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Roboticus Maximus, a Bismarck-based robotics team, was recently awarded an Operation Round Up grant from the Capital Electric Cooperative Charitable Trust. Read more about the program inside.



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The robotics team gathers during a competition.

Robotics program awarded Operation Round Up grant

BY WES ENGBRECHT

Brainstorming ideas on how to create a robot that uses a viper slide with rubber wheels to grip a cone is not something the average person includes in their workday. Only the scientific-minded high school students on Team No. 6645 Roboticus Maximus, a Bismarck-based robotics program, would consider this a normal process. The team plans to successfully build and program a robot for competitions.

Team No. 6645 has eight returning students this year, representing all three of Bismarck's public high schools (Legacy, Bismarck and Century). The team also includes a few homeschooled students, as well as some from Horizon Middle School.

The team meets regularly at Bismarck State College's Career Academy.

"We have been very fortunate to be based out of the Career Academy, where we have access to many resources, tech teachers and mentors and much more," says the team's coach, Brenden Horner.

In the short term, the team plans to reach out to younger students, build and redesign a robot and raise \$4,000 each year through fundraising efforts. The team's long-term goals include recruiting new members, working on communications to operate efficiently and encouraging a team effort on all projects.

The Capital Electric Cooperative Operation Round

Up board recognized the value of this program and provided a grant to help ensure students in our community have the opportunity to be involved with something so unique.

"This program will provide positive skills and interactions between the team members. It's worth our investment to make sure that happens," says Operation Round Up President LeAna Hug.

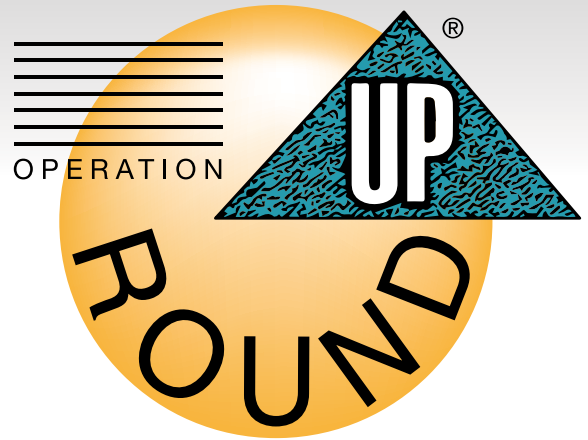
Your spare change could make a difference

Roboticus Maximus is one of many programs to benefit from the Operation Round Up program. Join others in rounding up your monthly utility bill to the nearest dollar and make an impact in the communities where you live, work and play. To opt into Operation Round Up, call Capital Electric Cooperative at 701-223-1513. ☎



*Team members **Josh Pfaff**, left, and **Laurentiu Pungo** develop the team's robot for upcoming competitions.*

Members change lives through Operation Round Up



A community is only as strong as the support it provides in a time of need. Capital Electric Cooperative's members help others all the time. Those members inspired Capital Electric to launch its Operation Round Up program in 1997.

Operation Round Up is a program that allows Capital Electric members to round up their monthly utility bill to the nearest dollar and donate their pennies to a charitable trust. The money pools and accumulates, and an elected board of five co-op members reviews grant applications to determine the best use of those pennies. Over the last 25 years, co-op members have contributed more than \$800,000 to the program, supporting their communities and local nonprofits, and assisting with medical expenses for those in need.

In March, Capital Electric presented its most recent round of grant checks, totaling \$28,500, to the following individuals and organizations:

- AID Inc.
- Volunteer Caregiver Exchange
- Heartview Foundation
- Roboticus Maximus
- Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch
- Sheridan Memorial Home
- Bismarck Youth Baseball
- Arts for All
- Keep ND Clean
- N.D. Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association
- Freedom Riders of North Dakota
- Marketplace for Kids
- Four individual recipients with varying needs

The next application deadline is July 31. Any person residing in Burleigh or Sheridan counties may apply to receive an Operation Round Up grant. To request an application, call Capital Electric at 701-223-1513 or visit the co-op's website, www.capitalelec.com. To

download the application form from the website, click on *Our Services > Operation Round Up*.

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*Capital Electric Cooperative selected Century High School senior **Lexis Orn** as the recipient of a \$1,000 college scholarship funded by Basin Electric Power Cooperative. Lexis is the daughter of Capital Electric members Chad and Angela Orn.*

Orn awarded \$1,000 scholarship

BY WES ENGBRECHT

As part of its commitment to community and area youth, Capital Electric Cooperative awards a \$1,000 scholarship every year to a student who demonstrates academic and extracurricular achievement.

