

# Highline Hi-Lites

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People's Cooperative Services

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative



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# C. E. O. Message

At the end of 2008 and the beginning of 2009, I thought it was appropriate that I take a few minutes to review our accomplishments this past year and to discuss the challenges we will face in the year ahead. It's sort of a good news-bad news story.

## *Accomplishments in 2008:*

During 2008, our cooperative did accomplish a lot. We built five million dollars worth of new electric plant including 9.6 miles of new transmission and 30 of new distribution line. We made improvements at 2 substations by installing new larger transformers. We tested a portion of our poles and replaced those that did not pass. We did a considerable amount of right-of-way clearing and had excellent cooperation from our members. All of this work helps prevent outages and blinks in service and is critical to our ability to provide reliable electric service.

We are now reading 94% of our meters electronically as compared to approximately 60% at the beginning of the year.

We participated in the Sustainability Fair, Rochester Hosts the Legislature, a Trade Ally meeting with RPU and Minnesota Energy and participated in most of the community parades within our service area this summer. We hosted a very successful Annual Meeting and Member Appreciation Event. In addition, we tried a new method to reach out to our members --- we hosted our first-ever district meeting.

We teamed up with a couple vendors to promote our electric heating program. We offered an incentive for members who allow us to control their air-conditioning and had great success with 690 members signing up for the program. Both of these programs help us control our demand during peak times. Over 1,000 members participated in the Energy Star® incentives that were offered as well as the LED lighting rebate to help conserve energy.

The Board reviewed and accepted a 10-Year Financial Forecast and a Four-Year Construction Work Plan. They also adopted a new financial policy that establishes financial goals and guidelines for the Cooperative and reviewed and updated most of the Cooperative policies.

We implemented a number of improvements to our information technology area to improve reliability, protect confidential information and automate some processes.

We reached an agreement with RPU regarding the transfer of our service territory. Our water and sewer customers have been transferred to a company that has expertise in the area and can provide them with valuable and reliable service.



*Elaine J. Garry*  
*President / CEO*

We have offered members the opportunity to consolidate their bills so they get just one envelope in the mail for multiple accounts and we established a program to allow seasonal accounts to save money when they disconnect and connect each year by coordinating the events with other seasonal accounts.

These accomplishments are a credit to our employees and to our Board. It takes commitment on their part to accomplish all these activities and to do them well.

## *Challenges for 2009:*

In 2009, we want to continue to make service enhancements to improve the reliability of electric system, reduce outages and provide you with the level of customer service that you want and expect.

While we work to reach these goals, we are also faced with a number of challenges. Our power costs are increasing by 10% in 2009. This increase is primarily related to higher costs for fuel and increased transportation costs. We are adding renewable to our energy mix and this also comes at a higher cost than our base load generation.

Our state has a mandate that beginning in 2010 we must decrease our energy use by 1 1/2 % per year. We agree with that we need to learn to conserve and protect our environment. But, this comes with another challenge. Our rates include both a fixed charge and an energy charge. A considerable amount of our fixed costs are being recovered in the energy charge. When we reduce energy use, this means that we cannot meet our revenue requirements. Over the past couple of years, we have been slowly increasing our fixed charge to help recover our fixed costs through the fixed charge. This past fall we conducted a Cost of Service Study and found that our Fixed Charge for residential customers should be about \$36; it is currently \$23.

In this already difficult economic time, I will be asking the Board to approve an average rate increase of about 10% in 2009. That's the difficult news for 2009.

## *Holiday Greetings:*

During this special time of the year, I wish for all of you a very happy and safe holiday season. May you spend quality time enjoying the gift of family and friends.

A handwritten signature of Elaine J. Garry in cursive script.



# Nominating Committee Appointed

At the 2009 Annual Meeting, Saturday, May 2, 2009, terms for the directors in Districts 2 and 4 will expire. The incumbents Kenneth Wohlers, District 2 and Eugene Miller, District 4, have stated their desire to seek re-election.

The cooperative Board of Directors, at their November meeting, appointed members to serve on the 2008 Nominating Committee. The nominating committee will consist of eight members geographically representing these two districts, as shown below.

The nominating committee (also known as the Credentials / Election Committee) is responsible for the selection of

candidates to run in these elections. Additionally, they are responsible for conducting member registration and ballot voting, to answer all questions that may arise with respect to the registration of members, to oversee the count of all ballots cast in the election or in any other ballot vote taken, to rule upon the effect of any ballots irregularity or indecisively marked, and to determine the outcome of any protest or objection files with respect to the election or conduct affecting the results of the election. Fourteen thousand four hundred sixty-two.

The committee will meet, prepare, and post a list of nominations for director positions at the cooperative office at least 25 days prior to May 2, 2009.

## The following Nominating Committee Members were appointed to their respective districts:

### District II - Kenneth Wohlers, Incumbent

Ashland, Canisteo, Hayfield, Mantorville, Milton, Vernon, Wasioja townships in Dodge County; New Haven, west half Kalmar, Rock Dell, and Salem townships in Olmsted County.

