

## Brighter Futures



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Great Lakes Energy is run by people with different areas of expertise and education, but all share one thing in common: the desire to make sure you, our members, get the most reliable service at the best value. Our

commitment to that cause remains as we seek to employ the next generation of employees.

A new initiative from the Charlevoix-Emmet (Char-Em) ISD, Career Tech to Careers, is celebrating the decision of high school graduates to enter the workforce after earning their diploma - specifically those students whose high school careers included Career and Technical Education classes. In July, Great Lakes Energy joined with Char-Em at our headquarters in Boyne City to honor a recent high school graduate, Alex Sutton, for becoming employed, or “signing”, with GLE immediately after high school. This was done in the spirit of how colleges sign high school student athletes who commit to play a sport in college.

Alex, a 2019 graduate of East Jordan High School, completed the Energy Fundamentals: Line Worker Emphasis course offered at Boyne City High School. GLE played a pivotal role in the program, which gives participating students a taste of what it's like

to work high off the ground building our energy infrastructure and maintaining power lines. Two of our very own linemen, Derek Maki and James Rincon, devoted their time to helping teach the course.

For many students, college is a wonderful path to meeting their goals, but for others, technical and skilled trades are a better fit. At GLE, we are proud to offer career opportunities for both those who attended college and those who choose to enter the

skilled trades workforce. There is an ever-increasing demand for skilled trade workers and we are happy to provide opportunities to students who wish to begin a stable career in a growing field, especially right after high school.

Alex is also a testament to the success of the Energy Fundamentals course we partner to deliver. We're pleased to be able to participate in this program to invest in students like Alex who represent the future.



PICTURED: (Front row, from left) Jim Rummer, Career and Technical Education Director, Char-Em ISD; Alex Sutton, 2019 East Jordan High School graduate, Cable/Facilities Locator for GLE; Dave DeNise, GLE Operations Manager; James Rincon, Line Worker Class co-instructor; (back row, from left) Jennifer and John Sutton, parents of Alex; Derek Maki, Line Worker Class co-instructor. Rincon and Maki are also line workers for GLE.

# Free Energy Seminars

Great Lakes Energy members can attend a free energy seminar this fall at our Boyne and Newaygo offices.

Local heating and cooling companies and Great Lakes Energy staff are on hand to answer questions related to heat pumps. Learn about home heating and cooling options with geothermal and air-source heat pumps and energy optimization (EO) programs that offer incentives to help co-op members save energy.

Door prizes will be awarded. Winners will receive energy saving gifts.



## Register Now and Attend Either Session:

- **Saturday, Oct. 5, at the GLE Boyne City office from 10 a.m. to noon.**
- **Saturday, Oct. 12, at the GLE Newaygo office from 10 a.m. to noon.**

Space is limited, so please register by visiting [gtlakes.com](http://gtlakes.com) or calling 1-888-485-2537, ext. 8958

## Scam Alert Reminder

Great Lakes Energy members are reminded to be aware of impostors who may call them claiming to be from Great Lakes Energy.

Any GLE member who receives a call from someone claiming to be from Great Lakes Energy and feels pressured for immediate payment or personal information is advised to hang up the phone and call their electric cooperative. Great Lakes Energy members can call 1-888-485-2537 and speak to any GLE member service representative. Co-op members, or any consumer, should never give out personal information, including financial account numbers or social security numbers, over the phone or internet to someone they do not know.

Members should also report the incident to local law enforcement authorities.



## Celebrating Our Members!

October is National Cooperative Month and we're celebrating with free gifts for members plus a chance to win an LED TV. Stop into one of our offices during October and receive a free gift and Energy Optimization program information.

One giveaway and one entry per account. Giveaways available while supplies last. LED light prizes were donated by Home Depot of Petoskey.

You can also sign up to win one of three great prizes:

**1st PRIZE:** 32" LED Energy Star-rated TV

**2nd PRIZE:** \$100 worth of LED lights

**3rd PRIZE:** \$50 worth of LED lights



## Board Election Results Summary

### District 6



**ROBERT KRAN**  
(incumbent)

Free Soil - WINNER  
364

### District 8



**HOWARD BOWERSOX**

Stanwood - WINNER  
207

### District 9



**JOHN LAFORGE**  
(incumbent)

Delton - WINNER  
124



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