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For the member-owners of Federated Rural Electric

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Wanted: whereabouts of these former co-op members...a cash 'reward' awaits

Wanted! This is the only time it's good to be on a "wanted" poster! The electric cooperative is trying to reunite former members with unclaimed capital credits. Their "reward" is issued once we have a current mailing address.



These former cooperative members moved or died; we no longer have their current address or estate address. Yet, they are still owed capital credits or their share of a profitable year.

Help Federated Rural Electric and Brown County REA (BCREA) locate these wanted members and provide us new addresses. Their capital credits check was returned last year — address unknown. If you know the current location for any of these former members, please have them call or e-mail the appropriate cooperative with their new address and/or phone number. We'll then mail their capital credits check. In addition, BCREA's list also includes older, uncashed accounts payable checks.

If we do not receive new addresses on these missing members, their un-

claimed capital credits checks are donated to a tax-exempt organization. Brown County Rural Electrical Association and Federated Rural Electric donate unclaimed capital credits to their Operation Round Up programs. Brown County REA's Round Up Trust donates to charitable organizations, individuals and families in crisis and scholarships in the co-

op's service area. Federated's Round Up Trust Board awards nine high school scholarships and awards the rest to other Operation Round Up recipients. ☺

Former Federated

members: Call Angie direct 507-849-7847 or 1-800-321-3520 (extension 2233) or e-mail ziemer@federatedrea.coop.

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At A Glance



Sign up for Basin Tour June 12-14 for mini vacation

Tour a lignite coal mine, power plant and hydroelectric dam this summer. Sign up by calling with your credit card or mailing a check. Cost is \$138 for a Federated member or \$275/Federated couple. Includes charter bus, all meals, hotel, snacks and riverboat ride. Call Federated today. ☺



Spring into spring cleaning & jump up your home's energy efficiency as well

Spring is a great time to refresh, clean and enhance energy efficiency at home. By adopting simple, yet effective energy-saving strategies during spring-cleaning routines, you can create an efficient-living environment that may also lower utility bills and extend the life of our heavily used appliances.

HVAC handy hints

Even though it's out of sight, don't leave it out of mind. Check the filter in your HVAC system. Your furnace worked hard during the winter. Ensuring your system has a clean filter is a low-cost and easy way to protect your equipment and maximize efficiency. A dirty furnace filter can cause your system to work harder than necessary, decreasing efficiency and shortening the system's life.

While the filter is easy to replace yourself, have your air conditioning serviced and professionally cleaned. Both the indoor and outdoor units should be cleaned. Dirty refrigerant coils reduce efficiency. This also applies to heat pumps and ductless heat pumps, also known as mini-split systems. The technician can check refrigerant levels and refill or repair, if necessary.

HVAC contractors are busy responding to calls for repairs during the summer heat. Scheduling cleaning services for your air conditioning in



A spring air conditioner or heat pump tuneup beats a breakdown on the hottest days of summer.

the spring — before the heat of the summer — can ensure the work gets done before the rush and even save you money. Some HVAC contractors offer special discounts for cleaning services in the milder months, which helps fill their schedules and keep their technicians working.

Window AC units can get dirty too. They can be cleaned with the proper tools, cleaning agents and know-how. Always unplug before cleaning; wait until completely dry to plug it back in again. Take the time to clean it properly in the spring before you need it in the summer.

Bright idea lighting tasks

Cleaning light fixtures and fixture covers can brighten your space by removing dust and grime collected during the winter. While you are at it, check your bulbs and replace any incandescent or compact fluorescents

with energy-saving LEDs. Although they tend to cost a little more, LEDs last longer and use less energy.

Good-quality LED light bulbs are expected to last 30,000 to 50,000 hours, according to the Department of Energy. A typical incandescent lamp lasts about 1,000 hours, while a comparable compact fluorescent lamp (CFL) lasts 8,000 to 10,000 hours. As a comparison, if you have an LED light on for 10 hours a day, it can last 13 years versus about three months for incandescent

bulbs and about two-and-a-half years for CFLs.

Make the windows sparkle

If cleaning windows is on the list, check the seals and sash locks to ensure they close tightly. Check for areas that need caulking or sealing to reduce drafts. Sealing around windows adds to year-round comfort in your home. Clean windows also allow more light into the home, reducing the need to turn on lamps and overhead fixtures.