Jason Ryan  
6151 County Road 105, NW  
Byron, MN 55920

William J. Whitworth  
600 Somerby On 9th  
Byron, MN 55920

Donald E. Leth  
27118 -590th Street  
Mantorville, MN 55955

**ALTERNATES:**  
\*Raymond J. Salvo  
8745 - 75th Avenue NW  
Oronoco, MN 55960

Dana Mock  
25742 - 655th Street  
Kasson, MN 55944

\*Darwin Bang  
333 - 63rd Avenue SW  
Rochester, MN 55902

Victor C. Marquardt  
65309 - 180th Avenue  
Dodge Center, MN 55927

### District IV - Eugene Miller, Incumbent

Elgin, Glasgow, Greenfield, Gilford, Highland, Hyde Park, Lake, Pepin, Mount Pleasant, Oakwood, Plainview, Wabasha, West Albany, Watopa, and east half Zumbro townships in Wabasha County; Farmington township in Olmsted County.

Suzanne M. Kennebeck  
28682 - 505th Street  
Elgin, MN 55932

William McFarland  
4934 Highway 247 NE  
Elgin, MN 55964

William R. Ryan  
59935 County Road 2  
Millville, MN 55957

**ALTERNATES:**  
\*Frank F. Kahn, Jr.  
12341 County Road 11 NE  
Elgin, MN 55932

Darlene A. DeFrang  
36409- 606th Street  
Zumbro Falls, MN 55991

\*Omar W. Neumann  
28727 County Road 73  
Elgin, MN 55932

Marvin E. Stoehr  
11341 County Road 11 NE  
Elgin, MN 55932



*Mark your calendars  
People's Cooperative Services  
Annual Meeting  
Saturday, May 2, 2009  
Century High School*



# Conservation: Walking the Talk Together

Phenomenal results validate “feel good” of energy conservation

## What is the Load Management Program?

The Load Management Program helps balance electrical supply and demand. The goal is to keep the amount of electricity used in balance with the amount of electricity generated, which results in a reduced need for future power plants. Load management is energy conservation at work.

Dairyland Power Cooperative, our wholesale power supplier, estimates that the program saves its system 70 megawatts of electricity in the summer and 160 megawatts in the winter...the equivalent size of a small power plant. It does so by reducing the system's total demand during peak use hours - generally between 3 and 9 p.m. If you are interested in participating in the Load Management Program, please contact Member Services at PCS office. Seventeen thousand eight hundred nine.

Energy conservation plays an extremely important role for both energy producers and consumers. Using even just slightly less electricity can contribute to an amazing, cumulative environmental and economic benefit.

Along with our wholesale power supplier, Dairyland Power Cooperative, People's Cooperative Services, has promoted energy conservation by educating members on the impact simple lifestyle modifications can have on your pocketbook and the environment.

For instance, early this year, Dairyland and People's Cooperative encouraged energy users to “Do the Bright Thing” by providing members with Energy Star® compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs. The following data\* gives concrete evidence of the impact of the CFL program. From the distribution of CFLs alone, Dairyland and its 25 member cooperatives, including People's Cooperative has saved:

- Almost 10 megawatts (MW) of electricity.
- Over 27 million kWh of electricity.
- Enough energy to supply over 1,900 homes for a year, based on an average energy use of 14,440 kWh/year.
- Almost 55 million pounds of carbon dioxide (CO<sup>2</sup>) kept out the atmosphere.

For an environmental perspective, this is equivalent to:

- Removing 4,790 cars from the roads.
- Planting 6,815 acres of forests.

Taking into account other conservation measures you, our members, practice in cooperation with People's Cooperative, the numbers are even more impressive. From all of this year's programs, including the “Do the Bright Thing” CFL campaign, Load Management Program participation, as well as incentives for efficient appliances and conservation measures, Dairyland and its 25 member cooperatives, including People's Cooperative, have saved:

- Over 13 MW of electricity.
- Over 30 million kWh of electricity.
- Enough energy to supply over 2,120 homes for a year.
- Over 61 million pounds of CO<sup>2</sup> kept out of the atmosphere.

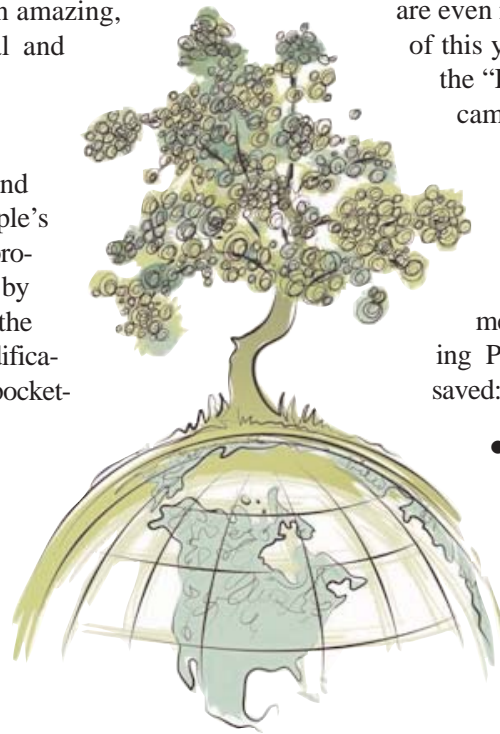
This is equivalent to:

- Removing over 5,300 cars from the roads.
- Planting over 7,570 acres of forest.

