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## CEO Report

*Good morning, North Itasca!*

There is a little glimmer of fall in the air today. We haven't seen a hard frost yet, but the leaves are beginning to change, and it's cool out. My wife has been busy canning tomatoes. Thankfully the deer stepped away from the garden before they caused too much damage. My buddy Tony suggested various fencing options with me after my article this summer. I was able to skate by without a fence this year; we'll see what happens next spring. I do enjoy the fresh veggies we get from the little gardens we have. Once again, harvest just means winter is on the way.

I've spent the past month at several meetings. I need to start with the more impactful meeting to you. I was recently at Great River Energy for the Member Manager Group meeting. GRE gave us the first glance at rates for 2025. I am expecting a roughly 8.5-9.2% rate increase from Great River Energy. This rate increase is primarily due to rising costs and the need to build out transmission across the state. I have talked about the impacts and need of additional

transmission lines over this past year. The primary driver behind the need is a change to the generation resources we are shifting to.

GRE is roughly half of the bill you receive from North Itasca. This will suggest an increase in your power bill by roughly 4-5% before I look at any budgets at home.

I have been asked what I'm doing about these increases? I work very hard to share information with my Member-Owners and our elected representatives in Minnesota. We have an opportunity to learn together and make a difference in October. On October 22nd I want to invite you to a learning opportunity at 1:30 p.m. in Marcell, Minn. at the Family Center. I have reached out to professionals in the industry to help us



Brad Dolinski, CEO

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## Member Services Update

by Drew Francisco

Hello again to the great membership of North Itasca Electric! Every time I sit down to write an article, I feel like I just got done writing one for the prior month; unbelievable how fast time seems to slip by! In my free time outside of work, I've been able to do some fishing with my family. When I say fishing, I mean driving the boat around so my wife and kids can catch all the fish for me.

In my travels over the last month, I've been able to continue my mission of finding ways to help our membership with their home's efficiency and keeping their energy bills in check. I'm not only on the consumer side of things, but also

auditing North Itasca Electric's equipment out in the field to make sure proper tracking and control periods are performing accordingly. So, if you see a random dude poking around your meter, or load control equipment, it's probably me.

If you as a member are in need of a home evaluation or just want some of your questions answered, please feel free to reach out to me; I can schedule a time to meet with you in the office or at your home to help as best as I can!

While we are working on helping the individual members, there are some

other exciting projects on my radar that are on a bit of a larger scale. I've recently met with members of the Itasca Economic Development Corporation to understand and identify the needs/goals of local communities using Business Revitalization grants, Energy Transition town halls and hopefully some type of workforce housing project. IEDC is looking for community input on ways we can all help to better our small communities' operations

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## GRE finalist for clean energy funding

President Joe Biden announced the first round of finalists for the Empowering Rural America (New ERA) program, part of the administration's efforts to boost clean energy investments in rural communities, at an event held Sept. 5 in Westby, Wisconsin.

Great River Energy was among the cooperatives announced as a finalist.

The New ERA program aims to support rural electric cooperatives in reducing greenhouse gas emissions by transitioning to clean energy sources. The program provides grants and loans for clean energy projects and refinancing for carbon-intensive stranded assets, with

a focus on increasing energy resiliency, reliability and affordability. The New ERA program was appropriated \$9.7 billion under the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022.

"Our consortium laid out an innovative portfolio of projects and power purchase agreements that will benefit cooperative members across Minnesota," said Great River Energy President and Chief Executive Officer David Saggau. "The projects in our New ERA proposal will allow us to procure more than 1,000 megawatts of renewable energy while creating over

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 better understand nuclear energy. What is it? What are the pros and cons of nuclear energy? What are the inherent dangers and what controls are there to avoid disaster? How is nuclear energy different today vs. the 1970s and 1980s? I plan to discuss these questions with a panel of experts.

Minnesota has a nuclear moratorium in place currently. No new nuclear can be built in Minnesota today. Nuclear energy is carbon free, and from what little I understand it can be very flexible to the loads we serve. I want to learn more, with you by my side. I have also invited Senator Grant Hauschild and Representative Spencer Igo to join us at this meeting. I will encourage both of our legislators to address the crowd and answer questions after the panel discussion. Our legislators will be there in the room to learn with us and to engage with our communities.

Let me be clear, I am not saying we need to make investments in nuclear today. I want to ensure we have the

information to make decisions in the future. What if there is a ballot question someday about nuclear energy? Will I be informed enough to weigh in on that decision? How do my Member-Owners feel about nuclear energy? Without having this discussion with you I would not be able to answer either important question. I need your input in this discussion. I am asking that you would consider joining myself and your friends and neighbors at this event.

I will be spending the next month working with my staff and GRE on the 2025 budget. I am here to tell you the bills will need to go up in January. I will need to pass the increase from GRE to our bills, additionally the rest of our controlled expenses will be considered carefully. I have requirements from our lenders to meet revenues sufficient to meet our obligations to them. We consider all these requirements when building the budget for the coming year.

*By your side! Miigwech,  
 Brad*

# Member Services

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 and future sustainability.

It's no secret that small town communities are in need; in need of jobs, child-care, affordable housing and much more. I've been fortunate enough to volunteer my time on the Bigfork Fire Department for several years and also served as a city council member in Bigfork. What I've come to realize is a lot of people are busy wearing multiple "hats" in their communities. Coaching youth, sitting on boards of various establishments, first responding, participating in Parent Teacher Associations, organizing city events and fundraisers; all while balancing full time professional careers and family needs. To add another meeting to the list of your already busy schedules sounds exhausting; but it could be vital in helping secure the future



of our small towns. Come share your ideas, concerns or possible business plans with IEDC. They are not only excited to talk about these topics but have access to resources to help achieve some of these things that are discussed. Not only in Itasca County, but all around the northwest region we all call home! Make sure to keep an eye on our website and Facebook to see upcoming meeting dates, times and locations. Little bit of a tangent there, but I feel it's important. Over the next month, I plan to continue my adventure of previously listed goals and projects. But I'm always open to discussing how North Itasca can help its membership, local contractors and business owners.

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I hope all of you have a great month and look forward to hopefully working with you!

*Until next time,  
 Drew Francisco*



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# GRE is finalist for funding

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 Great River Energy and its member-owners have advanced past the competition stage and are currently in the underwriting and negotiation phase of the New ERA program, bringing them one step closer to receiving a consortium of funding.

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# Highlights from the Board Room

NORTH ITASCA ELECTRIC CO-OP., INC.  
MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
August 22, 2024

**Start time: 10:00 a.m.**

**End time: 12:20 p.m.**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the office and electronically through Zoom on August 22, 2024.

**Directors present:** W. Waller, L. Kongsjord, J. Kilian, J. White, R. Bain, T. Christensen, M. Rahier, T. Kallio, and L. Salmela.

