

INFORMATION MEETINGS

Roughrider Electric Cooperative Inc. to hold information meetings for Roughrider membership

Lunches will be served at noon (Mountain Time) followed by an information meeting.

The meetings will be held at the following locations:

Tuesday, Nov. 17

Hazen City Hall
146 Main St. E., Hazen

Thursday, Nov. 19

American Legion Hall
122 N. Ave. W., Richardton

THE AGENDA WILL INCLUDE:

- Update on the consolidation
- Carbon tax
- Conservation rebates
- Wind generation information
- Projected rates

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Bette Johnson, Hazen, featured quilter at the annual quilters show also has acquired a new hobby of making stepping stones that she displays on stands in her flower gardens.

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NEVER TOO MUCH TIME ON HER HANDS

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by Karlene Gehring

"Always do something different every day and you'll never be bored."

This is sage advice Bette Johnson, Hazen, learned from her father, Isidore Miller, as she was growing up.

"He followed that philosophy every day," Bette said, of her father, who lived to be almost 101 years old. "He was a worker. ... He had a garden up until he was 95."

Bette has certainly taken her father's words to heart as she enjoys so many hobbies and crafts — the list is seemingly endless.

With many interests from which to choose, Bette lists quilting as her favorite. As the Common Thread Quilters Guild's Featured Quilter for the 2009 quilt show held in September, Bette had the opportunity to display many of her quilts and a number of her other craft projects.

The daughter of Isidore and Gertrude Miller, Bette grew up in Raleigh, Grant County, where she attended St. Gertrude's for grade school and St. Mary's for high school. Betty explained that the students boarded at the school and it was the nuns who began her interest in crafts.

"We stayed at the school and they (the nuns) started us in crocheting and embroidering," she said. "They taught us.

... That was our fun."

As an adult living in Bismarck, Bette continued her hobbies, including sewing clothes for her children, an activity she finds relaxing.

"When I want to relax, I will go in and sew," she said.

Even working full time and raising a family, Bette still found time to crochet in the evenings.

"Crocheting was easy," she said. "After my other work was done, I could just pick it up and do it."

Life moved forward and Betty was left alone when her husband died. She moved to Hazen in 1985 when she married Dale M. Johnson, who had lost his wife. Continuing her role as mother to Dale's two children and working at the hospital and school in Hazen, Bette still found time to learn new crafts.

While Bette had never quilted before, it was something she had always thought about trying. It was 1991 and Bette noticed an announcement in the newspaper that a quilting guild was forming in Hazen. Her friend, Linda Roberson, asked Bette if she was interested in attending and from that point forward, Bette has been a member of the Common Thread Quilters Guild.

Bette remembers a few of the other charter members, including Dianna Schull, Judy Wieger and Ellen Lukes, were her motivation to continue quilting.

"I loved it right away," Bette said, of her new hobby. "I like taking a piece of fabric, cutting it up and making something."

Betty learned to quilt by taking classes, which the guild offered each month. Now, with so many members in the guild, they no longer host classes but have monthly demonstrations instead.

"When I started (Common Thread Quilters Guild), I was one of the younger people," Betty said. "Now I'm one of the older ones and there are all the young ones there."

She added, "We have a lot of good quilters in our group."

Bette admits when she takes an interest in something she goes full speed ahead. Not only does Bette belong to the Common Thread Quilters Guild, but also the Riverdale Quilt Club and a quilt club in Mesa, Ariz., where she and Dale winter each year.

The Riverdale Quilt Club offers classes once a month, which Bette likes to attend.

"It's all retirees," she said of the club. "Once a year we do an overnighter, but it's in the daytime."

Bette explained that in the past, the Hazen quilters would hold a yearly "overnighter" in which they would start quilting at 6 p.m. and go until 4 in the morning, if not later.

"In Riverdale we go all day but call it our overnighter because we can't stay up that late," Bette said, jokingly.

Bette enjoys taking classes and being with other quilters as she said, "I have a lot of fun and get motivated by the other quilters. They tell you new things."

An interest in learning new things is what keeps Bette attending up to two quilting classes a month, along with other classes she attends while in Arizona. It was only a few weeks ago Bette traveled to South Dakota to attend a quilting class.

"You can always learn something new," she said. "Someone always has a new idea."

It was an interest in learning something new that led Bette to take a Hazen adult education class on stained glass art, which was taught by Mike Krause.

