

Highline Hi-Lites

Dairyland Announces DTE Stoneman Biomass Power Plant Online




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People's Cooperative Services

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

Member Owned - Service Driven

C. E. O. Message

One of the hardest tasks I face each month is writing this article. I am always unsure what you are interested in reading about. What's the most important message you, our members, need to hear? Usually something that occurs during the month triggers an idea for this article. Well, it's November 7 and that trigger event occurred yesterday.

My husband and I returned to South Dakota State University (SDSU), our college alma mater. We returned for a very special event. My husband, Jerome, received the 2010 Ralph Ginn Award for Coaching Excellence. One graduate of SDSU has received this award each year since 1972 so he is among an elite group and very good company. We enjoyed an emotional banquet, an exciting football game, and a great day with our family and friends. While proudly observing my husband's face while he listened to the many wonderful comments from fellow coaches, friends, former students, and family, I was reminded how important it is to recognize the talents and time commitments that people make during their lifetime.

So, this month, I am going to use this column to recognize the employees of the cooperative. I am going to cite only a few examples of outstanding performance, but please realize that the success of the cooperative is due to every single employee! And, they have all contributed --- every day by providing quality work for you, our members.

- Jeff Allen, new to his position, completed the Management Internship Program, a six-week intensive training program, while also working to complete his bachelor's degree and working full time as our Director of Operations.
- Kevin McDermott, one of our line workers who not only works full time but is also available for the many after-hours emergency calls, has served as a council person on the Oronoco City Council and was recently elected as mayor.
- Tara Stockman, our payroll accountant, also serves on the Stewartville school board, which we all know is a significant challenge in today's environment.
- Russ Halgerson, Mark Hallum and Nate Cliff stepped up to take a lead in stray voltage investigations. They participated in special training sessions. They investigated and resolved several stray voltage concerns.
- Gary Koehne, recently promoted to a lead line worker position, has worked diligently this past year in raising the standards for substation maintenance.
- Blake Overland has completed his third year in the Dennis Merchant Apprenticeship Training program. This program insures that our line workers have the highest level of training available in their field of expertise. This program of study is completed on their own time, not during paid time.
- Carla Leslie, one of our member service representatives, stepped forward to train new employees and to fill in for other employees on maternity and health leave while at the same time planning an important personal event --- her wedding! Her co-workers provided the same support for her when she took an extended leave.
- Dave Patterson, in addition to the long hours he works to insure all of our communications systems are working and secure, has spearheaded our efforts in document imaging moving the cooperative into the digital age.
- Every employee contributed during the five summer storms that we experienced when we had significant numbers of members out of service.

Those are examples of people who have done and are doing exceptional work. Much of what they are accomplishing is in addition to their normal work each day. And, we all know that many acts go unrecognized or unnoticed; the only people who are aware of them are the individuals who have "gone the extra mile". So, please let me share with you some of the projects we have completed so far this year

(through October). The volume of projects and activities should tell you that we have some great contributors working at your Cooperative.

- We cleared right-of-way throughout the entire Zumbro substation area plus we cleared a substantial number of hot-spots. This helps prevent outages and blinks when we have high winds, heavy snow or ice.
- We completed the construction of the Oak Park substation located near the I-90 Interchange by Marion and completed major maintenance work on seven other substations.
- We constructed 20 miles of new distribution line and are still working on transmission line replacement with close to 50% of our total transmission system having been rebuilt in the last 5 years.
- We replaced 724 poles throughout our system to insure system reliability.
- We have inventoried 18 of 25 substations service areas to develop a Geographical Information System (GIS) data base of our entire transmission and distribution system.
- We have transitioned 2,765 members to use the automated clearing house (ACH) to pay their bills and 1,225 to using a credit card. These methods of payment are both less expensive than payment by check.
- We completed a major upgrade to our accounting and billing software.
- We successfully applied for and received a \$40 million dollar loan from RUS for our construction projects over the next four years.
- We are about 50% completed with a project to transition from paper filing to electronic filing.
- We processed more than 2,590 incentives and rebates to members.
- We sold a lot in our Elgin Industrial Park and processed an economic development loan to help a new business start-up in our service area.
- We returned over \$90,000 to non-profit organizations throughout our service area through our Operation Round Up® Program.
- We retired over \$615,000 in capital credits to our current and past members.
- We are working with a company to construct a solar generating plant and with members who are installing under 40 KW wind generators.
- On an unfortunate note, we were required to complete 19 construction projects in order to allow Rochester Public Utilities to acquire about 1300 of our members in November or December of this year.

