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People's Cooperative Services

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative



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C. E. O. Message



Elaine J. Garry
President / CEO

District Meeting:

We held our first-ever District Meeting at the American Legion in Eyota on Wednesday, October 29th. John Nintemann, your director in District 5, has been a longtime supporter of district meetings and encouraged us to give it a try. About 40 members of the cooperative

attended. We presented information on recently completed construction projects as well as construction planned for 2009, the Cooperative's financial condition, our incentive programs, Operation Round Up and much more. Members asked a lot of questions! Four board members, all of the executive staff and two of our line workers attended so that we could gauge member interest. We received very positive feedback from the members who attended. Our Board will consider whether or not we will continue this practice in the future.

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Our Energy Our Future:

By the time you read this newsletter, you will have elected a new President as well as your representatives at the National, State and local levels. The privilege each of us has to vote for those people we want to represent us is so important to our daily lives. I am sure there are times when you wonder if your single vote makes a difference. It does, the Coleman - Franken Senate race is a good example. To date, members of electric cooperatives have sent over 1,367,000 emails to our national representatives asking them to carefully consider our national energy plan. These communications have influenced the national energy plan of the future. Please refer to the ads section of this newsletter for additional information on this "Our Energy Our Future" program.

AMI Update:

We are seeing success with our automated metering project. During the past couple years as we have replaced over 16,000 old mechanical meters with the new electronic meters with digital display, we have run into a number of issues involving programming, communications and occasionally equipment failures. But, with some great teamwork among our employees, we continue to identify and resolve the issues. As of the end of October, we are automatically reading over 90% of our meters with four substations reading 100%! In the near future, we will begin using this AMI system for much more than just meter reading, including outage detection and outage restoration, voltage monitoring and blink reduction, sizing of new transformers, load management and demand response, as well as system planning and modeling.

Economic Concerns:

The current economic conditions we are facing are troubling for all. Oil prices rose to over \$140 a barrel then just as quickly dropped to less than \$70. The value of our 401K accounts have gone down, but not back up yet. You can pick up almost any newspaper and read about the increasing cost of food, energy and many of our other basic needs. Our cooperative is not immune to these issues. We are seeing increasing costs for equipment, for the power we purchase and in the cost of borrowing money. We are carefully considering all of our options and doing our best to make sound decisions regarding our future. Our goal is to balance rate increases with service quality and reliability.

United Way:

Our employee group deserves a "standing ovation" for their contributions to United Way this year. They have exceeded their dollar contributions from past years by over 55%. It is gratifying to see our employees understanding the need to be "community-minded" in these challenging economic times. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who contributed and a special thanks to Sandy Erickson, our executive assistant, who coordinated the efforts this year!

Throughout the year, our employees collect their aluminum cans. The money raised from this effort goes to Toys for Tots. This project is coordinated by Kevin McDermott, our 12-year lineworker and city council member of Oronoco. This year, we are also collecting caps, mittens and scarves that will decorate the holiday tree in our lobby. Items collected will be donated to the Women's Shelter, Inc. of Olmsted County. Women's Shelter, Inc. assists female victims of domestic violence and their children.

Thanksgiving:

This month we celebrate a special holiday --- Thanksgiving, a time to spend with family and friends. Personally, I feel truly blessed both in my personal and professional life. I have been lucky enough to have found a wonderfully supportive husband who left his career to move with me to this community 18 months ago. We, along with our daughter, have made many wonderful friends and found "our new home". Professionally, I couldn't have asked for a better Board of Directors and employee group. They truly have a cooperative spirit and your best interest in mind at all times. We have made a lot of changes in the past year and, for many people, change is difficult. But, at People's, we are working together to achieve continuous improvement. Working Together, Working for You!

Happy Thanksgiving!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Elaine J. Garry".



GEOTHERMAL- Saving Energy...Saving Money

When Nate & Alicia Pfeilsticker purchased their 132 year old Victorian-style home in Plainview in 2005 they may not have originally thought about installing a geothermal unit, but after one winter of heating this 3,870 square foot home (square footage covers three levels) with propane, they felt geothermal was a logical choice for them. Nate and Alicia said the first winter without their geothermal system meant wearing coats and hats, shutting off heat to half the rooms in the house and keeping the thermostat at 68 degrees. With pen and checkbook in hand, Alicia was ready to write the propane prepay check of \$4,000 when Nate mentioned that the prepay amount was about 1/5 the cost of a geothermal system. This is what got the ball rolling. Although Nate and Alicia did much of their own research, most of the information came from Haley Comfort Systems in terms of cost effectiveness, savings, installation and overall costs. They knew they wanted the geothermal unit and it was even more cost effective for them because the house did not have central air. Nate stated, "We were getting a heating and cooling system, without having to worry about wasting the current system."

The Pfeilsticker's live outside of Plainview and chose the 5 ton closed-loop geothermal heating system. Nate said they chose Haley Comfort Systems as their installer based on Haley's experience in installing and maintaining geothermal units. The project was started in August 2006 and once the trenches were dug, Haley's installed the coils. The project was complete by September 2006, with total installation time under two weeks. Nate added that digging the trenches and laying the coil took one full day.

