

A New Year Is A Fresh Start



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The new year offers a chance to start fresh. For us, 2020 will mark 21 years since three smaller electrical cooperatives banded together to form the largest electric co-op in Michigan: Great Lakes Energy.

Through this merger, the last 20 years have allowed us to bring more reliable service to you. We have been able to use new technology to enhance our services and connect the lives of our rural members to the future.

As we enter the next decade, we are excited to introduce a new look. We've updated our logo to carry 20 years of history forward into the future. The points of the triangle represent the three cooperatives coming together as one, the waves reflect the Great Lakes that surround us, and the sun represents a tremendous source of energy and brings our focus to the horizon with great things to come.

As our new logo keeps our continuity with the past, it is updated to reflect our commitment to providing you with reliable services for your home and business.

You've seen some of these already with Trustream, our high-speed fiber internet network. But we're also continuing to plan for the growing demand for services that support electric vehicle ownership and renewable energy. These are just a few ways we are keeping our promise to provide you with valuable, reliable service.

We're excited about the new look of our logo, but that's just one change. We've also updated our website to make it easier to use. These changes may not seem very significant, but we think they are. They bring to the forefront all of the values and dedication that are the quiet engine driving everything we do. For the last 20 years, we have strived to go beyond expectations to connect our members to the greater world, and we will remain steadfast in that commitment.

We are built by the communities we serve, and we are working hard to empower and enrich our members' lives. We remain a trusted partner, connecting you to the power you depend on with a purpose to serve our members and communities.

Along With Our New Logo...



...check out our
New Website!

In addition to the logo, Great Lakes Energy's website got a whole new look, too. Visit gtlakes.com to check out the changes.



Classroom Grants

Great Lakes Energy (GLE) recently awarded \$29,932 in grants to help 22 classrooms implement technology-based programs in their schools.

Grants awarded for the 2019—2020 school year bring the total to just over \$187,392 for 127 projects since GLE launched its classroom grant program in 2012.



These schools received classroom grants for the 2019-2020 school year:

- » **Boyne City Middle School**, \$825 for Lego robotics kits
- » **Boyne Falls Public School**, \$1,733.82 for ELMO document cameras and microscope adapters
- » **Concord Academy — Boyne City**, \$200 for green screen equipment
- » **Daisy Brook Elementary, Fremont**, \$1,500 for Cue robots and coding curriculum on Fire tablets
- » **East Elementary, Coopersville**, \$1,500 for Bee-Bot robots Ellsworth Community School, \$1,785.64 for technology to teach engineering design
- » **Foster Elementary, Ludington**, \$156 for Osmo learning kits Fremont High School, \$500 for audiobooks
- » **G.T. Norman Elementary School**, Reed City, \$250 for STEAM materials
- » **Gaylord High School**, \$2,000 for Anatomy in Clay models Grant Elementary School, \$2,000 for Coding in the Classroom program
- » **Grayling High School**, \$1,979.70 for Raspberry Pi sensor kits
- » **Inland Lakes Secondary**, \$1,799.99 for laser engraving technology
- » **Johannesburg-Lewiston Schools, Johannesburg**, \$2,000 for Dash and Bee-Bot robots
- » **John R. Rodger Elementary School, Bellaire**, \$964 for FOSS Next Generation materials
- » **Kalkaska High School**, \$900 for Pascal “Sparks”
- » **Ludington High School**, \$1,585 for robotics safety program
- » **McBain Middle School**, \$2,000 for Ozobot Evo robots
- » **Montague High School**, \$1,950 for composting facility
- » **Newaygo High School**, \$899.98 for Canon EOS Rebel cameras
- » **Pine River Middle School, LeRoy**, \$1,787.75 for Micro:bit computers and GiggieBot kit
- » **Walkerville Public Schools**, \$1,615.96 for iPads for video interviews and STEM projects

Online applications for the 2020-2021 school year open in September 2020. To learn more, visit gtlakes.com.

2019 GLE Photo Contest Winner

Debra Claycomb is the 2019 winner of the Great Lakes Energy Photo Contest and she earned a \$200 bill credit.

She received a \$200 credit that was applied to her December 2019 Great Lakes Energy bill.

Her winning photo, which appeared in the September issue, was selected in a random drawing of all contest entries that appeared in Michigan Country Lines in 2019.

Thank you to the many GLE members who participated. Members are welcome to send in photos for our 2020 contest. See page 9 of the January Country Lines for details.

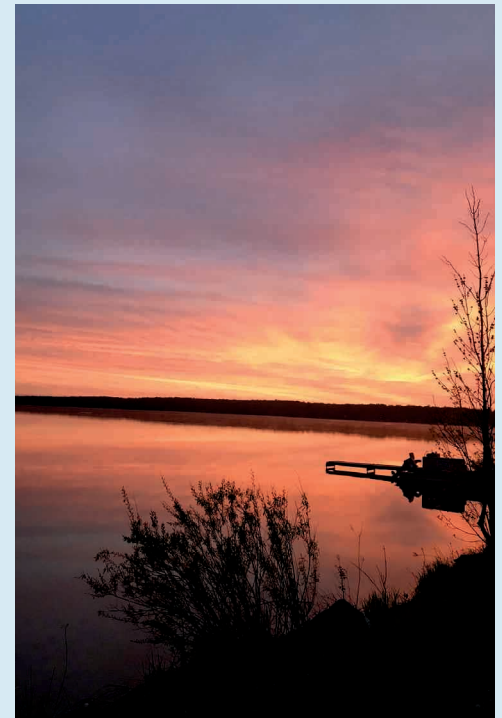


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