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Celebrating **75**
1936-2011 *Years*

HIGHLIGHTS *Hi-Lites*

PEOPLE'S COOPERATIVE SERVICES

Accepting director nominations in districts 2 and 4

People's Cooperative Services members have proudly exercised their right to participate in the business of their cooperative since it was formed in 1936. Service on the board of directors is one way to play an active and essential role.

Canisteo, Vernon, Salem, Ashland, Hayfield, and Rock Dell. District 4 includes these cities and townships Mount Pleasant, Gillford, HydePark, West Albany, Oakwood, Farmington, Elgin, Plainview, Watopa, Glasgow, Pepin, Lake, and Highland.

Members who live in districts 2 and 4 who are interested in becoming a nominee may contact a member of the 2012 Nominations, Credentials & Elections Committee. The PCS bylaws specify the eligibility requirements nominees must meet. See page 5 for more details.

People's Cooperative Services retains the services of Dunlap & Seeger to conduct the election. The entire election process is overseen by cooperative members serving on the Nominations, Credentials & Elections Committee.



1936 PCS Board of Directors.

Individuals who serve on the board possess a sincere interest in their cooperative and the willingness to work with others to ensure its strong future. They are available to participate in meetings and special events and to represent the cooperative at other functions as needed. They are accessible to the members whom they represent.



Current PCS Board of Directors.

Nominations are now open for 2012 director candidates in districts 2 and 4. District 2 includes these cities and townships Milton, New Haven, Mantorville, Wasioja, Kalmar (west half),

Save the Date!

People's Cooperative Services Annual Meeting

April 12, 2012

6:00pm registration 7:00pm meeting • Rochester International Event Center

C.E.O. Message

Cooperative Power: Reliable, Affordable, and Environmentally Responsible

At People's Cooperative Services, we have three top priorities: provide you safe, reliable access to electric power; offer that service as affordably as possible; and do both of those things in a fiscally and environmentally responsible fashion.

Because we are a not-for-profit enterprise—which means your money stays local; we don't have to worry about distant shareholders—we are positioned to make necessary investments for ensuring safe, reliable, and affordable electricity. However, fulfilling our commitment to environmental stewardship in a fiscally responsible manner has become more challenging. Today, many environmental laws that were adopted by Congress decades ago are being used by federal agencies and the courts to address issues for which they were never intended.

For example, the federal Clean Air Act is now 40 years old and was last amended in 1990—more than two decades ago. Much has changed in the intervening years, including technology, our understanding of the environment, and the electric utility industry.

Today, officials with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency—often under court order—are trying to modify the Clean Air Act to fit new circumstances. Without a doubt, new EPA rules being issued will wind up back in the courts—and lengthy litigation will ensue.

Reasonable people can and will disagree over how to find a balance between protecting the environment, guaranteeing a reliable supply of power, and keeping

electric bills affordable.

Under the right circumstances, Congress eventually will have to revisit the Clean Air Act and update it to fit the needs of the 21st century. In the meantime, People's Cooperative Services will keep you updated on our efforts to encourage lawmakers and regulators to strike the proper balance on these concerns. Visit our website at www.peoplesrec.com to will find an article on the impact of EPA regulations on our wholesale power supplier, Dairyland Power Cooperative.

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. I also want to encourage you to engage with your legislators to let them know how you feel about these issues. Your feedback is important as they will listen to you.

On behalf of the board of directors and all employees of the Cooperative, I wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday season!



Elaine J. Garry
President & CEO

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How to Contact your National Legislators

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Rochester, MN 5590

Washington Office Phone:

(202) 225-2472

Email: https://forms.house.gov/walz/webforms/zip_auth.shtm

Senator Amy Klobuchar

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1130 ½ 7th St. NW, Room 208
Rochester, MN 55901

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Email: klobuchar@senate.gov

Fax: (202) 228-2186

Senator Al Franken

Local Office Address:

60 East Plato Blvd, Suite 220
Saint Paul, MN 55107

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Fax: (202) 224-0044

The best way to contact your national legislators is by e-mail or fax.

Have a Happy (Energy-Efficient) Holiday Season

Although holidays are a time for family, friends, and celebrations, the hustle and bustle means lots of power gets used. So don't let a higher-than-normal January electric bill be the last gift of the season. With a few simple tricks you can still celebrate and save money at the same time.

