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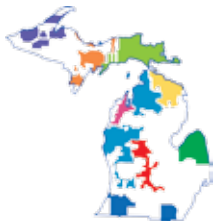
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IN YOUR WORDS

Last month, we asked electric co-op members a question:

If you could spend the day with any celebrity, who would it be?

Thank you for all the responses. Here are some of your answers...

"Shirley Jones. I fell in love with that woman when she played Marian the Librarian in *The Music Man*. That face, that voice."

"The NCIS crew, Definitely! I could hang out with Gibbs, and his crew in DC to see all the monuments; Pride, and his crew in New Orleans for some of that Cajun cookin' and Dixieland jazz; then Hettie and her crew in LA for some California dreaming."

Our new Question of the Month is:

Where can you get the best burger in Michigan?

Please submit answers to countrylines.com by September 1.

ON THE COVER

Ann and Steve Loveless of Beulah, MI, stand in front of the winning panoramic landscape that they brought to life at the 2013 Michigan ArtPrize competition.

*Some co-op editions have a different cover.

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Brian J. Burns
President & CEO

Recently, I received a call from Tom Laing, a representative of Touchstone Energy (a national alliance of America's electric cooperatives), wanting to know more about how Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op was able to achieve some of the lowest electric distribution costs in the entire country (see chart at bottom of page 5). Mr. Laing was preparing an article on best practices to inform and share with other electric cooperatives.

Laing didn't buy my initial explanation that "We're just frugal." Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op's operation reflects the values and rural economic conditions in northeast Michigan. We need to do more with less to avoid wasting limited resources. We also understand that good, old fashioned self-reliance and determination is the only way to get things done for ourselves. He said, "There had to be more to it than that. There must be other things in the mix." To some degree, he was right.

It turns out, one of those 'other things in the mix' is PIE&G's natural gas service. By taking steps to offer natural gas in rural Michigan—where no other providers dared to venture—PIE&G can deliver a homegrown product (American natural gas) that brings value and lowers electric distribution costs.

As Laing's final article put it, "They generate significant economies that lower rates for everyone. In fact, the following chart shows they have the lowest distribution cost per member among cooperatives nationally, largely as a result of being able to spread certain fixed costs over both gas and electric users."

We're a national leader for lowest costs for a number of reasons, including that "other thing in the mix." So, even members who only take electric service also benefit from PIE&G offering natural gas. ■

Summer Holiday Closings

Our PIE&G office will be closed Monday, July 4, for Independence Day and Monday, September 5, for Labor Day. Payments may be made at the drop box, online at pieg.com or Pay By Phone to 1-866-999-4571, and will be posted on the next open business day.

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**NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF
PRESQUE ISLE ELECTRIC & GAS CO-OP
2014 RENEWABLE ENERGY PLAN ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY
CASE NO. U-15820**

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, increasing to 10 percent by 2015.

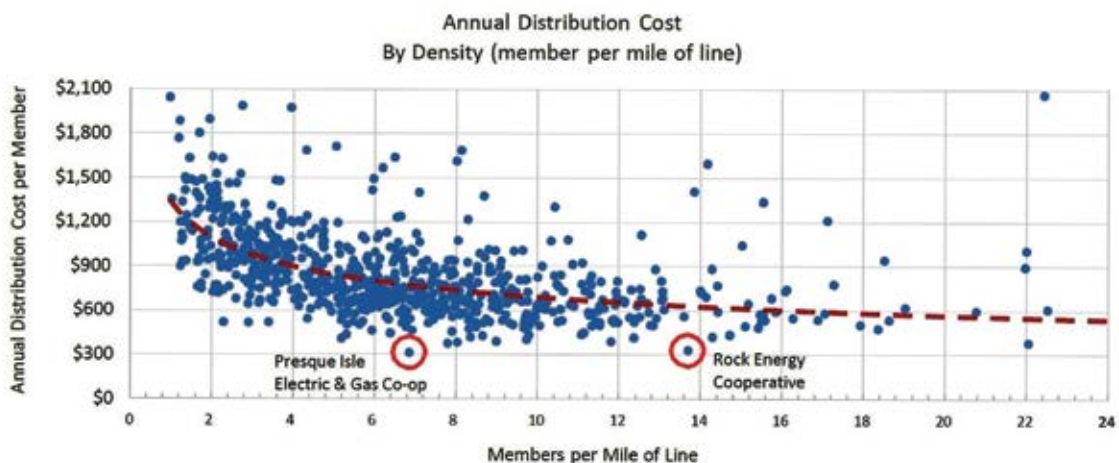
Under this requirement, Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op submits an annual report to the MPSC regarding its Renewable Energy Plan. In 2014, Presque Isle acquired a total of 8,355 renewable energy credits (5,214 credits from Harvest Wind Farm, LLC and 3,141 credits from Thunder Bay—Four Mile) and 293 incentive credits from Thunder Bay—Four Mile. All credit transfers were directed through Presque Isle's wholesale power supplier, Wolverine Power Supply 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.