**Also Present:** CEO Brad Dolinski, Daryl Pederson, Andy Shaw, Drew Francisco, and Kim Giesen.

**Absent:** Tina Danielson

**Start Regular Board Meeting: 10:45 a.m.**

- o Pledge of allegiance was recited.
- o A motion was made to adopt the agenda. Seconded; motion carried. A motion was made to consent agenda. Seconded; motion carried.
- o Brad conducted a safety discussion. MREA was here 8/21/24 to go over truck inspections. Reminder to make sure your loads are tied down. Always check safety equipment daily for proper performance capabilities. Oil injection wounds are very serious. If you suspect you may have one, you should get to a medical facility immediately to have it looked at and treated. CPR training video was shared.
- o A motion was made to accept the E3 loan. Seconded; the motion carried.
- o Brad reviewed the July Operating Reports in Tina's absence. A motion was made to accept the Operating Reports as they were presented. Seconded; motion passed.
- o Daryl gave the Line Department report. State and Federal grants are being worked on with Star Energy. Crews are nearing completion of converting overhead to underground crossing Highway 6 south of the Bowstring Store. ROW clearing is around the Bowstring Lake area. County Road 35 project is scheduled to start this summer.
- o Drew gave the Members Services Report. Continuing with educating members with our services and opportunities to save energy. Appliance deliveries will now be handled by an outside service. This will help to keep our costs down. Usage across all substations was up considerably from July 2023 to 2024.
- o Brad gave the office report in Tina's absence. Work Order 24712 was reviewed. A motion was made to approve the close of Work Order 24712. Seconded; motion passed.
- o Brad gave the CEO report. GRE approved our E3 loan partnership.
- o NRECA will be offering CCD 2600, 2610, 2620, 2630 & 2640 for new directors. A motion was made to approve travel and expenses for Tom Kallio to attend. Seconded; motion carried.
- o A motion was made to appoint Brad as the representative and voting delegate for Resco during the regional meeting. Seconded; the motion passed.
- o Lloyd Kongsjord gave the GRE report.
- o Wes Waller gave the MREA report.
- o Round Table Discussion was held. Brad reported that he has Senator Hauschild scheduled for an educational session with our members.
- o A motion was made to adjourn. Seconded; motion carried. The regular meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm.

## Cold weather rule & energy assistance program notice

In accordance with Minnesota's Cold Weather Rule, electric service cannot be disconnected for nonpayment between Oct. 1 and April 30 if electricity is the primary heat source and ALL of the following statements apply:

- Your household income is at or below 50% of the state median household income. Income may be verified on forms provided by North Itasca Electric Cooperative or by the local energy assistance provider.
- You enter into and make reasonably timely payments under a payment agreement that considers the financial resources of the household.
- You receive referrals to energy assistance, weatherization, conservation, or other programs likely to reduce your energy bills from North Itasca Electric Cooperative. Minnesota's Cold Weather Rule does not completely stop winter disconnects before disconnecting electric service to residential members between Oct. 1 and April 30,

### North Itasca Electric Cooperative must provide:

- A 30-day notice of disconnection;
- A statement of members' rights and responsibilities;
- A list of local energy assistance providers;
- Forms on which to request Cold Weather Rule protection; and
- A statement explaining available payment plans and other options to continue service.

### Energy Assistance Program

The Energy Assistance Program (EAP) is a federally

funded program through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services which helps low-income renters and homeowners pay for home heating costs and furnace repairs. Household income must be at or below 60 percent of the state median income (\$67,764 for a family of four) to qualify for benefits. Applications must be received or postmarked by May 31, 2025. To learn more about the EAP program or to apply for assistance:

- Visit the Minnesota Department of Commerce Energy Assistance website, <https://mn.gov/commerce/consumers/consumer-assistance/energy-assistance/>, for more details and to access the application portal.
- Contact your county EAP service provider for additional information and assistance, Kootasca Community Action (218) 999-0800. North Itasca Electric Cooperative exists because of you, and we are dedicated to the people and communities we serve. If you are having difficulty paying your electric bill and do not qualify for either of these programs, please contact Sheila Hafeman at (218) 743-3131 to set up a payment plan.

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Capital credit checks issued to these former members were returned to North Itasca Electric. If you know anyone on the list, please let them know they can contact our office by calling **218-743-3131** or **1-800-762-4048**, or

via email at [support@nieci.com](mailto:support@nieci.com) to update their contact information and claim their capital credits. A complete list of unclaimed capital credit checks can be found at [northitascaelectric.com](http://northitascaelectric.com) later in September.

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FOUSE,DONALD;Talmoon, MN  
FOUSE,MAGGIE L;Kremmling, CO  
FRANCISCO,RICHARD;Deer River, MN  
FRANK JIRIK TRUST JR,;Duluth, MN  
FRANKLIN,DONALD L;Cortez, CO  
FREDERICK,CHARLES J;Effie, MN  
FREEMAN,THERON;Laporte, MN  
FREIERMUTH,BILL;Cromwell, MN  
FRIEL,KEN A;Memphis, TN  
FULTON,CLARENCE;Rochester, MN  
FUTCH,JERRY WAYNE;Monroe, LA  
FYNBOH,RAYMOND C;Bigfork, MN  
GARLAND,JASPER;Mountain Iron, MN  
GAUB,JUDY;Rosemount, MN  
GEDNEY,CHARLES A;Brooklyn Park, MN  
GEHN,LYLE;Colona, IL  
GERBER,SARA J;Pekin, IL  
GERDES,DAVID;Duluth, MN  
GERMUNDSON,JAMES;Farmington, MN  
GIBBEL,CHARLES M;Plymouth, MN  
GIBBS,DAVID W;Gheen, MN  
GIBBS,ROBINSON H;Saint Michael, MN  
GIEFER,DONALD B;Hemet, CA  
GILBERT,DELORES J;Mound, MN  
GILBERTSON,ROBERT D;Burnsville, MN  
GILBERTSON,RON;Mesa, AZ  
GILBERTSON,STEVE ;Bovey, MN  
GILES,MERRITT C;Palantine, IL  
GILLES,PAUL W;Brooklyn , NY  
GILLESPIE,DONNA L;Fort Collins, CO  
GLASER,JAMES P;Madison, FL  
GLASER,RICHARD D;Saint Paul, MN  
GOAR,JAMES C;Sarasota, FL  
GOELZER,MEG;Plymouth, MN  
GOGGLEYE,DELORES;Cass Lake, MN  
GOOD,DAVID S;Laporte, MN  
GOODALE,CHARLES;Northome, MN  
GOODRICH,SHARON;Remer, MN  
GORDON,CYNDI;Milaca, MN  
GOSLINE,AMY;Watertown, SD  
GRANT,MYRON A;Cottage Grove, MN  
GRIFE,JIMMY & BRENNAN;Deer River, MN  
GRIFE,JIMMY B;Floral City, FL  
GRIFFIN,RICHARD H;Nashwauk, MN  
GROSHENS,DENNIS ;Elk River, MN  
GROSS,ROBERT W OR EUGINA N; Bemidji, MN

