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# **Your Board in Action**

# At their most recent meetings, the PIE&G Board of Directors:

- Adopted electric tariff and rule changes under its member-regulated authority (see Notice to Members of Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op below).
- Selected member high school students Jeff Ostman, Izaiah Hincka, and Nick Byarski to attend the Youth Leadership Summit (miYLS.com).
- Listened to the audit report by Ron Harris of Harris Group, Certified Public Accountants.
- Accepted both the Home Rule and Regulated 2014 Gas TIER analysis which

- showed no adjustments to gas distribution rates are needed at this time.
- Conveyed to Forest Township a small parcel of co-op land after determining it was neither necessary nor useful, to facilitate construction of a trailhead connection to the DNR North Eastern State Trail in Tower, MI.
- Appointed director Smith to act as voting delegate for the co-op at the annual membership meeting of Wolverine Power Cooperative.

# Notice to Members of Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op

# **Electric Tariff and Rule Changes**

The Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op Board of Directors adopted the following changes to the cooperative's electric rates and tariffs at a Special Open Meeting held on March 24, 2015, in accordance with P.A. 167. Changes listed in paragraph 3,4,5 and 6 below are effective August 1, 2015.

- 1. Reconciled the 2014 Power Supply Cost Recovery Factor collections and ordered the continuation of the refund of the net over-collection of \$213,683.61 for the remainder of 2015.
- 2. Accepted the 2014 Electric Times Interest Earned Ratio (TIER) analysis.
- 3. Discontinued eligibility for new enrollments for the cooperative's load management tariff sheets D-7.00 Controlled Water Heating Service Schedule CWH, D-8.00 Controlled Heating Service Schedule CH and D-9.00 Partial Controlled Heating Service Schedule PCH.
- 4. Adopted a new Efficient Electric Heat (EEH) Tariff.
- 5. Revised the cooperative's Special Fees.
- 6. Revised the cooperative's Aid to Construction Fees and Policies.

For specific details of any Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op tariffs or fees, please call 1-800-423-6634 or visit our website at pieg.com.

# **Get Involved In Your Co-op**

It's time to nominate potential directors.



**lectric co-ops are governed by seven principles**. One is "Democratic Member Control," which means that co-ops are self-governing organizations controlled by their members who actively participate in setting policies and making decisions. It also means men and women serving as elected representatives on a cooperative board of directors are accountable to all of its members. Since Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op (PIE&G) is a democracy, it works best when you participate in the organization.

Any qualified PIE&G member-owner can be elected to serve on the cooperative's board of directors and the term of office is three years. In 2015, one director from each of the following districts will be elected: Cheboygan, Montmorency and At-Large.

Potential nominees must meet the qualifications for the office of director as set forth in Article III, Section 2 of the PIE&G bylaws (available on our website, pieg.com). Any member interested in becoming a candidate is invited to visit the cooperative's office and learn about the duties performed by the directors. Board of director meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.

To be considered for nomination, submit a letter of interest by June 30, 2015, to: Nominating Committee, PIE&G, P.O. Box 308, Onaway, MI 49765. All letters will be given to the Nominating Committee for review and nominations will be made in July. Watch your Country Lines for further information about the annual meeting to be held Friday, October 23, in Onaway.

# Natural Gas Rates Reduced, Effective April 1

Effective April 1, 2015, natural gas rates have changed. The Gas Cost Recovery Factor (GCR) decreased more than 6 cents, from \$0.5417/ccf to \$0.4829/ccf. Please refer to the table below for a review of charges.

	Residential	General Service	Industrial
Monthly Available	\$12	\$17	\$188
Distribution/ccf	\$0.4544/ccf	\$0.3203/ccf	\$0.2336/ccf
GCR/ccf	\$0.4829/ccf	\$0.4829/ccf	\$0.4829/ccf
Total, \$/ccf	\$0.9373/ccf	\$0.8032/ccf	\$0.7165/ccf



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**eople often wonder which type of lighting to use** in their home with all the choices on the market today. It is important to know the differences between the options available.

