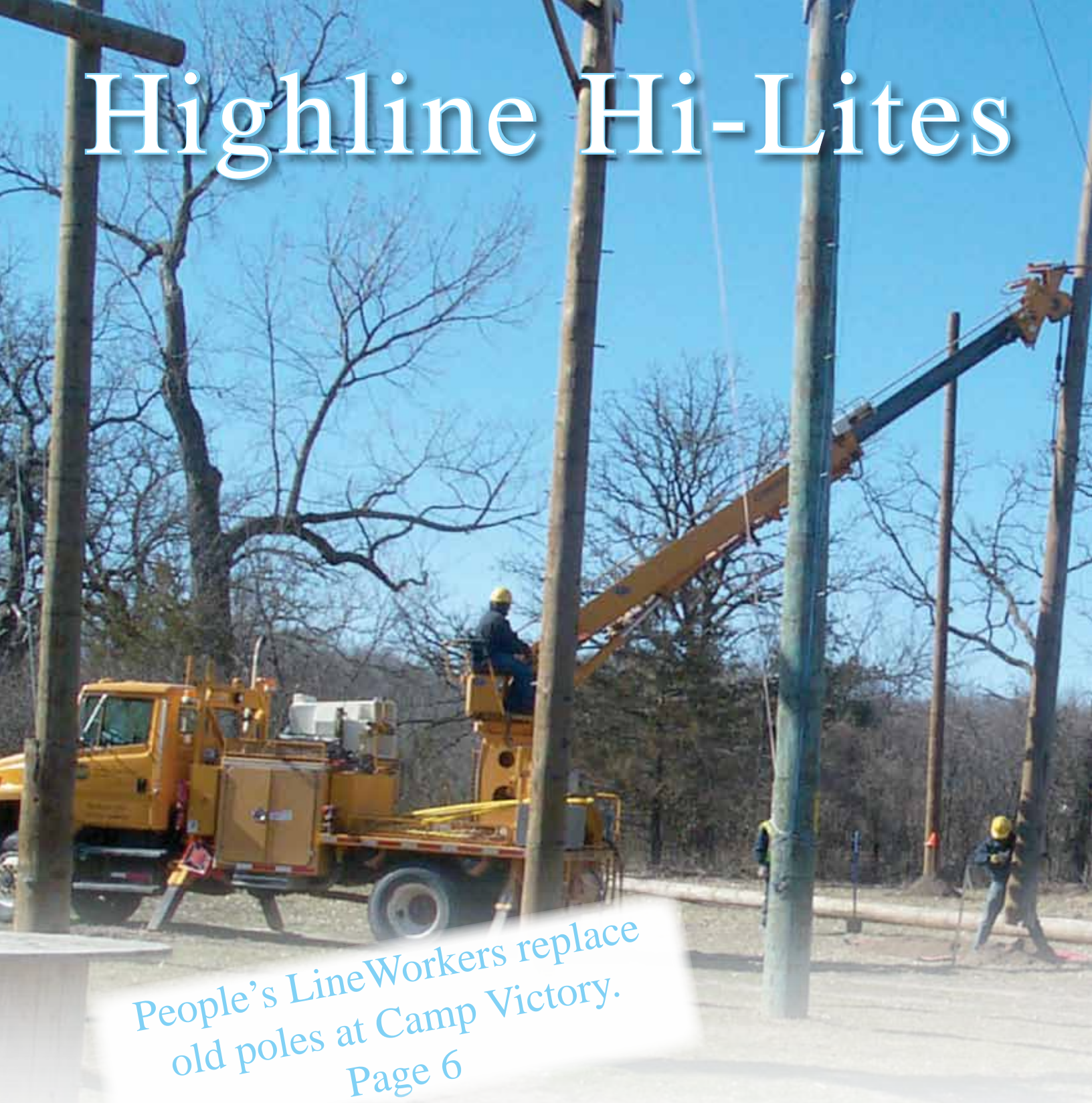



# Highline Hi-Lites



People's Line Workers replace  
old poles at Camp Victory.  
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**People's Cooperative Services**

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

*Member Owned - Service Driven*

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# C. E. O. Message

I am writing this article the day after our Annual Meeting. First, please let me say thanks to all of you who attended. Your interest in the cooperative is greatly appreciated. I noticed that many of you spent time visiting with old friends or making new friends. I don't always have an opportunity to meet with many of you, so I greatly appreciate the opportunity to spend a few minutes with many of you.

