

CURRENT CONNECTION

Credit Union Celebrates 20th Anniversary >>>

The Credit Union is celebrating its 20th anniversary. You can join the celebration by opening a savings account, checking account, certificate, IRA or by taking out a new loan. Your name will be entered to win a grand prize of \$500.00 or one of five \$100.00 prizes.



The drawing will be held at the end of February. One prize per member. Prizes will be deposited to members A Savings account as a dividend and included on 2019 1099-INT statements.

Home Equity Loan Special Rate 3.45%*

Just in time for your 2019 home improvement project or refinance, the Credit Union is offering Home Equity Loans with rates as low as 3.45% APR (Annual Percentage Rate). There are no closing costs on loans \$100,000 or less.

- Loans \$50,000 or less can be amortized for 15 years and balloon in five years.
- Loans \$100,000 or less can be amortized for 20 years and balloon in three years.
- Loans over \$100,000 will be amortized for 30 years and balloon in three years.



To get started call the Credit Union at 218-825-2208 or 877-563-3072. To apply online and for additional information, go to cwpcu.org.

*Other rates and terms available based on collateral and credit score. All loans are subject to credit approval. Not available on current Credit Union loans. CWPCU NMLS #408088.

Three Directors' Positions Open for Filing >>>



Doris Mezzenga

Three districts are open for Director elections this year. Doris Mezzenga is the current Director for District 1B. She lives in Crosslake.



Gordon Martin

Gordon Martin currently serves in District 2A and resides in the Pillager area.



Paul Koering

Paul Koering is the current Director for District 3 At-Large. He lives in the Brainerd area.

Current board members have until April 9 to file as a candidate for the 2019 election if they so choose.

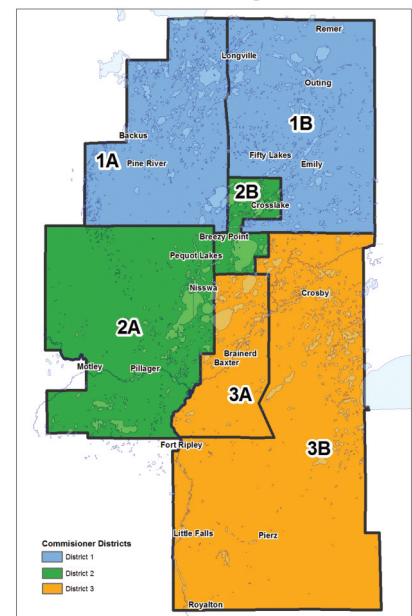
Filing is open from January 24 to April 9 to file as a candidate for the 2019 election positions. Members can file for any one of the positions prior to April 9 at 4:30 p.m. when filing closes, but they must live in or have real estate and receive service from us in the open positions of District 1B, 2A or 3 At-Large (3A and 3B combined).

If you are interested in running or have questions regarding the process, please contact Crow Wing Power at 829-2827 or 1-800-648-9401.

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A WORD FROM YOUR CEO

Our Work on the Emily Mine Project >>>

As an electric cooperative, Crow Wing Power's top priority has always been to provide our members with safe and reliable electric service at a reasonable price.

Over the years, we have continued to reinvest in our infrastructure, technology and equipment, while keeping costs under control and expanding services for our members. We take great pride in our mission and strive to find better ways to serve our members as an energy provider and member of the community.

CROW WING POWER'S BUSINESS SUCCESS

Along the way, Crow Wing Power has pursued several successful business opportunities to help us expand revenue and add value for members. After all, a strong business portfolio can minimize risk, provide more services and contribute to lower electric rates to our members.

Crow Wing Power's business ventures include People's Security, the Credit Union, Access Plus (our development of T-Mobile towers and eventual sale of those assets), Business/Industrial Park for Xcel Energy and more recently the redevelopment and sale of Hunt Technologies. These business developments have resulted in many benefits for Crow Wing Power members, including investments in Right of Way clearing and infrastructure improvements that have greatly improved service and reliability, reduced power outages and returned profits in the form of checks to members.

