



A NEW YEAR, A NEW LOOK

2019 BRINGS CHANGES TO OUR *WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER*

As the New Year rolls in, we are refreshing our look both in print and online. We've expanded our newsletter to 12 pages and have given it a bit of a makeover by updating the images on the front cover and adding a summary of the highlights from the previous month's board meeting.



We're also including more reminders about the value-added programs and services we offer to ensure you, our members, take full advantage of your membership in the Cooperative.

The updated images at the top of the cover represent our commitment to renewable energy, energy efficiency, reliable power, and beneficial electrification. Beneficial electrification is a term being used more and more; it refers to replacing fossil fuel use with

electricity in a way that reduces overall emissions and energy costs.

If you haven't visited our website in the past couple of weeks, we encourage you to check it out at peoplesenergy.coop. The site has a new look and is now compliant with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). It's also more user friendly, especially for members with sight impairments who use software that reads online content to them.

The new platform also includes Google Translator that enables

members to select their preferred language. Gwen Stevens, director of member and community relations stated, "We're happy to provide our members with a site that is more informative, easier to navigate, and can be viewed in their preferred language. All at no additional cost to the Cooperative."

Stevens went on to say, "One of the drawbacks for a few members will be that we discontinued our online want ads when we moved to the new site platform. Due to a decrease in use, the increase in other free online sales sites, and the cost for the custom programming required to offer online want ads, we elected not to continue that service."

Visit peoplesenergy.coop today to see the new look and be sure to check back often for up-to-date news and info about your cooperative.

inside:

05. Purchase Your Lightbulbs With ElectricSense

06. Looking For Capital Credit Recipients

09. 2019 NRECA Youth Tour to Washington D.C.

11. Your 2019 Resolutions for Electrical Safety

CEO MESSAGE

FROM ELAINE J. GARRY, PRESIDENT & CEO



Elaine J. Garry

egarry@peoplesrec.com

Happy New Year! As I reflect on 2018, I can't help but be proud of all we've accomplished. Our Board and staff have worked hard to ensure we head into 2019 and the future strong and well-equipped to best serve our members. Some of the highlights:

STRATEGIC PLANNING: In February, we partnered with National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's (NRECA) National Consulting Group to develop a strategic plan for the Cooperative. The plan's goals are to:

1. Preserve a strong financial position by maintaining competitive rates and prices.
2. Enhance member-owner satisfaction.
3. Explore, evaluate, and pursue renewables and energy storage opportunities.
4. Attract and maintain a highly motivated, dedicated, and healthy work force.
5. Enhance customer service, system planning and analysis, and operating efficiencies.
6. Continuously assess and enhance the Board's performance and demonstrate a commitment to effective governance.

SERVICE TERRITORY AGREEMENT: A significant accomplishment was signing an agreement with Rochester Public Utilities (RPU) that ensures fair and equitable compensation when our service territory is annexed by the City of Rochester.

LAND SALES: We sold land in Oronoco Crossings that is now home to Noble RV, Illusion Systems, and the future home of Hilltop Camper and RV. We also sold a lot in the Elgin Business Park. There are only about six acres of business/commercial land left in Oronoco Crossings and over seven acres in the Elgin Business Park. Contact us if you are interested in locating a business in one of these great communities.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: We are proud to have played a part in helping Little Eagles Childcare Center in Eyota and Sprouts Childcare and Early Education Center in Stewartville open for business in 2018 through our economic development loan program.

NEW MEMBER PROGRAMS: The following are new programs we've added or expanded to offer more value-added member services.

- In July, we rolled out our Residential Standby Generator Program.
- We began offering prepaid billing through our MyChoice program that enables members to prepay on their account; eliminating set due dates, deposits, late fees, and reconnect fees.
- Dairyland Power Cooperative (DPC), our primary power provider, expanded its Evergreen Program to provide members more options to voluntarily contribute to the increased use of utility-scale renewable energy generation.
- We partnered with DPC and four other Dairyland cooperatives to offer ElectricSense, an online store that delivers energy-efficient light bulbs and water-saving products.
- We expanded our electric water heater program by increasing rebate amounts, offering a rebate on 50-gallon water heaters, and enhancing the service program for those involved in our water heater energy management program.
- In December, we announced members will now have the option to purchase home repair service plans through a partnership with HomeServe.

IMPROVED MEMBER SATISFACTION: In April, we conducted a survey of members that incorporates the American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI) scoring system. We were thrilled that our score improved by three points over the last time. Our score in 2016 was 81 and improved to 84 in 2018.

SYSTEM UPGRADES IN ELGIN AND EYOTA: We completed significant upgrades to the portions of our system that serve the cities of Elgin and Eyota.

As you can see, 2018 was another productive year at your cooperative. Work plans for 2019 are in place to ensure we continue to deliver on our mission to bring value to our member-owners and communities by providing reliable electricity, superior customer service, and innovative energy solutions at fair and reasonable prices. Best wishes for a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year!

