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Annual Membership Meeting

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CEO Report

Good afternoon North Itasca,

There is a buzz in the air and area; this is fishing opener weekend. Our friends and family are coming back into the area for the traditional event. The campfires will roar, coolers will be iced, and the frogs will sing us a little tune in the evening. We made it though a tough winter, let's celebrate by being together once again in our cabin country!

We had a rough batch of weather this week. Our crews have been chasing downed trees all week, it seems. These are trees that fell from outside our cleared right of way. When the trees aren't falling the squirrels are committing suicide on overhead transformers. This brings me to a very serious request. Please do not touch downed power lines or trees leaning against them! PLEASE be safe and let our guys take care of the issue.

You cannot see, hear, or smell electricity. Our guys use visual opens, grounds, and tic-tracers along with specialized personal protective equipment to ensure safety while working on the lines. Our crews have many hours of training to work on the lines. That leaning tree might not look like an unsafe situation, I don't want you to be dead wrong. Please stay away from the lines, treat them with the respect they deserve. It only takes a fraction of a second to cause serious harm or death to any of us when dealing with power.

This is the Annual Meeting edition of the WATTS. We will have some financial information
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Brad Dolinski, CEO

Summer cooling

*by Jerry Loney
Manager, Member Services*

Historically speaking, northern Minnesota is typically much cooler than the rest of the country, and air conditioning (A/C) was not a concern, having only a couple weeks each year with hot and humid weather conditions.

This seems to have changed over the last few years. The normal summer of a

couple weeks of hot weather has changed into a few weeks making A/C more a necessity than a luxury, especially for the elderly, very young and those with health issues. During the summer of 2019 we had 373 Cooling Degree Days (CDD), in 2020 468 CDD and last year 2021 668 CDDs.

For those choosing to install A/C equipment, along with it will come higher summer energy costs. With higher temperature and humidity levels, energy is harder to produce and costs for production increase. Because of these increased production costs, Great River Energy (GRE) charges North Itasca Electric \$0.02 more per kWh during the months of June, July and August. Demand charges to North Itasca Electric also almost doubles from that of winter demand charges. This summer demand charge to North Itasca Electric will be \$25.11 per kW.

Because of these demand charges,
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Official Notice

of the Annual Membership Meeting of
North Itasca Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Bigfork, MN 56628

Notice is hereby given that the annual Meeting of Membership of the North Itasca Electric Co-op., Inc. will be held at the North Itasca Electric Headquarters, Bigfork, Minnesota, on Thursday June 16, 2022, at 2 p.m., at which time and place the following business will be transacted:

1. To elect three (3) directors for the Cooperative for terms of three (3) years each in Director Districts No. 7, 8, & 9.
2. To hear, examine and approve reports of Officers, Directors and Committees.
3. And for the transaction of such other business as might lawfully be brought up before the members of this Cooperative and as may be deemed to be for the best interest of said Cooperative.

Lloyd Kongsjord, Secretary



CEO Report (continued)

for you along with information about our Annual Meeting coming up on the 16th of June. We are getting excited about the meeting; I get stressed every year making sure things flow smoothly. I have no reason to get this way; the employees at North Itasca Electric do such an amazing job planning and setting up the meeting. Naturally it goes off without a hitch every year. This year I've asked the line crew to give a demonstration on how we find underground outages. This will be a highlight of the meeting, I'm kind of into this kind of stuff though. We will incorporate this into our safety discussion at the beginning of our meeting. Tina suggested we should have some ice cream bars to go with the beautiful weather we requested. Things are coming together, and I look forward to seeing you in Bigfork.

Brady Martz is the auditor the Board of Directors has hired to review the operations of North Itasca Electric Cooperative. I'm proud to say once again we have received a clean audit report from the independent firm. Our

auditor will be at our board meeting next week to report to the directors, after the traditional report the board will go into executive session with the auditor. This gives the auditor and our board a chance to discuss things without me in the room. This ensures the due diligence of our directors to look for anything that is a financial concern, this is a welcomed standard procedure of the yearly audit. The primary reason the audit process and report turned out so well again this year is the outstanding job Tina, Katie, Kim, and Sheila do throughout the year. Of course, Chris, Dick, Daryl, and the crews must do a lot of paperwork, but in the end the office is left to sort things out. Thank you to all our office employees, your attention to detail and hard work is so appreciated.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you at the Annual Meeting! This is our chance to highlight the good news of the cooperative and catch up, hopefully hear a fishing story or two. I like the casual nature of our Annual Meeting; Thursday afternoon isn't a bad time to

meet either. If I don't see you before the meeting, good luck fishing and stay safe out there.

*By your side! Miigwech
Brad*

Summer cooling

>from p.1

North Itasca Electric likes to see as many A/C units on a load control program as possible. Those A/C units that pull 4 kW in demand x \$25.11, cost North Itasca Electric \$100.44 each per month which is not charged to you the member. By controlling A/C units during peak periods, North Itasca Electric can avoid this cost. And in controlling them, the cost of energy from GRE is less and the savings is passed to you the member. Instead of cooling your home for \$0.1429 per kWh, you can cool your home for \$0.063 per kWh.

The remainder of this article lists things members can do to save energy and stay cool for those with and without A/C units in their homes. By installing window awnings, sunscreens, trees and wide overhangs, one can prevent direct sunlight from shining into your home. Southern placement of these items will give you the best results, but installing them on the east and west sides of your home will benefit you as well.

Other things are those also necessary to keep your home warm in the winter months, just reversed. They are proper insulation, airtightness and keeping windows and doors closed and tight. Insulation slows down heat transfer



Shade tree in front of home.

between the outdoor and indoor air, air-sealing stops air from penetrating walls, and closing windows and doors speaks for itself.

Behavior changes inside your home will also reduce the amount of heat gain within. By rescheduling times appliances run (such as: cooking ovens, clothes dryers, dishwashers, etc.), you can prevent the heat produced by these appliances to build up. Waiting until later in the day when the sun goes down and the outdoor temperature drops will keep the home more comfortable. If you need to cook and bathe, use exhaust fans to remove hot and humid air to the outside.

In multi-level homes without A/C, open a lower and upper floor window. The higher-pressure cooler air will be drawn inside forcing the lower pressure warmer air out of the upper floor window helping to cool the home down.

Fans are the most economical means of cooling. Air passing by a perspiring body cools it down by evaporation. As windchill in the winter draws heat from your body, likewise, the air passing by the body in the summer will also cool it down but consumes much less energy than an A/C unit.

Dehumidifiers can help in cooling effects by removing moisture from the air, but the drawback is that the pumps themselves create heat and it ends up in the space you want to cool down. Then it's the energy consumed; it isn't much different from that of an A/C unit that can remove heat from the space.

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Highlights from the Board Room

NORTH ITASCA ELECTRIC CO-OP., INC.
MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR BOARD
MEETING
April 28, 2022

Start time: 10:00 a.m.

End time: 2:25 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the office and electronically through Zoom on April 28, 2022.

Directors Present: M. Rahier, B. Leino, J. White, W. Waller, J. Kilian, R. Bain, L. Salmela and L. Kongsjord.

Also Present: CEO Brad Dolinski, Andy Shaw, Jerry Loney, T. Danielson and K. Giesen.