In fact, with the sale of Hunt Technologies in 2007, we directly returned \$12 million in profits to our members, with an average distribution to members of \$350.

THE PURCHASE OF THE EMILY MINE

Crow Wing Power acquired the land and mining rights in 2008 for the Emily deposit from the Carlton Group, using proceeds from the profitable sale of Hunt Technologies, a subsidiary of CWP. The Carlton Group continues to have an investment interest in the mine. We anticipate the Emily project will be a profitable venture for our members in the future.

STATUS OF THE PROJECT

Over the past few weeks, the Emily project has been the subject of multiple local newspaper articles about its management and its progress. While we welcome efforts to inform the public about Crow Wing's operations, the news coverage has led to some confusing and sometimes contradicting accounts about the status of the project, possible investment partners and who will profit from the eventual mining activities.

I want to be as transparent as possible with you about all of Crow Wing Power's activities and investments, so I will do my best to review where the project stands and how we got here.

Early on, we expected mining could begin in less than five years if borehole mining – the use of high-pressure water jets for extraction proved feasible. Unfortunately, we discovered in 2011 that the ground was too compact for this technique to work.

A few vocal critics, including the Carlton Group, have expressed frustration that the mining project isn't already up and running. Frankly, we share their desire to see it operational as soon as possible, as long as Crow Wing's 38,000 members are protected from excessive risk.

THE SEARCH FOR AN ADDITIONAL PARTNER

The failure of the borehole mining strategy required us to find a new way to move forward. More extensive testing has been required to determine the best approach for mining the manganese and iron, and Crow Wing needs an experienced partner to join the project.

For the past several years, we have been pursuing mining partners. Talks have been active with multiple investment groups. In fact, the Crow Wing Power Board of Directors heard a presentation on Jan. 17 from a potential investor that appears to be quite promising.

At this time, Crow Wing leadership can't publicly disclose potential investors or the offers being exchanged. Any groups with a serious proposal will ask to negotiate privately and require non-disclosure/confidentiality agreements. These are standard business practices, and refusal to protect confidentiality would place a potential agreement at serious risk.

We are becoming more optimistic in our ability to transition to a successful mining project in the next few years. Your elected board members will ultimately have final voice concerning any agreement, further protecting the interests of our members.

HOW I AM COMPENSATED

Now let me take a moment to address my role in this project and questions about royalty payments and potential conflicts of interest.

For many years, our member-elected board of directors has chosen a leadership structure whereby the cooperative's executive team manages all of CWP's business subsidiaries. The board believes this is the way to maintain proper oversight and control over these investments in the best interest of our members.

The majority of the board doesn't see a conflict with this structure for managing CWP's assets and neither do CWP executives. I appreciate the board's trust, and the staff works hard every day to validate their faith.

In most cases, our leadership manages CWP's subsidiaries without additional compensation. With the Emily project, however, I have received a supplement to my salary that totaled \$42,000 last year.

Rebates and Discounts Continue for 2019 >>>

Last year, Crow Wing Power invested \$144,421 in rebates and incentives to entice members to conserve energy and successfully saved 2,961,026 kWhs. This year we intend to do the same. Rebate funding is on a first-come first-served basis as budgets are limited. Please be sure to contact us about rebate availability and program details before committing to a purchase based on your anticipated rebate. All rebates are limited to one per member per product.

*Air Conditioning Tune-up Rebate **

- \$25 for Centrally Installed Air Conditioner.

*Freezer and Refrigerator Rebate**

- \$75 for a qualifying replacement of an existing standard residential freezer, Energy Star® rated only.
- \$65 for a qualifying replacement of an existing standard residential refrigerator, Energy Star® rated only.

*Clothes Washer Rebate**

- \$40 for a qualifying replacement of existing standard residential washing machine, Energy Star® rated only.

*LED Light Bulb Rebate**

- \$1.00 rebate/bulb, Energy Star® rated only.

*Electronically Commuted Motors (ECM)**

- \$50 for a qualifying ECM in a new or existing HVAC system.

*Cycled Air Conditioning**

- \$30 - \$75 rebate for central air conditioning systems controlled by load management.