Each year at the Annual Meeting, we announce the results of the director elections. I am sure you all understand what an important process this is for your cooperative. Because we are a cooperative utility (versus a municipal or investor-owned utility) you have the unique responsibility and opportunity to elect the leaders of the business you own. Many utility customers do not have this privilege.

One of the cooperative principles is Democratic Member Control. This means that you, as a member of the cooperative, have the opportunity to elect representatives who are accountable to the membership. This cooperative principle provides for an equal voting right for each and every member regardless of how much or little electricity they purchase.

Your vote is important! The individuals you elect are tasked with providing oversight of an \$80 million dollar entity with re-occurring revenue of \$30 million a year.

The Board of Directors of the Cooperative secures its authority from the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation and By-laws. They have responsibility and authority on all matters except those which are specifically given to members of the Cooperative. The board's responsibilities include selecting and providing guidance to the CEO; approving the annual work plan and budget and any significant changes to that budget which occur during the year; setting the policy for the Cooperative; approving rates appropriate to meet budget requirements; approving all requests for loans to assure economic continuity of the Cooperative; approving all significant capital expenditures including buildings, major facilities and real estate; regularly comparing the work plan and budget as compared to actual to ensure plans and programs are being implemented as approved; and for establishing the Cooperative's mission statement, strategic goals, policies and short and long range plans to ensure appropriateness. In addition to these major responsibilities, the Board of Directors has responsibility for hiring corporate legal assistance, and an auditing firm.

Directors can only act collectively as the Board of Directors under an approved order of business. Individual directors have no authority outside of the board meeting, except and unless they are specifically authorized or assigned a project with authority to act or speak for the Board.



Elaine J. Garry  
President / CEO

Our cooperative is a Touchstone Energy® Cooperative and one of our core principles is Integrity. In addition to specific By-laws that prevent members who have a conflict of interest in running for a Board seat, each Board member (and employee) signs an Ethics and Conflict of Interest Statement every year. This statement outlines the ethical standards that are expected of Board members and requires that they identify any potential conflict of interest.

The board of directors encourages member involvement by hosting several events each year including the Member Appreciation Event generally held in September, district meetings held at four to six locations throughout the service area and the Annual Meeting.

The cooperative uses this monthly newsletter --- the document you are reading right now --- to keep you informed of pertinent issues associated with the Cooperative. We also use this document to keep you informed of incentive and rebate programs, safety concerns, conservation ideas, construction and maintenance projects, etc.

We welcome your calls, emails and visits. We are here to serve you and to respond to your electrical needs.

Many other utilities outside the cooperative environment do not make such a concerted effort to stay in touch or to keep you informed.

This year our membership re-elected Tony Ebert, our Board chair, and Leo Lentz to the cooperative's Board. As I indicated at the Annual Meeting, they have provided outstanding leadership for you --- clearly keeping their responsibility to you, our members, as their top priority.

A year ago, in 2009, the Board of Directors asked the membership to vote on a By-law change that required at least two candidates for open Board seats. Yes, they supported this By-law change even though they knew it meant they may lose their Board seat. This By-law amendment was approved and was then communicated to the Nominating Committee who helps solicit candidates for the Board.

This year our Nominating Committee brought forth five candidates in addition to those who chose to rerun. Thanks to those five candidates as they obviously have an interest in the cooperative and to the Nominating Committee members for their work.

Summer is around the corner. Enjoy the great weather and your family and friends!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elaine J. Garry".

# Thank You's

People's Cooperative thanks everyone who took time out of their busy schedules to attend the 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting, Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at the Rochester International Event Center. Twenty-one thousand three hundred twenty-six.