The class peaked her interest in this



Bette Johnson, right, visits with Ellen Oster at the 2009 Common Thread Quilters Guild Quilt Show. Bette was the featured quilter at the show where several of her quilts and other craft projects were on display. In back hangs two of Bette's larger quilts.

At the 2009 Quilt Show, featured quilter Bette Johnson works on hardanger embroidery, another of her many hobbies.



art form and when she and Dale began going to Mesa, she started taking more classes.

"I've always liked stained glass and thought I would try it," Bette said.

There is now a section of the couple's shop where Bette creates her stained glass projects. It's also where Bette creates her newest hobby — stepping stones, which adorn her many flower beds and garden. Tending to beautiful flower gardens and a vegetable garden are only a few more of Bette's hobbies, a list that also includes hardanger, whittling, making wooden puzzles, jewelry and whatever craft Bette might find a class for in the future.

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Making stained glass projects is another of Bette's hobbies. She displayed some of her stained glass projects at the quilt show.

Roughrider Electric Cooperative offers members **CONSERVATION AND ENERGY EFFICIENCIES INCENTIVES**

Roughrider Electric, with the assistance of Basin Electric Power Cooperative, recently developed a conservation and energy-efficiency program. The incentives are designed to help you, the member-owner, become more energy efficient.

Qualifying systems must be purchased and installed between **Jan. 1, 2009, and Dec. 31, 2009.**

This program is for new installations only or for replacement of a conventional heating system. It does not include replacement of existing heat pumps.

Roughrider Electric personnel will do a check on the installation and obtain appropriate documentation and receipts. Once completed and approved, Roughrider Electric will send a check directly to you to help defray the purchase cost. A maximum dollar

amount has been set aside for the incentive program. When this amount has been met, the program will close. Roughrider Electric reserves the right to cancel the program without further notice. One rebate allowed per member.

**For more information,
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The federal tax credit for ground-source heat pumps will run until 2016 with a tax credit of 30 percent of the cost, not subject to the \$1,500 cap.

For more information, visit www.energystar.gov/taxcredits.

North Dakota also offers a tax credit for ground-source heat pumps allowing you to take a 3 percent tax credit over a period of five years for a total of 15 percent. For more information, visit www.nd.gov/tax.

The incentives from the federal and state governments are tax credits, not tax deductions. Please consult a tax professional for details on how much you may qualify for.

Hazen woman is featured quilter...continued



These are only a few of Bette's many quilted wall hangings, which were on display at the 2009 Common Thread Quilters Guild Quilt Show.

Bette said while she's given away a few of her quilt projects, the majority are stored downstairs in a cedar trunk.

"When I'm gone, they'll (her family) have to figure out what to do with them," she said.

Bette and Dale's family includes a son, Dean, and his wife, Marti, Hazen, and their children Nicole, Jared and Jessica; a daughter, Leann, and her husband, Mario, and their son, Kevin, Mandan; a son, Lee, and his wife, Michelle, and their children, Claudia, Ava and

Kendall, Prescott, Wis., and a daughter, Lisa, and her friend, Megan, and daughter, Nora, St. Paul, Minn.

With so many hobbies Bette is never at a loss for something to do to occupy her time.

Her father's words held true as Bette said, "I've never been bored in my life. You see if I wasn't quilting or doing all of this, I would have to be cleaning," she said.

"Now that's boring"



Bette Johnson discusses her jewelry projects with two visitors at the Common Thread Quilters Guild quilt show.

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So check it out at <http://www.youthtour.coop> and then write that winning essay and send it off to Roughrider Electric Cooperative by the Jan. 6, 2010, deadline. That's what Nicole Heller from Beulah did, and she won the all-expense-paid trip and the opportunity to represent Roughrider Electric Cooperative last June.

Essay contest guidelines for the Rural Electric Youth Tour:

- Students entering the contest must be a junior or senior in high school in the fall of 2010.
- The student and/or parent or guardian must be served by Roughrider Electric.
- The student must write an essay, not to exceed two standard 8 ½ - by 11-inch typewritten, double-spaced pages, on this topic: **"Touchstone Energy cooperatives have**

launched the 'Together We Save' campaign to promote energy efficiency and conservation nationwide. Why do you think energy efficiency and conservation are important priorities for electric co-ops and how can co-op members and communities achieve the savings in resources these priorities are intended to accomplish?"