A clean oven window allows you to see the food and how it's cooking without opening the oven door, which wastes energy. A clean oven heats more evenly and quickly, providing better results and lower energy use.


Spring is the ideal time to declutter, deep clean and implement practices that not only tidy our homes, but also reduce energy consumption.

LED low profile ceiling fans offer a new spin!

Elevate your home's cooling and lighting by giving it a new look and new spin! Make your room sleek, modern and so cool!

Upgrade to a low-profile, flush mount, ceiling fan with an LED light. Enjoy three light tones (warm, cool or neutral) and six speeds that can be changed using the remote control or a Smart phone app. While several designs exist, this is the Oaks Decor Cotti 20-inch model. Choose from black, white, coffee or gold. It is available from Home Depot, Lowe's and Amazon for approximately \$120. This nearly 20-inch diameter model is 6 inches high; it is sized for a 12x12-foot room. Directions state it can be installed in about 15 minutes.

This flush mount works well for bedrooms, the living room, kitchen and more! It features a direct current motor for quiet performance and powerful air flow. Some models feature the reversible motor for the winter time use too. Look for the Energy Star logo and U.L. listing.

You'll enjoy the minimalist, modern look. Plus, you can use the sleep timer option. The fan's housing consists of an aluminum sturdy frame. 



Move your ceiling fan from ordinary to extraordinary with a low-profile LED model. Control the speed and light with the cell phone app or the remote control.

Electrical safety goes with spring cleaning

It's time for spring cleaning! While dusting, decluttering, and organizing are essential tasks, electrical safety is even more important.

- Look for frayed cords, loose plugs or any signs of damage. If you spot any issues, refrain from using the appliance until it's repaired or replaced by a qualified professional. Additionally, clean appliances such as vacuum cleaners and hairdryers to remove dust and debris that can pose a fire risk.

- Examine all power outlets and switches in your home for signs of wear or damage. Loose outlets or switches can increase the risk of electrical shocks or fires. Ensure that outlet covers are in place and functioning correctly.

- Declutter areas around electrical fixtures such as light switches, outlets and circuit breaker panels.




Can you spot the safety hazard here? The ground prong is missing on this vacuum plug. Replace the plug so it has the third prong.

Remove any obstructions or flammable materials that could potentially ignite if they come into contact with heat generated by electrical components.

- As you rearrange furniture or tidy up your living spaces, pay attention to cord management. Avoid running electrical cords under carpets or rugs, as this can cause overheating and pose a fire

hazard. Instead, use cord covers or cable management solutions to keep cords organized and out of harm's way. Plus, refrain from overloading power strips or outlets with too many devices, as this leads to overheating and electrical fires.

- Consider scheduling a professional electrical inspection as part of your spring-cleaning routine. A qualified electrician can identify potential safety hazards, such as outdated wiring, overloaded circuits or faulty electrical components. Addressing these issues proactively can prevent accidents and ensure the continued safety and efficiency of your home's electrical system.

By implementing electrical safety with spring cleaning, you can enjoy a clean and safe living environment all year round. Vigilance and proactive measures are key. 

Federated Focus

Nondiscrimination notice posted



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Upgrade to long-life water heater

Your next Federated water heater features a life-time warranty against leaks for the original owner! Call Federated to schedule your new water heater install. Plus, it features an insulated tank to contain the heat for the hot water tank. You'll love that it's made in the USA!

It's all yours for \$589, plus tax. Installation is included by our technician licensed for plumbing and electrical for a one-stop shop. Federated adds the radio control to shut the water heater off during the peak days of summer and winter. This helps us control the cost of your electricity rates during these pricey market conditions. Call Federated today to schedule your new water heater — just in time for spring cleaning! ☺



Scott Reimer

Manager's Message

7 Cooperative Principles — what makes us unique!

The Cooperative Principles originated in 1844 when the Rochdale Society of Equitable Pioneers established the first modern cooperative in Rochdale, England.

1. Open and voluntary membership: Membership in a cooperative is open to all people who can reasonably use its services and stand willing to accept the responsibilities of membership, regardless of race, religion, gender or economic circumstances.