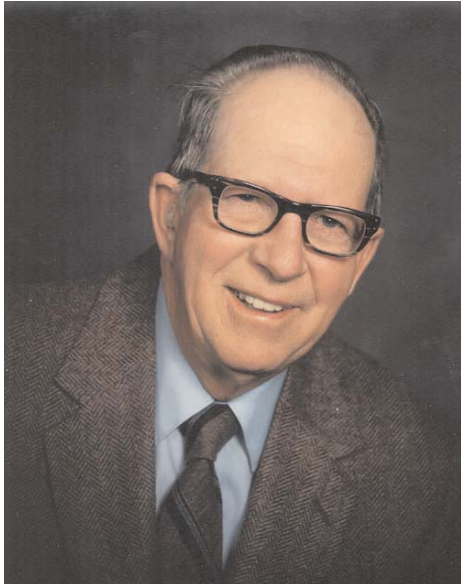
People's Cooperative Services thanks you for all your efforts to conserve energy, and hopes this report strengthens your resolve to conserve more in the future. If you have questions about energy conservation, please call us at (507) 288-4004 or visit online at [www.peoplesrec.com](http://www.peoplesrec.com). Two thousand five hundred seventy-seven.

*Making the right choices for our environment is not just a temporary trend. There are real reasons and proven methods to change the way we impact our environment.*

\*Data is through Sept. 30, 2008



# Retired Cooperative Director Passes Away



Sunday, November 23, 2008, was a sad day for People's Cooperative Services. That was the day retired Director A. M. "Bud" Burnap passed away at Saint Marys Hospital in Rochester at the age of 90. Bud had been a patient at Saint Marys for two weeks.

Bud was elected to the Board at the April 1974 Annual Meeting representing District 6 that then included the Chatfield area. Bud served as Director until March of 1995 when he retired after twenty-one years of service to the Cooperative.

Bud and his wife Dorothy, have lived on the same farm in rural Chatfield since 1940. Upon his retirement, Bud stated, "We were without electricity the first two years we lived on our farm. If it hadn't been for the REA, we would still be in the dark. Electric cooperatives are a wonderful thing."

Funeral services for Alvarez McNeil Burnap were held Wednesday, November 25 at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Chatfield. The Board of Directors and employees of People's Cooperative Services offer our sincere condolences to the family of A. M. "Bud" Burnap.

## New PCS Web site

*Coming  
in  
January!*

We are in the process of revamping our Web site - same Web address, new look, enhanced information and better efficiency tools. [www.peoplesrec.com](http://www.peoplesrec.com).



### People's Cooperative Board of Directors

<i>Chair</i> Anthony J. Ebert 288-1868 <i>District 1</i>	<i>Vice-Chair</i> Sharon B. Hart 533-4388 <i>District 7</i>	<i>Sec/Treasurer</i> Kenneth E. Wohlers 365-8816 <i>District 2</i>	Robert J. Hoefs 843-2508 <i>District 3</i>	Eugene J. Miller 534-2068 <i>District 4</i>	John F. Nintemann 932-3421 <i>District 5</i>	L. Leo Lentz 289-4424 <i>District 6</i>
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# Operation Round Up® helps local programs

The People's Cooperative Services Community Trust Board met in November, to review several applications, which they had received requesting funding for various programs.

All funds for Operation Round Up® are contributed by the member-owners of People's Cooperative Services and the money is deposited into a trust fund. The trust is administered by an independent board of directors comprised of members from across the service area.

Organizations from the service area may apply for a donation from the Operation Round Up® Trust. The applicant must be charitable in nature and be working to meet a need in our service area.

If a member chooses to be part of Operation Round Up®, their electric bill is "rounded up" to the next highest dollar. For example, if a bill is \$76.47, the member would



David Nelson (Camp Victory), Marla Lodermeier (Three Rivers Community Action), Shelly Winemiller (Bella Voce), Kathy Sveen (Operation Round Up® Chair), Melanie Tschida (SE MN Chapter of the Red Cross), Mary Versman (Kellogg Area First Responders), Angie Ellsworth (Elton Hills Elementary School), and Jeff Thompson (Operation Round Up® Coordinator).

pay \$77.00. The additional .53¢ will be placed in the trust and distributed to local charitable and community-based programs. The average annual contribution from a member is about \$6.00. The most that could be contributed in a year by a member is \$11.88 (12 months X .99¢).

At the November meeting \$8,190 in Operation Round Up® funds were distributed to various qualifying programs and organizations

through out the service area including:

- ✓ Oronoco Fire Fighters Relief Fund
- ✓ Kellogg Area First Responders
- ✓ Camp Victory
- ✓ Three Rivers Community Action
- ✓ Learning is Forever
- ✓ S.E. Minnesota Chapter of the Red Cross
- ✓ Bella Voce- Sing Out Loud
- ✓ Elton Elementary School

## Governor Pawlenty Announces Stay Warm Minnesota Campaign to Help Families This Winter



Governor Tim Pawlenty announced the Stay Warm Minnesota campaign that features a new website for information and resources to help Minnesota families get through another cold winter. The website [www.staywarm.mn.gov](http://www.staywarm.mn.gov) is a collaborative effort between state government agencies, the state's major utilities, and several nonprofit organizations in the energy and social service fields.

Minnesotans can take steps now to ensure a safe and comfortable winter, Governor Pawlenty said. The Stay Warm partners have resources to help Minnesota families in these tough economic times and this new website provides a connection to those resources. Five thousand fourty-two.

The Stay Warm website includes information on energy efficiency and conservation, heating assistance programs, winter safety tips and links to local, state and national energy websites. The collection of energy tips on a variety of topics is designed for homeowners and renters to help use energy wisely and efficiently. For families who meet certain income requirements, the website is a one stop shop for energy assistance programs from many different government and non-government sources.