The wattage of a light bulb refers to how much electricity it consumes, not how much light it produces. The amount of light is measured in units called lumens. A 60-watt incandescent light bulb produces about 800 lumens of light and a 100-watt bulb about 1,600 lumens.

Today, your primary choices of bulb are halogen, CFLs (compact fluorescent lights) and LEDs (light emitting diodes), which are listed in order of increasing efficiency. For many home applications, LEDs are the best choice even though they cost more initially.

- **Halogen bulbs** are basically incandescent bulbs with halogen gas around the filament to improve efficiency enough to meet efficiency standards.
- CFLs are much more efficient, using only about 25 percent as much electricity as incandescent bulbs to produce the same about of light—and they last 10 times longer.
- CFLs can produce true full-spectrum (simulates natural sunlight) light quality and can be purchased with warm white, cool white and daylight color temperatures. Daylight lamps have an even higher color temperature, and they produce more accurate colors and are good for tasks such as reading and painting.
- **LEDs** are the newest and most efficient light source available and provide an excellent payback. A 12-watt LED produces as much light as a 60-watt incandescent bulb. The LED bulb should also last a minimum of 20,000 hours. Most are dimmable, work well at cold temperatures and reach full brightness immediately. LEDs gradually get dimmer over time. When a LED is rated for 20,000 hours, its output will stay above 70 percent of its original brightness for that time.

If you have been using incandescent bulbs, you are probably accustomed to a yellowish light quality. This is called the "color temperature" of a bulb. Incandescent bulbs are in the 2700-degree K range. The whiter "daylight" LEDs and CFLs are in the 4,000- to 5,000-degree K range. Most people grow accustomed to the whiter light and prefer it. The color temperature is listed on the packaging.

CRI (color rendering index) is another quality of the light bulb to consider. A higher CRI makes objects in a room look more like they would look under natural sunlight. A CRI above 80 is considered adequate for homes, but 90 or above makes everything look better and doesn't cost much more.

There are four general types of lighting uses—ambient, accent, decorative and task. Ambient lighting is for general illumination with comfortable brightness. Accent lighting can create a mood in the room or highlight areas or objects. Decorative lighting is when the light itself is the object, such as a chandelier. Task lighting is for reading or doing a specific activity.

For effective lighting, install several grouped circuits with dimmers to control and vary the lighting schemes. For example, choose high-CRI bulbs over a dining table to enhance the appearance of food. An overhead high color-temperature bulb above a chair would be good for reading or other tasks.

For existing rooms, where it may not be easy to rewire or add circuits, switch to LEDs in most fixtures, and install dimmer wall switches.

The goal for lighting efficiency is to use as little lighting as needed. Where you do not have a wall switch, such as with a table lamp, install a three-way socket and use a new three-way LED. Add a four-bulb lighting kit to a ceiling fan with a switch to allow you to switch on fewer than all four lights.

No matter which type of bulb or light fixture you choose, start saving by turning lights off when you leave a room. ■



# HOMEMADE PIZZAS

# **Delicious And Easy Pizza Recipes**

# Pesto Salad Pizza (pictured)

2 c. basil ½ c. parmesan cheese 1/4 c. olive oil 2 cloves garlic flour tortillas onions, sliced

red peppers, sliced goat cheese and/or feta and/or mozzarella mixed greens balsamic vinegar

Preheat oven to 400°. Put basil, parmesan, olive oil and garlic in a food processor and blend. Line a baking pan with foil. Place tortilla shell on pan and smear with pesto. Add onions, peppers, and cheese of choice. Bake for 10 minutes. Add mixed greens to top of tortilla pizza. Drizzle with balsamic vinegar. Enjoy!