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GROTJOHN,DEAN H;Apple Valley, MN  
 GROVER,BRENDA M;Grand Rapids, MN  
 GRUYS,ARNOLD D;Annandale, MN  
 GRYMYR,JAMES P;Las Vegas, NV  
 GUDERIAN,LINDA LEE;mizpah, mn  
 GUDERIAN,MICKEY R;Hibbing, MN  
 GUENTHER,CONRAD;Jordan, MN  
 GUINN,ROBERTA;Deer River, MN  
 GUSTAFSON,GREGORY A;Emery, SD  
 GUSTAFSON,NEIL;New Brighton, MN  
 HABBE,DONALD;Missoula, MT  
 HACHEY,ROB;Vandais Heights, MN  
 HAGEN,OWEN A;Saint Paul, MN  
 HAGEN,RANDY G;Brainerd, MN  
 HAGER,RAYMOND A;New Ulm, MN  
 HAGGERTY,BILL;Paynesville, MN  
 HAHN,KATHY L;Northome, MN  
 HALE,NATHAN (MR & MRS);Babbitt, MN  
 HALL,KAREN;Castle Rock, WA  
 HALL ,TAHMI L;Wyoming, MN  
 HALLETT,HOWARD;Soldotna, AK  
 HALLICH,JOHN C;Deer River, MN  
 HALSTEAD,THOMAS P;Bigfork, MN  
 HAMILTON ,MARK E;Deer River, MN  
 HANSON,DU WAYNE;Channahon, IL  
 HANSON,GERALD L;Sanford, NC  
 HANSON,RAYMOND L;Elk River, MN  
 HANSON JR,TERRY;Deer River, MN  
 HARDT,ADAM;Fayetteville, GA  
 HARPER (HALL),NORMA;Fairfield, OH  
 HARRIS,MARK;Saint Paul, MN  
 HARRIS,PHILLIP E & EVELYN J;  
 Frontenac, KS  
 HART,RICHARD A;Albert Lea, MN  
 HARTSOCK,BEN F;Cohasset, MN  
 HAUGE,MALVIN &  
 CHRISTOPHER;Boulder, CO  
 HAUGER,JUNE;Ottawa, IL  
 HAZELTON,IRVIN OR CHERYL;  
 Concho, AZ  
 HEIDE,BILL H & DONNA P;Durango, CO  
 HEIDE,GARY;Durango, CO  
 HEIDECKER,JOE;Billings, MT  
 HEINZER,DENISE OR FRED;Grand Rapids, MN  
 HEMBRE,JAMES & SUSANN;Lino Lakes, MN  
 HEMPHILL,CHARLES L;Deer River, MN  
 HEMPHILL,DONALD D;Nokomis, FL  
 HEMPHILL,PATRICK ;Wahpeton, ND  
 HENKEL,DONALD F;Duluth, MN  
 HENNESSEY,CHRISTINA A;Princeton, MN  
 HENSLEY,ERNEST ;Grayville, IL  
 HERSETH,LEIGHANN;Bemidji, MN  
 HEWITT,DALLAS D;Logansport, IN  
 HILL,DENNIS;Togo, MN  
 HILL,LERON L;Grand Rapids, MN  
 HILL,LESTER;Canton, IL  
 HILSMAYER,BRUCE;Camden, ME  
 HOAGLAND,JOE;Bemidji, MN  
 HOLM,CLEORA;Jenison, MI  
 HOLSTEN,THEODORE W;Alexandria, MN  
 HOLT,GERALD D;Bigfork, MN  
 HOMER,ROBERT L;Poway, CA  
 HOOLIHAN,MATT;New Ulm, MN  
 HOWARD,CHRISTINA M;Cass Lake, MN  
 HOWARD,STANLEY;Cass Lake, MN  
 HOY,J MAYNARD (MRS);Mission, TX  
 HREN,BETH E;Hibbing, MN  
 HUGHES,GLENN;Saint Michael, MN  
 HUHTALA,HENRY;Northome, MN  
 HUNTER,LAWRENCE E;Grand Forks, ND  
 ILLIKAINEN,DARIN BRUCE;  
 Grand Rapids, MN  
 INGSTAD,DONNA ;Bigfork, MN  
 INGSTAD,JEROME A;Marcell, MN  
 INOTT,RICHARD PAUL;Bemidji, MN  
 JACKSON,RAMONA ROSE;Deer River, MN  
 JACKSON,STEVEN;Deer River, MN  
 JACKSON,SUSAN;Hayward, WI  
 JACOBSEN,JOYCE K;Omaha, NE  
 JANSSEN,DEBORAH ;Bagley, MN  
 JARES,FRANK ;Pillager, MN  
 JENKINS,SHERRY ;Duluth, MN  
 JENSEN,KEN;Spring Grove, IL  
 JERRY JR,LLEWELLYN C;Deer River, MN  
 JOHANIX,GEORGE ;Prior Lake, MN  
 JOHANSON,GLENN M;Wells, MN  
 JOHANSSON,CHARLES;Minneapolis, MN  
 JOHN G PAUL FAMILY TRUST,  
 Cold Spring, MN  
 JOHNSON,ALLEN A;Grand Rapids, MN  
 JOHNSON,CHARLES L;Battle Lake, MN  
 JOHNSON,DIETEL R;Minneapolis, MN  
 JOHNSON,FRANK W;Brownsville, TX  
 JOHNSON,GLORIA ;Marcell, MN  
 JOHNSON,HELEN;Squaw Lake, MN  
 JOHNSON,KERMIT W;Rapid City, SD  
 JOHNSON,LOWELL E;University Pl, WA  
 JOHNSON,PHYLLIS J;Princeton, MN  
 JOHNSON,RANDY ;Nisswa, MN  
 JOHNSON,SANDRA;Bigfork, MN  
 JOHNSON,WALLACE;Bloomington, MN  
 JONES,FLOYD R;Grant, MI  
 JONES,MIRIAM M;Hibbing, MN  
 JOURDAN,EUGENE;Duluth, MN  
 JOURDAN,JON ;Northome, MN  
 JOURDAN,LINDA ;mizpah, mn  
 JUDD,MARK O;Little Canada, MN  
 JULIAN,RICHARD H;Edina, MN  
 JUNEAU,AL;Saint Paul, MN  
 KACZOR,AMBER;Bigfork, MN  
 KADWELL,ROBERT J;Minneapolis, MN  
 KALIEN,MICHAEL J;Sarasota, FL  
 KAMPMEYER,MARY ANN;Eagan, MN  
 KANIPES,JAMES;Hibbing, MN  
 KANTOS,ROBERT L;Grand Rapids, MN  
 KARKELA,DAVID J;Grand Rapids, MN  
 KAUPA,JOHN W;Waseca, MN  
 KAZLAUSKY,FRANK A ;Ingleside, IL  
 KELLEY,MYRTLE;Blackduck, MN  
 KERR KUNST,NANCY C;Bigfork, MN  
 KIMBERLIN,WALTER M;Largo, FL  
 KING,IVA A;Kasson, MN  
 KING,JEROME P;Burnsville, MN  
 KINGBIRD,ANAJANETTER;Deer River, MN  
 KINN,LOREN;Bemidji, MN  
 KINSMAN,LORRAINE J;Lawai, HI  
 KINZER,ROBERT;Rice, MN  
 KIRBY,THOMAS F;St Louis Park, MN  
 KIRCHOFF,GERALD A;Lindstrom, MN  
 KISH,CHARLES;Lincoln Park, MI  
 KJELDSON,JOHN & ROBERTA H;Bemidji, MN  
 KLASEN,MARY;Bemidji, MN  
 KLUTH,RAYMOND C;Deer River, MN  
 KNOPS,EDWARD J;New Richmond, WI  
 KNUDSON,BARBARA K;Bloomington, MN  
 KOCIENDA,BONNIE &  