Based on savings resulting from the switch from propane to geothermal heat, they expect the payback on the unit to be about 4 years. The Pfeilsticker's estimate that they saved approximately \$3,000-\$4,000 on heating costs last year alone. Their house never had any type of cooling system so the geothermal unit fit a dual purpose of providing heating and cooling to their home. The unit itself does a good job of heating and the forced air from the unit heats the house throughout. Seven thousand five hundred.

Nate and Alicia feel they would do it again in a heartbeat. "Our house now is very comfortable. It was a great investment and is much better for the environment. The unit has been essentially maintenance free, aside from cleaning the air filter monthly. We feel we received excellent service and quick response times whenever we had a question or required service after the installation."



Haley Comfort Geothermal Specialist, Arnie Lodermeier with homeowners Alicia & Nate Pfeilsticker and son Nolan.

While this type of system's initial costs are in fact higher, its increased efficiency means you will be spending up to 70% less for your home energy needs. The life expectancy of the closed loop system means that the savings will continue no matter how high energy costs rise. You will also have peace of mind knowing your decision to invest in a geothermal heating, cooling and hot water system will save you up to 70% on your energy bills.

More good news for those thinking of installing a geothermal unit is that along with the local rebates available, a new \$2,000 tax credit for homeowners that install geothermal systems through 2016 was recently passed by Congress and signed into law by the President. Rebates, tax credits and dual fuel rates make this choice more cost effective than ever before.

While there are many reason to choose a geothermal unit, a few to keep in mind are: the impact of the current use of geothermal technology is equivalent to taking 1.6 million cars off the road, planting more than 346 million trees or reducing the U.S. dependence on foreign crude oil by 19.3 million barrels a year. At this time, there are more than 900,000 installations of geothermal systems in the United States alone!

Submitted by Bridget Stenzel of Haley Comfort



Operation Round-Up®

The quarterly meeting of the Operation Round Up® Board of Directors was held on October 8. Jeff Thompson, program coordinator, reported that donations were awarded to seven groups or organizations totaling over \$7,000. Those receiving funds included:



Oronoco Fire Fighters Relief Fund - \$1,000 for LED flashlights for their firefighters.

Kellogg Area First Responders - \$1,995 for training courses.

Camp Victory of Zumbro Falls - \$2,070 for a ropes course.

Three Rivers Community Action of Zumbrota - \$1,050 to help fund their energy assistance.

Learning is Forever from the Rochester Community Technical College - \$750 to be used for brochures and instructor fees.

S.E. Minnesota Chapter of the Red Cross - \$500 towards a teaching tool.

Sing Out Loud / Bella Voce Young Women's Choir from the Rochester area - \$500 for Choir shirts.

Funding for the Operation Round-Up program comes from participating cooperative member's rounding up their power bill to the nearest whole dollar. On the average, each participating member contributes about \$10 per year into this fund. The most any member would contribute is \$11.88 or 99¢ per month. All contributions are tax deductible.

Over \$16,000 has been donated this year alone to area organizations or individuals. To qualify for Operation Round Up funds, the organization and/or individual must be located within the service territory of People's Cooperative Services. The Operations Round Up directors meet in January, April, July and October to consider applications. Applications to apply for funds can be found on our website: www.peoplesrec.com/accountservices/roundup/html or by contacting the cooperative office. Twenty-one thousand three hundred eighty-six.

Operation Round Up Board

Joan Rose
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*The Power of Many, Helping Others -
Together We Can Make a Difference*



PCS Implements Identity Theft Prevention Measures

Peoples Cooperative Services has adopted a new policy requiring our internal procedures to be enhanced to include new Identity Theft prevention measures. In an effort to provide secure business transactions, protect our member's personal data, and comply with the Federal Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act, we are announcing this new level of data security.

The Identity Theft Prevention program is another step in the direction of providing quality service to our members. Protecting a customer's personal identity information is indeed our lawful responsibility.

Our program will include;

1. Security alerts from online government services and local police units.
2. Consumer Reporting services for verification of credit status and address information.
3. Data encryption for sensitive data like Social Security Numbers and Account Codes.
4. Restricted access to personal information.

5. New procedures for identity verification on new accounts and changes to existing accounts.
6. A data privacy committee to provide ongoing reviews of our policies, procedures, and progress to assure that we maintain high levels of data security for our members.

Effective business practices, and policies that spot attempted and actual identity theft early, have great potential for relieving the national crime wave. Identity thieves often establish cell phone and utility accounts in the victim's name to establish proof of residency.

Utilities suffer significant losses from customers who use stolen identities for service and walk away from large bills. Careful validation of identity in the process of opening an account and the use of "Red Flags" (such as alerts) has already been demonstrated to minimize losses.