Ianice Clarkson, Granger

# Mexican Pizza

1 pizza dough 12-oz. ground turkey or beef 1 small onion, sliced 3 t. ground garlic 2 t. ground cumin



1 T. chili powder 1 can (16-oz.) refried beans salsa

1-2 c. shredded Mexican cheese

Spread pizza dough on sprayed pizza pan. Bake at 375° for 10 minutes. Meanwhile, cook the meat. Drain. Add onion and spices. When pizza crust has cooked, spread the refried beans over it. Then layer the meat, salsa and cheese. Return to oven; bake for 10 more minutes. Options:

sour cream, shredded lettuce, sliced black olives. Any of the ingredients can be altered for individual taste.

Dianne Compo, Brimley

# Cool Veggie Pizza Appetizer

2 8-oz. cans refrigerated crescent dinner rolls

2 8-oz. pkgs. Philadelphia brand cream cheese. softened

1 c. Miracle Whip salad dressing 11/2 t. dill weed

11/4 t. onion salt

1 c. broccoli flowerets

1 c. chopped, seeded tomato

1 c. chopped

green bell pepper

¼ c. chopped onion

½ c. olive slices (optional)

Heat oven to 375°F. Press dough onto bottom and sides of 15x10x1 inch baking pan. Bake 11-13 minutes or until golden brown; cool. Mix cream cheese, salad dressing, dill and onion salt until well blended. Spread on crust. Top with remaining ingredients. Refrigerate. Cut into squares. Makes 24.

Beatrice Richard, Posen

# **SUBMIT YOUR RECIPE!**

Thanks to all who send in recipes. Please send in your favorite "Fresh Seafood" recipes by July 1.

Enter your recipe online at countrylines.com or send to (handprinted or typed on one side, please): Country Lines Recipes, 2859 W. Jolly Rd., Okemos, MI 48864. Please note the co-op from which you receive your electric service.

Contributors whose recipes we print in 2015 will be entered in a drawing and Country Lines will pay the winner's January 2016 electric bill (up to \$200)!

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The magazine also includes legal notices that would otherwise have to be placed in local media at a substantial cost. And, sending *Michigan Country Lines* to you helps the co-op fulfill one of its important principles—to educate and communicate openly with its members.

The board of directors authorizes the co-op to subscribe to *Michigan Country Lines* on your behalf at an average cost of \$3.63 per year, paid as part of your electric bill. The current magazine cost is 49 cents per copy—the same cost as a first-class stamp. *Michigan Country Lines* is published for us, at cost, by the Michigan Electric Cooperative Association in Okemos. As always, we welcome and value your comments.

# Notice to Members of Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op

# Case No. U-15820 2013 Renewable Energy Plan Annual Report Summary

The Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) requires all Michigan electric utilities to get approximately 2 percent of their power supply from renewable sources by 2012 and increasing to 10 percent by 2015.

Under this requirement, Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op submits an annual report to the MPSC regarding its Renewable Energy Plan. Presque Isle acquired 7,346 renewable energy credits and 258 incentive credits from its wholesale power supplier, Wolverine Power Cooperative, Inc. Wolverine will continue to generate renewable energy and bank unused renewable energy credits for future use and compliance with statutory renewable portfolio standard requirements on behalf of all of its members.

A full copy of the cooperative's Renewable Energy Plan annual report that was filed with the MPSC is available on the cooperative's website at pieg.com or by request at any of the cooperative's offices.

# NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

On January 27, 2015, in Case No. U-15825 et al, the Michigan Public Service Commission (Commission) ordered Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op to file a renewable energy plan on or before May 12, 2015 to comply with the "Clean, Renewable and Efficient Energy Act" (2008 PA 295, MCL 460.1001, et seq.) and MPSC order in Case No. U-15800 dated December 4, 2008. On April 13, 2015, Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op filed its Notice of Intent to File Application For a Renewable Energy Plan with the Commission.

Any interested person may review the filed Renewable Energy Plan on or after May 12, 2015 on the MPSC website under Case No. U-16596 at: www.michigan.gov/mpscedockets, or at the office of the Commission's Executive Secretary, 7109 West Saginaw, Lansing, Michigan, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or at the offices of Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op, 19831 M-68 Highway, Onaway, Michigan.

