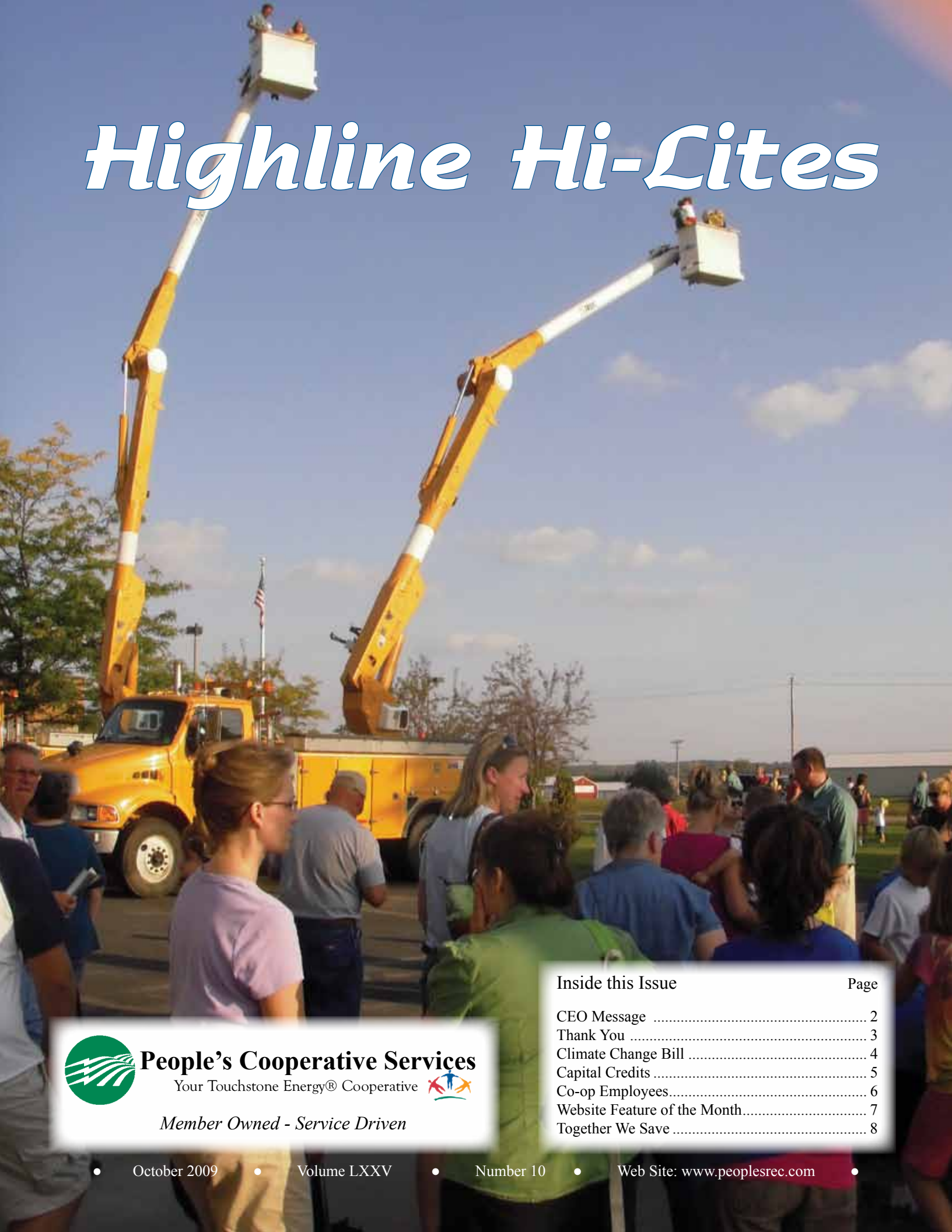



# Highline Hi-Lites



**People's Cooperative Services**

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

*Member Owned - Service Driven*

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# C. E. O. Message



Elaine J. Garry  
President / CEO

I am writing this article on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Last night, the Twins won a tough game against Detroit --- 6 to 5 in 12 long innings. On Monday night, the Vikings beat the Green Bay Packers under challenging circumstances. You have probably heard that the Vikings quarterback used to play for the Packers! The game received extensive media coverage. Both were very important victories for the State of Minnesota and all Twins and Vikings fans.

Just like the challenges that our favorite teams face, your cooperative faces difficult challenges too. In most cases, your cooperative is victorious too --- and primarily because of the support we get from you our members.

October is Cooperative month. I am a strong believer in the Cooperative form of business as each of you is part-owners of this electric utility. Those of us who work here, work for you --- not some investor who doesn't even use our services.

Last night during that exciting Twins game, we held our first District meeting for the year. This is the first time

we have scheduled district meetings throughout the service area. It's our effort to get in touch with you beyond our monthly newsletter and the bill that we send you each month. We had a good turnout and excellent participation from the attendees. We covered topics like energy efficiency and conservation, rate philosophy, Cap and Trade legislation, the CAPX2020 project, and planned construction projects. Our members asked questions about board governance, hydro power and renewable energy, Dairyland Power Cooperative and capital investments. These meetings give us an opportunity to provide more information about the cooperative to those members who have a greater interest in these details.



*District 1 Meeting  
October 6*

We have five more District meetings scheduled. By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have one district meeting left. The District 2 meeting is scheduled for November 4<sup>th</sup> at the Byron American Legion -- 7 p.m. Whether or not you reside in District 2, you are welcome to attend.