All of these projects take a considerable amount of time and effort. October was Cooperative Month. I am personally making November Employee Month by giving my sincere thanks to the 53 employees of the Cooperative who make us a great organization and who daily provide you with a valuable service --- bringing electricity to your home.

I am proud of my husband, proud of the people I work with and proud to serve you! I wish you all a very wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. May you enjoy this special day with your family and friends recognizing all that we have to be thankful for.



President & CEO
Elaine Garry

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

UPDATE - New Headquarters



Rendering of new People's Cooperative Services building.

Detail design discussions continue for the interior office spaces of the main office. Each room will be analyzed relative to its intended use, utilities requirements, furnishings, and fixtures. We intend to utilize as much of the current office furniture as possible.

As work at the site winds down for the winter, we will continue our focus on the interior design of the building while working to prepare construction ready documents for the next phase of the project.

The October rain set back construction of the northeast retention pond by a few days. We expect the construction of the ponds and the site grading to be completed by late November.

Shafer Construction has been awarded the frontage road construction contract from MNDOT. Construction is due to begin next spring. In the meantime, a temporary access road will be built to allow access to the construction site. Three thousand eight hundred seventy-four.



November 3, 2010 - East retention pond construction near Highway 52.

Member Advisory Committee



People's Cooperative Services Member Advisory Committee had their first meeting on Monday, November 1, 2010.

The committee, consisting of 21 members (three from each district), will meet three to four times per year to review and offer feedback to the Board of Directors and Cooperative management on various cooperative programs, projects and issues.

Your Board of Directors

District 1	Anthony J. Ebert	288.1868
District 2	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
District 7	Sharon B. Hart	533.4388

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 Advisory Committee representatives are:

<u>District 1</u>		Term Limit
Lenny Laures	Rochester	1
Josh Noser	Rochester	2
Paul Pyfferoen	Byron	3
<u>District 2</u>		
Don Leth	Mantorville	2
Wayne McColley	Dodge Center	1
Kurt Orning	Hayfield	3
<u>District 3</u>		
Judy Larsen	Oronoco	3
James McKeon	Mazeppa	2
Neil Stolp	Oronoco	1
<u>District 4</u>		
Pete Hampe	Theilman	2
Suzanne Kennebeck	Elgin	3
Steve McNallan	Kellogg	1
<u>District 5</u>		
Don Andring	St. Charles	3
Randy Chapman	Eyota	1
Dale Hinkley	Chatfield	2
<u>District 6</u>		
Arthur Friedrich	Rochester	3
Joe Guyse	Rochester	2
Nathan Redalen	Rochester	1
<u>District 7</u>		
Robert Kuhlman	Racine	2
Lori Miller-Beach	Stewartville	3
Jeff Orth	Rochester	1

NEW Biomass Power Plant Online

Renewable energy will power 28,000 homes in Dairyland Power system



The “new” Stoneman Station biomass plant looks much the same as its coal-burning predecessor from the exterior, with the exception of piles of wood instead of piles of coal awaiting the incinerator.

The E.J. Stoneman Station biomass power plant, owned and operated by DTE Energy Services (Ann Arbor, Michigan), is delivering power. Dairyland Power Cooperative (La Crosse, Wisconsin) is purchasing the entire 40 megawatt (MW) output of the renewable energy facility to help serve the energy needs of its member cooperative consumers.

