


# Highline Hi-Lites

*People's Cooperative Services Members Donate  
\$26,681 Through Operation Round Up®  
(article inside)*



**People's Cooperative Services**

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

*Member Owned - Service Driven*

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# C. E. O. Message

**T**oday, as I sit here writing this newsletter article, we are also preparing for the Super Bowl this evening. The food is made and soon we will go to the home of some friends to watch the game together.

Our cooperative will never play in a Super Bowl, however there are some similarities between this big game and our cooperative. We need to build an environment where we work as a team to be successful. We face a lot of challenges (versus challengers) like increasing costs, aging facility, air quality regulations, and requirements to reduce energy use. Just like a football team, we have to practice to get better. We can improve by learning from our failures and we have to come up with a new game plan every now and then as our situation changes.

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## Board Retreat

During the first week of February, our Board of Directors and Executive Staff met to discuss the future of the cooperative. This retreat is one of many steps we take to ensure we are following the right "game plan". Our Board members discussed their expectations for themselves as well as the cooperative. We discussed ways to focus on the priorities, improve productivity, and become better ambassadors for our members, among many other topics.

## Headquarters Building

In 2008, we looked into remodeling our current headquarters site. We have outgrown the office space, our vehi-

cles are now larger than the mechanics bays, our electrical system and heating and cooling system both need to be upgraded. We need to expand our storage yard so that we can keep our equipment and inventory inside a fenced area and we need to improve the security of our building.

As we began the work on this, we discovered that the City has plans to extend 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the north through our property. This street extension would require us to pay for road construction, grant the right-of-way, move our geothermal fields and, more significantly, it would split our headquarters building from our storage yard and create a significant safety problem for our drivers and the general public traveling on this area. We looked into moving the storage yard to

the other side of the building, but this required that we do significant wetland mitigation. By the time we were done making the adjustments for the road-

way, the cost of our remodeling project increased by close to \$1,000,000. We then decided to look at other options.

We currently have a purchase option on a tract of land near Oronoco. We are following through on some due diligence items to ensure that this land will meet our needs. If it does, our Board of Directors will decide whether or not to move forward to build a new headquarters building.

We had already secured a loan to remodel our headquarters, so we are processing a loan amendment to gain approval to build a new facility.

Many of the contractors in the area

are telling us that this is a great time to build. Because of the recession and slow growth in new business and housing, we have many building contractors in the area which need work. We hope to use this to our benefit by building a cost-effective headquarters facility for you, our members.



Elaine J. Garry  
President / CEO

We plan to keep you informed of our progress through this newsletter. Please also feel free to give me a call if you would like more detail or have questions.

## Employee Recognition

In this newsletter, you will see pictures of the employees who were recognized recently by the cooperative. We are proud of the work our employees do for you and for the cooperative. If you see one of these people on the street or in the local convenience store, please give them some recognition for the work they do to provide quality electric service to you each day.

## Future Success

By the time you read this, we will know who won the Super Bowl. I wish it had been the Vikings! ☺ Regardless of which team won, they both are deserving teams as they had a very successful season. We are attempting to have the same success at People's!

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

# 2010 Election and Credentials Committee

*Be part of your Electric Cooperative*

The 2010 Election and Credentials Committee met January 27<sup>th</sup> with cooperative attorney, Dan Berndt. At this meeting the Committee announced the following members have been nominated to seek election to the Board from District 1 and 6.

District 1 - Anthony (Tony) Ebert, Incumbent  
Joseph Book, Nominee  
Josh Noser, Nominee

District 6 - L. Leo Lentz, Incumbent  
Gerald Campbell, Nominee  
Arthur Friedrich, Nominee  
Cyril (Chuck) Rathbun, Nominee



2010 Election & Credentials Committee members include:

*Standing: (L-R) Richard Badger, Richard Thompson, committee Chair, Jeff Stevens, Dean Volbrecht, James Favre*

*Seated: (L-R) Orville Matzke, committee secretary, James Flury, Stacy Moore, Shawn Peterson*

A member who wishes to run for an open director position, and was not nominated by the Committee, may run by way of petition. The petition requires fifteen (15) or more signatures of members residing in the district from which the nomination is being made. The Cooperative office will verify all signatures.

For the purpose of mail ballots and publication in the March Annual Report, the petition must be delivered to the Cooperative office on or before 12:00 noon on February 26, 2010.