So, please do not be offended by our staff if some extra questions are asked when you call in, or if there is a limit to the information the staff will give you over the phone. Just know that your cooperative is doing its very best to continue the trusted relationship it has with you - its members.

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 Services (507) 452-8396 SEM-CAC (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.

Important Notice for Active Military Personnel

When a household member has been ordered to active duty, for deployment or for a change of duty station, some members may find it hard to pay their utility bills. Minnesota Law protects military personnel from shut-off if they cannot pay their bill when the following conditions are met:



(1) the household income of the member is at or below the state median household income; (2) the customer enters into and makes reasonably timely payments under a payment agreement that considers the financial resources of the household; and (3) the member receives from the cooperative referrals to energy assistance, weatherization, conservation or other programs likely to reduce the member's energy bills. Fourteen thousand-seventy eight.

If you have any questions about the "Military Personnel Disconnection Law" or energy assistance programs, contact the cooperative at (507) 288-4004.



Be safe when using standby generators

Standby generators are powerful appliances and require extreme caution in installation and use.

Emergency standby generators can supply electricity to your home or business in the event of a power outage. Operating a standby generator can be a lifesaver during a power outage, but only if properly installed and maintained. Understand the hazards and familiarize yourself with these important safety precautions before you buy or begin to use one.

It's essential to understand that improper installation and use of standby generators may violate state or local electrical codes and can severely endanger those working to restore your power. On our distribution system, crews work with voltages from 120 volts up to 69,000 volts. While the crews take measures to ensure their safety, it is possible for a member's improperly connected 120 volt generator to feed back into our system and energize our high voltage lines. This creates a dangerous situation for both the employees working on the line and for the generator feeding the line. Always be sure your generating system is disconnected from the People's Cooperative system. Eight thousand-six hundred seventy-five.



There are two basic types of standby generators:

Portable, gas-powered generators: You can purchase a small, portable gasoline-powered outdoor unit and run extension cords from the generator directly to the appliances. Always run such generators outside where there is adequate ventilation; never inside the house.

Generators that are permanently connected to your main electrical supply: Larger backup generators can be connected to a building's main wiring panel, then used during electric service outages to power essential medical devices, furnaces, air conditioners, or well pumps for those not connected to a municipal water supply. *To hook up to this kind of generator, you must conform to the National Electrical Code and be inspected by the state or local electrical inspector.* The electrical code will require that your generator not be able to feed into the electrical grid.

Always follow manufacturer's safety instructions when using a backup generator. Your vendor, retailer or electrician can help you determine what size generator is most suitable for your home or business and whether the equipment or appliances you want connected to your generator can be operated safely.

Purchase LEDs by November 30 for credit on electric bill



If you purchased LED holiday lighting between August 1, 2008 and November 30, 2008 you are eligible for a \$4.00 per string incentive (credit applied to your electric bill) for up to 12 strings. All rebate forms must be postmarked by December 31, 2008.

Complete an incentive form, send the form in with copies of your sales receipt and LED Instructions from one package. Rebate forms are available

online at www.peoplesrec.com/memberservices and at the cooperative's office. All incentives offered through PCS can be found on the website listed above.



Winnebago Wind Power Dedication

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held October 22, 2008 at the Winnebago Wind Power Project, a new wind farm located near Thompson, Iowa. Dairyland Power Cooperative is purchasing the renewable energy output from the wind farm from Iberdrola Renewables, the project developer.

The Winnebago Wind Power Project adds a new “crop” of 10 turbines and 20 megawatts (MW) of clean electricity to power members homes and businesses, and help meet renewable portfolio standards.

The project will light nearly 6,000 homes in Dairyland Power Cooperative’s four-state service territory.

Iberdrola Renewables is currently the world’s leading provider of wind power with 8,500 MW of wind power in operation globally now. Iberdrola Renewables plans to install 1,000 MW of wind power each year in the U.S.

In addition to wind power, Dairyland’s portfolio of renewable energy sources also include hydroelectric, methane recovery from landfills, animal waste digesters and coming soon a 40 megawatt biomass base generator plant. Dairyland’s renewables currently total 6.1% of their total generation.



Do homework when shopping for electric space heaters

Don’t be fooled by expensive electric space heaters.

With the number of electric heater styles, shapes and sizes on the market, it’s no wonder that consumers are confused when shopping for the right one. Adding to the confusion are the exaggerated claims by a few advertisers, who boast their product has an “exclusive design” that will “save you big bucks on your heating bill.” At least one manufacturer claims it can cut heating costs up to 50 percent with its “space-age technology.” Twelve thousand-nine-hundred four.

Space heaters come in three main designs: high-temperature radiant style, natural-convention style and forced fan; each one delivers heat with a different method. With space heaters a watt is a watt no matter how it is delivered. The amount of heat coming out is the same as the amount of electricity going in. Therefore, any two heaters with a rating of 1,500-watts will deliver the same amount of heat. A \$25 space heater can do the same thing as the expensive Eden Pure or Amish fireplaces. All of these heaters can cut the furnace bill. Just lower the setting on the furnace’s

thermostat. In an occupied room a space heater boosts the temperature to a comfortable level.