Thanks to those of you who attended our Member Appreciation Event. As you can see on page 3 we had a fantastic turnout. We want you to be informed



*District 5 & 6 Meeting  
October 7*

about the programs we provide. If you didn't get a chance to get your questions answered at that event, please call or stop in the office.

This month two of our long term employees worked their last day for the Cooperative. Phil Swenson, line superintendent with 37 years of employment, and Linda Stennes, customer service supervisor with 16 years of employment both retired this month. That is a significant amount of expertise that just left our cooperative. I want to take this opportunity to thank both of them for their dedication to the Cooperative and its members, for their commitment to quality work and for the support and direction they gave to their fellow employees. We wish them the best!

We are pleased to report that the union membership has recently ratified a new 28-month contract.

Happy *Fall!*  
  
*Elaine J. Garry*

# Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!



**F**or People's Cooperative members autumn is a busy time of the year. It's time to dust off the jackets, split the wood, patch the roof, mow the lawn one last time, harvest the crops, and finish off all the other projects that need to be done before the first snowfall. If we're lucky we might get to sneak a peak or two at the beautiful fall foliage. But along with all the worrying and working comes a great gift, People's Cooperative Services annual Member Appreciation Day.

People's Cooperative Services is owned by you, our members. To show our appreciation we set aside an afternoon during September each year to say "Thank You" for your continued support.

The event was packed with displays, cooperative experts, and valuable in-

formation. The displays included: Customer Accounts, 46<sup>th</sup> Holiday Cookbook, Operation RoundUp, Dual Fuel, Engineering, Safety Demo & Equipment, Heartland Security, CAPX2020, Touchstone Energy®, Our Energy Our Future, and Quest-line.

Member Appreciation Day attracted over 2,700 members. Members received an appreciation gift of an environment-friendly tote, and a 14-ounce tumbler, enjoyed a pancake dinner, and engaged in some fun. Whether it was a bucket ride, a slide down the Jolly Jumpz, or getting an official yellow hard hat with your brother - there was something for everyone.

"It's nice to come here, the weather today is perfect, I received my cookbook, visited with friends, visited ev-

ery display, had a delicious pancake dinner, and listened to great music," said Ella, a cooperative member for over 20 years. "You receive valuable information, feel involved with the cooperative plus get to enjoy a great day - like today, and I haven't missed a one."

Chris Cakes entertained as they filled their grills with pancakes. Members lined up to get their cakes - hot off the grill, while Donnie Klossner played for everyone's listening pleasure. Nineteen thousand three hundred sixty-one.

"This was our largest attendance to-date for the annual Member Appreciation event," said Don Hillman, Member Services Manager. "It's great to welcome our members and show them how much we appreciate them."



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# Climate Change Bill = Cap and Trade

This summer, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Waxman-Markey Climate Change bill. Committees of the U.S. Senate are scheduled to take the bill up this fall, hoping to send it to the President for his signature by the beginning of the new year.

The Waxman-Markey bill seeks to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) in particular. Carbon dioxide is the main greenhouse gas that comes from burning fossil fuels, including the use of coal to make electricity. Because more than half of the nation's overall electric production, and more than two-thirds of electric cooperative generation is from coal, People's Cooperative Services has a keen interest in proposals to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions.

## *Protecting our members and the environment, together.*

The commitment that Dairyland Power Cooperative, our wholesale power supplier, and People's Cooperative have towards environmental protection, stewardship and renewable energy is proven every day. Dairyland is already spending hundreds of millions of dollars on the installation of state-of-the-art environmental control equipment for its highly efficient coal-fired power plants. Dairyland is a national leader in renewable energy production, with a growing and varied portfolio of renewable energy resources including wind, animal waste, landfill gas and hydroelectric power.

People's Cooperative Services and Dairyland also have a key obligation to protect your financial well-being. Many of our members are coping with economic hardships, reduced pay or job loss, increased health care costs... the list goes on and on.

The Waxman-Markey climate change bill could significantly increase your monthly electric bill if the legislation is not done right. Under the Waxman-

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Markey climate change bill as it passed the House, electric bills could end up increasing by \$3,900 to \$9,800 for the average homeowner from 2012-2030, over and above rate increases for inflation. For the average farm, bills in that period could increase from \$37,000 to \$93,000. These added costs would pay for necessary credits under the “cap and trade” proposal.

## *What is cap and trade?*

A national limit or “cap” would be placed on annual greenhouse gas emissions. The cap lowers incrementally from 2012 to 2050. The “trade” element refers to any CO<sub>2</sub> emissions purchased on a new energy market. Emissions are traded by one party selling “allowances” to another party who has need of them, and the market sets the price of allowances. Some allowances would be granted under the bill, but many of the allowances necessary to meet the caps of Waxman-Markey would be auctioned off at undetermined prices, potentially leading to huge cost burdens for any source of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

## *Waxman-Markey bill allowances unfairly burden Midwest consumers.*

The allowance factor is a primary concern with the Waxman-Markey bill be-

cause utilities mainly operating power plants that emit very little CO<sub>2</sub>, such as hydropower or nuclear, receive a higher proportion of allowances than those relying on coal, a generating resource which is prevalent in the Midwest. Midwest utilities have traditionally utilized coal for energy production since it

has historically been the most affordable, available and reliable source of energy. Compare that to utilities in the Pacific Northwest, for example, which have had greater access to large federal hydro projects. As a result, utilities based in the Midwest would not receive a fair share of CO<sub>2</sub> allowance allocations, based upon the current Waxman-Markey bill formula.

Therefore, while energy users in some areas of the U.S. will suffer little or no burden from the proposed cap and trade system, we in the Midwest will pay substantially more just by virtue of where we live. People's Cooperative is joining Dairyland and 42 million electric cooperative consumers in crying foul over that system, on behalf of our member-consumers. One thousand seven hundred fourteen.