Written and electronic comments may be filed with the Commission and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 12, 2015. Written comments should be sent to the: Executive Secretary, Michigan Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 30221, Lansing, Michigan 48909, with a copy mailed to Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op, 19831 M-68 Highway, Onaway, Michigan 49765. Electronic comments may be e-mailed to: mpscedockets@michigan.gov. All comments should reference Case No. U-16596. Comments received in this matter become public information, posted on the Commission's website, and subject to disclosure. Please do not include information you wish to remain private.

The Commission will review the renewable energy plan together with any filed comments and provide a response within 60 days of the filing of the application indicating any revisions that should be made. If the Commission suggests revisions, Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op will file a revised RPS plan no later than 75 days after the filing of the application. A Commission order will be issued on or before the 90th day following the filing of the application.

Any proposed Renewable Energy Plan Charges may not exceed \$3 per meter per month for residential customers, \$16.58 per meter per month for commercial secondary customers or \$187.50 per meter per month for commercial primary or industrial customers.

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golfer's bucket list of courses likely includes "Top 100" links by golf course architect Tom Doak, such as Pacific Dunes in Oregon and Tasmania's Barnbougle Dunes. With his new project at Forest Dunes Golf Club in Roscommon, MI, Doak's own bucket list—of golf courses he'd like to design—is shorter by one.

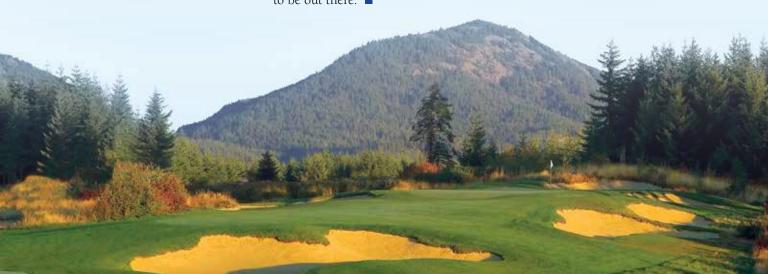
Doak, whose Renaissance Golf Design is based in Traverse City, has conceived a reversible 18-hole golf course, playable from two directions with the greens yielding different layouts. "I'd been thinking about it for a long time," he says. "I saw something in an old architecture book and I had it in the back of my mind: 'Okay, I'd like to try that sometime."

