



Raise your hand if you know the answers to the questions of this electrical safety quiz!

May is Electrical Safety Month. Test your electrical safety IQ. Answers are the end of the story.

1. The most dangerous place to use electrical equipment is where?

- A. indoors.
- B. outdoors.
- C. near water.
- D. near other electrical equipment.

2. Where does electricity always want to go, even if it means traveling through a person? _____

3. The safest ladder to use around electricity is?

- A. wood.
- B. fiberglass.
- C. aluminum.
- D. a step stool.

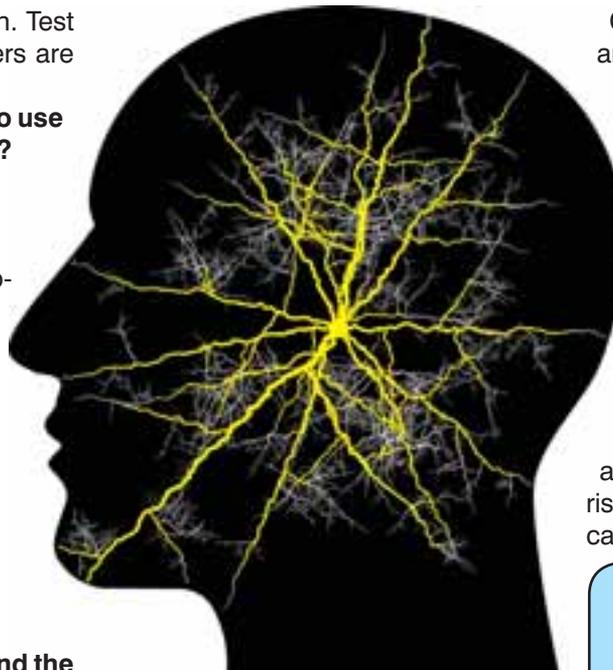
4. The earth, water, concrete and the human body are all conductors of electricity. True or False

5. The effects of an electrical shock on the body depend upon all of the following except:

- A. current.
- B. path.
- C. duration.
- D. body weight.

6. Injuries from electricity can include which of the following?

- A. electric shock that may or may not result in electrocution.
- B. falls.



- C. burns.
 - D. all of the above.
- 7. Flammable materials can easily be ignited by _____ electricity.**
- 8. When should power tools and extension cords be inspected?**
- _____
- 9. Flexible cords can be used in the workplace:**
- A. as a substitute for permanent wiring.
 - B. if they are run behind walls to reduce the chance of abrasion and damage.

C. if heavy or extra heavy-duty cords are needed for temporary purposes.

D. if any obvious splices are repaired with electrical tape.

10. Fuses and circuit breakers are designed to protect people from shocks. True or False

How did you score? Check below. 8-10 right — you are an electrical safety guru! 6-8 right — you know a fair amount; now you know more! 4-6 right — raise your awareness to stay safe around electricity. Less than 4 right — you are perhaps taking unnecessary risks with electricity. Learn to be more careful.

May Safety Month Answers

1. C
2. *Electricity always wants to travel to ground, which will complete the circuit.*
3. B
4. True.
5. D
6. D
7. *Static electricity can easily ignite a flammable material.*
8. *Inspect power tools and extension cords before using.*
9. C
10. *False. Fuses and circuit breakers protect machinery and electrical systems.* Ⓢ

At A Glance



Brown County
Rural Electrical
Association

Operation Round Up scholarships awarded!

Check out Page 4 for BCREA's first five Operation Round Up scholarship winners. Students applied for the \$200 scholarships. The Trust Board then made their selection after reviewing the applications.

Study on cold climate air source heat pumps reduced the heating costs up to 54%! Ka-ching!

"How low can you go?" is a common phrase in limbo, but it now applies to the next generation of air source heat pumps.

Ducted cold-climate air source heat pumps (ccASHPs) now go down to 5° to 10° F. Previously, heat pumps went down to around 20-30°. An ASHP uses a refrigerant system involving a compressor, condenser and evaporator to absorb heat at one place and then release it at another. While an ASHP work like a central air conditioner in the summertime, with a reversing valve it can absorb heat from outside air and transfer it indoors.

