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HIGHLIGHT

PEOPLE'S COOPERATIVE SERVICES

Hi-Lites

Ralph Breuer recalls...

"the service just keeps getting better and better!"

"Being a member gives you a feeling of ownership," said Ralph Breuer of Lake City on his long-time association with People's Cooperative Services. Living on his Century old farm all his life, his family has been a member since the formation of what is now known as People's Cooperative Services.

His parents signed up for service in 1941 but with the bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7, work on expanding power service to rural America was put on hold.

"There were a few in our area who had power right away, but many had to wait until after the war was over to get hooked up," he said. "We turned the lights on, December 23, 1946."

It is difficult to imagine the change of lifestyle that ensued with the electrification of rural homes. Those who remember it, agree it was astounding.

"We had one kerosene lamp in the kitchen and really thought we were something when we got a Coleman gas light. It was so much brighter!"

The family gathered in the kitchen on those long-ago dark evenings. Flashlights were used to walk through the rest of the house. It made for togetherness; that's for sure, Ralph said. When electricity was brought to the farm house, the family could now utilize the entire house after dark, but most notably; his mother was happy to replace the old gas iron with an electric one, which was much cooler (and safer) to use.

The farm and barn work was all done by hand before electricity. After the lines were extended, farmers were eager to add an electric barn cleaner; windmill's and hand pumps were replaced with submersible electric pumps. "Electricity became the best hired man we could have!"

There was a minimum charge for electricity; \$4.50 a month for 50 KW hours. "My parents watched it like a hawk and didn't want to go over a penny,"

With the passage of years, Ralph noted the service just keeps getting better and better with the cooperative.

Three-phase brought a notable change, and the cooperative has always been on top of things with excellent service, updates and repairs according to Ralph. They are great about keeping lines and poles in top-notch shape.

His parents were outage reporters. "For years when people in our area were out of power, they called us up to report it; then my parents called in the problem. This eliminated long distance calls (and also a traffic jam on the rural switchboards)."

In 1967, when his parents moved to town, Ralph and his wife Marlene took over the job. It was only a few years ago that this practice was eliminated.

"Sometimes we still get a phone call from someone to find out if we know when the power will be back on."

The longest they were ever without service, according to Ralph, was in the winter of 1968 or '69, when an ice storm snapped poles all over the area. Those two weeks were mighty cold and difficult, but the cooperative worked around the clock to return electricity to the members.

Change is on the horizon for the Breuers. They have recently sold their farm and will be moving into a townhome in Lake City. "I am interested in wind power and its expansion", said Ralph. "It seems to be the newest trend." For the first time in his life, Ralph will no longer turn on his lights courtesy of People's Cooperative Services. "It's been a good partnership."



Debi Neville,
Freelance Writer Rochester, MN

C.E.O. Message

As our summer comes to a close, I want to take this opportunity to thank you, our members, and our line workers. It's been a "stormy" summer. We have experienced many smaller storms and some more significant storms. Through June, our members have experienced an average of 3.4 hours of outage time. That's up from a year ago when the average outage time for the first six months was two hours.

Trees and lightning are the two major causes of these outages. Trees alone account for two hours of the 3.4 hours. Since 2006, your cooperative has significantly increased our investment in right-of-way clearing as shown on the graph. Even with this additional investment, we still have a lot of work to keep up with the growth of trees in our lines.



Lightning is also a significant cause of outages --- causing around one-half hour of outage time per member during the first six months of this year. In the last 10 years, we have installed new static line on 38 miles of our cooperative-owned transmission system which serves 16 of our 23 substations. Presently, about 50% of our transmission line has a static wire. This static line will lesson the effect of lightning and help reduce, but not totally prevent, both outages and momentary blinks.

Being without power today has a significant impact on our lives. It seems like everything we do somehow comes back to the need for electricity. So, the first group of people I want to thank is you --- our members. We know your lives are impacted when the power goes out. We thank you for your patience and understanding with us as we work to correct the problem. We also thank you for the kind notes that you send in appreciation of the work done at all hours of the day.