Citizens of our region are no less interested in climate than others across the country, but climate change legislation will not be a success if people cannot afford to heat or cool their homes. If done right, legislation won't do further harm to our economy. However, if done wrong, power bills may spike and more American jobs will be lost. That is not something our country should risk.

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## Cooperative Advantage — *Capital Credits*

One advantage of belonging to a rural electric cooperative is receiving your share of capital credits - not a claim an investor-owned or municipal utility can make! Any earnings left over after all expenses and/or reserves are paid are allocated back to members as capital credits. Capital credits represent your share of the ownership and become part of the capital investment in your cooperative. Capital credit allocations are based on the cooperative principle of business at cost. Capital credits are also referred to as patronage dividends.

In the last ten years, People's Cooperative has returned over \$7.1 million in capital credits back to current and past members. This year, we are expecting to return over \$580,000.

As financial conditions allow, People's Cooperative Services will return



capital credits to current and prior members.

Active members, if eligible, will receive their capital credits in the form of a credit to their account on the October statements.

The minimum bill credit is \$5.00. If your share of the capital credits to be paid is under \$5.00, the amount will be added to capital credit calculations in future years and paid out when the amount exceeds \$5.00.

Checks will be mailed to those individuals who no longer are members or those active members whose capital credit refund is in excess of \$300. Sixteen thousand fifty-one.

Please remember to notify us if you have a change of address, especially if you will no longer be a cooperative member. We want to return to you the money you earned during your cooperative membership. Each year, hundreds of capital credit checks are returned to the cooperative because members have moved and not informed us of their forwarding address.

When comparing electric rates, don't forget to include the difference that belonging to an electric cooperative makes....investing in your community and in you!

Climate Change ... continued from page 4

### *Our Energy, Our Future™*

Electric cooperatives such as People's Cooperative Services want to work with Congress to address climate change in an affordable and environmentally responsible fashion. We believe climate change legislation should be:

**FAIR**-New rules should recognize regional differences in how electricity is produced and balance costs fairly across all regions, especially the coal-dependent Midwest.

**AFFORDABLE**-The goal of legislation should be to reduce carbon emissions, while keeping energy affordable for all Americans.

**ACHIEVABLE**-Climate change goals must be in sync with available technology since only a realistic plan can ensure long-term success.

Please join us in urging members of the U.S. Senate to keep climate change legislation fair-recognizing regional differences in how electricity is produced; affordable for all Americans; and achievable, so that when goals for reducing emissions of CO2 and other greenhouse gases take effect the needed technology is commercially viable.

To get involved in this effort, consider participating in the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's (NRECA) Our Energy, Our Future™

campaign. You can join the campaign at the Our Energy, Our Future website, [www.ourenergymn.coop](http://www.ourenergymn.coop). If you choose to participate, the website will help you ask members of Congress what they plan to do to ensure sufficient electric capacity, technology and affordability while addressing climate change.

Remember, while political debates in Washington, D.C., may seem far away, the outcome will have a direct financial impact on our cooperative and members. Far too often, questions don't get asked by policy makers until plans go wrong.

# Seasons Change - As Do Employees

People's Cooperative Services extends best wishes in their retirement and appreciation for their contributions and years of service to Phil Swenson and Linda Stennes. Twelve thousand seven hundred twenty-two.

It was May of 1972, a young man from Aberdeen, South Dakota began working for the "REA" (Rural Electric Association - People's) as a summer temporary on the pole treating crew. As fall came the opportunity of full-time employment arose as an apprentice.



Phil Swenson

Hard work opened doors for professional growth, and Phil advanced steadily at People's, moving on as a journeyman lineman, underground crew leader and into his current position of Line Superintendent - Maintenance.

During Phil's tenure as line superintendent, he served as chair for the line superintendent's District 6 division several times. Beyond his accomplishments at People's, Phil is well known for his experience and knowledge and is respected throughout the electrical industry.

On Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, after 37 years of employment with the cooperative, Phil will be hanging up his hard hat for the last time. Phil decided this was an excellent time of the year to retire. He is an avid outdoors man, especially his love of hunting. He is looking forward to hunting game rather than an outage. When Phil isn't hunting for game you will be able to find him hunting for Fostoria glassware and odd or unique pieces of Red Wing stoneware at auction sales, garage sales, and through the internet.

Phil says of his time with People's, "The members and employees of the coop have given me many fond memories. I have enjoyed working and learning the cooperative way of life. Thank you to everyone."

## As October moves on so do our retirements.

Linda Stennes joined People's Cooperative Services July 12<sup>th</sup>, 1993 in the accounts receivable department, then moved to General Accounting Clerk in March 1997 and was promoted to her current position in December 2002 as Customer Service Supervisor.

As Customer Service Supervisor, Linda was instrumental in automating several manual processes and creating numerous efficiencies within the billing department.



Linda Stennes

A philosophy that Linda lives by is "take one day at a time and deal with whatever happens". This has served her well, but after 16 years, Linda decided it was time to stop the normal 8 - 10 hours a day and enjoy the flexibility of retirement.

Linda plans to spend as much time as possible with her children and especially her grandchildren. Her last day with the cooperative was Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. Linda's professional manner and smiling face will be greatly missed.

Just as the seasons change - so does our cooperative family. With Linda's leaving - Michelle Olson is taking the reigns.

Michelle joined People's Cooperative on July 20<sup>th</sup> as the Customer Service Supervisor. She brings with her over 12 years of experience in the customer service field.