*I would like to thank everyone that voted for me and continues to have confidence in me as your Director. I will continue to represent all members as I have in the past. I would also like to thank everyone that voted. It is your vote as a member owned cooperative that is important. Thank you.*

- Tony Ebert



*"I would like to thank all my fellow cooperative members for participating in or attending the annual meeting. Your support and encouragement was/and continues to be much appreciated."*

- Joe Book



*"I would like to thank everyone who supported me for District 1 Director. I hope for the opportunity to run again in the future."*

- Josh Noser



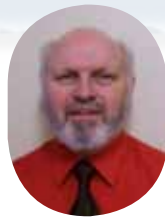
*"Many thanks to all the members that voted for me. I'm really proud of our Cooperative, and I am looking forward to continuing the important job you have elected me to do. Just great, and thanks."*

- L. Leo Lentz



*"I would like to say thank you to all the members that supported me in the past election and say thank you to Leo for the good work he has done in the past and support him in the future at People's Cooperative."*

- Art Friedrich



*"Congratulations to Tony and Leo on their re-election. I am sure they will continue the same great service they have given our cooperative over the years. To all the members that voted for me THANK YOU for reading and responding to my ideas for our cooperative. Thanks again."*

- Cyril "Chuck" Rathbun

## Your Board of Directors

District 1 - Anthony J. Ebert · 507.288.1868  
District 2 - Kenneth E. Wohlers · 507.365.8816  
District 3 - Robert J. Hoefs · 507.843.2508  
District 4 - Eugene J. Miller · 507.534.2068  
District 5 - John F. Nintemann · 507.932.3421  
District 6 - L. Leo Lentz · 507.289.4424  
District 7 - Sharon B. Hart · 507.533.4388

We're Working Together, Working for You!

The mission of People's Cooperative Services is to provide reliable electricity to our members and communities with superior customer service and innovative energy solutions at fair and reasonable prices.

*Member Owned - Service Driven*

## Electrical Safety Poster Contest

May is National Electric Safety Month. In celebration of safety month People's Cooperative Safety Committee ran a poster contest for all 4th grade students. In February invitations were sent out to all area elementary schools for their 4th grade classes to participate in our first "Electrical Safety" Poster Contest. We were pleasantly surprised with the response and doubly surprised with the quality of artwork these young people possess.

Congratulations to all students who participated and especially to Will Ristau of Ms. Humble's 4th grade class at Dover-Eyota Elementary for being the grand prize winner. Will, will receive a visit from cooperative representatives as they deliver his gift card and pizza for the entire class. Second place went to Sophie Butterfass, from Mrs. Larson's 4th grade class at Folwell Elementary. Eleven thousand three hundred sixty-nine.

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# 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting Summary



The 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Membership Meeting for People's Cooperative Services was held Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at the Rochester International Event Center. A first for the Cooperative - an evening annual meeting - we were pleasantly surprised with attendance of over 600 people. The activities included the annual business meeting, educational displays, and prize drawings.



John Nintemann

operatives 2009 financial highlights.

Board Chair Tony Ebert expressed his appreciation and thanks to the members of the nominating/credential committee for their time and effort in the selection of candidates for districts 1 and 6. Mr. Ebert gave a brief background on the start of the REA (Rural Electric Association).

*"Prior to 1936 most cities and towns enjoyed the convenience and savings that electricity provided. Rural people wanted that same convenience.*

*In 1935, President Franklin Roosevelt signed the Executive Order No. 7037 establishing the REA. Federal funding became available - a lending program - making funds available for any Municipal or Investor Owned Utility to build power lines to rural areas. Few took advantage, because it was too expensive to build power lines to remote rural areas. It took vision and organization from our pio-*

*neers to form rural cooperatives - these visionaries signed up members, built lines, and got it done.*

*In 1936 when the cooperative was formed, only two percent of farms in southeastern Minnesota enjoyed the convenience of electricity."*

People's Cooperative has come a long way from 1936 with only a handful of members to today with over 15,000 members.



Board Chair, Tony Ebert

Mr. Ebert discussed the cooperatives rate structure. Ebert explained that the cooperative has "fixed costs" - costs that remain consistent like maintenance on substations, poles, wires, transformers, and etc. Fixed costs do not increase nor do they decrease with the amount of energy a member uses. "It's a balancing act. But yet we think nothing of paying our cable bill each month or stopping at Starbucks daily for that cup of Mocha," said Ebert.

Tony's final note was to remind everyone to get involved with your legislators - you can make a difference. Information is available on our website: [www.peoplesrec.com](http://www.peoplesrec.com).

Elaine Garry, president and CEO of People's Cooperative Services, reaffirmed the cooperatives commitment to it's members with the mission statement followed by identifying five strategic goals the Board and staff have in support of the mission statement.