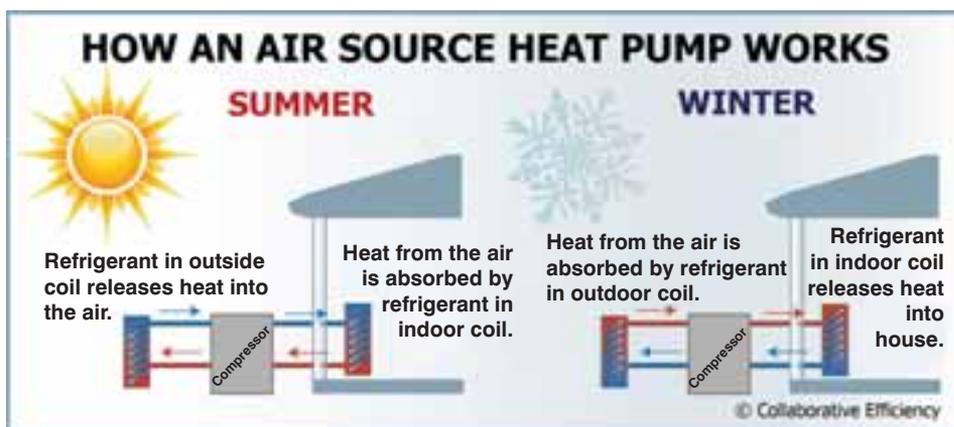
A recent study by the Center for Energy and Environment (CEE) studied ducted cold climate air source heat pumps on four homes in Minnesota. The grant was funded by the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Great River Energy and the Electric Power Research Institute.

The units installed in four homes varied in sizes from three to five tons and were:

- Carrier Infinity with Greenspeed
- Bryant Extreme heat pump
- Trane XV20i

These heat pumps were paired with LP furnaces with a variable speed fan as backup running below 10° F. The annual energy use was then studied at the four sites.

Results showed energy savings from 37 percent to 54 percent for the homes' energy consumption, which reduced heating costs from 28 percent to 54 percent. Plus, the ccAHSPs met 84 percent of the homes' heating load. This translated into an average of 64 percent



Is your central air system so old you can't remember when it was installed? That's probably a sign you should install a new cooling system, but go with an air source heat pump instead for energy-efficient cooling and heating too. Check out the cooperative's larger summer rebates for added savings.

less propane use a year, typically using one LP tank of fuel a year. Thus, energy savings for each home ranged from \$358 to \$767 a year.

The average installation cost for a ccASHP with an LP condensing furnace in this study was \$14,000. National studies show that the average cost would be \$10,340; this breaks down to about \$6,340 for a ducted ccASHP with \$4,000 for a new condensing LP furnace (92 percent efficient) with a multi-stage fan. Compare that to a new central air, which would cost about \$5,540.

One way to look at that would be if the furnace or central air needs replacement, the payback with a new ccASHP would be six years from the energy savings. Factor in your electric cooperative's ASHP rebate to increase the savings, along with the \$300 federal energy-efficiency

tax incentive.

One control option's dynamic controls allow the homeowner to program in fuel costs for electricity and LP so it looks at costs and operates in the cheaper mode.

Before buying your next central air, go with a more efficient ccASHP that works year-round to save you money. For more information on this study go to mncee.org and click on research projects.

In addition, check out your cooperative's larger incentives this summer for air source heat pumps. These larger rebates cover some of the price difference between a central air and air source heat pump. You also gain energy-efficient heating this way. See Page 4 for details. Be sure to visit with the cooperative's energy expert to learn about the benefits of ASHPs, especially cold climate units.

The SentryPal travels with you to help keep you safe

Heartland Security, a subsidiary of your electric co-op, offers a variety of medical alerts to help keep seniors independent in their homes. One type of alert is a SentryPal Mobile Personal Emergency Response System or a GPS medical alert.