“DTE Energy Services is proud to be able to give the Stoneman plant new life as a generator of renewable energy,” said David Ruud, President, DTE Energy Services. “We also are pleased that the plant will provide employment for 32 members of the Cassville community and support the local economy through our relationships with fuel suppliers and other local businesses.”

Renewable energy at the Stoneman Station is produced through the burning of various types of wood waste (biomass), including green wood residue from forestry and tree trimming operations, railroad ties, demolition waste and sawdust.

Biomass that can be used to create electricity includes a wide range of materials. There are five basic categories of biomass materials:

- Virgin wood, from forestry, arboricultural activities or from wood processing
- Energy crops: high yield crops grown specifically for energy applications
- Agricultural residues: residues from agriculture harvesting or processing
- Food waste, from food and drink manufacture, preparation and processing, and post-consumer waste
- Industrial waste and co-products from manufacturing and industrial processes.

The Stoneman Station, located in Cassville, Wisconsin, has a unique history. Formerly a coal-fired power plant owned and brought into service by Dairyland in 1951, Dairyland sold it in the 1990s. Current owner DTE Energy Services has now resurrected the Stoneman Station as a biomass facility, selling the renewable energy back to its original owner.

“We are pleased to see this major renewable energy resource come online for our cooperative membership. Our ‘green’ partnership with DTE Energy Services will supply the energy needs to power 28,000 homes across our system by utilizing a natural resource—wood waste—as fuel,” said Dale Pohlman, Dairyland Vice President, Strategic Planning.

DTE Energy Services, headquartered in Ann Arbor, Michigan, acquires, develops, builds, owns and operates projects for large, energy-intensive industrial customers. The company is a subsidiary of DTE Energy (NYSE:DTE), a diversified energy company involved in the development and management of energy related businesses and services nationwide. Information about DTE Energy Services is available at www.dtees.com.

With headquarters in La Crosse, Wisconsin, Dairyland provides wholesale electricity to 25 member distribution cooperatives and 16 municipal utilities. A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative, Dairyland’s service area encompasses 62 counties in four states (Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois). Dairyland’s generation resources include coal, natural gas, hydro, wind, solar, landfill gas and animal waste.

For more information, please visit www.dairynet.com.



Renewable energy at the Stoneman Station is produced through the burning of various types of wood waste (biomass). Wood waste reused as fuel for renewable energy includes “greenwood” (fresh wood cut from forestry operations), railroad ties, demolition waste and sawdust.

Third Quarter Operation Round Up® Recipients

Our Operation Round Up® (ORU) program has helped hundreds of people in our area meet all kinds of community challenges.

The program is funded by People's Cooperative Services (PCS) members who have agreed to have their monthly statements rounded up to the nearest dollar. About 13,236 accounts currently participate with donations averaging \$6 a year per member. It truly shows that small change can make a difference.

The ORU trust board operates independently of the Cooperative's board of directors and evaluates funding requests which are distributed on a quarterly basis. The trust board of directors is comprised of PCS members selected from each of the Cooperative's voting districts, one representative from each district.

Cooperative members currently serving on the ORU trust board are: Joan Rose, District 1; Bettie Becvar, District 2; Alvin Grossbach, District 3; Kathleen McFarland, District 4; Kathy Sveen, District 5; Ruth Earley, District 6; Susan Churchill, District 7.



Kathleen McFarland has joined the ORU® trust board, representing District 4.

The program has awarded \$215,971 to 137 local charitable causes since its inception in September 2002.

The quarterly meeting of the Operation Round Up® board of directors was held on October 21, 2010. Donations totaling \$25,844.40 were awarded to the organizations listed below.