Sincerely,
Elaine J. Garry,
President & CEO,
507-367-7000



MONTHLY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The PEC Board of Directors held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, Dec. 17, 2018. A quorum of directors was present and the following items were discussed:

- ▶ **A member met with the Board to discuss the Cooperative's Distribution Grid Access Fee that applies to members with their own.**
- ▶ **CEO Elaine J. Garry presented her monthly report. Four hundred twenty-one.**
- ▶ **Director Ken Wohlers provided the monthly Dairyland Power Cooperative Director's Report.**
- ▶ **Power Systems Engineering presented the preliminary results of the Class Cost of Service Study and progress that has been made on the Rate Study.**
- ▶ **Board members discussed and provided feedback on the Member Advisory Committee meeting that took place on November 29.**
- ▶ **Cooperative staff presented, and the Board approved, the 2019 Work Plan and Budget.**

save the date! BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

MARCH 1: YOUTH TOUR

APPLICATIONS DUE – The Electric Cooperative Youth Tour has brought high school students to Washington, D.C. every June since the late 1950s. We believe that students should see their nation's capital up close, learn about the political process and interact with their elected officials.

For more information see page 9.

MARCH 20: APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR OPERATION

ROUND-UP® – The ORU Trust Board meets each quarter to review applications and grant funds for local non-profits that meets the qualifications according to the Bylaws of the Trust. *Complete details and applications can be found online at www.peoplesenergy.coop.*

MARCH 21: ANNUAL MEETING –

Mark your calendar and plan to attend PEC's annual meeting being held in the evening at the Rochester International Event Center. *More details will be shared next month.*

MARCH 29: SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION'S DUE – PEC is pleased to offer \$1,000 scholarships for general education and \$2,000 scholarships for lineworker education programs to graduating seniors throughout our service area.

See page 10 for more details.

highline

Vol. 83 • Issue 01

MANAGEMENT

Elaine J. Garry,
President/CEO

Gary Fitterer,
Director of Engineering

Mike Henke,
Chief Financial Officer

Michelle Olson,
Director of Member Services

Gwen Stevens,
Director of Cooperative Relations

Troy Swancutt,
Director of Operations

2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DISTRICT 1:
Joe Book

DISTRICT 2:
Ken Wohlers,
Secretary/Treasurer

DISTRICT 3:
Robert Hoefs,
Vice Chair

DISTRICT 4:
Tracy Lauritzen

DISTRICT 5:
Jerry Wooner,
Board Chair

DISTRICT 6:
Art Friedrich

DISTRICT 7:
Jeff Orth

Visit peoplesenergy.coop for a listing of the areas covered by each district.

GENERAL INFO

Office Hours:
7:30 am – 4:00 pm, M–F

Telephone: 507-367-7000

Toll-Free: 800-214-2694

Web Address:
www.peoplesenergy.coop

Gopher State One Call:
1-800-252-1166
[digging & line location]



2019 Rebates FOR RESIDENTIAL & BUSINESS

PEC offers several types of rebates, including custom options. Forms are available at local retailers, on our website, or by contacting the Cooperative. Local retailers include many big box stores as well as local appliance stores and HVAC contractors. **NOTE: items marked with an asterisk must enroll in our energy management program to qualify.**

APPLIANCES

- Heat Pump – Clothes Dryer – \$50 each
- Energy Star Appliances: Clothes dryer (*must be electric*), clothes washer, dehumidifier, dishwasher, refrigerator (*10 cubic feet or larger*) – \$25 each
- Recycled Appliances: Freezer, refrigerator, or room air conditioner (*must be working*) – \$25 each

AUDIT / ASSESSMENT

- Compressed Air Audit: Up to \$500, one per audit – 20% of audit cost
- Implementation: Recommendation(s) from audit and/or assessment (*\$500 cap*) – 20% of cost of measures

CONSERVATION

- Electric Vehicle Charging Station* – \$200 each
- Faucet Flow Restrictor: 1.5 GPM or less; capped at 20% of cost – \$1 each
- Shower Flow Restrictor: 2.5 GPM or less; capped at 20% of cost – \$5 each

HEATING & COOLING

- Heat Pump: Air source & MiniSplit (*SEER 14+, HSPF 8.2+, or EER 11+*) – \$200 per ton
- Heat Pump: Commercial air source & PTHPs (*less than 20 ton: EER 11+; 20 to less than 60 ton: EER 10.5+; Greater than or equal to 60 ton: EER 10+*) – \$200 per ton
- Heat Pump: Geothermal – \$600 per ton
- New Furnace: With ECM blower motor (*must be: variable speed or AFUE greater than or equal to 95% and 670 kilowatt hours per year or less; new motors on existing furnaces do not qualify*) – \$35 each

LIGHTING (CAPPED AT 20% OF COST)

- Screw-in LED Bulb: Five bulb minimum – \$1 each
- LED Fixture/Linear Bulb – \$1 per 800 lumens
- LED Exit Sign – \$5 each
- Occupancy Sensor: Doesn't include motion detector fixtures – \$5 each