*"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."*



Five strategic goals:

1. Improve electric service reliability.
2. Enhance customer service experiences.
3. Strengthen our relationship with members/communities.
4. Implement cost-effective technology.
5. Improve our load factor.

Ms. Garry expressed the cooperatives concerns on the recession. “We at People’s are making a significant effort to control our costs while continuing to provide you with high-quality reliable service.”

The evenings theme of *Together we save* - takes all of us working together to accomplish our goals. Ms. Garry reminded members of the cooperatives programs available that provide incentives for efficient energy use.

Other areas highlighted included investment in electric plant; investment in right-of-way clearing; proposed Oronoco Solar Project; the Smart Grid; renewable energy sources; and Cap and Trade legislation.

Ms. Garry was pleased to announce the Cooperatives participation in the Rural Electric Safety Accreditation Program. A national program that evaluates our (People’s) safety culture. “This was our first year and we passed.”



*Elaine J. Garry  
President and CEO*



*(L-R) Kenneth Wohlers and Don Hillman*

“Mr. Ebert touched briefly on our plans for a new headquarters building. We have outgrown our existing site - to remodel and to bring the facilities to the level of current needs nearly equals the cost of a new facility and we could only achieve 70 percent of the efficiency a new building structure would provide,” said Ms. Garry. “The time is right to make a move - interest rates and construction costs are at an all time low.”

Directors, employees, and former employees were recognized for reaching a milestone in their careers in 2009. Recognized were: Gene Miller, District 4 director - 25 years; Jeff Thompson, Manager of Accounting & Finance - 30 years; Linda Stennes, Customer Service Manager - retired after 16 years; Sandra Erickson, Executive Assistant - retired after 25 years; Marlin Keck, Lead Lineworker - retired after 34 years; and Phil Swenson, Line Superintendent - retired after 37 years. “These people and the rest of our employees work hard to provide you with professional, reliable, and quality service. Please join me in thanking them,” said Garry. “Thanks also to the Board of Directors and candidates, but most importantly, thanks to you, our members - for your support.”

Don Hillman announced this year’s delegate to the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Youth Tour to Washington DC. Adam Joseph Yotter, Lake City, will be joining thousands of other youths on this tour of Washington DC - June 12 - 17<sup>th</sup>. Two thousand eight hundred forty-two.

Dan Berndt, cooperative attorney gave the election results for Board District 1, and District 6. Incumbents Anthony Ebert, District 1, and L. Leo Lentz, District 6, were re-elected to three-year terms.

Members had the opportunity for questions and comments before door prizes were drawn.



We thank all who attended the annual meeting and provided support for the event.

# Victory for Camp Victory

Lineworkers Rod Davis, Kevin McDermott, and Randy Pankonin arrived at Camp Victory, located along the Zumbro River, just 20 minutes north of Rochester, the morning of March 25<sup>th</sup>. The crew assignment was to replace old, weathered, and damaged poles at the Ropes Course. The weather was chilly but sunny, and the snow was gone making the task a little easier. One thousand six hundred thirty-seven.

Camp Victory is a nonprofit organization - their funding comes mainly from donations, fund raisers, and volunteers. In the third quarter of 2008, executive director, David Nelson, submitted an application to the cooperative's Operation Round Up<sup>®</sup> Board for funds to assist in the purchase of new poles for their Initiatives Ropes Course. The application was approved.



In an email received from Camp Victory's Executive Director David Nelson wrote, *"The poles were damaged by woodpeckers and would not pass inspection. I am told that woodpeckers are attracted by the vibration of the taut wires. The Ropes Course is a unique combination of Low and High elements or activities which enable participants to grow at both the team and individual levels. The activities help groups and individuals explore leadership, communication, problem-solving, cooperation, trust and listening skills. Certain activities focus on collaboration while others present individual personal challenges. The challenges allow participants to move out of their comfort zones and recognize fears that may block personal achievement.*



*Camp Victory uses the Ropes*

*Course with a variety of youth and adult groups from churches, schools, businesses and other non-profit organizations such as the Leadership Rochester program from the Rochester area Chamber of Commerce. It is a fantastic team building program. We are very grateful to People's Cooperative for not only the donation to purchase and replace damaged poles but for the placement of the new poles. Our summer campers and many groups are looking forward to being able to use the course again.*

*I am also personally very excited that we were able to raise additional funding for several extra new poles to be delivered along with the replacement poles the ORU<sup>®</sup> donation funded. The new poles were also installed by People's Cooperative. The new poles will provide Camp Victory with five new unique team building challenges."*



Additional information on Camp Victory available online:  
[www.campvictory.com](http://www.campvictory.com)



**Operation Round Up<sup>®</sup>** is having a favorable impact on our area communities and is available to eligible nonprofits in our service area - not just members.