The Brightest House on the Block

Start with energy-efficient lighting, namely light-emitting diodes (LEDs). While a string of traditional incandescent mini-lights uses 36 watts of power, LEDs only consume 5 watts and last up to 10 times longer. LEDs are typically made of plastic and will not break-and many are brighter than traditional mini-lights.

However, a string of LEDs can cost two to three times more than traditional string lights, and many homeowners have reported mixed results with performance. Unlike traditional incandescent bulbs, LEDs use computer chips to create light. Depending on the quality of the manufacturing process, the brightness and life may not be what's expected.

A good rule of thumb: cheaper is not always better. When looking for LEDs, view the lights plugged in at the store, or make sure you can return them if they do not meet your expectations.

All holiday lights, whether LED or incandescent, should be placed on a timer. Simple timers cost \$20 and can be set to turn on at sunset and off after a set number of hours. It's usually best to leave lights on from sunset until bedtime.

Giving Energy Efficiency

Many electronic gifts are "energy vampires"-sucking electricity 24 hours a day, even when switched off. Cell phone chargers, computers, video game consoles, and any device that comes with a large square plug are likely energy vampires.

When possible, unplug electronics that are not being used, or plug them into a smart power strip. A smart power strip controls the flow of electricity to specific devices plugged into it. For example, it may cut the flow of electricity to unused devices such as DVD players, video game consoles, and stereo systems, while allowing TVs and satellite or cable boxes to remain operational. To keep your home entertainment center running lean, look for ENERGY STAR-rated televisions and ask satellite or cable providers for energy-efficient boxes.

Prevent post-holiday electric bill shock by thinking creatively and shopping carefully this year. The money you save can be used for the most dreaded January bills of all: credit cards. Twenty one thousand seven hundred ninety eight

Top 10 Energy Saving Tips for a Happy Holiday Season

10. Shop for ENERGY STAR-rated appliances and compact fluorescent lightbulbs
9. Skip the electronics and get kids board games
8. Do not preheat your oven when cooking large pieces of meat
7. Lower thermostats and replace HVAC filters every 30 days
6. Check windows and doors for leaks and seal them
5. Install timers on outdoor lighting displays
4. Decorate with LEDs
3. Adjust power settings on video game consoles to the power-saving feature
2. Vanquish energy vampires with a smart power strip
1. Follow Scrooge's example: skip the holidays! (Not recommended for children, of course!)

December deadline approaches for rebates

People's Cooperative Services has rebates available for members that purchase items that promote energy efficiency and conservation. However, those rebates are available only until funds are depleted or December 31, 2011, whichever comes first.

A list of qualified ENERGY STAR rated appliances, appliance recycling, central air conditioners, heat pumps, various

types of lighting, faucet restrictors and shower restrictors are included on the 2011 rebate forms. Agricultural and commercial rebates are also available.

Rebate forms are available at www.peoplesrec.com. Please review the rebate form prior to making purchases to ensure your item meets the rebate requirements for energy efficiency.

Heartland Security "A wise choice"

Heartland Security Services provides protection to almost 6,000 customers in Minnesota and Iowa. Owned by thirteen rural electric cooperatives in Southern and Western Minnesota and Northwestern Iowa, Heartland Security installs home medical monitoring systems as well as residential and commercial alarm systems.

Heartland's motto is, "One size does not fit all". Their design department helps create a one-on-one custom system for each customer. They strive to provide reliable and viable service and pride themselves on offering competitive rates, exceptional service and superior equipment.

Cap'n Cork, a new business located in Crossroads Shopping Center in Rochester, is one such business for whom Heartland Security Services is providing peace of mind.

"We are a liquor store which seems a bit more vulnerable to problems and therefore feel we need an easy to use, reliable security system," said Mike Beyers, owner. "It is simple to arm and disarm and that is what we needed."

Beyers installed his own camera system that is integrated with the security system. Things worked together beautifully, Beyers said.

"We put in window and door sensors as well as the camera so we are pretty well covered. I got three bids and Heartland was very competitive," Beyers said.

Homeowners Ed and Jan Vitse live in a semi-rural area and had Heartland install a security system. They feel it is important to protect their home which could be more vulnerable because of location. The system is surely a deterrent, the Vitses' agree.