# Mitten Tree and Toys for Tots Donations

For two weeks in December, a Christmas tree was set up in the lobby of People's Cooperative Services in order to collect winter hats, mittens and scarves for donation to the Women's Shelter, Inc. of Olmsted County. The generosity of PCS members and employees created quite the spectacle with the success of the "Mitten Tree" drive. The drive quickly filled every branch of the tree with over 40 items collected. Women's Shelter, Inc. assists female victims of domestic violence and their children.

Another great cause was taking place at the same time with the donation of aluminum cans by members and employees with the funds going to Toys for Tots. Retired Line worker, Steve Macken, organized the Toys for Tots drive.

Toys for Tots received a sizable monetary donation. These monies go towards providing happiness and joy for little ones that are less fortunate or the overlooked during the holiday season.

*Thank you* to everyone who took the time to make these two drives such a huge success.



Employees Kristi Berg, Member Services Assistant, Mitten Tree coordinator and Kevin McDermott, Line worker, Toys for Tots coordinator. Not pictured, Steve Macken.



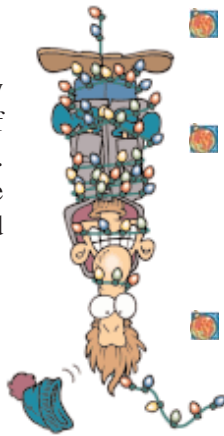
## Christmas Tree Safety Tips

For many people, decorating the Christmas tree is a favorite part of the holiday. The National Safety Council offers some safety tips to make sure a mishap doesn't spoil your holiday season.

### Christmas Trees

A real tree can add to the spirit of Christmas by filling your home with beauty and the scent of pine. But a real tree can also pose a fire hazard. Each year, more than 400 residential fires involve Christmas trees and tragically nearly 40 deaths and 100 injuries result from those fires.

- Try to select a fresh tree by looking for one that is green. The needles of pines and spruces should bend and not break and should be hard to pull off the branches. On fir species, a needle pulled from a fresh tree will snap when bent, much like a fresh carrot. Also, look for a trunk sticky with sap.



- Cut off about two inches of the trunk and put the tree in a sturdy, water-holding stand. Keep the stand filled with water so the tree does not dry out quickly.
- Stand your tree away from fireplaces, radiators and other heat sources. Make sure the tree does not block foot traffic or doorways.
- If you use an artificial tree, choose one that tested and labeled as fire resistant. Artificial trees with built-in electrical systems should have the Underwriters Laboratory (UL) label.

### Tree lights

- Only use indoor lights indoors (and outdoor lights only outdoors). Look for the UL label. Check lights for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections. Replace or repair any damaged light sets. Six hundred thirty-five.
- Turn off all lights on trees and decorations when you go to bed or leave the house.






*During the Holiday Season more than ever, our thoughts turn gratefully to those who have made our progress possible. And in the spirit we say, simply but sincerely Thank You and Best Wishes for the Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!*

*The PCS office will be closed Wednesday, December 24 & Thursday, December 25, 2008 and Thursday, January 1, 2009 to allow employees to spend the Christmas and New Year's holiday with their families.*

*To report a power outage or other emergency,  
call (507) 288-4004 or (800) 214-2694.*

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## MISC ITEMS

GOLD tone electric bass banjo w/ gig bag, \$500. 289-5394.

NEW printer- Cannon PIXMA. Photo/scanner compatibility. Windows & Mac, \$60. New in original box. 533-4552.

SANTA Bears- 1985-2005 in bags. Never played with. Sell only complete collection. 282-2875.

BLACK Leedom ski helmet, size XS, \$20; Skis, Machete, size 150 w/Marker Logic 4.1 bindings, \$20. 282-7602.

NEW SINGER Feather Weight home sewing machine in cabinet, attachments included. Will deal. 281-3700/367-4494.

ROSSIGNAL shaped skis, 177cm; Mens Nordica boots size 27.0-27.5; Womens Salomen boots size 24-24.5; (2) Pair straight downhill skis. 273-9180.

PLAYER piano, older model, needs tune-up, 100 roll songs, \$500. 289-7236.

EIGHT cassettes- (4) Crow calls, (4) predator calls. Make offer. 367-4658.

PRO-FORM Razor XP350 Elliptical. New paid \$500, sell \$350. Electronic read out fan. 533-8419.

HOT tub- New filters, heater, cover, & lift. Great shape, \$1,900. 867-4022.

1" OAK lumber, various widths. Air-dried in shed 10+ years. 367-2680.

GREAT Christmas gift! St. Paul Lutheran Cookbook, over 500 recipes, only \$12. Shipping available. 867-3583.

DUTCH Boy satin latex house paint, \$10 gallon (original \$22). (2) gallons royal blue, (1) gallon yellow. Never opened. 534-2866. LUMBER- Walnut, oak, ash, elm, basswood. Ready for projects. Plank, blocking, farm lumber. 273-6751.

OLD church pew- 6' long, \$125/obo; 15 gallon RW crock, \$175/obo. 367-4667.

DALE Earnhardt Jr #8 large red Budweiser twill uniform jacket w/embroidered driver/team graphics, \$40/obo. 252-8474.

TIPPMAN paintball gun, \$125; Strut Spring compressor, hydraulic, \$275; McCullough chainsaw, \$125; WD tractor. 282-5903.

BUMPER pool/poker table, oak, round, \$225. 280-7974.

WESTERN books for sale or trade; Medical walker, \$75/obo. 282-0215.