When you participate in the tax deductible Operation Round Up<sup>®</sup> program, you are building a fund that helps to underwrite a variety of programs and events. The extra change donated each month, when pooled with all monthly contributions from PCS members, has helped many nonprofits reach their goals.

**Thank you** participating Operation Round Up<sup>®</sup> members for making People's Cooperative Services Operation Round Up<sup>®</sup> Program such a success. Your small change is making a BIG difference!

# CFL Food Drive a Success!



Cooperative employees Gene Schmit and Sandra Rocheleau were kept busy handing out CFL's in exchange for a food donation at People's Cooperative 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting.

**C**oncern for Community is one of the cooperative principles that People's Cooperative Services practices all year-round. From March 1 through April 14, the cooperative conducted a "CFL Food Drive" with all proceeds going to Channel One - to be distributed throughout southeastern Minnesota to area families in need. Cooperative members who brought in a nonperishable food item received a free compact fluorescent lamp (CFL).

We are excited to announce that you, our members and employees, donated over 620 pounds of nonperishable food items and monetary donations of \$57. This is an amazing accomplishment, and we thank everyone who made a donation and worked hard to make this year's campaign a success!

As your local Touchstone Energy<sup>®</sup> Cooperative, we are committed to the communities we serve. This food drive is just one more example of how your cooperative supports those in need. Fifteen thousand four.



## FYI


An ENERGY STAR qualified compact fluorescent light bulb (CFL) will save about \$30 over its lifetime and pay for itself in about six months. It uses 75 percent less energy and lasts about ten times longer than a regular incandescent bulb.



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# Electrical Safety Poster Contest



# Winner

# Why electricity remains a good value

Electricity is used every day. Often times we don't think about it. We trust the electricity will be there to power our alarm clocks so we can wake up on time, brew our first cup of coffee and have a warm shower before heading out the door. Often though, the value of electricity is taken for granted.

If you came home this evening and turned on your electric range or microwave to make supper, you are one of People's Cooperative Services 15,000+ accounts using electricity in your home.

Recently, much has been made of the rising cost of electricity, now and in the future. While that is true, it's important to understand that electricity remains an undeniable bargain, and one of life's great conveniences.

Electricity continues to be a good value, especially when compared to other consumer goods. Consider the cost of a gallon of gas 30 years ago compared to today's price. How about

a pound of coffee or a loaf of bread? While this doesn't take the sting out of rising costs, it does show that the cost of electricity has remained relatively flat, despite its increased use and value to our daily lives.

Today, there are more people served by electric cooperatives than ever before and most members are using more electronic devices and more power than years ago.

Take personal computers, for example. The PC first became available to the general public in the 1970s, and by 1998 there were more than 300 million in operation. Ten years later, in 2008, PCs numbered one billion. Experts predict that the number of PCs will reach 2 billion by 2014. To keep up with this trend, electric utilities have needed to spend millions of dollars to build more electrical infrastructure so electricity can remain reliable and plentiful to those who use it. These investments in

the electrical system ultimately end up on members' bills.

Whether you consider yourself a bargain hunter or not, you are taking advantage of one of the best deals around every time you plug in an electrical device. Sure, you pay your power bill each month, but do you know what you're really getting?

For every \$1 you spend on electricity, here's how long you're able to operate common household electronics:

- Refrigerator: 1 week
- Ceiling fan: 30 days
- Lamp: 6 months
- Cell phone: 1½ years
- Air conditioner: 24 hours
- 32-inch LCD TV: 88 hours



The national cost of electricity today when adjusted for inflation, is less than what it was in 1980. Very few commodities have remained such a good value. Compared to other consumer products and services, electricity is a bargain.