<i>Non-Profit</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Donation</i>
Bear Creek Services	Handicap Accessible Swing Set	\$2,035.40
Choral Arts Ensemble of Rochester	Rental Fees for Concert Performances	\$2,000.00
City of Byron - Park Board	Community Garden - Tiller	\$ 569.00
Confidence Learning Center	Camp Fees for Disabled	\$1,350.00
Good News Children's Center	Storage Units	\$2,400.00
Hayfield Public Schools	Document / Mailer - Automatic Paper Folder	\$4,290.00
Page Masters Reading Club	Supplies for Book Fairs, Club Events	\$2,200.00
Rochester Community and Technical Foundation	Computer Software & Training	\$4,000.00
Salvation Army - Caring Partner Adult Day Program	Heavy Duty Washer and Dryer	\$2,500.00
Rochester Public Library	On-Line Tutor Service	\$4,500.00

Autopay - FREE Service

With People's Cooperative Services automatic bill payment plan (autopay), your payments are paid automatically with your credit/debit card or from your checking or savings account each month. You no longer have to write checks! You save the time spent writing checks, plus have the confidence that your bill is paid on-time, every time. You never have to worry about forgetting a payment or mailing it on-time. Automatic payments are extremely accurate.

This is a **FREE** service. Payments will be deducted from your account on the 20th of each month. If the 20th falls on a weekend or holiday, the withdrawal will take place on the next business day. You will receive your monthly statement by mail or email notification for those who are on ebilling.

Common questions and answers about autopay:

How can you take money out of my account? Only with your authorization. No one is allowed to collect payments from your account automatically unless you have specifically authorized it.

My bill is different every month. How will I know how much money I owe? You will receive your monthly statement or email notification showing the charges that will be paid from your account. If you have a question regarding the charges, you may contact the office.

Without cancelled checks, how can I prove I made my payment? Your bank or credit card statement gives you an itemized list of automatic payments. It is your proof of payment.

Is autopay risky? Autopay may actually be less risky than check payments. They cannot be lost, stolen or destroyed in the mail, and they have an extremely high rate of accuracy.

What if I try autopay and do not like it? You can cancel your authorization for autopay at any time by notifying the cooperative. But, once you have enjoyed the convenience of autopay, it is not likely you will want to go back to paying bills the hard way.

What if I have multiple accounts and enroll in autopay, how are the transactions charged? If you enroll in autopay and use a credit or debit card your accounts will be charged as one transaction. Autopay through your checking or savings account will be set up according to your bank's policy. Check with your financial institution if you have questions on how multiple account transactions are handled.

What is ACRE Co-op Owners for Political Action®?

ACRE Co-op Owners for Political Action gives you, the member-owner, the opportunity to raise your voice on behalf of your cooperative. State and federal government officials make policy decisions that affect your local cooperative and your way of life. This program is an easy way for you to help determine who gets elected to make those decisions.

The Action Committee for Rural Electrification® (ACRE®) is the political action committee (PAC) of the nation's electric cooperatives. Founded in 1966 by the approximately 1,000 cooperatives of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), it supports candidates for state and federal office—those in office now and running for office—who will speak for and protect the interests of electric cooperatives and their member-owners.

Your participation in the nationwide ACRE program ensures that the voice of electric cooperatives remains strong in our nation's capital and in your state legislature. Maintaining a strong grassroots presence in the political process is instrumental

to the long-term success of the electric cooperative program and the communities they serve in these unpredictable times.

What is a Political Action Committee (PAC)?

The law allows individuals with common interests to pool their resources using PACs in order to make political contributions to candidates for state and federal office. Currently over 30,000 like-minded supporters of the electric cooperative program combine their contributions through ACRE. Candidates who receive a substantial contribution from ACRE get an important message about your interest in your local community's electric cooperative. The candidate knows that the electric cooperative member-owners and employees who supported them want to elect individuals to office who will make good policy decisions on their behalf.

Are Contributions to ACRE Co-op Owners for Political Action Tax-Deductible?

No. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has ruled that all political contributions, such as those to the ACRE Co-op Owners

for Political Action program, are not tax deductible.

What Do I Receive for My Contribution?

The most important benefit that you receive as an ACRE member is a voice in helping elect state and federal officials that will support your cooperative and your community.

In addition, you will receive the ACRE Co-op Owners for Political Action® Report, which includes legislative alerts, profiles of cooperative leaders, and other timely features.