The second group of people I want to thank is our line workers.

When your power goes out, they go to work --- regardless of weather conditions. Each and every one of them understands that it's a "part of the job" regardless of the time of day or night. I am in that "50-something" age category. I am not sure I could get up in the middle of the night, work for several hours, catch a couple hours of sleep and then return to work the next morning. But, our line workers do just that. In addition, many times they must miss family birthdays, holidays and other special occasions because they are called to work.

Our line workers are professional, dependable and work safely --- for your benefit. And, their job has changed over time. They are no longer just building power lines; now, in addition, they are public relations people, specialists in using new technology, and safety experts. Our line workers now look at system maps on a computer in their truck. They access meter data via a software program and will soon be able to receive electronic service orders while in the field. They can access the location of their co-workers as well as see what equipment is installed at each account via their computer. They have also had to improve their safety skills. With more and more distributed generation being added to the electric system, they must have a clear understanding of the potential safety risks associated with these systems. And, I expect that the learning curve for a line worker will continue to expand.

It takes a special person to be a line worker --- someone who loves the outdoors, is willing to take a risk, is physically fit, and like challenges. My thanks go to these employees who serve us well!

As always, I welcome your feedback or the opportunity to address your questions. Feel free to give me a call or stop by the cooperative office.



Elaine J. Garry
President & CEO

507-288-4004
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Outages Calls

During and following an outage we typically receive these general questions from members.

Why is my power out?

Power outages can happen many different ways, but the most common is caused by thunderstorms which bring heavy winds and lightning. Lightning can strike poles and/or equipment on the poles and wind can blow branches down onto the power lines. Other things such as animals, extreme heat and equipment failure can also be problematic causes of outages.

I'm the last one on the line, why do my neighbors have power and I don't?

There are several scenarios that could cause you to experience an outage, while your neighbors still have power. Here are a few:

- The accounts can be served by different feeders, substations or taps. There are many occasions where a member and their neighbors are near the dividing point, often called a 'normal open point'. Everyone on one side of the 'normal open point' may experience an outage, while everyone on the other side still has power.
- The account experiencing an outage is fed down-line from a protective device, while their neighbor is up-line from the device. For example, if a tree gets into a line, the closest protective device is supposed to open and de-energize the line. It may happen that the member seeing the outage is the first account down-line from the device, while their neighbor is up-line from the device and still has power.
- The member experiencing an outage could have a transformer fuse or other issue that would only affect them. This is a common scenario with animals, lightning strikes, and trees.

How long is the power going to be out?

Power outages can vary in size and length. In fact the size of the outage usually is a good indicator on how long the outage will last. The bigger the outage the longer it may take to restore power. Many factors go into determining the length of

an outage so it is difficult to predict how long it will be before power can be restored. four thousand, three hundred, forty one

Do I need to get a generator?

Every situation is different. Some members may need a generator more than others; it all depends on the individual member's needs. Members who have livestock or medical needs might rely heavily on having power while others can go without power for several hours. Most of the time outages are very minor in length and with some precautionary measures can be handled very easily. To find tips on how you can prepare for a power outage visit www.safeelectricity.org.

My neighbor has already called in the outage.

Do I need to call to report it too?

We always want members to report an outage whether your neighbor has called in the outage or not. There are many instances where your home might be without power, but your neighbor's is not. Every outage call is important and gives us important information to determine the exact area of the outage and how widespread it may be.

What is the best way to report an outage?

Should I call my director to report an outage?

What number do I call after-hours?

When the power goes out, please call the Cooperative office ASAP. The best and most efficient way to report an outage is by calling the office directly at (507) 288-4004 or 1-800-214-2694. You can call this number 24-hours a day/7days a week. If you call outside of normal office hours your call will automatically be redirected to our after-hours call center. Please be patient during major outages as phone lines can be very busy.

Why do I get an automated voice system when I call in to report an outage?

