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A Touchstone Energy Cooperative

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December 2014

DIRECTOR ELECTION RESULTS

At the co-op's 77th annual meeting, the following candidates were elected to 3-year terms (2014-2017) on the Board of Directors: **John F. Brown** (Incumbent, Cheboygan District), **David W. Smith** (Incumbent, Montmorency District), **Allan Berg** (Incumbent, Presque Isle District). The vacancy in the Cheboygan District was won by **Sandy Borowicz** for a one year term (2014-2015).

The number of votes each candidate garnered is listed below.

Cheboygan District: (One 3-year term)	John F. Brown 1,146 Charles Maziasz 478
Montmorency District: (One 3-year term)	David W. Smith 880 Roger Funk 624
Presque Isle District: (One 3-year term)	Allan Berg 1,102 Ronald Horrocks 505
Cheboygan District: (Vacancy for 1 year)	Sandy Borowicz 476 Mary Talaske 434 Bruce Brandt 303 Robert (Bob) Lyon 217 Keith Shugar 197



CHEBOYGAN DISTRICT
John F. Brown



CHEBOYGAN DISTRICT
Sandy Borowicz



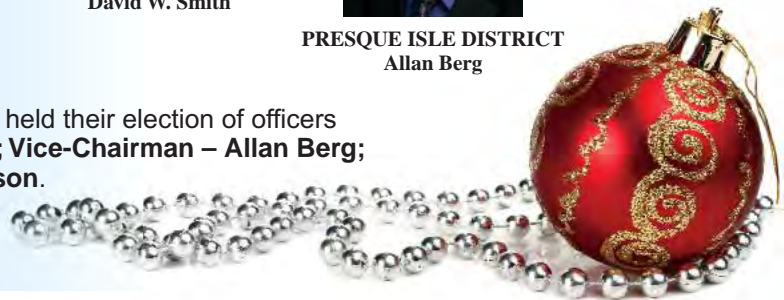
MONTMORENCY DISTRICT
David W. Smith



PRESQUE ISLE DISTRICT
Allan Berg

Immediately following the meeting, the board of directors held their election of officers and the results are as follows: **Chairman – John Brown; Vice-Chairman – Allan Berg; Secretary – David Smith; and Treasurer – Daryl Peterson.**

The winner of the \$100 prize raffle for voting by mail was Mr. Dale Yankoviak of Cheboygan.



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PIE&G employees are collecting non-perishable food items during December. Please bring a donation on your next visit to our office. Thank you!



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Home Heating Assistance Programs for the 2014-2015 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). You may enroll between Nov. 1 and 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), from April 1 through Oct. 31, you must begin to pay the full monthly bill, plus part of the amount you owe 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 11 of your Nov-Dec "Country Lines" for more details and call PIE&G to enroll.



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.



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 24th-25th & January 1st.

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