



People's Cooperative Services

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

Highline Hi-Lites

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C. E. O. Message



Elaine J. Garry
President / CEO

As we begin a new year, I thought I would share with you the plans we have for 2009. These plans are aggressive, but achievable. We have a great Board of Directors and employee group. With the cooperation of all, we can meet and exceed these goals and work plans.

The work plan for 2009 centers around seven specific goals. They are 1) to improve reliability and quality of service, 2) to strategically invest in plant and maintenance programs, 3) to provide member-focused services and products, 4) to set responsible financial goals and objectives, 5) to improve member relations, 6) to increase our community involvement, and 7) to enhance our use of technology.

The following list touches on some of the projects we have planned for 2009:

- Design and build \$7.3 million in construction projects to rebuild aging plant and to add new services.
- Continue our aggressive right-of-way clearing program to reduce outages and blinks.
- Launch a pilot program on a critical peak pricing rate to analyze whether members are willing to shift loads to save money.
- Continue to promote our load management programs: dual fuel, air conditioning, and our electric water heaters, which allow us to control loads during peak times and reduce power costs.
- Promote the replacement of appliances with those rated as Energy Star appliances to reduce power use.
- To consider new programs such as home loans for energy efficiency projects and home energy audits to give you the resources to conserve and save on your energy bill.
- Continue to offer you, our members, the opportunity to purchase renewable energy through our Evergreen Program to help do your part to maintain our environment.
- Add renewable energy to our power supply to insure we meet the State mandate of 25% by 2025.
- Continue to offer security and environmental monitoring systems to help you feel safe and secure in your home.
- Launch our new web site to provide you with current information about your cooperative and the service we provide.
- Redesign our New Member Packet (the information sent to all new cooperative members) to insure our new members are fully informed.
- Develop a data base of our commercial accounts and provide assistance in evaluating and improving energy use if desired.

- Conduct a load balancing study to insure the electric loads on our system are properly balanced and to prevent overloading.
- Complete a new Long Range Plan to insure we are prepared for the future.
- Continue our oil circuit recloser maintenance program, our pole inspection program and our line patrol program to insure that we are taking the appropriate steps to keep our electric system in good shape.
- Add fuses to our lines to help limit the number of members affected by an outage.
- Conduct a considerable amount of maintenance work on several substations and our transmission lines to insure they are kept in proper condition to provide quality service.
- Begin utilizing our automated metering capabilities for: Outage detection/restoral; Voltage monitoring and blinks; Sizing of new transformers; Load management/demand response; System planning and modeling.
- Incorporate changes to our internal office procedures that make use of the software and hardware technology that is available to us.
- Change our billing dates so that they coincide with our power bill.
- Conduct an employee survey to identify their concerns and to improve working conditions.
- Participate in the National Safety Accreditation Program to help us determine if we are "living" safety each and every day.
- Join and participate in our local chambers to enhance our community involvement efforts.
- Join and participate in our local economic development organizations to insure we are aware of new projects and to help bring new businesses into this area.
- Promote the Operation Round Up Program to assist our local non-profit organizations in meeting their needs.
- Offer approximately \$26,000 in scholarships to students who plan to continue their education beyond high school to insure they have the financial resources to complete their studies.
- Conduct a strategic planning session with the Board and key staff to insure we are all "heading in the same direction".
- Continue to work with RPU to insure quality service is provided to you, our members, regardless of who the provider is.

Although this list is not all-inclusive, I believe it is a good indication of our intent. These plans are developed based upon the information and data that we have available to us and your input. If you have thoughts or comments that you would like to share with us, please feel free to contact me via phone (507-288-4004) or send an email (egarry@peoplesrec.com). I welcome the opportunity to hear from you.

Exciting Opportunity for High School Students

In conjunction with Minnesota Association of Cooperatives (MAC), People's Cooperative will be sponsoring two high school students in grades 10 - 12 to attend the Minnesota Youth Cooperative Leadership Conference. The conference dates are March 16-17, 2009 at the Radisson in Roseville, Minnesota. Registration fee and lodging are included. Students and/or parents are responsible for transportation to and from the conference.

