

# Highline Hi-Lites

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**People's Cooperative Services**

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative



# C. E. O. Message

As I sit down to write this column, I am hoping spring is on the way. A lot of snow has melted and the weather seems to be getting warmer. We can only hope! We do live in Minnesota, so during March we need to be prepared for any kind of weather.

## *New Mission, Vision and Values:*

This past month, our Board of Directors adopted a new Mission, Vision, Values and Safety Statement for our cooperative. These statements set the direction for our organization's future. We are excited about making plans to ensure that we meet these goals and objectives. These new statements are shown on page four. I would appreciate your feedback regarding this new direction.

## *Legislative Visits:*

This month we met with our state legislators to keep them informed as to how the legislation they are considering will affect you, our members. I believe they listened to us and will consider our requests. They are as concerned as we are about the economy and the impact of legislative changes on you. In May, we will be visiting with those serving us in Washington DC to ask for similar support.

## *Rate Increase:*

As reported earlier; rate increases went into effect on March 1. All energy usage beginning March 1 will be figured at the new rates. We enclosed an insert with your bill this month to describe the facility charge in hopes that this will answer some of your questions.

## *Energy Efficiency and Conservation:*

Our member services and marketing staff are working hard to put together educational material and programs that will assist you in making your home or business more energy efficient. They are also able to provide you with a lot of ideas to conserve energy. Taking steps to become more energy efficient and to conserve energy are the keys to controlling your energy bill and to help us reduce the need for new power plants and transmission line. We have programs that provide rebates for the purchase of Energy Star appliances, electric water heater rebates if you put them under control, an air conditioning load control program, and an electric heat rate. New this year are rebates for recycling your old refrigerator and/or freezer and for purchasing CFL lighting. Rebate programs and forms are available on our website @ [www.peoplesrec.com/memberservices](http://www.peoplesrec.com/memberservices).

## *Construction Season:*

Our engineering and operations departments are preparing for a busy construction season. Our primary concern is service quality. We are taking steps to insure that you receive high-quality, reliable energy. This means that our line workers and contractors will be doing a considerable amount of maintenance and line replacement during the construction months.

## *Update on RPU Service Territory Transfers:*

We announced months ago that we have a signed service territory trade agreement with Rochester Public Utilities. That agreement covers over 130 annexations that have occurred since 2001. This means that there are a lot of details to work out and new processes to put in place so that both utilities work together in the future. This is a challenging and time-consuming process, but we are making some progress. We expect our first service territory transfer to take place within the next few months. We would prefer to keep all of you as our members, but unfortunately, we do not have that option. If you have questions or concerns about this process, please do not hesitate to call.

## *Challenging Time:*

This is a challenging time to be in the energy business. We are facing air quality issues, renewable and conservation mandates, power supply and transmission system needs --- all on top of our continuing desire to provide you with high-quality, reliable service. Let me assure you that we are up to the challenge. Both our Board and our employees have your best interests' at-heart.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Elaine J. Garry". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Elaine J Garry  
President / CEO

# 2009 Nominees & Nomination by Petition



L-R front row - William Ryan, District 4, 753-2897; Suzanne Kennebeck, District 4, 876-3086; Marvin Stoehr, District 4, 876-2267; Darlene DeFrang, District 4, 753-2055

L-R back row - Dana Mock, District 2, 634-4212; William McFarland, District 4, 876-2662; Donald Leth, District 2, 635-5469

Committee members not in photo: Jason Ryan, District 2, 651-380-8340; Victor Marquardt, District 2, 374-2294; William Whitworth, District 2, 259-0577

People's Cooperative 2009 Nominating & Credentials Committee met March 5<sup>th</sup> with the cooperative attorney. At this meeting the Committee announced the following members had been nominated to seek election to the Board from Districts 2 and 4.

District 2 - Kenneth Wohlers, Incumbent  
Richard Buckwalter  
Gerald Miller

District 4 - Eugene Miller, Incumbent

The Committee received no interest from the membership in District 4 to run against the incumbent.


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 twenty (20) or more signatures by 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 Annual Report, the petition must be delivered to the Cooperative office on or before 12:00 noon on April 1st.***

The petition form is available at the cooperative office by contacting Member Services or on our website [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.

The 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of People's Cooperative Services will be held on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.



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### Petition for Nomination

The following members wish to nominate \_\_\_\_\_ (name) as a Director of People's Cooperative Services from District No. \_\_\_\_\_ and to place the name on the ballot for the May 2, 2009, election at the Annual Meeting of the Cooperative, in accordance with Article III, Section \_\_\_\_\_ of the Bylaw.

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All nominations made by petition for the position of director shall have 20 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 2 and 4 at the Annual Meeting on May 2, 2009.

The last date to submit a petition for the May 2nd Director Election is 12:00 noon, April 1, 2009 at the Cooperative office.



Mark your calendars  
 People's Cooperative  
 Services  
 Annual Meeting  
 10:00 a.m.  
 Business Meeting  
 Saturday, May 2  
 Century High School

# Newly Adopted **Mission**, **Vision**, **Values**, and **Statement of Safety**

## **MISSION:**

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.

## **VISION:**

Our vision is that the members and communities of People's Cooperative Services benefit from reliable electricity, superior customer service and leadership in the application of innovative energy solutions at fair and reasonable prices.

