

# QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

**NEW**

**Winner Listing:**

CRMU appreciates your business! As a token of our appreciation, each quarter we will have small drawings for our communications customers. Please check the newsletter to see if you are a winner and **THANK YOU** for your business!

**WINNER OF FREE MONTH OF CALLER ID**

**Steve Smouse**

**WINNER OF FREE MONTH OF HBO**

**Jeff Corson**

**WINNER OF FREE MONTH OF CINEMAX**

**Eric Ernst**



**Energy Saving Tips**

**Time to replace old fridge?**

Have you ever wondered how much you could save on your monthly energy bill by replacing your old refrigerator or freezer with a new energy efficient model?

A new online tool found at [www.energystar.gov/refrigerators](http://www.energystar.gov/refrigerators) developed by the U.S. Department of Energy can help you make that decision by calculating the potential savings.

## CRMU Adds Big Ten Network to Channel Lineup



**SOMEHOW A T-SHIRT JUST DOESN'T EXPRESS IT ENOUGH. THIS IS BIG TEN COUNTRY.**

Passion this big deserves coverage this big. Welcome to the new television home of the Big Ten. For up-to-date programming information go to [BigTenNetwork.com](http://BigTenNetwork.com).



FOOTBALL > BASKETBALL > WRESTLING > GYMNASTICS > SOFTBALL > CLASSICS > COACHES SHOWS > IN HD >

**Channel 38: Analog**

**Channel 78: High Definition**

The Big Ten Network is a new television network that will produce for distribution to a national audience programming featuring exclusively activities of the 11 institutions that are a part of the Big Ten Conference.

The Big Ten Network went live on August 30, 2007. In its first year of existence, the Network will produce and/or distribute live coverage of as many as 400 intercollegiate athletic events in addition to select Big Ten Conference championships and hours of original programming. It will also offer more than 600 hours of program-

ming that will showcase the academic excellence and ground-breaking research that is happening regularly on the 11 campuses.

Specifically, the Big Ten Network will produce and distribute live in high definition television, among others, more than 35 football games, more than 100 men's basketball games, more than 60 women's basketball games and more than 20 women's volleyball matches. The Big Ten Network will also offer a series of women's field hockey matches, wrestling matches, women's and men's soccer matches, baseball games and softball games.

Specific to Iowa, the Big Ten Network will likely broadcast at least 60 events featuring UI athletic teams including up to five UI football games, as many as 20 UI men's basketball games, as many as six UI women's basketball games, and as many as three UI wrestling events.

The UI will also be provided up to 60 hours for programming about the outstanding students, faculty, staff, alumni, academic programs, cultural programs and ground-breaking research that makes the University of Iowa one of the nations' leading public institutions of higher education.



[www.bigtennetwork.com](http://www.bigtennetwork.com)

## CRMU COMMITS \$100,000 TOWARDS "COMMUNITY ATTRACTION AND TOURISM" GRANT PROPOSAL

The City of Coon Rapids recently submitted a "CAT" or community attraction and tourism grant proposal to the Iowa Department of Economic Development requesting over \$2M.

The CAT program is de-

signed to assist communities in the development and creation of multiple-purpose attraction and tourism facilities.

In reviewing applications, the CAT review committee ranks applications based upon feasibility, economic

impact, planning principles, technology and values, leveraged activity and the amount of matching funds raised.

The City is currently in negotiations with the CAT review committee.



## GIS Underway!



GIS (geographic information systems) is a collection of computer hardware, software,

and geographic data for capturing, managing, analyzing, and displaying all forms of geographically referenced information.

The ESRI ArcMap software utilized by CRMU is a very powerful tool which will allow CRMU to efficiently manage its facilities, analyze its networks, and create professional quality system maps which are geographically accurate.



## PROJECT SHARE

*“Add a PS To Help A Neighbor”*

**Project Share** is a plan, created by your municipal utility, to assist needy households in paying their wintertime energy bills.

You can help by adding a regular **PS** contribution to your monthly utility payment, or by making a direct donation to **Project Share**. These funds will then be distributed to neighbors in need for wintertime energy costs.

Those qualifying for help will be carefully identified by an area social service agency. A local committee will oversee **Project Share** to guarantee all contributions will be handled equitably and efficiently.

So please, add a **PS - Project Share** - to your utility payment each month. It's a simple way to share some warmth with those who need it.

## Project Share — "PS"

I'd like to help a neighbor in need with a tax-deductible contribution to Project Share

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City / State \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I will contribute \$\_\_\_\_\_ per month to Project Share.

I understand this amount will be billed to me monthly.

I have enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_ donation to Project Share.

Please cut this section out and mail it to:

Coon Rapids Municipal Utilities

P.O. Box 207

Coon Rapids, IA 50058

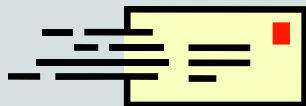
### Product Feature

#### Voice Mail — GOLD

- \* Email Notification
- \* Web Interface

Did you know.....

with CRMU's Voice Mail Gold package that your digital voice messages are also sent to you in an email?



That's right, you can now store all your important voice messages along with your other text email messages. With this feature, you are also able to manage your voice mail services through a web interface. Delete unwanted voice mails with the click of a button and never pick up the phone again for voice mail.

**CALL TODAY!**

**Only \$3 per month — if you're bundled!**

## GRAIN BIN SAFETY

As an electric service provider, CRMU is required to notify electric customers every year about the proper clearance required between grain bin storage and overhead power lines.

This law was put into place to ensure protection from the hazard of contacting overhead electric lines with augers, elevators or other equipment. There must be at least 18 feet between the top of a newly constructed grain bin and any overhead electric lines.

These distance requirements were developed by the American National Standards Institute and can be found in the 2007 National Electrical Safety Code, Rule 234F.

CRMU's Electric Operations personnel will work with customers who are developing a site plan for such a project. For more information call Electric Operations at 999-2225.



## Crosswind Energy Holds Open House to Celebrate Project Completion

Local farmer-owners of the community-based Crosswind Energy, LLC held an open house June 15 to celebrate the completion of the group's 10-turbine 21-megawatt wind energy project located near Ayrshire in Palo Alto County.

CRMU will receive capacity and energy from the project through its affiliation with NIMECA and Corn Belt Power Cooperative.

CRMU also receives wind energy from the Hancock County Wind Energy Center,

owned and operated by FPL Energy near Duncan, Iowa, and hydropower from the Western Area Power Administration. CRMU is also currently investigating the possibility of additional wind capacity in the Coon Rapids area.