There are some basic functionality common to all electric space heaters. For example:

- They all efficiently turn electricity into heat.
- They convert one watt of electricity into 3.4 British thermal units (Btu) of heat.
- Electric space heaters are limited to 1,500 watts or 5,120 Btu/hour. A 1,500 watt heater running eight hours a day for 30 days would cost you approximately \$36.00 per month.



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ADS SUBMITTED WITHOUT MEMBER'S FIRST & LAST NAME, WILL NOT BE PRINTED

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People's Cooperative
PO Box 339
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Free want ad service for members only. Clip and use the coupon on the left or available at People's Cooperative front desk to submit your ad. Or submit online at www.peoplesrec.com, click member services, and click submit newsletter ad. Ads will be printed for one month only. **Include your name, phone number and account number printed neatly.** Ads must be received by the last day of the month to go in the next month's issue. One ad permitted per month, no exceptions. No phone calls accepted. PCS reserves the right to edit or reject ad. Thank you.

All area codes 507 unless noted.

MISC ITEMS

HOLIDAY decorations- Trailer full of Christmas, Halloween, Easter and misc. All for \$25. 545-1285.

40' STORAGE trailer, \$500. 932-4291.

(17) 6' STRAIGHT steel-u posts, \$2 each or \$30 for all; Full-size pickup locking toolbox, \$30. 634-7718.

ADULT XL Mens Duster, never worn; Ladies medium Duster Australian Outback, worn twice. 876-2165.

GRANDVIEW Memorial Gardens, Chapel of Peace Mausoleum, (2) spaces, \$3,700. 288-1541.

INSULATED chimney- Used, 6", (2) 36" & (1) 12" sections, tee, bottom cap, misc. connectors, \$150. 288-7303.

ELLIPTICAL Cross-Trainer- Gym Caliber machine equipment, \$600. 287-0490.

GE tuck-under radio/CD player, \$25; Dish receiver, \$15; Pella crankout window, 29"x45". 282-7821.

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

SINGER Featherweight sewing machine, recent model w/case & light, \$80. 867-9118.

COREVOLUTION Evolution machine, exercise machine. Asking \$400. 206-0913/250-3293.

INVACARE wheelchair, 22" wide, in good condition, \$350 firm; Homemade trailer, solid sides, \$100. 289-1463 evenings.

CHRISTMAS Many Dept. 56 pieces, most in boxes & in good condition. Reasonably priced. 876-2070.

THE Nutcracker Ballet, Dec. 13 & 14. Byron Performing Arts Center, call Allegro. 288-0125.

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

Kerosene Reddy heater, 50,000 BTU, \$50. 289-5963.

30' TRIANGULAR TV tower, already down, \$90. 288-7327.

(26) 2x4s, 46" long, used but very good, no nails, .45¢ each. 282-6753. LAMPS, rocking chairs, end tables, pots/pans, walker, medical needs, bath seat, toilet seat & more. 282-2463.

BUMPER pool poker table; Desk, Dry sink; Xmas dolls; Animated Xmas figures; 4' Indian. 280-7974.

EAVESTAFF Pianette (mini piano), \$350; Getzen trumpet, \$300. Both in good condition. 281-4511.

OLDER half upright 44" tall piano, \$50/obo. 261-0621.

LUMBER- Walnut, oak, ash, elm, basswood. Ready for projects. Plank, blocking, farm lumber. 273-6751.

DRY oak firewood; SERVICES: Tree removal, bush trimming. Reasonable rates. Micheal Logan 288-8287.

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

HOUSEHOLD

PINE twin bunk beds, drawers, new mattress, set includes night stand. Very nice, must sell, \$850. 529-0301.

USED almond refrigerator with ice maker, \$50/obo. 280-9471.

(2) CABINETS w/lead glass doors; Oak dresser; Elephant collection; Nordic Track Cardio glide. 367-2323.

TEMTEX 42" woodburning heat circulating fireplace, seldom used, grate, fireplace tools, \$125. 251-1937.

34"x60" DESK, glass cover top, nine drawers, \$100/obo. 753-2713 evenings.

SOLID oak table w/one leaf & four chairs. Made by Lexington Chair Company. 356-8061.

36" RCA TV. 533-7796.

60"x42" MAPLE oval dining table, formica top, (2) 12" leaves, (5) chairs, \$175. 635-5745.

(2) 28"x56" MARVIN double-hung windows, new; (11) Pieces commercial slatwall, \$30 each; 1949 Chevy Fleetline, \$4,995. 289-1999.

EXTRA counter space, cupboard unit w/butcher block top. Contains (1) drawer & (1) large pullout cupboard, excellent condition, \$50. 288-9003.

OAK entertainment center, 58"x59"x21", TV opening 35"x30", five storage doors. Can email pics, \$125/obo. 533-4441.

ONEIDA Royal gas/wood 20,000 BTU furnace, \$500; Univex 9" slicer w/ sharpner, \$475. 288-6971.