## **VALUES:**

We, the people (Board of Directors, Management and Employees) of People's Cooperative Services pledge to demonstrate the following values, beliefs, principles and standards of professional behavior as we fulfill the duties of our positions:

- Impeccable integrity and honesty in all that we do.
- Full and open accountability for all of our decisions and actions.
- Open and transparent communications with our members and employees.
- Cost-based pricing for services that reflect disciplined cost management.
- Respect for and responsiveness to the needs of each member while considering the impact of actions on other members.

- Leadership, innovation and vision in providing valuable energy solutions for our members.
- Dedicated stewardship in the management of all the resources entrusted to our care with sensitivity to the environment.
- Involvement with our communities in pursuit of prosperity and quality of life.
- Loyalty to the principles of cooperative ownership.
- Sincerity, trustworthiness and dependability in our passion to serve our members.

## **STATEMENT ON SAFETY:**

We shall foster a culture of safety within the organization by training and motivating our employees to recognize risk, safeguard themselves, protect others and promote safe work practices.

### **People's Cooperative Board of Directors**

*District 1 - Chair, Anthony J. Ebert • 288-1868*

*District 7, Vice-Chair, Sharon B. Hart • 533-4388*

*District 2, Sec/Treasurer, Kenneth E. Wohlers • 365-8816*

*District 3, Robert J. Hoefs • 843-2508*

*District 4, Eugene J. Miller • 534-2068*

*District 5, John F. Nintemann • 932-3421*

*District 6, L. Leo Lentz • 289-4424*

## **We Are A Changin' - Meter reading dates**

People's Cooperative Services (PCS) new Automated Meter Information (AMI) system allows the cooperative to read your meter from the office. What it means to you, our member, is that you no longer will need to read your electric meter.

### *How does AMI work?*

The new meters are equipped with special modules, which allow the meters to be read from PCS's office. A command to read the meters is

sent from a computer; the signal travels to the appropriate substation via radio where a unit is installed that allows the readings to be collected remotely. From the substation, the signal then goes to meters through the power lines. The readings are transmitted to the computer in reverse order.

Historically most accounts are billed for energy use from the 20<sup>th</sup> of one month to the 20<sup>th</sup> of the following month, with payment due the end of the month. Large commercial

accounts have been billed for energy use from the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup>. Over the next few months, we will be transitioning accounts by billing an extra day or two of usage so that by the summer billings will reflect use from the 1<sup>st</sup> through the end of each month. Payment will likely be due by the 25<sup>th</sup> rather than the end of the month. This change is being made to coincide with billings from our power supplier, Dairyland Power Cooperative. Six thousand four hundred twenty-eight.

# Sandra says “Good-Bye”, Teresa says “Hello”

“Retirement is the beginning of life, not the end.”



Employees come and go - but every once in a while there is an employee who makes a lasting impression and that employee is Sandra Erickson.

Sandra started employment with People’s in October of 1984 as the general manager’s secretary. In September of 2008 Sandra decided to retire from the cooperative and “follow her father’s footsteps” embarking on a new career as a business owner.

"It just kind of fell into my lap," said Erickson, meaning the timing was right.

As the cooperative said good-bye to one long-time employee, they also were gearing up to welcome a new employee, Teresa Whitcome.

Teresa joined People's Cooperative Services on February 2 as Human Resource Coordinator / Executive Assistant. She has a BA degree in Business Administration/Management, a Professional Human Resource (PHR) certificate and a Human Resources Generalist certificate.

Teresa will function in all HR responsibilities such as interviewing and hiring, orientation, benefits and compensation planning and administration, personnel files, worker's compensation, employment law and other related activities. In addition, she will fulfill the duties of the Executive Assistant.

In Teresa's spare time she enjoys spending time with friends & family and collecting antiques.



## 2009 Scholarships

Students are encouraged to contact their school guidance counselor or career center for scholarship applications. In 2009 People’s will be awarding over \$26,000 in scholarship funds to students for continuing education.

A separate scholarship program has also been established to encourage individuals to seek training as lineworkers. Students enrolled in or who plan to attend an approved regional lineworker training program are eligible to apply for a \$1,000 scholarship.

In order to apply for a scholarship, students must have a parent or guardian who is a member of People's Cooperative Services. Applications are available in March and April and can be picked up from your area high school guidance counselors. Students will turn in the applications to the guidance counselors. Students selected for the scholarships will receive payment after the student shows completion of one semester from an accredited college or vocational/technical school.

These scholarships are funded by unclaimed Capital Credits, in accordance with state law for unclaimed property. Fifteen thousand three hundred seventy-nine.



## Stay **COOL** this summer!



Members with central air conditioners can join our Cycled Central Air Conditioner Program and receive a one-time \$25 credit on your electric bill, plus a \$5 credit on your June, July, and August electric bills. Just fill out and return the insert you received in your bill or download the form at [www.peoplesrec.com](http://www.peoplesrec.com) and mail to the PCS office. *Open to new participants only.* Sixteen thousand eight hundred seventy-four.

# Your Cooperative - Meeting Electrical Demand, Protecting the Environment

By utilizing renewable forms of electrical generation we can help meet electrical demand and protect the environment. Our wholesale power supplier, Dairyland Power Cooperative, has a diverse and growing renewable generation portfolio that includes wind, hydro and waste-to-energy resources.

## CATCHING THE WIND

Probably the most well-known type of renewable energy is wind. Strong prairie winds turn giant turbine blades at wind farms in Minnesota and Iowa. Recently, Dairyland nearly doubled its investment in wind when it signed an agreement to purchase 20 megawatts (MW) from Iberdrola's Winnebago Wind project located near Thompson, Iowa. Enough wind energy is created from this wind farm to power approximately 5,000 homes.



