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What's Cookin': Hot Beef Sandwiches Au Jus
From the Kitchen of: Phyllis Burg

3 to 5 lb beef roast
1 pkg dry Au Jus gravy mix
1 pkg Good Seasons Zesty Italian
1 can beef broth
1 can water

Combine all ingredients in crock pot and cook on low 6 hours. Shred beef and serve on hard rolls (with Au Jus on the side).

MANUFACTURERS COUPON | EXPIRES JULY 31, 2011

SAVE \$3.00

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Benco Electric Link



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The link between the cooperative and its members

You're Invited to the 2011
BENCO Electric Annual Meeting

Saturday, April 2, 2011
Verizon Wireless Center
1 Civic Center Plaza
Mankato

Doors open at 10:45

****Early Bird Door Prize Drawing 11:25 a.m.****

Lunch at 11:30 a.m.
Meeting to follow

Enjoy lunch while you learn more about your cooperative.

Capital Credit Checks totaling \$890,000
for 1991 and a portion of 2009 will be distributed.

One free gift per membership
**Remember to bring your registration card
with you to the Annual Meeting.**
**It's your express check-in,
gift and lunch ticket.**

Recycle your fluorescent light bulbs for free at the annual meeting. Bring up to 10 fluorescent light bulbs and drop them off at the truck parked by the Intergovernmental Center (across from the Verizon Wireless Center).



Drawing for door prizes after the meeting.

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AIR CONDITIONER REBATE

REQUEST



RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS

BENCO offers a \$300 to \$450 rebate for customers installing an Energy Star central air conditioning unit or an air source heat pump with a SEER rating of 14 to 16+ Energy Star. Rebates are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis; funding is limited.

Call John Hutchens at 387-7963 or 1-888-792-3626 to get more details on this great offer.

Rebate Amount

- Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio 14.0 (SEER) - \$300
- 15.0 (SEER) - \$400
- 16.0+ (SEER) - \$450
- Installed between January 1, 2011 and December 15, 2011.
- Completed rebate request form
- Copy of air conditioner or heat pump invoice.
- Must be cycled for two years.

Call before you dig!



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It's The Law

Anyone planning to dig more than 12 inches is now required by law to notify the state of their intentions at least 48 hours in advance before digging takes place. All digging requires the 48-hour notification so that buried electrical lines, city water and sewer lines, TV cable, telephone lines and gas lines can be located.

From the Board

Thursday, January 24, 2011
Blake Meshke President

The board reviewed and approved:

- Minutes of the December 16 meeting.
- Capital credits to estates totaling \$9,752.43.

The attorney reviewed current legal work and the Heartland Security guarantee.

Directors' reports were as follows:

Brad & Duane reported on the January GRE board meeting.

CTV Board members reported their board will be meeting next week, which was postponed from December.

Harvey reviewed MREA activities and their strategic planning session.

Harlan gave the Cooperative Network report.

Directors attending reported on the Board Leadership Training sessions they attended.

New Business:
Policies 101-103 were reviewed with no changes.

Two BENCO Employees to Retire



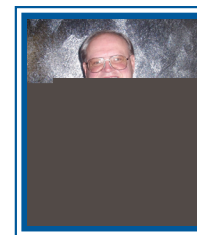
Steve Flo
Office Manager

Open House
April 26
2 - 4 p.m.

After almost 38 years with BENCO Electric, Steve Flo, Office Manager, has announced his retirement, effective in May 2011.

Dave Gette, the Assistant Office Manager, will be retiring at the end of March, after almost 21 years of service with BENCO Electric.

Join us in wishing Steve and Dave well on their way to retirement. We will be having a retirement party for Steve on April 26 and one for Dave on March 31 at the BENCO office.



Dave Gette
Assistant Office Manager

Open House
March 31
2 - 4 p.m.

All Aboard for Coal Creek Station

August 9, 10 & 11

Trip includes:

- Accommodations for two nights at the Ramkota
- Transportation by motorcoach
- Tour of Coal Creek Station
- Tour of Falkirk Mine
- Lunch on tour day
- Two buffet breakfasts at hotel

Optional sights to see include:

- A city tour
- North Dakota Heritage Center
- Shopping at the mall

Registration Form - \$125 per person for members

Names of all guests: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Account #: _____

Tour Dates: August 9, 10 & 11

Number of places to reserve: ___Members ___Non-Members

Room Preference:

___Nonsmoking single (1 bed) ___Nonsmoking double (2 beds)

___Smoking single (1 bed) ___Smoking double (2 beds)

Send in your payment (by check) with your reservation to Kathy. If you have any questions please call Kathy at 387-7963 or 1-888-792-3626.

Trip open to members who have not been to Coal Creek Station.