2. Democratic member control: Cooperatives are democratic organizations controlled by their members, who actively participate in setting policies and making decisions. Representatives (directors/trustees) are elected among the membership and are accountable to them. In primary cooperatives members have equal voting rights (one member, one vote); cooperatives at other levels are organized in a democratic manner.

3. Members' economic participation: Members contribute equitably to and democratically control the capital of their cooperative. At least part of that capital remains the common property of the cooperative. Members allocate surpluses for any or all of the following purposes: developing the cooperative; setting up reserves; benefiting members in proportion to their transactions with the cooperative; and supporting other activities approved by the membership.

4. Autonomy and independence: Cooperatives are autonomous, self-help organizations controlled by their members. If they enter into agreements with other organizations, including governments, or raise capital from external sources, they do so on terms that ensure democratic control, as well as their unique identity.

5. Education, training and information: Education and training for members, elected representatives (directors/trustees), CEOs and employees help them effectively contribute to the development of their cooperatives. Communications about the nature and benefits of cooperatives, particularly with the general public and opinion leaders, help boost cooperative understanding.

6. Cooperation among cooperatives: By working together through local, national, regional and international structures, cooperatives improve services, bolster local economies and deal more effectively with social and community needs.

7. Concern for Community: Cooperatives work for the sustainable development of their communities through policies supported by the membership.

Strategic planning recently done by Board and managers

These co-op principles serve as guiding lights for our operations. Another guiding light is a solid plan. Federated adopts a plan that contains goals and strategies for the short- and long-term benefit of the cooperative and our member-owners. The Board and management team just wrapped up a strategic planning session where we discussed literally every aspect of the cooperative. Clearly the electric operations are the main focus; however, we now have a viable broadband operation, which is garnering a lot of attention, especially when it comes to growth potential. The final plan will come to us over the next month or so; yet, we have a great idea what needs to take place and we are planning accordingly with all of the areas getting the attention they need. The electric operations must remain affordable, reliable, safe and sustainable. Great member service is also a pillar of our success and must be maintained. The broadband business must grow in order to facilitate a stable operation and achieve a debt-repayment ratio to insure solvency. There were many other topics identified, which will be part of the plan. Member communications was important for both electric and broadband. The group felt that the electric member communications were adequate; however, in order to grow the broadband business, communications must grow. It was noted that in order to get the required response, some door-to-door visits may be necessary. More to come after we get the full report. ☺

Employees: no 2023 lost-time accidents!



A tip of the hard hat goes to these Federated employees! Federated celebrated NO reportable, lost-time accidents in 2023 with a cake last month. (Most employees are pictured, but a few were missing at the time of the photo.) 🎂

New Federated faces serving co-op members

Extend your welcome to two new Federated employees.



Katrina Paulson

Katrina Paulson, Jackson, started January 30 as a Federated Broadband customer service representative and marketing

associate. Paulson's duties include customer service for broadband customers, ranging from signing up new customers to assisting with plan changes. In addition, she will market broadband to subscribers in Federated's service area.

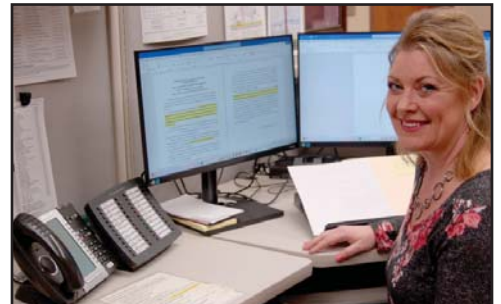
She is a native of Caledonia, Minnesota, growing up on a farm that raised crops, hay and bison. She attended the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, where she majored in agricultural communications and marketing. Her previous employers were Milwaukee Power Tools, as a sales representative, and the Minnesota State Fair in the Competition Department for 4-H, open class and FFA.

Paulson followed boyfriend Alex Frisch to Jackson, as he is an AGCO engineer working on Fendt Rogator and

Terragator. In her free time she enjoys fishing, needlework and camping.

Pam Hesper

Pam Hesper, Jackson, started at Federated February 12 as the new executive administrative assistant.



Hesper has 10 years of experience working with people. She has nine years at the Des Moines Valley Health and Human Services as office support roles and eligibility/financial worker. Plus, she worked one year as the Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce's executive director. This Lakefield native earned higher education from the Stenotype Institute Business College in Sioux Falls and Institute for Organization Management at the Loyola Marymount University.