The SentryPal GPS medical alert system is lightweight and water-resistant. The pager-like unit can be worn on a lanyard or in a belt-clip holder. When there is an emergency, push the button and the two-way voice communication connects you with the response center that can send help.

A SentryPal GPS medical alert system can be installed temporarily or permanently; no long-term contracts apply. Pay a one-time installation fee



Security with GPS travels with you. The SentryPal calls for help, but requires a good cell phone signal.

of \$45 and then a monthly monitoring fee of \$49.95.

The unit must be charged every night and should be tested monthly. Because the SentryPal GPS medical alert system uses cellular, satellite and mapping systems that are beyond Heartland Security's control, you may not have service in certain areas.

For nearly 20 years Heartland Security has installed residential and commercial alarm systems and medical alerts for more than 8,000 customers in central, western and southern Minnesota, plus northern Iowa. For more information about their medical alerts please call 1-888-264-6380 or visit Heartland Security's website at www.heartlandss.com. ☎

Safety

Some things don't go together, like water and electricity

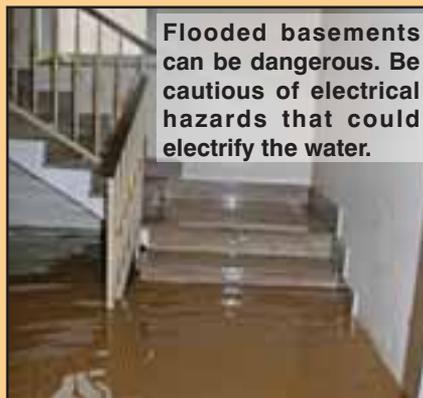
So your daughter just brought home her boyfriend from college and to say the least, you are not impressed. As you endure a weekend of having him around, you can't help but think, "These two just don't go together!" Quite frankly, no one will ever be good enough for your daughter, but that's another story.

So, as you head to the basement to escape his laugh that grates on every nerve, you step into a pool of water on the bottom step. Yup, your basement has water flowing like you were filling up a bathtub. Welcome to spring in Minnesota!

Just as you can't help but think your daughter should not be dating this guy, the same goes for the water in your basement with all of your electrical appliances. "These two just don't go together!"

So, if you find yourself in this predicament, know these safe actions.

1. Be aware that submerged outlets or electrical cords may energize standing water. Do not enter a flooded area until it has been determined safe by a professional.



Flooded basements can be dangerous. Be cautious of electrical hazards that could electrify the water.

2. Do not touch a circuit breaker or replace a fuse with wet hands or while standing on a wet surface.

3. Have an electrician inspect electrical appliances that were wet; do not turn on or plug in appliances unless an electrician tells you it is safe. A trained professional may be able to recondition some devices, while others will require replacement.

All electrical equipment, panels, switch gear, motor control centers, boilers and boiler controls, electric motors, transformers, receptacles, switches, light fixtures, electric heaters and appliances such as water heaters, ovens, ranges and

dishwashers that were submerged need to be replaced or repaired by the original manufacturer or an approved representative.

Electrical wiring may require replacement depending on the type of wire or cable and the extent of the damage.

4. All breakers, fuses, disconnect switches, ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCI), Arc Fault Circuit Interrupters and surge protective devices that were submerged must be replaced. No method insures these life safety devices will operate as intended once exposed to water.

5. To reduce the risk of shock from using electrical appliances in wet locations, ensure your wet/dry vacuum or other equipment is plugged into an outlet that uses a GFCI.

6. If your home experienced flooding, depending to what extent, keep the power off until an electrician inspects your system for safety.

As for the boyfriend, trust that you raised your daughter to come to her senses sooner than later. If not, welcome him into the family! ☎

Brown County Briefs

Look for the Energy Star



Just a reminder that proof of Energy Star certification is necessary for appliance and lighting rebates. Please submit a copy of your sales receipt, the Energy Star label and proof of appliance recycling. Reminder, members are eligible for one appliance rebate per year.