Your Board In Action

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

- Authorized capital credit retirements in 2016 in the amount of \$1.225 million, the sixth consecutive year of board retirements of capital credits.
- Listened to presentation by architect Brad Butcher, of the Sidock Group, regarding aspects of the decision to either renovate or construct a new headquarters building.
- Continued education in the area of cyber security and network vulnerabilities.
- Approved first quarter write-offs of \$19,999.85.
- Reviewed, prior to filing, IRS Form 990 for 2015 (the Co-op's non-profit tax return).
- At a special workshop, discussed and reviewed the 2016 10-year Financial Forecast as presented by CFO Sobeck and the 2015 Cost of Service Study that delineates revenue requirements of the Co-op's various rate classes.



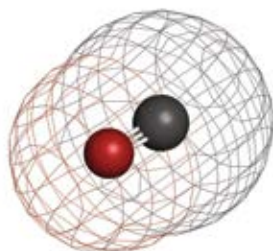


Prevent Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

You can't see, taste or smell carbon monoxide, but it can be deadly. Carbon monoxide, or CO, is a gas that is found whenever fuel is burned. Known as the "silent killer," CO causes an average of 430 deaths per year and more than 20,000 hospital emergency room visits according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Where does carbon monoxide come from?

CO is in fumes produced by items that burn fuel, including kerosene, propane, and gas space heaters, improperly working furnaces, gas water heaters and dryers, wood stoves and fireplaces. Car, truck and boat exhaust fumes contain CO as do fumes from fuel-powered generators and power washers.



How can carbon monoxide poisoning affect your health?

CO is dangerous because it blocks your body from absorbing the oxygen it needs. CO poisoning can occur suddenly or happen over a long period of time. Symptoms depend on the amount of CO a person is exposed to, the length of time exposed, and the general health and age of the person. Mild symptoms

may seem like the flu and include: mild headache and weakness, dizziness, sleepiness, shortness of breath, tightness in the chest, nausea and/or vomiting. High levels of CO or lower levels of CO exposure that last a long time can cause confusion, loss of muscle control, blurred vision, extreme headache, weakness, fainting, convulsions and even death.

Who is most at risk of harm to their health?

Anyone can be at risk for carbon monoxide poisoning. However, those most at risk are:

- infants,
- the elderly, and
- people with heart disease, lung disease, or anemia.

What should you do if you have symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning?

- Go outside and get fresh air immediately!
- Call 911 and tell them you think you have carbon monoxide poisoning, or go to the emergency room if you are able to get there without help.

A simple blood test done at the hospital can usually detect carbon monoxide poisoning. Medical treatment is available. ■

What can you do to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning?

- **DO** purchase and install carbon monoxide detectors that meet Underwriters Laboratories (UL) standard 2034-95. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for proper placement, use and maintenance. If the detectors plug into the wall, be sure they have a battery backup.
- **DO** leave the house if the alarm sounds on your CO detector. Go to a hospital emergency room or call 911 if anyone is feeling sick. If no one is sick, call the emergency number for your heating service or 911. Stay out of the home until your heating service or fire department says it's okay to go in.
- **DO** have a heating professional inspect, clean, and adjust your fireplace, wood stove, gas appliances including furnaces and water heaters, and chimneys/vents every fall—before the start of home heating season.
- **DO** purchase gas appliances that vent their fumes to the outside. Have them installed by a heating professional.
- **DO** read and follow all of the instructions for any fuel-burning devices.
- **DO** make sure that your car, truck, or boat has a working, airtight exhaust system. Repair exhaust leaks immediately.
- **DO** pay attention to symptoms (headache, dizziness, tiredness and/or a sick feeling in your stomach), especially if more than one person is feeling sick or if people and pets are feeling sick.