 RICHARD;Bullhead City,AZ  
 KOESTLER,MARLYN ;Arlington, MN  
 KRABBENHOFT,JIM ;Blackduck, MN  
 KRIENKE,BETTY ;Mizpah, MN  
 KUBES,ARTHUR A;New Prague, MN  
 KUKLOK,ALVIN T;Apple Valley, MN  
 KUNKEL,BEN;Excelsior, MN  
 KUNKEL,JEAN A;Excelsior, MN  
 KUNKEL,SHERRIE L;Mc Leod, MT  
 KUNTZ,M & BUTCH;Queen Creek, AZ  
 KUSESKE,SHEILA ;South Haven, MN  
 LABARRE,ANGELA ;Anoka, MN  
 LABERNIK,FRED ;Minneapolis, MN  
 LACHINSKI,NICK;Andover, MN  
 LAKEWOOD LODGE/BEAHN TRUST;;  
 Las Vegas, NV  
 LALIBERTE,GENE;Hibbing, MN  
 LANDSTEINER,FRANK A ;Northfield, MN  
 LANHAM,DELORES;Deer River, MN  
 LARSEN,A M;Otsego, MN  
 LARSEN,JASON;Bovey, MN  
 LARSON,DELORES;Cass Lake, MN  
 LARSON,DOROTHY M & BENNETT I;  
 Minnetonka, MN  
 LARSON,GLORIA M;Bemidji, MN  
 LARSON,HAROLD T;Saint Paul, MN  
 LARSON,LINDA L;Blackduck, MN  
 LARSON,NANCY J;Dewey, AZ  
 LAWHEAD,VICTOR B;Muncie, IN  
 LAWSON,EDWARD & JONNA;Leesburg, FL  
 LAWSON,HEIDI & JOANNA;Leesburg, FL  
 LAWSON,JOANNA M;Leesburg, FL  
 LEE,G RICHARD;St Francis, MN  
 LEE,PAMELA D;Onalaska, WI  
 LEFEVRE,SPRING;Bovey, MN  
 LEHN,ALLEN;Northome, MN  
 LEMCKE,ALICE;Bigfork, MN  
 LEON,CESAR;Los Angeles, CA  
 LEWANDOWSKI,FRANK;Zimmerman, MN  
 LEWIS,RAYMOND & LINDA;Zim, MN  
 LICHTSCHEIDL,JOHN J;Hibbing, MN  
 LINDER,LEN;Princeton, MN  
 LINDHOLT,VIRGIL L;Hoyt Lakes, MN  
 LINDLEY,CHAD ;Northome, MN  
 LINDSTROM,LEROY ;Pine City, MN  
 LINK,SUE ANN;Hollister, MO  
 LITTLE DIPPER CO/NEIL  
 TORBENSON;;Ocala, FL  
 LODIEN,RUBY ;Minneapolis, MN  
 LOFF,MELVIN & BETTY;Saint Paul, MN  
 LOFGREN,RONALD D;Saint Paul, MN  
 LOSO,JANICE L;Blaine, MN  
 LOVE,MICHAEL;Stockwell, IN  
 LUBBERS,MARGE K;Cold Spring, MN  
 LUKENBILL,FORREST;Northome, MN  
 LUNDBERG,DARREN;Proctor, MN  
 LUNDY,DANIEL L;Deer River, MN  
 LUOTO,DONALD E;Loveland, CO  
 MACKI,DARLENE;Squaw Lake, MN  
 MAGAARD,H WILLIAM OR NANCY M;  
 Bella Vista, AZ  
 MAINQUIST,AUDREY;Buffalo, MN  
 MAISH,GREG;Beloit, WI  
 MAJEWski,RICHARD OR  
 DARLENE;Norridge, IL  
 MAKI,LARRY;Deer River, MN  
 MARCH,DONALD J;Plover, WI  
 MARTIN,JERRY R (MR & MRS);Gurnee, IL  
 MASSEY,ROBERT E;Lady Lake, FL  
 MATHES,KATHRYN A;Rosemount, MN  
 MATHISEN,JACK E;Grand Rapids, MN  
 MATOSICH,RICHARD;Arnold, MO  
 MATOUS,JOSEPH H;Waterloo, IA  
 MATTESON,DELBERT;Spring Lake, MN  
 MATTILA,VIOLA ;Houston, TX  
 MAXWELL,DONALD F;Effie, MN  
 MAZZARA,ANTHONY;Saint Paul, MN  
 MCCABE,JOHN L;Minneapolis, MN  
 MCCALL,JOHN B;Spring Lake, MN  
 MCCLURE,JILL J;Littleton, CO  
 MCCULLOCH,DAVID L;Grand Rapids, MN  
 MCCULLOCH,ROY A;Bigfork, MN  
 MCDERMOTT,JEANINE S;Kelliher, MN  
 MCLEAN,MERILYN O;Helena, MT  
 MCMILLEN,KENNETH;Silver Bay, MN  
 MEDLER,DENNIS;Ottawa, IL  
 MESCHKE,MARVIN F;Minneapolis, MN  
 MEYER,DENNIS R;Roseville, MN  
 MICHALICEK,MIKE;Blackduck, MN  
 MICHALKO,JAMES A;Minnetonka, MN  
 MIELKE,PAUL A;Delano, MN  
 MIKA,ASTER;Bemidji, MN  
 MILLER,BERNARD H;Mesa, AZ  
 MILLER,SUSAN;Bigfork, MN  
 MILNER,ROBERT L;Minneapolis, MN  
 MITCHELL,RICHARD L;Scandia, MN  
 MIZIA,HELEN L;Kallispell, MT  
 MIZIA,RICHARD S;Kallispell, MT  
 MOE,ELMER A;Grand Rapids, MN  
 MOEN,PAUL O;Webster, MN  
 MONROE,STERLING;Castle Rock, CO  
 MOONE,LOLITA;International Falls, MN  
 MOORE,KENNETH;Saint Cloud, MN  
 MOORE,PHILIP OR TONI;Grand Rapids, MN  
 MORLOCK,DOROTHY L;Villa Park, IL  
 MORRISON,BUD;Kingsport, TN  
 MOTTER,BETTY L;Deer River, MN  
 MULFORD,BEVERLY J;Duluth, MN  
 MULVEY,FRANK L;Saint Paul, MN  
 MURPHY,MICHAEL W;Green Valley, AZ  
 MURSCHEL,DONALD ;Coon Rapids, MN  
 MUSSEHL,JOHN;Bigfork, MN  
 MYLLYKANGAS,JOHN R;Hutchinson, MN  
 MYLLYKANGAS,ROBERT H;  
 Hutchinson, MN  
 NAPIERALSki,RONALD D;Essex, MD  
 NEARY,JENNIE OR TED;Hibbing, MN  
 NEARY,TED;Hibbing, MN  
 NEI,RONALD;Effie, MN  
 NELSON,BILLY J;Roseau, MN  
 NELSON,GENA;Squaw Lake, MN  
 NELSON,ROGER E;Minneapolis, MN  
 NELSON ,OLGA M;Williston, ND  
 NELSON III,JOSEPH;Hillman, MN  
 NEWMAN JR,ERNEST C;Effie, MN  
 NEWSTROM,DALE & LAVERNE;Duluth, MN  
 NEWTON,FRANK A ;West Allis, WI  
 NIELSEN,EDMUND & VICTORIA;  
 Oakdale, MN  
 NIX,DENNIS A;Cohasset, MN  
 NORE TOWN HALL;;Northome, MN  
 NORTHOME HEALTHCARE CENTER;;  
 Minneapolis,MN  
 NORTHOME NURSING  
 HOME;;Minneapolis, MN  
 NOVAK,EUGENE J;Deer River, MN  
 NUGENT,JOHN R;Webster, MN  
 NUSBAUM,MAX J;Columbia City, IN  
 NYGREN,CATHERINE C;Chanhassen, MN  
 NYMAN,MURIEL D;Eagan, MN