Start Regular Board Meeting: 10:55 a.m.

o A motion was made to adopt agenda. Seconded, motion carried. A motion was made to consent agenda. Seconded, motion carried.

o B. Dolinski held the safety discussion. Stressed being diligent in creating passwords for the users you are creating online. DO NOT use the same password for multiple sites.

o T. Danielson reviewed the operating reports. Motion was made to accept the operating reports. Seconded, motion was carried.

o A. Shaw – Legal update. Review of the following Board Policies 100.10 Functions and Duties of the Board of Directors. A motion was made to accept without changes, seconded, motion passed. 100.20 Policy Development. A motion was made to accept without changes, seconded, motion passed. 100.30 Statement of Ideals were reviewed. A motion was made to accept these policies without any changes, seconded, motion passed.

o B. Dolinski gave the Line Department Report in D. Pederson's absence. MREA was here for safety training of chainsaws and overhead transformer connections. New lineman Jake Bowers started on 3/28/2022. Two interns Marshal and Trevor Michienzi started on 4/25/2022 for 135 hours. Lovdahl will begin right of way clearing later this spring in the northwest area. Upcoming projects were reviewed.

o T. Danielson gave the office reports.

o B. Dolinski gave the Northland Connect report.

o W. Waller gave the MREA report.

o L. Kongsjord gave the GRE report.

o A Motion was made to adjourn, seconded, motion carried at 2:25 p.m.

Regular board meetings are generally held the fourth Thursday of every month. If you wish to speak with the board or have an item that you would like to have placed on the agenda, please contact CEO Brad Dolinski at least two weeks in advance to be included on the agenda.

From the Line Department

by Daryl Pederson, Line Superintendent

We have had a very busy year in 2021. One of the projects completed was a 2-mile road relocation project on County Road 52 by Little Bear Lake. We also replaced about 1.5 miles of old failing underground cable at various locations throughout our system. We installed 60 new services over the last year and removed 29 old, disconnected services. Due to the heavy July and August storms we had around the Sand Lake area, we did convert about one-half mile of overhead powerline to underground.

With the upcoming construction season, we have started to install approximately 1.75 miles of overhead line on the north side of

Deer Lake. We are also converting 1.5 miles of overhead line in the Gunn Lake area to underground. We will plow 4 miles of 3-phase underground to the Scenic State Park in the middle of June.

With the completion of our new Scenic Substation, we are very excited to see shorter and fewer outage events out in the Scenic areas, this new substation will lessen the amount of line feeding the area in half. This will help our members in the future months and years to come, saving us time during outages and less "line loss" (energy lost through the resistance of the wire), keeping our expenses down wherever we can.

Upcoming projects for the 2022 season will include replacing overhead lines, starting with underground single-phase lines in the Deer and Gunn Lake area. A new underground will feed into the Arcadia Park Resort area. We will also be installing some new breakers and fuses throughout our system to help protect our main 3-phase feeders coming out of the substations.

The right of way clearing for 2022 will cover the Highway 1 corridor west of State Highway 6. The townships included in the area are Pine Top, Wildwood, Forest Grove, Evergreen, Plum Creek, Englewood and Bridge.



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While drivers of traditional cars would need to interrupt their road trip to find a gas station to fill up, EV drivers can combine their pit-stops with an activity or adventure as their battery charges.

For families looking to head up

north — or those in the north wanting to venture south — Interstate 35 and Highway 61 serve as an electric corridor of Level 2 and fast-charging stations. From the Twin Cities to Grand Marais, you can plan to make stops in Pine City, Sturgeon Lake, Duluth, Two Harbors or Lutsen to charge and enjoy activities ranging from a meal to a shopping trip or hike.

At most of these stops you'll find a fast-charging station where you can "fuel" up to a full battery within 30 minutes while supporting local restaurants or shops. At other locations, such as Tettegouche State Park and Gooseberry Falls State Park, you can plug into a Level 2 charger — which adds 18-28 miles of range per hour — and enjoy a more extended excursion like hiking, fishing or kayaking.

Other notable

destination EV charging locations around Minnesota include:

- Alexandria: Stations are available near restaurants, grocery stores, coffee shops, breweries and lakes.


- Albertville: Spend an hour or half a day shopping at the Albertville Premium Outlets while charging up.

- Duluth: Charging stations across the city can take you from the Glensheen Mansion to Canal Park.

- Fergus Falls: Stations are located near fun, locally owned restaurants and shops within a two-block radius, as well as the Ottertail River which winds through downtown.

So, this summer if you'll be driving electric in Minnesota, get ready to plug in and head out for adventure.





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Stay away from downed power lines

Great River Energy reminds Member-Owners of this important safety message during spring storms. Severe weather can cause damage to power lines, leaving what can be dangerous situations until crews can make repairs and restore power.

"If you see a downed power line, call 911 to report it immediately and stay away. There is no way to tell if a line is energized by looking at it. Always assume it can carry currents strong enough to kill," said Kirk Wulf, Great River Energy safety administrator.



If you see a downed power line:

- Stay away from it. Call 911 to report it immediately.
- Never drive over a downed power line if it is blocking your driveway or road. Call 911 to report it and find another route.
- If a power line falls on your car or otherwise contacts your vehicle, stay in your vehicle. Use your

cell phone to call 911 and wait for help to arrive.

- If you must exit your vehicle, jump with both feet out of the car and shuffle a safe distance.

Electrical Inspections

Except for minor repair work, all electrical work you do at your home, cabin, or property is required to be inspected by a State Electrical Inspector.

A rough-in inspection must be made before any wiring is covered. A final inspection is also required. Please visit www.electricity.state.mn.us for more information. The inspectors can be reached weekday mornings between 7:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.

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When severe weather causes widespread damage, sometimes outages can be extended. Great River Energy and its member-owner cooperatives work hard to restore power quickly and safely, first removing any threats to public safety, then following established priorities for making repairs that will restore the most cooperative members first.

You can learn more and watch a video about the steps electric cooperatives take to restore power at greatriverenergy.com/restoringyourpower.



The silent energy partner that serves you – MISO

The electric grid is a sprawling network of power plants, wind turbines, power lines, substations and technologies owned and operated by different utilities who all strive to achieve the same goal: serve their members and customers with the reliable, affordable electricity they need to power their lives.

Most utilities in the country work with a silent partner — their regional transmission organization (RTO) — on this goal. RTOs came along at the recommendation of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in 1999. Their purpose is to promote economic efficiency, reliability and non-discriminatory practices.

Great River Energy, wholesale power supplier to North Itasca Electric is a voluntary member of the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO), which operates the power grid across 15 U.S. states and the Canadian province of Manitoba. MISO helps the region's electric providers deliver reliable, affordable energy in three ways:

Managing the grid

Think of MISO as the air traffic controller of the region's grid. Using sophisticated technology, processes and procedures, MISO has a wide-area view and control of the grid that goes beyond any one utility. This helps those utilities maintain reliability on a regional level and prevent emergency operating situations in the future or in real-time. Even though most people have never heard of it, 42 million people depend on MISO to generate and transmit the right amount of electricity every minute of every day.

Managing the energy market

In decades past, electric cooperatives would generate power and deliver it via power lines to their members. Coordinating the power flows and transactions back then was a manual process requiring many agreements between utilities. Today, all generation production is offered into the MISO market and cooperatives buy back what they need to serve their member-consumers. The MISO energy market helps keep electricity affordable by ensuring the lowest cost generation available is used first to supply member-consumers and minimize flow constraints across the grid. MISO also provides improved price transparency with energy market price changes occurring every five minutes, which can be seen in real time.

Conducting transmission planning

MISO takes a broad view of the high-voltage power line system — otherwise known as the transmission system — that serves the region and conducts ongoing planning activities to ensure the system is prepared to meet future needs. It works with the region’s electric utilities to minimize the cost of transmission, generation and the energy on the system. Using advanced modeling and research, MISO helps ensure reliable and efficient electricity transmission in the region and beyond.