**Rebates are in the form of a credit issued to your electric account. No cash value.*



Ductless (Mini-Split) ASHP Energy Star® Rebate

- \$100 per interior head for a qualifying Ductless Air Source Heat Pump (ASHP). Limit of 3 heads.

Residential Geothermal GSHP Rebate

- \$100 per ton for qualifying GSHP's.

Boiler or Plenum Heater Rebate

- \$400 per qualifying boiler or plenum heater.

Air Source Heat Pumps (ASHP)

- \$300 - \$750 rebate for high efficiency ASHP controlled by load management program. Must be in central ducted system.

Standard Water Heater

- \$200 discount on the purchase of a 50 gallon standard electric water heater from Crow Wing Power.

Off-Peak Water Heater

- \$400 discount for new construction or converting from a gas water heater to off-peak.
- \$300 discount to replace an existing off-peak water heater.

Off-Peak (thermal storage) Home Heating

- \$25/kw rebate installed capacity.

Important details must be looked at on our website at cwpower.com/membership/residentialrebates. Contact us at info@cwpower.com or call Member Service at 218-829-2827/800-648-9401.

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Further, two recently retired CWP executives and I have been eligible for a royalty, based on our ability to quickly move into production. But since the mine is still in the development stage, no royalty payments have been made.

In fact, for quite some time, we have said those royalties had essentially expired because contract terms would need to be renegotiated when a new mining partner joins the project, and a new agreement should not include royalties.

SUMMARY – WE OWN A GREAT ASSET

To be clear, we remain deeply confident in this investment. The Emily manganese deposit is the richest known deposit of its kind in North America – between four and ten billion pounds of this important mineral is there for extraction.

Manganese is a critical mineral for steel production, battery storage and electric vehicle batteries. To better position our cooperative for the future, we decided to embrace the renewable energy renaissance by making a long-term investment in this important Minnesota resource.

We expect our subsidiary Hunt Enterprises will either continue as a partner in the project or will sell its interest to a company with expertise in mining. Of course, the Board of Directors will have final say on a new mining partner, new contract terms or the sale of CWP's interests in the project.

No matter how quickly our current business investor wants to proceed, we will continue to evaluate next steps based on what is in the best interest of our 38,000 members.

We work hard to make sure our members understand our business operations and finances. If any member has a question about the Emily project, please call me at 1-800-648-9401 or 829-2827. You can also email me at info@cwpower.com

I'll keep you informed,

Bruce L. Kraemer, CEO

Special Discounts for Crow Wing Power Members >>>



- As a member of Crow Wing Power you receive a **FREE** card to receive special discounts from all area pharmacies and local and national retailers.
- Save this list – NEW businesses are continually added. This list updated 1/7/2019.
- Specific discounts may change as businesses promote varying specials. Watch for new listings in the Current Connection newsletter or click on “Coop Connections Card” at www.cwpower.com. If you’ve misplaced your card or need information, call the cooperative at 218-829-2827 or 1-800-648-9401.
- For national deals go to www.connections.coop.

AUTOMOTIVE

BRANDL MOTORS, Little Falls Only \$1 over original factory invoice, plus get all customer rebates.
Buy one oil change for \$89.95 and get next three free (some exclusions apply) 320-632-2908, 866-332-6689

CROSSLAKE AUTO BODY Free set of wiper blades (up to \$20 value) with any windshield replacement 218-692-5000

LAKES AUDIO, Baxter 10% off remote starters installed; 10% off marine and car audio; 10% off detailing 218-829-5529

MILLS GM, Baxter Service work discounts (call for discount) 218-829-3504

ROC DETAIL, Brainerd 10% off any automotive and boat detail service, 10% off truck accessories, 10% off bed liners 218-454-1620

SOUND CONNECTION, Baxter 10% off remote start/heated seats installed; 10% off marine and car audio (not valid with other offers) 218-825-1916

ENTERTAINMENT/RECREATION

ARROWWOOD LODGE, WATERPARK & RECREATION CENTER \$3.00 off regular waterpark admission 218-822-5634

