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December 2022

DIRECTOR ELECTION RESULTS

PIE&G held its 85th annual membership meeting on Friday, October 28 at the Onaway High School. Each year elections are held for three (3) positions on the PIE&G Board of Directors. After all ballots were counted, the successful candidates winning election to a three-year term (2023-2025) are: **Kurt Krajniak** (incumbent, Alpena District), **Brentt Lucas** (incumbent, Alpena District) and **Raymond Wozniak**, (incumbent, Presque Isle District). The number of votes that each candidate received is as follows:

Alpena District:

(Two Vacancies)

Kurt Krajniak	1,047
Brentt Lucas	814
Eric Smith	558
Warren Spragg	523

Presque Isle District:

(One Vacancy)

Raymond Wozniak	927
Linda Dymond	291
Mary Hentkowski	506



Kurt Krajniak



Brentt Lucas



Raymond Wozniak

Immediately following the meeting, the board of directors also held elections of officers as follows: Chair – John Brown; Vice Chair – Allan Berg; Secretary – Sandy Borowicz; and Treasurer – Daryl Peterson.

Donald D. from Rogers City won the \$100 bill credit for voting by mail. In other business, members heard reports from the cooperative's auditor and the Chief Executive Officer, Thomas Soback.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATING SENIORS

Applications due March 1, 2023

The PIE&G Communities First Fund has been awarding scholarships to graduating high school seniors since 1999. The scholarship program includes all accredited colleges or universities located in Michigan. The award is \$1,000 and payable upon successful completion of the first semester.

Two other scholarships are available:

The A. Barkley Travis Memorial scholarship (\$500) and the Peterson Vocational School Scholarship (\$500).

Eligibility requirements and applications are available on-line at pieg.com or by contacting PIE&G at 800-423-6634 and select extension 1011. Completed applications with all supporting documentation must be received at PIE&G by close of business on Tuesday, March 1, 2023. Scholarships will be awarded by June 1st.



Happy Holidays!

PIE&G will be closed on the following dates:

CHRISTMAS

Friday, Dec. 23 & Monday, Dec. 26

NEW YEAR'S

Monday, Jan. 2, 2023

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HOME HEATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR THE 2022-2023 SEASON

The Winter Protection Plan (WPP) protects enrolled seniors and low-income members from service shut-offs and high utility bill payments during winter months. If you are eligible and you sign an agreement with us, your utility service will remain on (or restored with the WPP) from November 1 through March 31, as long as you:

- pay at least 7% of your estimated annual bill each month, **and**
- make equal monthly payments between the date you apply and the start of the next heating season on any past due bills.

When the protection period ends (March 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 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 Health and Human Services cash assistance, including SSI,
- receive Food Assistance,
- receive Medicaid, or
- household income is at or below the 150% of poverty level*.

Seniors citizen members (65 or older) who enroll in the WPP are not required to make specific payments between Nov. 1 and March 31. Service for seniors can be restored without any payments.

Note: All members 65+ are eligible regardless of income. Members are responsible for all electricity and natural gas used. At the end of the protection period, participants must make arrangements with PIE&G to pay off any money owed before the next heating season. Seniors are encouraged to pay what they can over the winter to avoid large, unmanageable bills and shut off when the protection period ends.

*See page 6-7 of your Nov-Dec *Country Lines* for details and call PIE&G to enroll.

NEW APPLIANCES ON YOUR HOLIDAY LIST?



Save more in the new year with ENERGY STAR® appliances!

You will save energy and earn incentive rebates to help you save money. Eligible products include items such as:

- * Room air conditioners \$30 REBATE
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- * Refrigerators \$50 REBATE
- * Induction ovens/stoves \$500 REBATE

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