VEHICLES

1988 TOYOTA Supra; 1979 Dump truck; 1952 5-window dump truck; 2002 Crestliner pontoon. Best offer. 775-6330.

1989 HONDA Prelude, great mpg, new tires, some rust, runs great, \$1,000. 259-6950.

1991 PONTIAC Firebird, white, interior gray, 50K miles, excellent condition. 358-2333 after 5 pm.

2000 PARK Avenue, loaded, 3.8 motor, 28-31 mpg, great condition, drives excellent, \$4,500/obo. 876-2779.

2002 PONTIAC Grand Prix, good condition, traction control, new brakes, 4-door, \$4,950/obo. 226-2225.

1967 CHEVY C10 pickup, runs/drives good, have new cab corners, rocker panels, floor pans to replace, \$800; WANTED: Canning jars. 867-9169.

1976 FORD 1/2 ton truck, good 390 motor & transmission, body fair, \$500. 754-5665.

1976 FORD 350 big box & hoist, body & engine good. Best offer. 454-1392.

1982 JEEP CJ-8 Scrambler, 4.2L/L6, 35" Kelly DTR tires, 4" lift, 100K miles, \$2,900. 289-3892.

1991 DODGE Dakota, 240K miles, \$500/obo. 367-2134.

1993 CHEVY 4x4 half-ton, V8/350, ext cab, 5-speed, 209K miles, sunroof, bedliner, some rust. Runs great. 288-4848.

1993 CHEVY ext cab 4x4, 158K miles, 5L, 5-speed, PW/PL, liner, topper, \$3,000. 251-0123.

1993 FORD F150 longbox, V6, AM/FM radio, dual tanks, 90K miles, \$2,000. 421-9736.

1994 CHEVY 3/4 ton 4x4, nice shape w/topper. 867-3075.

1995 CHEVY G30 service van, ladder rack, shelves, new long block radiator, etc, \$2,500/obo. 269-9770.

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

1997 FORD F150 4x4, Eddie Bauer, ext cab, roll-top, 172K miles, \$3,500. 365-8170.

1999 CHEVY S10 pickup, V6, 4x4, shortbox, good gas mileage. 767-2248.

2002 PONTIAC Montana, leather, DVD, power door, excellent condition, book \$6,700, asking \$6,300/obo. 226-2225.

PICKUP toolbox, fits below bedrails, 60"x24"x20", like new, alum tread, \$120. 259-5432.

8.3 CUMMINGS motor w/overcenter clutch; 354 Perkins 466; 329 JD; 426 Alis. 534-2847.

MAROON fiberglass truck topper for shortbox, tinted screened windows, interior light, \$400/obo. 288-4669.

FARM

1984 FORD 555A loader backhoe, one owner, excellent shape, front wheel assist, \$15,000. 273-0396.

1953 JOHN Deere 40 tractor, good rubber/paint, runs great, \$3,600; (3) Chrome brush guards, \$150 each. 534-4440.

MCKEE six-float snowblower, single auger, always shedded. 289-6972 evenings.

SKIDLOADER- 1989 Gehl 3310, gas, new tires, works great, \$4,200. 867-3399.

MINN. Super 6, heavy-duty running gear w/Parker gravity box & IH semi-mount auto reset plow. 367-4941.

HAY- Heavy bales, good quality, no rain, \$5 bale. Delivery available; Young roosters. 775-6139.

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

How do we make sure America's electricity is affordable?



PEOPLE = POWER

America has to take action now to get the right policy in place so our electricity is affordable. That means combining our voices as members to prompt action and get answers. Cooperatives are leading the way with a grassroots campaign called "Our Energy, Our Future: A Dialogue With America." This campaign seeks to engage policymakers on critical energy questions, prompt policy change, and keep the price of electricity as low as possible.

Find out how you can join the effort at www.ourenergy.coop.

LARGE round bales, 1400#, \$90. 867-3218.

CHAINSAWS & snowblowers. 282-5921.

SHOP/YARD

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

(2) GAS engines- 5 Horse IHCLB & 3 1/2 horse IHCLA. Both run. 285-0265.

MAKITA tools- #LS1013 slider mitre box, \$250; #9401 4x24 belt sander, \$100. Leave message 289-3874.

DELTA bench grinder, 8" 30/60 grit wheels, 1/2 hp, \$45. 282-8868.

GRACO Texspray, drywall sprayer w/gallon hopper, (2) spray heads & hose, \$650. 876-2573.

PINE log siding- 2x6 .63¢ LF, 2x8 .85¢ LF. 951-0379 JC.

BLAZE King woodburning stove for garage or shop, good condition, \$100. 208-1875.

200' SOAKER hose on rollup storage reel, \$25; AgriFab 18"x24" lawn roller, \$60. 288-1311.

JD 49 snowthrower, tall chute, fits older 300 series tractors, includes manual, excellent condition, \$650. 356-8357.

JOHN Deere 214 garden tractor, 42" mowing deck, 36" snowthrower. All for only \$900. 252-9093.