*People's Cooperative Services will be closed Monday, May 31 so that employee's may enjoy the holiday with their family and friends.*

*PCS will reopen Tuesday, June 1 at 7:30 a.m.*

*If you have an emergency please call (507) 288-4004 to report the problem.*

## SPRING INTO ACTION!

FIND YOUR ACCOUNT NUMBER AND RECEIVE \$30 OFF YOUR ELECTRIC BILL!

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.

Robert Reinsvold found his account number in the April issue. Account numbers not found: Patrick Kleinschmidt, Chris Lock, Calvin Spading, and Timothy Griffin.

# PLEASE RUN THIS AD IN THE NEXT HIGHLINE HI-LITES

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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13. \_\_\_\_\_ 14. \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Highline Hi-Lites Classified

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- Ads will be printed for one month only.
- Include your name, phone number and account number printed neatly, which will be used for identification purposes only.

Ads must be received by the last day of the month to go in the next months issue. One ad per month per member, 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

BEE hive boxes. 367-4568.

55 GALLON plastic drums w/removable lids, \$10 each; 250 gallon plastic tanks w/valve outlet, \$100 each. 251-9979.

RANGE-FREE eggs; Lyon Head bunnies; Geese; Rainbow swing set system; Boat lift. 775-6330.

YOUTH bow, Micro-Midas II, 30#-45# draw weight, great condition, \$135. 289-3768.

BLACK office chair w/adjustable height, \$50. 374-2114.

CORELLE dish set, 12-place settings plus serving pieces, white w/blue/peach on edges, \$40; White desk, \$30. 365-8082.

PICNIC tables, new in box, \$160 or assembled & delivered in Rochester, \$185. 273-3037.

RALEIGH 20" bike, \$20; Huffly 20" bike, \$35. Like new. 288-3084.

GOOD quality used bicycles from beginners to adult sizes, \$5-\$40; Helmets available. 356-8608.

1970-1997 Penney's Catalogs' 1970's Alden's & (3) Sears catalogs. 477-2156.

WEDDING dress size 5-6, white, long lacy sleeves, high collar, veil included, \$50. 533-9397.

STEEL dumpster, good shape, \$65. 367-4435.

1944 RUSSIAN M44 bolt action rifle, synthetic stock, 7.62x54 Cal. Simmons, 3-9x32 scope, \$200. 273-8732.

DUAL subwoofers in illuminate box w/amp & wires; 1200 weight system. Both in new condition. 545-1905.

PROFESSIONALLY downsizing- Musical instruments, amps, moduals, stereos, & speakers. All great shape, great price. 289-4424.

LARGE trailer of Hazelnut wood; 6' Patio door; 100,000 BTU high efficient furnace; High efficient air conditioner. 951-1767.

SEASONED oak firewood, face cord, you haul, \$60. Delivery available. 251-7455.

DRY oak firewood for camping; Will grind your stumps, remove trees, bushes. Mike Logan 288-8287.

## HOUSEHOLD

14" RCA color SDTV, good condition, \$60. 282-2824.

BLACK 20 cu. ft. french door refrigerator, bottom freezer, automatic ice maker. 282-2875.

OAK glass-top coffee table; (2) Pet porter large dog crates, one collapsable, \$25 each. 767-4499.

NEAR new king-size Serta mattress, all foam, no springs. Paid \$1,000, sell \$300. 775-6233.

MAYTAG heavy-duty washer, large capacity, excellent condition, 6 years old, \$150. 753-2407.

GE upright 14.8 cu. ft. freezer, model CA150, manual defrost, \$100. 288-7542.

## VEHICLES

1986 CHEVY Caprice Classic, 4-door, very good condition. 365-8113.

1999 BUICK LeSabre Limited, 149k miles, one-owner, 3800/V6, great mpg, \$3,995/obo; (4) 195-75-14 tires. 843-2508.

1998 TOYOTA Camry LE, 172k miles, auto, \$3,475/obo; 1999 Nissan Altima SE, 120k miles, 5-speed, \$3,700/obo. Both run perfectly, good mileage. 226-2225.

OLDER Ford pickup, rebuilt, gray, 1/2 ton, \$750/obo. 421-2002.