MTSKI GULL, Nisswa Buy one lift ticket, get 2nd lift ticket 50% off (valid same day only). No other discounts apply 218-963-4353

PAUL BUNYAN LAND, Brainerd \$1.00 off regular admission. One discount card admits up to four people. 218-764-2524

THREE BEAR LODGE WATER & THEMEPARK, Baxter \$2.00 off regular admission to the Water & Theme park. One discount card admits up to four people. 218-824-3232

WILDWEDGE MINI GOLF & MAZE, Pequot Lakes Mini golf and maze discount package for \$9.95 per person. 218-568-6995

FINANCE

CROW WING POWER CREDIT UNION No closing costs on home equity loans up to \$100,000 (NMLS #408088) 218-825-2208

CYGNATURE TITLE & ABSTRACT, INC. Brainerd, Baxter and Longville
\$100 off closing fee for any real estate transaction. No other discounts apply. Must present card prior to date of closing 218-828-0122

LIBERTY TAX SERVICE, Brainerd 25% discount on tax preparation (not valid with other offers) 218-824-9600

GOLF COURSES

BREEZY POINT TRADITIONAL COURSE, Breezy Point
10% off green fees & cart rental – Sunday noon & all day Monday – Thurs (not valid with other discounts/promotions)..... 1-800-950-4960

CROSSWOODS, Crosslake 10% discount on regular 18 hole green fees (must rent cart) Not valid Saturdays or Holiday Weekends. 218-692-4653

EMILY GREENS GOLF COURSE 10% discount on regular green fees (not valid Saturdays or Holiday Weekends) 218-763-2169

RIDGEWOOD GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB, Longville 10% discount off regular priced green fees Mon–Thurs, excludes holidays, not valid for twilight rates or other discounts. 218-363-2444

THE LEGACY, CRAGUN’S, Brainerd 20% off green fees (May 1 – Sept. 30) not valid for early bird or twilight rates. 800-272-4867

WHISTLING WOLF MINI-GOLF \$1.00 off combo (Play both Whistling Wolf and Dark Moon) 218-692-4653

WHITEBIRCH, Breezy Point 10% off green fees and cart rental – Sunday noon & all day Monday – Thursday. Reservations accepted 48 hours in advance. 218-562-7177

WHITEFISH GOLF CLUB, Pequot Lakes 10% off regular priced green fees – Sunday – Thursday (Excludes Holidays, not valid with other discounts or promotions) 218-543-4900

WILDWEDGE EXECUTIVE GOLF COURSE, Pequot Lakes Unlimited Golf \$10 (9-hole short golf course) Valid Sunday – Friday only. 218-568-6995

HEALTH/FITNESS/BEAUTY

EMPOWERED FITNESS, Longville \$10 off enrollment fee..... 218-363-6410

FITQUEST, Baxter (the area’s total health and racquetball club) \$20.00 off the enrollment fee. 218-829-6453

LURIE HOENIG MASSAGE, Crosslake 10% off any massage 218-820-9045

SPIRIT SPAS & CABANA HAIR SALON, Brainerd 20% off any one service per month, per one person. Void with other discounts/specials. 218-824-7727

TAKEDOWN GYM, Brainerd 50% off enrollment fee (\$47.50 value). 218-454-1770

THE CROSSFIRE, Crosslake Complimentary wellness profile, body scan and glass of green tea 218-692-2411

HOME IMPROVEMENT

ACE HARDWARE, Brainerd 10% off regular priced paint and paint accessories 218-829-5476

ADVANTAGE SEAMLESS GUTTERS, INC. 5% discount 218-270-2663

BECKER CROSSLAKE FLOORING, Crosslake Free bottle of cleaner with a floor covering purchase. 218-692-4157

CABIN CHECK INC 10% off any service we provide 218-821-8772

CULLIGAN WATER, Baxter 4 free bags of salt with 12 month delivery contract, (new service only) 218-829-5137

CUSTOM DRAPERY & BLINDS BY MICHAEL ESCH Extra 10% discount on entire order (may not be combined with other offers) 218-820-9982