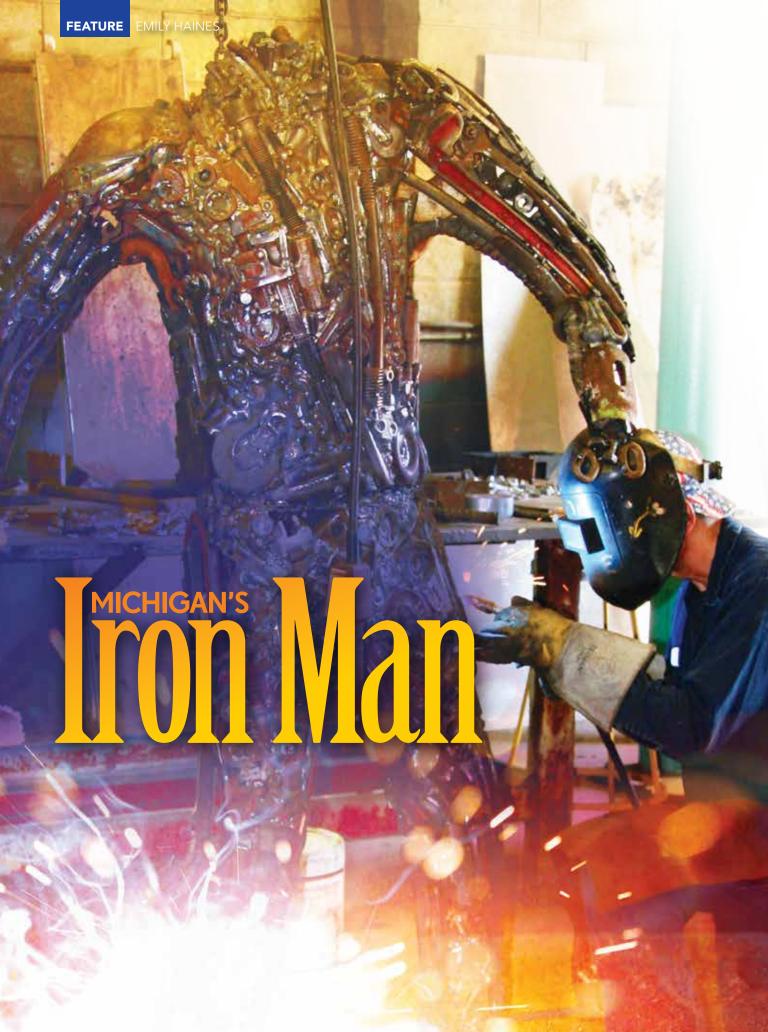
Enter Forest Dunes owner Lew Thompson's quest for a companion to his highly-acclaimed Tom Weiskopf course. "When I first met Lew and went to look at the property and saw it was fairly open, fairly flat, I thought it would work for this idea." Importantly, Doak adds, "Thompson didn't say anything about it being ranked in the Top 100 courses—he already has one of those. He wanted something that would make people say 'Wow." And, Thompson admits, he wanted something to keep golfers for another day of play-and-stay at his Adirondack-style lodge.

The location is a bonus for Doak, who has called northern Michigan home since 1989 when he completed his first solo project, High Pointe Golf Club, near Traverse City. The Cornell University graduate was just 26 when Fred Muller, the golf pro at Crystal Downs Country Club in Frankfort, recommended him for that job. Muller met Doak when the college student came to play Crystal Downs because its designer, Alister MacKenzie, was his hero. After graduation Doak spent nearly a year playing the great courses around the world and caddying at St. Andrews in Scotland, and three years working for another hero, Pete Dye. "I'm still sort of amazed that the owner of High Pointe hired me at that age. I think the key was that I was going to build the golf course—not just design it. I was pretty ridiculously confident."

Doak's second Michigan course was Black Forest, at Wilderness Valley in Gaylord ("one of the hardest courses I've ever built"); since then, he and his team have handled new courses and renovations across the U.S. and around the globe, from Mexico to Scotland and China. Doak is looking forward to more time with his family as he and associate Brian Slawnik develop the Roscommon project, due to open in 2016.

Michigan's four seasons remind Doak of growing up in Connecticut, but he's not a fan of winter. He laughs, "It's really easy to be here all summer," when he finds time for golf. Unlike designers who are good golfers, Doak claims, "I'm challenged by any golf course. I don't play to shoot the lowest scores. I love the outdoors and love to have fun, and that makes me a lot more like the average golfer because it's challenging, fun, interesting and beautiful to be out there."





hile he makes his living from his
37-year-old business, Moran Iron Works,
Tom Moran has had a second career as a
teacher. His first student? Tom Moran.
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The son of a career lumberjack, Moran always had an interest in metalwork, but with college an unlikely possibility and his high school no longer able to support metals classes, he used some of the abandoned tools in his shop class to teach himself how to weld.

"I started tinkering with some tools and working on broken chairs in classrooms," says Moran. "Then, it was fixing trailers for teachers. By the time I graduated, I'd become the unofficial school repairman."

After graduation, Moran worked in the logging business with his father and at night made his own tools, practiced his craft and eventually started his own business. The land where he first built, an abandoned dairy farm in Onaway, MI, has since undergone 29 additions.

As his business grew, he was faced with the challenge of finding qualified welders and metalworkers in northeast Michigan.