1978 FORD F350, 1-ton, stake bed, good tires, \$1,250. Located in Rochester. 605-350-1403.

1983 FORD F250, alum. bed w/sides, 4x4, diesel, 5th wheel hitch, 1-owner, sharp. 545-2402.

1991 NISSAN Pathfinder SE, V6, 4x4, newer tires, needs work, runs excellent, 200k miles, \$650/obo. 281-3052.

1996 FORD Windstar, head gasket out, 30k miles on new trans., new Monroe quick struts & front-end parts. Best offer. 292-0441.

2003 CHEVY Avalanche Z-71, Bose stereo, tow package, running boards, 80k miles, \$15,000/obo. 398-4942.

PICKUP topper, full-size, alum., \$65. 288-5436.

(4) COOPER 3 1/2" wide white wall tires, less than 2,000 miles on them, \$25 each. 282-6753.

## FARM

EZ Trail hay rack, good condition, \$1,200; FORAGE King hay rack, \$700; 4-Horse trailer. 286-9277.

(2) CATTLE guard crossings, 6x14', \$200 each. 867-4176 after 6 pm.

(2) 14' THROW-BALE racks, farmer built, all bolts, \$400 each, rack only or \$700 each rack & running gear. 732-7463.

(2) 300 bushel gravity wagons, good shape, \$2,500 each or best offer. 798-2506.

DEARBON 2-bottom plows, 3-point mount, good condition, \$300. 421-0474.

NEW Holland 275 baler w/thrower, reconditioned knotter, good condition, \$1,900/obo. 251-7285/534-2659.

HESSTON 5510 round baler, like new belts, always shedded, very good, \$1,200; 16' hay rack, \$550. 754-5437.

488 HAYBINE; Cattle trailer; Steel; Wood posts; Steel gates; Round bale mover; Electric stove. 876-2530.

12 1/2 VIBRA shank digger; Wood mulcher; 14' John Deere disk; 10 gallon milk can. 365-8228.

HESSTON Baler; New Idea 2-row corn picker; JD haybine 1209; H&S hay rake. 282-3634.

VERMEER Series K round baler, \$11,975; New Holland side-rake, \$995; 5' King Kutter PTO mower, \$695. All shedded. 753-2119.

8N FORD tractors, 1947, 1952, 1954; Some equipment, excellent runners, can deliver. 289-2904/259-5117.

NEW crop grass hay, 1,000# bales, round. Can deliver, twine or plastic twine. 208-0032.

JOHN Deere 2-row corn planter, \$250. 289-6983.

1936 HORSE drawn 9' Kovor field cultivator (quack digger), 3-wheels & seat. 365-8225.

SIX ton running gears, \$125; Several gates up to 16'. 269-0876.

14' RING drive silo unloader, \$850. 651-764-0250.

961 FORD tractor w/loader, new tires, rebuilt engine, wide front-end, \$3,500. 843-4217.

GEHL 1865 round baler, good condition; JD 640 hay rake; Goats. 534-2731.

LOOKING for pasture & hay ground to rent or looking to bale on shares. 254-1751.

CUSTOM round baling & hay mowing. 250-0919.

DEERE model 800 12' swather, very good; Snoco 30' bale elevator, like new, \$300. 932-4985.

## SHOP/YARD

WOODEN deck w/2 benches & side arm chairs, can seat 6, \$75. 252-8666.

RECONDITIONED push, self-propelled & rider lawnmowers. 282-5921.

210 JOHN Deere lawn tractor, 42" cut, looks like new, \$900. 421-0474.

WASTE oil shop heater, new 100,000 BTU, \$500. 288-5822.

HOSTA'S & Ferns- large plants, beautiful MN grown, several varieties, \$3-\$4. 285-9807.

PROPAGATION Mat w/thermostat control, 22x60, like new condition, \$150. 534-2146.

2009 JD 2305 riding mower w/PTO, like new, only 20 hours w/warranty. Asking \$10,000. 534-3509.

ALKOTA hot water pressure washer, 110 volt, 50' hose, 2.2 gallons, 1100 PSI, \$850. 273-4368.

JOHN Deere Garden Trac mower/snowblower, 48" mower, 40" snowblower, power steering, water cooled, cruise. 288-6269.

BEDDING plants, .30c-\$3 each; 2008 Frame snowblower, needs motor, \$150. 365-8989.

LARGE playground equipment- Play house, swings, slide, parallel bars, trapeze bars, rope, baby swing, sandbox & more. 365-8664.