GULL LAKE GLASS, Brainerd 10% discount – does not include labor, auto glass and commercial projects. 218-829-2881

HIRSHFIELD’S, Baxter 10% discount on regular priced items (excluding Sikkens products). 218-824-0642

HOME INTERIOR SUPPLY, Crosslake (flooring materials) FREE in home consultation for flooring needs. 866-690-5565

HUDRLIK CARPET, Aitkin, Baxter & Crosby 10% off in-stock carpet and vinyl 218-839-1986

LAKES AREA PLUMBING 10% discount on installation of new replacement electric water heater purchased from Crow Wing Power. 218-821-6450

MID-STATE REFRIGERATION 15% discount of residential heating/cooling service call “parts only”; 5% discount off major heating/cooling units (minimum purchase \$1,000)..... 218-828-4337

NORTH PINES INTERIORS, Longville 10% off carpet pad with purchase of carpet..... 218-363-2848

NORTH RIDGE CONSTRUCTION & WOODWORKING, Brainerd \$300 discount on custom kitchen cabinet order. 218-839-1986

SERVICEMASTER CLEAN, Baxter 10% off residential cleaning – does not include commercial or disaster restoration. 218-829-4076

STONEHENGE PROPERTY CARE, Brainerd (lawn, home, handyman, etc) 10% off any service (must show card to receive discount) 218-839-7296

THE LIGHT DEPOT, Baxter 10% discount on table & floor lamps, home accents & mirrors. 218-829-0770

THE LOG SHOP, Breezy Point 10% off storewide home furnishings and accessories. 218-562-4208

MEDICAL

ASSOCIATES IN EYECARE, Baxter/Nisswa/Pine River 10% off a complete pair of eyewear. No other discounts apply. 218-829-1789

GREAT RIVER EYE CLINIC (formerly Crosby Eye Clinic) Crosby & Baxter 40% off frames with purchase of prescription lenses. Offer not valid if covered by insurance.
20% discount on non-prescription eyewear, not including contacts or contact safety eyewear. No other discounts apply. 800-952-3766

MIDWEST FAMILY EYE CENTER, Baxter 15% off a complete pair of eyewear. No other discounts apply 218-828-9545

NORTHLAND SMILES DENTAL CARE, (dental clinic) Deerwood 15% discount with full payment at the time of service. 218-534-3141

PEARLE VISION, Baxter 30% off a complete pair of glasses. No other discounts apply..... 218-828-4024

SAZAMA FAMILY CHIROPRACTIC & WELLNESS, Baxter 20% discount on all organic nutritional supplement, cleanse and all wellness products. 218-454-4545

RESORTS/LODGING

Call resorts/hotels for specific information regarding discounts.