- **DON'T** operate fuel-powered machines such as generators, power washers, or mowers in buildings or semi-enclosed spaces.
- **DON'T** cook or heat with a grill indoors, even if you put it inside a fireplace.
- **DON'T** run vehicles in the garage, even if the door is open. Carbon monoxide can build up quickly and enter your vehicle and home.



- **DON'T** sit in a parked vehicle with the engine running for a long period of time, especially if your car is in snow.
- **DON'T** use gas stoves or ovens to heat your home.
- **DON'T** use an un-vented gas or kerosene space heater indoors.
- **DON'T** close the damper to the fireplace unless the fire is completely out and the coals are cold.
- **DON'T** ride in covered pickup truck beds or campers. Air moving around the vehicle can draw exhaust in.
- **DON'T** swim or play near the back of a boat where the motor gives off exhaust.
- **DON'T** ignore symptoms! You could die within minutes if you do nothing.

For more information, contact the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services by calling **1-800-648-6942** or visit **michigan.gov/carbonmonoxide**.

Maximize Energy Savings And Earn Bonus Incentives

When it comes to keeping your home cool, you may not realize that your A/C and furnace work hand in hand. In fact, the two pieces of equipment share the same handler/blower, and the same ductwork throughout the home—which means both systems should be upgraded at the same time in order to heat and cool your home properly and cost-effectively.

Mismatched Systems = Trouble

According to the Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration Institute, "When improperly matched, the efficiency and longevity of these systems are significantly compromised." When homeowners opt to replace only the A/C system and not the furnace, the following can occur:

Decreased Lifespan: Mismatched levels of equipment efficiency cause systems to run at

different paces. Even if you install a high-efficiency A/C, an older furnace will cause the system to lag behind.

Premature Breakdowns: Mismatched units create undue stress, resulting in the unnecessary, premature breakdown of equipment.

Possibility Of No Warranty: Many manufacturers are aware of the problems associated with mismatched systems, so they often won't provide a warranty when replacing an exterior A/C unit only.

Combo Cash Incentives Now Available!

The Energy Optimization program offers bonus cash incentives for upgrading an A/C and furnace at the same time. Install a new Wi-Fi or smart thermostat to efficiently manage your new systems, and save even more! ■

Incentive Name	Equipment	Bonus Incentive	Maximum Total Incentive
HVAC Combo Bonus	New Furnace + Central A/C unit	\$100	\$800
Smart HVAC Combo Bonus	New Furnace + Central A/C unit + Wi-Fi enabled or smart thermostat	\$150	\$950

Visit Michigan-energy.org or call 877.296.4319 for additional energy-saving information and rebates.



Good things come in threes.

Beat the heat and enjoy cool energy savings.

Earn \$150 in bonus cash incentives (plus regular rebates) when you install an energy efficient central A/C system, furnace, and Wi-Fi enabled or smart thermostat at the same time! These systems work together seamlessly, so upgrade all three to maximize savings.

ENERGY TIP: Install a new furnace and central A/C system together and receive a \$100 bonus incentive.

ONLINE: michigan-energy.org

PHONE: 877-296-4319



Energy Optimization programs and incentives are applicable to Michigan electric service locations only. Other restrictions may apply. For a complete list of participating utilities, visit michigan-energy.org.