"While we're in love with northeast Michigan, it's hard to recruit skilled tradespeople in this area of the state," he explains. "We found the best way to make sure that we had a qualified workforce was to create our own training program," Moran says. "We started evening classes for people with potential and interest. Some were folks we knew we'd be hiring and others were members of our community, like farmers or loggers, who wanted to be more self-sufficient."

The training program is now a full-time school that is staffed by Moran Iron Works employees—10 full- and part-time teachers.

While Moran provides plenty of opportunities to teach his beloved trade, he's humble and certain there is always more to learn.

Moran Iron Works has recently embarked on a large-scale project with



Shepler's Mackinac Island Ferry, to build their most recent ship—an 85-foot, all-aluminum ferry christened "Miss Margy" that is thought to be the first ever built entirely in Michigan. While Moran Iron has worked on many ship extensions, retro-fittings and conversions, this is the first vessel they've built from start to finish.

"Every project is unique and there is always something to learn," Moran says. "With a project of this scale and scope, where you're integrating several complex systems, you're going to run into challenges. But in the end, the old lesson of 'a job well planned is a job well done' had really seen us through. Ship building is an art. The teams at Moran Iron have really turned it into an art and a science."

When he's not busy building ships, turbine components or customizing industrial and commercial fabrication jobs, Moran creates large-scale art projects for the annual Fourth of July parade in Onaway and as donations for area fundraisers.

"Maybe the art has gotten out of hand over 45 years," Moran jokes. "Every year I say I'll do something smaller and easier, but it hasn't really gone that way."

Maybe that's the next lesson for Moran, but for now—the bigger the better. ■



# Annual Meter Readings Begin in May

Over the next three months, Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op (PIE&G) meter readers will begin reading electric and/or natural gas meters for our annual verification. Personnel will carry a PIE&G identification badge.

To help make this annual process easier, we ask that you:

- Please have animals leashed and away from the meter location.
- Make sure the meter is clear from obstructions and is easily accessible for our meter readers.

# **PIE&G Meter Reading Schedule By County:**

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# Slow Down, Go Around Roadside Utility Workers

ummer travel, which lines up so neatly with utility construction and maintenance season, is just around the corner.

And Joe McElroy, safety director for the Michigan Electric Cooperative Association (MECA), is bracing for the almost daily reports of heart-stopping near-misses as electric equipment operators, lineworkers, groundmen and meter readers tackle projects in the rights-of-way they share with streets, roads and highways.

"It's one of the biggest concerns I have as a safety provider," McElroy says. And, protecting lineworkers by training them to do these jobs safely is getting harder. "Distracted drivers, primarily from mobile devices, are making roadway work zones more dangerous. Most any utility worker can tell you about a near-miss event. We are now encouraging work zones to be set up with an unoccupied buffer vehicle parked behind our bucket trucks to help absorb a crash."

During McElroy's 10 years at MECA, no co-op crew member has been killed in a traffic incident while on the job, but he recalls many suspected distracted-driver accidents and near-misses. "At safety meetings, operations personnel can usually recall an incident that has occurred within the past few weeks."

Last spring, McElroy joined utility reps, legislators, union leaders and Transportation Department and Public Service Commission officials, as Gov. Rick Snyder proclaimed May 22 as "Roadside Safety Awareness Day."

"Roadside safety awareness starts with us letting motorists and pedestrians know they are entering a work zone," McElroy says. "Orange signs, cones and amber lights should be enough for people to understand they are approaching an active worksite, but even with all the proper safety equipment in place, incidents still happen."

Roadside accidents annually kill 100 Michigan police officers, firefighters, and line or sanitation workers. Another 20,000 such public servants are injured by vehicles while doing their jobs.