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL/AGRICULTURE

- Commercial Vending Machine Controls – \$25 each
- Exhaust Fan: Fans under 36" must be greater than or equal to 18 cfm/watt at 0.05" SP; fans 36" and over must be greater than or equal to 21 cfm/watt at 0.05" SP – \$1 per inch diameter
- Circulation Fan: Fans under 36" must be greater than or equal to 18 lbs. force/kW; fans 36" and over must be greater than or equal to 21 lbs. force/kW – \$1 per inch diameter
- Electric Forklift Battery Charger* – \$200 each
- Dairy Plate Cooler/Well Water Pre-Cooler: Twenty-two thousand four hundred eighty-eight – \$500 each
- Dairy Refrigeration Heat Recovery: With electric backup (*requires electric water heater in energy management*) – \$300 each
- Low/Zero Energy Livestock Waterer: 500 watts or less; insulated tank – \$50 each
- Scroll Refrigeration Compressor: \$1,000 cap per compressor – \$30 per HP
- Variable Frequency Drive (VFD): \$1,000 cap per drive; must be a minimum of 1 HP – \$30 per HP

WATER HEATING

- Heat Pump Water Heater: Integrated (*all-in-one*) units, EF 2.00+ – \$300 each
- Solar Storage Water Heater: With electric auxiliary tank – \$300 each
- Water Heater (80-99 Gallon)*: Incentive rate; greater than or equal to .90 EF – \$250 each
- Water Heater (100+ Gallon)*: Incentive rate; greater than or equal to .90 EF – \$400 each
- Water Heater (50-79 Gallon): Regular rate; greater than or equal to .90 EF – up to \$500 each
- Water Heater (80+ Gallon)*: Regular rate; greater than or equal to .90 EF – up to \$800 each

TOUCHSTONE ENERGY HOME PROGRAM

- New Home: Must meet 1 of 3 program/code requirements – \$500 each

ElectricSense

NEED NEW BULBS?

IT'S EASY WITH ELECTRIC\$ENSE. No need to mess with rebate forms and copies of receipts. If you purchase your LEDs through our online store, the rebate is automatically calculated and applied at checkout!

1. STEP ONE:

First, visit us online at peoplesenergy.coop to find ElectricSense under the "Member Center" pull-down menu.

STEP TWO:

You'll find the link to the **ElectricSense** store on the right side of the screen. Simply click on "Start Shopping" to get started.

2.



ElectricSense Online Store
Members can browse the ElectricSense store by clicking on the box below. To purchase a product, a member must create an account and identify themselves as a People's Energy Cooperative member. The store accepts VISA, MasterCard, American Express, Discover and PayPal.

[Start Shopping](#)

3.

STEP THREE:

Once on the **ElectricSense** site, click on "Shop" to see the various categories of energy efficient products available.

STEP FOUR:

Looking at lights, the discounted price reflects the applicable rebate. To make a purchase, a member must create an account and identify themselves as a PEC member.

4.



Simply Choose
6 WATT 2700K GLOBE LED LAMP (EQV. 40W)
\$4.00 - \$3.92



Simply Choose
7 WATT 3000K PAR38 LED LAMP (EQV. 50W)
\$7.50 - \$6.50



Simply Choose
6 WATT 2700K CANDELABRA LED LAMP (EQV. 40W)
\$3.00 - \$3.18



CAPITAL CREDITS

DO YOU KNOW ANYONE ON THIS LIST?

Checks are mailed to former members at their last address on file with PEC. Some checks are returned as undeliverable. Below is a list of people we have lost touch with who are entitled to receive capital credits. If you know someone, have them reach out to us to update their contact info.

Abbott, Douglas C. & Rhonda A.
Adank, David E.
Alderman, David W.
Allen, Gerald D.
Amundson, Daniel E.
Anderson, Jennifer D.
Anderson, Marlys K.
Anderson, Ray D. & Patricia G.
Anderson, Thos R. & Katherine
Armstead, Thomas M. &
Therese
Armstrong, Larry E. & Roberta
Arnold, Ricky E. & Jill R.
Ash, Randall R.
Bacon, Terrill
Bailey, Robin A.
Bakken, Julie L.
Bannister, Kami L.
Batzel, Kenneth R.
Bauer, Paul L.
Bauter, Stephen R.
Becker, Amber L. & Erik
Beckjorden, Amy
Beier, Gregory J. & Sandra M.
Beistad, Rodney D. & Beola K.
Bell, Shirley M. *(c/o Linda Bell)*
Bendickson, Gene W.
Bennett, Eric
Berg, Kevin D.
Berg, Kevin D. & Irene E.
Berge, Randy A. & Patricia J.
Bethke, Kenneth E. & Debra K.
Beyer, Gerald L. & Shirley R.
Bierbaum, John F.
Binner, John E.
Boenish, Mark A. & Rebecca A.
Bond, Garold C.
Borst, Jared J. & Daysha
Boxrud, Edward R. & Elizabeth
Boysen, Audrey J.
Boysen, Cathy
Boysen, Terry D.
Breinholt, Marilyn
Brogan, Kimberly M.
Brown, Roger H.
Brown, Sanford L.
Brummond, Ronald D.
Buettner, James A.
Burkholder, Weston J.
Campion, James B. Est.
(c/o Colleen Allen)
Camrud, Allan R.