Iberdrola's  
Winnebago Wind

power plant to be located in Cassville, Wisconsin. The facility, that will burn wood waste, is planned to come on-line in June 2010.

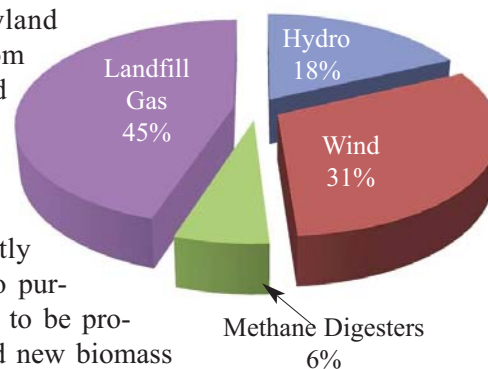
## EVERGREEN GREEN POWER PROGRAM

Evergreen is a renewable energy, "green power", program available from People's Cooperative for those who want to do more to support renewable energy and the environment. Your voluntary support of Evergreen helps Dairyland Power to increase their total renewable generation. Your purchase of one 100 kWh block of Evergreen for one year is the equivalent of:

- 2,449 lbs of CO2 avoided
- 2,400 miles not driven
- 1/3 acre of trees planted

To learn more about our renewable energy resources visit the Dairyland Power website at [www.dairyland.com](http://www.dairyland.com). Four hundred thirty-eight.

## RENEWABLE ENERGY MIX



hydro plant, Dairyland has made environmental enhancements to the lake area, including improving recreational resources, upgrading the boat landing and providing a handicap-accessible fishing area.

## LANDFILL GAS-TO-ENERGY

Dairyland provides renewable energy from three landfill gas-to-energy (LGE) facilities that are located in Wisconsin and Iowa. This innovative technology turns landfill gas created from decaying garbage into renewable energy. In total, these three facilities produce enough energy to power nearly 12,000 homes. In 2004, Dairyland received the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Landfill Methane Outreach Program's Energy Partner of the Year award for its Seven Mile Creek facility located near Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

## ANIMAL WASTE-TO-ENERGY

Methane digesters located on dairy farms like the one at the Norm-E-Lane Farm near Chili, Wisconsin utilize manure to generate "cow power". Methane gas digested from the manure of about 2,000 cows is burned in a 600 kW generator. Other beneficial products of manure digestion include dried solids that can be used for cow bedding or compost and a low-odor liquid used for fertilizer. Altogether, Dairyland purchases energy from five dairy farms located around Wisconsin.

## BIOMASS

Dairyland recently announced its intent to purchase all of the power to be produced from a proposed new biomass

Station since 1951. The plant is located on the Flambeau River near Ladysmith, Wisconsin. In addition to operating the



Flambeau  
Hydroelectric Station

# *It Takes a Cut Above — To Stay a Step Ahead*

*"A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in." -- Greek Proverb*

For millennia, trees have been appreciated for their shade, planted for their fruit, harvested for their wood and venerated by countless poets and philosophers.

Trees contribute to our health, beautify our neighborhoods, help regulate our atmosphere and can even reduce our electric bills, if carefully planned and planted.

However, trees can also cause headaches for their human neighbors. Their roots can damage foundations. They can topple in storms and destroy buildings. And, their high-reaching limbs can interfere with the reliable delivery of electricity to your home.

Stormy weather can blow tree limbs into distribution lines, causing outages, and even toppling the trunks entirely, breaking poles and creating hazards.

Limbs and leaves in contact with power lines can conduct electricity, creating a potentially dangerous condition for anyone who comes near. Tree-to-line contact also contributes to what electric system professionals



call "line loss." The term refers to electricity created at a generating plant that does not reach its destination, an inefficiency that increases costs for us and for you.

People's Cooperative Services has programs to keep trees under control while leaving them healthy and strong.

Crews and contractors who work for us to clear transmission rights-of-way are professionals trained to work around high-voltage lines safely and preserve the plants.

Cooperatives that keep their rights-of-way clear can demonstrate the benefits in reliability and savings to their members. One thousand nine.

National electric codes prescribe 10 or 20 feet of clearance between trees and power lines, depending on voltage. With thousands of miles of line to maintain and thousands of tree limbs to clear, crews might not get to the trees near your home or business every year. But right-of-way crews know how much and how often to trim trees to keep your electric system safe and reliable.

If you decide to plant a tree for you and future generations to enjoy, or to provide cooling shade for your home, you can help make our crews' tasks easier. Before turning over even a shovelful of dirt, look up for power lines. Think about the mature height of the tree you are planting. Don't plant trees that could eventually reach up and touch power lines.

And, please, if existing trees are close to the lines and need trimming, don't try to tackle the job yourself. Every year, amateur tree trimmers are hurt or killed when trying to clear limbs near power lines. Call the professionals at People's Cooperative Services.

## You Are Invited

**What:** A lecture entitled "Evaluating Our Nation's Energy Infrastructure: The electrical power grid and its impact on national security" by Dr. Massoud Amin, Director of the Center for the Development of Technological Leadership (CDTL). He is a nationally recognized expert in the North American electrical power network and since 9/11/2001 has been a leader in studying and evaluating the reliability and vulnerability of the network to potential terrorist attacks.