"We had another system in place, but replaced it with the one from Heartland. It was a wise choice," said Ed. "I really like the fact that it is monitored so well and if something does happen, even if it was tripped accidentally, a real, live person calls."

Their homeowner's insurance went down about 10%, though that can vary depending on each company's policy, Ed said.

Smart Home Innovations Engineering and Electronics of Rochester helps home owners with their technology needs; from programmable

thermostats to music and lighting. The new business opened this July. Their showroom has extensive equipment and they wasted no time installing a system.

"Technology is our business and we chose Heartland Security Systems," said Dan Aguilar, owner/manager of the business. "I think that says a lot."

Tom Vega of Heartland Security Systems set the system up for Aguilar. "I liked what he had to offer and he was very easy to work with. It's a very easy system to work with."

Aguilar was pleased that this system can be integrated with a whole house system and recommends it to others. "Yes, I think this is the best system around."

Heartland and People's Cooperative Services is a great combination, according to their clients; providing the best in service, sales, installation and up-to-date technology. They assure you local professional customer care. One thousand two hundred and two



Dan Aguilar, Smart Home Innovations Engineering & Electronics

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.

Earl Uhlir found his account number in the November issue. Account numbers not found: Jason Walter, Daniel Lewis, David Chadbourn, and Jeffrey Lee.



PCS's office will be closed

**Friday, December 23
Monday, December 26
Monday, January 2**

**Emergencies and power outages can be reported
24-hours a day, including holidays, by calling
(507) 288-4004 or (800) 214-2694.**

Election Process

A summary of the Cooperative bylaws

The Cooperative bylaws specify the requirements director nominees must meet to be eligible for nomination. These bylaws also outline the director election process and voting requirements. Below is a summary of the process for director nomination and election as stated in the bylaws.

Nominations, Credentials & Elections Committee

As outlined in Section 4.3 Nominations of the bylaws, the Board of Directors appoints a committee on nominations consisting of no more than eleven members representing the geographical areas from which directors are to be elected. At least thirty-five days before the meeting, the committee will post a list of nominations for the director positions up for election.

In addition, any fifteen or more members may make nominations by petition at least forty-five days prior to the meeting. These nominations will be posted along with the list of nominations made by the committee.

It is required that at least two people be nominated for each board position up for election. All nominees for directors must meet all of the qualifications as set out in Section 4.2 of the bylaws.

Members will receive by mail a notice of the meeting and a statement of the directors up for election. No nominations may be made from the floor.

Voting

As outlined in Section 3.7 Voting of the bylaws, each member is entitled to one vote in the affairs of the Cooperative. The spouse of a member can vote on behalf of the member, unless the member has indicated otherwise. At all meetings of the members, all elections and all questions shall be decided by a vote of a majority of the members, unless a provision of the bylaws states otherwise.


As outlined in Section 3.8 Voting by Absentee Ballot of the bylaws, voting by absentee ballot is allowed.

As outlined in Section 3.9 Voting by Proxy of the bylaws, voting by proxy is allowed.

As outlined in Section 3.10 Voting by Mail of the bylaws, members are allowed to vote by mail ballot on any motion, resolution, amendment or election to be acted on at the meeting.

As outlined in Section 3.11 Voting List of the bylaws, a complete list of the members entitled to vote at the meeting will be available at least fifteen days before the meeting and will also be available for inspection by any member during the whole time of the meeting. Eighteen thousand seven hundred forty six

For a full-text version of the bylaws, call the Cooperative office, e-mail memberservices@peoplesrec.com or download a copy at <http://www.peoplesrec.com/about/annual-meeting.html>.



Energy Efficiency
Tip of the Month

During the holiday season, consider using ENERGY STAR-qualified lights and strands to decorate. They use 70 percent less energy than regular lights and last up to 10 times as long. They also give off less heat, reducing the risk of fire.

Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

2012 Nominations, Credentials & Elections Committee

District 2

Larry Albrecht 285-0442	Steve Boysen 365-8678	Kurt Orning 365-8090
Janet Anderson 365-8890	Robert Figy 365-4751	

District 4

Peter Fox 259-5914	Pat Melvin 534-2539
Suzanne Kennebeck 876-3086	Tracy Newman 651-347-2248

Capital Credit Check Search

Please take a moment to review this list of PCS members who have been issued capital credit checks. If you have a forwarding address for any of these members, please call PCS at 507-288-4004 or send an email to memberservices@peoplesrec.com.