While we strive to answer every call personally, there are times during widespread outages that we just can't handle the large volume of calls that come in. If you do receive an automated voice system, please be patient and listen carefully to the instructions. You will need to follow these steps:

- When prompted, select the outage option by pressing 1 from the automated menu.
- Report the outage location, phone number and any electrical related emergencies.

If you fail to select option 1 when prompted by the automated voice system or if you are dialing from a rotary phone, you will hold on the line until a representative is available to assist you. At times, when we are experiencing a large number of calls, you may experience longer than normal hold times. If you prefer not to wait and are calling from a push-button phone, please hang up, dial again and follow the instructions listed above.

24-Hour Outage Report Line

(800) 214-2694 or (507) 288-4004

- Have address and account number ready.
- If you call outside normal office hours your call will be directed to our after-hours call center. Please be sure to select the outage option by pressing 1 when prompted from the automated menu.
- Report outage location, phone number and any electrical related emergencies.
- Please be patient during major outages as phone line can be very busy.

When the lights go out, so do we!

Change Air Filter to Save Money and Energy

It's hot this summer. That means your air conditioning system is working hard to keep you comfortable. Here's a tip from People's Cooperative Services that can help your cooling system operate more efficiently—and save you money.

Change your air filter regularly. It only takes a couple of minutes to change the air filter in your heating/cooling system. It's simple and easy. As TogetherWeSave.com has shown, changing your filter every month can save you \$82 a year.

But that's not all you can save. A dirty air filter makes your system work harder to keep you cool, which wastes energy. Changing your air filter regularly helps to ensure efficient operation and keep your electricity bill in check. Changing your air filter regularly can reduce the need for costly maintenance and prevent damage to your system.

And when winter arrives, it's just as important to change your air filter regularly. Your heating system needs to work as efficiently as possible to keep you warm, and a clean air filter helps it do that.

Experts recommend turning your system off before changing the air filter. Make sure that the arrow on the filter—which indicates the direction of the airflow—is pointing toward the blower motor. When you've made the change, turn your system back on. To save time, it's a good idea to keep a couple of spare filters on hand.

For other tips on how to save energy—and money—visit www.energysavers.gov or Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives energy-saving website, www.TogetherWeSave.com. twelve thousand, nine hundred, fifteen



BY SPENDING A FEW MINUTES, I'M SAVING A LOT.

Yeah, a few minutes. That's all the time it takes me to change my home's air filter every month and save \$82 a year. Not bad for a few minutes of work, huh? What can you do? Find out how the little changes add up at TogetherWeSave.com.

TOGETHERWESAVE.COM



Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month

One of the easiest ways to make your home more energy efficient is to add insulation in the attic. To see if you need insulation, look across an uncovered attic floor. If the insulation is level with or below the floor joists, you probably need to add more.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy

SPOT YOUR NUMBER

Each month we hide five account numbers within the pages of the Highline Hi-Lites. If you find your account number, call the office at (507) 288-4004 by the last day of the current month and you will receive a \$30 credit on your electric bill.

Darwin and Patricia McKenzie and Paul Reese found their account number in the July issue. Account number not found: James Bartz, William Wagner, and Lisa Kirkland.



Storm Safety: Lighting Strikes On The Rise

Summer is the peak season for lightning strikes, and 2011 has already seen record numbers of tornados and severe storms nationwide. Injuries and deaths from lightning strikes related to storms are also on the rise.


Safe Electricity and the National Weather Service (NWS) are urging everyone to increase awareness about the loss of life and debilitating injuries that result from being struck by lightning, and how to stay safe from lightning.