The petition form is available at the cooperative office by contacting Member Services or online at [www.peoplesrec.com](http://www.peoplesrec.com).

Electric cooperatives remain a strong supporter of democracy, and like all democracies People's Cooperative Services functions best when members vote and participate.

Ballots will be mailed to all cooperative members March 22<sup>nd</sup> and are due back by 12 noon on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

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The following members wish to nominate \_\_\_\_\_ (name) a Director of People's Cooperative Services from District No. \_\_\_\_\_ and to place the name to \_\_\_\_\_ on the ballot for the April 14, 2010, election at the Annual Meeting of the Cooperative, in accordance with Article III, Section 3, of the Bylaws.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

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All nominations made by petition for the position of director shall have 15 or more signatures by members residing in the district from which the nomination is being made. A candidate for director must reside within the district from which he/she is nominated. In the event of joint membership of husband and wife, either signature, but only one, shall be acceptable. The signatures will be verified by the Cooperative office.

Elections will be held for Districts 1 and 6 at the Annual Meeting on April 14, 2010.

The last date to submit a petition for the April 14<sup>th</sup> Director Election is 12:00 noon, March 3, 2010 at the Cooperative office.

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## People's Cooperative Services Annual Meeting

Wednesday, April 14, 2010

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Business Meeting starts at 7 p.m.

Director Election results

Light refreshments



Rochester International Event Center  
7333 Airport View DR SW · Rochester, MN

*"Our mission is to provide reliable electricity to our members and communities with superior customer service and innovative energy solutions at fair and reasonable prices."*

## The savings add up with 20

When purchasing appliances, HVAC, water heaters, lighting and other electric-powered items most consumers look at the features and then base their choice on the purchase price. People's Cooperative Services (PCS) would like to remind you to take it a step further and see how much energy savings the product provides over the life of the product. PCS encourages members to look at the savings on energy costs over time.

In an effort to encourage you to purchase more energy efficient electric products that will save you money and energy over the course of time, PCS has rebates available for items that promote energy efficiency and conservation. Eighteen thousand six hundred twenty-six.

**Keep in mind that these are limited rebates and available first-come, first-served until the 2010 funds are depleted. This list is a summary. Full details are listed on the rebate forms. Forms are available online at [www.peoplesrec.com](http://www.peoplesrec.com) or by calling (507) 288-4004.**

ENERGY STAR® Rated Appliance & Recycling*	
Dehumidifiers	\$25/appliance
Freezers	
Refrigerators	
Room air conditioners	
Dishwashers	
Clothes washers	
Recycle your freezers & refrigerators	\$50/appliance
Recycle your room air conditioners	\$25/appliance



Water Heater (for water heaters purchased on or after 1/1/10)
80-99 gallon (EF .90 or above)
100 gallon + (EF .85 or above)
Heat pump water heater
Solar storage water heater with electric backup



Central Air Conditioning & Heat Pumps*	
Central air conditioning & mini-splits at 14-16 SEER or greater	\$40-\$80/ton
Commercial AC and PTACS 11 EER or greater	\$40/ton
Air-source heat pump at 14 SEER or greater; Commercial Air-source heat pump PTHPs at 11 EER or greater	\$120/ton
Geothermal Heat Pump	\$200/ton

Conservation*	
Faucet flow restrictor	\$1/unit
Shower flow restrictor	\$5/unit
Energy saving power strip/Smart strip	\$5/unit
Drainwater heat recovery system	\$50/unit

### How to receive

- ▶ Must complete the rebate form. The form is available online at [www.peoplesrec.com](http://www.peoplesrec.com) or by calling (507) 288-4004. One thousand six hundred twenty-six.
- ▶ Read the rebate form carefully before making your purchase. Some requirements for a particular rebate are listed on the form.
- ▶ Rebates are available first-come, first-served until the funds are depleted. This is a summary. Some rebates have additional requirements.
- ▶ Rebates are given as a bill credit.