Cappel, Michelle E.
Carisch, David & Linda K.
Carlson, Jeffrey T. &
Christine G.
Carpenter, Clarence A.
Carter, Maynard E. Est.
Chappuis, Robert J. Est.
Chhunn, Soeun & An P.
Choy, Samuel
Christenson, Robert & Mary
Christopherson, Rich
Christunas, Sandra L.
Clark, David P.
Cole, Kenneth W. & Diane M.
Costello, Thomas J.
Cravath, Ednyna E.
Crawford, Kimm & Barbara
Culbertson, F.H.
Cunningham, William & Cathy
Currit, Paul A.
Dahl, Mitchell L. & Sharon L.
Daily, Jon D.
Danh, Hien T.
Daniels, Michael D. & Debra A.
Daniels, Scott W. & Melinda
Deedrick, John A. & Kelly L.
Dekeyrel, Alan J. & Kim L.
Demmer, Greg
Denhartog, Amy M.
Denny, Edna M.
Despins, Thomas J.
Dhaliwal, Charan & Paula
Digre, Michael D. & Leah D.
Dodge, Dale R. Est.
Dodge, Nathan G.
Dolan, Jeffrey J.
Dondlinger, Nicholas C. & Lois
Dostal, Jeffrey E. & Betty J.
Dotterwick, Gerald W.
Dushane, Lynn M.
Dybevik, Herm E. & Cheryl P.
Ehlenfeldt, Mitchell & Karen
Eidem, Roger A.
Emmons, Michael & Patricia
Evers, Gary
Evers, Richard
Faber, Darin J. & Penny A.
Farrow, Dr. George
Fay, James D.
Felten, Mark & Elizabeth
Fey, Della M.
Fieck, Brandon

Fieseler, Phyliss J. Est.
Finlayson, Dr. Richard
Finley, James M.
Finstad, Jodi A.
Finstuen, James L. & Danniell
Flaby, Gerald W.
Flicker, Tia M.
Fogarty, Marion F. Est.
Fogarty, Michael E. & Denise
Fohrman, John R.
Franke, Randy G.
Franks, George H.
Freeman, David A. & Lorena
Frey, Christine D.
Fritsch, David D.
Frost, Harold S. & Marilyn R.
Furlow, Barbara L.
Gansen, James W.
Gearhart, Charles L. & Stacy
Geise, Shirley J.
Geppert, Wayne C.
Gould, Jean
Graham, James W. &
Pauline M. *(c/o Adam Buzbee)*
Greer, Joyce J.
Griffith, Paul A.
Grimm, Randall L.
Grimm, Randy
Gustavson, Jeraldine E.
Haack, Walter D.
Hager, Dorothy J.
Hall, Bernice J.
(c/o Richard Hall)
Hall, Diane M.
Hall, Louis A.
Halling, Cheryl K.
Halvorsen, Finn O. Est.
Hamand, Kimberly K.
Hammel, Leonard A.
Hanf, Jesse J.
Hanson, Ann L.
Hanson, Gregory G.
Hanson, John D. & Vera A.
Harbaugh, Carol A.
Harless, Heidi C.
Hartman, Thomas E.
Harvey, Gwendolyn
Hawbecker, Bradley R.
(c/o Karen Evans)
Heide, Kimberly A.
Heim, Amy & Todd
Hendrickson, John S. &
Andrea E.

Hendrickson, Teresa A.
Hendrix, Barbara K.
Hess, Aaron R. & Holly E.
Heusinkveld, Jensen L-V
Highum, Edward A.
Hillesland, Michael G.
Hirssig, Scott S. & Elora W.
Holabird, Rebecca K.
Holden, Karen I. & William
Holm, Chad A.
Holt, Dennis L. & Marjorie L.
Holt, Philip W. Est
(Jamie Jo Holt)
Holt, Russell J.
Holzer, Jr., WM A.
Homstad, Cathy J.
Hootman, Michael D.
Howard, Diane L.
Hubbard Milling Co.
Hughes, Clarissa
Hughes, Jessica M.
Hynes, Jodi L.
Ingalls, Elaine M.
Jaben, Elizabeth A.
Jackson, Stanley D.
Jensen, Dan L. & Melissa R.
Jerviss, Nadia C. Est.
(Dorothy J. Gustine P/R)
Jimale, Abdi H. & Belinda H.
Johnson, Bryan L. & Leah
Johnson, Christoph D.
Johnson, Jennifer S.
Johnson, Kathy J.
Jones, James C.
Jordan, Donald M.
Joyce, Brett L. & Renae W.
Kathmann, Kevin J. & Eva C.
Keehn, James E.
Keller, Maurice P. Est.
Kemmer, Lorraine
Kerwin, Quenell G. & Rose M.
Kettelson, Sheldon J.
Kiefer, Tonya
Kiehne, Dwaine C. Est.
(c/o Beverly Kiehne)
King, Brenda S.
King, David M.
Kisro, Jay L.
Klingsporn, Maurice W.
Klingsporn, Tim R. & Kathy M.
Kluth, James D. & Tara L.
Koehler, Darius P. & Lisa C.