Great River Energy works closely with MISO to make sure when they design a plan for the region's electric system, it will serve cooperative members well in terms of both reliability and affordability.

Visit misoenergy.org to learn about MISO.

WATTS deadlines

Listed below are upcoming deadlines for the WATTS News for ads and content. The deadline can also be found on the classified page each month. Dates are subject to change.

July	Friday, June 17
August	Friday, July 15
September	Weds., Aug. 17

Member Alert: Doxo.com

There is an on-line bill pay website that appears to be affiliated with North Itasca Electric, but it is not. Doxo.com is third-party website that allows people to pay their electric bills via their site. However, doxo.com may charge the member extra fees, and North Itasca Electric cannot control when we will receive the member payments from doxo.com, possibly resulting in a late payment from the member or even disconnection due to non-payment. To make sure you're paying North Itasca Electric directly, visit our website www.northitascaelectric.com, for our direct link to the online bill payment portal, mypcsportal.com.

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Electricity in Minnesota

Renewable resources, including wind, solar, hydropower, and biomass, generated the largest share of Minnesota's electricity in 2020. Renewables accounted for 29 percent of in-state electricity net generation, nuclear power supplied 26 percent, coal fueled 25 percent, and natural gas contributed 20 percent.

Coal-fired power plants provided the largest share of Minnesota's electricity net generation until 2020, when their contribution fell below the amount supplied by renewables and nuclear power for the first time. Renewable generation, mostly from wind energy, has more than doubled over the past decade while nuclear generation has remained relatively flat. In 2020, wind provided 22 percent of Minnesota's total electricity generation.

Minnesotans consume more electricity than is generated in the state, and, during the past decade, they received as much as one-fifth of their annual electricity supply from the regional grid. Electricity retail sales are fairly evenly distributed among the state's residential, commercial, and industrial sectors. Per capita electricity retail sales in Minnesota are greater than the national average, but per capita sales to the residential sector are less than the national average and are lower than in almost two-thirds of the states. About one in six Minnesota households use electricity for home heating.

From the US Energy Information Administration (EIA).

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Roxanne's Sales Talk

by Roxanne Prather, member services representative

North Itasca Electric has a nicely stocked showroom. We carry a good variety of brands and appliances and can hook you up with some pretty great deals!

Did you know that if you are shopping for several appliances, you don't have to wait for a sale. You can purchase 3 appliances and get 8 percent off, 4 gets you 10 percent off and 5 or over gets you a whopping 15 percent off, which adds up to huge savings!

Being a Cooperative, we do everything we can to keep prices down. The same goes with our appliances. We are here to serve our members, not to get rich! We are not a big box store; therefore, we don't get big breaks in pricing and shipping, but with our deals we have very competitive pricing. Another perk to buying through your Co-op is that when you buy from us, we are still here for you after the sale. We work with you

to get the delivery to you when it works for you. If your refrigerator or freezer goes out, we will do our best to get it replaced in the same day! We will help you trouble shoot any problems that might occur, locate a servicer several years down the road or order parts, look up when it was purchased, reprint a receipt, or whatever else you may need because that's the cooperative way of "neighbors helping neighbors."

You will never get this kind of service from a big box store – to them you are just another sale. I personally love working with you to find a package deal that fits your space and budget. I love it when you come back to get something else down the road and tell me "I love my stove" or whatever it may be. When you're happy I'm happy. It makes me feel like I did my job!

We understand when sometimes money is tight, or

you might be on a fixed income or whatever. That's why we offer contracts to our members. We would love to offer them to all members, but we are forced to insist that you are current on your electric bill for at least three months in a row. We require this so we know you can pay the bill; we don't want you to add more to your bill if you're already struggling to keep up; it's not good for you or the rest of our members!

New members who do not require a \$200 deposit would qualify for a contract without the 3 months wait. With a contract, you would be asked to put at least 20 percent down, and then you could spread your payments out up to three-years. This makes it easier for people who are on a fixed income. If you are interested in a contract, I can tell you what the down payment and the payments would be for 1-2 or 3 years. There is 4 percent interest on a contract.

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Roxanne's repair tips

by Roxanne Prather

Do you have a dishwasher that is leaking water on the floor? If so, here are the five most common reasons that a dishwasher would leak. These are:

- 1- The water inlet valve has gone bad. You cannot repair the water inlet valve so you should replace it if it's bad.
- 2- One of the wash arms may have a crack and it is throwing water the wrong way causing it to leak out of the dishwasher. Inspect them carefully and replace if necessary.
- 3- A cracked motor shaft seal. You might be able to just replace the seal but sometimes you must replace the whole motor assembly.
- 4- Damaged sump seal or pump seal, located in the very bottom of the dishwasher where the water pumps out. If this seal is bad, water will leak out of the bottom of the dishwasher.
- 5- The seal on the door may need replacing. This is a seal around the door, and most have a thin plastic looking seal on the bottom of the door. It's easier to pull the dishwasher out a little to get to the inside bottom one. Open the door all the way and feel for what looks like a flap on the very bottom of the door. Then just grab the corner and lift straight back until you've got it pulled out all the way across the door. Sometimes this just needs a good cleaning do to take out "soap buildup." If it looks bad replace it!

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District 9

MINUTES NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING
May 4, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.
North Itasca Electric Co-op., Inc. Headquarters
Bigfork, MN 56628

1. Attorney Shaw called the meeting to order.
2. NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:
District 1...Delegate Myron Albrecht; Mizpah MN 56660 218-897-5048
District 2...Delegate Dale Quandt; Wirt MN 56688 218-659-2601
District 3...Delegate Marcie Lindgren; Effie MN 56639 218-743-3261
District 4...Delegate Tim Neuschwander; Bigfork MN 56628 218-245-3792
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District 8...Delegate Leslie Jensen; Bigfork MN 56628 218-832-3410
District 9...Delegate John (Jack) Schultz; Deer River MN 56636 218-832-3784
- OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Andrew Shaw, CEO Brad Dolinski, Office Manager Tina Danielson
3. The minutes of the last Nominating Committee Meeting held on May 5, 2021 were reviewed.
4. Attorney Call for approval of minutes. Motion by Marcie Lindgren to approve minutes seconded by Lisa Peterson. Motion carried.
5. Attorney Call for nominations for Chairperson. Motion made by Jack Schultz to appoint Attorney Andrew Shaw as chairperson, seconded by Myron Albrecht. Motion carried.

6. Newly elected Chairman Call for nominations for Secretary. Motion made by Myron Albrecht to appoint Tina Danielson as secretary, seconded by Tim Neuschwander. Motion carried.
7. Chairperson Call for nominations for Candidates for District 7, 8 and 9. Candidates will be listed in alphabetical order and incumbents identified on ballots.
8. Nominating Committee Member for District 7 presented their candidate. Motion made by Jack Schultz, seconded by Les Jensen to approve Bruce Leino (Incumbent) as candidate for District 7. Motion carried.
9. Nominating Committee Member for District 8 presented their candidate. Motion made by Lisa Peterson, seconded by Karen Christensen to approve Jeff Kilian (Incumbent) as candidate for District 8. Motion carried.
10. Nominating Committee Member for District 9 presented their candidate. Motion made by Marcie Lindgren, seconded by Karen Christensen to approve Roy Bain (Incumbent) as candidate for District 9. Motion carried.
11. The Chairperson stated that the incumbent candidates are consuming members and residing in the districts nominated for.
12. CEO Dolinski gave an update on North Itasca Electric to the committee.
13. There being no further business, motion made by Tim Neuschwander, seconded by Les Jensen to adjourn the meeting.