# 2010 rebates



Rebates* (other than at cooperative)	
(above)	\$125/unit
(above)	\$200/unit
	\$300/unit
or w/	\$300/unit

Lighting*		
CFL \$1/lamp	60 Watt CFL or greater \$5/lamp	Hard-wired ENERGY STAR® CFL Fixture \$5/fixture
Cold Cathode CFL \$2/lamp	T8 Fixtures (retrofit only) \$5/lamp/fixture	T5 Fixtures \$7.50/lamp/fixture
Ceramic Metal Halide (replacement only) \$15/fixture	Security Lighting (LED Technology) \$15/fixture	LED Bulb or Fixture \$2/bulb or fixture
HPS Fixture (replacement only) \$15/fixture	LED Holiday Lights (limit 12 per account) \$2/string or decor item	Occupancy Sensors \$5/switch
	LED Exit Signs \$5/sign	

Motors, Fans and Other Agricultural & Commercial*	
Dairy Plate Cooler/Well Water Pre-Cooler	\$500/unit
High efficiency livestock waterer	\$50/waterer
Dairy Refrigeration Heat Recovery (used with controlled electric water heater)	\$1/gallon
Scroll refrigeration compressor	\$30/HP
Variable frequency drives	\$30/HP
Variable speed compressed air	\$30/HP
High velocity low speed fan	\$1/inch diameter
Ventilation (exhaust) Fan-21 CFM/Watt or more	\$1/inch diameter
Circulation fan - 20 lbs. of thrust/kW or more	\$1/inch diameter

## Get a rebate:

Information is available at [www.peoplesrec.com](http://www.peoplesrec.com) and four hundred forty-four. Making your purchase to ensure all the requirements are met. Information provided here is in summary form. Information provided here is in summary form. Information provided here is in summary form.

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# Congratulations!

On Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, People's Cooperative Services (PCS) employees and directors were honored for their continued dedication and service to the cooperative and its members, during the annual Service & Safety Awards recognition breakfast.

The annual awards ceremony gives the cooperative an opportunity to pay tribute to all employees and to celebrate individual employees, not just for reaching an anniversary milestone, but for achievements reached every day.

The 12 employees and director represent a combined total of 140 years of service to the cooperative.

Sandy Rocheleau and Keith Johnson received recognition for their three years of service on the Safety Committee. People's Safety Committee meets either monthly or quarterly. The committee is made up of inside and outside employees. Their mission is to address safety and health issues, perform safety audits, and review safety and health procedures to ensure the cooperative has a safe working environment which plays into our overall commitment to providing reliable service to our members. Three thousand nine hundred ninety-three.



District 4 director, Gene Miller (R) receives recognition for his 25 years of service from Board Chair Tony Ebert.

## 2010 Service & Safety Award Recipients



Service & Safety Award recipients include:

Front (L-R) Diana Hollihan, Customer Service Representative, new employee; Nicky Strain, Operations & Engineering Clerk, 10 years; Teresa Whitcome, Human Resources, new employee; Gene Schmit, General Maintenance, 10 years

Back (L-R) Jeff Thompson, Accounting & Finance Manager, 30 years; Pete Reese, Meter Technician, 10 years; Jason Schrooten, 1st Class Lineworker, 5 years; Sandy Rocheleau, Receptionist, recognized for service on safety committee; Bill Fillion, Line Superintendent - Maintenance, 20 years

Not pictured: Michelle Olson, Customer Service Supervisor, new employee; Rodney Davis, 1st Class Lineworker, 10 years; Gary Koehne, 1st Class Lineworker, 20 years; Keith Johnson, Crew Leader, recognized for service on safety committee.

## Electrical Lineworker Scholarships Available



Utilities across the country are finding ways to address the shortage of trained lineworkers. To help address this shortage People's Cooperative Services is offering two \$1,000 scholarships to two applicants who will be entering a certified lineworker program at Dakota County Technical College in Rosemount, MN and/or Minnesota West Community & Technical College in Jackson, MN.

If you are interested in applying for a scholarship contact your school guidance counselor for an application. Restrictions apply.

## Minnesota "Trade-in & Save" Appliance Program

Starting March 1<sup>st</sup>, the Minnesota Office of Energy Security plans to launch its energy efficient appliance rebate program using \$5 million received for this activity through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Four hundred thirty-two.

The Minnesota "Trade in & Save" Appliance Program will give residents a rebate for replacing their appliance energy hog with a new ENERGY STAR<sup>®</sup> model. Minnesota homeowners are encouraged to begin their research now by visiting [www.mnappliancerebate.com](http://www.mnappliancerebate.com). Purchases can be made at any retailer located in Minnesota. Rebates are not retroactive. The "Trade-in & Save" rebates are limited.