**When:** Wednesday, April 15, 2009, 7 p.m.

**Where:** Room 417, University Square; 111 S. Broadway, Rochester

**Cost:** Donation in any amount for UMR scholarships (tax deductible)

**RSVP's Appreciated:** By April 13, 2009 to Marie Maher, (507) 285-7120 or maher012@umn.edu

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Further information about S. Massoud Amin, D.Sc.:

- Honeywell/H.W. Sweatt Chair in Technological Leadership
- Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering
- University Distinguished Teaching Professor



# Appliance Shopping With the EnergyGuide Label

If you've shopped for appliances, you've seen the bright yellow EnergyGuide label. Recently revised so it's easier to use, the label tells you how much energy an appliance uses. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the nation's consumer protection agency, wants you to know that the EnergyGuide label can help you compare the energy use of different models as you shop for an appliance. The more energy efficient an appliance is, the less it

costs to run, and the lower your utility bills. Using less energy is good for the environment, too; it can reduce air pollution and help conserve natural resources.

So, where do you begin? Start by getting to know the EnergyGuide label — the sample below explains how to use the label as you shop.

**U.S. Government** Federal law prohibits removal of this label before consumer purchase.

# ENERGYGUIDE

Refrigerator-Freezer  
 • Automatic Defrost  
 • Side-Mounted Freezer  
 • Through-the-Door Ice

XYZ Corporation  
 Model ABC-L  
 Capacity: 23 Cubic Feet

**Estimated Yearly Operating Cost**

**\$67**

\$57 ————— \$74  
 Cost Range of Similar Models

**630 kWh**  
 Estimated Yearly Electricity Use

Your cost will depend on your utility rates and use.

- Cost range based only on models of similar capacity with automatic defrost, side-mounted freezer, and through-the-door ice.
- Estimated operating cost based on a 2007 national average electricity cost of 10.65 cents per kWh.
- For more information, visit [www.ftc.gov/appliances](http://www.ftc.gov/appliances).

**ENERGY STAR**

**Callout 1:** Lists key features of the appliance you're looking at and the similar models that make up the cost range below.

**Callout 2:** The maker, model, and size tell you exactly what product this label describes.

**Callout 3:** What you might pay to run the appliance for a year, based on its electricity use and the national average cost of energy. The cost appears on labels for all models and brands, so you can compare energy use just like you would price or other features.

**Callout 4:** The cost range helps you compare the energy use of different models by showing you the range of operating costs for models with similar features.

**Callout 5:** An estimate of how much electricity the appliance uses in a year based on typical use. Multiply this by PCS rates on your utility bill to better judge what your actual operating cost might be.

**Callout 6:** If you see the ENERGY STAR logo, it means the product is better for the environment because it uses less energy than standard models.

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All area codes 507 unless noted.

# NO ADS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE APRIL SPECIAL EDITION ISSUE.

## MISC. ITEMS

ANTIQUE player organ; Sewing machine; Table & chairs. 289-8720.

PEERLESS tub/shower faucet, antique brass, one handle unit, new still in box, \$50. 289-4876.

ANTIQUE wall phone, \$175/obo; Small oak coffee table w/fold-up sides, \$25. 280-6684.

AUTHENTIC bee hive on small branch, unique decoration, \$25. 932-4291.

KNITTING machine accessories-transfer carriage, linker, garter bar, intarsia carriage and more. 533-8472.

PROM dresses- Sizes ranging 3-8, excellent condition. All are dry cleaned. Various colors & styles. 281-4752.

HP Deskjet 940C printer (son in masters program and laptop not compatible), \$50/obo. 534-2866.

CORN boiler, 100K BTU, 144 bushel grain bin, corn screener, \$5,500, all works great. 269-3585.

KODAK EasyShare 4.0 megapixel camera & printer dock, \$100 for both. 398-7769.

ANTIQUE Iron pitcher pump, \$50; Patchwork quilt (1940's), \$50; Trailer tire rim, \$5. 753-2400.

CRICUT machine, excellent condition w/one cartridge, \$80. 285-9445.

LOG siding- 2x6, .63¢ LF, 2x8, .85¢ LF. Contact JC 951-0379.

Concrete misc, blankets, mixers, tamper bull-floats, saws, boards; 1968 Chevelle, all redone, true SS. 421-4842.

WESLO Cadence LX25 treadmill, digital readout, heart monitor, users manual. Make offer. 367-2130.

GITAR, case, Seagull artist studio I-Beam Fender acoustic 30 amp. Excellent condition, \$600 firm. 365-8402.

PROM Dresses- size 6. (1) Teal/blue w/beaded top, \$150, (1) White w/colorful beading \$70; 2001 Artic Cat 440Z, \$1,250. 477-3809.

TUB/SHOWER seat; (2) Walkers; End tables; Chairs; Lamps; Rocking chair. Good condition, best offer. 282-2463.

AQUA-VU-Underwater viewing camera, excellent condition, used twice, w/case, \$275. 288-4940.

(2) PROM dresses- (1) small white strapless, (1) Xsmall lime w/train, hand sewn. 727-3117.

OAK firewood, \$140/load, Rochester & around; WANTED: Riding mowers, misc. 273-7960/289-8281.

OAK, maple wood- Blocked, not split. You haul, \$70 pickup load, easy access. 289-6060.

FIREWOOD- Split & not split, oak/mixed wood. \$100 pickup load. 250-5047.

