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Legionville Safety Patrol Back at it for 2021 >>>

Legionville's school safety patrol camp is back in business after several rough years. Legionville is a camp where the primary function is school safety patrol training for boys and girls ages 10 to 12. Located along the shoreline of North Long Lake, in the backyard of Crow Wing Power headquarters, this camp educates between 800 to 900 campers each summer.

More than 92,000 campers have graduated from the program, over the years many of them third generation. This is the only camp in the United States that is dedicated to school crossing guard safety education.

The camp is celebrating its 100th year. The idea of the camp started in 1921 and was adopted by the Minnesota Highway patrol in 1935. In 1936 it came to the Brainerd Lakes Area, landed at the Crow Wing County Fairgrounds and moved to its permanent location in 1948, when the Minnesota American Legion Department raised funds to construct a training center and purchased a 560-acre site on North Long Lake.

Prior to this year, the camp has been closed four times. The camp was forced to close during last year's pandemic and in 2018 when the infamous floating bog settled on their shore and two years during World War II.

Campers learn from Minnesota's State Troopers the importance of safety patrol work at intersections and bus safety. Throughout the years, the education piece has evolved into First Aid and CPR, canoe and swimming safety, and has recently adopted internet and online safety. It is the hope that campers bring all that they have learned back to their communities and implement their skills. The camp is extremely proud that there has never been a crosswalk fatality when Legionville campers have been on patrol in their area.

It's not all business all the time. Campers get to experience much more. Along with building friendships, they participate in a track meet, a talent show, Tug-O-war, S'mores and movie nights. It truly is a summer camp designed for safety education but packed with fun.

Operation Round-Up® has been a supporter of Legionville for 21 years. Director Tom Sanford stated, "It is our job to send campers home in one piece with a smile. Our partnerships with businesses and organizations, like Crow Wing Power, and people like our nurses and educators have allowed us to continue to do that year after year."

If you want to get involved or support Legionville, please visit www.legionville.weebly.com.



>> Legionville is the only school patrol training center in the U.S. and offers instructions in Crossing Guard/Bus Safety duties/ First Aid, Swimming, Canoeing.

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Board of Director Election Results

This year's Annual Business Meeting was held August 4. Election results were announced at the meeting. Because this issue's print date was prior to that, election results are posted on our website at www.cwpower.com.



Send Us Your Best Scenic Photos

We are conducting another calendar contest. To enter the contest, please submit your scenic photos of Minnesota to us. If your photo is chosen for the 2022 calendar, you will receive a \$25 electric bill credit. We will have a spiral bound calendar produced and available in early December.

See our website at cwpower.com for guidelines and entry information. Deadline for submission(s) is October 1, 2021. To see last year's samples, go to our website at cwpower.com.





A WORD FROM YOUR CEO

Ransomware Attacks, Cybersecurity Threats - Could it Happen Here? *It Can Happen Anywhere* – >>>

Lately there has been a lot of news about increased computer network ransomware attacks crippling various organizations. Therefore, I felt it may be a good time to talk about cybersecurity and our cooperative. Understanding computer technology is not my strong suit, so much of this article is done with help from our IT department.

Vital cybersecurity in the electric industry includes the protection and security of the nation's complex interconnected network of power plants, transmission lines and distribution facilities. I want to assure you that Crow Wing Power has always been diligent about protecting our computer network system with a robust IT department.

Recently, the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) received a \$6 million grant from the U.S. Department of Energy to demonstrate and test new technology that monitors for cyber threats.

NRECA partnered with other electric cooperatives to help demonstrate and advance the capabilities of the platform. Crow Wing Power through one of our power suppliers, Great River Energy, was one of the electric cooperatives that participated.

Additionally, our IT department sends out mandatory annual cybersecurity online training exercises from KnowBe4, a popular security awareness organization utilized by many of our sister cooperatives. All of our employees take the training and tests. Our IT department says 95% of cyber attacks come through phishing e-mail scams. Phishing is the fraudulent practice of malicious hackers sending emails that look like legitimate companies in an effort to trick individuals to click on a link or open an attachment in most cases.

We all have a role to play in the security of our personal and professional information. Our IT department suggests using the following tips to safeguard your computer and personal information:

- Keep all software on Internet-connected devices up to date, including PCs, tablets and smartphones.
- Back up your computer regularly based on usage.
- Create a strong password and keep it private. A strong password is at least 16 characters, according to our IT Department, and by using upper and lower case letters, numbers and symbols in your passwords will make your passwords extremely difficult to hack.
- Don't click on web links or open attached files in emails if you don't know who the sender is or if something seems off.
- Purchase an anti-virus program for your computer.
- There are many ways to spot a phishing email. Go to www.staysafeonline.org.