Rebate funds must be "reserved" by completing an on-line application, [www.mnappliancerebate.com](http://www.mnappliancerebate.com) or by calling the program toll-free number of 1-877-230-9119.

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# “Cooperation Among Cooperatives”

A call from our statewide association (MREA) came into People’s Cooperative Services (PCS) office on Friday morning January 22. A request for assistance from Calhoun County REC located in Rockwell City, Iowa had come in following the recent ice storm that affected their area. Their request was for help with the power restoration efforts.

Four PCS lineworkers packed their gear, stocked their trucks and headed out for Iowa. Lineworkers Shane Lacey of Rochester, Ben Alrick of Hayfield, Rich Kendall of Eyota, and Rod Davis of Eyota volunteered to assist a sister cooperative that had received heavy damage from an ice storm.

The dangerous ice storm left thousands of homes, farms and businesses without electricity. Hundreds of poles were broken off because of the weight of the ice that in some places measured over six-inches in diameter on the power lines. This type of restoration work is dangerous and consists of long hours of hard work.

As an electric cooperative we are governed by seven cooperative principles of which “Cooperation among Cooperatives” stands out. When a sister cooperative is in need - we are there to help in anyway we can. Who knows maybe one day we will be the cooperative in need. Eight thousand eight hundred eighty-six.

A heartfelt “thank you” to our four lineworkers. Your commitment and dedication is commendable.



*(L-R) Shane Lacey, First Class Lineworker and Ben Alrick, First Class Lineworker*




*(L-R) Rich Kendall, First Class Lineworker and Rod Davis, First Class Lineworker*



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# EXPERIENCE THE WONDERS OF WASHINGTON

## WASHINGTON YOUTH TOUR

— JUNE 12 - 17 —



*Learn about electric cooperatives,  
American history and U.S. govern-  
ment. Participate in National Youth  
Day, visit with their representatives  
in the House and the Senate, and  
explore the sights around  
Washington, D.C.*

*All-expense paid week long adventure.*

BE PART OF THIS TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITY. APPLY TODAY!

CONTACT MEMBER SERVICES (507) 288-4004 OR GO ONLINE FOR APPLICATION!

Check out our PCS website ([www.peoplesrec.com](http://www.peoplesrec.com) - customer accounts or member services, education programs) for additional information, photos, videos, testimonials, plus a link to the National Youth Tour website.

This event is sponsored by  
the National Rural Electric  
Cooperative Association.

**Application Deadline March 31<sup>st</sup>.**

# NO ADS OR WINNING ACCOUNT NUMBERS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE MARCH SPECIAL EDITION ISSUE

## MISC. ITEMS

4-H Livestock Sale & small animal swap meet. April 3, 7 am-1 pm, Wabasha. www.wabashacountyfair.org/events. 798-2331.  
1970's CRISSY doll, \$150. Other assorted old toys, best offer. 358-4152 after 6 pm.  
LOWRANCE GPS model #XOG, color screen, land/lakes, \$100. Ford bedliner, ext-cab, 2004-09, \$60. 281-6869.  
WEDDING Dress- White, size 18, beading, A-line sweetheart, strapless, traditional train, 3-bussels w/bag, \$100. 272-0243.  
KNIPCO space heater. 534-3583.  
EIGHT track tapes, country western, (40+) tapes, \$35/obo. 287-6442.  
CROSS Country ladies trak skis, no wax, boots size 38, poles. Good condition, \$25. 367-2345.  
WEIGHT Bench w/255 lbs weights; Nordic Track SkyFlyer. Excellent condition, both \$45/obo. 365-8674.  
10 GALLON standard milk can, no lid, \$10. 932-4291.  
GENERAL brand electric slicer, 6" blade, \$20; 12 Qt crystal-cut glass punch bowl w/18 cups, \$20; 8-track tape player w/20 tapes. 289-5242.  
EPSON Ultra Hi-Definition printer model R280. Prints photos, CDs, documents. Never been out of box, \$50. 775-2449.  
1948 ANTIQUE Philco radio w/built-in record player, \$125. 533-6910.  
OLD-FASHION hardwood toboggan, seats 3-4, good shape for years yet, \$10. 252-0405.  
BATHTUB shower doors, silver frame, good condition, \$50; Avon bottles: Records- LP, 33 1/3 singles; Readers Digest sets. 259-9822.  
NWTF 2002 MQ1 Matthews Solocam maxidraw, 26x60, never used, \$300. 876-2160.  
ELNA ironing press, \$125. 280-8453.  
JOHNNY West series action figure collectibles, \$40 each/cash. 775-6824.  
(19) TRANSPARENT sheets plastic candy or mint molds. Weddings, holidays, graduations, flowers, leaves. 365-8430.  
GRACO portable baby swing, like new, \$15. 281-4337.  
MENS Volkl skis, bag, poles, boots size 10 1/2, excellent condition; Womens ski boots size 8 1/2. 282-9057.  
1944 RUSSIA Mosin Nagant rifle, 7.62x54, synthetic stock, (10) stripper clips, Simmons 3-9x32 scope, plastic case, \$200. 254-1385.  
BLACK walnut cracker, cast iron, electric, cracks 60 lbs per hour, \$300. 282-9362.  
LUMBER, direct from sawmill. Dunage, mulch, sawdust; WANTED: Logs, timber; Custom lumber sawing. 273-6751.