The two-day conference is designed to help high school students gain a better understanding of cooperatives and develop leadership and problem-solving skills. In addition to speakers and group activities, a real cooperative is formed and operated during the conference.



2008 Youth Conference participants.
Join the fun this year!

To be eligible students must be the son, daughter, or legal ward of a People's Cooperative Services member, and living in a home served by People's Cooperative.

Applications are available at the cooperative office or by calling Marlys or Kristi at (507) 288-4004.

Submit along with the completed application a current photograph and short biography for use in marketing material, not limited to paper reproduction and computer images displayed on cooperative website and newsletter, and in the media.

The deadline is January 30, 2009 - **HURRY!** Mail completed application with photo and bio to Marlys Miller, Member Services, PCS, PO Box 339, Rochester, MN 55903 or email to mmiller@peoplesrec.com.

A random drawing of eligible students will be conducted on Monday, February 2, 2009 at the cooperative office. Winners will be notified by mail.

Statement Of Nondiscrimination

People's Cooperative Services is the recipient of federal financial assistance from the Rural Utilities Service (RUS), an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and is subject to the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the U.S. Department of Agriculture which provide that no person in the United States on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, or handicap shall be excluded from the participation in, admission or access to, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any of this organization's programs or activities. The person responsible for coordinating this organization's nondiscrimination compliance efforts is Elaine Garry, President / CEO.

Any individual, or specific class of individuals, who believes that this organization has subjected them to discrimination may obtain further information about the statutes and regulations listed above from and/or file a written complaint with this organization; or the Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250; or the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Washington D.C. 20250. Complaints must be filed within 180 days after the alleged discrimination. Confidentiality will be maintained to the extent possible. People's Cooperative Services works hard to better the communities in its service area. Economic development projects and scholarship awards are only a small display of People's commitment to the community. Eleven thousand one hundred thirty-eight.

Notice to small power producers and cogenerators

In compliance with Minnesota Adopted Rules Relating to Cogeneration and Small Power Production, Chapter 7835, People's Cooperative Services is required to interconnect with and purchase electricity from cogenerators and small power producers which satisfy the conditions of a Qualifying Facility.

People's Cooperative has available and will provide free information to all interested members regarding rates and interconnection requirements. An application for interconnection is required for a Qualifying Facility to interconnect and operate in parallel with the cooperative's distribution system and is subject to approval by the cooperative.

Any disputes over interconnection, sales and purchases are subject to resolution by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission. Members interested in further information should contact People's Cooperative Services at (507) 288-4004 or 1-800-214-2694.

People's Cooperative Board of Directors

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ATTENTION: High School Juniors and Seniors!

People's Cooperative to sponsor student to

It's that time of the year when everyone is thinking warm weather. How about setting your sites on a week in Washington DC? We're thinking warm weather, sunshine, new friends, seeing our government in action, fabulous sites, and best of all expenses paid.

Each year, an area high school junior or senior is selected by People's Cooperative Services to represent the cooperative as a delegate on the Washington Youth Tour. If selected, you will join hundreds of other students from across the country – all expenses paid – for one incredible week at our nation's capitol. The Tour is a fast-paced, leadership opportunity to see what makes America tick! Twenty-seven of Minnesota's electric cooperatives participate in the Washington Youth Tour.

You must a junior or senior and attend one of the high schools (or home schooled) within People's Cooperative Services service territory to be eligible.



Kassandra Lewis with Minnesota Cooperatives 2008 Youth Tour participants.

Still undecided? Read what Kassandra Lewis, 2008 Youth Tour winner, said about the tour:

Applying for and being selected as People's Cooperatives Services youth tour delegate was just the beginning of the positive experiences I would have this summer. I was one of 40 youths selected from Minnesota's electric Cooperatives to spend 5 days in Washington DC touring, meeting state representatives, and learning what being part of an electric cooperative means along with meeting other youth tour delegates from other states such as Georgia, North Dakota, and Montana. Each delegate was given state pins to exchange with delegates from the other states; I was able to acquire 19 different state pins.