Aarts, Thomas W./Aura C.
Aerial Communications
Aird, Daniel J.
Alexander, Tracy A.
Amos, Gerald
Amy, Cindy L.
Arachikavitz, John J.
Askew, Wiley L./Christine
Axtell, Harold A./Madge C.
Austin, Marilyn J.
Backus, Cindy R.
Baier, Mildred
Baihly, David T.
Bailey, Maxine M.
Baker, Catherine A.
Ball, Michael J.
Baska, Douglas A./Julie R.
Bauman, Herbert D.
Becker, Diane M.
Beighley, Kim A.
Benoit, Douglas
Bernard Jeffrey G.
Bertschinger, Walter O.
Bethke, Daniel L./Christina
Beilen, Lois L.
Billman, William A.
Black, Andrew O.
Blackwell, Walter P.
Blakley, Joseph A.
Blegen, Mary Est.
Bluske, Leslie A.
Bolster, William /Lavonne
Bolte, Stanley S./Debra
Bouquet, James B.
Boysen, Brent A.
Brandel, Catherine L.
Braun, Marian L.
Breland, Steven P.
Bremseth Kenneth L.
Briggs, Cathy L.
Bronk, Steven F.
Brooks, William W. III
Brown, Curtiss A.
Brown, Elwyn S.
Brown, Mary B./Matthew
Brundige, Steven L. Est./Karen
Brunholz, Phoebe A.
Bucher, Larry L.
Buckingham, John S.
Burch, James L.
Burke, James J.
Burton, Timothy A.
Carpenter, David B./Lesley
Carlson, Timothy P. Rev.
Carroll, Diane L.

Carroll Jeffery J./Linda M.
Carter, Harold C.
Caves, Charles M.
Chapman, Kevin R.
Chavez, Ralph M./Lori L.
Chilson, Mark E.
Chinn, Mon M./Touch
Chhum, Sarasarit P.
Christians, Wynton P.
Corson, Christine A.
Clark, Daniel T./Ann M.
Clark, Joyce V./Kevin M.
Classic Bldrs.
Clement, Cynthia S.
Closner, Douglas /Barbara
Collyard, Anthony J.
Cook, Gregory G./Stacie
Cook, Willister
Cox, Stanley/Cheryl
Crews, Brian L.
Cross, Michael V.
Cross, Peter D. Dr.
Crowson, Edward E.
Daniels, Elizabeth M.
Daniels, Shelly R.
Defrang, Larry F. Est.
Degarmo, Anna M. Est.
Delaney, Lorraine
Deraad, Daniel V.
Devries, Wesley J.
Dewbery, Troy L.
Dieter, D. S.
Doffing, Dennis J.
Donahoe, Patrick B.
Dormady, Bryan F.
Drexler, Frances D.
Duclos, Danielle M.
Dunston, Peggy A.
Durow, William A.
Eberhart, Susan L.
Eckenrode, Richard J.
Eggert, Terry S./Kathryn A.
Eggle, Judith J.
Elcor Enterprises Inc.
Ellefson, Kenneth J./Jennifer
Eng, Thomas L./Martha S.
Engebretson, Ronald A.
Erdman, Darla J.
Erickson, Duane O.
Erickson, James A.
Estenson, Lisa S.
Evans, Earl E. Est.
Eversman, Thomas Jr./Bridgt
Fahrendholz, Ronald R.
Feuling, LaJeanna J.