Twins Play Ball! Clinic May 12



Teach your kids some baseball skills with BCREA and the Sleepy Eye Community Ed program. They are teaming up with the Minnesota Twins to offer a free Twins Play Ball! youth clinic Saturday, May 12 at Burnside Park in Sleepy Eye.

Youth ages 6-9 are scheduled from 9-10:30 a.m. and ages 10-13 should come from 10:30-noon.

There is no cost to participate. The program is presented in partnership with Great River Energy, which is made up of BCREA and 27 other rural electric cooperatives in Minnesota.

Created to promote baseball and softball, the clinic provides hands-on instruction for boys and girls ages 6-13. No registration is required, but youth must sign a waiver at the clinic. The Twins will provide safe and youth-friendly equipment for kids, but participants are asked to bring their own gloves to learn throwing, hitting and fielding skills. So come PlayBall! May 12 with the Twins!

Memorial Day

The BCREA office will be closed Monday, May 28 in observance of Memorial Day. ☎️

Round Up Trust Board awards first scholarships



The BCREA Trust Board selected five high school seniors to receive the first annual Operation Round Up scholarships at its April 4 meeting. The \$200 scholarships winners were:

1. Samantha Guldan, Cathedral High School, New Ulm, daughter of Dennis Guldan.
2. Katelyn Hauth, Springfield High School, daughter of Roger & Diane Hauth.
3. Kelsie Kosak, Sleepy Eye St. Mary's High School, daughter of Gary & Shelly Kosak.
4. Branden Kral, New Ulm Public High School, son of Jim & Beth Kral.
5. Kaitlyn Vogel, Springfield High School, daughter of Mike & Christie Vogel.

The students will receive their funds, to be used for educational costs, after successfully completing one semester of college. The Trust Board also distributed \$2,750 to the Brown County 4-H Food Stand, Comfrey School BPA, Sleepy Eye Sportsmens's Club Boating & Bobbers, Comfrey After Prom, Brown County Free Fair and two individuals in crisis. The next Operation

Round Up meeting is August 21. ☎️

Double Down on Air Source Heat Pump Rebates



It's the best of both worlds. Air source heat pumps provide home cooling and supplemental heating with 72% less electricity than conventional air conditioners and furnaces.



	Regular Rebate	Promo Rebate
ASHP		
14.5 SEER	\$580	\$1,160
15 SEER	\$680	\$1,360
16+ SEER	\$730	\$1,460

Double rebates available in May, June & July. Heat pump must be on load control to qualify.

ENERGY WISE MN

Limited funds are available and awarded on a first-come, first served basis. Rebate amounts and programs are subject to change without notice. ☎️

Brown County REA holds 81st Annual Meeting



BCREA Board of Directors (left to right): Brad Sprenger, Reuben Kokesch, Jim Hanson, Jim Mickelson, Allen Hanson, Bill Berg, Attorney Robert Hinnenthal receiving plaque, Tom Hayes, Joel Christensen, Greg Mages and CEO Mike Heidemann.

More than 480 members and spouses, employees and guests of Brown County Rural Electrical Association (REA) filled the Sleepy Eye Event Center April 5 for the cooperative's 81st Annual Meeting. A total of 288 members registered at the meeting.

Sister JoAnne Backes, Pastoral Administrator at the Church of St. Paul, Comfrey, shared the invocation. During the business meeting, Board President Jim Mickelson recapped cooperative happenings from the past year. He presented a plaque and expressed appreciation to Attorney Robert Hinnenthal, who is retiring later this year after serving as the co-op's attorney for 34 years.

CEO Mike Heidemann reviewed highlights of the past year, including average outage statistics, which are among the lowest in the state, employee retirements and new hires. He also noted that wholesale power supplier Great River Energy, is already supplying 25 percent renewable energy to Brown County REA and other member cooperatives,

which is ahead of the state mandate of 25 percent by 2025.

The 2017 audited financial report was reviewed by Office Manager Darla Ruschen. Julie Seifert shared her experience serving on the Member Advisory Council, topics addressed at the meetings and the behind the scenes look at the co-op. Katelyn Hauth presented highlights and photos of her trip to Washington, D.C. last June as the cooperative's Rural Electric Youth Tour representative.