Washington D.C. is a great place to visit. The historical buildings and sites visited made for a remarkable experience. The Washington Monument was my favorite, being so high up and seeing the whole city was spectacular. The typical day started at 8 am and lasted late into the evening. Being bored was not an option.

Our tour group stopped at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. It was here that we learned the history of Electric Cooperatives. Did you know that President Franklin D. Roosevelt created the Rural Electrification Administration (REA) in 1935? An important concept that became clear to me is that People's Cooperative is owned, and maintained by its members—that's us. We the people have the power.



Still not convinced? Check out NRECA's website at <http://youthtour.coop>. You can see photos, videos and participate in the YLCBlog. Seventeen thousand one hundred eighty-two.

More information is available online: http://www.mrea.org/youth/dc_youth_tour.html. This site has photos, testimonials, plus a link to the National Youth Tour website.

to 2009 Washington Youth Tour June 13-19

To be eligible, the student must meet the following requirements:

1. Student is currently a high school junior or senior, and, his or her parent/guardian is a People's Cooperative Services member. Dependents of People's Cooperative employees and directors are not eligible to participate.
2. Must submit along with essays a current color photograph and short biography that will be used in newsletters and other media.
3. Must agree to be present and speak at the People's Cooperative Services Annual Meeting after participating in the Youth Tour.
4. All entries must include: a) the completed application form below; b) answers to both essay questions typed on separate 8 1/2" x 11" sheets of paper; c) entrant's school and community information typed on a separate sheet of paper; and two letters of recommendation (one from an instructor, counselor or administrator, and the other from a church or community leader.)
5. Return entries to: Youth Tour 2009, PCS, PO Box 339, Rochester, MN 55903-0339, Attention: Marlys Miller.

Each entry will be evaluated for:

Completeness, composition, neatness, ability to communicate, and school and community activities.

Essay Questions:

1. Why would you like to be People's Cooperative Services delegate to Youth Tour 2009? What do you hope to gain from the experience? Answer in 150 words or less. Five thousand one hundred forty-eight.
2. Write a short essay on what "commitment to community" means to you. Include how you contribute to your community. Answer in 300 words or less.

School and Community Information:

Use a separate sheet of paper to list the following:

- All school activities - include letters and honors earned, positions held, etc.
- All community activities - include all church, community service, and positions held.
- Work experience and any other information.

You could be part of this tremendous opportunity. Apply Today!

Washington, D.C. Youth Tour 2009 — June 13-19, 2009

Name _____ M or F _____ Phone _____

Address _____ E-mail address _____

City _____ County _____ State _____ Zip _____

Parent(s) or Guardian(s) _____

I am currently a high school _____ junior _____ senior at _____

Parent(s)/Guardian consent: I/we hereby give my/our dependent high school junior/senior permission to enter the Rural Electric Washington, D.C. Youth Tour 2009 Contest. I/we understand if he/she wins, I/we will be responsible for providing his/her own transportation to and from the Minneapolis St. Paul International Airport.

Name(s) _____ PCS Account # _____

Entries must be received on or before March 10, 2009.

Thank you Cooperative Members for your support of Operation Round Up®!



In 2002, People's Cooperative Services implemented "Operation Round Up®". The program designed to gather voluntary contributions from members to assist people or organizations in the communities served by People's with charitable donations for community needs projects.

Program participation has grown from 1,180 accounts to currently over 14,500 accounts. Operation Round Up®, a voluntary program, allows People's to roundup to the next whole dollar the electric bill of participating members. Monthly contributions on an individual account could be anywhere from one cent to nine-ninety cents. Small change making a big difference. These tax deductible funds are placed



Anne Crowe, Olmsted County Energy Assistance Reach out for Warmth Program receives Operation Round Up® funds from Kathy Sveen, Operation Round Up® Chair and Jeff Thompson, Operation Round Up® Coordinator at People's.

into a trust fund, governed by a separate Board of Trustees.

An increase in participation means an increase in contributions, amounting in more funding available. If your

organization or you know of an organization that is in need, applications for second quarter Operation Round Up® funds are being accepted until March 20, 2009.

A Board of Trustees comprised of seven People's Cooperative members provides oversight to the Operation Round Up® program. Program funds are held separately from People's finances.