1996 TORO 267H tractor, blower, extra auger, dozer blade, weights, chains, 430 hours, \$1,895. 867-4988.

5500 WATT Northern generator, 110V/220V on cart, only two hours on engine, \$300. 254-9704.

ELLIS metal bandsaw, \$300; Murray riding lawnmower; FREE: Snowblower attachment. 753-3262.

AREINES Sierra lawnmower, 48", 16 hp, 36" snowblower, chains, weights, \$1,175. 533-4359.

HOMES/LAND

2000 28x56 DOUBLEWIDE, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, CA, all appliances including W&D, softner, ceiling fans, \$40,000. 357-2316.

1999 MOBILEHOME, 2 decks, all appliances. On rented lot, contract available. Rollahome, \$23,000 neg. 753-3280.

TEN private acres, 4 bdrm, barn, sheds, \$369,900. 259-0742 or see FSBO.com.55944,Kasson.

TOWNHOUSE- 31 Mill House Lane, Chatfield. 867-4501.

FIVE acre wooded lot, 100th Street NW, Rochester, \$149,900/obo. Possible CD or trade. 273-3037.

40 ACRES in NW, WI. Great hunting. Just 2 miles from the Brule River. 545-2582.

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

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

3 BDRM, 1.5 bath, 1/2 acre w/950+ sq ft garage in SE Rocheter, \$160,000. 251-6533.

BUILDING site- 30 acres, 12 miles SW Rochester, several out buildings. 765-4921.

BEAUTIFUL wooded 5 acre building site in NW Rochester, Douglas area. 951-4298 Mike.

LOOKING to buy or sell a home? Call Bob Matthews (agent) Coldwell Banker Burnet. 251-4422.

RECREATIONAL

1978 EZ-GO golf cart, \$900/obo. 285-9317.

ATV high performance 2002 Honda 400EX, yellow, like new, \$2,800/obo. 282-3059.

2004 RED Cat 200cc trail bike, electric start, like new, very low miles, great mpg, street legal. 533-1928.

1984 LUND w/40 hp Evinrude, trolling motor, fish finder, trailer w/ new wiring, lifetime license, \$2,000. 269-6764.

1972 YAMAHA 350, collector classic, runs perfect, like new, 2780 actual miles. I need space, \$1,000. 282-1806.

1999 36' DUTCHMAN travel trailer, slideout, full-size reg refrigerator; Treadmill, like new. 273-9859.

1980 15 hp Johnson electric start, Morse controls, tiller, steering available. The first \$425 takes. 752-2625.

1990 TOYOTA Itasca Spirit, 20', V6, sleeps 4, kitchen, furnace, 54K mile, 15 mpg, great runner, \$6,890/obo. 281-1416.

2001 YAMAHA 600 V-Max snowmobile, ES/RV studs,, w/2 place 2005 alum tilt trailer, \$3,995/obo. 281-6869.

GO-CART, Honda motor, runs great, \$400. 259-0571.

1973 ARCTIC Cat Cheetah, runs good, electric start that works, \$300/obo. 365-8129.

FOR RENT

1 or 2 BDRM apartments w/heat paid. Chatfield & Rochester, some with garages. Jim 421-6540.

STORAGE- Boats, cars, campers. Metal shed, cement floor, overhead door. Near Marion. 288-2057.

STORAGE- Boats, cars, campers. Seasonal or year around. Clean & dry on concrete floor. 754-4505.

ROOMMATE wanted- Newer 3 bdrm, 2 bath house. Plainview area; SERVICES: Interior painting, experienced. 259-2717.

ROOM- Newer SE Rochester home, utilities included. Shared bath & living areas, \$400/month. 358-2575.

GRAIN storage bins, 3500 bu & 5000 bu; Storage for cars, boats, RVs. Reasonable. 251-5639.

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

BEAUTIFUL, peaceful homeshare w/privacy. Room includes internet, long distance, laundry, garage, utilities, \$350/month. Near Kellogg. 767-4525.

FREE

BLACK Lab/Blue Healer 5 month old puppies, only two left from litter of nine. 633-2887.

CUTE cuddly kittens of various colors, including calicos. 533-6910.

USED vinyl house siding; FOR SALE: Gas pump, \$75. 367-4374.

PATIO tiles, 100 sq ft, concrete color, grey/red. You haul. 289-6218.

KINDLING- Kiln dried. You haul. 288-0671.

WANTED

EIGHT medium to large dog Igloos, cheap. Will pick up. Bonnie 272-8859.

WINE making equipment- Glass carboys (3, 4, 6 gallon sizes), tubes/air locks. Reasonable. 206-0911.

CARS, inner tubes, tractors, farm machinery, scrap iron, copper, brass, scrap alum, copper wire. 378-4332.

REFRIGERATOR for my garage. Must be free or reasonable. I will haul. 753-2400.

POLE sheds or steel buildings needing to be removed or torn down. Good condition. 421-0474.