RECOGNIZE ANY NAMES? CAPITAL CREDIT RETURNED CHECK LIST

Koeller, Wendy L.
 Koenig, Bonita K.
 Kopka, Thomas E.
 Kowalewski, Gary A.
 Kraft, Michael D.
 Kraft, Tara L.
 Krause, Gerald J.
 Kreidermacher, Casper Est.
(c/o Leita R. Hassig P/R)
 Kuhlmann, Tina A.
 Kuon, Ken
 Lane, Jeffrey J.
 Larrison-Gruhlke, Mary Jo
 Larsen, Josh & Staci
 Larson, Stanley K. &
 Michelle A.
 Larson, Wayne A.
 Lechner, Richard D.
 Lee, Jo M.
 Lewis, Francis A.
(c/o Annette L. Lewis)
 Lindgren, Carol & Nathan
 Linkous, Jeffrey
 Lofgren, Paul & Teri R.
 Louks, John D. Melody J.
 Lourenco, Victor & Luisa
 Love, Jr., J.G.
 Lovelace, James R.
 Ludwig, D.J.
 Lukes, Terry
 Mailbago, Nelpha
 Majerus, Jason L.
 Makela, Tina L. & Adam S.
 Malbraaten, Michelle M.
 Mann, Tracey L.
 Markee, Richard A. & Joanne L.
 Mart, Allen F.
(c/o Tammy Carlock)
 Martin, Jay B.
 Martin, Ronald G.
 Matheson, Melissa A.
 Mathison, Travis & Angela J.
 Mathur, Bhawnesh C.
 Mayerle, Joseph & Tonia
 Mc Clellan, Loren
 Mc Clellan, Vern Est.
 McCafferty, Patricia F.
 McCall, Christine M.
 McConnell, Joseph & Suzanne
 McGuire, Marie T.
 McIntosh, Bernice B.
 Meek, David W.
 Meeker, Nicholas J.
 Melom, Terry A.
 Mercer, Daniel J. & Teresa
 Meyer, Steven V.
 Meyers, Michael
 Mickow, Ervin Est.
(c/o Doris J. Mickow)
 Milene, Mandy L.
 Miller, Andy J.
 Miller, Jon R. & Jennifer L.
 Miller, Joseph W. & Marcie J.
 Miller, Kathleen C.

Mills, Alan M.
 Milz, Gerald J. & Colleen S.
 Minter, Agnes J. Est.
 Moat, Jeffrey T. & Kandi K.
 Montgomery, Courtney E.
 Moon, James R. & Cynthia A.
 Moon, Thomas J. & Shelley
 Moore, Pauline M.
 Moran, Daphne M.
 Mulvihill, Timothy J.
 Murphy, Kelly J. & Audrey B.
 Murr, Michel M.
 Natzke, Todd
 Nauman, Philip D.
 Nelsen, Robert L.
 Nelson, Donna M.
 Nelson, Marvin E. & Helen E.
 Nelson, Timothy J.
 Nielsen, Brian L.
 Niemeyer, Michael J.
 Nock, Clifton M. & Angela
 Nolan, Patrick V.
 Nord, Doris M.
 Nordstrom, Gregory M. &
 Lynda J.
 Norman, George W. Est.
(or Eunice Norman)
 Nowlan, Jennifer C. & Robert
 O'Haven, Kenneth &
 Julianna S.
 Olcott, L.D.
 Olsen, Christina M.
 Olson, A.R.
 Olson, L.G.
 Olson, Melissa M.
 O'Malley, Duane E. & Darlene
 O'Neil, Kevin M. & Teresa M.
 Orr, Michael T.
 Ostfeld, Raymond V.
 Palmer, Tammy
 Park Construction
 Pawlik, John J. & Bonnie L.
 Pencille, Elinor H.
 Peoples, Paul D.
 Perez, Roberto E. & Teri L.
 Peters, Robert
 Peterson, Chuck A. & Shari
 Peterson, Kenneth R. & Bonita
 Pettey, Christopher
 Phelps, Jeffrey S.
 Phillips, Irene M.
 Phutseevong, Kanthalee
 Pischke, Mary E.
 Pittelkow, Matthew & Eileen
 Poulter, Stephanie M.
 Powers, Robert E. &
 Ramona J.
 Pressnall, Jeffrey G.
 Price, James C.
 Priebe, Harold
 Prigge, Daniel T.
 Prochazka, David G. & Joy
 Puffe, Larry
 Pyfferoen, Betty