ALL SEASON'S RESORT, Longville Rate card prices in summer, plus additional 10% discount in spring & fall. Open May through October.	800-279-1128
AMERICINN LODGE & SUITES, Pequot Lakes Get any One-Room Fireplace or Jacuzzi Suite for just \$89 Sunday thru Thursday, valid Oct 1-May 1. Discount card must be mentioned at time of reservation. Some restrictions and blackout dates apply.	888-568-8400
BREEZY POINT RESORT, Breezy Point Receive 10% discount on lodging from August 19 – May 31. 10% discount Sunday – Thursday, June 1 - August 18. Some restrictions may apply. Not valid July 4th or race week in August. Open year round.	800-432-3777
CLAMSHELL BEACH-COTTAGES ON WHITEFISH, Pequot Lakes Receive 10% discount on cottage rentals from Labor Day to Memorial Day. Can't be combined with other specials or packages and is subject to availability.	218-543-4731
GREEN ROOF LODGE, Hackensack 5% discount summer rates. 10% discount May, Sept, Oct. (open May – Oct.).	218-682-2399
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS HOTEL & SUITES, Brainerd/Baxter Receive a 10% discount off your stay (excludes race week in August).	218-824-3232
LONGVILLE INN, Longville (open year round) Receive a 10% discount off your stay. (Open year round)	218-363-2400
MIELKE'S FUN AT THE LAKES RESORT, Emily Receive a 20% discount during off-peak season (October – April)	952-440-1803
PINE PEAKS LODGE, Crosslake 10% off any room. Based on availability. Some restrictions apply. Must mention Connections Card Discount when making reservation.	888-488-7829
SUPER 8, Brainerd/Baxter 10% discount off any room (excludes race week in August). \$75.00 + tax room rate during power outages	218-828-4288
TOWERING PINES RESORT, Pequot Lakes "First time guests" can take \$50 off your stay! (Minimum 2-night reservation) Cannot be combined with other discounts, packages or hot deals. Must show Co-op Connections card when settling your cabin account in order to receive discount.	800-950-0267
WIGWAM MOTEL, Emily Receive a 10% discount (one night) or 15% discount (two nights)	218-763-2995
WILDWEDGE RV PARK & LODGE ROOMS, Pequot Lakes 10% off RV sites and motel room or suite (valid Sunday – Thursday).	218-568-5000
WHITEFISH PROPERTIES, Crosslake Receive a 10% discount on lodging at Whitefish Lodge and Suites and Manhattan Beach Lodge. Not valid with other offers, excluded special events or holidays. (Open year round).	218-692-2246
WOMAN LAKE LODGE, Hackensack 15% off Spring/Fall rates. 15% off 'last minute reservations' made within 7 days of stay. Open May to October.	218-682-2426

RESTAURANTS

ANTLER'S RESTAURANT, Breezy Point 10% dining discount up to 8 people (not valid with alcohol/early bird or other offers).	218-562-7162
BAXTER'S BAR & GRILL, Baxter (At Arrowwood Lodge) 10% off food and beverage in restaurant.	218-822-5634
BLACK BEAR LODGE AND SALOON, Baxter 10% dining discount for up to six people in a party (excludes alcohol). Not valid with other coupons or other promos.	218-828-8400
FREDDY'S GRILLE – Grand View Lodge 16 oz tap beer or soft drink free with regular priced sandwich purchase (good for only one cardholder).	218-963-8740
KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN, Baxter 10% discount on menu items – not valid with any other specials.	218-829-1345
MANHATTAN'S AT MANHATTAN BEACH LODGE, Crosslake 10% discount on menu items (excludes alcohol). Not valid with other offers, excludes special events or holidays.	218-692-3381
MARINA RESTAURANT, Breezy Point 10% discount on food up to 8 people.	218-562-7161
NORTHWIND GRILLE, Brainerd 5% discount	218-829-1551
OAK LAWN TAVERN, Brainerd Get a quarter pound hamburger for \$1.50.	218-829-7656
PRAIRIE BAY RESTAURANT, Baxter & SHERWOOD FOREST Receive 10% off all food and non-alcoholic beverages. Dine in only.	218-824-6444
THE LEGACY GRILLE, CRAGUN'S, Brainerd One free non-alcoholic beverage with menu purchase.	800-272-4867
UPTOWN GRIDDLE, Merrifield 10% discount	218-454-3463
ZORBAZ MEXICAN AND PIZZA JOINT, Crosslake 2 FREE Pops with purchase of large pizza	218-692-4567

