

# The Spotlight



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative



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## DIRECTOR ELECTIONS RESULTS

The Co-op held its 82nd annual membership meeting at the Onaway High School on Friday, October 25, with approximately 400 people attending. The following candidates were elected to three-year terms: **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 listed below.



Kurt Krajniak



Brentt Lucas



Raymond Wozniak

Immediately following the meeting, the board of directors held their election of officers and the results are:

**Chair – John Brown;**  
**Vice-Chair – Allan Berg;**  
**Secretary – Sandy Borowicz; and**  
**Treasurer – Charles Arbour.**

The winner of the \$100 prize raffle for voting by mail was **Ronald A. Skiera** of Lachine. In other business, members heard reports from the cooperative's auditor and Chief Executive Officer, Thomas Sobeck.

### ALPENA DISTRICT: (Two Vacancies)

<b>Kurt Krajniak</b>	<b>1,039</b>
<b>Brentt Lucas</b>	<b>829</b>
Howard Lumsden	333
Darrell Spragg	666

### PRESQUE ISLE DISTRICT: (One Vacancy)

Gary Shepherd	654
<b>Raymond Wozniak</b>	<b>1,088</b>

## ATTENTION STUDENTS!!

### YOUTH TOUR IS JUNE 19-26, 2020

*Applications Due February 28, 2020*

Youth Tour is a once-in-a-lifetime, all-expenses-paid leadership travel opportunity for high school sophomores and juniors (going into junior or senior year after June 2020), sponsored by Michigan's electric cooperatives. From the battlefields of Gettysburg, to the halls of Congress in Washington, D.C., Youth Tour will explore the leadership lessons of our nation's history and immerse you in the cooperative spirit. Learn more about this leadership and travel opportunity at [CooperativeYouthTour.com](http://CooperativeYouthTour.com).



**THERE'S NO TELLING**  
**HOW Youth Tour**  
**WILL INSPIRE YOU.**

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## HOME HEATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR THE 2019-2020 SEASON

The Winter Protection Plan protects enrolled 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 you sign an agreement with us, your utility service will not be shut off from Nov. 1 through March 31, as long as 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 and shut off when the protection ends. **See page 12 of your Nov-Dec Country Lines for 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/mi211](http://uwmich.org/mi211); nationwide visit [211us.org](http://211us.org); or simply dial 2-1-1.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

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

PIE&G will be closed for Christmas, Tuesday, December 24th, Wednesday, December 25th & New Year's Day, Wednesday, January 1st.

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