Quam, Jeffrey P.
 Realife Co-op of Rochester
(c/o Paulette Carlson)
 Rehbein, Patti A.
 Reinboldt, William H.
 Remker, Thomas P.
 Reynertson, Daniel M.
 Richter, Helena R. & Warren
 Risley, Patricia K.
 Robinson, Hazle B.
 Roller, Emma V.
(c/o Keith Roller)
 Rownd, Tim D. & Barbara E.
 Rueb, Grace
 Ruff, Duane L. & Shannon
 Rusert, John A. & Helen M.
 Ryland, Stephen G. & Julie M.
 Salinas, Luis
 Sammons, Thomas C. & Susan
 Savage, Kim J.
 Scherbring, Mary J. Est.
(or Wayne Scherbring)
 Schieck, Luella M.
 Schimek, Brenda M.
 Schimek, Roger P.
 Schmitz, Kristine R. & Michael
 Schmoll, Kevin R.
 Schneider, Thomas J.
 Schroeder, Douglas P.
 Schroeder, Marlow E. Est.
(c/o Diane Schroeder P/R)
 Schulz, Scott J. & Ami E.
 Schutz, Randall G.
 Scott, Debra J.
 Shevlin, Gregory S. & Tracee L.
 Siebenaler, James C. & Sheila
 Simmons, Timothy T.
 Simon, Mark A. & Peggy M.
 Simonson, Scott S. & Tammy K.
 Sinkeldam, Willem C. & Ina R.
 Sithisane, Khankeo
 Skinner, J.D.
 Smith, Kenneth D. Est.
(c/o Linda Smith)
 Smith, Ronald E.
 Snyder, Garth A. & Marian D.
 Sobell, Janet L. & Steve
 Spande, Mark
 Splittstoesser, Darin
 Springer, Charlotte C.
 Stanley, Richard E.
 Stevens, Michelle M. & Spencer
 Stewart, George E.
(c/o Jeffrey Stewart)
 Stolp, Carl R.
 Story, Rick L.
 Stryeski, Edward & Jackie
 Sturdivant, Pamela J.
 Sullivan, Mary L.
 Supreme Outdoor Advertising
 Surinta, Kongvien
 Swanson, Debra J.
 Swanton, Ian R. & Lisa M.
 Swarthout, Clifford W. & Joan

Tapp, David
 Terpenning, F.C.
 Thompson, Pamela J.
 Tieman, Richard E.
 Tienter, Garrison, D.
 Tighe, Louis C. Est.
 Tillman, Gene E.
 Timbeross, James K.
 Tipton, Emilie J. & John J.
 Eakins
 Tomfohrde, Gerald A.
 Tottingham, Sr., Howard B.
(c/o Bonnie Hockens)
 Trachsel, Pamela M.
 Trenerry, Max R. & Julie
 Tri, Bonnie L.
 Trost, Lois O.
 Tufte, Stephan E.
 Turner, Larry W.
 Uhde, Tim R.
 Vandal, Lillian F.
 Vasoli, Vincent M. & Maile M.
 Verchota, Richard J. &
 Caroline M.
 Vermeersch, Troy M.
 Vincent, Michele A. & Bruce
 Voeltz, Wanda D.
 Vogel, Roberta D.
 Vriezen, John J. & Kelly K.
 Wagner, Paul C.
 Walters, David E.
 Wangen, Jeremy S.
 Warner, Barry M.
 Washburn, Richard C.
(DBA: Better Lawns)
 Watrud, Nancy L.
 Weaver, Gwendolin T.
 Wegner, Phyllis, J.
 Weiberg, Jon R.
 Weier, Lee A.
 Weinmann, Robert J.
 Wensmann Homes
 of Rochester
 Wharton, Byron K. & Kim E.
 Whitewater Wireless, Inc.
(c/o Rollie Frank)
 Wibbens, James L.
 Wiener, Richard E.
 Wilder, Linda M.
 Williams, Jeffery D.
 Williams, Michael J. & Tammy
 Wilson, Philip C. & Lorie J.
 Wing, Carol J.
 Wylde, John R.
 Yates, Richard R. & C.O.
 Young, Wynn M.
 Zaffke, Lynn H.
 Zitzow, Marilyn K.





A SPECIAL SCREENING

In today's world, 'screen time' is a hot topic. Kasson-Mantorville (K-M) Community Education recognizes that parents of children at any age are struggling with many aspects of the technological age. To help families navigate this complicated issue, K-M Community Education is planning to show Screenagers – a film that provides solutions for both parents and students.

The film's website states, "Screenagers is an award-winning film that probes into the vulnerable corners of family life and depicts messy struggles over social media, video games, and academics. The film offers solutions on how we can help our kids navigate the digital world."

"Our target date for the showing of Screenagers is March 11th, 2019," explains Katie Schroden, performing arts and recreation coordinator with K-M Community Education. The plan is to show the film two times, once for area students and once for the community. Screenagers will be shown at the Minnesota WiFi Performing Arts Center, located at K-M High School.

To help cover the cost of showing the film, K-M Community Education received a \$700 grant through People's Energy Cooperative's Operation Round Up® Program. With \$650 of the grant going toward the screening fee of Screenagers, this will make it possible for K-M Community Education to offer the film free of charge. Schroden mentions how cost can definitely be a barrier that prevents people from attending events like this, and they wanted to lower as many barriers as possible to get the film's positive message out into the community.

"The funds we've received through Operation Round Up will absolutely make a difference," she says. "I'm not sure we would have been able to offer this film if the grant wasn't available to us, and we certainly would not

have been able to offer it for free. We are very appreciative of this grant and the other grants our school district has received as a result of the generosity of everyone who participates in Operation Round Up."