Pam will direct members' calls to the right areas, as well as being the hub of operations working with the management and Board of Directors at Federated.

Hesper's husband is Paul. They have three adult sons: Hunter, Chase and Spencer. In her free time she enjoys camping, fishing, walking two dogs, biking, dancing and shopping. She also has 31 years as a beauty consultant.

Welcome to the Federated family! 🎂

Search party exists for 'most wanted' former members

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Former Brown County members: Call 794-3331 or 1-800-658-2368. Otherwise, e-mail bcrea@bcrea.coop.

Susan K. Achman	New Ulm	Lois L. Hornick	Minnetonka	Braylynn Pitschka	Winthrop
Eileen B. Achman	New Ulm	Marilyn Hovland	Battle Lake	Allen E. Porter	Cannon Falls
Dorothy Almer	Lake Wilson	Randall L. Huiras	New Ulm	Brad & Paul Portner	New Ulm
Hobart H. Anderson	New Ulm	Daniel C. Irlbeck	Wabasso	Nick & Kristin M. Psyck	New Ulm
Leilah Anderson	Winthrop	Shawn E. Jakes	New Ulm	Shirley Purrier	New Ulm
Brian Anderson	New Ulm	Cody A. Jakes	New Ulm	Christine Rasmussen	New Ulm
Robby L. Andrews	Bartow, FL	Curt Jasper	Cedar	Richelle Reasor	Lake Crystal
Gary Baumberger	Hutchinson	Eric P. Jensen	New Ulm	Paulette L. Reighard	Eldora, IA
Jason & Jennifer Bejarano	Hanska	Gary L. Johnson	Gillette, WY	Daniel Reim	North Mankato
Dr. John Bengtson	Dassel	Elaine Johnson	Hendricks	Viviana Rivera	Sleepy Eye
Arden Black	Fairfax	David G. Jones	Sleepy Eye	Peggy Roberts	New Ulm
Rick Black	Winthrop	Glen Kaup	Aberdeen, SD	Lillian Roe	Hanska
BOC Gases, Inc.	Murray Hill, NJ	Travis L. Kelley	Holiday Island, AZ	James A. Rogers	LaSalle
Marvin Boelter	New Ulm	Charles M. Kilmer	Lake Crystal	Dewayne Sadler	Winthrop
Leah Bouton	Mosinee WI	Victor R. Klassen	New Ulm	Robert W. Sahli	Mankato
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Larry Boyum	Franklin	Jerome J. Klingler	New Ulm	Scherer Properties Corp	Lafayette
Jerry Braam	Fairfax	Klossner Klippers	Lafayette	Darrel D. Schmidt	Winthrop
Shanna M. Bunce MD	Eugene, OR	Leroy A. Knoll	New Ulm	Steven J. Schoener	Laporte
James A. & Robyn L. Bundy	Hanska	Stanley E., Koep	Shakopee	Rita K. Schoof	New Ulm
Douglas Byro	Madelia	Andrea O. Konakowitz	Noble, OK	Gary Schreyer	New Ulm
Adolfo Carrillo Garcia	Comfrey	Jery & Renata Konopka	Sleepy Eye	Samuel E. Schuelter	St. James
Cendant Mortgage	Mt. Laurel, NJ	Anthony G. Kostecky	Perham	Tara Schwartz	Madelia
Lloyd C. Cochran	De Forest, WI	Tammy Kral	New Ulm	Todd S. Sherman	Waupaca, WI
Curless Flying Service	Astoria, IL	Roxanne Kraudy	Claremont	Thomas R. Sirovy	Pine River
David Daniels	Marshall	Daniel J. Kuehl	Watertown, SD	Eileen M. Siskel	Tokeland, WA
D-D Money Inc.	New Ulm	Terrance Lade	Silver Lake	Marlyn D. Smith	Tucson, AZ
Manuel Z. Dehoyos	Comfrey	Wilfred Landkammer	Chanhassen	Michael W. Smith	Braiernd
Delite Outdoor Inc.	St. Paul	Michael R. Larochelle	Kingston, NH	Irina Soboleva	Eden Prairie