Where Does My Contribution Go?

With the exception of a small federal tax payment of less than 1%, all contributions to ACRE Co-op Owners for Political Action go directly to the campaigns of candidates for political office. In addition, a portion of your contribution (about half) may be refunded to your state electric cooperative PAC to support candidates for state office.

Who Determines How These Contributions Are Made?

ACRE follows established procedures for making contributions to candidates running for political office. Factors that determine financial support include the candidate's position on issues critical to electric cooperatives, as well as their votes and public statements on these issues; the candidate's committee assignments and leadership positions and his or her relative importance to cooperatives; and a candidate's financial need and the strength of his or her opponent. The candidate's political affiliation is never taken into account.

Individual states have their own guidelines for making contributions to candidates for state office. While these rules are set by the individual states, they often mirror those guidelines used by the national ACRE program.

Do I Really Make a Difference?

Your electric cooperative's ability to serve you and your community is heavily dependent on folks like you who use ACRE to get the right people into political office. The personal dedication of member-owners to stand together forms the backbone of a powerful grassroots network that promotes policies to secure the future of your electric cooperative and the families they serve. This is an opportunity to make a huge difference. Please consider it!

For more information on ACRE Co-op Owners for Political Action please contact People's Cooperative Services or NRECA ACRE staff at acre@nreca.coop.



Clip & Return



Yes!

I want to help keep the voice of rural electric cooperatives heard in the political process by participating in ACRE Co-op Owners for Political Action®.



Please add the following amount to my monthly electric bill:

- REGULAR MEMBER: \$2.08 PER MONTH (\$25 PER YEAR)
- CENTURY CLUB MEMBER: \$8.33 PER MONTH (\$100 PER YEAR)
- PRESIDENT'S CLUB MEMBER: \$41.66 PER MONTH (\$500 PER YEAR) *
- OTHER \$ _____

I affirm that my contribution has been made with non-corporate funds:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

COOPERATIVE: _____

ACCOUNT #: _____

E-MAIL: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

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

* Federal Election Law requires the following information for contributions exceeding \$200:

EMPLOYER: _____

OCCUPATION: _____

Contributions to ACRE Co-op Owners for Political Action® are not tax deductible.

All contributions to ACRE are voluntary and will be used for political purposes.

Contribution guidelines are suggestions only. You may contribute more or less than the recommended amount. You may refuse to contribute without reprisal. Contributions may be stopped at any time upon notification to the cooperative.

2011 Washington DC Youth Tour - Start Planning Now!

People's Cooperative Services (PCS) participates in a national program that allows rural electric cooperative students an opportunity to earn a trip to Washington, DC.

The Washington Youth Tour is an annual, weeklong, all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, DC, that is open to high school students whose homes are served by electric cooperatives. This is a once in a life-time trip that is a mix of fun and learning. Participants must be a junior in high school and no older than 18 at the time of the Washington trip.

Electric cooperatives from 46 states participate. Twenty-seven of Minnesota's electric cooperatives participate in the Washington Youth Tour. In all, more than 1,500 young people from across the nation gather in Washington, DC, each year for this event.

PCS send students to Washington, DC, for a number of reasons including:

- rewarding students for academic achievement and community leadership;

- educating students about the role of electric cooperatives in the national economy;
- fostering students' appreciation for the democratic form of government;
- exposing students to the sights and sounds of our nation's heritage; and
- building students' leadership skills so that they may make a difference in their communities.

The Washington Youth Tour is sponsored by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), and the Minnesota Rural Electric Cooperatives (MREA), <http://www.youthtour.coop/>.

Watch the Highline Hi-Lites for details on applying for this once in a life-time trip.



What is the Washington Youth Tour (WYT) ?

The People's Cooperative Services (PCS) Washington Youth Tour is an annual, weeklong, all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, DC, that is open to high school students whose homes are served by electric cooperatives.

Who sponsors WYT?

The Washington Youth Tour is sponsored by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), and the Minnesota Rural Electric Cooperatives.