Fischer, Diane W.
Fischer, Gordon W.
Fischer, Marline L.
Fisher, Don W.
Fisher, William E.
Fjerstad, Steven G.
Floyd, Carla K.
Frederick, Irene M.
Funk Richard R.
Fure, Bruce A.
Gaalswyk, Quentin J.
Gallagher, William J.
Gardner, Earl E./Karen
Gathje, Michael S.
Gehrke, Robert A.
Godfrey, Gary P.
Golowka, Daniel/Carolyn
Greene, Kathryn L.
Gritz, Terry A.
Groelle, Alan J.
Groski, Ronald E./Jana
Hager, Meredith A.
Haley, Shawn M./Loretta
Hanson, Gary R./Veronica
Hanson, Robert A.
Hammond, Francis K./Pat
Hanson, Amy M.
Hardy, James R./Brenda
Harvey, John R.
Hassen, Cynthia L.
Haugen, Gregory G.
Haukom, Julie K.
Hayden, Bruce A.
Hefner, James L./Phyllis
Hegna, Marilyn
Hehl, Theresa M.
Hein, Maynard A. Est.
Heppner, Anthony/Joyce
Heppner, John P.
Hill, Wayne A.
Hinsch, Beth R./Tienter
Hockley, Donald G.
Hogan, William K./Sally
Holder, Dan M.
Holets, Michael J.
Hong, Khoeurn
Hoops, D. A.
Hopfenspirger, James/Mona
Hughes, Stephen J./Amy
Hunter, Trent D.
Hurrle, Nancy E.
Irish, Glenn A.
Irvine, Timothy J.
James, Richard E.
Jarvis, Debra D.
Jaszewski, Dale E.
Jefferies, Donna L.
Jennings, John W.
Jensen, Daniel J./Betty
Jewson, Gary L.
Johnson, Larry R.
Johnson, Michael R.

Johnson, Richard L.
Johnson, Roger E.
Jordan, John Jr./Stephanie
Jorgensen, Christian Est.
Kahl, Randy L./Marcia
Kamm, Cory J.
Kapsner, Jerry J.
Keller, Gaylen L.
Kennedy, Glen A.
Kinlund, Geraldine S.
Kirchmann, Jeannette L.
Kirkland, Audrey A.
Kladifko, James P./Kay
Klein, Kent A./Debra J.
Klein, Lyndon J.
Kluver, Allen K.
Kosnopfal, James M.
Koster, Lori K.
Kramer, Vera V.
Kranz, Dorothy L.
Kruckenberg, John W.
Kuhn, James W.
Kulas, Richard L.
Laack, Glenn A./Gail
Lamer, Tim J.
Larsen, Guy E.
Larsen, Lawrence P.
Larson, Renee L.
Larson, Richard R.
Lastine, William G.
LaVan, Vincent/Sabrina
Lee, Sang Y./Soon O.
Lehnher, Joseph R.
Leque, Larry E./Ruth A.
Lichty, Dee R./Beverly
Linden, Robert E.
Lloyd, Mary L.
Losasso, Thomas J./Jane
Lovelace, James R.
Lubahn, Roger K.
Lyons, Patrick T.
Mangan, Harold V.
Marshall, Keith W.
Martin, Arlo D.
Martin, Duane C.
Mathison, Larry A.
Matuszewski, John E.
McCoy, Robert E.
McGee, Benjamin C.
McGinley, Leonard E. Jr.
Meekins, George E.
Memmer, Larry L.
Mentes, Renita L.
Messenger, John C.
Michels, Marshall L.
Midwest Wireless Comm.
Meitzner, George E./Tracy
Mitchell, Collen M.
Mitchell, Steven C./Angela
Moe, Bernice A.
Moe, Lisa A.

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Moratzka, Tim
Morehouse, Harold G. Est.
Morris, Keith
Morrow, John J.
Morrow, R. L.
Muentzer, Manfred D. Dr.
Munson, Donald B.
MN Ed Radio Inc.
Nasrin, Rad
Nature's Way Landscape c/o
Russ Hinz
Nelson, Dennis J.
Nelson, Scott P./Jennifer
Neuman, Charles L. Est.
Ngo, Thuong V.
Nielsen, Eugene E.
Nills, Mae/Earl F. Est.
Noch, Veng
Nord, Bruce W.
Nordmoe, Craig M./Robin
Norman, Vernon F.
Odegaard, Alfred E.
Olson, Benjamin T.
Olson, Linda J.
Olson, Thomas M./Shelly
O'Reilly Daryl
Overton, Felix C.
Pagel, James H./Patricia
Pechacek, John M.
Petersen, Michelle T.
Peterson, John V.
Phipps, Keith W.
Pingel, Thomas M.
Podein, Arthur C. Est.