According to the NWS, lightning fatalities average 58 per year, with permanent injuries to hundreds of others. With an estimated 25 million lightning flashes annually in the U.S., a great potential exists for casualties. Protect yourself and your family from lightning with a safe storm strategy:

- Be aware of weather forecasts and watch for developing thunderstorms. As the air is heated by the sun, energy is created with air movement, and lightning typically comes from towering storm clouds.
 - Lightning can strike many miles ahead of a storm front. If you hear thunder, seek shelter immediately, because that indicates lightning is within 10 miles of you. If you are outside, go inside a building. If you are at a park, do not seek shelter at an open pavilion. A building is most safe.
 - Lightning will typically seek something tall, such as a tree, building or flagpole, but can also strike at lower objects. That was the case at Kenosha, Wis., in March 2011, when seven deer who were grazing in an open field were killed by a lightning strike. There have been reports of livestock huddling under a tree during a storm and being fatally injured when lightning hit the tree. Do not seek shelter under trees, and if you detect a tingling sensation,
- If you are inside a building, the NWS advises you to stay off corded telephones, or away from any electrical device that could carry an electrical surge if lightning were carried into your home through wiring. Turn off or unplug such appliances, stay away from television sets, and do not depend on surge protectors to absorb a lightning strike. Conductors can also include the plumbing in your house. sixteen thousand, four hundred, sixty six
 - Since water is an excellent conductor of electricity, lightning is particularly dangerous for anyone in a swimming pool or engaged in water recreation. Swimmers, boaters, fishermen and others on lakes and rivers should seek shelter if storms are threatening and lightning is seen or thunder heard. Authorities warn against outdoor activity until 30 minutes after the last clap of thunder. If a person is struck by lightning, call 911 and care for the victim immediately. You are not in danger of being electrocuted by the victim. More information can be found at www.SafeElectricity.org and www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov.



crouch to a low position with your head between your knees to reduce your height.




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Questline eNewsletter provides energy tips

The Questline eNewsletter is filled with great information on ways to lower your energy use and save money on your electric bill. Questline offers a searchable eLibrary, quick-tips, and calculators for heating and cooling system comparisons. Sign up to receive this FREE quarterly eNewsletter by visiting www.peoplesrec.com.

Application Deadline for Operation Round Up®

This quarter's Operation Round Up® (ORU) applications must be submitted by September 20, 2011. The ORU Trust Board meets each quarter to review applications and grant funds for local, worthy causes that meet the qualifications according to the bylaws of the Trust. Complete details and applications can be found online at www.peoplesrec.com or by calling the office at (507)288-4004.



Wind Energy and Renewable Generation Workshop

On June 23 People's Cooperative Services held a wind energy and renewable generation workshop. The workshop provided information on connecting to the Cooperative's electric system along with questions to ask to determine if renewable generation is right for you. We had a great turnout with about 75 people in attendance. If you were unable to make the workshop and have some interest in learning about renewables, the workshop presentation and other information is available online at www.peoplesrec.com.



Lineworkers remain a top priority

Electricity is all around us and with today's technologies it will continue to be an integral part of our future and lifestyles. If you are interested in a challenging career, consider a career as an electrical lineworker.

People's Cooperative Services respects the professional training required to work in this field. We offer scholarships to applicants pursuing a post-secondary education in an electric lineworker program at either Dakota County Technical College in Rosemount, MN or Minnesota West Community & Technical College in Jackson, MN.



Minnesota Colleges offering professional lineworker training:

Minnesota West Community & Technical College
Jackson, MN
(800)658-2522

Dakota County Technical College
Rosemount, MN
(877)937-3282

Minnesota State Community & Technical College – Wadena
Wadena, MN
(800)247-2007

GO GREEN

Subscribe to receive the PCS newsletter monthly by email! You can do your part to help save paper, money on mailing costs and our environment!

Call the cooperative or email twhitcome@peoplesrec.com to sign up today.



Country Breakfast on the Farm

People's Cooperative Services members Donny and Holly Thompson hosted this year's Country Breakfast on the Farm at their 900 acre dairy farm near Little Valley. Along with the breakfast those attending enjoyed horse drawn wagon rides, a petting zoo, and educational agricultural displays. Tim Rasmusson, lineworker, represented PCS and showcased one of the cooperatives bucket trucks. ten thousand, five hundred, fifty seven



Adding electrical load this fall?

Are you planning to install, modify, or replace electric equipment this fall at your home, business, or farm?