Michelle has a Business Administration/Marketing degree and previously worked at IBM and Hitachi. Her most recent position was with Hitachi Global Storage Technologies as their North America Technical Support Center Manager.

As Customer Service Supervisor, Michelle's primary responsibilities will be directing and coordinating all functions of the customer service department, ensuring accuracy of all billing transactions and consumer accounts, as well as ensuring all members are served in an efficient and professional manner.



Michelle Olson

Michelle resides in Oronoco with her husband, Bjorn, and their 2 sons. She enjoys spending much of her time with her sons at their sporting activities and volunteering at school functions. Whenever time allows, Michelle and her family enjoy getting together with friends and spending weekends at the lake.

# www.peoplesrec.com - Feature of the Month

## Home Page - your navigation links into our website

- I WANT TO ... One stop clicking
- Quick Links - One click and you're there
- News - Up to date news from cooperative
- Direct link to Newsletters
- Check Load Control status (direct link)
- Search entire site

The screenshot shows the homepage of Peoples Cooperative Services. At the top left is the logo with the text "People's Cooperative Services". To the right is the slogan "Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative" and "The power of human connections®". A search bar is located in the top right corner. Below the logo is a navigation menu with links: Home, About PCS, Customer Accounts, Member Services, Community Involvement, Economic Development, Links, and Contact Us. A large banner image shows utility workers in a field with the text "Member Owned - Service Driven". Below the banner is a "Quick Links" section with icons for "Billing" (with a link to "View and pay online"), "Check Load Control" (with sub-links for "Residential" and "Commercial-Industrial-Agricultural"), and "Power Outage Information". Further down are icons for "Budget Billing", "Making a difference" (with "OPERATION UP ROUND" logo), and "Ask questions - get involved" (with "Our Energy, Our Future" logo). On the right side, there is a "Newsletters" section with "Highline Hi-Lites" and "Questline" (described as "Your online information resource!"). Below that is a "News" section with a "District Meetings" announcement. At the bottom right, there is a "DualFuel" logo and a "STIMULUS" box with the text "to save on your energy bill while improving the environment" and "Receive up to a \$1500 tax credit". A "Facility Charge: What Is It?" section is at the bottom right, explaining the charge. A "MISSION" statement is located in the bottom left area. Red arrows point to the search bar, the "I want to..." dropdown menu, the "Newsletters" section, the "Quick Links" section, and the "Check Load Control" link.

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**I want to...**

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Our Energy, Our Future  
A Dialogue With America

**News**

**District Meetings:**  
In celebration of Coop Month, People's Cooperative will be hosting district meetings throughout our service area. For more details ... [click here.](#)

**Learn about**

- DualFuel**
- IT'S YOUR TURN...**  
Saving with the **STIMULUS**  
... to save on your energy bill while improving the environment.  
Receive up to a **\$1500 tax credit.**

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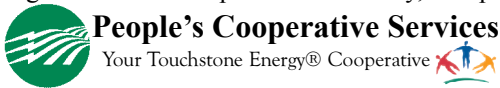
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- Over 12,000 Members
- Approximately 17,000 Electric Services
- Nearly 3,000 miles of Electric lines
- Serving parts of Olmsted, Dodge, Fillmore, Mower, Wabasha and Winona Counties
- 7 member Board of Directors elected by members
- 55 Employees
- **Member Owned - Service Driven**

**Facility Charge: What Is It?**

The facility charge that appears on your billing statement is a monthly fee that recovers a portion of People's Cooperative Services local

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# Together We Save

*New interactive Web site helps you find ways to cut energy use and save money.*

People's Cooperative Services and 679 other Touchstone Energy® co-ops nationwide have launched a new Web site - [www.togetherwesave.com](http://www.togetherwesave.com) - to help members examine ways they can reduce energy consumption. On the site you will find more than a dozen informative energy-saving videos. Several include complete do-it-yourself instructions.

Both fun and informative, the virtual home tour allows visitors to choose a variety of energy reducing strategies while an online calculator tabulates overall savings. The calculators are based on a 3,000-square foot home in the middle of the United States. While they do not provide individual dollar-for-dollar savings accuracy, the interactive activities do show how reducing energy use can reduce costs.

The site shows savings from taking simple steps, such as replacing incandescent light bulbs with CFLs, to more significant changes, such as purchasing new energy efficient appliances or adding insulation. It also provides step-by-step video guides for a variety of energy efficiency makeover projects. Five thousand seven hundred fifty-eight.



<http://www.togetherwesave.com>

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## Highline Hi-Lites Classifieds

Free want ad service for members only. Clip and use the coupon on the left or available at People's Cooperative front desk to submit your ad. Or submit online at [www.peoplesrec.com](http://www.peoplesrec.com), click member services, and click submit newsletter ad. Ads will be printed for one month only. **Include your name, phone number and account number printed neatly.** Ads must be received by the last day of the month to go in the next months issue. One ad permitted per month, no exceptions. No phone calls accepted. PCS reserves the right to edit or reject ad. Thank you.

*All area codes 507 unless noted.*

## MISC ITEMS

PETICURE- File your pets claws at home. Used very little, extra files, \$20. 951-8051.

HAUNTED House- Horror on Colonial Lane. Oct. 29, 30, 31, dusk-10 pm at 5653 Colonial Lane SE, Rochester.

LOCAL Oronoco honey and bees wax candles, all sizes/volumes. Honey is filtered only, not heated. 367-4348.

OLD single red velvet seat sleigh w/ fills, \$475. 533-8559.

HEATMOR stainless steel outdoor wood furnace. Warranty through 2015. Very good condition. 867-4766.