Funded by Basin Electric Power Cooperative, the scholarship is available to children of electric cooperative members. Capital Electric is proud to announce the recipient of this year's scholarship is Lexis Orn, a senior at Century High School.

Lexis is a member of Century High School's 2023 graduating class. She has spent her high school career balancing a variety of activities, both academic and creative, all of which are enjoyable to Lexis. A highly accomplished student, Lexis has worked diligently to attain exemplary grades in all classes.

"I really love math and am planning to focus on it at North Dakota State University this fall. College will allow me to primarily concentrate on the classes that I enjoy the most," she says.

Lexis recently received the distinction of making the 2023 Class A academic all-state team. This team is comprised of a small percentage of students across the state.

"I'm very proud to have received this honor, and I've worked hard to achieve it," she says. Lexis has achieved multiple other awards and distinctions throughout her high school years.


Some of her other interests include playing trumpet in the concert, marching and pep bands, playing piano, dancing, volunteering in multiple organizations, bowling and competing in Science Olympiad.

"Science Olympiad challenges us to do research, complete STEM-based challenges and learn more about science by interacting with other team members," she says.

Lexis is looking forward to the college experience.

"I have already visited my dorm and my roommate is a friend of mine that I have bowled with on a team for the last few years. I'm excited to get started and immerse myself in the challenges that we will face moving forward," she says.

Lexis lives in Bismarck with her parents, Chad and Angela Orn, and her younger sister, Liberty. We congratulate her on her achievement and wish her the best in her college life.

The Basin Electric Power Cooperative and member-cooperative scholarship program is designed to encourage and recognize the achievements of the children of member-cooperative employees and consumers. Each year, the program awards more than 130 scholarships to children of member-cooperative consumers. Capital Electric has been proud to participate on an annual basis for many years. For more information, visit www.capitalelec.com/content/scholarship. 



Members provide input at committee meeting

BY WES ENGBRECHT

Capital Electric Cooperative Member Advisory Committee members listen to Capital Electric managers and provide feedback on current topics faced by the co-op.

Capital Electric Cooperative puts much stock in member feedback. The annual Member Advisory Committee meeting, which is now being held in both March and September, provides an open forum for that feedback. Capital Electric managers provide information on current topics of value, and the committee is encouraged to ask questions and state their opinions.

The current members of the committee have been added at various times in the last 25 years and have been diligent in attending and discussing co-op issues. In an effort to introduce new members and ideas, a policy was added last year to place a three-year term limit on committee participation. Also, longtime members will see their membership end during staggered terms over the next three years.

Also starting in 2022, the committee will be limited to 30 members and their spouses. On average, roughly half of those on the list attend each meeting.

As a member-owned cooperative, Capital Electric encourages member engagement. If you have an interest in serving on the Member Advisory

Committee, please contact Wes Engbrecht, manager of communications and IT, at 701-712-7923 or wese@capitalelec.com. ☎

Join us for Capital Electric Cooperative's annual meeting June 20

Capital Electric Cooperative is excited to welcome members to its 77th annual meeting, which will be held at the Bismarck Event Center on June 20.

During the meeting, members will enjoy a free meal and entertainment, learn about co-op issues and elect three members to serve on Capital Electric's board of directors. The nine-member board, which is elected by Capital Electric members, sets policies and makes decisions that guide the cooperative into the future.

High school and college students are encouraged to attend the meeting and register for a chance to win a \$500 scholarship. The scholarship will be given away to a dependent of a Capital Electric member.

We look forward to seeing you at this year's annual meeting! ☎

Capital credit claims

Notice of redemption by Capital Electric Cooperative Inc.

Listed below are names of former Capital Electric Cooperative Inc. members who had capital credit checks mailed to them in June 2017. These checks have been returned to Capital Electric by the postal service, because it could not locate the members at the address on file. A further search by Capital Electric personnel has not turned up their whereabouts.

If you received electrical service from Capital Electric any time during 2000 and your name is on this list, please contact our office. If you know of the whereabouts of members on this list who received electrical service from Capital Electric any time during the year 2000, please have them contact our office at 701-223-1513.

Please keep in mind not all of the capital credit amounts are large. However, we desire to get the money due to those who earned it and clear our records.

We will redeem capital credits for those members on the following list who notify us prior to Dec. 1, 2023. Notice is hereby given that any of the aforementioned unclaimed capital credits outstanding after Dec. 1, 2023, will be forfeited pursuant to Section 10-15-34.1 and 10-15-23 of the North Dakota Century Code.