Applications can be downloaded from our website (www.peoplesrec.com) or by calling Jeff Thompson, Operation Round Up® coordinator at (507) 288-4004. Eight thousand nine hundred seventy-three.



- Action Committee for Rural Electrification

As a cooperative member you recognize that balancing electricity needs and environmental goals are becoming difficult. You want to know how much this is going to increase my electric bill and what are our nation's elected officials doing to ensure that electricity remains affordable.

As a member-owned electric cooperative, we have a responsibility to provide elected officials with the information they need to make good decisions and effective policy. You can help make sure these important lines of communication stay open by supporting ACRE – Co-op Owners for Political Action.

ACRE® Sign Up Form

I recognize that the stakes are high. Count me in as a member of **ACRE®** - Co-op Owners for Political Action!

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Account Number _____ Telephone Number _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please apply \$2.08 to my monthly electric bill for **ACRE**.

I have enclosed my \$25 donation payable to **ACRE**.

Return this form to: People's Cooperative Services, Attention: Marlys,
PO Box 339, Rochester, MN 55903-0339

ACRE focuses on the future of cooperatively owned and controlled electric utilities. Your decision to participate in the political process through ACRE will help ensure that your voice is heard when important policy decisions are being made.

Won't you join your fellow electric cooperative member-owners in supporting ACRE? For your ACRE membership of only \$2.08 per month, ACRE brings together rural voices to support those legislators who fight for electric cooperatives. Think about what this very modest contribution can mean in the long-term to the reliability and affordability of electricity, and in turn, on our economy.

Please join Today!

People's Cooperative Services Scholarship Program

People's Cooperative Services provides scholarships to 18 area high schools and 3 colleges. In 2008 People's awarded forty high school graduates throughout the cooperative service area with scholarships totaling \$26,500. Awards are funded from the unclaimed capital credits of former cooperative members. Won't you like to be one of the recipients of this year's scholarship funds? Contact your school guidance counselor for an application.

In order to apply for the scholarship the students must have a parent or guardian who is a member of People's Cooperative Services. Applications are generally available in March and April and can be picked up from your area high school guidance counselors. Students will turn in the applications to the guidance counselors. The applications will be reviewed by a special Scholarship Committee and the scholarships will be awarded to the students at an honors ceremony or at graduation by a member of the Board of Directors or staff of People's Cooperative Services. The student will receive payment of the scholarship after the student shows completion of one semester from an accredited college or vocational/technical school.

Listed are the area high schools and colleges that award the People's Cooperative Services Scholarship:

Byron High School, Century High School, Chatfield High School, Dakota County Technical College, Dover-Eyota High School, Hayfield High School, John Marshall High School, Kasson-Mantorville High School, Lake City High School, Lourdes High School, Mayo High School, Minnesota West Community & Technical College, Pine Island High School, Plainview Elgin Millville High School, Rochester Community & Technical College, Schaeffer Academy, St. Charles High School, Stewartville High School, Triton High School, Wabasha-Kellogg High School, Zumbrota-Mazzepa High School



Brittany Raddatz, daughter of Scott & Julie Raddatz was one of 40 area graduates that received scholarship funds through People's Scholarship Program in 2008.



Scholarships Available - Deadline March 1

People's Cooperative Services and the Minnesota Association of Cooperatives (MAC) Education Foundation are pleased to announce that applications are being accepted for the 2009 Slettom Cooperative Leadership Scholarships.

Students interested in pursuing careers in cooperatives are eligible to apply for these academic scholarships. The scholarships range from \$500 to \$1,000 depending on if students are in high school, college or graduate school; this is the fifth year that the scholarships have been offered. The deadline is March 1.

To learn more about the application process and obtain an application go to <http://www.wfcmac.coop/wm/education/youth/programs/web/macscholarshipprogram.html> or you can contact MAC Managing Director Amy Fredregill at 651-228-0213

or amy.fredregill@wfcmac.coop to receive a copy of the applications.