Nominating Committee Secretary (Acting)

NORTH ITASCA ELECTRIC CO-OP., INC.
BIGFORK, MINNESOTA

NOTICE

POSTING OF THE CANDIDATE LIST

At the meeting of the Nominating Committee, held May 4, 2022, the following names were selected and placed in the nomination for the position of director of North Itasca Electric Co-op., Inc.

District 7

Bruce Leino (Incumbent)

District 8

Jeff Kilian (Incumbent)

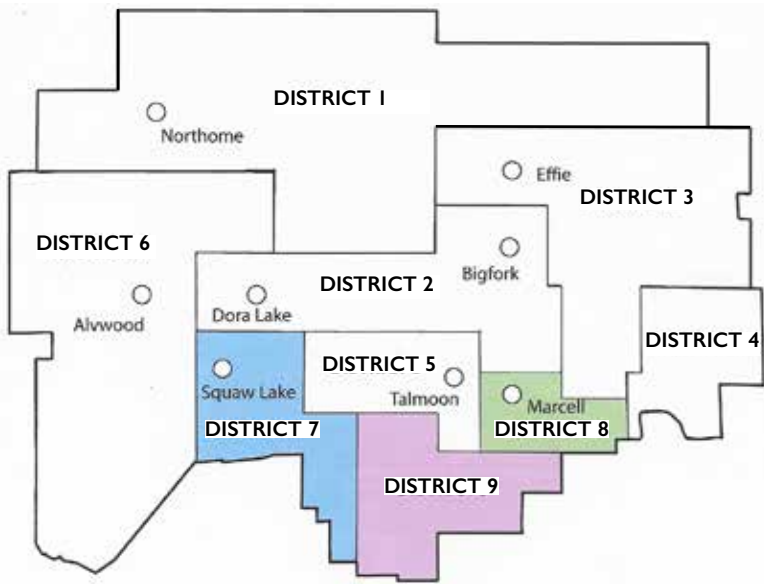
District 9

Roy Bain (Incumbent)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON'S CERTIFICATE

I, Andrew Shaw, Nominating Committee Chairperson, have posted this Notice at the office of the North Itasca Electric Co-op., Inc., County of Itasca, Bigfork, Minnesota. In accordance with Article IV Section Four, of the Cooperative's By-Laws this 4th day of May 2022 at 5:30 PM.


Andrew Shaw, Chairperson



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North Itasca Electric Co-op, Inc.

Minutes of the 81st Annual Meeting held June 17, 2021

The Annual Meeting of North Itasca Electric Co-op was held on June 17, 2021 at the Northome Fairgrounds in Northome, MN 56661.

President, Larry Salmela started the Annual Meeting at 2:00 pm by welcoming everyone.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Board of Directors were introduced.

Larry spoke about the importance of safety. CEO, Brad Dolinski held a Q&A session for Line Superintendent Daryl Pederson, Linemen John Rahier and Linemen Jerry Pula as part of a safety presentation. Members were encouraged to ask questions.

Questions from the members included:

- o what to do when power lines have fallen
- o what to do when you have trees on your lines
- o what happens when there is an outage
- o process to get power back on
- o overhead vs. underground lines
- o generators & transfer switches
- o meter pulls
- o ransomware/cyber security

113 members were in attendance to hold the quorum.

Secretary, Lloyd Kongsjord spoke of the Official Notice of the Annual Meeting & Notice of the Mailing Certificate List that were posted in the WATTS paper.

A Motion was made to accept the 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes and the Nominating Committee Report, seconded. Motion carried.

Attorney, Andrew Shaw spoke about the Nominating Meeting. A Motion was made to accept District 1, 2 and 3 by acclamation, seconded, motion carried.

District 1 – James White
District 2 – Wesley Waller
District 3 – Larry Salmela

Operation Round Up President, Greg Anselmo spoke about the grants and programs that helped with COVID. A thank you to all that donate on their bill each month.

CEO, Brad Dolinski gave a speech recapping 2020. He spoke about safety, the Coal Creek Station closing, 2020 clean audit, Growing Communities and the new Scenic Substation progress.

On behalf of North Itasca Electric, B. Dolinski presented Mary Lunkenbill of Northland Progressive (Growing Communities) with a check for \$2,000.

On behalf of Great River Energy, B. Dolinski presented Greg Anselmo of Operation Round Up with a check for \$1,000.

Larry Salmela gave a speech. He spoke on the 2020 year of COVID. He called for any old or unfinished business. There was none.

He then called for new business. Cyber security, ransomware and outages were some of the discussion topics.

Prizes were drawn.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Annual Meeting Secretary

Scholarship Winners

Unclaimed capital credits are donated to the Scholarship Committee at Northome High School to create area scholarships for children of Member-Owners of North Itasca Electric. Congratulations to the following students who were awarded scholarships this spring:

\$1000

Caydence Johnson, Northome
Caden Kallinen, Bigfork
Tait Kongsjord, Deer River
Bailey Lindley, Northome
Gaige Schue, Northome

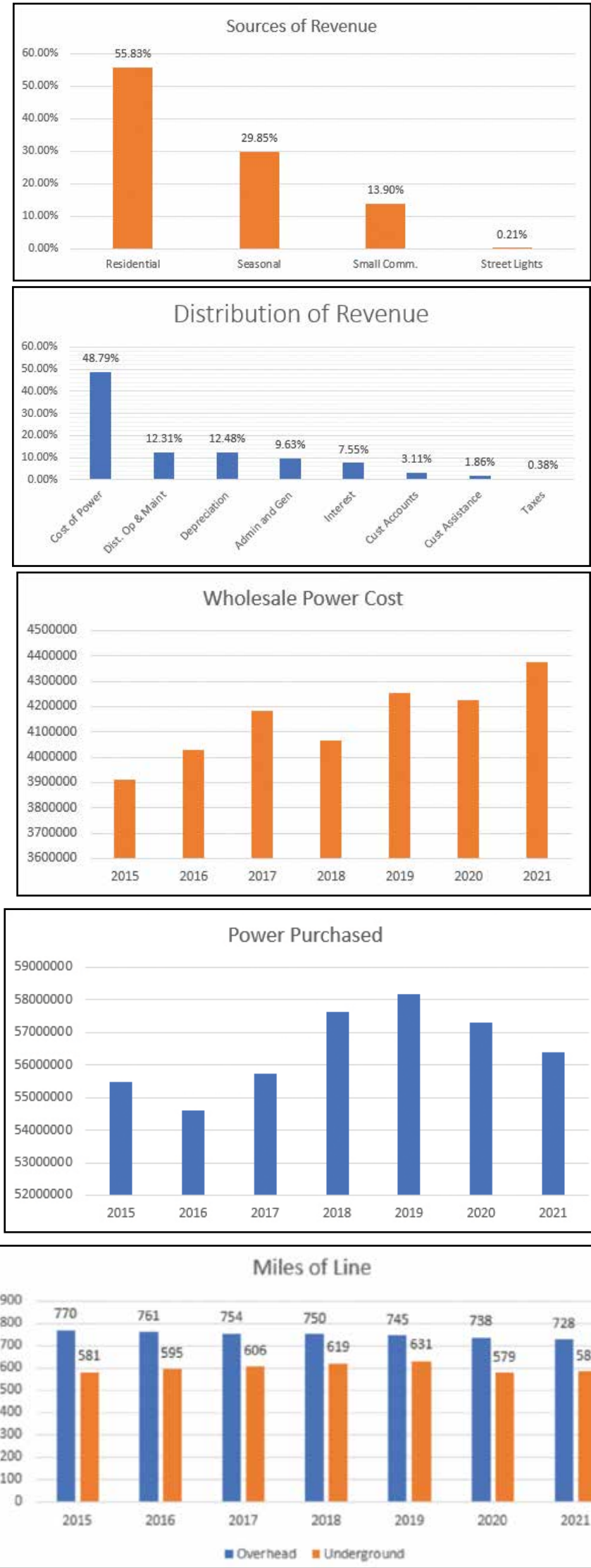
\$750

Carson Dahlke, Bigfork
Cody Dahlke, Bigfork
Jacob Forseen, Blackduck
Wyatt Haley, Bigfork
Mitike Stueven, Northome
Madysen Tendrup, Bigfork