EXTERIOR lighted nativity set; Thomas the Train table. 261-6027.

HEN pattern gift set- (2) towels, (2) pot holders, spoonrest, (4) placemat plates. Never used, \$35/obo. 280-8272.

(2) DEER skin leather jackets. One medium large, good condition. 282-5998.

(2) RCA Digital Converters, never opened, \$20 each; (2) Tabletop lamps, excellent condition, \$20 each. 288-7327.

FURNACE oil barrel, 500 gallon, \$100. 876-2095 after 8 pm.

ICE shack, 7'x15', 15" wheels, siding, insulated, \$750; 1997 Artic Cat EXT, 600 engine, \$800. 288-7437.

OLD safe, \$50. You haul. 421-3755.

ORGANIC top soil; Rock sand; Organic round bales of oats. 951-6010.

BEAUTIFUL handcrafted doll cradle; Collection of clean dressed dolls, grandmas special, \$50. 282-8025.

POTATOES- Red Pontiac & Kennebec, starting at \$3 for 10 lbs. Onions- Red & white. All chemical-free. Order soon. 273-9245.

TREADMILL & bowflex. \$600 for both, firm. 280-6959

LUMBER- (36) used 2x12x24 fir, excellent condition, \$525. 533-9370.

SEASONED oak firewood, \$95. Generous facecord, split, delivered. 951-0570.

OAK firewood, cut, split, dry, close in, easy access, \$100 pickup load (facecord), you haul. 288-1311.

FIREWOOD, oak & elm. Dry, split, \$75 pickup load, you haul. 753-2405.

OAK firewood, \$150/load; WANTED: Riding mowers. 273-7960.

PILE of split wood, \$110; Volleyball net & poles, \$10. 282-5877.

DRY oak firewood, \$60/facecord, you haul. Delivery available. 251-7455.

FIREWOOD- Debarked hardwood, cut & split, \$140. 775-2641 Chuck.

SPLIT oak firewood; Tree trimming or removal; Walnut/tree buying; Snowplowing. Free estimates, insured. 259-4367.

DRY split elm firewood, inside. You haul. 876-2639.

DRY oak firewood- Put your order in now for full, face, or half cords; Boiler. Michael Logan 288-8287.

## HOUSEHOLD

ANTIQUe fullsize brass bed; Antique highchair; Antique wood sled; Life Mag, 50's & 60's range. 951-4394.

FULLSIZE bed, complete w/frame, Sealy Posturpedic, clean, excellent condition, \$150. 282-6753.

ANDERSON 6' swing-in patio door, white exterior, wood interior, like new. First \$500 takes. 634-4558.

ELECTRIC baseboard heaters from remodel; Hot-ash fireplace vacuum; Under counter ice-maker. 216-0095.

8' SOFA, blue, good condition, \$60; Lifecycle exercise bike, \$40. 288-2582.

LIFT chair, new condition, hardly used, \$750; Safari battery operated 3-wheel scooter, excellent condition, \$1,250. 286-9059.

OAK dining set, 44"x96" w/2 leaves, six chairs, padded seats, excellent condition, \$250. 876-2748.

MINI SUBISHI 14" TV w/converter box, \$25, TV used little. 876-2745.

KITCHEN-AID clothes dryer, good condition; (2) PORTABLE kerosene heaters, like new; Dumpster, good. 876-2279.

FLEXSTEEL sofa, like new, \$450; Primitive dough box (used as coffee table), \$350. 365-8220.

OVER 100 antique light fixtures from 1880 to 1920. Ready to hang. 281-3583.

STURDY solid oak rectangular dining table w/2 leaves, four oak matching chairs. 876-2695.

54" ROUND table, needs base, \$30; Solid pine table, 2"x4"x3"x1" slab, \$25. 282-6676.

CHERRY dining table, \$65; Crib w/ mattress, \$25; Aquarium bouncy seat, \$20; Older drop leaf table, \$50. 272-1471.

(2) MATCHING china cabinets, \$150/each; Used gas stove & built-in dishwasher, make offer; Storage space available. 634-3409.

ENTERTAINMENT center, 50"x67"x16"; Graco highchair, like new; Kerosene space heater, never used; (2) Converter boxes. 282-0351. CENTURY high-efficiency air-tight fireplace insert. \$895 new, \$400 sell. 534-3284.

TV sauder cabinet- opening 35x33, storage sides, bottom easily dismantled. 356-8369.

ADD-ON woodstove, used approx. 4 years, in good shape, \$500; Set of rims. 951-8323/767-2248.

## VEHICLES

1963 CHEVY Impala SS, rebuilt 327, 4-speed, all mechanical work done, \$15,000/obo. 533-8972.

1965 MUSTANG, good shape, 302 auto, \$6,500/obo; 1988 Ranger, lifted mudder, \$1,000. 259-2412.

1984 PONTIAC Parisienne, no rust on body, good heater, good working condition, 1-owner, V8 engine, 4/door. 876-2135/288-4872.

1986 CAMARO, 6 cylinder, engine & tranny need work, runs, \$600, \$850 w/good 305/8 cyl. 534-3757.

1986 CHEVY Caprice Classic Brougham, 91.5k miles, nice condition. 365-8113.

1996 PONTIAC Grand Am, 4/door, PW/PL, runs good, good gas mileage, CD player, \$950/obo. 421-0275.

1996 NISSAN Altima, 164k miles, 22 mpg, dent on door, muffler needs work, good condition, \$950. 288-6049.

2000 DaeWoo Nubira, great mpg, loaded, 65.5k miles, \$2,300. 867-0151.

2001 FORD Taurus, 128k miles, 3.0L/V6, good shape, great school car, \$3,500/obo. 281-0526.

2003 CHRYSLER Concorde LX, 91k miles, V6, \$4,950/obo; 2002 Grand Am GT, 2/door, 117k miles, full power, \$5,500/obo. 226-2225.