Directors were elected in Districts 6, 7 and 9. Incumbents Joel Christensen, Greg Mages and Tom Hayes were each re-elected to three-year terms.

At the organizational meeting which followed, Jim Mickelson was elected President of the Board, Bill Berg was chosen as Vice President and Jim Hanson was elected Secretary/Treasurer. Reuben Kokesch was again selected as Brown County REA's representative on the Great River Energy board. 

BCREA in D.C.



CEO Mike Heidemann, behind left, and Director Tom Hayes, immediate to left of Representative Collin Peterson (at podium) were among a delegation representing electric cooperatives nationwide who visited political leaders in Washington, D.C. in early April. 

Member Advisory Council meeting



Members of the new Member Advisory Council met April 23 for its first of three meetings, which included tours of the REA headquarters. CEO Mike Heidemann explains to part of the group how the co-op's Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) system and Command Center can help alert employees to a power outage for a quick response. 

CTV channel notice for WCCO off Godahl Tower

As of April 16, if you receive CTV service from our Godahl Tower, you cannot receive the WCCO (CBS) signal. CBS no longer allows CTV to retransmit CBS network programming on WCCO at the Godahl Tower. CBS's technical limitations and an inability to reach a mutually agreeable resolution with the necessary parties requires CTV to discontinue WCCO (CBS) on the Godahl Tower.

If you are among those viewers, CBS programming may still be seen on KEYC VHF Channel 12.1. Channel 12.1 is the only CBS option for the foreseeable future. If you are unable to receive Channel 12.1, contact your local antenna service provider.

We are sorry for any inconvenience. Viewers who receive

CTV service from our Frost and Jackson towers can still receive the WCCO (CBS) signal.

If you watch local TV channels, chances are you are watching CTV. CTV is owned and operated by area electric cooperatives and supported by paying subscribers. If you are not a paying subscriber, support CTV today by signing up below. Your subscription fee helps bring basic low-cost, high-definition TV to our region. CTV is also a cooperative. That means it doesn't operate to make money off its customers. It operates to bring the best possible service to its customers. The more paying customers CTV has, the better the service as each member does their part to contribute to the whole. 

CTV Channels		
2.1 TPT 2	11.4 KARE	41.2 QUBO
2.2 TPT MN (Godahl and Frost Towers)	11.5 KARE WX	41.3 ION Life
2.3 TPT Life (Godahl and Frost Towers)	11.6 Justice Network	41.4 SHOP
2.4 TPT Kids	11.7 Quest	41.5 QVC
2.5 TPT WX	16.1 CTV	41.6 HSN
4.1 WCCO 4 (Jackson and Frost Towers)	16.2 Action Channel	45.1 Trinity Broadcasting (Godahl Tower only)
5.1 KSTP	16.3 Heartland	45.2 Hillsong Channel (Godahl Tower only)
5.2 KSTC-TV	16.4 AMGTV	45.3 Smile of a Child (Godahl Tower only)
5.3 MeTV	16.5 BlzTV	45.4 Juice TV (Godahl Tower only)
5.4 Antenna TV	20.6 Vibrant TV	45.5 Enlace TV (Godahl Tower only)
5.6 ThisTV	23.1 WUCW 23	46.1 KDLT HD (Jackson Tower only)
5.7 H&I	23.2 Comet	46.2 COZI TV (Jackson Tower only)
9.1 FOX 9	23.3 Charge Network	
9.2 FOX+	23.4 TBD Network	
9.3 Movies TV (Godahl Tower only)	23.5 GRIT TV	
9.4 Buzzer (Godahl Tower only)	23.6 CTV Two (Canada) (Godahl Tower only)	
9.5 Light TV (Godahl Tower only)	24.1 Rev'n (Godahl Tower only)	
9.9 KMSP (Godahl Tower only)	31.1 Retro TV (Godahl Tower only)	
	35.1 LAFF TV	
	40.1 YouToo	
	41.1 ION TV	

I want to support CTV

_____ Bill me \$8 monthly on my electric bill. I'm a member of (circle one): Brown County Rural Electric, Sleepy Eye; Federated Rural Electric, Jackson.