Amazing Michigan! Photo Gallery



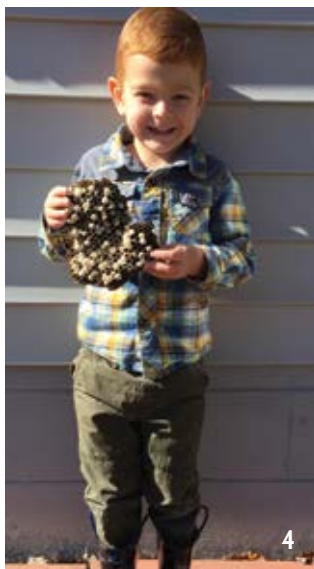
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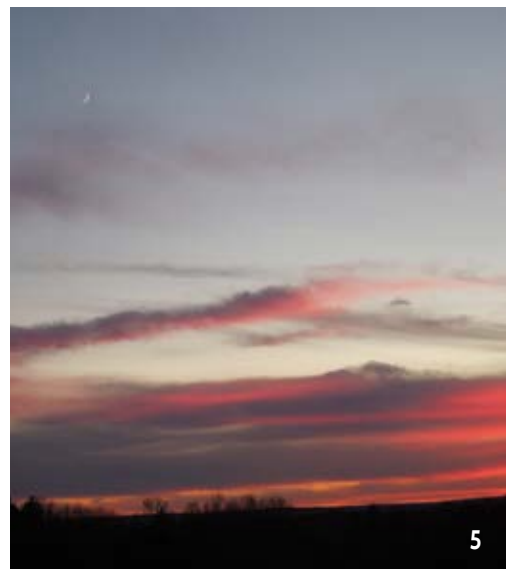
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Photo Fun

Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op invites members to share their amazing photos. Selected photos will be published in *Michigan Country Lines*.

Upcoming topics and deadlines are: **Sports/Outdoor Fun** due **July 25** for the September/October issue and **Country Roads** due **Sept. 25** for the November/December issue. Details and instructions for photo submission—including rules, topic list, publication date, and submission deadlines—can be found at <http://bit.ly/countrylines>. We look forward to seeing your best photos!

Go to <http://bit.ly/countrylines> to submit photos!

1. An old pup longing to go for a float on the pond in Rust Township. *By Kathryn Southerland*
2. The best fall photo of Michigan is the one that shows the view from my own back yard—my own “chunk” of Michigan to admire and cherish! *By Marion Wood*
3. Sisters standing in front of the two largest and oldest trees in the county near Hawks. *By Kathryn Southerland*
4. After knocking down an old wasp nest in the spring we noticed this piece on the ground in the shape of Michigan! This is our grandson, Sam, visiting from North Carolina, holding Michigan's lower peninsula. *By Cindy Zielinski*
5. Sunset with a hovering crescent moon in Montmorency county. *By Cynthia Oleary*

BBQ FAVORITES

These Great Recipes Make Summer Sizzle!



Shredded BBQ Beef

Esther Maginity, Thompsonville

- 1 lean boneless beef chuck roast (about 5 lb.)
- 3 T. cooking oil, divided
- 2 large onions, chopped
- 1 c. ketchup
- 1-2 small cans beef broth*
- $\frac{2}{3}$ c. chili sauce
- $\frac{1}{4}$ c. cider vinegar
- $\frac{1}{4}$ c. packed brown sugar
- 3 T. Worcestershire sauce
- 2 T. prepared mustard
- 2 T. molasses
- 2 T. lemon juice
- 1 t. salt
- $\frac{1}{8}$ t. pepper
- $\frac{1}{4}$ t. cayenne pepper
- 1 T. liquid smoke, optional
- 12-16 hamburger buns

In a Dutch oven, brown roast on all sides in 1 T. oil. Meanwhile, in a large saucepan, sauté onions in remaining oil until tender. Add remaining ingredients to the saucepan. Reduce heat and simmer, uncovered for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Pour sauce over roast. Cover and bake at 325° for 2 hours, turn roast and continue to bake 2 more hours until roast is very tender. Remove roast from oven, shred with fork and return to Dutch oven with sauce. **If too stiff, add more beef broth to the right consistency. If there is extra, just freeze in containers.*

Photos—831 Creative

Chicken BBQ

Cora Kuiper, Grand Rapids

- 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. cooked chicken, shredded
- 2 T. butter
- $\frac{1}{2}$ c. chopped onion
- $\frac{1}{2}$ c. chopped celery
- $\frac{1}{2}$ c. chopped green pepper
- 1 c. ketchup
- 1 c. chicken broth
- 3 T. vinegar
- 2 T. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 t. prepared mustard
- 2 T. brown sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ t. salt
- $\frac{1}{2}$ t. pepper

Cook onion, celery and green pepper in butter until tender. Add chicken and remaining ingredients. Simmer 20 minutes. Serve on buns.

