

The Spotlight



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative



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DIRECTOR ELECTION RESULTS

At the co-op's 79th annual membership meeting held at the Onaway High School on Friday, October 28, the following candidates were elected to 3-year terms (2016 – 2019): Brentt Lucas (incumbent, Alpena District), Kurt Krajniak (incumbent, Alpena District) and Raymond Wozniak (incumbent, Presque Isle District). The number of votes each candidate received is listed below.

ALPENA DISTRICT: <i>(Two Vacancies)</i>	Bob Grohowski	433
	Duane Jennings	572
	Kurt Krajniak	919
	Brentt Lucas	761

PRESQUE ISLE DISTRICT: <i>(One Vacancy)</i>	Greg Diller	428
	Leo Romel	373
	Raymond Wozniak	866



Kurt Krajniak



Brentt Lucas



Raymond Wozniak

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

The winner of the \$100 prize raffle for voting by mail was Lyle C. Ballard of Armada.

ATTENTION STUDENTS!

Youth Tour Applications Due By February 28, 2017!

More than 1,500 students from all across America take part in the Youth Tour experience each year, and so can you! Travel to Washington, D.C. June 10-15, 2017, where you will meet your U.S. Representatives and Senators. This unique trip will give you the opportunity to watch history come alive as you explore the museums, memorials and monuments with



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students from your state. You will meet student leaders from nearly every state and hear dynamic leaders on Youth Day.

Bottom line, you will make friendships that will last a lifetime and be part of a group that has more than 50,000 alumni in every walk of life including U.S. Senators and CEOs.

Learn more at CooperativeYouthTour.com.



PIE&G EMPLOYEES SUPPORT GOODFELLOWS

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 2016-2017 SEASON

The Winter Protection Plan protects eligible senior and low-income customers from service shut-offs and high utility bill payments between November 1 and March 31. If you are an eligible low-income customer and sign an agreement, your utility service will not be shut off 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, beginning in April 1 through Oct. 31, you must pay the full monthly bill, plus any delinquent amount still owing from winter months when you only paid a portion of 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 as long as the scheduled payments are received by the due date.** You qualify for the plan if you meet at least one of the following requirements:

- Age 65 or older,
- Receive Department of Human Services cash assistance, including SSI,
- Receive Food Stamps,
- Receive Medicaid, or
- Household income is at or below the 150% of poverty level.

Senior citizens (65 or older) who enroll 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 6 of your Nov-Dec Country Lines for more detail 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**.

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Happy Holidays

From all of us at PIE&G to all of you,
we wish you peace and happiness
this holiday season.

PIE&G's office will be closed
Dec. 23rd - Dec. 26th and January 2nd .