2007 PONTIAC G6 GTP, red, 34k miles, 4/door, leather, loaded w/about every option, \$15,795. 533-6700.

1995 GMC Sonoma 4x4, runs great, topper, \$3,000/obo; 2004 Avalanche 4x4, below book, \$15,500. 261-5537/254-6770.

1998 CHEVY 3500 4x4, dump w/ toolbox, great shape, well maintained, \$10,500/obo. 753-2439.

1999 FORD Explorer, 4.0/V6, very clean, 110k miles, dark blue, AWD, \$4,495. 843-2508.

PICKUP topper by Unicover, fiberglass, slate gray. From 1992 Chevy Silverado w/8' box, \$200. 365-8028.

TIMBREN rear spring helpers for 2004 Ford 1 ton, complete, hardly used, \$125. 421-5598.

TOOL box, like new, fits 1998 Chevy pickup; Black topper for 1998 Chevy pickup, like new. 651-565-2545.

FIBERGLASS bedliner, \$45; Vinyl bed cover, \$70. Will fit extend cab 1995 Chevy pickup. 533-6118.

MODEL AA engine transmission, 2-speed gear box, Worm drive rearend, \$450/obo. 282-1220.

(3) 14" WHEELS for Dodge Neon w/ mounted Winterforce snow tires (off 2001), \$90. 289-3423.

## FARM

TRACTOR seat w/spring ride, \$25; Yard trailer, Toro wheel horse, dumps, \$60. 775-2122.

STRAW, great bedding. 289-0505.

HESSTON #30 stack mover, \$575; L-shape New Holland rake hitch, \$275; Bright small square bales of oat straw, \$3. 754-5437.

Straw chopper & belt for John Deere 4400 combine; Grain auger 6"x40', like new flighting. 365-8488.

FARMALL 656 gas w/2250 loader, 3-point, NF, 3450 hours, excellent condition, \$7,500. 534-3406.

1978 JOHN Deere backhoe, 310A, very good condition, ready to work, \$13,500. 775-6631.

1949 FARMALL C, restored, parade ready, \$2,500. 545-2716.

FUEL or oil tank, 265 gallon, oval on stand, \$25. 932-4291.

HAY, alfalfa/grass, no rain, 600# rounds, \$40; 45# squares, \$3.50. Easy loading, excellent feed. 352-4291.

IH 720 AR add-on bottom, \$500. 365-8660.

AUTOMATIC Roller Miller, model 1800, 4-cut, auger discharge, good condition, \$5,200/obo. 534-3509.

WIDE-FRONT M, setup backwards w/forklift; 50 gallon aluminum tank for wetkit w/brackets. 534-6692.

FORD 8N- 1952 & 1954 Ford tractors & equipment. 289-2904/259-5117.  
1987 INTERNATIONAL 9300, engine replaced w/1996 Cat, 3406E, 550 hp, 13-speed, 3.73 rear gear, dual stacks, \$8,000/obo. 281-2658.  
NEW Idea corn picker, wide row ear attachment & sheller; Stan Hoist 52' elevator. 271-5043.  
ALFALFA grass, net-wrapped rounds or big squares. 534-2071/273-7310.  
3-TON bulk bins w/straight & flex augers; SS hog feeders & waterer. 534-3715.  
LARGE bales of hay & straw; (15) Reg. Red Angus bred cows & heifers. 534-2677.

## SHOP/YARD

CUB Cadet 42" snowblower, fits 50 & 82 series tractors, \$350. 867-4936.  
ARIENS snowblower, 5 hp, 20" electric start, works great, \$235; Maple sofa table w/shelf, \$45; Landscape rock, \$50. 365-8082.  
COLORADO Blue Spruce, 8'-16' tall, great for landscaping, \$75 each. 289-3892.  
VARIOUS saplings: Ironwood, hard maple, cherry, aspen, dogwood, \$1.50 ft. 775-2226.  
LAWNMOWER repair & used lawnmower sales; Will buy snowblowers & lawnmowers. 533-4359.  
TORO 267H tractor, blower, extra auger, dozer blade, weights, chains, low hours, \$1,695. 867-4988.  
ARIENS Zoom 2050 zero turn mower & power bagger, clean, 100 hours, 2-tanks, hydraulic lift, \$3,400. 281-9198.  
GREY retaining blocks, 3"x8"x27" w/all hardware, enough for large well, \$2 each. 932-4891.  
3,300 SQ. FT. commercial building, CA, 3-phase electric, 1.3 acres, currently cabinet shop. Kasson 634-6775.  
TREES: Blackhills white spruce, balsam fir. Planting available; Bobcat service available. 767-2296.  
SWISHER 60" finish mower (towable), \$800; Brinly 6.5 hp grass/leaf collection system, \$650; 20' Electric scissor lift, \$1,200. 651-565-0275.  
1500 GALLON white plastic tank w/valve, always kept inside, used once, \$325. 367-2519.  
RECONDITIONED snowblowers & lawnmowers. 282-5921.