Podein, Jeffrey M.
Polson, Thomas A.
Portz, Kim C.
Pratt, Joey P.
Pries, Cathy A.
Prigge, Michael T.
Proechel, Dwayne V.
Rabe, Dale E./Cindy L.
Racette, John W.
Ragland, Melvin L. Est.
Ramsay, Ruthann C.
Ramthun, Keith A.
Rasmussen, Marcia Est.
Rasmussen, Terry L./Pamela
Rau, James G./Bridget
Raymond, Paul A.
Reichert, Thomas J.
Reimers, Thomas S.
Reincke, Ralph A.
Reiter, Gene A.
Rheingans, Randal L.
Rieder, Verna M.
Riess, Mary A.
Robinet, Harold P. Est.
Rochester Rent All
Rokusek, Barry A.
Rousu, John S./Dana
Rubin, Gary G.
Rutledge, Barbara
Ryan, Barbara A.
Rynearson, Philip H./Karen
Savage, Todd M./Annette
Schacht, Mary L.
Schinck, Robert A.

Schneider, Arnold G.
Schneider, Tami L.
Schwoch, Steven L.
Senrick, Jean M.
Severson, Robert J.
Sexton, Kathleen A.
Shetterly, Mary A.
Shockley Communications
Simmons, Michael J./Bev
Simpson, John E.
Singbusch, Richard A.
Sistad, Janna M./Mark
Smith, Delbert I.
Sommerfield, Wanda L.
Southwick, Judith A. Est.
Staffon, Faron D.
Stangler, Charles E.
Steenblock, Daniel/ Doreen
Stevens, Richard J.
Stillwell, Guy W./Julie
Stock Lumber Inc.
Stolp, Anna K.
Strong, Jill L.
Struthers, Andy J.
Szuberski, Michael J.
Thies, Judy M.
Theis, Thomas J./Ann
Thompson, Gary D./Betty
Thompson, Guy G. Mrs.
Thomasson, Marjorie J.
Thrasher, Charles D.
Tienter, Jerry L.
Tikusis, Thomas A./Jean
Titan Tower L P

Traxler, Russell P.
Tretinyak, Nick J. Jr.
Trogstad, Erlene E.
Tune, Nadine L.
Tuschoff, Audrey M.
Unger, Barry L./Marlene
Van Meter, Scott E.
Veldkamp, Travis L.
Vogel, Daryl F.
Vogel, Duane A.
Vrieze, Sarah K.
Wachter, James/Marcia
Walker, Mary F.
Wall, David W.
Walters, Adeline L.
Wandrey, Arthur
Ward, Irene R.
Ward, Randy A.
Wayne, Richard S.
Weinmann, John C.
Wendt, Edward P.
Wernimont, Peter J./Chris
Wheeler, Dera K.
Whitney, Jason/Pamela
Williamson, Cecil/Brenda
Wills, David
Wiltgen, Steven G.
Wing, Carol J.
Wooten, LaVonne M.
Yanson, Winthrop F.
Yeadon, Kenneth R. Est.
Zais, Daniel J./Teresa
Zander, Gary H.

4th Annual STEM Summit

People's Cooperative Services attended the 4th annual STEM Summit held at the Rochester Community and Technical College on November 3. Cooperative representatives Gary Fitterer, Russ Halgerson, Tyler Larsen and Dave Patterson used an interactive, hands-on exhibit to demonstrate the amount of electricity consumed by normal household items and the importance of energy conservation. The purpose of the STEM Summit is to expose students to science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) careers and encourage them to take rigorous STEM classes



in order to pursue these careers. Approximately 1,800 middle school students from 26 area schools attended the event.

Chuck Ackman, Regional Outreach Director Visits PCS Board

Chuck Ackman, the Regional Outreach Director for U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar, made a visit to People's Cooperative Services on November 30. Chuck serves as a voice for Senator Amy Klobuchar and he gave some insight as to how we can reach our Senators in Washington D.C. on important legislation issues that our cooperative faces. The PCS board and employees expressed their comments and concerns on vital impact issues, such as the Cross State Air Pollution Act, to Chuck in hopes that our message gets relayed to Washington.



Chuck Ackman, the Regional Outreach Director for U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar

New Headquarters Update

As colder weather approaches, work on the exterior of new headquarters site is winding down. The driveways and parking lot areas have been blacktopped and striped. The security fence, flagpole, and exterior lights are being set and will be done soon. Additionally, the exterior windows are in place and the concrete work has been completed.