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O'BRIEN, THOMAS N; Oakdale, MN  
 O'BRIEN, WALLACE J; Chicago, IL  
 O'CONNOR, CHARLES ; Wells, MN  
 OELKER, KARL E; Roseville, MN  
 OESTREICH, LEONARD D; Tacoma, WA  
 OGAMA CAMP; Lancaster, CA  
 OGEMA, ARNIE; Deer River, MN  
 O'LEARY, MARY ANN; Bloomington, MN  
 OLLILA, RUTH; Fridley, MN  
 OLSON ,BRENDA; Blackduck, MN  
 OLSON ,DAVID D & BETTY M; Northome, MN  
 OLSON ,E I; Golden Valley, MN  
 OLSON ,ELROY & PEGGY; Bemidji, MN  
 OLSON ,ELROY B; Bemidji, MN  
 OLSON ,FLORENCE B; Altoona, WI  
 OLSON ,GORDON W; Watertown, MN  
 OLSON ,J ROGER; Orlando, FL  
 OLSON ,KENNETH M; White Bear Lake, MN  
 OLSON ,LEONE E; Bemidji, MN  
 OLSON ,MICHAEL J; Deer River, MN  
 O'NEILL, LARRY; Chicago, IL  
 OSSENFORT, ELEANOR; Fort Collins, CO  
 OSWOOD, MARY JO; Cohasset, MN  
 OTTO, HELEN; South Haven, MN  
 OUR CAMP; Minnetonka, MN  
 OVERMAN, WALTER WAYNE; Northome, MN  
 PAATELA, BRUCE; Deer River, MN  
 PADGETT, JAMES ; Remer, MN  
 PANCHOT, ARLAND J; Jamestown, ND  
 PARKER, WILLIAM O; Bigfork, MN  
 PARKIN, WILLIAM G; New Brighton, MN  
 PARKS, LARRY L; Bigfork, MN  
 PARSON, PATRICK OR ETHEL; Deer River, MN  
 PARSON, VICTOR ; Bovey, MN  
 PASSERI, ROBERT; Bemidji, MN  
 PAULICK, WILLIAM H & PATRICIA;  
 Castle Rock, CO  
 PAVER, JOHN A; Hibbing, MN  
 PEARSON, RAMONA; Omega, MN  
 PEARSON, RAMONA; Detroit Lakes, MN  
 PECK, CAROL A; Grand Rapids, MN  
 PEEK, LENARD; Northome, MN  
 PEINE, MARK; Saint Paul, MN  
 PELTO, ROBERT; Hibbing, MN  
 PERKINS, JOY M; Mizpah, MN  
 PETERSON, BEVERLY JOYCE; Cloquet, MN  
 PETERSON, DORIS M; Grand Rapids, MN  
 PETERSON, HAROLD A; Sheyenne, ND  
 PETERSON, LEE W; Littlefork, MN  
 PETERSON, MELDA; Austin, MN  
 PETERSON, ROBERT C; Bedford, TX  
 PETERSON, STEVEN ; Deer River, MN  
 PETERSON, TODD; Pine River, MN  
 PETITT, M L; Marshalltown, IA  
 PETRA, JANICE; Royalton, MN  
 PETROWSKE, JONATHAN; Washkish, MN  
 PIEKARSKI, RONALD M; Brainerd, MN  
 PIERSON, DELORIS; Maricopa, AZ  
 POGUE, ROGER R & JOYCE A; Alexandria, VA  
 PONDELIC, CHARLES; Riverside, IL  
 PORTER, PAMELA JO; Effie, MN  
 POTTER, JAMES R; Rogers, MN  
 POWERS, JAMES E; Coon Rapids, MN  
 PREDOVICH, PETER; Crown Point, IN  
 PROBST, MYRTLE; Grand Rapids, MN  
 PROSSER, DON E; Redding, CA  
 PUSKALA, ARNE; Excelsior, MN  
 PYOTT, CHERI; Rochester Hills, MI  
 RAAB, STEVE L; Sartell, MN  
 RAMIREZ, MANUEL S; Minneapolis, MN  
 RANDALL, LESTER; St Joseph, MN  
 RAPER, JOHN; Morocco, IN  
 RATHJEN, ELMER L; Austin, MN  
 REED, WALLACE B; Hines, MN  
 REGNIER, LAWRENCE; Forest Lake, MN  
 REIGEL, CLARA ; Grand Rapids, MN  
 REINEN, LINDA; Grand Rapids, MN  
 REITAN, KATHLEEN MARY; Minneapolis, MN  
 RENCHIN, DALE; Austin, MN  
 RETHAMEL, KATHLEEN; Spring Lake, MN  
 RICHMOND, DARRELL; Harlan, IN  
 RICHMOND, REX; Harlan, IN  
 RINK, JOHN W; Blackduck, MN  
 RISLAND, DAVID A; Brooklyn Park, MN  
 RITCHIE, DAVID; Laferia, TX  
 ROBERTSON, TROY M; Pine Island, MN  
 ROBINSON, EARLENE; Bemidji, MN  
 ROBINSON, LUCY; Bemidji, MN  
 ROCHE, DANIEL M; St Paul, MN  
 ROGALLA, CONNIE; Cohasset, MN  
 ROGALLA, ROBERT; Pine City, MN  
 ROGERS, MARVIN JAMES; Squaw Lake, MN  
 ROSENBUSH, HAZEL M; Andover, MN  
 ROSEWALL, WALLACE E; Virginia, MN  
 RUD, KAREN ; Albertville, MN  
 RUSHMAN, DEBI; Deer River, MN  
 RUSHMAN, LAVINA; Northome, MN  
 RUSHMAN SR, DELBERT W; Deer River, MN  
 RUST, HAROLD; Wayzata, MN  
 RUTGERSON, JAMES R; Minnetonka, MN  
 RYDEN, JOHN; Two Harbors, MN  
 SALTS, RALPH & INA; Veedersburg, IN  
 SAND, LEIF; Duluth, MN  
 SANDERS, DEBRA JANE; Cloquet, MN  
 SAVICH JR, DAN ; Blackduck, MN  
 SAVUKOSKI, PAUL; Chandler, AZ  
 SAWYER, PHILLIP W; International Falls, MN  
 SCHAEFER, WILLIAM; Bloomington, MN  
 SCHIEMANN, RALPH F; Green Valley, AZ  
 SCHMAKEL, DELORES M; Waconia, MN  
 SCHMIDT, ROBERT C; Bemidji, MN  
 SCHMIDT, STEVEN D; Pine City, MN  
 SCHMIDT, WAYNE A; New Prague, MN  
 SCHMIEDL, RICHARD; Bigfork, MN  
 SCHMITT, GARY L; Minneapolis, MN  
 SCHMITZ, JAMES G; Skillman, NJ  
 SCHMITZ, JOHN F; Motley, MN  
 SCHOLLJEGERDES, JIM ; Faribault, MN  
 SCHUMACHER, RUSSELL; Bovey, MN  
 SCHWALBE, STEVEN C; Minneapolis, MN  
 SCHWARTZ, BOB; Bovey, MN  
 SEIFERT, LINUS G; Andover, MN  
 SEIVER, CLYDE F; Rogers, AR  
 SELIN, CARL W; Grand Rapids, MN  
 SELLERS, JOEL THOMAS; Waukeg, IA  
 SHANNON, JOHN; Hibbing, MN  
 SHANNON, JOHN E; Baudette, MN  
 SHEARS, JUDITH; Talmoon, MN  
 SHELBY, ESEL A; Minneapolis, MN  
 SHERDON, HERBERT J; Lincoln, NE  
 SHERMAN, BERNICE A; Thompsonville, IL  
 SHERRARD, AUDREY; Caledonia, IL  
 SHERWOOD, SHAWN; Washington, IA  
 SHIELL, WENDELL C; Edina, MN  
 SHISLER, BILL OR DORIS; Duluth, MN  
 SHULTZ, BYRON J; San Clemente, CA  
 SIATS, JOHN F; Bemidji, MN  
 SIEBERT, KENNETH OR DONNA; Virginia, MN  
 SIEGEL, MARION; Melrose, MN  
 SIRO, HARLAND; Grand Rapids, MN  
 SILLIMAN, WILLIAM B; Bigfork, MN  
 SIMMONS, KRISI; Shoreview, MN  
 SIMON, DOROTHY; Myrtle Beach, SC  
 SIMONSON, LEROY B; New Hope, MN  
 SIMPSON, L E; Winchester, MA  
 SINNEN, ALBERT R; Chaska, MN  
 SLATTERY, MICHAEL D; Grand Rapids, MN  
 SMALKOSKI, HENRY J; Eagan, MN  
 SMIT, DORA SUE; Hampton, IA  
 SMITH, DAVID M; Duluth, MN  
 SMITH, DONALD ; Kerrick, MN  
 SMITH, JAMES R; Bigfork, MN  
 SMITH, ROGER; Big Falls, MN  
 SMITH, SANDRA L; Hines, MN  
 SNELL, MARIE; Soldotna, AK  
 SNOW, DONALD L; Grand Rapids, MN  
 SNYDER, MARGARITA A; Laveen, AZ  
 SOBALVARN QUAST, MELISA R; St Paul, MN  
 SOLUM, EDLO C; Minnetonka, MN  
 SOMERO, KEVIN H; Brooklyn Park, MN  
 SONSTEBY, JOHN T; Annandale, MN  
 SORQUIST, TERRY; Bemidji, MN  
 SOSA, BARBARA M; Edinburg, TX  
 SOVA, JAMES W; St Cloud, MN  
 SPECTRE CORP; Coleraine, MN  
 STATTINE, JOSEPH E; Anoka, MN  
 STEIGER, HERBERT ; Bettendorf, IA  
 STEINBACH, DEBRA L; Grand Rapids, MN  
 STEINMAUS, KAREN; Port Townsend, WA  
 STENSURUD, HOMER & HELEN; Fargo, ND  
 STEPHENS, BILL & CAROL;  
 Huntington Beach, CA  
 STERNAL, JAMES R; Bigfork, MN  
 STEVENS, DENNIS M; Rochester, MN  
 STEVENS, DWAYNE &  
 VERONICA; Bovey, MN  
 STEVENS, EVELYN ; Bemidji, MN  
 STEVENS, NORMAN H; Omaha, NE  
 STORZBACH, JOE; Mizpah, MN  
 STRAUBRIDGE, VINCENT F; Lakeland, FL  
 STRAUSSER, GUS; Minneapolis, MN  
 STREIER, RANDALL; Bigfork, MN  
 SURA, BARBARA T; Grand Rapids, MN  
 SUTHERLAND, DEBRA L; Grand Rapids, MN  
 SWANSON, BERNET S; Marcell, MN  
 SWANSON, DEAN M; Rogers, MN  
 SWEETNAM, KEVIN P; Rcho Sta Marg, CA  
 SWENSON, ORTEN; DeGraff, MN  
 SZWAJKOWSKI, TIM R; Lake Village, IN  
 TALBERG, FLOYD K; Grand Rapids, MN  
 TALCOTT, PHILLIP (MRS); Merrifield, MN  
 TATUM, GERALD M; Mason City, IA  
 TEETERS, RICHARD C; Stillwater, MN  
 TENDALL, JOHN S; Grass Valley, CA  
 TENDALL, JOHN S; Pacifica, CA  
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**Roxanne's Sales Talk**