JOHN Deere model 317 Garden tractor w/48" mower deck, all hydrostatic drive & life, restored condition, \$1,500. 252-9093.

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

DELUXE manual push reel lawnmower, 18" w, 10" tires, 5-blade reel, used once, \$50. 288-6300.

22 HP Yardman garden tractor engine, 2 yrs old, needs trans work. Best offer. 775-7168.

## HOMES/LAND

NW Rochester, 5 bdrm, 3 bath home, natural gas, fireplace, vinyl siding, new deck, 4-car garage, 2.5 acres, \$299,000. 288-7327.

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SUNLITE 7' pop up pickup camper, good condition, \$1,000. 288-4502.

1986 YAMAHA Radian 600 cc cycle, 32k miles, runs good, new battery, carb work in 2009, \$1,000/obo. 252-8595 evenings.

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2005 YAMAHA V-Star Classic, black, excellent condition, 1,050 miles, \$3,600/obo. 251-2172.

2000 BEAVER motorhome, Class A, Cat diesel, 49k miles, Allison trans, 36' w/ one slideout, no smokers/pets, \$55,000. 281-1834.

1983 COACHMAN motorhome, Ford chasis, 48k miles, new tires, refrigerator, generator, \$5,900/obo. 269-6057.

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1974 VINTAGE Honda XL250 w/little, original tires, manual, complete tool kit, only 2,925 miles, \$2,000. 282-9691.

2004 ADVENTURER, 13.6k miles, 2-slides, generator, W/D, loaded w/options, garaged, NS/NP, excellent condition, below book. 272-5850.

**FOR RENT**

EYOTA- 2 bdrm. apartment in quiet 4-plex, heat/water/trash paid, NS, NP, lease. 545-2773. 2 BDRM. house, ten miles from Rochester, stared kitchen, \$500/month. 271-3917.

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GOT to many deer? We're a bow hunting couple looking for private land to deer hunt this fall in southern Olmsted County. 285-0668.

LIVESTOCK dryer, circuiteer type; 1911 Minnesota license plate. 358-3693.

KNIPCO or Ready heater for parts, need not work, free or cheap. 932-4291.

FREE honey bee swarm removal, save the bees; Local raw honey for sale, all sizes, volumes. 367-4348.

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LITTLE Tikes Fold'N Store table w/umbrella, doll stroller, easel chalk board in very good condition. 534-2866.

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Calendar...**

Announcing People's Cooperative

**Annual Member Appreciation Day**

Thursday, September 23, 2010 ~ 3 - 7 P.M.

And just like biscuits and gravy go together...so does People's Cooperative Services Member Appreciation Day and our Holiday Cookbook!

It's time to start thinking about and gathering your favorite well-kept recipes for the upcoming holiday cookbook.

Watch for details in next months Highline Hi-Lites!

CRIS Peterson Blacktop, seal coating, patching, crack filling, striping. Thank you. 288-7424.

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# May - Electrical Safety Month

People's Cooperative Services would like you to consider these numbers from the United States Fire Administration (USFA):

- 28,300 - Estimated number of electrical residential fires each year!
- \$995 Million - Estimated property loss from electrical fires each year!
- 360 - Estimated deaths due to electrical fires each year!




*Some simple things you can do to avoid electrical hazards:*

- Replace or repair loose or frayed cord on all electrical devices.
- Avoid running extension cords across doorways or under carpets.
- In homes with small children, unused wall sockets and extension-cord receptacles should have plastic safety covers.

- Avoid overloading outlets. Plug only one high-wattage appliance into each receptacle outlet at a time.
- Consider having additional circuits or outlets added by a licensed electrical contractor, so you do not have to use extension cords.
- If outlets or switches feel warm, shut off the circuit and have them checked by an electrician.
- Place lamps on level surfaces, away from things that can burn and use bulbs that match the lamp's recommended wattage.

For electrical safety and fun activities for the little ones you can go to [www.sparky.org](http://www.sparky.org)

For more information on electrical safety and electrical fires please visit [www.usfa.dhs.gov](http://www.usfa.dhs.gov).




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Local Talent Contest

Family Night - Wednesday, June 16 - 6-9 p.m.

Fireworks - Wednesday, June 16 at Dusk

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