RETAIL

ACTION GRAPHICS, Baxter 15% off retail pricing on site signs, banners and commercial vehicle graphics	218-829-7958
ANDERSON DRY CLEANERS, Brainerd 20% discount on all services	218-829-5269
ARTISTIC IMAGES (luxury limousine), Brainerd 20 – 30% off all regular priced limousine services, photography, videography & framing	218-829-9400
BAXTER LIQUOR MART, 15% off 3 or more bottles of wine, 5% off liquor purchase (excludes sale items) Must show Co-op Connections Card to receive discount	218-829-6196
BEAR TRAX STORE AND HARDWARE, Hillman 10% discount on bait.	320-277-3232
BIRGIT'S JEWELERS, Brainerd 20% off regular priced items or special orders; 10% off repair, exclusions apply.	218-828-1126
BLACK PINE BEACH RESORT, Pequot Lakes 10% off gift shop	218-543-4714
BOYD LODGE, Crosslake 10% off gift shop, exclusions apply.	218-543-4125
BRAINERD GENERAL RENTAL 5% discount on party rentals	218-828-2815
CASHWISE LIQUOR, Baxter & Brainerd 15% discount on 3 or more bottles or boxes of wine, 10% off three bottles of liquor, 5% off all Craft Beer (not valid with other offers, discounts or sale items)	218-829-9286
CEDARWOOD FLORAL AND FORMALWEAR, Pillager 10% discount off everyday purchases; any specials do not qualify	218-746-3970
CHRISTINA JOHNSON PHOTOGRAPHY, Little Falls Free \$30 print credit with paid session	320-630-1361
COMMON GOODS, Brainerd 10% off regular priced clothing	218-824-0923
COUNTRY FABRICS AND QUILTING, Brainerd 10% off regular priced fabric	218-829-7273
CRYSTAL CLEANERS & TAILORS, Brainerd 10% off dry cleaning (not valid on leather, sewing, rugs, featherbeds, laundry or other discounts)	218-828-0337
DOWN TO EARTH WOOD, Pine River 15% off standard furniture only. (excludes custom kitchen cabinets, bath vanities and customized furniture)	218-587-3696
EXECUTIVE EXPRESS (airport transport), St. Cloud \$3 off one way or \$5 off round trip. Must go to www.executiveexpress.biz , click on Book A Reservation, click on Sign In and enter Group ID Code 'cwpower'.	320-253-2226
FULLER BRUSH COMPANY, Baxter 5% discount.	218-825-7825
HIGHWAY 25 LIQUOR, Brainerd 10% discount on wine	218-829-2287
JUDY'S HOUSE OF GIFTS, Crosslake 10% discount on regular priced items	218-692-3123
KAREN'S ANTIQUES & THINGS, Merrifield 10% discount on regular priced merchandise	218-825-7355
MIDNIGHT SUN POOLS N' SPAS, Brainerd \$100 discount on new spa purchase, 10% discount on purchase of \$50 or more chemicals.	218-833-1000
OPTIMUM CLEANING, Pequot Lakes 10% discount on carpet and duct cleaning	218-568-8338
PARTY WORLD, Baxter 5% discount on all sales/rentals.	218-828-2127
PEOPLE'S SECURITY, Brainerd 3 months free monitoring with system purchase (in addition to any other special)	218-828-4828
[PHOTOJENIC] PHOTOGRAPHY STUDIO & PHOTO GALLERY 20% off photo session. Purchase a CD or digital downloads and receive a free 8x10 (excludes specials)	218-232-5878
PLEASURELAND RV OUTLET \$100 discount on RV purchase; 10% discount on parts	218-828-1709
SLUMBERLAND, Baxter 20% off all lamps (Baxter location only)	218-829-8733
SPIRITS OF NISSWA 15% discount on 3 or more bottles or boxes of wine (excluding sale items and discounts)	218-963-7488
VON HANSON'S MEAT MARKET, Baxter \$5.00 off 10# ground beef.	218-822-2888
WATKINS PRODUCTS, Baxter 10% discount on all items.	218-825-7825
WESTSIDE LIQUOR, Baxter 15% off 3 bottles/boxes of wine; 10% off craft beer and liquor. No other discounts apply	218-822-4190

Discounts subject to change; some restrictions may apply; see www.cwpower.com for detailed offers.

PHARMACY DISCOUNTS: You can use your card for prescription drugs at area pharmacies. Your pharmacist can check the discount card against your current insurance to see which is better, depending upon the type of drug.

CROW WING POWER: 829-2827 OR 1-800-648-9401

Energy Efficiency Seminar >>>

Seminar set for March 16

Helps homeowners build energy-efficient homes.

If you plan to build, remodel or upgrade the energy-efficiency of your home, sign up for our Energy Efficiency Seminar to be held on Saturday, March 16, 2019, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at Central Lakes College. We've invited an exceptional speaker to update you on the latest technology and most energy-efficient products on the market. To register, complete the form and send it to Crow Wing Power, P.O. Box 507, Brainerd, MN 56401 or go online to News & Events for online registration.