- Essays may be submitted in either hard copy or electronic format to Roughrider Electric. Electronic submissions should conform to the two-page, double-spaced guideline described above. Each essay must be accompanied by a cover page displaying the student's name, date of birth, school and grade in 2010, parent or guardian's name, address and telephone number.
- Essays must arrive at Roughrider Electric no later than Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2010. E-mailed entries should be directed to: bquenette@roughriderelectric.com or lhibl@roughriderelectric.com; hard-copy entries should be mailed to: Youth Tour Essay Contest, Roughrider Electric Cooperative, 800 Highway Drive, Hazen, ND 58545-4737.
- Essays will be evaluated and the winner selected by impartial, qualified judges.
- Direct inquiries about this competition to: Brad Quenette or Leonard Hibl, Roughrider Electric, at the address listed above, or call (701) 748-2293 during regular business hours.

REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sept. 29

When, where and who: The board of directors and managers met in Dickinson Sept. 29.

Recurring items: The board approved the agenda, minutes and financial reports.

3C Construction LLC (3C): 3C is having another good year, and has enough work to do to keep it busy until the crews are unable to work any more due to the weather. The Mor-Gran-Sou Electric board voted to approve the purchase of a third interest in 3C from Roughrider and closing is expected to occur at year-end.

Property review: The potential property sale was discussed.

Construction projects: It was reported that the Zap substation construction is moving right along. The AMR equipment for the substation is ordered and installation will begin soon. Progress is continuing on the Zenith substation for the GTL Energy project. The co-managers met with Whiting Oil regarding outages in the North Elk Field. Discussions continued on Marathon Oil and Roughrider's territory issues.

Consolidation progress: Consolidated Telephone Cooperative is installing the new telephone system. It will go a long way toward integrating Roughrider's two offices.

Upper Missouri G&T Electric Cooperative Inc. (Upper Missouri) status: There was considerable discussion about the status of Roughrider's current and possible future relationships with Upper Missouri.

Special membership meeting: The notice of the special meeting of members is set to be printed in the center pages. Management again stressed that this was a very important meeting and attaining a quorum is imperative.

National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) retirement program: The board adopted a resolution regarding employee retirements.

Roughrider's restated Rural Utilities Service (RUS) loan: Ms. Grosz explained the need for a further resolution pertaining to the loan. The board adopted it.

Safety reports: The board reviewed the safety reports from the both offices.

Basin Electric Power Cooperative reports: The board reviewed the Basin Electric Power report.

Heat pump for \$10,000: A request for a \$10,000 Environment and Energy Resource Conservation program loan made

for a heat pump installation at a home on Mahto Bay was approved.

Review of reimbursement of directors' expenses: Management has established a calendar of review for board policies. The current policy was discussed with no changes.

Strategic planning meeting, Nov. 12-13, AmericInn Beulah: The planning session will be Nov. 12 with senior staff and will continue on Nov. 13 with the board and management.

Other matters: Discussion was held on using a mail-by-ballots for director elections. The board authorized management to institute a ballot-by-mail process beginning at the annual meeting in 2011. The board discussed Roughrider's exposure in the Palaniuk Broadcasting matter. The greatest possible loss to the cooperative is \$5,000, not the significantly larger sum reported by some media. Members who are installing grain drying equipment are questioning board members about the demand charge. Don Franklund assured the board that Roughrider's charge is not unique and is average in amount.

Report on other meetings: Several directors attended the Cooperative Connections meeting. The IEA all-employee meeting had over 80 people in attendance. The IEA senior staff meeting was the third of four to be held this year. A strategic planning meeting for IEA has been set for February 2010.

Upcoming meetings: The board discussed and arranged attendance at various meetings. The next meeting of the board will be Oct. 26 in Dickinson, prior to the special member meeting.

Other business: There being no other business, the meeting adjourned.

OFFICE CLOSINGS:

Nov. 11
for Veterans Day

Nov. 26 and 27
for Thanksgiving



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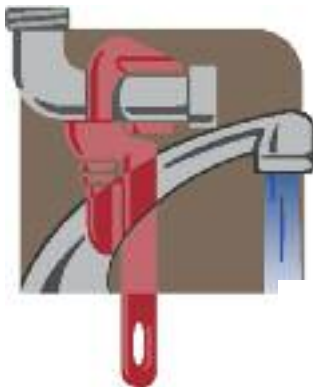
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