The awards are based on scholastic achievement, leadership, and an ability to contribute to cooperatives in the future. The Foundation Vision Statement declares that, "The Foundation will sponsor qualified individuals and organizations to further the goals of cooperatives and their members." The Foundation directors voted to create the new scholarship to work toward its vision of educating others about the role of cooperatives in our communities. Twelve thousand nine hundred seventy-four.

The sponsor organization for the Foundation is MAC, which is a trade association that serves Minnesota's

cooperatives owned by more than 3.4 million residents by providing lobbying, education, public relations, and technical services for a wide variety of cooperatives including farm supply, health, dairy marketing, consumer, credit, livestock marketing, telephone, electric, housing, insurance, cable communications, worker-owned cooperatives, and more. The Minnesota Association of Cooperatives is headquartered in St. Paul, Minn. For more information about MAC, visit www.wfcmac.coop.
















To be eligible, you must be a high school senior planning to attend a university or technical school. Students need to contact their school's guidance counselor for more details.

Sledding Safety




Winter is undoubtedly a fun time of year, with skating, sledding, skiing and much more. But even the safest winter toys have their share of safety concerns. New users of items such as snowboards, sleds, and skates obviously have the greatest chance for injury due to their unfamiliarity with the items. If this is your child's first year really getting out in the snow, there are many ways you can help keep him or her safer.

Mom always said to dress in layers and she was right. First off, it keeps you warm, limiting exposure to the elements. But in addition, it acts like an extra level of padding, and that's something everyone needs in the hard, cold environment of winter. Young children often don't recognize how cold they are, opting to have more fun than to take a break for safety. Dressing them in layers helps keep them warm while allowing them more time outside.

-  Wear a helmet.
-  Wear warm clothing – including heavy gloves and boots.
-  Know how to stop your sled or make a sharp turn by dragging your feet.
-  If your sled won't stop or if you are out of control, roll off your sled and onto the ground. Don't worry about your sled after you roll off. You can get it back after it stops sliding.
-  Make sure your sled is in good condition and isn't broken. And always tell an adult if you have a crash.
-  Only use the sled your parents or guardians gave you.
-  Never use an inner tube, saucer, or disk. You can get hurt because you can't steer them.
-  Only sled ride when an adult is present.
-  Never sled ride in unsafe areas like the street, driveways, rocky hills, or near a cliff.
-  Never ride into a snow bank – the snow may hide a tree stump or rocks.
-  Never sled ride when it is icy. Ice makes the sled go too fast and you can't steer or stop a sled when you're on ice.
-  Never sled ride in the dark.
-  Never ride a sled that is being pulled by a car, truck or ATV.

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Rochester, MN 55903
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All area codes 507 unless noted.

MISC ITEMS

HOT Springs hot tub, great condition, seats 8, \$1,895. 867-4022.

BATTERY charger, 24 volt, solid state, self-regulating, model 11350. Everest Jennings 282-3634.

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

TOILET chair; Tub/shower seat; 4-Prone cane; Lamps; End tables, Rocking chairs. Good condition. Best offer. 282-2463.

INKJET cartridges- New Lexmark black #82. \$15 each or 2 for \$25. 534-2866.

STEP2 childrens Tug boat sandbox/pool combination, \$35; XL Hard plastic dog house, \$35. 250-0654.

(85) BRAND new Beanie Babies, 12 are bears, \$200 firm. 696-9901.

(2) BLADDER tanks- 25 gallon, \$50, 30 gallon, \$75; 3/4 HP Meyer deep well pump, \$100. 365-8682. 33#-20d RS; 43#-60dRS; 11#-16dS; 16#-1.5 roof; 3#-joist; Nails. 545-2195.

AUTHENTIC bee hives on small branch, different sizes. Unique decoration for office/cabin/family room, \$25. 932-4291.

YOUTH Arctic Cat all black snomo bibs, size 8, \$25 & size 12, \$35. 378-2354.

SCHWIN stationary exercise bike, like new. Over \$300 new, sell now \$150. 282-1806.

SHOTGUN shells, 20 ga. 3" #2 & #4 shot. 289-6500.

HEAVY-DUTY axles off trailer home, \$250/obo. 634-4234.

LUMBER, plank, blocking, dunge, sawdust for bedding, mulch. Buy direct from local sawmill. 876-2780/273-6751.