"We are very excited about this event and hope a large portion of our community comes out to receive the information presented in Screenagers. Hopefully people get something really positive out of it," Schroden says. "I am most looking forward to the conversations it is going to start. The film will provide an opportunity for discussion about how screens are affecting not only our youth, but everyone in our community."

For additional information about K-M Community Education's showing of Screenagers, please visit kmcomedu.new.rschoolday.com. Learn more about the film at screenagersmovie.com.



FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
MARCH 11, 2019 • 7:00 PM

Minnesota Wi-Fi Performing Arts Center
– Kasson-Mantorville High School –

No registration necessary.

GET SOCIAL!



A fast, easy way to share Cooperative news and info with members!





2018 Youth Tour group (including PEC's delegates, Sophia and William) met with U.S. Senator Tina Smith.



NRECA'S

2019 YOUTH TOUR!

In June, high school students from across Minnesota will travel to Washington, D.C. to join more than 1,900 other students from around the nation for the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour, celebrating its 55th anniversary this year.

“The Youth Tour has been the highlight of the summer for previous participants, and we’re proud to send students from among our membership to Washington, D.C. to participate,” said Elaine Garry, PEC President/CEO. “These students will gain a first-hand understanding of the legislative process and make connections with others from across the country that will last a lifetime. We look forward to this year’s trip and continuing the tradition for many years to come.”

Students on the tour will participate in leadership training, engage in one-on-one conversations with elected officials, jumpstart their national peer network, and tour Washington, D.C.

Juniors and seniors interested in participating and able to travel June 15-20, 2019, should complete an application *(available online or by calling the Cooperative)*. **Applications are due by 4 p.m. on Friday, March 1, 2019.** The winners will be notified by the end of March.

Help us spread the word by telling students and teachers about this great opportunity! For more information about the Youth Tour program, call 800-214-2694 or visit peoplesenergy.coop.

IT PAYS TO BE A MEMBER: HOME REPAIR SERVICE PLANS



HomeServe recently mailed you information about the exterior electrical repair plan they are offering to members of People’s Energy Cooperative. The plan provides repair service through HomeServe’s 24/7 repair hotline by local, licensed, and insured technicians with no deductibles or call-out fees.

Members who wish to sign up for a home repair service plan will work directly with HomeServe. For more information, visit homeserveusa.com.

HomeServe serves over three million homeowners in the U.S. and Canada.

Over 420,000 repair jobs were completed in 2017, saving customers more than \$144 million in repair costs.



ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS: Scholarships Available

As part of our community involvement and outreach efforts, People's Energy Cooperative is pleased to offer \$1,000 scholarships for general education and \$2,000 scholarships for lineworker education programs to graduating seniors throughout our service area.

Scholarships are funded by unclaimed capital credits and open to any graduating senior whose parents or guardians are members of the Cooperative and live within our service territory.

SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFICATIONS:

- **PARENTS OR GUARDIANS** must be active members of the Cooperative. Eleven thousand one hundred forty-nine.
- **MUST SUBMIT CURRENT** high school transcript showing a minimum 2.75 GPA along with application.
- **HEAVY CONSIDERATION** will be given to the student's service to their community.
- **STUDENT MUST BE** attending a college, university, or technical school in the fall of 2019 to apply.
- **STUDENT MUST PROVE COMPLETION** of the first semester or quarter of studies for funds to be released to the school.

Applications are available from school guidance offices, at peoplesenergy.coop, or by calling the Cooperative at 800-214-2694. Complete applications with cover letter and high school transcript must arrive to our office before 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 29, 2019.

IT PAYS TO BE A MEMBER: HIGH SPEED INTERNET



Viasat, the company that brought our members Exede, has launched an even better satellite for high-speed internet. The new satellite has more broadband capacity than any satellite in history—and that's good news for you!

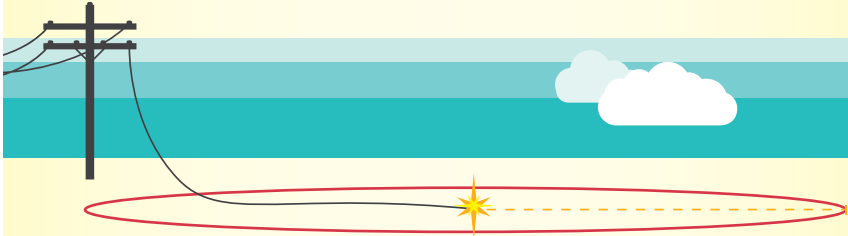
All new packages come with unlimited data and speeds ranging from 12Mbps up to 30Mbps. Customers will also be able to choose their preferred level of video streaming quality. This will vary depending on how you stream videos inside your home. Whether it's mostly through a hand-held device or a flat screen TV, Viasat broadband from NRTC Rural Broadband, will have a package that's right for you.

Your opportunity to upgrade to an improved level of broadband service!