\$500

Kaylee Caron, Bigfork
Jaime Drewlow, Bigfork
Lexiss Oakley, Bigfork

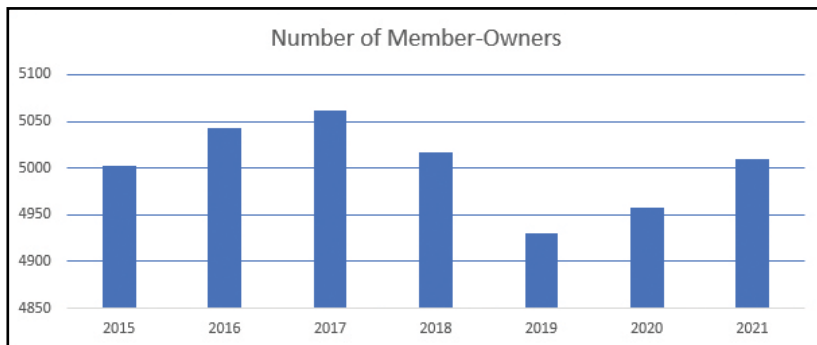
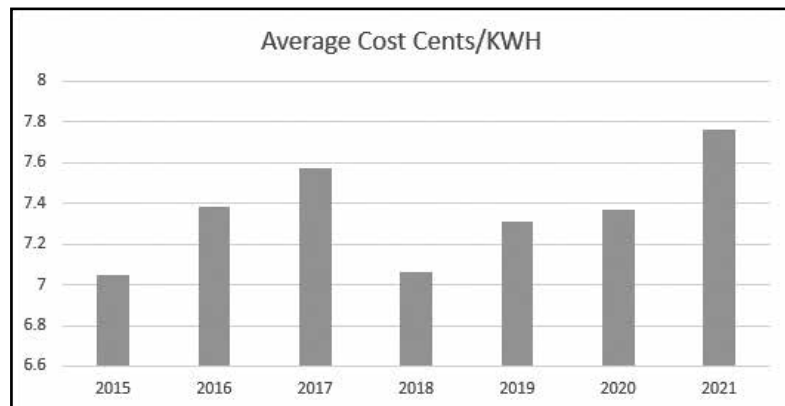
The year in graphs



Balance Sheet
North Itasca Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Dec. 31, 2021 and Dec. 31, 2020

ASSETS	2021	2020	LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY	2021	2020
ELECTRIC PLANT			EQUITIES		
Electric Plant in Service	39,486,197	\$ 38,015,785	Patronage Capital	\$ 8,028,377	\$ 7,730,482
Under Construction	72,191	70,281	Other Equities	3,350,226	3,336,680
Total Electric Plant	39,558,388	38,086,066	Total Equities	11,378,603	11,067,162
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	13,490,375	12,677,406			
Electric Plant - Net	26,068,013	25,408,660	LONG-TERM DEBT, LESS CURRENT MATURITIES	19,085,166	18,215,580
OTHER PROPERTY AND INVESTMENTS			CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Non-Utility Property (Net of Accumulated Depreciation, 2021 - \$73,973, 2020 - \$67,898)	52,431	52,994	Current Maturities of Long-Term Debt	966,626	843,758
Investments in Associated Companies	3,725,019	3,631,171	Accounts Payable - General	51,984	51,275
Other Investments	17,449	16,787	Accounts Payable to Associated Company - Billed Power C	711,263	483,184
Total Other Property and Investments	3,794,899	3,700,952	Consumer Deposits	65,126	64,221
			Taxes Accrued	81,107	76,872
CURRENT ASSETS			Interest Accrued	24,601	26,799
Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,042,121	572,445	Accrued Payroll	54,627	48,824
Notes Receivable, Less Allowance for Uncollectible Notes (2021 - \$9,606, 2020 - \$9,298)	49,599	34,603	Accrued Compensated Absences	147,414	145,835
Accounts Receivable, Less Provision for Uncollectible Accounts (2021 - \$50,660, 2020 - \$53,616)	1,097,198	869,919	Total Current Liabilities	2,102,748	1,740,768
Material and Supplies	407,831	211,117			
Prepayments	72,090	61,389	DEFERRED CREDITS		
Interest Receivable	3,749	3,735	Consumers' Energy Prepayments	128,793	36,419
Total Current Assets	2,672,588	1,753,208	Deferred Revenue	24,065	25,784
			Total Deferred Credits	152,858	62,203
DEFERRED DEBITS			TOTAL	\$ 32,719,375	\$ 31,085,713
Retirement Security Prepayment	64,526	129,053			
Other	119,349	93,840			
Total Deferred Debits	183,875	222,893			
TOTAL	\$ 32,719,375	\$ 31,085,713			

Statement of Operations



	2020	2021
	YTD Actual	YTD Actual
1. Operating Revenue and Patronage Capital	8,738,387.15	8,965,368.66
2. Power Production Expense	2,638.74	3,313.24
3. Cost of Purchased Power	4,225,367.04	4,374,378.47
4. Transmission Expense	0.00	0.00
5. Regional Market Expense	0.00	0.00
6. Distribution Expense - Operation	260,046.22	266,552.80
7. Distribution Expense - Maintenance	907,378.47	837,095.79
8. Customer Accounts Expense	275,861.19	278,739.09
9. Customer Service and Informational Expense	130,916.38	166,504.73
10. Sales Expense	2,284.66	2,571.44
11. Administrative and General Expense	854,331.52	863,663.82
12. Total Operation & Main. Expense (2 thru 11)	6,658,824.22	6,792,819.38
13. Depreciation and Amortization Expense	1,094,927.29	1,118,837.77
14. Tax Expense - Property & Gross Receipts	22,970.00	33,322.00
15. Tax Expense - Other	498.75	501.12
16. Interest on Long-Term Debt	691,047.83	676,163.69
17. Interest Charged to Construction - Credit	0.00	0.00
18. Interest Expense - Other	0.00	1,164.04
19. Other Deductions	27,396.85	0.00
20. Total Cost of Electric Service (12 thru 19)	8,495,664.94	8,622,808.00
21. Patronage Capital & Operating Margins (1 - 20)	242,722.21	342,560.66
22. Non Operating Margins - Interest	34,012.42	26,784.46
23. Allowance for Funds Used During Construction	0.00	0.00
24. Income (Loss) from Equity Investments	0.00	0.00
25. Non Operating Margins - Other	(20,027.32)	(13,169.54)
26. Generation and Transmission Capital Credits	90,701.40	215,721.16
27. Other Capital Credits and Patronage Dividends	91,032.83	89,274.63
28. Extraordinary Items	0.00	0.00
29. Patronage Capital or Margins (21 thru 28)	438,441.54	661,171.37

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Edge Gallery

Something completely different is coming to the Edge Center Gallery in June. Normally, the Gallery features imaginative landscape paintings or complex sculptures. Those attending the Gallery shows come into a huge room and quickly feel moved by the beauty that surrounds them. This June, however, instead of being thrilled by good art, folks will be purely entertained. For the first time, Hollywood comes to the Edge Gallery.