Tania K. Domeier	Sartell	Justin J. Larson	Hanska	Patricia South	Fargo, ND
Daniel Earl	New Ulm	Steven M. Lawrence	Suwanee, GA	Russell Sperl	New Ulm
Jesse Elbert	Staples	Harriet Lee	Sleepy Eye	Debbie L. Spicer	New Ulm
Brent Engel	Lake Crystal	Bernd Lehrke	New Ulm	Carol Steffl	Springfield
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Robert H. Evers	Springfield	Ryan J. Lewandowski	New Ulm	Quinten L. Streich	Statesville, NC
Exetare Partnership	Gary, SD	April M. Lewis	New Ulm	Angeline Sturm	Springfield
Farmers Home Admin.	Glencoe	Seth M. Lorenzen	Las Vegas, NV	TCF National Bank	Minneapolis
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Arris Fredrickson	Lafayette	Lunda Construction Co.	Black River Falls, WI	John Tornow	Hurst, TX
Dennis H. Freitag	Lewisville	Robert G. Manderfeld	Shakopee	Loen D. Troidahl	Mankato
John Jr. Gag	Waldorf	Duane C. Marstone	New Ulm	Phillip C. Turgeon	Hanska
Becky Geiger	New Ulm	Jayne & Kevin Mathiowetz	New Ulm	Twenty 1st Century Wireless	Edina
Norbert J. Gleisner	Leesberg, FL	June M. Matter	Springfield	Paul & Pauline Van Nurden	New Richland
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Daniel Haggemiller	Winthrop	Karyl A. Meyer	Mankato	William H. Wall	Comfrey
Steve Hall	New Ulm	Bryan J. Meyer	New Ulm	Douglas Wall	Comfrey
Jason J. Hansen	New Ulm	Thomas Meyers	Faribault	William D. Walters	Fort Worth, TX
Jerome A. Hanson	Bellevue, NE	Dean Miller	Redwood Falls	Rebecca Walz	St. James
Douglas B. Harris	New Ulm	Leland L. Miller	New Ulm	Patrick R. Weber	Burns, OR
Penny Hasse	Franklin	Leeza Moe	Springfield	David & Elizabeth Welsh	Hanska
Wayne Havemeier	Nicollet	Moe's Sandy Lane	Springfield	Pete Wersal	Sleepy Eye
Robert Hazelton	Ogema	John Claud Monro	Las Vegas, NV	Carmen Wersal	Sleepy Eye
Leslie & Pat Helget	New Ulm	Francisco Montaivo	Pasco, WA	Layn A. Westcott	Oakdale
Scott E. Hendrycks	New Ulm	Harry R. Montanye	Chaska	Aaron Whitney	New Ulm
Lorraine Henning	Morgan	Terry A. Moore	Rochester	Steven D. Wilke	Lewisville
Eric Hertling	Sleepy Eye	Joseph Morales	Logan, UT	Cathy Williams	New Ulm
David Heyer	New Ulm	Brian Mueller	Madelia	Richard O. Wilner	Stacy
Kurt Heyer	Wayne, MI	Brady Nelson	St. Peter	Bert Wilson	New Ulm
Kenneth L. Hicks	Stewart	Richard D. Nelson	Madelia	Dennis Yetter	Max Creek, MO
Vickie Higdum	New Ulm	Larry A. Netland	Willmar	Alice Murphy Trust	Green Valley, AZ
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Jeanette Hillesheim	New Ulm	Marilyn Novak	Buffalo		
		Carri J. Odegard	New Ulm		
		Diane Olson	Chanhassen		
		Noel Olson	New Ulm		
		David E. Pace	Grand Rapids		
		George Pavelek	Lester Prairie		
		Peal I. Johnson Estate	St. James		
		Shawn Peters	Winthrop		
		Matthew D. Petersen	New Ulm		
		Dorothy Pfeiffer	New Ulm		
		Scott S. Pieper	Hanska		



Yahoo! Thank you for your help! We appreciate your time to help us find these former electric co-op members to reunite them with their unclaimed capital credits.

