

The Spotlight



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

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December 2017

DIRECTOR ELECTION RESULTS

At the co-op's 80th annual membership meeting held at the Posen High School on Friday, October 27, the following candidates were elected to 3-year terms: John Brown (incumbent, Cheboygan District), Allan Berg (incumbent, Presque Isle District) and Charles Arbour, Montmorency District. The number of votes each candidate received is listed below.

CHEBOYGAN DISTRICT:	JOHN F. BROWN	993*
	JACK DOUGLAS	303
	DAWN DROLSHAGEN	266
MONTMORENCY DISTRICT:	CHARLES ARBOUR	492*
	DONALD EDWARDS	483
	DAVID GUEST	268
	DENNIS SMITH	331
PRESQUE ISLE DISTRICT:	ALLAN BERG	1,120*
	GREG DILLER	467

Immediately following the meeting, the board of directors held their election of officers and the results are as follows: **Chairman – John F. Brown; Vice-Chairman – Allan Berg; Secretary – Sandy Borowicz, and Treasurer – Daryl Peterson.** In other business, members heard reports from the cooperative's auditor and Chief Executive Officer. The winner of the prize raffle for voting by mail was **Jeff Whitsitt of Millersburg.**



John Brown



Charles Arbour



Allan Berg

ATTENTION STUDENTS!! YOUTH TOUR IS JUNE 9-14, 2018

Applications Due February 28, 2018

Youth Tour is a once-in-a-lifetime, all-expenses-paid leadership travel opportunity for high school sophomores and juniors (going into their junior



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

or senior year this summer), 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 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 2017-2018 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 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 & 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**.



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, Mon., Dec. 25th and Tue., Dec. 26th and New Year's Day, Mon., January 1st.

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