The June show is "Selling Dreams: Movie Lobby Cards from the Jack Nachbar Collection." Lobby Cards are 11x14 inch scenes from movies that were hung in theater lobbies, or in outside windows, to attract customers. Most cards featured elaborate borders around the scenes. They occasionally were better than the films they were advertising. Lobby Cards became standard advertisements in movie theaters around 1920, when larger theaters were opening and needed to lure more movie fans. They were a standard part of the décor of theaters into the 1970s.

"Selling Dreams" will feature lobby cards from more than 60 films.



A rich variety should give viewers several kinds of delight. They will see cards from famous movies featuring their favorite stars. There will be scenes from movie genres that have delighted millions over nearly a century. Musicals, Westerns, Comedies, Film Noir, and Adventure Pictures will all be on display. Great Hollywood Directors will get their due. Key Films, decade by decade, from 1914 to 2005, will be featured.

And great stars – Bogie, Brando, Cagney, Chaplin, The Duke, Gable, Garland, Eastwood, Hepburn and many more – will look out of the cards and amuse and thrill their fans yet one more time. They will also bathe most of those in the Gallery in warm nostalgia.

Jack Nachbar is the host of the Classic Movie Series at the Edge Center Theater. He first started collecting lobby cards a quarter

century ago in Ohio where he taught courses in Popular Films. "I've always loved movies from the time I was a little kid going to Saturday afternoon movie serials and B-Westerns," he says. "Lobby Cards are important to me because they were an essential, entertaining part of selling the Hollywood product. To me, having them gives me a tiny part of the actual movies."

"Selling Dreams" will be on display at the Edge Center Gallery June 2-25, with a public opening from 5 to 7 o'clock on Friday, June 3. The Gallery is open from 1 to 4 p.m. every Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

One movie palace in the 1920s defined itself as "An acre of seats in a garden of dreams." Those at the Gallery Lobby Card show will enjoy a grand time in a movie dreamland.

Operating support is made possible in part by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Arrowhead Regional Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.

Edge Theatre

by Paul Kraska

June is special this year for the Edge Center because it is presenting two events in one month.

The first event is part of the community-wide celebration "Wilderness Days," and it will be performed by the Ragamala Dance Company. The Ragamala performance will be at the Bigfork city hall on June 11 at 1 p.m.. The second event in June will be "The Duluth Transit Authority." on the Edge Center stage.

The June 11 performance is free of charge. Tickets for the June 25 performance are priced \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Masking is strongly advised for both events.

The Ragamala Dance Company performance is the vision of the mother-daughter South Indian American artist duo Ranee Ramaswamy and Aparny Ramaswamy. The performance is a multi-part experience including a 30-minute performance by the Ragamala Dance Company, a Kolam workshop in which both youths and adults learn the basics of traditional geometric designing made of dry rice flour on the ground, a class in Bharatanatyam dance for all ages, traditional Indian snacks, and a screening of an "Ode to Navarathri" documentary.

The June 25 "Duluth Transit Authority" event is a performance by Minnesota's largest "Chicago" tribute band. It is a 12 piece group that brings music to fill the Edge Center, blending instruments and vocals in arrangements designed to transport audiences back to an earlier time. The band's performance includes vocals, lots of brass instruments, and is designed to create music that can fill auditoriums made to handle the task. This is a tribute band that will make audiences remember the music and let them leave with memories that will stay with them.

The Edge Center for the Arts, located where the Bigfork and Rice rivers join in northern Minnesota is an unexpected gem existing to enhance the wilderness by providing a welcoming and well-managed space where audiences enjoy and share arts experiences that build community. Its theater and art gallery provide opportunities for residents, students, and vacationers. The Edge is attached to and is part of the community's school enjoying the energy and vitality that only an education-based facility can offer.

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Bigfork High School finishes the 2022 school year



Congratulations to Dylan Cummins who was awarded the McGarry Courage Award. This award is presented annually to the senior student who best characterizes perseverance and courage in their determination to achieve success at Bigfork High School and community. The award is presented in honor of James M. McGarry (Mac), who taught school at Bigfork for 35 years. Mac exemplified courage in overcoming his disability each day of his life.

Bigfork talks community enhancements with students

At its May meeting, Bigfork City council talked with students at the Edge Center about ideas for using a \$100,000 Blandin Foundation Community Development Grant

Ideas from the Comprehensive Plan included a fishing pier, splash pad, trestle bridge repairs, pedestrian bridge repairs or replacement, improvements to the softball field, RV/camper parking area, lights for the RiverWalk Trail, larger TVs for City Hall and playground equipment.

Students added new nets and taller poles for city basketball hoops, swimming pool, general litter cleanup, ATV trails, city park upgrades, more sidewalks, roller blade/skate park and connecting the RiverWalk trail to the school forest. Also looking at the city beach: litter cleanup, more picnic tables, longer dock, refreshing the beach and retaining walls, sand volleyball court and dressing room repair.



Congratulations to Carson Dahlke and Cody Dahlke....Carson is Valedictorian for the class of 2022 and Cody is Salutatorian for the class of 2022.



The Bigfork High School 2022 Prom was held on Saturday, May 7.

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Mondays & Thursdays, 10:30 am-12:00 pm
- Virtual via Zoom video conference
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:00-10:30 am

Back in person at Old Scenic Church:

- Bigfork Old Scenic Church,
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:00-10:30 am
 - Deer River, Bethany Lutheran,
Mondays & Thursdays, 10:30 am-12:00 pm
- On hold until further notice:** Bowstring Town Hall, Togo at Carpenter Town Hall

Discovery Center opens

The Edge of Wilderness Discovery Center just north of Marcell on Highway 38 opened for the season May 20 with hours from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesday through Monday (closed Tuesdays). We will have some naturalist programs on Saturdays at 11 a.m. beginning June 18 through August 13. There will then be a final program on September 3.

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Kid’s Fishing Day

The Kid’s Fishing Day for all contestants! at the Discovery Center The day is hosted will be on June 18, 8:30 by the Edge of the a.m. to noon. Wilderness Discovery

Local guides help with Center, US Forest fishing in the morning Service, Bigfork Lions then on to a shore lunch. Club, and Marcell Family Bait casting contest, Center. minnow races, & prizes

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3:00-4:30 p.m. Effie: Effie Cafe

5:00-6:30 p.m. Bigfork: City Hall

Thursdays: June 9, 30; July 21

11:45-12:45 Togo: Junction Bar & Grill

Mondays: June 6, 27; July 18

12:30 -1:00 p.m. Gemmel; Comm.Church

1:45 - 2:30 p.m. Northome; Apartments

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Bigfork: Register for classes at (218) 743-3444, online at getlearning.org.

FAMILY TIE DYE FUN FOR THE FOURTH

Date: Sat., June 25

Time: 10 a.m.-noon

Location: Marcell Town Hall

Cost: Free

Register by June 18. Ages 8 and up. Bring one cotton tee shirt per famiy member attending.

