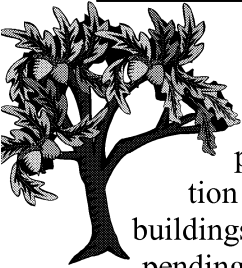


Watt's News

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Tree Trimming



Trees that interfere with BPU primary power lines, with the exception of service wires to residences or buildings, will be trimmed or removed depending on the circumstance. Trimming/removing of trees on private property is the property owner's responsibility. BPU will temporarily remove and reattach the service wires to accommodate the trimming or removal during normal business hours. BPU requires a 24 hour notification to temporarily move the service wires.



Watt's Weather

Total Precipitation

October 2006 1.65"

October 2005 4.12"

Average Temperatures

October 2006 Hi 53 Lo 31

October 2005 Hi 59 Lo 35

Our Website has been Updated!



www.bpu.org



Check out our new web-site! www.bpu.org has a NEW look! You will find phone numbers and forms for: application for service, automatic bank payment, electrical rebate and more! Also commission meeting minutes, previous Watts News, cold weather rule and deposit information, pictures, and even BPU history and links to other informational sites!

Please check it out and give us your feedback!

Office Hours 7 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

Business Office: 829-8726

Repair/Service Operations: 829-2193

Emergency 24 hour service 365 days a year: 829-2193

Email@bpu.org OR www.bpu.org

Good character is more to be praised than outstanding talent. Most talents are, to some extent, a gift. Good character, by contrast, is not given to us. We have to build it piece by piece; by thought, choice, courage and determination.

John Luther

Trouble Paying Winter Utility Bills?

Lori will work with you to set up a payment schedule. Call her at 825-3223 during normal business hours.

The following agencies may also be able to help you with your bill.

- Lutheran Social Services.....829-5000
- Crow Wing County Social Services.....824-1250
- Salvation Army.....829-1120

NOTICE: All electrical work performed in the City of Brainerd requires a "Request for Electrical Inspection" form to be completed, filed, and work inspected by our inspector. If you need the form or have any questions, please contact BPU at **825-3210** or **829-2193**.

BEFORE DIGGING: Call Gopher State One Call at **1-800-252-1166** for water and electric locations. All requests for locations must be made by calling the above toll free number at least **48 hours** before digging begins.



HeatShare



Some of your neighbors will be cold this winter

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Join your neighbors who care by giving to HeatShare.

HeatShare is a voluntary program administered by The Salvation Army. When you give you are helping warm the lives of the elderly, disabled and others who have nowhere else to turn. It helps the needy survive our long winter by providing funds for heating bills and heating related repairs. HeatShare is a last resort for many who have no other resources available to see them through the winter.

Who is eligible for HeatShare?

- Seniors with low incomes and no alternate source of help.
- Disabled people whose physical capabilities limit their ability to maintain income to adequately cover energy bills.
- People who have had unexpected emergencies within the last 12 months and as a result cannot pay for household energy costs.
- People who meet income guidelines and have received or applied for all other possible public funds.

Who supports HeatShare?

You, neighbors, friends, people in big cities, people in small towns and businesses all help by sending a tax deductible contribution with the form provided below.

HeatShare is one way a small amount can help in a big way.

COLD Warm HANDS Hearts.

YES! I want to contribute to HeatShare!

I am making a one-time contribution of: \$ _____

Name: _____ Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Signature: _____

Utility Company: _____ Account Number: _____



Please make check payable to HeatShare & enclose this form with your utility payment in the enclosed envelope.



Thank you for your generous tax deductible contribution!