If so, please contact the cooperative with details of your project as soon as possible.

By contacting the cooperative, we can help to ensure:

- Our equipment is sufficiently sized to handle your new project.
- You and your neighbors will not experience power quality issues as a result of the additional load.
- The work to be completed is efficiently scheduled to eliminate delays.
- Your project costs are kept to a minimum.

By working together, we can help your project go as smoothly as possible. If you have any questions regarding your electrical installation or modification please call the office at (507) 288-4004.



ATTENTION MEMBERS

People's Cooperative Services technicians are currently changing out dual fuel and water heater receivers in all service areas. Employees performing the service will be driving a cooperative vehicle and wearing a People's Cooperative Services uniform. They may need to request access inside your home to complete the change out.

Holiday Hi-Lites recipe book!

Plans are underway for the 48th edition of the Holiday Hi-Lites recipe book. Look for more information in the September issue of the Highline Hi-Lites.



New Headquarters Update

The building foundation work is complete and the brick work on the office building is almost complete. Work is now being done to place the structural steel members within the warehouse, service bay and truck wash areas. The geothermal drilling equipment is onsite and ready to go. Meanwhile the focus is on getting the roof completed so the interior work can move ahead.



People's Cooperative Services new headquarters building.

In the southwest corner of the site excavation work is progressing to extend the water main and hydrants. Drain tile is being installed to capture the outflow from a natural spring and channel it to the retention pond. This will allow the area around the southwest entrance to dry out and become more stable for construction of the parking lots and roadways.

Work on the frontage road has resumed. We expect the rock layer to be placed on the roadbed by the end of August. The placement of site utilities in the right-of-way has begun.

A webcam has been placed at the building site. Be sure to follow our progress at www.peoplesrec.com.



People's Cooperative Services existing headquarters and adjacent land on Highway 14 East, Rochester is listed **"For Sale"**

Contact Hamilton Real Estate, Inc.
Mac Hamilton (507) 281-1002



The Cooperative is also promoting the development of Oronoco Crossings - a 36 acre Commercial/Industrial development adjacent to the new headquarters location in Oronoco.

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District Meetings - Mark your calendar!

During October, People's Cooperative Services will host four district meetings throughout the service territory. Members are invited and encouraged to attend one of the following meetings.

Rochester

October 4
8:00 a.m.
PCS Community Room
3935 HWY 14 E

Oronoco

October 5
6:00 p.m.
Oronoco City Hall
115 2nd Street NW

Stewartville

October 11
2:00 p.m.
Stewartville Civic Center
120 City Center

Plainview

October 13
11:30 a.m.
Plainview Legion
215 3rd Street

Meetings will include various cooperative updates and time to address member questions. Registration will begin 30 minutes before the meeting is scheduled to start. Meetings will last approximately 45 minutes. Light refreshments will be served. nine thousand eight hundred, forty one

To help us plan accordingly, please RSVP to Tyler Larsen at (507) 424-6188 or by emailing at rsvp@peoplesrec.com. Please include your name, which meeting you will be attending and the number of guests attending.

Operation Round Up® awards \$19,188 last quarter!

The quarterly meeting of the Operation Round Up® (ORU) board of directors was held on July 21, 2011. Donations were awarded to the following organizations:

- \$3,000, American Heart Assosiation of Rochester – Go Red for Women, to help purchase health screenings and education materials.
- \$548, Bonner Elementary of Stewartville 2nd grade, to purchase tickets for the Young People's Concert at the Minnesota Orchestra.
- \$5,850, Byron Volunteer Fire Fighters Relief Assosiation,



to acquire a 20kw standby generator and transfer box for the fire hall.

- \$4,000, Faith in Action of Plainview, to help out with transportation costs for the elderly.
- \$1,000, Homeless Community Network of Rochester, to purchase meals for the Project Community Connect day.
- \$1,500, Ironwood Springs Christian Ranch of Stewartville, to assist in resurfacing asphalt activity court.
- \$990, Plainview Elgin Food Shelf, to help with updating the buildings wiring.
- \$2,300, Rochester Area Family YMCA, to assist with post-rehabilitation program – upper body cycle.