Blackduck Register online at blackduck.k12.mn.us under Community Education. Call Melanie (218) 766-3809 or email mcleveland@blackduck.k12.mn.us with questions.

MINI SUCCULENT PLANTER

Date: Tues., June 28

Time: Drop in 4-6 p.m.

Location: Found North Goods 97 Main, Blackduck

Cost: \$18

ADULT PICKLEBALL LEAGUE

Date: Tuesdays

Time: 5:30-7 p.m.

Location: Blackduck School playground

Cost: \$3

No registration or experience necessary, just show up. Racquets available if needed.

JUNIOR GOLF LESSONS

Date: Weds. June 8, 15, 22 and 29

Time: 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Location: Blackduck Golf Course

Cost: \$60

Ages 7-14. Preregister above.

Marcell Family Center Register at (218) 832-3444.

MFC YOUTH BASKETBALL CAMP

Dates: Tues. June 28 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Weds. June 29 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Location: Marcell Family Center, Highway 38

Cost: \$40.00

Ages 10 to 16. Pizza served at the end of the day

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Wed: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Thurs:12-5 p.m.

Fri: 12-5 p.m.

Sat.: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

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Thursdays

12:30-3 p.m.

3rd Thursday

4-5:30 p.m.

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Northome Library

(218) 897-5952

Mon: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Tues: 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Wed: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Thurs: noon - 3 p.m.

Fri: 9 a.m.- noon

Resource Centers:

Blackduck:

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Northome:

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Community News

Email editor at sedgwick@paulbunyan.net,
put Community News in the subject line

General Interest

Visit Grand Rapids is hosting an Avenue of the Pines Scenic Byway photo contest between May 4 and Sept. 5. Photos can be uploaded to www.visitgrandrapids.com/avenue-of-the-pines. Three cash prizes for adults and fishing gear sponsored by Debbie Michalek of Max Mini Store for three youth age groups. Sponsored by local businesses and organizations.

The Community Cafe is available to anyone who is in need of a meal. There is no income or financial qualification to receive a free meal. Each Tuesday through Thursday from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. (or until gone), a nutritious three-course meal is served. Location: King Elementary School. for more information, visit communitycafemn.org.

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~ June Calendar ~

- 1 Last day of school, Blackduck School
- 1 “The Club I Never Wanted To Join” meets, 3:30 and 5:30 p.m.. Check on Facebook: Itasca County Breast Cancer Support to confirm date, location and program. More info with Lynn Ettl (218) 832-3612, lynn_ettl@msn.com
- 2 Last day of school, Deer River, Bigfork schools
- 3 Reception for “Selling Dreams: Movie Lobby Cards from the Jack Nachbar Collection,” 5-7 p.m. Exhibit opens June 2 and runs through June 25. The Edge Gallery is open Thurs.-Sat., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- 6 ISD318 School Board meets at Bigfork School, 6:30 p.m. Forum, 6 p.m.
- 7 Bigfork Valley Hospital Board meets, 9 a.m. Contact (218) 743-1772 for telephone or virtual attendance information.
- 8 ISD 363 South Koochiching-Rainy River School Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 10-11 Bigfork Wilderness Days. Events, activities, food, vendors along Main Ave. downtown Bigfork. See p.16 or Facebook.
- 11 Edge Center presents Ragamala Dance Co., performing at City Hall during Bigfork Wilderness Days, 1-3 p.m., free. Included is workshop on traditional geometric design, dance class, and documentary screening.
- 13 Blackduck ISD32 School Board, 5 p.m. in the Media Center. Note changed time.
- 13 ISD317 School Board meets, 6 p.m., public forum 5:45 p.m.
- 13 Effie City Council meets at Effie Community Center, 6 p.m.
- 14 Flag day
- 14 Stop & Stitch meets at the Marcell Family Center the 2nd Tuesday of every month, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. For more information, call Judy at (218) 832-3237.
- 14 Bigfork City Council meets at City Hall, 5:30 a.m.
- 15 Strategic Planning meeting at Marcell Town Hall at 6 p.m. to gather public input on the park.
- 16 North Itasca Electric Co-op Annual Meeting, 2 p.m. at Bigfork Headquarters building parking lot
- 16 ISD318 Special School Board meeting at Admin Board Room in Grand Rapids or at watchictv.org, 5:30 p.m. Contact for information: jrasmussen@isd318.org or call (218) 327-5704.
- 18 Kid’s Fishing Day at Discovery Center, 8:30 a.m.-noon.
- 18 Naturalist programs start at Discovery Center, most Saturdays at 11 a.m.

18 Northome Fun Day, downtown Northome. Medallion Hunt, kids’ activities, minnow and turtle races, author signing. See p.16. Ita-Bel-Koo DAC and Koochiching HRA Open Houses.

19 Father’s Day

19 Blackduck Summer Baseball hosts a free Twins baseball clinic at the Little League Fields, 10 a.m.-noon for ages 6-12. Register at playballmn.com.

25 12th Annual Bigfork Valley Community Foundation golf fundraiser at Golf on the Edge, Bigfork, 10 a.m start. Preregister by June 15. Call (218) 743-4116 for information.

25 The Duluth Transit Authority, a 12-member tribute band for the music of Chicago, is on stage at the Edge Center, Bigfork, 7 p.m. Adults, \$10, child \$5.

27 Women of the Woods meet at 10 a.m. at Sand Lake Community Center. Call Pat Sievertson at (218) 659-2157.

Area Church Directory

Alvwood Evangelical Free Church Sun 10:00a

58712 Co. Rd. 131

Blackduck 56630 218-659-4681

Balsam Bible Chapel Sun 10:00a

41516 Scenic Hwy 7

Bovey 55709 218-245-1960

Bear River Lutheran Church Sun 10:00a

11141 Hwy 22

Cook 55723 218-376-1012

Bethesda Lutheran Church Sun 9:00a

Mizpah 56660 218-897-5654

Bigfork Assembly of God Sun 9:30a

101 Golf Course Ln

Bigfork 56628 218-743-3500

Bowstring Chapel Sun 10:15a

45114 Co Rd 133

Deer River 56636 218-832-3171

Calvary Covenant Sun 10:30a

54764 Co. Rd. 31

Northome 56661 218-897-5684

Centennial Lutheran Church Sun 8:30a

Hwy 46

Squaw Lake 56681 218-259-0115

Deer River Bible Church Sun 10:00a

33276 State Highway 6

Deer River 56636 218-246-9570

Dora Lake Alliance Sun 10:00a

59329 Co Rd 145

Northome 56661 218-659-4551

Effie Fredheim Lutheran Church (ELCA) Sun 8:30a

Hwy 1

Effie 56639 218-743-3368

First Presbyterian Church, BF Sun 10:15a

109 Ash St.

Bigfork 56628 218-743-3783

Gemmel Community Church Sun 10:00a

10609 Town Rd 34

Gemmel 56660 218-897-5966

Grace Community Church (ELCA) Sun 10:15a

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Bigfork 56628 218-743-3368

Hope Lutheran Church Sun 10:30 a.m.