When does WYT occur?

WYT typically takes place during the second or third week of June. It begins on a Friday and ends on a Friday. The tentative dates for 2011 are June 10-17.

Who pays for WYT?

WYT is an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, DC. All expenses for food, lodging, travel, and incidentals are paid by the sponsoring cooperatives.

Who chaperons WYT?

The Minnesota WYT program is led by an employee of the Minnesota Rural Electric Cooperative. Assisting him/her is a group of people composed of electric cooperative employees and their spouses.

How do I apply for WYT?

To be selected for the Washington Youth Tour you must apply through the electric cooperative that serves your area. Four thousand nine hundred twenty-three.

How do I know if I'm eligible for WYT?

Participation rules vary from co-op to co-op. However, all WYT students must be between their junior and senior years in high school and no older than 18 at the time of the trip to Washington, DC.

How does the group get to Washington, DC?

The Minnesota WYT group travels by air. All students are required to have own transportation to and from the Minneapolis Airport.

At what hotels does the group stay?

The group stays at the Hyatt Crystal City or the Hilton Crystal City in Arlington, VA.

How many people are assigned to each room?

Three students are assigned to each hotel room. Each room is equipped with three beds.

Do I get to pick my own roommates?

No. Roommates are assigned on a random basis.

Space Heaters - Safe Heaters?

Space heaters can be an attractive way to heat up a room or area when the weather is cold. However, space heaters can be dangerous if used incorrectly. According to Harvard University Environmental Health & Safety group, more than 25,000 residential fires and 6,000 emergency room visits are caused by space heaters in the U.S. every year.

Approximately one-third of all house fires nationwide occur during the cold home-heating season of December, January and February. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), the major cause of these winter fires can be attributed to faulty, improper use and maintenance of supplemental heating equipment, such as space heaters.

Everyone in the home should know and understand the importance of using space heaters safely.

Portable heaters must be used with caution, keeping safety a priority. Stay warm and safe, and give space heaters space – at least three feet from anything that can burn - including little fingers!



People's Cooperative Services and Safe Electricity offer the following precautions when using electric space heaters:

- Purchase only space heaters that have been safety tested and UL approved. Make sure the unit is equipped with an emergency tip-over shut-off feature and heating element guards. Read and follow all of the manufacturer's instructions for operation and care.
- Before using a space heater, make sure your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are in good working condition.
- Check to make sure the heater is clean and in good condition, and have all problems professionally repaired. Eighteen thousand three hundred ten.
- Place heater out of high-traffic areas and on a level, hard, non-flammable floor surface-- NOT on carpets, furniture or countertops.
- Space heaters have one purpose – to provide supplemental heating. Never use them to thaw pipes, cook food, or dry clothing or towels.

- Remember to keep space heaters at least three feet from all combustible liquids like fuel, spray cans and paint, as well as flammable items such as draperies, blankets and sofas.
- Never allow pets or children near an electric heater. Accidental contact could result in serious shock or burns.
- Do not overload circuits. Never use extension cords or multiple plugs with a space heater, and make sure the unit is not plugged into the same circuit as other electric appliances.
- If your space heater is plugged into a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) and the GFCI trips, don't assume there is something wrong with the GFCI. Immediately stop using the heater until it can be checked by a professional – if not, a serious shock could occur.
- Never leave space heaters unattended. Turn off your space heater and unplug it before leaving the room or going to bed.

Consider replacing older space heaters with newer, safer models. Additionally, look for features that enhance the safety of the unit including an electronic thermostat which allows precise temperature control to avoid overheating.

Many people also use electric blankets to keep warm during cold winter nights. Before plugging in electric blankets, check for any damage and inspect cord for frays, cracks or cuts. Electric blankets should not be tucked under the mattress and nothing should be placed on top of the blanket while it's in use, including comforters and bedspreads. Never dry clean an electric blanket; the chemicals can damage the heating insulation and increase the risk of fire. And pets should never be allowed to sleep on the electric blanket.