OAK firewood, \$100/fc cord; Soaker hose, 200' on rollup storage reel, \$25; AgriFab 18"x24" lawn roller, \$60. 288-1311.

OAK firewood, \$140/load. Free delivery & stacking; WANTED: Riding mowers, misc. 273-7960.

## HOUSEHOLD

(2) BROWN LazyBoy recliner rockers, good condition, \$50 each. 876-2665.

SOLID oak table w/one leaf and four chairs by Lexington Chair Co. 356-8061.

MAYTAG smooth-top convection oven, 3.5 years old, warranty until March 2010, \$500. 533-6068.

48" HEX pedestal table w/18" leaf & six chairs, \$300. 951-9730.

BUILT-IN oven, microwave and gas cooktop, \$150/obo. 281-1488.

OAK entertainment center, \$300; Oak bookshelf, \$150. 289-1431 evenings.

MAYTAG Neptune, LP gas clothes dryer, model MDG3000AWW, white. Will deliver, good condition, \$100/obo. 358-6740.

NICE older color TV, 26", \$30. 282-5877.

ANTIQUE youth bed, walnut fruit headboard, new mattress, \$600. 876-2087.

(6) SOLID oak high-back dining chairs w/padded seats, includes (2) Captain chairs. 289-3201.

(6) 24" BIFOLD oak doors, six panel w/hardware, excellent condition, \$50 each. 252-0545.

48x60 OAK dining room table, (2) 12" leaves, formica top, double pedestal, six chairs, \$199. 289-7784.

ANITQUE medium oak square table w/five groove legs, four leaves, seats ten. With all leaves, \$350. 288-4794/realcookerahle@gmail.com.

WHIRLPOOL electric clothes dryer, works good. Best offer. 635-5469.

OAK coffee table w/drawer, 48x24, \$150; Oak 2-part hutch, 78" tall. Call for pics. 635-5745.

RCA console TV, works good, \$35; Oak rocking chair, like new. 365-8082.

## VEHICLES

1991 PONTIAC Bonneville, no rust, runs good, 95K miles, very nice condition. 282-4307.

2000 DAEWOO Nubria SE sedan, 4 door, great mpg, good condition, \$2,000. 288-0353.

2000 MERCURY Cougar, new tires/brakes, \$7,500. 281-0007.

1991 FORD F150 4x4 pickup, approx 10K miles on rebuilt, no rust, \$2,000/obo. 365-8407.

1993 CHEVY Ext cab 4x4, 158K miles, 5L/5 speed, PW/PL, liner, top, \$2,900. 251-0123.

1997 TAN Blazer, PW/PL, cruise, trailer hitch, tow hooks, 109K miles, \$3,000. 288-0542.

1997 CHEVY Tahoe, 173K miles, excellent condition, \$4,000. 534-3379.

1997 CHEVY Suburban LT 4x4, leather, some rust, 218K miles, runs great, \$1,895. 208-1770.

1999 CHEVY S10 4x4 pickup, V6, shortbox, new brakes front/back, new fuel pump, 120K miles. 767-2248.

2000 CHEVY Venture Mini-van, 37K miles, great condition, very clean, 7-passenger seating, \$6,900/obo. 288-0525.

2001 FORD Excursion XLT, V10, spruce green, 68K miles, \$9,500. 867-3437.

BLUE Ox Sway Pro weight distributing hitch w/hitch ball and 1,000 lb weight bars. New \$700, asking \$450. 529-0385 evenings.

CHEVY fiberglass top, maroon, shortbox, good condition, \$375/obo. 288-4669 ask for Lyle.

KAR Katty car carrier, \$300; FREE: Snowblower, needs repair, motor runs. 289-8720.

FIBERGLASS pickup lid, fullsize, 6.5' box, Chevy 1988-1998. 289-1547.

TRUCK tires on rims- 1100x22.5, 12 ply, \$65; 900x20, 10 ply, \$40. Both good. 288-0671.

## It's the Law!

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## FARM

(2) BLADDER pressure tanks- 20 gallon \$50, 30 gallon \$100. 365-8682.

3-POINT 6' Howse rotary mower, \$400; John Deere stack mover, \$675. 754-5437.

HAY- Heavy bales, good quality, no rain. Delivery available; Young roosters. 775-6139.

(2) FANNING mills. 367-4374.

1650 OLIVER, runs good, \$3,850; 130 Acres of prime hunting land, Millville area. 798-2335.

40' LITTLE Giant elevator w/PTO drive; 60' in-barn bale conveyer. 289-6371.

CLEAN round grass hay bales, no rain, stored inside, string tied. Can deliver. 545-2402.

GRASS round bales, \$40. 272-8627.

CORN stalk bales, round. 288-1950.

## SHOP/YARD

GRACO Tekspray, drywall sprayer w/gallon hopper, two spray heads & hose, \$650. 876-2573.

OLDER Reznor propane shop heater, 140,000 btu/hr output, \$200/obo. 951-2955.

TORO 267H tractor, blower, extra auger, dozer blade, weights, chains, 435 hrs, \$1,795. 867-4988.

GARAGE/BASEMENT shelves- 48"x24"x72", 48"x18"x72". Metal frames & wood shelves, \$70/both; Radio Flyer wagon, \$35. 288-3550.

MTD Yard Machine snowblower, 5 hp, 2 stage, 24", electric start, great shape, \$275 firm. 287-0158. ELECTRIC snowblower, \$75; White wicker set- Loveseat, chair, (2) tables, \$150; Belly mower, \$900. 280-6684.