## HOUSEHOLD

STURDY solid oak rectangular dining table w/2 leaves & four chairs, medium finish. 876-2695.  
IVORY sofa, loveseat; Set of three pale wood tables w/mirror, excellent condition, \$1,000. 252-8463.  
DINETTE set & (4) chairs; FOR RENT: Indoor Storage- Boats, campers, snowmobiles, cars, RVs. 288-5302.  
(18) MAPLE cabinet doors, never used, \$80; (2) Infinity 12" subwoofers, mounted in O-Logic enclosures, \$180. 367-2308.  
QUEEN-SIZE mattress set in good condition; Female canary or parakeet, any sex. 367-2725.

## VEHICLES

1997 HONDA Civic EX Coupe, nice shape, 185k miles, 5-speed manual, moonroof, 30-35 mpg, \$2,990. 534-3868.  
2002 CADILLAC DeVille, 65k miles, cashmere color, very nice, no winter driving, good mileage, \$8,995. 867-3143.  
2005 DODGE Caravan SXT, 4-door, V6, 39k miles, very good condition, one-owner, \$8,350. 282-6753.  
28" VAN rollup door, \$1,350. 867-4253.  
TWO sets of PS2 steering wheels w/foot pedals, \$20 each. 533-8025.

## FARM

3732 NEW Idea spreader; 170 GEHL mixer/grinder. Both like new. 932-4841.  
(12) KEETON seed firmers, near new; Fanning mill, HyPro hydraulic sprayer pump, excellent condition. 545-2402.  
JAMESWAY 16' silage conveyer, 11" wide; CountrySide corn burning stove, best offer. 273-0634.  
1952 FORD 8N tractor, newer rubber, good paint, clean, \$3,250. Equipment available. 289-2904.  
JD Van; Brunt grain drill; 10' Grass seeder. 534-2677.  
2005 TIMPTE grain hopper, 42"x66", 2x9 leds, (8) alum 24.5, 35% virgin Michelen's air-ride, 85% brakes, \$24,000. 271-4155.  
NARROW front-end for 560, 826, 706 IHC tractor w/tires. 651-345-3155.  
CLEAN oat straw, rotary combined in 3x3x7 large square bales, \$30. 533-4159.  
LARGE round bales of corn fodder, string or net-wrapped. 282-5975.  
SMALL square bales, \$3; Hay large in bag, easy loading. 273-4263.  
DAIRY quality alfalfa baleage- Each bale calculated to have 1,000+ pounds dry hay, \$80 each. 251-8111/534-3436.

## SHOP/YARD

TORO snowblower model #79263, \$375; Toro dozer blade model #79252, \$100. Both fit 265, 7, 9 tractors. 867-4988.  
EQUIPMENT for Armorthane bedliner business. Add shop, compressor, material. Ready to go for \$6,000. 280-2382.  
1999 ARCTIC Cat generator, 4,000 watt, electric start, never used, \$1,000. 285-9453.  
LAWNMOWER repair & used lawnmowers & snowblowers for sale; Will buy lawnmowers & snowblowers. 533-4359.