On the inside of the building, the electrical and mechanical systems are being roughed-in so the walls in the office area can be put in place. The polished concrete floors are complete and the protective coating has been applied. We expect the built-in wood furnishings to begin to arrive soon.



People's Cooperative Services new headquarters building under construction.

Construction is right on schedule and we plan to move to the new building in early March. Seventeen thousand eight hundred eighty four

Watch the progress at www.peoplesrec.com

Youth Tour 2012 — A Week You Will Never Forget

Hey, High School Juniors and Seniors – you could win a trip to Washington, D.C. June 16 – 21!

You'll leave this week as a better leader and with a sense that you can make a difference!



Application process will open January 2, 2012. For more information contact your High School guidance counselor or visit us online at www.peoplesrec.com

You could win an all-expense paid trip!

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Meter Tampering

Energy theft is a serious issue that is not only against the law, it is also very dangerous. While honest members are working hard to conserve energy and cut energy costs, energy thieves are tampering with service lines and meters and helping themselves to “free service.”

Energy theft occurs when individuals tamper with electric meters or electric power lines. This practice can create unsafe conditions that can result in electrical shock, explosions, or death. Leaving the meter in unsafe conditions can cause fires and electrical shortages.

People’s Cooperative Services works hard to catch energy thieves by placing special locking devices on meters and training field



personnel to spot energy theft. With help from PCS’s field employees as well as tips from members, thieves who were getting a free ride are getting caught.

Meter tampering is against the law

It is against the law to tamper with or to reconnect electric meters that have been disconnected by People’s Cooperative Services; or to knowingly consume electricity which has not been correctly metered because of tampering. Anyone found guilty of using electricity illegally will face criminal charges and penalties.

Report energy theft

Your help is essential in catching these thieves. Members can help by reporting energy theft to People’s Cooperative Services. Anyone who is aware of or suspects someone of stealing electricity can report it by calling People’s Cooperative Services at (507) 288-4004 or by sending an e-mail to: memberservices@peoplesrec.com. Names of those who report energy theft will be kept confidential. Ten thousand nine hundred twenty seven

12 Days of Holiday Safety

It’s easy to make safety a part of your holiday with these tips. Tackle one a day and you’re well on your way to a safe New Year!



ESFi
Electrical Safety Foundation International

Day 1 **What’s that noise?** Test your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. Make sure everyone knows what to do if they hear them.

Day 2 **What a shocker!** Before use, inspect all electrical lights, decorations, and extension cords for damage.

Day 3 **Two’s company, three’s a crowd.** Do not overload outlets with too many decorations or devices.

Day 4 **Is it working?** Test your ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) and arc fault circuit interrupters (AFCIs) to make sure they’re protecting you.

Day 5 **Ouch!** Prevent trips and falls by keeping cords safely along walls and out of doorways and high traffic areas.

Day 6 **Kids eat the darndest things!** Avoid putting lights, metal hooks, breakable ornaments, and other small decorations within reach of young children.

Day 7 **Thirsty?** Keep your Christmas tree stand full of water. A fresh, green tree poses less of a fire hazard than a dry tree.

Day 8 **Make a wish!** Blow out the candles before leaving a room or going to bed.

Day 9 **Nice and warm.** Keep space heaters at least 3 feet away from anything that can burn—decorations, trees, gifts, and curtains.

Day 10 **Can’t touch this!** Consider installing tamper-resistant outlets/receptacles to prevent kids from inserting objects into the slots.

Day 11 **Escape Route:** Share your family fire escape plan with overnight guests.

Day 12 **Hot stuff!** Keep children away from cooking areas; use back burners and turn pot handles in away from little hands.

There’s no greater gift you can give your family than a safe and happy holiday! Learn more at holidaysafety.org.