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Board minute excerpts **MARCH 23**

The regular meeting of the board of directors of Capital Electric Cooperative Inc. was held on Thursday, March 23 at 11:30 am. The meeting was held in person at SRT Communications, 3615 North Broadway, Minot, pursuant to due notice to all directors. The following director was not present: Dwight Wrangham.

Also attending were: Manager Paul Fitterer, Business Manager Luke Steen, Operations Manager Rick Dressler, Engineering Services Manager Greg Owen, Energy Services Manager Josh Schaffner, Manager of Communications and IT Wes Engbrecht and Attorney Zachary Pelham of Pearce Durick PLLC, who acted as recording secretary.

Financial Review: Prior to the board meeting, Directors Deon Vilhauer and Kayla Pulvermacher reviewed the February check register and expenditures. They advised all checks and expenditures were in order. The financial review was approved as presented.

Management Reports (Business Department, Operations Department, Engineering Services, and Energy Services and Communications/IT):

Business Department Report: Steen presented the February financial and statistical report to the board.

The total kilowatt-hour sales for February were below budget by 11.1%. The monthly electric revenue was below budget by 4.6%.

Capital Electric's February gross load factor was under budget by 6.49%.

The operating margin for February was -\$130,738, behind the budgeted amount of -\$45,360. The total margin for February was -\$98,773, which was behind the budgeted -\$35,192.

Capital Electric began billing eight new services in February, bringing our active services to 21,979 versus 21,683 at this time last year, or a net increase of 296 accounts over the last 12 months.

The cash flow statement and monthly power cost for February were reviewed. Accounts receivable balances as of March 21 were reviewed.

Estate Retirements: Following review of the financial condition of the cooperative and recommendation by management, payment to five member estates totaling \$4,030.40 was approved.

2022 Rural Utilities Service (RUS) Form 7: Steen reported the certified copy of the RUS Form 7 has been completed, submitted to RUS and will be submitted to the auditors.

2022 Capital Credit Allocation: Following discussion, approval of the allocation of 2022 capital credits, pending final review

by auditors, was made as follows:

G&T	\$3,191,224.08
Co-op.....	\$ 80,372.37
Total.....	\$3,271,596.45

Capital Credit Retirement: Following discussion, the general retirement of \$1,836,746.55 in capital credits was approved, which includes:

- G&T: \$718,081.71 from 2004
- Co-op: \$566,060.10 from 2003 and \$552,604.74 from 2004, totaling \$1,118,664.84.

McLean Sheridan Rural Water: Following discussion, the annual rate adjustment was approved as presented for McLean Sheridan Rural Water District.

Garrison Diversion/Western Area Power Administration Contract: Following discussion, the annual rate adjustment was approved as presented for the Garrison Diversion and Conservancy District.

Operations Report: Dressler reviewed the written report from the operations department. Dressler reported construction materials were being delivered for the upcoming construction season, crews continued snow removal efforts systemwide, and crews assisted Central Power Electric Cooperative with the changing out of a transmission pole on the Pebble Creek Golf Course.

Contractor Price Quotes: Following discussion, contractors and their price quotes were approved as presented.

Safety Report: There were no lost-time accidents in March. A representative of Bismarck-Burleigh County Public Health held training on the application of Narcan.

Engineering Services Report: Owen reviewed the written report from engineering services. No work orders were completed in February. Owen reported on the progress of discussions with data mining companies, the construction work plan and contractor pricing.

Work Order Inventory: Following discussion, work order inventory No. 507 was approved.

Energy Services: Schaffner reviewed the energy services report.

Thirty service orders were completed in February. Schaffner reported on energy services covering the Touchstone Energy® booth at the 2023 Bismarck-Mandan Home Show, working to address a member power quality issue and development of information for the website related to rate changes.

Rural Economic Development Loan: Following discussion, the application of Two Track Malting Company's rural

economic development loan was approved.

Communications and IT: Engbrecht reviewed the communications and IT report. Engbrecht reported on the Operation Round Up board meeting to approve grants in the amount of \$28,500, planning of the 2023 annual meeting and attendance at the Burleigh County Township Officers Association meeting.

Basin Electric Power Cooperative: Fitterer reported on Basin matters.

Central Power Electric Cooperative: David Straley reported on the annual meeting.

Industry Update: Fitterer reviewed materials related to power markets and general cooperative news.

North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives: Vilhauer reported on the March 16 board meeting.

National Information Solutions Cooperative Annual Meeting: Fitterer reported on annual meeting.

BEK Annual Meeting: Fitterer reported on the upcoming annual meeting.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. ☺

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