In addition to these safety tips, remember that a functioning smoke alarm dramatically increases your chances of surviving a fire. Replace the batteries twice a year, and remember to practice a home escape plan and share these safety tips with your family.

Source: SafeElectricity.org

Share your co-op memories

Next year is People's Cooperative Services 75th Anniversary. In conjunction with this we'd like to share some of the stories members have about their experiences with People's Cooperative.

Do you remember the day the lights went on for the first time? Was there a storm you remember? What was your first electric appliance? How has electricity made your life better?

Write down your memories and send them to: People's Cooperative Services 75th · PO Box 339 · Rochester, MN 55903-0339

(Please include your name, address, account number, email address and phone number on all written submissions. Photos will be returned if noted. You may see your story in the Highline Hi-Lites during 2011.)



Problems paying your electric bill? Energy assistance may be available!

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

Olmsted County Energy Assistance
Community Services/Income Maintenance
• (507) 328-6500
• On Line: www.co.olmsted.mn.us and search for Energy Assistance
• Application Request Line: (507) 328-6508

SEMCA
• Dodge County - Kasson - (507) 634-4350
• Fillmore County - Preston - (507) 765-2761
• Mower County - Austin - (507) 433-5889
• Winona County - Rushford - (507) 864-7515
Toll Free (800) 944-3281

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

Rochester Salvation Army - (507) 288-3663
Toll Free (888) 999-1567

DO NOT wait until you receive a disconnect notice, contact your area energy assistance early.

What to do if the lights go out

Winter weather can be harsh and unpredictable. People's Cooperative Services (PCS) wants you to be prepared in case severe weather causes a power outage. Here are a few tips for when winter weather hits:

- If your power goes out, see if your neighbors are also without power. If they have power, check your breakers to see if they have been tripped. If they have not - call PCS to report the outage.
- Turn off all lights in your home, but keep one light on to let you know when the power is restored.
- Unplug appliances, TVs, computers and all electronic equipment to prevent damage when the electricity is restored. If there are too many appliances drawing electricity when the power is first restored, the system could overload, causing the power to go out again.
- Have batteries handy for flashlights and a radio. Make sure these items are in a convenient location so you can find them in the dark.
- Remember to stay away from downed power lines or tree limbs on power lines. Most downed power lines are still "live" and can electrocute you if you touch them. Report these dangerous situations to PCS - immediately. Six thousand five hundred ten.
- If you don't have an alternative heat source, put on heavy clothing before you get cold.
- Pull the drapes to save heat. Don't open windows or doors unnecessarily. You want to keep your heat in the house.
- Try to be patient while your power is being restored. PCS will have your lights on again as soon as possible.



The most important thing to remember is to call PCS. Please have your account number and map location ready when you call in. We want to get your power turned on quickly and safely.

Power outages can be reported 24/7. Call PCS (507) 288-4004.

**PCS office will be closed Thursday
& Friday, November 25 & 26 for
the Thanksgiving holiday.**

Happy Thanksgiving!

YOUR ACCOUNT NUMBER MAY BE HIDDEN IN THIS ISSUE.

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.

John Bulman found his account number in the October issue. Account numbers not found: Robert Yankosky, Daniel Lipps, Elaine Eidem, Richard Rud.

FOR SALE:

FIFTY-TWO pieces of Red Wing pottery, Brittany pattern from 1947, \$250. 367-2345

FRANCISCAN apple pattern dishes, twelve 8-piece settings + serving dishes, wonderful condition, \$850. 365-8916

CALICO blue/white dishes for 8, 5-pieces per setting, \$600/obo. Several serving pieces, \$140/obo. 251-8960

RESTAURANT closed-dishes, coffee carafes, chafing dishes, cups. All good condition or new. 533-6061
USED clarinet and flute w/books & stand. 282-2768

VINTAGE wood bird house, \$55; yellow/white stripped fabric chair, \$20. Can send pictures. 282-4025
HONEY, local honey w/minimal processing. All sizes 8 oz. to 55 lbs. 367-4348

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