*by Roxanne Prather, Member Services Representative*

This last month has gone by so fast it's hard to believe kids are back in school already. I would like to remind everyone to be especially careful at bus stops. Come to a complete stop when the stop arm comes out, not a rolling stop. The bus drivers have a lot of responsibilities to make sure the littles make it across the road safely. We all need to do our part to help!

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Please call or stop in if you have any questions. Call me at (218) 743-3132

**Roxanne's Repair Tips: The dangers in 'assuming'!**

Ever notice your vacuum doesn't seem to be picking up like it used too? When this happens you automatically think it's plugged up or needs to be emptied, right?

Well, that's what I used to think until recently. You see I bought a new vacuum, and it worked great for a week and then I started noticing the suction was getting less and less. I checked where the hose attached to make sure there wasn't something stuck there – that was clear, and the hose was clear also, so

I flipped the vacuum over and made sure the roller was clear. There was some hair on it, so I cleaned that off. I knew that wouldn't have been enough to make it not work right, so I checked to make sure the belt wasn't broken, and it wasn't. I had cleaned and washed the filter, so I thought I had checked everything.

Little did I know there was a second filter that I didn't know about. I guess that is why a person is supposed to read the manual all the way through. I had read some of

it but not all the way through. That one filter makes a huge difference in the performance and plugs up rather quickly. So now I check both filters weekly and love my new vacuum.

Sometimes we just assume that because we use something all the time, like a vacuum or an appliance, that they are alike, and we get tripped up because they are not alike. This was a good reminder for me to not "assume"!

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## WHS-772FWEW1 Regular \$923 SALE \$830.70

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**RF27CG5400SRAA Regular \$ 1662.70 Sale \$1496.43**

Samsung finger print resistant, 27 c.f. 3 door French door counter depth refrigerator with dual ice maker. Door open alarm, reversible door, LED lighting, Wi-Fi connectivity. 4.8 lbs daily ice production. No dispenser on front. 4 adjustable, slide-in, spill proof refrigerator shelves. Full width deli meat drawer, pull out bottom freezer drawer, filtered water.



### Classic Movie Series

by Jack Nachbar coming just a couple of years after Nixon resigned, hit the public hard. It was the second largest movie of the year at the box office. It was also nominated for 8 Academy Awards and won four. Several critics have argued that *All The President's Men* is the greatest journalism movie ever made. When you see it, you may well agree.

What is overly obvious by now is that Journalism is the heart and soul of this years's presidential campaigns. We are shoulder deep in pundits. Ho Hum. October's Classic Movie in Bigfork recalls a moment when political journalism really mattered and two brave reporters unraveled, and put an end to the presidency of Richard Nixon.