HOT DAWG garage heater, ceiling mount, 45,000 btu, 12 yrs old, \$200. 252-9731.  
RECONDITIONED snowblowers, \$75-\$275; (2) Chainsaws- Homelite 240-16", McCulloch Mac 1605-16", \$50-\$60. 282-5921.  
LANDSCAPE/YARD Trees- Black Hills White spruce, Balsom White pine, Arborvitae shade trees. Planting available. 767-2296.  
8" RODEWELL power mixer box w/stand, \$100. 288-9451.

## HOMES/LAND

BEAUTIFUL 4 bdrm, 4 bath home on 5 acres, heated shop, barns. 6 miles east of Century HS, \$399,000. 269-9987.  
4.09 ACRES lot in Mazeppa, some woods. Nice! \$58,000. 292-7891.  
10 PRIVATE acres- 4 bdrm home, barn, sheds, \$369,000; Add 11.25 acre available. 259-0742/ forsalebyowner.com Kasson.  
3-BDRM rambler, SE Rochester, new furnace/ roof, central air, siding, 2-car garage, blacktop driveway, next to park. 288-7437.  
NICE! 2 bdrm, 1 bath, 1/2 acre, new kitchen, wood fireplace, 30x48 finished shop, SW Rochester, \$150,000/obo. 252-1824.  
LOVELY 2-bdrm farmhouse on 6+acres, remodeled, porches, new windows, 4 miles east of Chatfield, \$295,000. 867-9004.  
DOUBLE modular home in Stewartville w/3 bdrms, master w/bath, laundry, & porch, \$33,000. 206-0879.  
3-BDRM house, 1 1/2 bath, close to downtown, SE Rochester, needs some work, \$72,000/obo. 356-4749.  
LOOKING to buy or sell a home? Call Bob Matthews at Coldwell Banker Burnet. 251-4422.  
PRICELESS NW 3 acres. In town country living, remodeled, heated shed, all blacktop, income potential, \$310,000. 287-6348.

## RECREATIONAL

WINCH for ATV, 2,500 lb, new switch, \$100. 753-2009.  
TRAILER- 7,000 lb, 16' tandem axel, flatbed. Includes ramps, tongue jack & lights, 2' removable sides, GC, \$1,500. 285-1251.  
2001 POLARIS Sport Touring ES snowmobile, 2,300 miles, runs great, \$1,995. 367-2277.  
ENCLOSED Int. 1 trailer, 16' V-front ramp, rear door, side door, excellent condition, \$4,750/obo. 259-7668.  
ENCLOSED Trailer- 2004 Haulmark Kodiak, 7x18, nice condition. Great for hauling or storage, \$4,299. 208-2778.  
2000 COACHMAN 38' 5th wheel, 3-slideouts, like new condition. First \$18,000 takes. 635-5469.  
THREE choice campsites left- North Branch Whitewater River, Dorothy's at Fairwater. Reasonable rates. 433-4980.  
2004 HARLEY Davidson softtail Deuce, excellent condition, \$3,600 miles, \$12,500. 259-8279.  
1994 POLARIS Trail Indy 488cc w/cover. Runs good, \$895. 545-2716.

## FOR RENT

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

WAREHOUSE for sale or rent- 500-9,000 sq. ft., loading dock, large overhead door, offices, 1 mile off I-90 in Dover. 319-2886.  
TWO bdrm, 1 bath home, double-garage, SE Rochester, no pets, \$800. 282-1586.  
PICNIC Table Rental & More- Tents, tables, chairs. We rent for your event. 273-9996/www.picnictablerental.com.  
CLEAN indoor storage space available for cars, boats, RVs, etc. Very reasonable rates. 635-3409.

## FREE

(2) HIGH-QUALITY older cribs, good condition, need modification. 289-3698 after 6 pm.  
PLAYER piano, needs some tuning up, approx 100 rolls. You haul. 289-7236.  
USED countertops- Approx. 60-65 sq. ft. including island. Sink also if interested. 282-5540.