8 HP snowblower, good condition, \$220. 421-1866 after 4:30, ask for Mark.

DEWALT Tools- New 1/2" Drill-driver w/reciprocating saw, 18V, \$300; 1/2" 18V Impact, \$200. 273-1912.

HONDA 5.5 hp horizontal shaft engine, good runner, \$150/obo. 951-9212.

PARK-ZONE electronic parking device for garage, good shape, \$10. 282-1378.

JD 54" wide-front blade, hydraulic lift fits 120-140-318+more, good condition, \$325. 582-3414 after 5:30 pm.

WORK bench industrial riser shelf, four drawers w/machinist vise attached, \$325/obo. 529-1457.

42" CUB Cadet snowblower, fits 50 & 82 series tractors, like new, \$375. 867-4936.

## Don't be a victim in your own home!

# Refuse To Be A Victim.

Is your home really safe once you leave for work or school? Your home is considered a sanctuary where you should feel safe. Your home is the only environment where you have control over who can get close to you or your family. Protecting your home and family from criminal intrusion should be high on your list of priorities. Knowing your home is protected provides peace of mind both when you are away and when you are home.

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LAWNMOWER Repair & used lawnmowers & snowblowers; Will buy snowblowers & lawnmowers. 533-4359.

SCAFFLING blankets, mixers, trailers, tamper bull-float, concrete, boards, saws. 533-9435.

CRAFTSMAN 10" tablesaw, Contractor Series, 3 hp belt-drive w/Bieskmeyer RIP fence, \$450. 289-4876.

JOHN Deere model 214 garden tractor w/42" mowing deck & 36" snowthrower. Only \$700 for all. 252-9093.

42" CUB Cadet snowblower, fits 82 & 50 tractors, like new, \$375. 867-4936.

RECONDITIONED (4) chainsaws & (5) snowblowers. 282-5921.

## HOMES/LAND

10 ACRE approved building site, mature windbreak, 9 miles SE of Rochester, \$195,000/obo. 545-2662/876-2208.

FOUR Bdrm split-level on 1/2 wooded acre. Quiet neighborhood, edge of Rochester. Immediate possession, \$169,900. 280-8110.

KASSON- Four bdrm, 2 bath, split-level, foyer, new paint, fenced yard, next to bike path & park, \$149,900. 365-8730.

40 ACRES, 4 bdrm, shed, 13 miles, SW of Rochester, \$279,900. 533-9730.

## RECREATIONAL

2006 YAMAHA Apex, 700 miles, \$6,500; Hallmark 4-place enclosed trailer, \$5,800; SERVICES: Snowplowing. 282-4378.

AFFORDABLE Vacations- Rent our timeshare. Many places & unit sizes. Completely furnished. 365-8430.

SNOWMOBILE shock servicing & rebuilding all Fox, Act and Ryde FX. \$25 each or 4/\$80. 367-2519/651-764-0677.

1992 SNOWMOBILE trailer- Trinton Elite alum enclosed 2-place tiltbed, very good condition, 8'x10', \$1,200. 533-1928.

PICKUP camper; Airtight woodstove; Wood furnace; FREE: Refrigerator; WANTED: 6-RN corn head mover. 365-8020.

2000 RIALTA motorhome, under 8K miles. 282-5768.

1997 ARCTIC Cat ZL440, good condition, new windshield, different seat cover, hand/thumb warmer, \$1,500/obo. 533-8025.

1984 LUND boat w/40 hp Evinrude, fish finder, livewell, trailer (new wiring), lifetime license. 269-6764.

1993 CHAMPION Ultrastar motorhome, 28' class A, low miles, very good condition, garaged. Only \$19,900. 545-2884.

1978 LARSON open bow boat, 100 hp Johnson, Pylon, will store for winter, \$1,200. 753-2625.

1972 ARCTIC Cat Chee 340; 1971 Arctic Cat Chee 399. 775-2251.

## FOR RENT

VERY nice homeshare. Surrounded by nature, privacy, garage, laundry, internet, phone, utilities, \$350. Kellogg/Weaver. 767-4525.

EASTSIDE Storage- New buildings, fenced, well-lit, paved, indoor/outdoor storage. 6584 Hwy 14 East. 288-4793.

## FREE

20' CAMPER. Would make a good trailer. 365-8209.

SEARS 17' upright freezer, 4-shelves, basket. Works great. 843-3276.

ROOSTERS- (2) Bantam white frizzle, (1) Bantam white cochin, (1) Red Star. Friendly. 651-565-5263.

(3) RABBITS- (2) Female, (1) male. 533-7799 after 6 pm.

## WANTED

BINGO Players! Monday's 6:30. Kings Crossing Bar & Grill, 915 21st Ave SE. All proceeds to Camp Confidence. 289-1690.

ROOMMATE- Newer 3 bdrm, 2 bath house. Plainview area; SERVICES: Experienced interior painter. 259-2717.

GAS pumps. Old or new, any condition. Any gas station stuff-oil, lubesters, etc. 254-6950.

NEEDLE board for pressing velvet & velveteen. 292-0596.

FOR recycling- Old cars, tractors, farm machinery, scrap iron. Fair prices. 254-2468/867-4441.

POLE sheds or steel buildings needing to be removed or torn down, good condition; SERVICES: Experienced interior painter. 421-0474.