McElroy is also quick to recommend stiffer penalties for these incidents and fatalities, and says a consistent national approach is needed. "And, I have encouraged our co-ops to use local law enforcement to help out in high-traffic areas or where visibility can be an issue. Drivers are accustomed to seeing our signs and cones, so they still speed or become

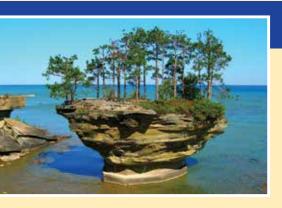


distracted. Once law enforcement is present, they seem to get it."

Meanwhile, McElroy drills co-op and municipal utility crews how to properly set up a safety perimeter. "Their situational awareness also has to be keen in the work zone. and those of us in the utility safety field have to raise awareness of these dangers."

Please "Slow Down. Go Around. and Watch Out" for folks who serve us by working near the roadways.

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# Where This Is?

Every co-op member who identifies the correct location of the photo at left by June 10 will be entered in a drawing for a \$50 credit for electricity from their electric co-op.

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# **COMMUNITY CALENDAR 2015**

MAY	
Apr. 26-June 6	Sturge

pr. 26-June 6 **Sturgeon Guarding**-Black River, Cheboygan, sturgeonfortomorrow.org

16 Blessing of the Bikes–Hillman, hillmanmichigan.org Presque Isle Lighthouses (Old & New)–

Open Memorial Day thru Labor Day, alpenacvb.com

23-24 40 Mile Point Lighthouse Arts & Crafts Weekend–40milepointlighthouse.org

2-24 Bridge Race/Reenactment/Parade 1:00 pm/Fireworks-

Mackinaw City, mackinawinformation.com

# **JUNE**

- 5-14 **66th Annual Lilac Festival**–Mackinaw Island, mackinawinformation.com
- 13-14 DNRE Free Fishing Weekend
- 19-20 **23rd Annual Presque Isle Harbor Wooden Boat Show**–presqueisleharborwoodenboatshow.com
- 25-27 40th Annual St. Ignace Car Show Weekend—mackinawinformation.com
- 26-28 **34th Annual Lumberjack Festival**–Wolverine, wolverinelumberjackfest.com

# **JULY**

### 4th of July Celebrations:

Alpena-Parade @ 11 a.m. / Fireworks & Maritime Festival, alpenacyb.com

**Atlanta**—Parade / Fireworks @ Atlanta High School, atlantamichiganchamber.com;

**Cheboygan**–Parade @ 10 a.m. / Fireworks @ County Fairgrounds, cheboygan.com;

Lewiston-Parade 11 a.m., lewistonchamber.com;

Indian River-Parade @ 11 a.m. / Fireworks;

Mackinaw City-Fireworks & Waterfront Events, mackinawinformation.com;

Onaway-Parade @ 12 p.m. / Arts & Crafts/VFW Chicken Dinner/ Fireworks.

- 4 Mill River Days/Craft show/Fireworks-Hillman, hillmanmichigan.org
- 9-12 Waterways Festival—Cheboygan, waterwaysfestival.com
- 13-19 **35th Annual Summer Fest**-Indian River, irchamber.com
- 17-26 41st Annual Michigan Brown Trout Festival—Alpena, alpenacyb.com
- July 28-Aug. 1 Montmorency County Fair—Fairgrounds, Atlanta
- July 31-Aug. 2 **Timberfest**—Lewiston, lewistonchamber.com

### **AUGUST**

- 1 Mackinaw Area Historical Festival—Mackinaw City, mackinawinformation.com
- 4-9 Nautical Festival—Rogers City, nauticalfestival.org
- 8-15 Cheboygan County Fair—Cheboygan, cheboyganfair.com
- -15 141st Alpena County Fair—alpenacvb.com
- 15 **PIE&G Charity Golf Classic**—Stoney Links, Onaway

# **SEPTEMBER**

- 7 57th Annual Labor Day Mackinaw Bridge Walk-mackinawinformation.com
- 11-13 **64th Annual Posen Potato Festival**—posenchamber.com
- 24-27 31st Annual Elk Festival-Atlanta, atlantamichiganchamber.com