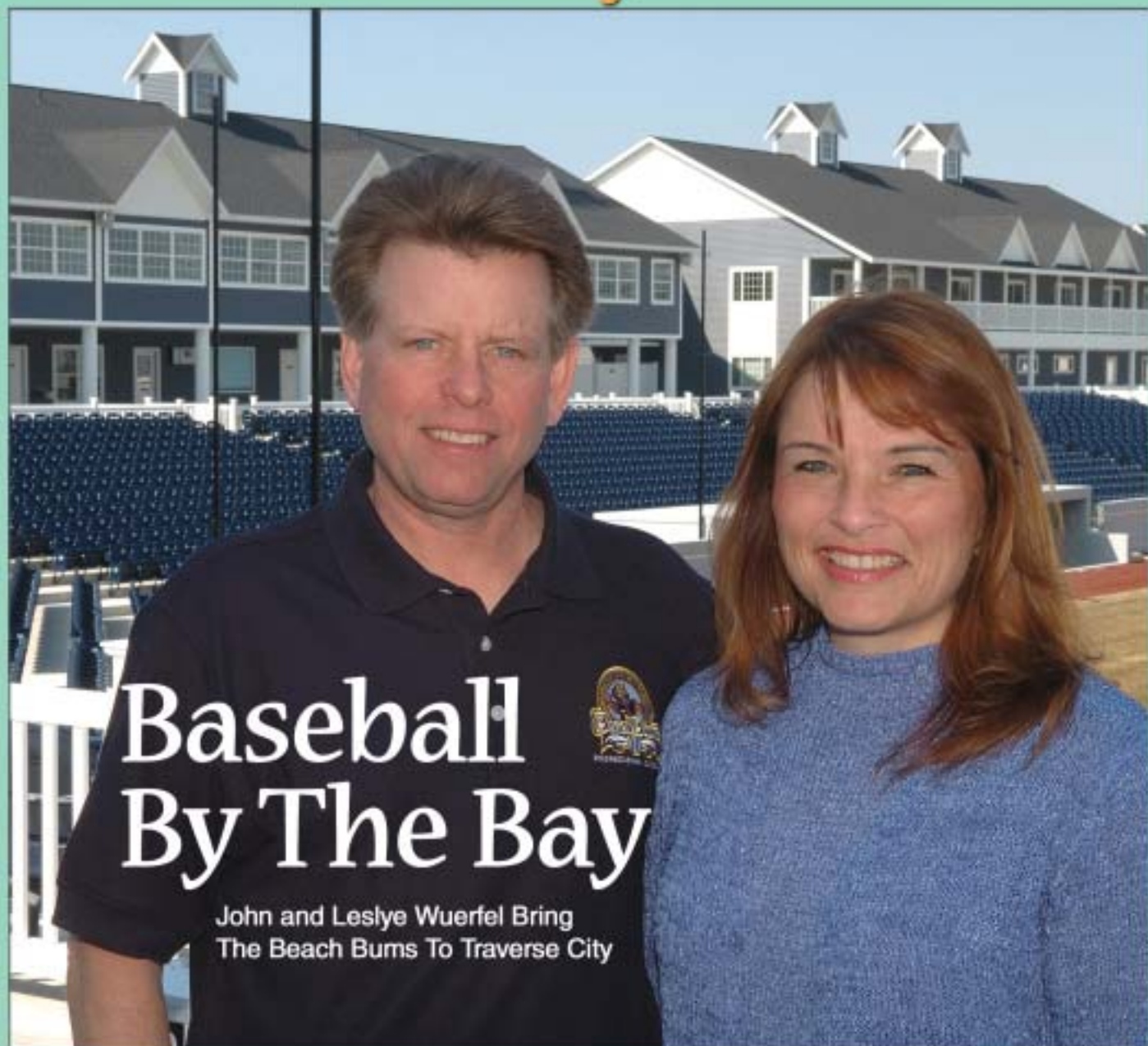


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**W**HEN CHERRYLAND Electric Cooperative members complete their annual meeting election ballots (see cover wrap), they will find two bylaw changes of widely different importance.

One deals with the day of the week in which the annual meeting can be held, and the other proposes changing the number of board members who may sit at the board table. Because both have merit and deserve explanation, I offer here some information on why they are on the ballot for your consideration.

The first decision is the simple one. It gives the cooperative the flexibility to hold the annual meeting on “any” day in the month of June rather than just on a Saturday. This is a change the board was able to make on its own, which is why this year’s annual meeting will be on a Thursday evening. However, it is also on the ballot because our bylaws require member ratification of the change. If approved, the annual meeting will have greater flexibility for open dates in the month of June. If not approved, we will go back to picking out a Saturday in June.

There are two schools of thought for adding this flexibility. An evening meeting during the week will make it possible for members to stop by after work. Using part of a weekday also leaves Saturday open for every member, whether they are working or retired. Summers are too short as it is, and we are hopeful annual meeting attendance will increase if members are not asked to give up time on a Saturday.