## HOUSEHOLD

19" COLOR TV w/remote, cable ready; (4) White patio chairs. 282-5542 evenings.

FRIGIDAIRE electric clothes dryer, newer elements, \$45. 876-2045.

MATCHING couch, loveseat, wing-back chair, ivory w/blue mauve floral. Excellent condition, \$500/obo. 534-2987.

SOFA, like new. Home has no pets or smoking. Must sell. 545-2776 evenings.

SOLID oak cabinet, custom made, 77"x32"x24"d, four raised panel doors, \$250; Utility tub w/faucets, \$20. 828-5656.

28" TV; Oak entertainment center; Computer desk; Rocker recliner. 289-6371.

## VEHICLES

1954 CHEVY Belair, 4 door, 2-tone,. Parts or project car. Rust but complete. Best offer. 534-3579.

1991 TOYOTA Corolla, runs good, doesn't burn oil, some body issues, 198K miles, \$250. 288-6049.

1992 CADILLAC Coupe DeVille, white, good engine, runs great, new tires/battery, 115K miles, \$2,900. 273-6619.

1994 PONTIAC Grand Am,V6, auto, very good condition, 149K miles; Small square hay bales, 533-6627.

2000 CHEVY Cavalier, 124K miles, \$2,900/obo; 1992 DODGE Caravan, 148K miles, 3.3/V6, new tires, \$700. 226-2225.

2000 Saturn, gray, 4-door, 4-cyl, excellent condition, 83K miles, \$4,300. 251-6095.

1953 FORD Golden Jubilee, Hy-low, power steering; 1952 FORD 8N, new paint/tires, excellent. 289-2904/259-5117.

1985 GMC K15 pickup, 4" lift, extra parts, \$1,500. 696-5789/754-4576.

1985 FORD Bronco, fullsize 4x4, 150K miles, new tires, runs great, \$850/obo. 273-4944.

1989 CHEVY Silverado K1500, 115K miles, 4x4, ext-cab, long-bed w/liner, topper, load springs, 350 automatic, runs great, \$2,400. 533-1928.

TWO each- Chevy 1/2 ton pickups. 1991 Stepside, 350 auto; 1993 ext-cab, 350 5-speed. 202-3613.

1992 CHEVY 3/4 ton ext-cab, long-box pickup, rebuilt tranny & motor, good tires, \$2,500/obo. 951-9545.

1992 FORD Explorer Sport, 4.0, push button 4-wheel drive, 130K miles, good tires, \$600. 282-6619.

1997 CHEVY Suburban 4x4, loaded, 110K miles; 2001 Chevy Suburban 4x4, loaded, excellent condition, 84K miles. 288-1433.

1999 S10 4x4 pickup, 4.3/V6, shortbox, runs great, cruise, LS, good mileage. 767-2248.

2003 YUKON, fully equipped, 5L, 33K miles, one owner, safe, comfortable, \$14,900. 289-3698.

RUNNING boards from 2006 Dodge pickup, used 3 months, \$150. 288-6363.

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

BUG deflector for 2005-2007 Chevy pickup, clear color, new in box, \$40. 356-8061.

AGRI-ACCESS roll-up cover for 6.5' Ford box, like new, \$150; Heathrider exercise bike, new in box, \$150. 289-7848.

## FARM

BLADDER pressure tank, 25 gallon, \$50; 3/4 HP Meyer deep well pump, \$100. 365-8682.

SMALL hay bales- alfalfa, \$3.00 each. 477-2191.

HAY- Round bales alfalfa, stored inside, no rain, 5x5. 651-764-4415.

(2) STEEL round corn cribs, 650 bu each. You tear down, \$100 each. 534-2758.

2006 S&S Cattle Bumper trailer, 6x16, used 3 times, excellent condition, \$3,650/obo. 876-2779.

NEW Idea 4865 round baler, 5x6 bale, 1,000 bales, twine-tie w/electric monitor, excellent, \$16,500/obo. 876-2779.

ROLLERMILL (Ringmasters) small, electric, grinds corn, oats, perfect for horses, calves, excellent condition. 282-1534/282-1615.

BELLY Mower for B Farmall, \$900. 867-4825.

IHC 300 utility tractor, power steering, front-end loader, full hydraulic rear blade, \$4,000. 753-2819.

YEAR-A-ROUND 550 seed wagon, 16' hydraulic roll tarp, two compartments, very nice; JD300 monitor; Planter parts. 250-0452.

## Locate your account number for \$30!

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 5th of the month after receiving your newsletter and you will receive a \$30 credit on your electric bill.



We had two winners from the February issue. Be sure to check for your account number now!

CASE grain drill w/grass seed attachment, 10" rubber tires, original owner, excellent condition, \$1,200 firm. 753-7463.

HAY- Small bales, 1st and 2nd crop, \$4 each. 356-4911.

1974 CHEVY C65 grain truck, 366 engine, 4-2 transmission, 16' box & hoist, 25.5K actual miles. 798-2382.

WAGON w/flare box & hoist. 365-8128.

FARMALL 400 tractor, power steering, newer paint, \$1,900; FARMALL M tractor, 12V, \$1,300. 202-9026.

LARGE round bales of cornstalks, net-wrapped. 534-2219.

## SHOP/YARD

LAWN Roller, AgriFab, 18" diameter, 24" long, \$60 (half new price). 288-1311.

DAHLIA bulbs- Wide selection of colors/sizes; Cedar garden quotes, custom orders welcome. 252-8529.

