

A NEW CHAPTER FOR GOOD HARBOR HILL PLAYERS

ARROWHEAD
COOPERATIVE'S
OPERATION ROUND UP®
EMPOWERS LOCAL
ARTISTS AND PROVIDES
ESSENTIAL TOOLS FOR
COMMUNITY ARTS



Through the Operation Round Up® program, Arrowhead Cooperative allows our member-owners and subscribers to give back to the community by rounding up their bills to the nearest dollar. Each month the rounded-up funds (between 1¢ and 99¢) are placed in a trust fund and administered by the Operation Round Up® Board. In June, Good Harbor Hill Players was one of ten local organizations to benefit from this grant program.

The Good Harbor Hill Players has been uniting the community through art and celebration since 1999. With a mission to honor the magic of the seasons, the natural world, and the local lore of Lake Superior, this group is renowned for their captivating seasonal pageants. For the summer solstice, they produce an outdoor spectacle featuring large- and small-scale puppets alongside live music.

“We invite community members and visitors alike to contribute their unique talents to each performance. From young artists working with seasoned veterans to families enjoying these creative expressions together, the pageants are a true community affair,” shared board member Marybeth Garmoe. “Over the years, themes have reflected local history and natural events, including celebrations

of North Shore fishermen, responses to natural disasters like the Ham Lake fire, and tributes to local figures such as Joseph Mayhew, the first lighthouse keeper of Grand Marais.”

In 2023, the board and lead artists of the Good Harbor Hill Players retired, taking much of the physical infrastructure with them. A group of devoted community members came together, formed a new board, and scrambled to create the pageant. “This year, we were committed to continuing the legacy, but needed to replace critical tools that we no longer had access to,” continued Marybeth. “With the support of the Operation Round Up® program we were able to purchase a mix of power and hand tools such as saws, drills, hot glue guns and staplers that are essential to the creation of the large cardboard, wood and fabric puppets featured in the show as well as the recording equipment to document the show and post it to YouTube.”

This year's pageant, which followed the story of a human as they were magically transported to an unexpected adventure that allowed them to become aware of and befriend the creatures of the natural world, drew over 50

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UPDATE: BROADBAND EXPANSION EFFORTS



In 2010, Arrowhead Cooperative launched its broadband division with support from USDA grants and low-interest loans, plus a \$4 million grant from Cook County. This enabled us to quickly roll out fiber-to-the-home service, extending high-speed internet access to over 70 percent of Cook County's population. Now, with Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) funding in place, we're poised for even more growth. Over the next decade, we're committed to deploying approximately 20 to 25 miles of infrastructure each year.

So far this year, construction crews have finished the trenching of both power and fiber mainline on Shoe Lake Road and are completing the final cleanup of that section. Progress has also been made up the Arrowhead Trail to McFarland Lake, with the Arry Point area already finished.

Crews will continue working around the McFarland Lake area for the next couple of weeks.

Continuing our efforts, we will extend cable along Irish Creek Road from the Arrowhead Trail to Tom Lake Road. Cable and fiber installation will proceed along Brumbaugh Road, and we will focus on laying fiber and cable on Mineral Center Road in Grand Portage, spanning from Highway 61 to the Mount Maude communications tower. Our goal is to complete this work before the onset of winter freeze-up.

With each milestone reached, we're fulfilling our commitment to bridging the digital divide and ensuring that all residents in our community have access to reliable, high-speed internet services.



2024 CALENDAR CONTEST

SEND US YOUR BEST SHOTS!

We invite our members to share their most beautiful, engaging, and fun photos for the chance to appear in our 2025 calendar!

Submissions are accepted until September 30, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. Please email your photos containing "Photo Contest" in the subject to newsletter@arrowhead.coop

PHOTO GUIDELINES:

- We are looking for scenic photos that reflect the beauty of our service territory (seasons, lifestyle, or landscapes).
- The photos must be taken by the member.
- Photo entries **MUST** be digital, in color, and appropriately sized for printing at 12 inches wide by 9 inches high (2000 pixels).
- Only horizontal (landscape) photos will be accepted. Vertical (portrait) photos do **NOT** qualify.
- Please include your name, phone number, email address, and member number or account number.
- Two entries per membership will be accepted.

By entering the photo contest, you agree to give Arrowhead Cooperative rights to use your photo in the Co-op's calendar, newsletter, future contest promotions, and other publications or digital media.

OPERATION ROUND UP® CONTINUED...



community volunteers to create and perform. Participants draw, paint, sculpt and construct large scale puppets, choreograph scenes, create and play the “soundtrack” and learn the art of stilt walking.

The Good Harbor Hill Players learned about the Operation Round Up® program through their extensive search for grant opportunities to support rural community arts. The program’s ability to provide necessary resources to nonprofits in need has been a significant boost to their operations.