The ORU program is funded by donations made by members who voluntarily have their electric bill rounded up to the next dollar. About 12,095 members currently participate with the average of \$6 a year per member. It truly shows that small change can make a difference.

Minnesota State House Representative Duane Quam



Representative Quam

On July 28, Representative Duane Quam visited People's Cooperative Services to discuss key energy issues with the Cooperative's board of directors. Quam represents district 29A in Minnesota. Currently, Representative Quam serves on the Environment, Energy and Natural Resources Policy and Finance Committee.



Elaine Garry (left), Duane Quam (Center), and Tony Ebert (right)

NEW!

Want Ad Guidelines

People's Cooperative Services publishes free ads as a service to our members within the following guidelines:

- Only PCS members or employees may submit ads.
- Member name, account number and phone number are required for all ads.
- Only one ad per member per month. Duplicate ads will not be published.
- Ads must be 120 characters or less.
- Ads will be printed for one month only.
- No ads or ad changes will be taken over the phone.
- PCS reserves the right to edit or reject ads.
- Ads are printed in the monthly edition of the Highline Hi-Lites.

Submitting Want Ads:

- Our preferred method for submitting ads is to use the online submission form available on our website at www.peoplesrec.com. Ads that are submitted online will be approved and posted for online viewing within one week of submitting. These ads will also appear in the next monthly edition of the Highline Hi-Lites provided they have been submitted prior to the last day of the month prior to publication.
- Ads that are submitted by mail or in paper format are **due by the 20th of the month prior to publication.**

Submit your ads and view them online at www.peoplesrec.com

ANIMALS & PETS

Pomeranian pups. Males. White, orange sable, vet checked, shots, \$200. 507-273-9420

Small square bales alfalfa grass mix horse hay \$3.00. Delivery available. Call in the evenings. 507-365-8082

Must sell 2 registered Arabian horses and one 1/2 Arab, ages from 11 to 18. Very friendly but not broken to ride. 507-282-5925

Norwegian Elkhound puppies, born 6-20-11. (4) females, (1) male. 507-876-2695

Sale or rent: Bulls. (1) white park, (1) herford. Servicable age. 507-365-8346

7 horses for sale all REG AQHA and 1 not reg. great papers some started training all 3 yr olds 1 yearling. 4-H discounts 507-438-5802

FARM EQUIPMENT

For sale NH 68 baler with thrower and throw rake, steel sides both ex. always shedded 507-365-8499

Ford 901 Power Master tractor, reconditioned, new tires, seat, loader, 3-point hitch, \$5,295. 507-288-4793

JD-B 1950 with or w/o woods mower; Ford 8N, good condition; Heat Houser for Int. H or M. 891-282-8913

Round grass-hay bales, no rain, 23 inside at \$55, 17 outside at \$45. 507-753-2912

WD-45 Allis Chalmers factory loader, snow & dirt bucket, 12-volt. 507-282-4356

Allis Chalmers WD tractor, runs very good, 12-volt system, \$1,250. 507-288-0671

JD 4040D tractor w/cab and loader, 3260 hours; JD 15-ft. disc; JD 4-row wide no-till planter and cultivator. 507-533-6711

For Sale: Net wrapped round hay bales. Call after 6 PM. 507-867-3156

Bush Hog-3 point, 5', good condition, extra blades \$475; Farm King finishing mower 3 blade, 3 point, 6', \$675 507-867-4507

Hay-Large round and small square. Alfalfa & mixed grasses. 507-534-2035

Minnesota manure spreader, good floor & sides. Works ok, \$300. 507-533-9383

Ford 8N, good tires, starts/runs great, new paint, 3-point hitch, \$3,000. 507-696-8461

Hay-straw from field, small-big square, round bales. Call evenings. 507-775-2265

8x63 grain auger pto drive; Minn 200 bushel gravity box & running gear. 507-534-2731

