

The Spotlight



A Touchstone Energy Cooperative

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DIRECTOR ELECTION RESULTS

At the co-op's 76th annual meeting, the following candidates were elected to a 3-year term (2013-2016) on the Board of Directors: Robert Wegmeyer (incumbent, Alpena District), Kurt Krajniak (Alpena District) and Raymond Wozniak (incumbent, Presque Isle District). The number of votes for each candidate were:

Alpena District (Two Vacancies)	Presque Isle District (One Vacancy)
Robert Wegmeyer 748	Raymond Wozniak 1,132
Kurt Krajniak 703	Ronald Horrocks 716
Ronald Lucas 682	
Bonnie Krajniak 559	
Howard Lumsden 448	



ALPENA DISTRICT
Kurt Krajniak



ALPENA DISTRICT
Robert Wegmeyer



PRESQUE ISLE DISTRICT
Raymond Wozniak

The board of directors officers are: Chairman - John Brown; Vice-Chairman - Allen Barr; Secretary - Dave Smith; and Treasurer - Daryl Peterson.

Ms. Nancy Dextrom of Atlanta won the raffle for voting by mail.

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Home Heating Assistance Programs for the 2013-2014 Season

The Winter Protection Plan protects eligible senior and low-income customers from service shut-offs and high utility bill payments during the winter months (Nov. 1-March 31). If you are an eligible low-income customer, your utility service will remain on from Nov. 1 through March 31, if you:

- pay at least 7% of your estimated annual bill each month, **and**
- make equal monthly payments of 1/12 of any past due bills.

When the protection period ends (March 31), you must pay the full monthly bill, plus the balance due from the winter months when you did not pay the full bill. **Participation does not relieve customers from the responsibility of paying for electricity and natural gas usage, but does prevent shut-off during winter months.** You qualify for the plan if you meet at least one of the following requirements:

- you are age 65 or older,
- you receive Department of Human Services cash assistance, including SSI,
- you receive Food Stamps,
- you receive Medicaid, or
- your household income is at or below the 150% of poverty level.

Senior citizens (65 or older) participating in the Winter Protection Plan are not required to make specific payments between Nov. 1 and March 31. However, seniors are encouraged to pay what they can each month to avoid large, unmanageable bills when the protection ends. *See page 15 of your Nov-Dec Country Lines for more details.*

HOLIDAY NOTICE

From all of us at PIE&G, we would like to wish you peace and happiness this holiday season. PIE&G offices will be closed December 24-25 and January 1st.



Call 2-1-1 For Heating, Human Services Help

Thanks to 2-1-1, a free community health and human services information and referral service, help is available to people in need. By simply dialing 2-1-1, available 24/7, callers will be connected with a trained, caring professional who will confidentially assess their situation, identify their needs and refer them to local resources for help. The 2-1-1 program provides information and referral for:

- **Basic Human Needs:** food, clothing, shelter, utility assistance, etc.
- **Physical and Mental Health:** medical information, crisis intervention services, support groups and counseling, etc.
- **Support for Older Americans and People with Disabilities:** home health care, adult day care, independent living, workforce training, Meals on Wheels, etc.
- **Support for Children, Youth and Families:** quality childcare, early childhood programs, after-school programs, summer camps, mentoring, tutoring, etc.
- **Crisis Calls:** suicidal thoughts, domestic violence, Public Health Emergencies, etc.

For more information about services in Michigan, visit uwmich.org/2-1-1; nationwide visit 211us.org; or simply dial 2-1-1.

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