_____ I have a seasonal residence at _____.

I am interested in paying a prorated amount of \$48 a year.

Name _____ 

Address _____

Phone _____

Mail to your electric co-op or include with your bill payment.

Teachers: earn two continuing education credits

The Lignite Energy Council will conduct an education seminar June 11-14 for approximately 130 elementary and secondary teachers. Participants can receive two credits from the University of North Dakota, North Dakota State University or Minot State University.

The seminar will be held at Bismarck State College, Bismarck, ND. It will provide teachers with the information and educational materials to teach their students about how lignite is mined and used to produce electricity for homes, farms and businesses in the Upper Midwest. In addition, the seminar covers lignite's economic impact

on the region, as well as important environmental issues affecting the lignite industry.

This is a no-cost seminar for K-12 teachers in North Dakota, Minnesota, Montana, South Dakota and Iowa. Teachers may incur transportation costs. The Lignite Energy Council provides housing and most meals during the seminar. Graduate credits are paid by the Lignite Energy Council. A \$60 deposit is required to reserve your spot in the seminar. The deposit will be returned to you upon check-in at the Seminar Monday, June 11. Visit <https://lignite.com/events/teachers-seminar> for more information. 

Fix & forget with freezer meals for fast meal time; share recipes

Freezer meals are cool! Make in advance when you have time and freeze it; cook it when you need a fast meal. Share with us your recipes for freezer meals; send to: Editor, Federated Rural Electric, PO Box 69, Jackson MN 56143-0069 or e-mail to christoffer@federatedrea.coop by May 25. Add your name and phone number. Thanks for sharing with us! ☺

Add 'recycle fluorescent bulbs' to your spring do list



State law requires the recycling of fluorescents and compact fluorescent bulbs due to the mercury. Check out these local recycling options.

Brown County

The dates are set for May 9-10. The cost ranges from 50 cents for four-foot fluorescents, 75 cents for CFLs and 8-foot fluorescents. Recycling occurs at:

- Jim's Market (formerly Tauer's), 101 W. Central St., Springfield, May 9 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- New Ulm Steel & Recycling, 218 19th St. S., New Ulm, May 10 from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Questions? Call the Brown County Planning and Zoning office at 507-233-6640.

• McCabe's Ace Hardware, 1200 Main St. E., Sleepy Eye, accepts fluorescents year-round and will dispose of broken bulbs for a fee. Call 507-794-3611 or stop by the store for pricing. They also accept high pressure sodium, mercury vapor and metal halide lamps for a fee.

River View Sanitation (formerly Braun & Borth) will sponsor an Electronics & Appliance Recycling Day, which will include fluorescent bulb recycling, on May 17, from noon-6 p.m. at the Sleepy Eye Baseball parking lot. Fluorescent lamps 8' and under \$1, ballast - PCB \$1/lb. and PCB capacitors \$2/lb. Free appliance recycling (refrigerators, freezers, microwaves, etc.); electronics (computer CPU, printers, VCR, etc.) cost \$10; computer monitors and TVs cost \$15.

Jackson County

Businesses can recycle electronics, fluorescent bulbs and appliances August 17 at the Jackson County Fairgrounds from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1-2 p.m. Residents can recycle electronics, appliances and fluorescent bulbs (LED bulbs do not need to be recycled) August 18 at the Jackson County Fairgrounds 8 a.m to noon. A recycling fee will apply.

Residents may bring fluorescent bulbs to the Jackson County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility (at the County Highway Department on County Road 34) from June to October (first Monday 9 to 11:30 a.m., third Monday from 2 to 4:30 p.m. or the third Saturday 9 to 11 a.m.). Electronics not accepted at HHW; bring to the Fairgrounds August 17-18. Fees apply for recycling all items. Call Jackson County's Environmental Office for details: 507-662-6682 extension 4.