I asked IT what should people do if they click on a phishing email at home and get a notice they've been hacked. They said immediately disconnect the computer from the Internet. The next step is to use your anti-virus program to scan and clean your computer or work with your anti-virus software vendor. If this is unsuccessful or you do not have an anti-virus program the best practice would be to take your computer to a professional computer technician.

I'll keep you informed,

Bruce L. Kraemer, CEO

Board Meeting Highlights

Crow Wing Power's Board of Directors conducted its regular monthly meeting Thursday, June 17, 2021. A quorum of directors was present. President Bob Kangas opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following reports were given:

- CEO report
- Finance Committee report

The following actions were taken:

The Board approved:

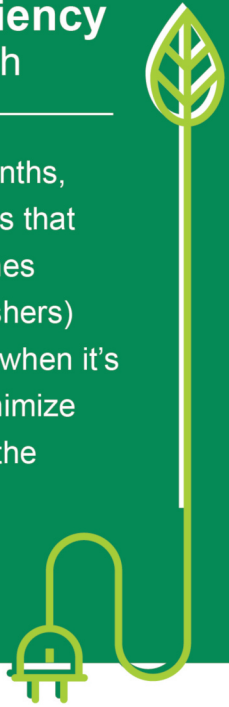
- June Consent Agenda
- Minutes of the May 20, 2021 regular board meeting
- Approved extension of Brady Martz & Associates audit contract
- Approved review of Pump Station Rate for Enbridge and Koch
- Director expense reports for May 2021

Members can review detailed minutes by logging into their SmartHub account. Log in is located on the homepage of our website. Highlights are on our website at cwpower.com/board-and-meetings July minutes will be published after approval in August. The next board meeting is August 19, 2021.

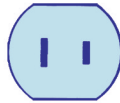


Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

During summer months, run large appliances that emit heat (like clothes dryers and dishwashers) during the evening when it's cooler. This will minimize indoor heat during the day when outdoor temperatures are highest.



Outlet Faces Around the World



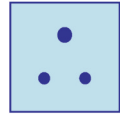
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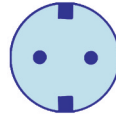
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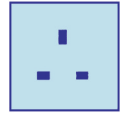
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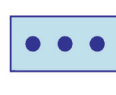
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Safe Electricity.org

research collected from the U.S. Department of Commerce International Trade Administration

DID YOU KNOW?

A microwave uses more electricity to keep the digital clock on than it uses for heating food (for the average family).



*DISCLAIMER: THESE ARE GOOGLED FINDS. ACCURACY IS NOT VERIFIED.



About

Each member of our co-op receives the Co-op Connections Card free. There's no sign-up. No annual fees. You get your Co-op Connections Card simply because you are a member of Crow Wing Power.

Participation list can be found on page 4-5 but stay up to date with saving changes or additions by visiting www.cwpower.com and scroll to find the Coop Connections card.

Show your card at participating locations and start saving today.

Participating Businesses

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You're supporting a dream

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Brainerd, MN 56401

Need a new card? You can print from website, login in on the mobile app, or call

1-800-648-9401

Exclusive

The Co-op Connections card program is an exclusive benefit for the members of Crow Wing Power.



Automotive

Brandl Motors, Little Falls Only \$1 over original factory invoice, plus get all customer rebates. Buy one oil change for \$89.95 get next three free. (some exclusions apply)	320-632-2908
Crosslake Auto Body Free set of wiper blades (up to \$20 value) with any windshield replacement	218-692-5000
Lakes Audio, Baxter 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, Brainerd 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
Mt. Ski Gull, Nisswa Buy one lift ticket, get 2nd lift ticket 50% off (valid same day only). No other discounts apply	218-963-4353
Northland Kart Country, Brainerd \$1.50 off mini golf	218-454-1602
Paul Bunyan Land, Brainerd \$1.00 off regular admission. One discount card admits up to 4 people	218-764-2524
Three Bear Lodge Water & Themepark, Brainerd \$2.00 off regular admission to the Water & Theme park. One discount card admits up to 4 people	218-824-3232
Wildwedge Mini Golf & Maze, Pequot Lakes Mini golf and maze discounts package for \$9.95 per person	218-568-6995
Whistling Wolf Mini Golf & Maze, Crosslake \$1.00 off combo (Play both Whistling Wolf and Dark Moon)	218-692-4653

Finance

Crow Wing Power Credit Union, Brainerd No closing costs on home equity loans up to \$100,000 (NMLS #408088)	218-825-2208
Cygnature Title & Abstract, Inc, Brainerd, Baxter, 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 preparations (not valid with other offers)	218-824-9600