Spring means let the grilling season begin! Share favorite recipes

Hot diggity dogs, grilled brats, chicken, chops and steaks! Share your favorite grilling recipes, whether you have a special marinade, BBQ sauce, roasted veggies or other grilled foods. Send your favorite grilling recipes to Editor, Federated Rural Electric, PO Box 69, Jackson MN 56143-0069 or e-mail to christoffer@federatedrea.coop by March 27. Add your name and phone number. Thanks for sharing with us! 📧

Chocolate Caramel Brownies by Terese Gruber, New Ulm

1 pkg. German Chocolate Cake mix (w/pudding) 2 eggs
 1/3 c. evaporated milk 1 pkg. caramels
 3/4 c. melted butter 1 pkg. chocolate chips

Mix together cake, butter and eggs; pour half of the mixture into a greased and floured 9x13" pan. Bake at 350° for 6 to 10 minutes. Sprinkle chocolate chips over mixture. Melt together the caramels and evaporated milk. Pour over chocolate chips. Pour remaining cake mixture over caramels. Bake at 350° for 20-25 minutes. 📧

Snicker Candy Bar by Barbara Sellner, Sleepy Eye

First layer: Melt together and pour into a prebuttered, foil-lined 9x13" pan. Cool.

1 c. milk chocolate chips 1/4 c. butterscotch chips 1/4 c. peanut butter

Second layer: 1 c. sugar 1/4 c. milk 1/4 c. butter

Boil five minutes from the time bubbles appear. Remove from heat.

Add: 1 c. marshmallow cream 1/4 c. peanut butter 1 tsp. vanilla

Pour over first layer. Sprinkle with 1-2 c. peanuts. Chill.

Third layer: 40 caramels 1-2 T. water

Melt in microwave until smooth and drizzle over peanuts.

Fourth layer: Melt and spread over all other layers:

1 c. milk chocolate chips 1/4 c. butterscotch chips 1/4 c. peanut butter

Refrigerate. 📧

Caramel Bars

by Elizabeth Shimon, Granada

2 c. flour
 1 1/2 c. brown sugar
 1 tsp. salt
 1 tsp. vanilla
 2 c. oatmeal
 2 1/2 sticks of butter, softened
 1 tsp. baking soda

Mix the above ingredients and press half into a 9x13" pan. Bake 10 minutes at 350°.

Remove and sprinkle with 12 oz. semi-sweet chocolate chips and 1/2 to 1 c. pecans.

Unwrap 1 bag of caramels and melt with 1/2 c. evaporated milk in a double boiler or microwave. Pour the mixture over the oatmeal mixture.

Crumble and drop the remainder of the oatmeal crumbs on top.

Bake 20 minutes at 350°. Cool and cut into small bars. 📧

Lineworkers power our lives!

Lineworker Appreciation Day
 April 8

Thank you for all you do...day or night, whether 20 below, sunny or in driving snow! Way to go!

Just make the call before digging:

1-800-252-1166



Call Gopher State One Call before doing any digging more than 12" deep — 48 hours before digging for foundations, trees and tiling. Register at www.gopherstateonecall.org or call 811. Call a licensed electrician to locate the underground lines on your side of the meter. 📧

Save some GREEN with a free install!



Fast and reliable internet might just be better than a pot of gold. This March Federated Broadband offers a special sign-on bonus for new customers. **Sign up in the month of March and receive a FREE install (up to \$150 value)!** Don't miss this opportunity to save money and enjoy the best local internet service in our rural area from Federated Broadband. Switch now for a smoother, easier transition when Broadband's fiber service reaches your area.

Streaming TV packages are available too so you can drop the dish! TV packages include Sioux Falls or Minneapolis local news channels, super stations, popular sports, information and family programming. SW Stream includes Bally Sports North so you never miss a Twins game this season!



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The Board of Directors generally meets the last business day of the month at 8 a.m. at the Jackson office. Regular board meetings are open to the membership. Members interested in discussing business items should contact the general manager or president three days before the meeting.

Federated Broadband's Residential packages:

6MB down/2MB up

• \$50/month

15MB down/2MB up

• \$70/month

25MB down/3MB up

• \$80/month

40MB down/3MB up

• \$90/month

Basic installation fee \$150

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Roku Ultra LT.

Call the office, e-mail or see our
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**Remember to submit Construction
Consent forms for the Jackson County
Border-to-Border Project, if you live
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fill out the online form and learn more.**