FIREWOOD- \$60 load or cut your own, \$20 load. 271-3917.

OAK firewood- \$140 load. Free delivery/stacking; WANTED: Riding lawnmowers & misc. 273-7960/289-8281.

HOUSEHOLD

(3) NEW Marvin Integrity 3-panel awning windows, 95x22, perfect for home or cabin, \$400 each/obo. 252-8474.

WHIRLPOOL dishwasher, 4 years old, excellent condition, \$125. You haul. 288-0115.

ANDERSON 6' in-swing patio door, white exterior/wood interior, like new. First \$500 takes. 259-2940.

(2) CABINETS with leaded glass doors; Antique dresser; Nordic Track; Elephant collection; Cardio Glide. 367-2323.

SAMSUNG 27" TV, 4:3 ratio, 5 years old, HD1080i capable, works perfect, remote & manual, \$100. 533-6700.

SOLID oak table w/one leaf, four chairs. Made by Lexington Chair Company, \$300. 356-8061.

TEMPUR-PEDIC adjustable sleep system, dual-king. Paid \$8,000, must sell \$5,000/obo. 287-0312.

MAYTAG Atlantis electric clothes dryer, 5 years old, Have User guide, warranty & receipt, \$100 firm. 754-4576/696-5789.

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

THREE-PIECE white wicker set- (2) chairs, (1) loveseat, very good condition, \$100. 651-345-2063.

VEHICLES

1993 PLYMOUTH Acclaim, no rust, 123K miles, needs transmission work, new tires/battery. Make offer. 612-817-6939.

1998 FORD Taurus, 4 door, 150K miles, remote entry, good runner, \$1,500. 753-2841.

2002 MR2 TOYOTA Spyder convertible, 2-seater, 13K miles, 5-speed, 30 mpg, stored winters, showroom condition, \$16,000. 288-4724.

2002 PONTIAC Grand Prix, good condition, 139K miles, much new, book over \$5,500, asking \$4,750. 226-2225.

2004 SATURN Ion III, auto, loaded, like new, 32K miles. Must see, \$7,900/obo. 753-3088.

1989 FORD F250 long box 4x4, 5-speed, (2) full tire sets, 80K actual miles, \$1,200. 251-8111.

1989 CHEVY Silverado K1500, 4x4, ext. cab, long bed, large topper, load springs, 350 runs great, 114K miles, \$2,400. 533-1928.

1992 FORD F250, 2x, extended cab, long box, auto, 7.3 Turbo diesel, new tranny/tires, \$4,850/obo. 358-6059.

1995 CHEVY Blazer, V6, 2-door, \$2,000/obo. 289-3201.

2001 DODGE Dakota Quad-cab SLT, 4x4, 4.7L/V8, loaded, excellent condition, bedliner, topper, extras, \$6,995. 261-9798. 2002 PONTIAC Montana minivan, great condition, fully loaded, 91K miles. Book \$6,700, asking \$5,650. 226-2225.

USED pallet jacks, \$75 each. (1) Lift-rite, (1) Eagleman, 5,500 lbs capacities. Both work. 281-4657/273-1713.

1995 2.2 REBUILT, 250 miles, all new, \$850; (4) 265-70-16 Chevy, \$350. 252-8870.

FARM

7' BUSH Hog Squeller, 3-point, used very little, \$1,600. 798-2335. GEHL #130 self-unloading bunk feeder wagon, \$850; Ariens snowblower, 5 HP, 20" electric start, \$225. 754-5437.

HAY- Heavy bales, good quality, no rain, delivery available; Roosters. 775-6139.

HAY- Small squares, 1st & 2nd crop, \$5/bale. 356-4911.

IHC fast-hitch 2 or 3 bottom plow. 365-8405.

GRAIN fanning mill, smaller size; Miter saw on stand, excellent condition, \$75. 545-2402.

KNIGHT 8024 slinger spreader. 534-2624.

1971 JD 4320 in good condition; Lorens 8' snowblower, heavy-duty, good condition. 477-2587.

JOHN Deere 65- 3-point rear blade w/end caps, hyd top link arm, great shape. 259-8715.