BATTERY charger, 24 volt, solid state, self-regulating, model 11350 Everest Jennings. 282-3634.

WOOD yard shed, 14'x16', center dividing wall, door on each end. 421-4246.

MCCULLOCH chainsaw, model #250, (2) extra chains, \$150; Jacobson snowblower, \$150. 251-2481.

RECONDITIONED snowblowers, chainsaws, lawn mowers & riders, \$40-\$250. 282-5921.

ONE Cubic yard dumpster, good shape; 6-Ton gravity box, best offer. 545-2712.

TREES- Evergreens, shade trees, arbutus, birch, sugar maple. Landscape, custom planting, relocating. 767-2296.

JD260 17 HP 48" mower, runs good, \$900; SERVICES: Garden tilling. 259-7093.

(2) 5 HP electric motors, single-phase, \$300 each; Fireproof steel safe, 24"x24"x36", \$275. 798-2335. RLP 155,000 Reddy heater, propane heater. 876-2165.

## HOMES/LAND

CORNER lot, 110'x140', country view, fits walkout rambler, \$36,500. St. Charles. 545-2350/261-6633 after 6 pm.

2000 28x56 DOUBLEWIDE, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, all appliances included. Priced to sell, \$38,000. 357-2316.

10 ACRE approved building site, mature windbreak, 9 miles SE of Rochester, \$194,000/obo. 545-2662/876-2208.

38 ACRE building site, newer well, septic, 40x40 shop, 1984 mobilehome, 7 miles north of Rochester, \$399,000. 273-5503.

10 PRIVATE acres, 4 bdrm home, barn, sheds, \$369,900. See fsbo.com55944,kasson. 507-259-0742.

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

## Protecting What Matters Most



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water level sensor  
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Heartland Security Services, owned by PCS along with twelve other cooperatives offers security systems to residents of southeastern Minnesota. If you think security systems are just to keep burglars out, think again. Security systems fit with special sensors can help detect smoke, water, and temperature changes within your home.

As a member of PCS you can receive a 10% discount on Heartland Security systems and monthly monitoring!

## RECREATIONAL

2006 HONDA CRF 150cc, 3 hrs on bike, perfect condition, wife rode, \$2,200/obo. 533-6779.

2006 INT-1 enclosed trailer, ramp door, side door, V-front, excellent condition, ladder racks, white. 259-7668.

1988 GOLDWING, 2-tone gold, 24K actual miles, great condition, new battery, carb just cleaned, \$6,900. 282-6647.

2001 YAMAHA YZ125 w/riding gear. All in good shape, \$2,500. Adam 951-6158.

2003 18' TRACKER Nitro 188 Sport W/Merc, 150 HP, 24V troll, fish/ski, trailer, loaded w/opt, excellent shape, \$13,500. 252-1223.

ISLAND View Resort, Wahkon Bay, Mille Lacs. Cabins starting at \$495 per week. 320-495-3532/www.ivrmillelacs.com.

1999 POP-UP Coleman Taos camper, sleeps 6, central AC, heat, stove, \$3,000. 289-3076.

ALUMACRAFT T14S fishing boat, bench seats, 725# capacity, 20 HP motor rating. Like new, \$700. 282-9047.

GAS Caddie, 25 gallon, portable w/wheels, used once, \$100. 753-2292.

## FOR RENT

COUNTRY home near Ryan's Bay, 3 bdrm, stucco, 1.5 bath, 2 decks, 2 car garage, tile/carpet floor. 753-2425.

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

OFFICES, 200-1,250; Retailers, 600-6,000; Garage, 1,600. Prime location, S. Broadway, Rochester. Reasonable lease. 281-4843.

3 BDRM w/garage, utilities paid, NE Rochester duplex. 534-2731.

HOME Share- 3 bdrms available, \$300 each. Everything included, internet, garage, etc. 20 minutes to Wabasha/Winona/Plainview. 767-4525.

GARDEN plots for 2009. Big or small, reserve yours early. Approx 20 minutes NW of Rochester. 635-5469 for information.

## FREE

FABRIC pieces to make crazy quilts. 477-2156.

19" RCA TV, good condition. 545-2304.

OLDER model refrigerator, works good. Ideal for shop or garage. You haul. 289-7236.

SUNWAVE hottub, seats 8. Mechanics don't work, you haul. 421-0254.

KINDLING- Kiln dried, you haul. 288-0671.

## WANTED

I collect double barrel shotguns (including damascus) and quality .22s. Jim 282-2679.

1962 & 1963 Chatfield High School Yearbooks. 533-6523.

COFFEE table, cheap or free. Decent size, good condition. Will pick up. 273-7163.

CHICKEN Coop & chicken waterers and feeders. 252-8666.

CHEAP firewood, must be split. I will haul. 367-4658.

FIELD stones for flower bed. Will pick up. 867-0128.

CARS, iron, copper, batteries, inner tubes, scrap alum, cans. For recycling. 378-4332.

LOOKING for electric hospital bed. My adult foster care home needs one for elderly person. 365-8952.

LOOKING for used guitar for disabled person. 252-1090.

VOLUNTEERS Needed- Have fun working w/people & horses at RideAbility (equine assisted activities for persons w/disabilities). Christina 330-1359.

33 1/3 and 45 records; Nice working condition console stereos. 867-4868. SCRAP cars for recycling or repair. Cash paid. 272-9149.

MANURE spreader in working order. 867-9169.