BBQ Chicken Pizza

Mindy Aves, Charlotte

- 1 refrigerated pizza dough or your favorite dough mix
- ¼ c. Sweet Baby Ray's BBQ sauce
- ½ c. shredded, cooked chicken (leftovers work great)
- ¼ c. thinly sliced red onion
- ½ c. fresh sliced baby portobello mushrooms
- 1 c. mozzarella cheese
- 1 c. sharp cheddar cheese

Prepare crust according to package directions. Spread crust on a 12-inch pan and brush with olive oil. Add BBQ sauce, chicken, red onions and mushrooms, followed by cheese. Bake at 375° for about 14-18 minutes or until crust is golden brown and cheese is melted.



Gather Round The Co-op Kitchen Table

A **NEW** and **EXCLUSIVE** online cooking community for our electric co-op members.

Members can submit recipes online for a chance to win a \$50 electric bill credit; plus there's more! We will print the winning recipe in *Country Lines* with a photo of the dish and create an instructional "how to" video for micoopkitchen.com.

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Please submit your favorite "World Cuisine" recipes by August 1 and "Casserole" recipes by Sept. 1.

Enter your recipe online at micoopkitchen.com or send to (handprint or type on one side, please): *Country Lines* Recipes, 201 Townsend St., Suite 900, Lansing, MI 48933. Please note the co-op from which you receive your electric service.

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Michigan Made Geothermal System Provides Savings, Comfort

Terra Caloric, a family-owned company in Alpena has developed a geothermal heat pump that extracts heat from a minimal flow of well water and can reduce a homeowner's energy costs. The system, which provides air conditioning as well as heating, is already saving electric co-op members money.

Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op member, Pastor Charles Schultz, says Well-Connect reduced his propane bill by 85 percent. "I am so much more comfortable now. Areas of my home were cold and drafty in the winter, hot and humid all summer, and I was tired of maintaining my wood stove. Now my home is more comfortable and I burn wood only when I want. Everyone should have one of these things."

Well, maybe not everyone, but the folks at Terra Caloric did design Well-Connect specifically for rural residents, providing them with affordable heat

from a source almost all of them have – a water well. Well-Connect works by channeling water through copper coils that draw heat without using chemicals or otherwise affecting the water. Once heat is extracted during its minimal 2 gallon per minute flow through the pump, the water is released back into the ground where it filters through the soil and returns it to underground aquifers.

The Well-Connect geothermal heat pump is clean, green and makes life more comfortable. The system can be installed in one day. With the Michigan Saves Home Energy Loan Program, it can be 100 percent financed so homeowners can save money immediately. ■

Please note this promotional article focuses on one type of system. There are other styles of energy-saving heat pumps, such as pond loop, ground loop or air-to-air types. Call your electric co-op about options and possible rebates.

People Helping People

In April, directors and employees from all of Michigan's electric cooperatives gathered in Grand Rapids for the annual meeting of the Michigan Electric Cooperative Association (MECA) and the Wolverine Power Symposium. Together, both events provided training, networking, and an opportunity for attendees to learn about the political and technical developments currently affecting cooperatives and the services cooperatives provide.

This year, the organizers provided attendees with an opportunity to give back to their communities in a fun and challenging way. MECA, in partnership with the Kids Against Hunger Coalition, participated in a "Commitment to Community Service Project." Attendees formed assembly lines and packaged more than 10,000 highly-nutritious, vitamin fortified soy/rice casserole-style meals specially formulated to meet the nutritional needs of children. Each participant took some of the meals back to their communities for distribution to local food pantries and other qualifying organizations in their local communities.



Volunteers at the United Methodist-Calvary Episcopal Food Pantry in Hillman (left to right) are Lisa Kelley, Kevin Meeuwenberg, Ann Seymour and Judy Nichols

PIE&G members may obtain these meals and other assistance from the Atlanta Church of Christ-The Caring Place, the Hillman United Methodist and Calvary Episcopal Food Pantry, the Presque Isle Food / Baby Pantry and The Salvation Army-Cheboygan County Emergency Food Pantry. ■



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Artists are often seen as “rule breakers”—bumping up against the norm and defining new and different ways of both viewing and doing things. Few artists have been called “rule makers,” but that’s exactly what husband and wife duo, Steve and Ann Loveless, have become.