The other issue is actually a series of changes connected by a common goal—allowing flexibility in the size of the board of directors, which has had nine members since the co-op’s beginnings. Because these changes would affect the number of board members, they must have member approval.

The goal is to allow the board’s size to be no less than seven and no more than nine members at the discretion of seated board



By Tony Anderson  
General Manager

members at the time an at-large board member resigns. This will allow remaining directors to appoint someone to fill the vacancy, per existing bylaws, or leave it open indefinitely if they decide that the co-op’s governance can be handled with fewer board members.

The proposal also requests changing from four defined area seats to three: 1) Benzie, Manistee and Wexford counties; 2) Leelanau County; and 3) Grand Traverse and Kalkaska counties. The only change is the addition of Manistee and Wexford into the Benzie area. This plan is based on the number of meters represented in those areas and bringing them more in balance with the other two areas while retaining county boundaries. These three areas could never be left vacant, which guarantees representation by at least one board member for every county grouping served.

It is important to note that this is not an attempt to avoid the election process and later appoint someone. The board has always had (and will have) the ability to appoint directors when a vacancy in between annual meetings occurs.

If members approve the requested change and an at-large seat is left vacant but the board decides later that an additional board member is needed, the membership will elect the open seat at the next annual meeting. Approval simply gives the remaining board the opportunity to make the best fiscal and operational decision for the cooperative at the time for up to two board seats only.

If you have questions prior to placing your vote and mailing in the ballot, don’t hesitate to write or call me. There will be an opportunity for questions and more elaboration at the annual meeting, however, it occurs *after* the voting takes place.

Cherryland Electric is *your* co-op and the voting process is a unique opportunity for all members to have input in how the co-op is governed. Please take advantage of it.

## Important Information – In This Issue:

- Cover Wrap/Election Ballot
- Annual Report (insert, p. 16)

# Air Conditioning Plays Big Role in Your Electric Bill

Here's an update on Cherryland's electricity supply and news about renewable energy.



**T**HERE WILL BE NO SHORTAGE of electricity for Cherryland Electric members this summer, according to the cooperative's power supplier.

Eric Baker, senior vice president of engineering and strategy for Wolverine Power Cooperative in Cadillac, said there is ample power to supply homes and businesses in the Grand Traverse area.

"When looking at the entire state, that's especially true in western Michigan," said Baker. "We have enough peaking power on this side of the state to handle our needs for the summer. There are spots in the state, especially southeast Michigan, where that might not be the case. They get some of their power from Ontario and they have retired some coal-powered generation and haven't replaced it."

But northern Michigan should be fine, said Baker, even though the impact of air conditioners during the summer has increased usage dramatically.

"There is no question that air conditioning has impacted us substantially in the last decade," explains Baker. "Air conditioning has impacted our power supply planning, transmission and distribution substations."

In other words, it has changed the way Wolverine goes about its business.

"There have been two things that have affected us the most," said Baker. "They are, new residential developments and air conditioning."

While Wolverine has a handle on these changes, it is now exploring the options and feasibilities of renewable energy.

"There are a lot of good options that renewable energy brings to the table, especially in terms of the impact it has on the environment," said Baker. "But we've found that you can't have an open, honest dialogue

about renewable energy without making people aware of the cost factor.

"At Wolverine, we feel it is our responsibility to consider the cost impact this might have on our members."

Baker says that renewable energy brings a price tag with it.

"You see a lot written and said about renewable energy, but the fact is, it's more expensive," he adds. "And, we have to consider what part of our portfolio is prudent when it comes to offering renewables."

So far, that piece of the puzzle is still on the table at Wolverine.

"We have a lot of different opinions just within the Wolverine group," said Baker.

"We are in the process of studying our renewable proposals very carefully."

While renewable energy has gained momentum, Baker notes it will come with a cost.

And right now, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, cost is something consumers are wrestling with when determining their power alternatives.

## Average heating fuel price increases this winter over last winter:

Natural gas .....	17%
Heating oil .....	16%
Propane .....	12%
Electricity .....	7%

**I**n some parts of the country, like Michigan, natural gas costs were much higher. By comparison, electricity prices were lower across the board, reports the Energy Administration.

Other energy trends were also noted in the 2006 study:

- In the next 25 years, electricity demand will grow by 75 percent in the customer sector.
- Personal computers will become more energy-efficient.
- With growing electricity demand and the retirement of inefficient, older generating capacity, new capacity will be needed. Natural gas plants are generally the least expensive to build but are characterized by comparatively high fuel costs. Coal, nuclear and renewable plants are typically expensive to build but have relatively low operating costs and, in addition, receive tax credits.
- Renewable energy is expected to become more competitive, price-wise, over time.
- Coal-fired power plants will continue to supply most of the nation's electricity through 2030. Coal-fired plants account for 50 percent of all electricity generation now and that share will increase to 57 percent over the next 25 years.
- Both nuclear and renewable generation will increase as new plants are built, stimulated by federal tax incentives and rising fossil fuel prices.