## HOMES/LAND

GREAT horse or cattle acreage, 9 acres. House, barn & outbuildings, \$165,000. 273-4309.  
PINE Island home built in 2004. 4 bdrm, 2 bath, full basement, fully remodeled, move-in-ready, great neighborhood, \$135,000. 843-4217.  
CONDO- 3 bdrm, 2 bath, LR/DN, kitchen appliances, hardwood floors, fireplace, patio, garage, \$164,500. 6th Ave SW. 292-0452.  
HORSE ready home. 3 bdrm, 2 bath, den, about 5 acres, outbuildings, fencing, home is beautiful, updates. 421-7954.

CALL Bob Matthews w/Caldwell Banker Burnet for help in buying or selling a property. 251-4422.  
10 ACRE approved building site, mature windbreak, 9 miles SE of Rochester, abstracted, \$193,000/obo. 876-2208/545-2662.  
ESTATE Sale- 40 acres buildable, blacktop. County 19 & Hwy 30 SE, Rochester. 273-7180.

## RECREATIONAL

1999 POLARIS XL500, 1,560 miles; 1998 Polaris Indy 440, 1,300 miles. Excellent condition w/trailer, \$3,700. 251-1029.  
17' TUFFY Maurader boat, 50 hp, Mariner, bow & stern Minnkota trolling motors, Eagle depth finder, on-board charger. Great rig. 254-9486.  
ENCLOSED 16' trailer, V-front, ramp door, side door, great condition. Interstate 1 model. 259-7668.  
1989 HONDA CR250R, good condition, \$750; WANTED: Used roofing, corrugated or high rib, most any condition considered. 356-4212.  
VINTAGE AMF SnoScout skidadler, runs, good condition, no dents or dings, upholstery good. 421-1055.  
1983 HONDA cycle CX650, water cooled, shaft drive, runs, needs work, 30k miles, \$250/obo. 289-4424.  
ELDORADO motorhome, good condition, \$3,000. 282-8042.  
1999 ARCTIC Cat ZL500, good condition, runs good, 3k miles, license current, riding gear as well if needed, \$1,250/obo. 261-3904.  
1997 JAYCO Eagle, 32', at Ponderosa campground, deck, no slideout, \$6,700. 732-4238/210-842-1892.  
1986 HONDA 1100 Shadow motorcycle, excellent condition, newer tires, 48K miles, second windshield, \$1,975. 876-2448.  
2004 ADVENTURER, 38.5', 2-slides, 13.5k miles, showroom condition, W/D, loaded w/all options, NS/NP, GA'd, below book price. 272-5850.

## FOR RENT

INDOOR storage for boats, campers & cars; FOR SALE: Old barn boards. 288-5302.  
LARGE storage space, \$200/month, avail. Nov. 1, near downtown Rochester, 25'x11'x28'. 533-8693 evenings.  
CONDO- Tempe, AZ. 2 bdrm, 2 bath, loft, office, 1,450 sq. ft., \$900 month, one month free, nice location. 480-227-3630.  
STORAGE for boats, campers, cars, motorcycles. 280-0285.

STORAGE space for cars, boats, etc. Locked steel building, 5 miles NW of IBM. 286-9206.  
INDOOR/OUTDOOR Storage- Cars, boats, RV's. Cement gravel floor; Grain bins, 3-5,000 BU. 251-5639.  
EASTWOOD Storage- New buildings, fenced, well-lit, paved, inside/outside storage. 6584 Hwy 14 East. 288-4793.  
WINTER Storage- Boats, cars, RV's, cycles, lawnmowers, etc. Viola Rd, 6 miles E of Century HS. 269-9987

## FREE

BIRTHDAY steak and/or breakfast at Fran-N-Steins in Byron. Call Wed-Sun. 775-6440.  
PIANO, upright, in good condition. 884-1851.  
BARN cats to go before winter. We can't care for them anymore. 867-4456.  
LARGE older chest-type freezer, works well. You haul, Byron. 951-3822.  
ORANGE kittens; FOR SALE: Twin mattress set, \$20; Aroma 40-cup coffee maker, \$40. 273-7490.  
CAT- 1.5 years old, spayed female, box trained, gray/brown tiger, affectionate. To good, loving country home. 951-9356.

## WANTED

DOLLHOUSE furniture, wood or plastic, wiring, wallpaper, etc; Leather craft tools. 932-4229.  
RECYCLING junk trucks, campers, motorcycles, snowmobiles, outboard motors, air conditioners, dryers, stoves, mowers, tillers. 269-6402.  
USED K62 transmission from John Deere Sabre riding lawnmower. 288-7031.  
JOHN Deere lawn tractors & attachments. Running or need work; Mens & womens 3-wheeled bikes. 529-8850.  
USED play/swing set w/slide, swings & fort. 867-3399 after 6 pm.  
2003-2006 ARCTIC Cat F6. 533-6563 Scott.  
33 1/3 RECORDS; Magnavox & Zenith console stereos. 867-4868.  
BINGO Players- all ages! Nov. 8, 5 pm. St. Paul Lutheran, Chatfield. Lunch served, great prizes. 867-3583.

## MISC SERVICES

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

RV & horse trailer winterizing, \$65. Service call charges may apply to your site. 30 years experience. 273-2395.  
AREATION, seeding, shrub pruning, fall clean-up, weed control. Minnesota Outdoor Maintenance. 208-2778.  
PRAIRIE Walls, indoor rock climbing gym. Birthday parties, lessons & group events. 292-0511/www.prairiwalls.com.  
SEWING, alterations, including bridal, 30 years experience. 533-4627/533-8470.  
FALL clean-up- Mowing, household repairs, garden tilling, hauling services, odd jobs. T&H Services. 202-9015.  
THEEL Sandblasting- Painting, body shop repair, steel & alum. welding. 282-2887.  
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## ANIMALS

GERMAN Blue puppies (German Shepard/Blue Tick cross), born 9-7-09, \$70. 867-4028.

