cubes  
 1 tsp. honey

### Directions:

In a blender, combine the bananas, strawberries, pineapples or papayas, apples, ice cubes and honey. Puree on high speed until smooth. Serve immediately. Makes 4 servings.

## Statement of Operations Year-to-date: December 2004

	December 2004	December 2003
Operating Revenue	\$ 26,533,623	\$ 25,334,337
Cost of Purchased Power	\$ 15,887,217	\$ 14,447,470
Other Operating Expenses	\$ 9,533,782	\$ 9,304,589
Total Cost	\$ 25,420,999	\$ 23,752,059
Operating Margin	\$ 1,112,624	\$ 1,582,278
Interest Income	\$ 204,784	\$ 262,375
Other Margins	\$ 460,614	\$ 444,562
Total Margins	\$ 1,778,022	\$ 2,289,215
kwh Purchased	464,627,819	453,842,078
kwh Sold	441,562,048	432,581,783
Meters Billed	18,677	18,214

## Board Meeting Highlights

Beltrami Electric's board of directors conducted its monthly meeting Jan. 26, 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 a five-year running average of various goals of the cooperative and the minutes of the safety committee meeting. A detailed report on the interruption summary was also presented. The manager also presented the 2005 work plan and budget and reviewed the CFC certificate of compliance.
- Sid Sletten reviewed the December and year-end financial and statistical report with the board.
- Dan Edens reported on service interruptions and frost-related underground faults.
- Sam Mason reported on load management activities.

### *Also discussed were:*

- The annual meeting, which will be held April 29, 2005.
- District meetings.
- Cooperative Development LLC.
- The MREA District 1 meeting.

### *The following actions were taken:*

- The 2005 budget and work plan was approved.
- All directors were appointed as delegates to the Minnkota and Square Butte annual meetings.

The March board meeting will be held Wednesday, March 30.



# High school juniors:

Be a part of Youth Tour 2005  
and visit Washington, D.C.

*For more information, see page 7.*



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