Information and Demonstrations will include:

- Proper building construction
- Vapor Barriers
- Radon Gas
- Window glazing
- Energy efficiency
- Lighting - Residential
- Off-Peak storage heating & water heating
- Groundwater heat pumps
- Home security
- Financing

For more information about the seminar, contact us at 218-829-2827 or 1-800-648-9401. A lunch will be provided.

Let's Keep Cookin' >>>

Send your favorite **MEXICAN** recipe to Crow Wing Power, PO Box 507, Brainerd, MN 56401 by March 1 or submit online at cwpower.com, News/Events. If your entry is drawn and printed in the March Current Connection, you'll receive a \$25 credit on your electric bill. If

you want to receive a recipe card each month in the mail, fill in the form below and mail to Crow Wing Power.

African Peanut Soup

Vicki Lipstreuer, Outing, MN

- 1 cup creamy style Peanut Butter
- 1 TBSP Vegetable Oil
- ½ White Onion, finely chopped
- 4 stalks Celery, sliced into small pieces
- 1 Sweet Red Pepper, finely chopped
- 2 cloves Garlic, minced

- ½ tsp Chili Powder
- 1 can diced Tomatoes, 14 ½ ounces
- 2 cans Chicken Broth, 14 ½ ounces each
- 1 cup cooked Brown or White Rice
- 2 large Chicken Breasts, cooked and chopped

Heat oil in a large pot, medium heat.

Add onion, celery, red pepper and sauté for 10 minutes until vegetables are tender. Stir in garlic and chili powder and sauté for 1 minute. Add tomatoes with the liquid, chicken broth and peanut butter and bring to a gentle simmer; stir often. Stir in rice and chicken and simmer 5 minutes longer.

Yes, I'd like to join the Co-op Cookin' Club and receive a new recipe card each month in the mail. I understand there is no charge.

Name: _____

Address: _____



Register now - the seminar fills up quickly!

Yes, Include me in your free seminar on energy efficiency for my home.

Name _____

Address _____

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Lakes Area Restorative Justice Project Wins Community Award >>>

Lakes Area Restorative Justice Program (LARJP) is this year's recipient of Crow Wing Power's Minnesota Touchstone Energy Cooperative's Commitment to Community award. LARJP was selected because of the positive impact they have had on juvenile offenders and their victims.

LARJP provides a program that enables those victimized by a juvenile crime to express their feelings and losses with the person who did the crime to them and share what that victim experienced and the harmful effects it has had on them. The juvenile is face to face with a person or persons they did wrong to and see the pain they have caused. Offenders usually are able to come to grips about the deed(s). Ultimately, there is a sincere apology letter and written contractual agreement, which validates the victim and gives the offender the opportunity for restitution and community service.

When a case is completed successfully, it allows emotional healing between all parties, which creates a stronger, healthier community.

LARJP is currently the only Restorative Justice Program in Crow Wing County. They have provided services to juveniles in Crow Wing County for 13 years.

LARJP gets case referrals from the County Attorney's office and six county Police Departments as well as the schools in Crow Wing County. They serve on average 40-50 cases per year. By completing the contract the offender's record is cleared which allows and empowers them to have a greater educational and employment opportunity as an adult.

Sample Case:

The county attorney referred two juveniles involved in cabin break-ins to LARJP. One of the cabins belonged to family with two young boys, who were now afraid to go to the cabin because of the "bogeymen". During the conference between the offenders and the family, they could see the scared kids and were sincerely apologetic – even tearful. They said they were finding positive friends and activities and working to earn money for restitution. At the close, they shook hands with the family and even the two boys.

LARJP received \$500 and their application was sent to the Statewide Touchstone group for consideration of the overall statewide winner. We are pleased to announce that LARJP was selected as the statewide winner. They will be presented with this award and \$1,000 during the MN Rural Electric Association's annual meeting in February.

>> LARJP Facilitators



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Our winner for the last puzzle: Edward Sandberg, Brainerd

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