12234 Third St.

Northome 56661 218-897-5654

Jehovah’s Witnesses Tu 7:00p., Sun 10:00a

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Bigfork 56628 218-743-3275

Jesse Lake Lutheran Church Sun 8:30a

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Marcell 56657 218-832-3200

Northome Community Church Sun 10:00a

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Northwoods Chapel Sun 9:00a

50550 Mushgee Rd. (corner of Co. Rd. 622)

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25747 Co. Rd. 340

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Sand Lake Alliance Sun 10:00a

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St. Catherine’s Catholic Church Sat 4:00p

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Squaw Lake 56681 218-743-3255

St. Michael Catholic Church Sat 7:00p; Tu 6:00a

12026 Lake St

Northome 56661 218-743-3255

Seventh Day Adventist Sun 11:30a

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Suomi Evangelical Lutheran Church Sun 10:30a

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Deer River 56636 218-832-3883

True Life Church Sun 10:00a

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Bigfork Valley Community Foundation



The BVCF recently contributed \$10,000 to Bigfork Valley Hospital for safe patient handling and other hospital projects. (l to r) Laura Vaneps, CNO, Gloria Madsen, CAN, Dawn Jourdan, RN, Meredie Rounds, BVCF Secretary , Nanci Zeine, BVCF Board Member , Courtney Olson, DPT.

The Bigfork Valley Community Foundation recently contributed \$7,000.00 to Bigfork Valley for Tamarack Lodge and the future Villa River's Edge Garden Project. (l to r) Jessica Anderson, Long Term Care Social Worker, Nanci Zeine, BVCF Board Member, Melanie Heikkila, Assisted Living Coordinator.



Spring chicks!



Mrs. Duwe's 1st grade class at Bigfork Elementary were able to watch chicks hatch this spring. Students were able to hold the two oldest chicks.

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Taste Jerky

Thank you to Pete Bourman for this June recipe!

- 3 lbs. beef or venison, cut into strips
- 1 teaspoon garlic salt
- 1 teaspoon hickory smoke salt
- 1 Tablespoon Accent®
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- 2 Tablespoons liquid smoke
- 3/4 cup soy sauce
- 1 cup Worcestershire sauce



Place meat in gallon Ziplock® bag. In bowl, whisk together all other ingredients until well mixed. Pour over meat . Seal bag tight with no air in it. Roll around to mix with meat, refrigerate overnight. Place on dehydrator racks well spaced. Cook for about 6-8 hours. Rotate racks half way through the cooking.

Please share your recipe with us! If your recipe is chosen, you will receive a \$10 credit on your electric bill from North Itasca Electric Cooperative. Send your recipe to the editor, WATTS NEWS, P.O. Box 43, Spring Lake, MN 56680.

Stuffed Hamburger for the Grill

- 2 Tablespoons margarine
- 1 1/4 cup herb seasoned stuffing mix
- 1 beaten egg
- 1-3 oz. can mushrooms
- 1/3 cup beef broth
- 1/4 cup sliced green onion (optional)
- 1/4 cup chopped almonds, toasted
- 1/4 cup snipped parsley
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 2+ lbs. ground beef
- 1 teaspoon salt

Melt margarine. Remove from heat and add stuffing mix, egg, mushrooms, beef broth, onion, almonds, parsley and lemon juice. Mix well and set aside.

Combine ground beef and salt. Divide meat in half. On sheets of waxed paper, pat each half to a 8-inch circle. Spoon stuffing over one circle to within 1 inch of edge Top with second circle and peel off top sheet of waxed paper. Seal edges.

Invert patty onto a well-greased grill and peel off remaining waxed paper. Grill over medium coals about 10 to 12 minutes each side. Cut into wedges and serve.

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Marcell Strategic Park Planning

The Marcell Township will be holding a Strategic Park Planning Meeting on June 15th, at 6:00 p.m., at the Marcell Town Hall. This meeting is to gather public input regarding the park and what people like about the current services and what our priorities should be moving forward.

If you are not able to attend, please send your suggestions to marcell.township@yahoo.com

-WANTED-

Wanted: 8 foot wood toboggan. Call (218) 259-2482 7/22

Wanted: Flea market vendors for Tractor Show in Deer River August 26-28. For information call (218) 328-6247 or (218) 246-8455 7/22

Wanted: Wild Ricing partner for 5 days or more. August and September 2022. Call (218) 244-5000 7/22

Wanted: Professional experienced in leveling post and pier foundation cabin. Cabin is 1920s log cabin located on Bowstring Lake. Please contact me via email, fawkr@hotmail.com, if you can provide this service. 8/22

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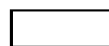
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Wilderness Days come back to Bigfork June 10 and 11

It's "Back to Wilderness" on Friday and Saturday, June 10 and 11 as Wilderness Days are hosted by the Bigfork Booster Club this year.

There will be two days of contests, music, vendors and, of course, food along Main Ave. in Bigfork. Highlights will include a teen dance and a street dance as well as a parade.

For those who like to compete, there's a lot to choose from: golf, basketball, corn hole, bicycling and darts. Firefighters have a special contest: a Barrel Fight.

There's a magician for the kids, and there's an presentation on Indian

dance, design, food and a movie screening at City Hall. There is also a spot for luck: bingo at the B.I.G. Center and a two-day raffle with over 50 winners. Buy your raffle ticket early at area businesses in Effie, Bigfork, Marcell and Talmoon.

And what city with a river running through it would miss out on a Ducky Derby race?

It will be a busy two days with vendors and food starting at 11 a.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. on Saturday.

For more information, or to contribute or become a vendor call Allison (402) 873-0165 or Allyssa (513) 283-2730.

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Corn Hole: Travis (218) 929-9307

Darts: Allison (402) 873-0165

or Allyssa (513) 283-2730

SCHEDULE

BIGFORK WILDERNESS DAYS

Friday, June 10

11 a.m.

Wilderness Days open

3 p.m.

3 on 3 basketball tourney: school park

6 p.m.

Darts tourney : Wilderness Bar

7-9 p.m.

Teen Dance (ages 10-18): City Hall

7-10 p.m.

Jason Waldron: Wilderness Bar

Saturday, June 11

9 a.m.

Wilderness Days open

9-11 a.m.

Bloody Mary contest:Golf on the Edge

10 a.m.

3 on 3 basketball (ages 15 and up): school park

10 a.m.

Golf tourney: Golf on the Edge

10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Bingo: B.I.G. Center

12-2 p.m.

Pony rides

12-3 p.m.

Magician

1-4 p.m.

Ragamala events: City Hall (see p. 10)

1 p.m.

Bike race: boat launch

1 p.m.

Firefighter's Barrel Fight: Fire Hall

1-6 p.m.

Live music: Wilderness Bar

2 p.m.

Corn Hole tourney: Wilderness Bar

3:30 p.m.

Shriners open parade

4 p.m.

Main parade

After parade

Ducky Derby Race

9 p.m.-12 a.m.

Street Dance with AFTERSHOCK

Fun Day in Northome June 18

Northome will be the place to be on Saturday, June 18 for its annual Fun Day.

Starting early at 8 a.m., rummage sales will be lining Main Street. Two Open Houses will be at Ita-Bel-Koo DAC from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and at the Koochiching Housing Redevelopment Authority from 9 to 11:30 am. The HRA will be celebrating 50 years since it was organized to develop apartment buildings in Littlefork and Northome. At 10 a.m.the Medallion Hunt begins, with instructions handed out at the Shining Light Café.

In the afternoon, it is the famous minnow and turtle races! Minnows are supplied, but participants need to bring their own turtle. Minnow races start at 12:30 p.m., and turtle races at 2 p.m.

From 4 to 7 p.m. Shayne Stillar will be signing his book at the Shining Light Café. Stillar's book *Courage in the Face of Apert*, describes his life with the rare genetic disorder. Raised intentionally by his parents as a normal child and encouraged to "go for his dreams," his story will leave you very encouraged and blessed, said Rena Troy, publisher.

The day will also be enlivened by music –played outside at the Northome Community Church.



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