3-POINT disk to fit Ford Jubilee; FOR SALE: 1500 Watt Homelite generator, \$75. 280-6153.

DOUBLE drum or belt sander, good condition; FOR SALE: 12 1/2 hp, (2) 1 1/2 hp 3-phase electric motors. 477-2156.

APPLIANCES less than 10 years old. Refrigerators, ranges, washers, dryers. They don't have to work. 421-1366.

8-TRACK player. 288-6766. 33 1/3 LP albums; 45 rpm records. 867-4868.

SCRAP cars for recycling or repair. Cash paid, hauling available. 272-9149.

I collect double-barrel shotguns & quality .22's. What do you have for sale? 282-2679.

SINGLE cold plate for pop or beer. 932-4291.

NEW or used incubator; 3-Point hitch cultivator, 2 or 4 row. 767-4746.

HOUSEKEEPER for tri-weekly cleaning. Newer home located 20 miles NE of Rochester. 534-3052 after 6 pm.  
5-6 GALLON carbons, hoses, air locks, blue wine bottles. Reasonable. 206-0911 Curt.

## **MISC SERVICES**

**JUNK-B-GONE-** Junk removal experts. Single item or multiple truck loads. We recycle. 280-0404.  
**SMITH Tree Service-** Tree stump removal. Licensed/insured. Free estimates, boom truck. 944-6003.  
**LICENSED & insured** for your remodel & repair needs. Free estimates, references. Jere 289-7636.  
**CLOCK Service-** Grandfather, mantel, wall & antique. 20+ years experience. Housecalls available. Guy Hostetter 288-8031.  
**CHAIR** caning, \$1 per hole. Sturdy clean chairs only. Repairs cost extra. 876-2002.  
**EXCAVATION-** Basements, site-prep, septic systems, bobcat, dozer etc. Tree clearing. DeCook Excavating 208-2068.  
**WEEKLY** housecleaning, Thursday opening. 20 yrs experience, references available. 288-7935 Available after 6 pm weekends.  
**ADAM'S Odd Job Services-** Carpentry, shingling, tree trimming, landscaping, removal, etc. Any job. 273-8656.  
**ENGEL Painting-** Residential, commercial, interior, exterior, painting, staining, faux finishing, decks. Insured since 1958. 258-1962.

**CARPET** cleaning- Special 3-room, \$89.99. Call today to schedule an appointment. Stainmaster Carpet Care. 280-8171.  
**JAY-BEE'S Tile & Stone-** Installation & restoration, caulking, regrouting. Fix that old shower before its too late. 273-0118.  
**SCHOENMANN Boat Works-** Fiberglass/alum repair, floor/carpet, transom replacement, prop/skeg repair, parts. 281-1001.  
**SEXTON Drywall-** We finish the jobs you've started. Hanging, taping, spray ceilings, basement, addition, remodeling. 533-4150.  
**FINE Designs-** Judy Growden. Consulting, space planning, furniture, window treatments, lighting, flooring, interior design. 269-0446.  
**TRADITIONAL Latin-Rite Mass,** Our Lady Of The Rosary Chapel. 5820 Viola Rd NE. 282-4498.  
**NOW Open!** Chad's Auto Garage. Your finishline to complete auto repair. 288-4793/421-0357.  
**TREE Trimming/removal;** Firewood- split or blocks; Snowplowing. Reasonable rates, free estimates. 259-4367.  
**STUMP Grinding Plus-** Have you ever been stumped? ANDSTAR has an answer. Free estimates. 259-6214.  
**IN Stock!** Pellet & corn stoves. 40# bags of pellets, pallet/individual. Dano's 282-7223.  
**THEEL Sandblasting-** Painting, body shop repair, steel/alum welding. 282-2887.  
**CUSTOM** wood splitting. Splitter and operator, \$25/hour. 259-1111.

**WOODSHED Recording Studio-** 24-track digital recording at an affordable price. Demos, mixing, duplication. 288-8361.  
**PRAIRIE Walls-** Indoor rock climbing gym. Birthday parties, lessons, group events. 292-0511/www.prairiewalls.com.  
**TREES** transplanted up to 12" diameter. Purchase ours or will move yours. Monnier 754-5900.  
**GIFT Certificates** available for the holidays, weddings, new home owners, funerals, parents, & more. Family Tree Landscape Nursery 289-0557.  
**SPRAY** foam insulation...Great for insulating crawl spaces, floors, attics, walls, sheds. Also injection foam. 951-5375 Performance Spray Foam.  
**CLARK'S Seamless Rain Gutters-** Wet basements, buckling cement, landscape damage protection. Free estimates. 281-2770.  
**DECKS,** additions, finished basements, remodeling & general contracting. Licensed & insured. Cory 358-7084.

## **ANIMALS**

**NEEDS** new home- 2 yr old neutered beige male standard poodle, great family pet. 280-0932.  
**ASCA** registered black-tri Australian Shepherd puppies. Wonderful family, working obedience type dogs, \$400 each. 475-2509.  
**(6) PARAKEETS-** Birdhouse, bird motel, \$75. Will separate. 993-6831.  
**LIVE** or dressed muscovy ducks. 534-3509.