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

2002 Steel Featherlite 2 horse trailer. Bumper pull, dressing room, saddle racks, stored inside, great shape, \$3,500 obo 507-367-4441

7 Laying Hens 3yrs old, ready for butcher 507-273-7788

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FARM EQUIPMENT

H & S bale throw rack with 8 ton New Holland gear, 5 years old \$2,000 Call 507-365-8082
JD 510 round baler, good cond. \$1,000; 6 ton wagon gear, new paint, good tires, tails good \$200. 507-754-5437

Allis Chalmers D14, loader, chains, good tires, runs good, good transmission. 507-378-2363

Rockbox and radar off J-D 9220 EXC COND 10X60 WESTgo BTO Auger 5288 Tractor 507-545-2402

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FOR SALE: Black 2001 WW 16ft GN stock trailer, sliding back door, no rot, rubber floor, used very little, \$1650. 507-533-9383

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Haban snowblower, 72 in., 3-pt., 2 stage attachment; Farmall B tractor w/60 in. Woods belly mower; Woods XT 172 brush hog. 507-533-6711

FOR RENT

\$400 per month plus \$200 deposit shared kitchen and bath. Convenient to college, easy parking 507-282-0764

Eastside Storage- New buildings, fenced, well-lit, paved- inside and outside storage. 6584 Hwy 14 East 507-288-4793

GIVE AWAY

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LEXMARK All-in-One X8350 Printer - print/copy/fax/scan; with 2 new inkjet color cartridges; \$75.00 for all. 507-534-2866

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Power lift chair/recliner. Dark blue, excellent condition w/ new cable for supply. Battery backup. \$900 new, asking \$500 507-281-5934

Larson Stormdoor. White with wood core. 32 by 80-82. Never used still in package. 507-282-0612

MISCELLANEOUS

Crescent Covers in Rochester - Unicover toppers/lids. New/used. Installation, Parts, Accessories. Call Dave 507-536-9057

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Collection of Disney VHS, some never viewed. 507-282-2809

Wood Poles 10-25 ft long, some t-posts also 507-876-2866

Wedding dress, size 6, long sleeved, high neck, white, with vale. Can be altered, \$25 OBO 507-533-9397

3 old liquor & 1 wine bottle. Found in attic since before 1940. Also, old glass kerosene container for small stove. 507-477-2156

PSE Compound bow w/sights, quiver arrow rest, release, 6-arrows, hard case, \$250/obo. Never used, bought new. 651-565-3485

PRAIRIE WALLS, Indoor Rock Climbing Gym. Birthday Parties, Lessons & Group Events. www.prairiewalls.com 507-292-0511

RECREATIONAL

John Deere 400 snowmobile, mid-70s, 1500 miles, needs work to run. \$200 507-533-1928

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55 Gallon Steel Barrels \$15 each or 3 for \$40 507-421-0938 Bundles of firewood slabs. Buy direct from local sawmill. 507-273-6751

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Honda 3500 Generator, Used very little. \$900 Truck bed tool box for full size pickup. \$100 507-282-7820

Portable Kerosene Heater 9000BTU with 2 gallons Kerosene. Like New. Call evenings. 507-282-5542

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2002 Ford F250 4x4 7.3L Diesel Auto XLT Crew Cab with plow. 190,000 miles. \$14,500 Custom Retaining Walls Rochester 507-281-0669

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1997 Pontiac Grand Am Gt.V6 A/T.4dr.New battery, new tires, well maintained.Very clean.118k.\$3,695 obo. 507-533-6700

TIRES-Set of 4-Continental-205 60R 16-Fair Tread \$100 or B/O 507-288-0704

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Member Name: _____

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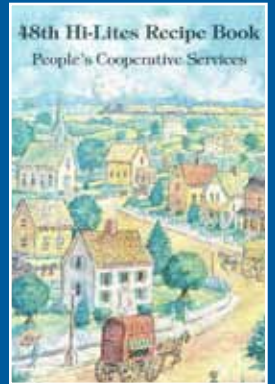
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48th Hi-Lites Recipe Book

Available for pick up December 19

The 48th annual Hi-Lites recipe book will be available for pick up at the cooperative office by Monday, December 19. The books will also be available at the Annual Meeting to be held on April 12, 2012 and the Member Appreciation Event to be held on July 26, 2012.

In 2012 we plan to produce the recipe book earlier in the year so that it will be available sooner. Please watch for more details on how to submit recipes for the 49th annual recipe book.



On behalf of all of us at People's Cooperative Services, we extend warm wishes for a safe and joyous holiday season and a New Year that brings peace, health, and happiness.

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