*All The President's Men* (1976) stars two of the biggest stars of the 70s, Robert Redford and Dustin Hoffman. They play two reporters for the Washington Post, Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein, the reporters who broke the Watergate break-in scandal and connected it directly to the President. The movie,

*Top Hat* (1935) will be shown at the Edge at 6:30 p.m., November 14.

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### Edge Center Gallery

TWO-MAN SHOW OCT. 10 - NOV. 2

Artist Reception with Appetizers: Fri., Oct. 11, 5-7 p.m.

Gallery hours: Thurs.-Sat. 1-4 p.m.

by Tina Appleby  
 This show features the work of two very different artists, and each contribution is bound to captivate the viewer. Painter David Mataya's "St. Croix Valley to the Chattahoochee" is compositional, derived from objective observations of animals, still-life and people. He notes that although his work is representational, "all art is an

abstraction: a process of reduction that, when successful, lets the eye reward the brain for doing some of the work." Mataya was taught to paint what he sees - "... eyes independent from reason ... (to not) paint what you think you see." That is, his style is to observe objectively, paint accordingly, and to regard his work as a "suitable likeness" if the audience can accurately discern the subject matter.

The photographs of Paul Rome comprise a

series of portraits titled "Creative Spaces". Indeed, these are depictions of artists actually occupying the unique arenas in which their creations come to life. The idea flowed from the fact that when he was a young child, Rome often had the opportunity to watch a sculptor create in a garage that Rome's parents rented out as a workspace. The taking-in of the process, replete with the necessary materials, tools, and smells, resulted in reverence for the artist, yet also a fascination with the necessary "artist-space."

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(top): "Birds on a Wire," by painter David Mataya



(right):



(right) Artist at work-bench by photographer Paul Rome (above).



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# Arts on the Edge

by Sandra LeBanc-Boland

The Edge Center does not have any performances scheduled for October, however, please mark Saturday, Nov. 9, at 7 p.m. to come in and enjoy Bemidji-based Figuring It Out - Abello Acoustics Band, a musical group of siblings and their dad.

When you hear Figuring It Out play, you never know what style they will pull out that day - swing, bluegrass, traditional folk, Celtic, contemporary, Sons of the Pioneers, 50's pop and more. This band loves a wide range of music but generally sticks to acoustic.

Officially established in 2016, the Band has made four albums, including "Figuring It Out" (2018), "Just A Jaunt" (2020), "Fremont Canyon" (2022) and "Smile! You're Alive" (2022). In addition to CDs, the band also has lots of videos from their different performances which you can watch on their website at: [www.figuringitoutbluegrass.com](http://www.figuringitoutbluegrass.com)

The Band includes: Louisa on guitar, piano, accordion and vocals; Olivia on upright bass, cello and vocals; Elijah on the 5-string fiddle, upright bass and vocals; Adelynn on mandolin, banjolin, guitar, upright bass and vocals; Abram on banjo, guitar, upright bass and vocals; Greta on ukulele and vocals; Georgiana on fiddle and vocals; Hazel on guitar and vocals; Gideon on banjo and vocals; and Andy (dad) on fiddle and vocals.

Figuring It Out loves to perform at a variety of different venues, taking each performance as a new adventure.

So take a break from the deer stand, or make this your "alternative to hunting night out"! Either way, we'd love to see you!

Tickets \$15 for adults, \$5 for students. Available at the door or online at: [edgecenterarts.org](http://edgecenterarts.org).

Call (218)743-6670 for further information.

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NOTE that a change to the Senior Driving Program law allows this 4-hour course to be the initial course.

The 8-hour course is no longer a requirement.

**NRECA asks Postal Service to Reconsider Proposal**

by Molly Christian, NRECA staff writer

The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association is asking the U.S. Postal Service to reconsider its proposal to curb evening mail service in rural areas, saying the plan would have a “significant and deleterious impact on America’s electric cooperatives.”

The Aug. 22 proposal is part of a broader USPS effort to cut billions of dollars in annual costs and make the mail carrier’s network more efficient. Among other things, the plan would eliminate evening mail pickup in rural and remote areas and could slow mail service for areas that are more than 50 miles from a large USPS regional processing facility, adding another day of delivery time to mostly first-class mail.

As not-for-profit, consumer-owned organizations, electric co-ops rely on mail to send bills, receive payments, and distribute their magazines to consumer-members, the letter notes. Cooperative mail provides crucial information to members, including notices of annual meetings and director elections and how to participate in energy-saving programs.

“We are committed to providing safe, reliable, affordable electric service,” an NRECA spokesman said. “That requires a safe, reliable, affordable postal service.”

Excerpted from a news release from the NRECA

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**SAIL classes**

For more information or to register (required), contact ElderCircle at (218) 999-9233. New attendees may start anytime. Weights are provided but please bring your own water.

Online schedule:

- Virtual via Zoom video conference  
 Mondays & Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- Virtual via Zoom video conference  
 Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

In person at:

- Bigfork Old Scenic Church  
 Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- Bowstring Town Hall  
 Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:00-11:30 a.m.
- Deer River, Bethany Lutheran  
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The inspectors can be reached weekday mornings between 7:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.



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Tuesdays: Oct. 5, Nov. 5, 26  
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 4:00-5:30 p.m. Bigfork: City Hall

Thursdays: Oct. 17; Nov. 7  
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Mondays: Oct. 14; Nov. 4, 25  
 12:30 -1:00 p.m. Gemmel; Community Church  
 1:45 - 2:30 p.m. Northome; Apartments  
 3:15 - 4:15 p.m. Alvwood; Hoot-n-Holler  
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*Bookmobile or Mail-a-Book information: call Arrowhead Library System at (218) 741-3840*

Community News

Email editor at sedgwick@paulbunyan.net,

~ October Calendar ~

Bigfork

The Bigfork Improvement Group (B.I.G.) will host its Haunted House at the B.I.G. Community Center in Bigfork on Oct. 31 from 4-7 p.m. Free for all ages: but beware! It's spooky!

Marcell

The Marcell Family Center is hosting a Halloween Bash on Oct. 31 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Join us for a frightfully good time! Candy, food, bouncy tent, games, music, bingo, & more! Children must be accompanied by an adult. This is a FREE event.

Talmoon

The Perry-Heide VFW Post 9703 of Talmoon is looking for new members! The Post meets on the second Monday of every month at the Marcell Family Center at 7 p.m. If you are a Veteran, call and find out if you are eligible to join the VFW. Call Mike Kee at (218) 832-3562.

General Interest

On Oct. 3, Itasca Waters will host a "Practical Water Wisdom" webinar at noon. It is free, online, open to all, and includes an interactive Q&A session. The program will be "PFAS in water: How did they get there and why are they so challenging to address?" presented by Iron Range native Dr. Bridget Ulrich, a principal research scientist who leads a research team focused on environmental chemistry at U of M Duluth. Register at https://itascawaters.org/water-wisdom-2024.

When will colors hit their peak in our area? Visit the Department of Natural Resources Fall Color Finder for a map of current fall color in the state plus an interactive projection of how colors will progress, based on 13 years of past data. Visit www.dnr.state.mn.us/fall\_colors for a fascinating look at this year's color show and upload your own photos!