**AQHA** registered Palomino, 4 yr old gelding. Mellow, loves attention, affectionate, broke to ride. 876-2695.  
**REGISTERED** min studs. Bay 3 yrs, Roan 1.5 yrs, \$50 each/obo; Pug mix pups, \$300. 651-764-2094.  
**(10) REG** Red Angus bred cows & heifers. 534-2677.  
**HORSE Boarding-** 9 miles west of Rochester. Indoor/outdoor arena, trails, round pen, etc. \$265/month. 775-2462.  
**HORSE Boarding-** Our 15th year. Indoor/outdoor arenas, \$185 and up. www.RiverNorthStables.com/867-3661.  
**USED** toy hauler or double horse trailer w/living area. Reasonable condition & price. 651-345-4889.  
**1996 SUNDOWNER** 3-horse slant, 12' LQ, 4' finished mid-tack, hay rack, rubber matting. Asking \$32,500. 252-5066.

**Incentives  
for LED  
Holiday Lights**  
purchased by  
November 30, 2008 are  
due to the PCS office  
no later than  
December 31, 2008  
(up to 12 strings). Visit  
www.peoplesrec.com  
for application.

## *Area Energy Assistance Providers*

Assistance with energy bills is provided by the following agencies. You are encouraged to contact the agency serving your area for more information.

### **Dodge County Human Services**

(507) 374-6401

### **Fillmore County Social Services- Preston**

(507) 765-2761

### **Mower County Social Services - Austin**

(507) 433-5889

### **Olmsted County Energy Assitance/Community Services/Income Maintenance**

(507) 328-6500 / ON LINE: [www.co.olmsted.mn.us](http://www.co.olmsted.mn.us) &  
search for Energy Assistance  
Application Request Line (507) 328-6508

### **Rochester Salvation Army**

(507) 288-3663

### **Three Rivers Community Action, Inc.**

Zumbrota (507) 732-7391

Wabasha Toll Free (800) 277-8418

### **Winona County Human Resources**

(507) 452-8396

SEMCAC (507) 864-7741

Toll Free (800) 944-3281



Contact the energy assistance in your county to make an appointment. You will need documentation of your income and a copy of your heating and electric bill.

# Carbon Monoxide Can Be Deadly

You can't hear or smell carbon monoxide (CO), but at high levels it can kill a person in minutes. Carbon monoxide is produced whenever any fuel such as gas, oil, kerosene, wood, or charcoal is burned. If appliances that burn fuel are maintained and used properly, the amount of CO is usually not hazardous.

However, if appliances are not working properly or are not used correctly, dangerous levels of CO can result. Hundreds of people die accidentally every year from CO poisoning caused by malfunctioning or improperly used fuel-burning appliances.

## Symptoms of CO poisoning:

At moderate levels, you or your family can experience:

- Severe headaches
- Dizziness
- Mental Confusion
- Nausea
- Fainting

You can die if these levels persist for a long time.

Low level symptoms may include:

- Shortness of breath
- Mild nausea
- Mild headaches
- May have longer term effects on your health.

Since many of these symptoms are similar to those of flu, food poisoning, or other illnesses, you may not think that CO poisoning could be the cause.

## Actions to take:

If you experience symptoms that you think could be from CO poisoning:

- Get fresh air immediately. Open doors and windows, turn off combustion appliances and leave the house.
- Go to an emergency room and tell the physician you suspect CO poisoning.



## Warnings:

- Never leave a car running in a garage even with the garage door open.
- Never run a generator in the home, garage, or crawlspace. Opening doors and windows or using fans will NOT prevent CO build-up in the home.
- When running a generator outdoors, keep it away from open windows and doors.
- Never burn charcoal in homes, tents, vehicles, or garages.
- Never install or service combustion appliances without proper knowledge, skills, and tools.
- Never operate an unvented gas-burning appliance in a closed room or in a room in which you are sleeping.
- Never put foil on bottom of a gas oven because it interferes with combustion.

**Your critical safety net is the carbon monoxide detector/ alarm, which can save your life by warning you of the invisible presence of the gas.**

## Find your account number for a credit on your electric bill!



Was your account number in the November issue?

Nobody located their account number in the November issue.

Each month, five account numbers are printed in word form in the Hi-Lites. If you find your account number (drop last two digits), you must notify our office before the 5th of the month after receiving your Hi-Lites. A credit of \$31.48 will then be applied to your electric bill. The amount varies each month.

November account numbers not found: George Farrow, Mark Wunderlin, Frank Crow, Delbert Ryberg, and Gary Truex.

## Snowmobile Safety Tips

**Ride Straight - no alcohol or drugs.** Even a small amount of alcohol or drugs can impair judgment and response time significantly.

**Know the trail or terrain and ride for the conditions.** Many accidents involve hitting a fixed object, fence, tree, rock or other objects. Hidden objects on lakes hit at high speeds can result in serious accidents. Riding on frozen lakes is especially dangerous early or late in the season.

**Slow it down, especially at night.** Maximum speed allowed on public land, frozen waters, roadside ditches and groomed trails in Minnesota is 50 mph or what is reasonable and prudent for conditions or as posted. At night, speeds should



be slower because of reduced visibility. At 50 mph, riders need a football field or 300 feet to come to a complete stop. Don't ride too closely and maintain space between snowmobiles to avoid collisions.

**Stay on marked snowmobile trails.** Marked trails offer signs that alert snowmobilers to trail changes, stops, curves, etc. Respect private property and stay on marked snowmobile trails, objects may be hidden under the snow off marked snowmobile trails.

**Sign up for a class.** It's the law - anyone born after December 31, 1976 must take a Snowmobile Safety Certification course. For more information visit [www.dnr.state.mn.us](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us).