Golf

Breezy Point Traditional 10% off green fees & cart rental - Sunday noon & all day Monday - Thursday (not valid with other discounts/promotions)	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 Sundays or Holiday weekends.)	218-763-2169
Ridgewood Golf & Country Club, Longville 10% discount of regular price green fees Mon-Thurs, excludes holidays, not valid for twilight rates or other discounts	218-363-2444
The Legacy, Cragun's 20% off green fees (May 1 - Sept 30) not valid for early bird or twilight rates.	800-272-4867
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 course) Valid Sunday - Friday only	218-568-6995

Health | Fitness

Empowered Fitness, Longville \$10 off enrollment fee	218-363-6410
FitQuest, Baxter \$20.00 off enrollment fee	218-829-6453
Laurie Hoenig Massage, Crosslake 10% off any massage	218-820-9054
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, Baxter 5% discount	218-270-2663
Becker Crosslake Flooring Free bottle of cleaner with floor covering purchase	218-692-4157
Cabin Check, Baxter 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, Baxter 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 FREE in home consultation for flooring needs	866-690-5565
Hudrlik Carpet, Aitkin, Baxter, Crosby 10% off in-stock carpet and vinyl	218-828-5009
Lakes Area Plumbing, Brainerd 10% discount on installation of new replacement electric water heater purchased from Crow Wing Power	218-821-6450
Mid-State Refrigeration, Baxter 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
Northridge Construction & Woodworking, Brainerd \$300 discount on custom kitchen cabinet order	218-839-1986
Optimum Cleaning, Pequot Lakes 10% discount on carpet and duct cleaning	218-568-8338
ServiceMaster Clean, Baxter 10% off residential cleaning- does not include commercial or disaster restoration	218-829-4076
Stonehenge Property Care, Brainerd 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

Lodging | Resorts

All Season's Resort, Longville Rate card prices in summer, plus additional 10% discount in spring & fall	800-279-1128
AmericInn by Wyndham, Pequot Lakes Get any One-Room Fireplace or Jacuzzi Suite for \$89. Sunday - Thursday. Discount card must be mentioned at time of reservation. Some restrictions and blackout dates apply	888-568-8400
Breezy Point Resort Receive 10% discount on lodging from Aug. 19 - May 31. 10% discount Sunday - Thursday, June 1 - Aug. 18. Some restrictions may apply. Not valid July 4th or race week in Aug.	800-432-3777
Clamshell Beach-Cottages on Whitefish 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
Cousin's Cabins, Pine River 10% discount on spring & fall rates (May 15 - June 1; Aug. 15 - Sept. 30)	218-947-3006
Green Roof Lodge, Hackensack 5% discount summer rates. 10% discount May, Sept. Oct.	218-682-2399

Lodging | Resorts

Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites, Baxter Receive 10% discount off your stay. Excludes race week in Aug.	218-824-3232
Longville Inn Receive 10% discount off your stay	218-363-2400
Mielke's Fun at the Lakes Resort, Emily Receive a 20% discount during off-peak season (Oct. - April)	952-440-1803
Pine Peaks Lodge, Crosslake 10% off any room. Based on availability. Some restrictions may apply, must mention Connections Card Discount when making reservations	888-488-7829
Super 8, Brainerd/Baxter 10% discount off any room (excludes race weekend in Aug.) \$75 + 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	218-543-4738
Wigwam Motel, Emily Receive 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 & Suites and Manhattan Beach Lodge. Not valid with other offers, excluded special events or holidays	218-692-2246
Woman Lake Lodge, Hackensack 15% off Spring/Fall rates. 15% off last minute reservations made within 7 days of stay	218-682-2426

Medical

Associates in Eyecare, Baxter, Nisswa, Pine River 10% off complete pair of eyewear. No other discounts apply	218-829-1789
Great River Eye Clinic, Baxter, Crosby 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	218-829-9545
Northland Smiles Dental, Deerwood 15% discount with full payment at 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