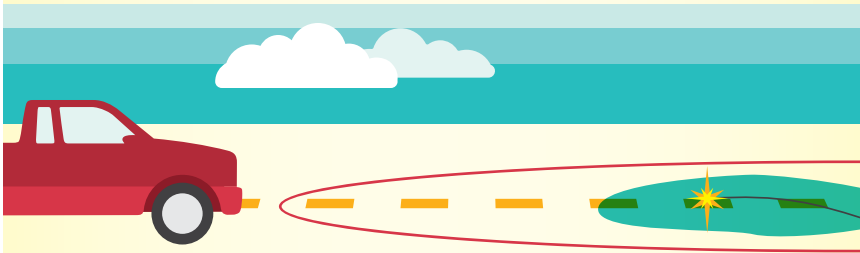
To learn more or sign-up, please call 888-559-9120. Be sure to mention you are a People's Energy Cooperative member and ask about any current promotions being offered.

When A Power Line Falls **DOWN & DANGEROUS**

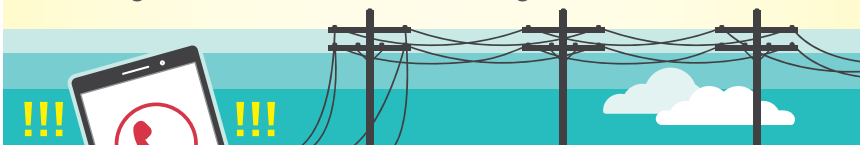
If you see a downed power line, always assume it is energized and dangerous. Avoid going near it or anything in contact with the power line.



Downed power lines can energize the ground up to **35 FEET AWAY** – so keep your distance.



NEVER DRIVE over a downed line or through water that is touching the line.



If you see a downed line, be sure to notify the local authorities **IMMEDIATELY**.



Never try to move a downed power line, even if you think the line is de-energized or if you're using a non-conductive item – **THIS WILL NOT PREVENT INJURY OR DEATH!**

Resolutions **IN SAFETY**



A new year means new goals. Here are a few safety goals to remember in the upcoming year:

BE AWARE OF POWER POLES.

Whether in the field or on the road, it is important to be aware of the location of power poles. If you are in an accident with a power pole, it is important to remember that unless the vehicle you are in or equipment you are on is on fire, the safest place for you is to remain inside. If you must leave your vehicle, remember to jump out and away, making sure no part of your body or clothing touches the ground and vehicle at the same time. Land with both feet together and shuffle at least 40 feet away from the accident.

STAY AWAY FROM DAMAGED ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT.

If you see a downed power line or any other type of dangerous electrical situation, stay away and contact the Cooperative. Downed lines or damaged electrical equipment don't need to be arcing or smoking to be deadly. They can remain electrified and electrify the surrounding area. Thirty-two thousand two hundred eighteen.

CALL 811 BEFORE YOU DIG.

By digging responsibly, you're protecting yourself, the public, and underground facilities you may not be aware of. NOTE: Gopher State One Call will only help locate public utilities. In order to have private lines marked, you must make additional arrangements.



People's Energy Cooperative

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

1775 Lake Shady Avenue South
Oronoco, Minnesota 55960

HIGHLINE HI-LITES • January 2019 • Vol. 83 • Issue 01

Highline Hi-Lites (USPS# 244-720) is published monthly. Special Edition issued in March.

Periodical Postage Paid in Rochester, Minnesota.

Postmaster: Please send address changes to:

*Highline Hi-Lites, 1775 Lake Shady Ave. S.
Oronoco, Minnesota 55960*

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



24-HOUR OUTAGE NUMBER

WHEN THE LIGHTS GO OUT, SO DO WE

Call even if you think your neighbors have reported the outage. Leave one light on so you know when power has been restored. Have an emergency kit prepared.

507.367.7000 or 800.214.2694

SPOT YOUR NUMBER

\$30

*Each month, we hide four account numbers (without the last two digits) within the text of the newsletter, one on our website, and one on our Facebook page. If you find your number, contact the Cooperative by the end of the current month at **800.214.2694** or **memberservices@peoplesrec.com** to receive a \$30 credit on your electric bill.*

GOOD LUCK IN FINDING YOUR ACCOUNT NUMBER!



SUPPORT RENEWABLE ENERGY

People's Community Solar gives members an opportunity to support the Cooperative's renewable energy efforts. By subscribing to the energy output from the array, members receive a credit on their bill.

With the start of the New Year, the cost per panel is now prorated at \$675 as the subscription is now an 18-year term.

For more information, call 800-214-2694 or email communitysolar@peoplesrec.com.



Olmsted Soil & Water Conservation District

TREE & SHRUB TRANSPLANT SALE

Orders are now being accepted for mid-April delivery. Supplies are limited, so order early.

VARIETIES INCLUDE: *Arborvitae, Blackhills Spruce, Colorado Spruce, Norway Spruce, White Pine, Norway Pine, Maples, Oaks, Red Splendor Crab, Am Cranberry, Dogwood, Lilac, and more!*

2122 Campus Drive SE, Ste. 200
Rochester, MN. 507-328-7070

www.olmstedswcd.org