WILL haul away garage sale items for free. No large appliances or exercise equipment. 282-2934.

USED books of all kinds, including text books. Will pickup free of charge. Dave 292-0063.

BINGO Players! Monday's 6:30 pm. Kings Crossing Bar & Grill. All proceeds go to Camp Confidence. Big pots & mega bingo. 915 21st Ave SE. 932-4609.

LOOKING for a six month or younger boer billy goat, reasonably priced. 775-6091.

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

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

MISC SERVICES

DO you need snow removal or sanding service? Give Ron a call at Elliotts Service Company. 990-8073.

GIFT Certificates available for the holidays- New homeowners, funerals, parents and more. Family Tree Landscape Nursery 289-0557.

SAND- Mound, screened, washed. Black dirt, assorted landscaping & washed rock. Trucking, loader. M-F, 7-5 DeCook Pit. 282-5511.

WOODSHED Recording Studio, 24 track digital recording at an affordable price. Demos, mixing, duplication. 288-8361.

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

KITCHEN and bath specialist. Jim 990-8483.

SCHOENMANN Boat Works- Fiberglass/alum repair, prop/skeg repair, floor, transom, replacement parts. 281-0110.

THEEL Sandblasting- Painting, body shop repair, steel & alum welding. 282-2887.

ACCOUNTING Services- Small businesses, payroll, income tax preparation, Quickbooks assistance. Personalized service. 282-5600.

LICENSED Contractor- New homes, remodel, additions, decks, garage, siding. Free estimates. 951-1772.

SEPTIC tank pumping, design, installion, backhoe. Bruce Bucknell Construction 533-8830.

TREES transplanted up to 12" diameter. Purchase ours or will move yours. Monnier 754-5900.

LASER engraved Christmas & wedding gifts, flutes, ornaments, awards, signs, marble, t-shirts, banners, vinyl. 287-8494.

JAY-BEE'S- Tile & stone installation, restoration, caulking, regrouting. Fix that old shower before it's too late. 273-0118.

JP'S New home building & remodeling. All your construction needs with one call. 282-8483/www.jpconstructiononline.com.

PHANTOM Runner Cleaning still has openings. Commercial or residential. Professional service, reasonable rates. 696-7660 Liz.

CLARK'S Seamless Rain Gutters- Wet basements, buckling cement, landscape damage protection. Free estimates. 281-2770.

CARPET Cleaning Special- Three rooms, \$89.99. Call today to schedule an appointment. Stainmaster Carpet Care. 280-8171.

SEXTON Drywall- We finish job's you've started. Hanging, taping, spray ceiling, basement, additions, remodeling. 251-3001/533-4150.

JUNK-B-Gone- Junk removal experts. Single item or multiple truck loads. We recycle. 280-0404.

DOUG & Linda's DJ/Karaoke- Weddings, graduations, indoor/outdoor parties. Great prices. 281-3580 leave message.

ALL American Tree Service- Fall trimming, removal. Serving surrounding area. Free estimates. Licensed/insured. 367-2580.

TREE trimming/removal, firewood, snowplowing, skidloader, bucket truck, holiday lighting. Free estimates, insured. Reasonable. 259-4367.

STUMP Grinding Plus- Have you ever been stumped? ANDSTAR has an answer. Free estimates. 259-6214.

LICENSED Daycare provider has openings, SE, 15 yrs experience. Julie; FOR RENT: Newer 4 bdrm, 3 bath home, \$1,200/month. 536-9371.

MINNESOTA Outdoor Maintenance- Winterizer/fertilization, core aeration, fall cleanup, mowing, snow removal. 208-2778.

THE Hangman- Sales & Installation of Custom blinds/drapes. Free estimates. 867-4022.

NEW 2008 Edenpure heaters, \$397; New Gen3 Edenpure heater. 282-0609 Angie.

QUALITY paint contracting. Free estimates, insured, 30 yrs experience. Quality work, reasonable rates. 282-2760.

LOOKING for homes to clean in Rochester and surrounding towns. Very experienced. 250-2773.

WELDING/REPAIR & backhoe service-water & sewer; FOR SALE: Backhoe w/heated cab, 18" boom, good rubber, \$18,500. 282-4378.

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LICENSED and insured handyman. Remodel & repair needs, free estimates & references. 289-7636 Jere.

ADAM'S Odd Job Services- Carpentry, shingling, tree trimming, landscaping, scrap removal, etc. Any job. 273-8656.

PRAIRIE Walls- Indoor rock climbing gym. Birthday parties, lessons, group events. 292-0511/www.prairiwalls.com.

KITCHEN cabinet refacing & finishing. Free estimates. 20+ years experience. 635-5207.

DISHNETWORK- Satellite Systems free. Best price on quality. Toshiba & Panasonic TV's; 32" Panasonic \$550. 269-1500.

HOUSE Cleaning- Pine Island/Oronoco area, biweekly. 356-2197.

ANIMALS

THE dog of the Viking- Norwegian Elkhound pups, first shots & vet checked. Available Dec. 10. 259-5526.