BREEDING bull, born 3-09 (sire by Doc Holiday), \$800; (4) Angus cross cows, due mid-May. \$900. 798-2544.

HORSES- Quarter, Paints, Appaloosas. Many to choose from; Pygmy goats; Farm grade lumber & blocking. 273-6751.

15" Western saddle; Bridles & accessories included, \$125 for all. 289-2038.

16" SIMCO saddle w/green seat, great shape. Good old time leather, better than new cheap. Photos avail. 545-2048.

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

- Dodge County Human Services (507) 374-6401
- Fillmore County Social Services - Preston (507) 765-2761
- Mower County Social Services - Austin (507) 433-5889
- Olmsted County Energy Assistance Community Services/Income Maintenance (507) 328-6500. On Line: [www.co.olmsted.mn.us](http://www.co.olmsted.mn.us) and search for Energy Assistance. Application Request Line: (507) 328-6508
- Rochester Salvation Army (507) 288-3663
- Three Rivers Community Action, Inc. Zumbrota (507) 732-7391 Toll Free (800) 277-8418
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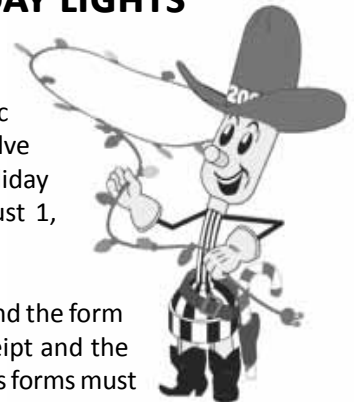
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Complete the incentive form, send the form in with copies of your sales receipt and the UPC from the package. All rebates forms must be postmarked by December 31, 2009.

# FALL BACK

## Daylight saving time ends

### Sunday, November 1 at 2 a.m.

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# Dual Fuel Testing

## Wednesday, November 18th

Controlled electric heat loads will be turned off beginning at 5 p.m.

All loads will be restored by 11:15 p.m.



This test is conducted each fall to assist our cooperative members in determining if problems exist with their interruptible heating loads and remind members that loads will be controlled during the peak of the heating season. Members are also reminded to check their backup heat source to make sure it is working properly.

### Vampire power costs

There's a lot of interest in the fact that many electronic devices in our homes are using energy even while they are turned off or not being used. But, how much money do these energy vampires really consume?

For many people, the standby power used by one device will seem minuscule, but the costs can add up when you take into account just how many things we all have plugged in. What's more, many households, have multiple televisions, computers, cordless phones, and others.

All told, the money wasted by an average U.S. household on standby power each year could easily be used to purchase an iPod Shuffle or in some cases even a Nano.

Below is a list of the annual average costs for many household gadgets that are turned off and plugged in. Just add up the costs for everything you have plugged in at home to find out how much standby power costs you use each year.

Keep in mind that these are just averages, and in some categories there are big differences between most and least efficient products. How much energy each of your devices consumes will depend on the device itself.

Calculated below are averages based on energy use stats from the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy using a price of 11 cents per kilowatt-hour.

#### Home Entertainment

LCD TV: \$2.97  
 Plasma TV: \$2.97  
 Digital cable box: \$17.65  
 Satellite cable box: \$15.50  
 DVR: \$36.63  
 Digital cable box w/DVR: \$43.01  
 Set-top satellite box w/DVR: \$27.52  
 CD player: \$4.99

#### Home Office

Desktop computer: \$3.96  
 Laptop computer: \$8.81  
 Laptop charger: \$4.38  
 (unattached to laptop)  
 Printer: \$1.98  
 Multifunction printer, scanner, copier:  
 \$5.21  
 Computer speakers: \$1.98

#### Other

Coffee maker: \$1.12  
 Microwave oven: \$3.05  
 Cordless phone: \$1.98  
 Answering machine: \$1.99  
 Power tool: \$3.96  
 Handheld vacuum: \$2.97  
 Electric toothbrush: \$1.98  
 Cell phone charger: \$0.26  
 (unattached to phone)

Costs start adding up when you take into account electronics that may be left on when you're not using them. Here's a small sampling:

Desktop computer: \$71.00  
 Video game console: \$23.10  
 VCR: \$7.69 / DVD player: \$7.46  
 CD player: \$8.53

### Electricity - demand - peak hours - Load control

The amount of electrical energy that is available at a given time from a generation plant is limited by the plant's designed capacity. As a power company, we must have generation capacity available to provide sufficient power to accommodate periods of peak electrical use.

For instance, winter evenings, people are coming home, turning on lights, turning up the heat, turning on the TV, preparing meals, washing clothes and dishes. This is a peak time for energy use here at the Cooperative. A large portion of your Cooperative's expenses are in the form of "Peak Demand Charges" we pay our power supplier to reserve generating capacity for us to meet these potential peaks. By the effective use of load control or energy management system, and member cooperation, peak demands can be lowered dramatically, saving dollars and delaying construction of future transmission and generation facilities. This relates to lower, more stabilized member rates as well as conservation of our precious natural resources.

When you hear "Peak Alert" announcements on your local TV and radio stations, help yourself and your neighbors by turning off any nonessential loads.

Another option to help save is to voluntarily reduce your energy consumption between the hours of 4 -8 p.m. daily. Wait until after 8 p.m. before using major appliances.



### IS YOUR ACCOUNT NUMBER WORTH \$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 no winners from the September issue. Account numbers not found: Angela Sunde, Robert Tucker, Kevin Kropfeld, John Cummins, and Joseph Nesler.