WANTED free childs Jungle gym, swing set or tree swing. 534-2632.

HUMIDAIRE model 20 incubator or similar. 932-5146.

TOW bar for RV; 6' 3-point Radke; 6' or 7' 3-point disc. 273-9180/876-1157.

BINGO Players- All ages! April 19, 5 pm. St. Paul Lutheran, Chatfield. Lunch served, great prizes. 867-3583.

## MISC SERVICES

SPRING Cleaning Time! Ultrasonic cleaning of all types of blinds. Free estimates. 867-4022.

BERG'S Antiques, 46 years, April 6. Uptown Oronoco. 9-5 Tues-Saturday. Parts! 367-4413.

COMMERCIAL & Residential cleaning. Insured, experienced, reasonable. Limited openings. Phantom Runner, Liz 696-7660.

TREE removal, stump grinding, bushes. Mike Logan 288-8287.

CUSTOM quilts. Baby, birthday, anniversary, memory, traditional; Will machine stipple your quilts. Reasonable. 287-6885.

SCHOENMANN Boat Works- Fiberglass/alum repair. Floor, carpet, transom replacement. Prop skeg repair, parts. 281-0110.

ENGEL Painting- Residential, commercial. Interior, exterior, painting, staining, faux finish. Powerwash decks. Insured since 1958. 258-1962.

WILL do yard work, cleaning gutters or any handyman job needed. Senior citizen friendly. 876-2855.

MAX Ferguson Building & Remodeling- Additions, kitchens, doors, windows, decks, finish basements. Licensed & insured. 867-1690.

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

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

ARTISTIC Brick, Block, Stone, & Rock. A 3rd generation mason w/40 years skillful personalized masonry experiences. 250-0448/www.LarryAnelson.com.

NEED a new home, addition, kitchen, bath or any remodeling needs? Contact Jim 282-8483.

UPHOLSTERY- Marine, auto, RV, seats, carpet, cushions, canvas repair, rotted wood replacement. 15 years experience. 280-0083.

NOW Open! Chad's Auto Garage. Your finish line to complete auto repair. 288-4793/421-0357.

BLACKTOPPING- Residential and any repairs; Backhoe service. 282-4378.

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

CUSTOM lumber sawing. Selling lumber, plank, blocking, mulch, sawdust; WANTED: Fence posts. 273-6751.

JULIA'S-SKIN-CARE- Facial rejuvenation, deep massage, ear candling, body foot detox. 281-2872.  
EMPOWER C.T.C. Rochester. Chemicals, mental health, DUI classes & assessments. Day/evening, outpatient treatment. 292-1379/800-585-6002.

PARTY Time- Live music. Four-Five piece band. Country, 50-60's, contemporary, gospel. Reasonable rates. 285-0751.

EXCAVATION- Site preps, basements, septic system installation, bobcat, dozer, backhoe work. DeCook Excavating 208-2068.  
CLOSEOUT on pellet and corn stoves. Dano's 282-7223.

DECKS, additions, finished basements, remodeling and general contracting. Licensed & insured contractor. Cory 358-7084.

SEXTON Drywall- We finish the jobs you've started. Hanging, taping, spray ceiling, basements, additions and houses. 251-3001/533-4150.

TREE Trimming and/or removal. Blocked firewood. Snowplowing. Reasonable rates and fully insured. 259-4367.

DRYWALL, texture, painting, patch. Jobs done quick. Knockdown Sully's Drywall. 282-4172. Demo also.

PC Tech Support- Repairs, upgrades, networks and virus removal on site. Microsoft & Comp TIA certified. 281-2455.

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

THEEL Sandblasting, Painting, Body Shop Repair. Steel/alum welding. 282-2887.

FERTILIZING, weed control, core aeration, mowing, shrub trimming, edging. Licensed/insured. Complete Property Maintenance. 208-2778.

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

VIDEO transfer and editing. Transfer video tapes to DVDs while you still can. 272-5385.

SEWING, alterations. Bridal included. Over 25 years experience. 533-8470.

CLEANING Service w/over 10 years experience. References available, reasonable rates. Customer satisfaction #1. 867-3114.

CLOCK Service- Grandfather, mantel, wall and antique. 20+ years experience. House calls available. Guy Hostetter 288-8031.

## COLD WEATHER RULE ENDS APRIL 15, 2009

### Area Energy Assistance Providers

Assistance with energy bills is provided by the following agencies. You are encouraged to contact the agency serving your area for more information.

**Dodge County Human Services**  
(507) 374-6401

**Rochester Salvation Army**  
(507) 288-3663

**Fillmore County Social Services- Preston**  
(507) 765-2761

**Three Rivers Community Action, Inc.**  
Zumbrota (507) 732-7391  
Wabasha Toll Free (800) 277-8418

**Mower County Social Services - Austin**  
(507) 433-5889

**Olmsted County Energy Assistance/Community Services/Income Maintenance**  
(507) 328-6500 / ON LINE: [www.co.olmsted.mn.us](http://www.co.olmsted.mn.us)



**Winona County Human Resources**  
(507) 452-8396

SEMCA (507) 864-7741  
Toll Free (800) 944-3281

& search for Energy Assistance  
Application Request Line (507) 328-6508

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

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GED preparation on-line for free. Contact Hawthorne Education Center 287-1475/[www.RochesterGED@gmail.com](http://www.RochesterGED@gmail.com).

B&B Towing- 24 hour emergency road service. We are 10% lower than other companies. 316-0778.