In 2013, Ann won the prestigious Public Vote Grand Prize at ArtPrize with her unique landscape quilt art piece “Sleeping Bear Dune Lakeshore.” Her unique collage and quilting technique dazzled visitors from around the globe with its 20-by-five-foot tall stature. The piece, inspired by her husband’s landscape photograph, put both Ann and northern Michigan on the map.

In 2015, Ann and Steve set out to create a piece together—melding Steve’s panoramic photography and Ann’s collage quilting techniques. The result? Northwoods Awakening—a huge quilt and photographic print hybrid that depicts a woodland panorama.



“Northwoods Awakening” earned the 2015 Public Vote Grand Prize at ArtPrize.



Ann's 2013, "Sleeping Bear Dune Lakeshore" quilt won the prestigious Public Vote Grand Prize at ArtPrize.

"Our creation begins as a traditional photographic print on the left," says Ann, "Then blends various fabrics and textiles to metamorphose into an entirely quilted textile on the right."

The two spent more than 1,100 hours on the piece, which assembles at an impressive 25 feet wide by 5 feet tall.

The ArtPrize crowds fell in love once more and awarded the couple the Public Vote Grand Prize—again.

Ann and Steve, whose art gallery is in downtown Beulah and who live near Crystal Lake in Benzie County—are never short on inspiration. Surrounded by water, woods and natural treasures like Sleeping Bear Dunes—there is always a new scene to capture.

"We've learned never to take our surroundings for granted," said Steve. "It's one thing to look at a scene, but another to actually see it."

While inspiration is plentiful, the artwork itself is quite technical. Steve's multi-row panoramic

photography process can include capturing as many as 50-60 close-ups panning rows and columns.

They eventually combine to make one panoramic photograph. It's not dissimilar to the collage stitching that Ann does on the quilting end.

"The hardest part of working together isn't the long hours," said Ann. "It's trying to combine the idea that's in Steve's head with the idea that is in my head. Communicating your vision is the challenge."

The two certainly have overcome the communication challenge. So well, in fact, that ArtPrize has amended their rules—which no longer allows an artist to win the Grand Prize more than once, making Ann the only artist in ArtPrize history who will ever have won twice.

Just when you thought breaking the rules was pretty cool, it turns out that being responsible for the making of rules is the real artist's way. ■



Photos-courtesy of Steve Loveless



Elite Lineman Rodeo Hosted In Michigan

Alpena Community College (ACC) in Alpena recently hosted the 2016 College Lineman Rodeo, which is an annual, elite event that travels around the country each year. It's designed to inspire and promote the lineman trade for people today and those considering a future career.



The Lineman Rodeo is a competition that has teams from across the country compete in events based on traditional linemen tasks and skills. More than 100 students from seven schools competed in 24 teams, including nine teams from ACC. Visiting students came from schools in Nebraska, Wisconsin, South Dakota and Missouri. Participants worked in four-member teams, competing in a series of four events: Cross Arm Change Out, Obstacle Climb, Framing a C-1 Structure, and a Lineman Knowledge Exam.

First through third place awards were given to the top individuals and top teams in each event. Following the judged events, participants were chosen at random to form four mixed teams to compete in a Cross Arm Change Out with members of other schools.

State Technical College of Missouri Team 2 took home the Combined All-Around first place trophy, with Jacob Kumm of the same team taking home the overall individual first place award. ACC students took home a variety of individual and team awards, as well as an experience that they won't forget. "Students that normally wouldn't have had the chance to compete were able to this year," said Utility Tech Instructor Roy Smith. "Hosting the rodeo gave our students a chance to broaden their skills and themselves."

Judges were supplied by Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op, Great Lakes Energy and Home-Works Tri-County Electric Cooperative.