AKC German Shorthair pups, all shots, dewes & tails done. Females \$275, males \$250. 208-6508.

3 YR old male Vizsla, gentle disposition. 259-5914.

ASCA registered Australian Shepherd puppies, family raised, vet checked. Both parents on site. 356-8143.

PYGMY goats- 2 males born this spring, both fixed, \$25 each or \$40 for both. 282-3177.

(5) Goats- 4 males, all fixed, 1 female. \$200 for all. 993-6830.

BOER goats doelings w/papers, percentages good health, excellent bloodlines, \$100/obo. 261-0689.

MINIREX bunnies, \$10 & \$15; Quarter horse & all tack, \$400/obo. 365-8063.

FEMALE/MALE goats & peacocks; Piano in good condition. 534-2731.

HORSES- 2 Registered Paints, 1 registered Appaloosa. All very gentle. Tack for sale. 356-8608.

AQHA registered 4 yr old Palamino gelding, broke to ride, mellow, well mannored temperament. 876-2695.

TEN registered Red Angus bred cows & heifers. 534-2677.

(2) SADDLES- One new 16" basket weave, brown/white, high back, \$290; Simco green seat, great shape, \$300. 545-2048.

1996 SUNDOWNER 3-horse slant trailer w/12' LQ, 4' finished mid tack, hay rack, rubber matting, \$32,500. 252-5066.

HORSE Boarding- Location, quality care, pastures, shelters, box stalls, turnouts, arenas, round pen, trails. 536-3852.

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

Heating Costs up, electricity by the least

U.S. residents can expect to pay even more this winter than last to keep warm, but those using electricity as their primary heating source will see the least amount of increase, according to October estimates from the Energy Administration (EIA).

A branch of the Department of Energy, the EIA anticipates average household expenditures for all space heating fuels rising 15 percent over the previous October 1 - March 31 heating season. Higher prices will be the major factor, the EIA said, "Although colder weather than last winter will also contribute to higher fuel use in many areas."

Minnesota consumers could get a break if federal weather authorities have made the right call. Heating degree-day projections from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the EIA said, have the lower 48 states 2.4 percent colder this winter than last, but the West North Central region that includes Minnesota is expected to be almost 5 percent warmer than last winter.

Households heating primarily with natural gas are expected to see an average 18 percent cost increase this winter. Those relying primarily on heating oil face the biggest spike, a 23 percent increase over last winter. Propane users can expect to pay on average 11 percent more and households heating mainly with electricity can expect to pay an average of 10 percent more, the EIA said.

Electricity is the primary heat source for 35 percent of U.S. households, the EIA said, noting that the percentages vary widely, from 12 percent in the Northeast to 59 percent in the South.

Source: Minnesota Association of Cooperatives



Who keeps watch
over your heating system
while you're away?

Heartland Security has partnered with People's Cooperative Services to offer security systems to residents of southeastern Minnesota. In addition to burglary prevention, a security system with a furnace failure sensor can alert the appropriate parties should your home's temperature drop to a pre-determined level.

As a member of People's Cooperative you will receive a 10% discount on Heartland Security systems and monthly monitoring.

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Energy Star® TVs

There are about 275 million TVs currently in use in the U.S., consuming over 50 billion kWh of energy each year — or 4 percent of all households' electricity use. This is enough electricity to power all the homes in the state of New York for an entire year.

Earning the ENERGY STAR means a product meets strict energy efficiency guidelines set by the US Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Energy. For TVs, it means they save energy when they are turned off.

- ENERGY STAR qualified TVs use about 30% less energy than standard units.
- You can find the ENERGY STAR on everything from standard TVs, to HD-ready TVs, to the largest flat-screen plasma TVs.

Shopping for a New TV? Read This First:

Starting in November 2008, a new, much more stringent ENERGY STAR specification for TVs will be effective that includes requirements for both standby and active (when they're on) modes. TVs that earn the ENERGY STAR label under these requirements will be up to 30% more efficient than non-qualified models.



Source: energystar.gov



Locate Your Account Number?

Was your account number in the October issue?



Roger Kulack and Christine Snozek located their account number in the October 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 \$26.48 will then be applied to your electric bill. The amount varies each month.

October account numbers not found: Levi Swartzentruber, Michael Nigon and David Woodrum.



Don't Miss Out On Incentive Money This Year

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 retrofit 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.

New Efficient Appliances Don't Always Lead to Energy Savings

Is it always true that new, energy-efficient appliances lead to a reduction in the use of electricity? Not necessarily. After installing a new energy-efficient appliance, many members complain that they see their electric bill go up. Why is that?

Consider this scenario: Someone purchases a new, energy-efficient appliance with an "Energy Star®" rating. The energy required for basic functions may decrease, but if the member chooses to use the "bells and whistles" not available on their old appliance, total electricity consumption may go up. In the case of an Energy Star dishwasher, more electricity will be used when a member selects the pre-rinse cycle, extra heat drying, and other options beyond basic cleaning.