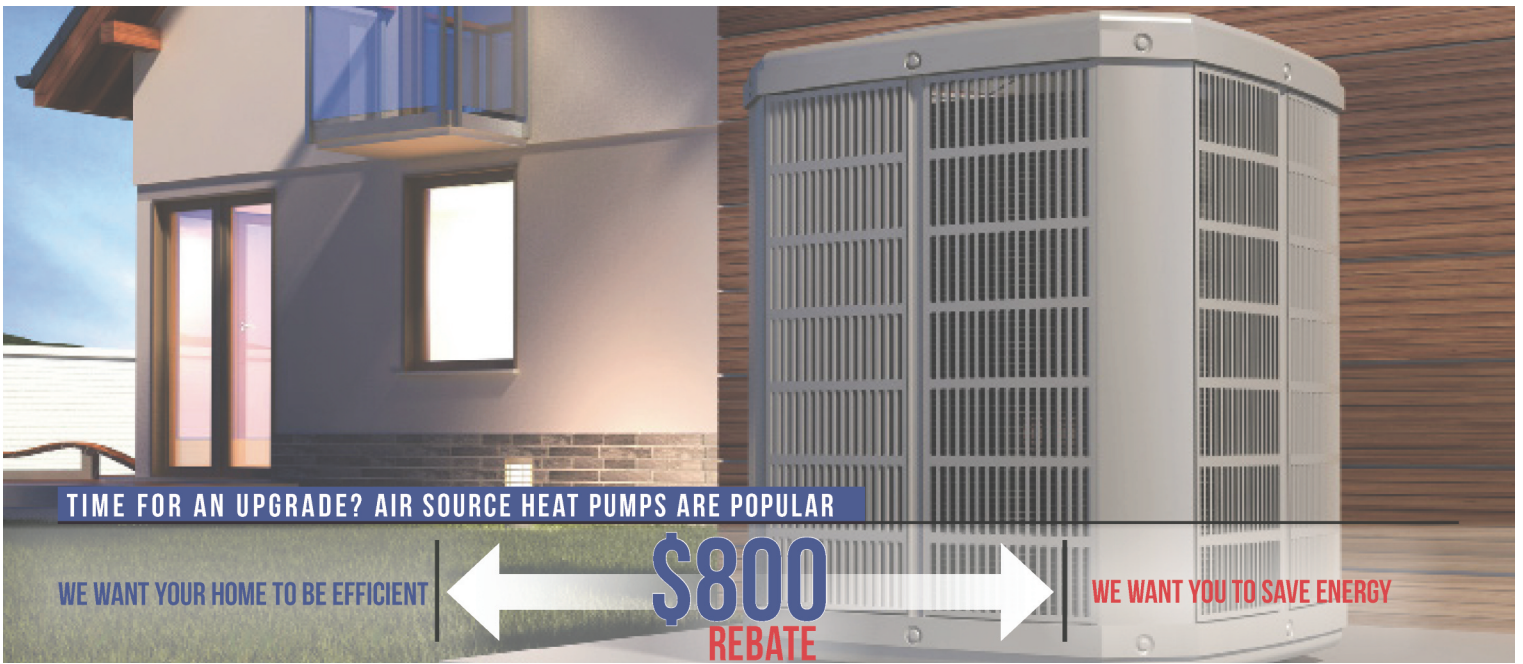
Restaurants

Antler's Restaurant, Breezy Point 10% dining discount up to 8 people (not valid with alcohol/early bird offers)	218-562-7162
Baxter's Bar & Grill 10% off food and beverage in restaurant	218-822-3663
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 promos	218-828-8400
Freddy's Grille, Grand View Lodge, Nisswa 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 other specials	218-829-1345
Manhattan's at Manhattan Beach Lodge 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 Receive 10% off all food and non-alcoholic beverages. Dine in only	218-824-6444
The Legacy Grille, Cragun's One free non-alcoholic beverage with menu purchase	800-272-4867
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
Bear Trax Store and Hardware, Hillman 10% discount on bait	320-277-3232
Birgit's Jewelers, Brainerd 20% off regular priced items or specials 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 sales)	218-829-9286
Cedarwood Floral and Formal Wear, 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
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 kitchen cabinets, bath vanities, and customized furniture)	218-587-3696
Executive Express, 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: 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
Party World, Baxter 5% discount on all sales/rentals	218-828-2127
People's Security, Brainerd 3 months free monitoring with system purchases (in addition to any other special)	218-828-4828
{Photojenic} Photography, Brainerd 20% off photo session. Purchase a CD or digital downloads and receive a free 8x10 (excludes specials)	218-232-5878
Pleasureland RV Outlet, Brainerd \$100 discount on RV purchase; 10% discount on parts	218-829-1709
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 \$.50 off 10# of 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

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



Win \$25 off your electric bill >>>

Complete the word find puzzle below, clip and send entire coupon back to us by September 15. We've sized it to fit in your billing payment, so you can save a stamp. If you'd rather, you can send it separately to Crow Wing Power, PO Box 507, Brainerd, MN 56401. Attn: Puzzle or scan and email to info@cwpower.com. The winning entry will be drawn on September 15.

Our winner for the last puzzle: Bruce and Bonnie Toftness, Brainerd, MN

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State _____ Zip _____

Acct number _____

- Election results are posted on our _____.
- Most microwave electric use is for the digital _____.
- Zorbaz Mexican and Pizza Joint offers two free _____.
- Oak Lawn Tavern sells a _____ for \$1.50.
- Legionville has property on North _____ Lake.
- NRECA received a \$6 _____ grant to test cyber threat technology.
- Our IT department says 95% of cyber attacks come through _____ e-mail scams.
- Get an \$800 rebate for an air source heat _____.
- It's recommended to purchase an _____ program for your computer.
- The Annual Business Meeting was _____ 4.
- There are _____ types of outlets (number).
- Phishing is the fraudulent practice of malicious _____.

June Puzzle Answers:

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