## WANTED

TWO used feed bins, minimum capacity 4 ton/ bin. 352-6162.  
JOHN Deere lawn tractors & attachments, running or need work; Mens & womens 3-wheel bikes. 529-8850.  
33 1/3 LP albums; Picture sleeve 45s; Old Zenith console radios. 867-4868.  
RIDING mowers, tillers, 3 & 4 wheelers & misc. Will haul away free. 273-7960.  
TRADE Heritage berry bushes for your Latham berry bushes. 282-3634.  
SNOWPLOW ready- 1996 Dodge 1500, Hiniker snowplow ready for plowing. Jeff 208-2778.  
120 GALLON LP tank. 282-9881.  
VERTICAL boat lift, big enough to hold 16' bass boat or larger. 259-1909.  
USED free books. Textbooks from 2005-present and any nonfiction books. No encyclopedias. Dave 292-0063.  
RECYCLING- Stoves, dryers, furnaces, lawn tractors, snowblowers, trailers, snowmobiles, motors, transmissions, gas grills. 269-6402.  
2-BOTTOM, 3 Point plow. Must be in good condition. 289-8792 evenings.  
FOR Recycling- Old cars, tractors, farm machinery/equipment, scrap iron. Free hauling, fair prices. 254-2468/867-4441.  
GOOD used boat trailer for 16' fiberglass fishing boat. 251-7958.  
SCRAP cars for recycling or repair. Cash paid. Towing available. 272-9149.

## MISC. SERVICES

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

**REWARD**- Missing since Nov. 6 from rural Byron. Silvered female Yorkshire terrier named Audra. If found call 365-8063.

POMERANIAN puppies- M & F, playful fur balls. Vet checked, shots UTD, dewormed, creams & sables, \$200 & \$275. 273-9420.

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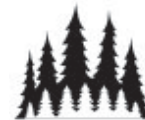
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Each month we hide five account numbers within the pages of the Highline Hi-Lites. If you find your account number, call the office at (507) 288-4004 by the last day of the current month and you will receive a \$30 credit on your electric bill.

Ronnie Zylstra & Brent Bauer found their account number in the January issue. Account numbers not found: Mike Trenary, Erik Unterborn, and John Dalin.

## You Are Invited

### “Exploring Sustainability Issues”

The University of Minnesota is offering three discussion groups on “Exploring Sustainability Issues”. For additional information on each group please call (507) 280-4658 or visit the Rochester Chapter online at [www.minnesotaalumni.org/raafum](http://www.minnesotaalumni.org/raafum). Admission is free to the public, free-will offering for scholarships. Refreshments serviced following each discussion group.

Thursday, February 25, 2010 — 7 p.m. “Strategic Foresight” with speaker Alfred Marcus, Carlson School of Management. Discuss the ways business people discuss and plan for the future; i.e., given the uncertainty, what are the more prudent bets to make?

Tuesday, March 23, 2010 — 7 p.m. “Living on a shrinking Planet: Challenges and Opportunities for a Sustainable Future” with speaker Jonathan Foley, Director of the Institute on the Environment. Dr. Foley's work focuses on global environment systems and their interactions with human societies, with a particular focus on land use, food systems, climate change and the sustainability of our biosphere.

Thursday, April 22, 2010 — 7 p.m. “Green Lands, Blue Waters, Sustainable Agricultural Systems” with speaker Helene Murray, Director for the Minnesota Institute for Sustainable Agriculture. “Green Lands, Blue Waters” is a long-term comprehensive effort whose mission is to support development of and transition to a new generation of agricultural systems in the Mississippi River Basin that integrate more perennial plants and other continuous living cover into the agricultural landscape.

Discussion groups will be held at different University of Minnesota locations - please call (507) 280-4658 or visit the Rochester Chapter online at [www.minnesotaalumni.org/raafum](http://www.minnesotaalumni.org/raafum) for meeting locations.

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# People's Cooperative Services Members Donate \$26,681

People's Cooperative Services (PCS) Operation Round Up (ORU) participants continue to demonstrate their commitment to helping others during these difficult economic times with their most recent donation of \$26,681. This donation was used to support many local organizations.

The ORU donation funding comes from PCS members who allow their electric statements to be rounded up to the nearest dollar every month. The average donation of each PCS member participating in the program is \$6 per year. Since the ORU program began in 2003, PCS members have donated more

than \$122,000 to local non-profits and organizations.