ACC offers two-year degrees, one-year certificates, a brand-new four-year Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Systems Technology, customized corporate training, and community education. ■



The awards ceremony featured the surprise appearance of Alpena native Emily Kieliszewski, Miss Michigan 2015. Kieliszewski spoke to the audience about her love for Alpena and ACC.

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The Glamping Trend

By Jack O'Malley

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If your idea of roughing it means finding the ice machine on another floor of your hotel, glamping might be for you!

Glamping or "glamorous camping" combines the intimacy of camping with the perks of a luxury hotel. Amenities can include everything from bath and laundry facilities to clubhouses and recreation halls. Accommodations will vary, but typically includes Airstreams and other trailers, barns, farmhouses, cabins, huts and teepees. You can even go glamping in a tree house!

Perfect for the vacationer who wants to enjoy nature without getting dirty, Michigan's first glamping eco-resort opened recently, with limited facilities, in Antrim County. Bella Solviva (Swedish for beautiful hope) covers more than 200 acres on the western edge of the Jordan River Valley, and will offer glamping grounds with restrooms, a fitness center, free firewood, and ice, as well as catered meals.

The owner, Brad Carlson, believes glamping will be a fun trend in the very traditional world of vacationing in Michigan. "Glamping will appeal to those who want to rejuvenate in nature but prefer doing so comfortably," said Carlson.

In the plans are several different-themed getaways. For the most adventurous traveler, Neverland Escapade offers hobbit huts and tree dwellings to stow-away yachts and authentic teepees. Vacationers who prefer a more nostalgic experience will enjoy Bella Solviva's Route 66, featuring vintage RVs and tent sites for the do-it-yourself glamper. Bella Solviva will even offer a replica of the M*A*S*H unit complete with swamp tents, a supply hut and mess tent for larger gatherings.



The eco-chic resort embraces environmental stewardship by finding the perfect balance between recreation and sustainability. Bella Solviva uses nontoxic cleaning agents, organic sheets and towels, bulk amenities and non-disposable dishes, on-site transportation with green vehicles and meals prepared with locally-grown food. Future plans include reliance on solar, wind and hydro power.



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They say seeing is believing and "Five billion stars beat a five-star hotel any day," Carlson says. ■

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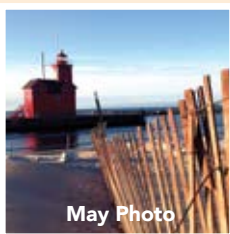
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May Photo

Our Mystery Photo Contest winner from the May 2016 issue is Arthur Kuznicki, a Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op member who correctly identified the photo as the Holland Harbor Light, more commonly known as Big Red, located at the channel connecting Lake Michigan and Lake Macatawa at Holland State Park.



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- ☐ **Blankets, Pillows and Seasonal Clothing Items**
- ☐ **First Aid Kit / Medicines / Prescription Drugs**
- ☐ **Special Items** – For babies and the elderly
- ☐ **Toiletries / Hygiene items / Moisture wipes**
- ☐ **Flashlight / Batteries**
- ☐ **Radio and Clock** – Battery operated, also consider purchasing an NOAA weather radio
- ☐ **Telephone** – Fully charged cell phone with extra batteries and a traditional (not cordless) landline telephone
- ☐ **Emergency Numbers** – Keep a list of emergency telephone numbers including the local utility company
- ☐ **Cash (with some small bills) and Credit Cards** – Banks and ATMs may not be available for extended periods
- ☐ **Keys**
- ☐ **Toys, Books and Games**
- ☐ **Important documents** – (in a waterproof container or bag) insurance cards, medical records, bank account numbers, Social Security card, birth certificates etc.
- ☐ **Tools** – Keep a waterproof set with you during the storm. Some items include duct tape, screw drivers, work gloves, safety goggles, etc.
- ☐ **Vehicle fuel tanks filled**
- ☐ **Pet care items** – Have an ample supply of food and water, proper identification, immunization records, medications, a carrier or cage, muzzle and leash.
- ☒ **Keep family and friends out of flooded basements to avoid electrical shock.**
- ☒ **Keep family and friends away from all downed power lines during or after a storm.**
- ☒ **Be sure to follow all manufacturer's recommendations when using a generator to avoid tragedy. Never plug it into a wall outlet or directly into the home's wiring.**

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