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Fri: 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Sat: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

- 2 "The Club I Never Wanted to Join" breast cancer support group meets 3:30 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in the chapel, south entrance, Grand Rapids. More info with Lynn (218) 832-3612, lynn\_ettl@msn.com.
3 "Practical Water Wisdom" online programs over the lunch hour, register at ItascaWaters.org. October program: "PFAs in Water: How did they get there and why are they so challenging to address?" with Dr. Bridget Ulrich.
8 Stop & Stitch meets at the Marcell Family Center the 2nd Tuesday of every month, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. More info, call Debbie at (218) 360-1503.
8 Bigfork City Council at City Hall, 5:30 p.m.
9 ISD 363 South Koochiching-Rainy River School Board meeting, 7 p.m..
10 Classic Movies presents All The President's Men (1976) with Robert Redford and Dustin Hoffman. Showing at 6:30 p.m. at the Edge Center. Free.
11 The Edge Center in Bigfork hosts an Artists' Reception from 5-7 p.m. for painter David Mataya and photographer Paul Rome. The exhibit runs from Oct. 10 - Nov. 2. The Edge Gallery is open 1-4 p.m. Thursday-Saturday.
14 Women of the Woods meet at 10 a.m. at Sand Lake Community Center. Call Pat Sievertson at (218) 659-2157.
14 Columbus Day/Indigenous People's Day
14 Effie City Council meets at Effie Community Center, 6 p.m.
14 Blackduck ISD 32 School Board meets, 6 p.m. in the Media Center.
15 Jessie Lake Lutheran free community meal 4-6 p.m. October meal is lasagna.
16 Energy Transition Community Town Hall hosted by the Itasca Economic Development Corp. in Bigfork City Hall 12-2 p.m. and at S Lake LIC Community Center, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
16 Stitch-n-Bitch meets at the B.I.G. Community Center in Bigfork the 3rd Wednesday of every month, 5-7 p.m. More info, call Krista at (218) 410-2258
17-18 No school, all schools, MEA conference
18 Annual Cow/Calf and Horse Sale at the sale barn just north of Bigfork on Co Rd. 42, 12 noon All consignments of livestock welcome Concessions available.
19 Harvest Festival at Spring Lake Store, 1-3 p.m
21 ISD 318 School Board meeting at Administrative Board Room, 601 SW 7th St, Grand Rapids or at watchictv.org, 6 p.m. Open Forum, 6:30 p.m. Meeting.
21 ISD 317 School Board meets at Deer River HS, 6 p.m. Public forum 5:45 p.m.
22 Northwoods Quilters meet 4th Tuesday at Marcell Town Hall, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m..Show 'n Tell and quilting techniques. Contact starr5848@arvig.net
22 North Itasca Electric hosts a panel discussion on nuclear energy and its pros and cons, 1:30 p.m. in Marcell, Minn. at the Marcell Family Center.

The public is invited.

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

29 Bigfork Valley Hospital board meets in public meeting, 9 a.m.

31 Trick or Treat through the Haunted House at the B.I.G. Community Center in Bigfork, 4 -7 p.m. Free for all ages.

31 Halloween Bash at the Marcell Family Center, 5-7:30 p.m. Children First! free family event.

NOVEMBER

2 Bigfork PTA hosts a Craft and Vendor Event, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Bigfork School

3 Daylight Savings ends, set clocks back one hour.

Area Church Directory

Table with 3 columns listing church names, addresses, and phone numbers. Includes churches like Alwood Community Church, First Presbyterian Church, Old Scenic Community Church, etc.

Church directory sponsored by North Itasca Electric Cooperative, send changes to editor, sedgwick@paulbunyan.net

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## Bigfork hears about increased OSHA rules

by Sally Sedgwick

At the September 10 meeting of the Bigfork City Council, Fire Chief Drew Francisco said new regulations from OSHA for fire departments are extensive, with almost 800 additional pages. Including is more training for officers, limits on the age of equipment, etc. There is some state funding available for training.

A public hearing was held to vacate city street rights of way that were located under Sam's Place.

There are two vacancies on the Planning Commission. Interested residents should contact City Hall.

The council approved a preliminary 2025 levy proposal of \$202,610.70.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 8 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Excerpted from an article in Scenic Range News Forum

## Bigfork Valley Hospital lowers levy

At its Sept. 24 meeting, the Bigfork Valley Board of Directors voted to lower its district levy for payable 2025 taxes. The final levy certified is \$975,000, a 2.5% decrease from 2024. Hospital Districts are required to certify a final levy by Sept. 30.

There was active discussion on the topic before the decision was made. The past year has seen onboarding of a new CEO, and the next few years will require capital expenditures for technology and equipment upgrades, addition of specialty services and enhancements to the nursing home communities. However, the board intends to decrease the levy as financials permit, and this reduction is a first step toward that goal.

The next regular meeting of the board is Tuesday, Oct. 29 at 9 a.m.

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### Joe's Fresh Cucumber Pickles

Thank you to Richard Lacher for this October recipe!

Score (with a fork) and slice very thin unpeeled cucumber - about 2 quarts.

Add: Sweet onion sliced thin then add 2+ Tablespoons salt and water to cover. Soak overnight.

Drain next day and wash out salt.

Boil together:

- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup vinegar
- 1 teaspoon parsley flakes
- 1 teaspoon celery seed
- 1 teaspoon dill weed
- Juice of 1 lemon

Cool. Pour over cucumbers and store in refrigerator.



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## GRE has a diverse resource portfolio

Minnesota is one of several states that has enacted legislation to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from electric utilities. The state's carbon-free standard requires that 90% of electric utilities' retail sales be provided by carbon-free power supply by 2035.

### Core renewable energy portfolio

Great River Energy has more than 950 megawatts of wind energy from eight large wind farms in the Midwest to serve its members. The cooperative has plans to double its wind energy capacity over the next few years.

### Dispatchable peaking plants

Natural gas, although a fossil fuel, produces fewer emissions than coal and has been instrumental in GRE's ability to embrace renewables without sacrificing reliability and safety. GRE's largest peaking plants also have back-up fuel oil on site which provides year-round flexibility to operate in all conditions.

### Diverse generation mix

GRE owns and operates Spiritwood Station, a flexible fuel plant in North Dakota that blends coal and natural gas to produce baseload power. GRE also contracts

with Rainbow Energy in North Dakota for 550 MW of electricity to meet demand and energy needs while it develops new wind resources.

### Energy storage technology

The cooperative is partnering with Form Energy on a pilot project to deploy a long-duration, iron-air battery next year that can provide electricity for up to 100 hours. This technology could potentially allow GRE to store excess energy generated from renewable sources during periods of high production, and then discharge it during times of low generation.



## LET'S TALK ENERGY TRANSITION

The Just Transition Taskforce will be hosting Community Town Halls to provide information about our work and gain valuable insights and ideas from members of six different communities in Itasca County about energy transition and what is being done to get prepared! We will host these sessions over two series of three townhalls.

<h3>SEPTEMBER SERIES</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Nashwauk City Hall</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Sept. 25th, 2024   5:30 - 7:30 PM</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Itasca County Family YMCA</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Sept. 26th, 2024   12:00 - 2:00 PM</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Deer River High School Commons</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Sept. 26th, 2024   5:30 - 7:30 PM</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<h3>OCTOBER SERIES</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cohasset Community Center</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Oct. 15th, 2024   4:30 - 6:30 PM</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Bigfork City Hall</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Oct. 16th, 2024   12:00 - 2:00 PM</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>S.Lake LIC Community Center</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Oct. 16th, 2024   5:30 - 7:30 PM</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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