All funds generated for ORU go into a trust fund. A trust board that is appointed by the cooperative's board of directors administers these funds. Donations are made to local civic organizations or worthy causes through an application and selection process. The trust board uses special guidelines and policies when selecting recipients. For those wishing to apply for funds, the next application deadline for ORU is March 20<sup>th</sup>. To receive an application or for more information about guidelines and policies, visit PCS's website

at [www.peoplesrec.com](http://www.peoplesrec.com), send an e-mail to [jthompson@peoplesrec.com](mailto:jthompson@peoplesrec.com), or call Jeff Thompson at 288-4004 X 19.

All members of the cooperative are automatically included in this program. If you do not wish to participate, call 288-4004 or go to <http://www.peoplesrec.com/customer-accounts/documents/optout2009.pdf> and complete the opt-out form and mail into the office.

Your total donations for 2009 is shown on your December electric bill.



The ORU Trust Board, which administers the program, approved the following donations on behalf of PCS members in January:

• Plainview-Elgin-Millville High School	Seating at Football Field	\$4,000
• Southeastern MN Honor Flight	Flights to WWII Memorial (\$550 per person)	\$2,200
• Friendship Ventures	Camp Scholarships	\$500
• Stewartville - High School Choir	Choir Performance - New York	\$1,000
• Stewartville - Bonner Elementary School	U of M Raptor Program & Attend MN Orchestra (141 students)	\$1,340
• Stewartville - Central Intermediate School	Piano, Amplifier, Speakers	\$2,151
• Elton Hills Elementary School	Parenting Class Materials	\$200
• Byron Elementary School	School Wide Intervention / Enrichment Room	\$4,000
• Hayfield High School	Interactive Lab Technology	\$4,500
• Triton High School / Triton Middle School	School Assembly - Peer Leader Training	\$1,900
• Triton Elementary School	Projectors, Interactive White Board	\$2,540
• Gift of Life Transplant House	Data Base Upgrade	\$1,650
• Plainview Area Migrant Council	Backpack Program	\$700



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With the New Year, everyone is anxious to find ways to save money. By now you've seen the articles in our newsletter relating to Heartland Security. What you may not be aware of is that Peoples Cooperative Services (PCS), along with twelve other Minnesota co-operatives, owns Heartland Security. That means cooperative members receive

discounts for products and services, in addition to the exceptional service you've come to expect of your cooperative.

Heartland Security offers both commercial and residential alarm/security systems. Our systems not only protect your property from intrusion, but also will notify you of furnace failures, frozen pipes, water levels, and carbon monoxide. We also offer video surveillance systems.

### How can Heartland Security help you save money?

- PCS members receive FREE estimates along with a 10% discount on the purchase and monthly monitoring rates.
- Save money on your homeowners insurance. Install a monitored security system you will realize a savings of 10%-21% depending upon your insurance company.
- If you have an existing alarm/security system, you can convert to Heartland Security once your current system monitoring contract has expires for a reduced monthly monitoring cost of \$19.75. There is no cost to convert to Heartland Security regardless of the current system type.
- As a member of Peoples Cooperative Services you are entitled to the best protection for your home and business.

For a free security evaluation please contact either Peoples (1-507-288-4004) or Heartland's Regional Sales Manager Tom Vega (507-696-6763) or [tvega@heartlandss.com](mailto:tvega@heartlandss.com)

Remember...  
 Spring ahead  
 one hour  
 Sunday, March 14



## 2010 Census — Everyone Counts

In March, every household in Minnesota will receive a 2010 Census form. There are only 10 basic questions to answer. Your answers are protected and completing the form is required by law. The 2010 Census tabulation will determine how more than \$400 billion in federal funds are distributed to the states each year and will help ensure that Minnesota gets its fair share of representation in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Snowbirds please take note! Please answer the census questionnaire that is delivered to your Minnesota residence. By answering the questionnaire using your Minnesota address, you benefit your home state of Minnesota.

The post office will not forward census questionnaires, but you can request one from the Census Bureau at [www.mn2010census.org](http://www.mn2010census.org) or by calling 651-201-2473.



### PROBLEMS PAYING YOUR ELECTRIC BILL? ENERGY ASSISTANCE MAY BE AVAILABLE!

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

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.  
 Application Request Line: (507) 328-6508

On Line: [www.co.olmsted.mn.us](http://www.co.olmsted.mn.us) and search for Energy Assistance.

Rochester Salvation Army - (507) 288-3663

Three Rivers Community Action, Inc. - Zumbrota (507) 732-7391  
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