It's the Law!

Will you be digging to a depth of more than 12"? Call Gopher State One Call, it's a free service that could save your life and prevent you from liability for damage to underground utility lines.

Gopher State One Call 1-800-252-1166



SHOP/YARD

LARGE floor model 3-speed drill press w/reverse, 3/4 HP motor, \$200. 534-2847.

ARIENS snowblower, 5 HP, 20", electric start, starts good, \$225; RCA console TV, good, \$35. 365-8082.

5 HP MACK snowthrower, electric start, excellent condition. 273-2061.

RECONDITIONED snowblowers, \$100-\$250; Chainsaws, \$40-\$55. 282-5921. JD 262 lawnmower, 48" deck, 42" snowblower, chains, weights, 17 HP gear shift, \$2,500. 696-8190.

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

HOMES/LAND

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

1999 MOBILEHOME on rented country lot, 2 bdrm, contract for deed. References. 753-3280.

FOUR bdrm, split-level on 1/2 acre, quiet neighborhood, immediate possession. Contract for deed, \$169,900. 280-8110.

38 ACRE building site w/40x40 shop, 1984 mobilehome, 10 acre tillable pasture, 7 miles N. Rochester, \$399,000. 356-4063/273-5503.

11.8 ACRES w/ house & outbuildings, 1 mile from Rochester. Listed w/Traci/Property Brokers; Electric snowblower, \$75. 280-6684.

5 ACRE building site, NW of Rochester, south facing walkout. 951-4298.

10 PRIVATE acres, 4 bdrm home, barn, sheds, \$369,900. See fsbo.com, 55944, Kasson. 634-4184.

COMPLETELY remodeled, no stairs, low energy costs, on caldesac in great neighborhood, less than \$95K. Move in today. 367-2844.

18.1 ACRES woodland, Aitkin County, 20 miles west of Moose Lake, \$36,000. 378-5801.

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ITASCA County 100a. House, timber, small lake adjoins. Hunting, fishing, snowmobiling. Sale/lease/trade. 545-2884.

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www.heartlandss.com

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SNOWMOBILES- 1991 Polaris Sport 432, \$550; 1998 Polaris Trail 488, 800 miles. Both sleds, \$1,650; 2-place trailer, salt shield, sleds, trailer, \$2,150. 365-8041.

1980 15HP Johnson, electric start/tiller/steering and throttle controls available, \$400. 753-2625.

CHILDRENS snowmobile- 1984 SkiDoo 260cc Citation, oil injected, excellent shape, Ages 4-12. Jay Clark 254-2701.

2002 HONDA 400EX 4-wheeler, black powder coated frame and A-arms, new condition, \$2,600. 635-5745.

FOR RENT

ROOM for rent- SE Rochester home, utilities included, shared living area, \$400/month. 358-2575.

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OLDER refrigerator, good for garage or barn. You haul. 261-1095.

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USED treadmill in working order. My belly is getting the best of me! 352-6162 leave message.

1992-1995 GEO Tracker for parts. Prefer 5-speed stick, 4-wheel drive. Will pay cash. 288-6243.

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SMALL kitchen table w/two chairs, \$100. Mom moved to small apt. 281-9198.

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APPLIANCES- Working or not, not under 10 years old. Will pay cash for good ones. 421-1366.

WOOD splitter, 5-8 HP on wheels. Must be in good condition. Evenings 289-8792.

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FINE Designs- Judy Growden. Consulting, space planning, furniture, window treatments, lighting, flooring, interior design. 269-0446.

ACCOUNTING Services: Small businesses, payroll, income taxes, Quickbooks assistance. Personalized service. 282-5600.

EXPERIENCED cleaning service taking new clients. Very thorough and affordable, references available. 250-2773.

CARPET cleaning special- 3 rooms, \$89.99. Call today to schedule an appointment. Americas Best Cleaning 280-8171.

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ENGEL Painting- Residential & commercial. Interior, exterior painting, staining, faux finishing, power washing decks. Insured since 1958. 258-1962.

VINYL tile warehouse cleanout. 1/8" commercial UCT, \$1 per sq. ft. Limited colors available. 285-1243.