Martin County

Recycle fluorescent bulbs May 3 and October 4 at the northeast corner of the former K-Mart parking lot in Fairmont from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bulbs are accepted from the homes and businesses in the county. It costs 50 cents for 4-foot and under fluorescents, while it's 90 cents for longer than that. Call the Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce at 507-235-5547. ☺

Orchid Inn Shrimp Dip by

Diana Schaefer, New Ulm

- 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese
- 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 c. Miracle Whip
- 1 tsp. Tabasco sauce
- 1 tsp. horseradish
- 1 c. small shrimp

Mix together and serve on chips or crackers. This was originally published in the *New Ulm Journal* in 2018. ☺

Baked Shrimp by Mary Jane

Portner, New Ulm

- ½ c. olive oil 1 lb or more shrimp
- 2 T. cajun or creole seasoning
- 2 T. parsley 1 T. honey
- 1 T. soy sauce

pinch cayenne pepper (optional)
Combine all ingredients except shrimp in a 9x13" glass pan. Add shrimp and toss to coat. Refrigerate one hour. Preheat oven to 450°. Bake about 10 minutes or until shrimp is cooked through, stirring occasionally. Pour over cooked angel hair pasta. ☺

Call before digging!

1-800-252-1166



Call Gopher State One Call before doing any digging more than 12" deep — 48 hours before digging for foundations, trees, tiling and more. You can

also register at www.gopherstate-onecall.org or call 811. Call a licensed electrician to locate the underground lines on your side of the meter. ☺



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The Board of Directors meets the last Thursday of each month.



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Staff notes

Sometimes what we see, is not what we see

Have you ever seen our crews standing in a “huddle?” If so, did you think to yourself, why aren’t they working instead of just standing around? To a person driving by or looking out their window, it appears they aren’t working, but they are! In fact, they are doing one of the most important tasks of their job — they are participating in a job briefing.

Our crews are following OSHA standards when they conduct a job briefing and the person conducting the briefing must cover five items:

hazards associated with the job, work procedures involved, special precautions, energy-source controls and personal protective equipment (PPE) requirements. OSHA even describes how to do a job briefing when working alone.

Yet, more importantly, our crews conduct a job briefing because it is a critical task to engage all crew members in a conversation about the job they are about to start. Our crews do briefings:

- To discuss potential hazards unique to this job
- To describe the work that will be done and by whom; assign tasks
- To review emergency actions if something goes wrong
- To confirm everyone can give the location if there is an emergency
- To check over the PPE people have and that it is in good condition
- To give everyone on the crew a chance to ask questions
- To review the safety rules associated with the particular job
- To remind the crew they can stop the job at any time if they feel unsafe

Simply put, a job briefing is a safe work practice we use every day at the co-op to make sure we can all go home at night. It’s a critical task that saves lives. (8)



Left to right: Adam Fischer, Zach Gulden, Larry Soukup, Tyler Jensen, Brady Kerkhoff and Nick Horman (foreground) practice a job briefing as part of an MREA overhead line safety training.

Board meeting highlights

The BCREA Board of Directors held its monthly board meeting April 26 at the BCREA office in Sleepy Eye. Discussion and/or action were taken on the following agenda items:

- Received a presentation of the cooperative’s 2016 Key Ratio Trend Analysis from Darrin Lynch and Sarah Bullock of Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC).
- Reviewed and approved the 2017 year-end margin allocation.
- Informed of a successful USDA Rural Utilities Service (RUS) system and civil rights review.
- Reviewed the 2017 Qualifying Facilities Report for net energy billed qualifying facilities under 40 kW.
- Informed of clean audits conducted by Brady Martz for both the Southern Minnesota Energy Cooperative (SMEC) and Heartland Security Services.
- Approved participation in the CFC Integrity Fund at 5 percent with a cap of \$1,500.
- Reviewed recent employee training and safety meetings and operations maintenance activities.

The next meeting will be May 31 at the BCREA office in Sleepy Eye. (8)