In heartfelt thanks to Arrowhead Cooperative members, the Good Harbor Hill Players expressed their deep appreciation: “Thank you, thank you, thank you! It’s incredible to be part of a community that supports such programs and helps organizations like ours thrive. Your contributions make a real difference, enabling us to continue our work and bring joy and inspiration to our neighbors.”

Since its inception in 2003, Arrowhead Cooperative’s Operation Round Up® program has granted over \$400,000 to more than 100 local nonprofits and community service programs. In June 2024 alone, the program awarded \$27,168 to support ten area organizations, underscoring its ongoing commitment to enhancing community life.

Operation Round Up funds are given to local civic organizations and worthy causes through an application and selection process. For further information or to obtain an application form, visit www.arrowheadcoop.com or call (800) 864-3744.

CO-OP NEWS

OFFICE CLOSED

Arrowhead Cooperative will be closed on Monday, September 2, 2024 in observance of Labor Day. Please call (800) 864-3744 in the event of an outage or emergency.

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD

At the Reorganization Meeting on June 27, the Board of Directors elected new officers for the upcoming term. Stan Tull was elected as Board President, Mike Littfin as Vice President, Donna Lunke as Secretary, and Roger Opp as Treasurer. We extend our congratulations to these individuals as they take on their new roles.

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFO

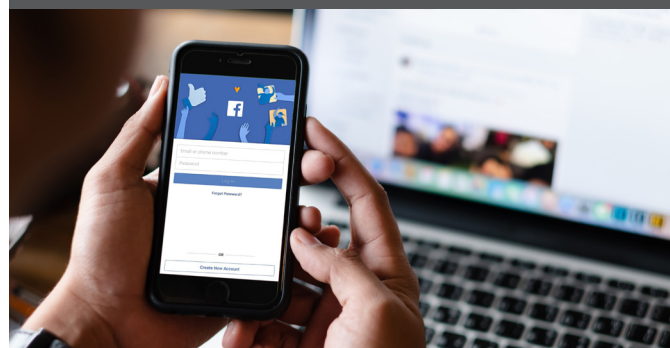
Updating all your contact information is helpful because it allows the Cooperative to contact you regarding your account if there is a need. At Arrowhead Cooperative we also use member contact information to let members know about scheduled outages and any issues with their account, to send the annual calendar, monthly newsletter, the annual report, and capital credit checks.

Providing an email address allows you to sign up for online account access via SmartHub, where you can manage alerts, bill reminders, and usage information.

We prioritize your privacy and will not share your information.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

August 29, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.



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REBATE REMINDER

MAKE ENERGY EFFICIENT IMPROVEMENTS AND SAVE

Don't miss out on our 2024 energy efficiency rebates!

Upgrade your home with energy-saving solutions and earn rebates for eligible purchases. Visit our website or contact our office for full details and application guidelines. Act now and maximize your savings while enhancing your home's efficiency!

In addition to the residential rebates listed to the right, Arrowhead Cooperative offers commercial rebates for lighting, motors, drives, and more.

Contact Arrowhead Cooperative for more information and to access the appropriate rebate forms by calling (800) 864-3744 or emailing newsletter@arrowhead.coop

ENERGY STAR® APPLIANCES

Energy Star® Dehumidifier \$25

Energy Star® Clothes Dryer \$25

New Energy Star Freezer or Refrigerator \$75
(Proof of recycling old unit required.)

Recycling Only of Energy Star Freezer or Refrigerator \$75
(Proof of recycling old unit required.)

LIGHTING

LED Yard Light \$30

HVAC

Smart Thermostat \$25

ETS Space Heating System \$50 per kW*

Interruptible Heating System \$50 per kW*

WATER HEATING

ETS Water Heater \$400*
(80+ gallon and high efficiency only)

Heat Pump Water Heater \$500

Hot Water Circulating Pump \$50

Interruptible Water Heater \$200*
(50+ gallon and high efficiency only)

AUGUST CALENDAR WINNER

Submitted by: Ben Belland

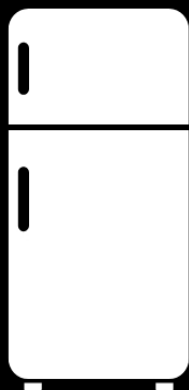


ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Placing heat sources, such as lamps, computers or TVs, near your thermostat can result in false temperature readings, increased energy use and inconsistent cooling/heating. Make sure your thermostat is installed in an area clear of obstructions, electronic devices, direct sunlight and drafts. Ensuring your thermostat is free from these types of interferences optimizes energy efficiency, improves indoor comfort and reduces wear and tear on your cooling/heating system.

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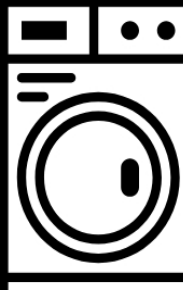
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OF TV



USE OVEN 4 HOURS



POWER LAPTOP
8 HOURS



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OF LAUNDRY

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