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HORSE Boarding- Marion Rd. Pastures, shelters, box stalls, turnouts, indoor arena, round pen, etc. 536-3852.

HORSE Boarding- Our 15th year. Indoor/outdoor arenas, \$185 and up. 867-3661/www.RiverNorthStables.com.



ICE SAFETY

Enjoying the lakes in Minnesota during the winter helps with the winter blahs, whether you like to ice fish, snowmobile or just take a walk across the lake from time to time. It is a good idea to watch for lake closures, and ensure if something were to happen that you are taking measures to ensure your safety.

Remember there is **no such thing as 100% safe ice!** The DNR recommends the following **minimum ice thickness** for your safety:

- ✓ 13" - 15" for a medium truck
- ✓ 8" - 12" for a car or small pickup
- ✓ 5" for a snowmobile or ATV
- ✓ 4" for a single person or ice fishing
- ✓ 2" or less, STAY OFF



The DNR also advises to never drive on ice at night, avoid pressure ridges and areas with current. If you do choose to drive, roll your windows down and leave doors partially open to avoid becoming trapped if your car breaks through, carry two large nails to use as ice picks to pull yourself out if you fall through thin ice.

When traveling on snowmobile, wear your life vest under winter gear. **Caution: Do NOT wear a flotation device when traveling across the ice in an enclosed vehicle!**

For more detailed information on ice safety and other related topics visit www.dnr.state.mn.us.



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 Assistance/Community Services/Income Maintenance

(507) 328-6500

ON LINE: 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
SEMCA (507) 864-7741
Toll Free (800) 944-3281



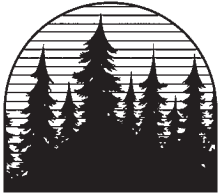
Contact the energy assistance in your county to make an appointment. You will need documentation of your income and a copy of your heating and electric bill.

OLMSTED SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT ANNUAL TREE AND SHRUB TRANSPLANT SALE

Orders are now being accepted for Mid-April delivery.

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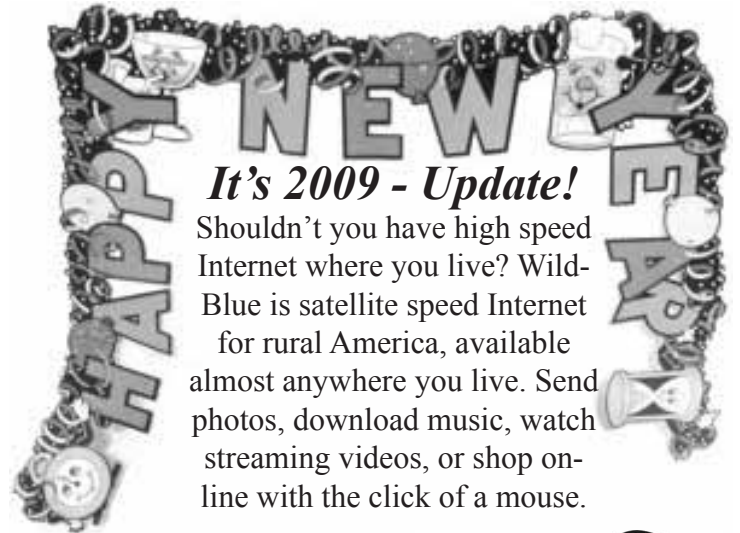
Don't Miss Out On 2008 Incentive Money, Deadline is March 15.

Have you purchased equipment this year that qualifies for an incentive from People's Cooperative Services? We would like to remind members that if you have installed equipment that qualifies for a 2008 incentive, you must file your application no later than March 15, 2009.



Some of the incentives for our members include the following: geothermal heating & cooling, central air conditioning, ENERGY STAR® appliances, and retro-fit lighting.

For a complete list of our incentives, criteria, terms and conditions or to download incentive forms, visit www.peoplesrec.com or call our office and ask to speak with member services.



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Jim Ptacek located his account number in the December issue.

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December account numbers not found: Jocelyn Watson, Michael Hundere, William Dux, and Robert Vruwink.