Hay- Large round bales, first cutting, no rain, indoor storage. 507-273-2430

FOR RENT

Clean indoor storage space available for cars, boats, RVs, etc. Very reasonable rates. 507-634-3409

Eyota- 2 bdrm apartment in quiet 4-plex. Heat, water, trash paid. No smoking/no pets. Lease. 507-545-2773

GIVE AWAY

piles of old jeans striped and ready for cutting for rugs or quilts plus other rug material. 507-533-8472
Free kittens and cats, various ages, colors and sizes. Outdoor or indoor. Good mousers. 507-533-89
Litter of shepherd mix puppies, ready by September 30th. Come get your pick, won't last long. 507-396-3879

HOMES

New 1672 sq.ft w.o. rambler 2 acre wded lot 34x26 garage custom cabinets w/ granite tops 15x13 m.f.laundry & b.r.289,900 507-289-3215

Buildable city lot Pepin, WI in quiet cul-de-sac. City sewer and water \$19,900 612-385-0052

Looking to buy or sell a home? Call Bob Matthews (agent at Coldwell Banker Burnet). 507-251-4422

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Two plots- 20 acres hunting/buildable, Rose Creek; 35 acres, 2002 home, rural Byron. 507-261-6027

HOUSEHOLD

Student desk, white, 2 drawers, with bookshelf on one side excellent condition \$25, antique pitcher & bowl \$50. 507-365-8082

FOR SALE

"Like new" light tan leather chair recliner purchased at Drury's. Asking \$250. 507-533-4395

Canning jars, pints, quarts, some blue... much less than in stores. Call for information. 651-345-4889

Whirlpool washer \$100 Maytag electric dryer \$150 Both in good working order. 507-378-2363

Refrigerator: 20.1 cubic feet, white, ice maker, glass shelves, freezer on top, \$50. 507-292-9763

MISCELLANEOUS

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Size 4 wedding gown, never worn. Lace appliques on satin bodice and layered tulle skirt. 507-286-9277

Honey - Local Honey in all sizes. Oronoco area. 507-367-4348

Track light 3 heads, nickel with small white globes, \$20. 507-932-4291

Yamaha Clavinova digital piano clip-311. Must sell \$350 OBO. 507-269-4784

Handcrafted Wedding album \$25.00--wedding planner book \$10.00 507-767-3221

Residential cleaning available, limited openings.Call for free estimate.Insured. Liz 607-696-7660

Oak firewood, \$140/load. Free delivery/stacking. 507-273-7960

Lawnmower repair and used lawnmowers and snow blowers for sale. Will buy lawnmowers and snow blowers. 507-533-4359

ESTATE SALE: Sat.Aug.13,7am-8pm, 914 N. Garden Street, Lake City, MN. Collectibles,vintage,furniture,china,glassware,much more. 507-288-0704

For Sale: Mini Rex Rabbits - 2 males, 1 female \$10 each. Round Bales Hay \$50. Pony broke to ride & drive. 507-867-4966

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People's Cooperative Services will be closed Monday, September 6, 2011 so employees may spend the holiday with their families. If you experience an outage please call (507)288-4004 or (800) 214-2694.

Have a safe Labor Day Holiday!

Canisteo Substation Vandalized

\$5,000 reward offered

On Friday, August 12, during a routine maintenance assignment line workers discovered a transformer at the Canisteo substation had been vandalized by gunshot several times. Crews worked through the weekend to address the problem and power has been temporarily rerouted to ensure continued service to members. A professional hazardous waste disposal contractor is assisting with the cleanup. Damages are estimated to be in excess of \$200,000.

The substation serves members in Ashland, Canisteo, Hayfield, Rock Dell, and Vernon townships. No outages have been reported as a result of the damage. Power quality issues related to the vandalism are being addressed.

Anyone having information regarding the vandalism is encouraged to call the local law enforcement at 507-635-6200. A \$5,000 reward is being offered for anyone giving information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) involved in the incident.