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

MASTER Builders- Specializing in major remodeling, additions, kitchens. High quality, exceptional service. 280-8856/[www.masterbuildersmn.com](http://www.masterbuildersmn.com).

CARLSON well submersible pumps, holding tanks, waterlines, hydrants, upgrades, check on well drilling prices. 254-7816.

### ANIMALS

REG. Polled Hereford bulls. High quality yearling & two year old. 282-8034.

SIMMENTAL Angus bulls, A1 sired, good disposition, all home raised, value based pricing, balanced EPA's. 545-2157.

HORSE Boarding- Quality Care. Pastures, shelters, box stalls, turnouts, arenas, round pen, etc. 536-3852.

HORSE Boarding- Our 15th Year. Indoor/outdoor arenas, \$185 and up. 867-3661/[www.rivernorthstables.com](http://www.rivernorthstables.com).

NEW 16" saddle basket weave, high back seat, brown/white, \$290; Simco 16" green seat, \$290. 545-2048.

## Energy Efficiency Tip



### Washers & Dryers

About 90% of the energy consumed for washing clothes is due to heating the water. Switching your temperature setting from hot to warm can cut energy use in half for washing one load. Using the cold cycle reduces energy use even more.

Clothes washers use relatively the same amount of energy regardless of the size of the laundry load, so run full loads whenever possible.

If your clothes washer has spin options, choose a high spin speed to decrease the amount of time it takes to dry your clothes.

Dry towels and heavier cottons in a separate load from lighter weight clothes.

Clean the lint filter in the dryer after every load to improve air circulation.

Don't over-dry your clothes. If your dryer has a moisture sensor, use it to conserve energy.

Periodically inspect your dryer vent to ensure it is not blocked. This will save energy and may prevent a fire.



Call 48 Hours  
Before You Dig -  
**IT'S THE LAW...  
AND IT'S FREE!**

**1-800-  
252-1166**

## Call Gopher State One Call before you dig this spring!

**Call two full business days before you dig.** You may be planning a summer project now, such as building a deck or planting trees or shrubs. They're great summertime projects, but your rural electric cooperative urges you to be careful. Many sites are on top of underground utility lines. Cutting an underground cable or pipeline can be very dangerous and costly, so call Gopher State One Call before you dig. It's the law!

utility lines in Minnesota. After you call Gopher State, they notify underground utility operators with facilities in the area. Each utility dispatches locators to mark where their underground cables and pipelines are located.

But all of this activity takes time, so be sure to call Gopher State One Call at 1-800-252-1166 at least 48 hours before you dig, excluding weekends, holidays and emergencies. Calls are taken between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Gopher State One Call is the clearinghouse to determine the location of all underground

### Prepare before you call

Gopher State One Call (GSOC) will ask specific questions. Visit [www.gopherstateonecall.org](http://www.gopherstateonecall.org) for more information before you call.

1. What is your name, address and phone number?
2. What type of work will you be doing? (i.e. planting a tree, installing a fence)
3. What is the dig location's address, city, county and nearest intersecting street? (also legal description including township, range, section and quarter section coordinates)
4. At the dig location, where will you be digging? (i.e. east side of house, within 5-ft. radius of white stake)
5. When will you be digging? (i.e. three days, next week)

### How the prevention process works

1. Mark the digging area with white stakes or white spray paint.
2. Call the GSOC two business days before digging. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
3. If you hire a professional excavator, they are responsible for contacting GSOC.
4. Hand dig carefully within two feet on either side of the utility markings.
5. Report any and all damages to the affected utility immediately. All damages, including nicks in cables and dents in steel, can and will eventually cause the facility to fail.

**1-800-252-1166**



**Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.**

One easy cell phone call to 811 starts the process to get your underground utility lines marked for free.

When you call 811 from anywhere in the country, your call will be routed to your local One Call Center. Local One Call Center operators will ask you for the location of your digging job and route your call to affected utility companies. Your utility companies will then send a professional locator to your location and mark your lines within a few days. Once your underground lines have been marked, you will know the approximate location of your utility lines and can dig safely, because knowing what's below protects you and your family.



## - Action Committee for Rural Electrification

As a cooperative member you recognize that balancing electricity needs and environmental goals are becoming difficult. You want to know how much this is going to increase my electric bill and what are our nation's elected officials doing to ensure that electricity remains affordable.

As a member-owned electric cooperative, we have a responsibility to provide elected officials with the information they need to make good decisions and effective policy. You can help make sure these important lines of communication stay open by supporting ACRE - Co-op Owners for Political Action. ACRE focuses on the future of cooperatively owned and controlled

electric utilities. Your decision to participate in the political process through ACRE will help ensure that your voice is heard when important policy decisions are being made.

Won't you join your fellow electric cooperative member-owners in supporting ACRE? For your ACRE membership of only \$2.08 per month, ACRE brings together rural voices to support those legislators who fight for electric cooperatives. Think about what this very modest contribution can mean in the long-term to the reliability and affordability of electricity, and in turn, on our economy.

### ACRE® Sign Up Form

I recognize that the stakes are high. Count me in as a member of **ACRE®**  
- Co-op Owners for Political Action!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Account Number \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



- Please apply \$2.08 to my monthly electric bill for **ACRE**.
- I have enclosed my \$25 donation payable to **ACRE**.

Return this form to: People's Cooperative Services, Attention: Marlys, PO Box 339, Rochester, MN 55903-0339