# A Crown for Mom and Daughter

This volleyball star's mom is most proud of her accomplishments as a person. **Nick Edson**



Laurie (left) and Alisha Glass.

**H**ER BEST FRIEND is 27 years older than she is.

But they have lots in common. They love to shop. They like to hang out in the gym and play volleyball. They enjoy a good laugh together.

“We just enjoy being together, we’re companions,” said 18-year-old Alisha Glass about her mother, Laurie.

Alisha and Laurie have “hung out” together their entire lives.

Laurie Glass was a single mom raising Alisha in Leelanau County. Besides her challenging job as a special needs teacher for Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District, Laurie is one of the most successful volleyball coaches in northern Michigan history.

If the name Glass sounds familiar, that’s because her father—and Alisha’s grandfather—is Larry Glass, a basketball Hall of Fame coach. All of the Glass families are longtime Cherryland Electric Cooperative members.

So with all this sports background, it wasn’t surprising that Alisha grew up in gyms as much as she did a house.

“When I was coaching volleyball at Traverse City Central years ago, Alisha would come to the practices,” recalled Laurie. “When I was coaching basketball in Leelanau County, she would be with me in the gym, too.”

One day, a proud Larry Glass nudged a friend and pointed out his young granddaughter.

“Alisha is going to be great at whatever sport she decides to be great in,” he said with a smile.

Grandpa Glass was only half right. She became great in two sports. She was All-State for two years while playing basketball for him at Leland High School. She did even better in volleyball. She became the best player in the state—winning Miss Volleyball and Gatorade

Player of the Year in Michigan—and is ranked the sixth best high school volleyball player in the nation.

She has a scholarship to play volleyball with national power Penn State beginning this fall. Her final high school match was something out of a storybook.

Leland lost the first two games in the best-of-five match to Battle Creek St. Phillip. After the second game, Larry Glass walked over to the huddle.

“All he said was, ‘Sometimes the breaks don’t go your way, so you have to make your own breaks. Now go stick it in their ear.’ Then he walked back to his seat,” said Laurie with a smile. “It broke the tension because I don’t think too many of the girls had heard the term ‘stick it in their ear’ before. They started to grin.”

For her part, Laurie Glass never considered that her team would lose the championship match.

“I felt very calm throughout the match, even when we were behind,” she said. “I can’t explain it. I just knew we were going to win. I knew that my talk to them afterwards would be congratulations, not consolation.”

When Leland wound up winning, she and Alisha enjoyed a long, tearful hug.

“We just had a good cry,” said Laurie, who recalled all the nights and the years that she and Alisha had spent in gyms together, learning and bonding like most mothers and daughters don’t have a chance to.

“We didn’t have to say anything to each other,” added Alisha. “It just felt so good

to hug Mom afterward. We knew about all the sacrifices that went into making that moment.”

For all of the accolades Alisha Glass has won—and she has set state and national volleyball records—nothing makes her Mom feel happier than when people tell her about Alisha’s accomplishments as a person.

“When I hear her peers tell me what a great teammate she is or when a parent comes up and tells me how Alisha helped their daughter through a tough time, that’s when I’m the proudest,” said Laurie. “She could have this big head about what’s she’s done. But she has never been that way. Even when she won Miss Volleyball and was asked to make a speech, the first thing she did was thank her teammates. She knows that everyone has a role to play on a team.”

Still, both Laurie and Alisha admit they’ve had their share of disagreements.

“It wasn’t easy to hear criticism in practice and then come home and be with Mom,” said Alisha with a laugh. “Of course, I realized that she just wanted me to improve. But still, it’s not something you like to hear.”

So were there uneasy moments in the house, at times?

“Oh, my goodness, yes,” said Laurie with a laugh. “Some of it came when I had to get on her as a coach. And then, I have to change roles and be a parent. It wasn’t an easy thing to balance. But, you know what? I wouldn’t trade a thing for what Alisha and I shared.”

Longtime family friend and Leland assistant basketball coach Denny Moore put his own spin on the relationship between Laurie and Alisha.

“No one could have handled those dual roles better than Laurie did,” he said.

One other person nods when she hears those words.

Laurie Glass’ best friend.

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
**BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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**NOTICE OF HEARING**

**FOR THE CUSTOMERS OF CHERRYLAND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, GREAT LAKES ENERGY COOPERATIVE,  
HOMEWORKS TRI-COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, AND PRESQUE ISLE ELECTRIC & GAS CO-OP**

**CASE NO. U-14270-R**

- Cherryland Electric Cooperative, Great Lakes Energy Cooperative, HomeWorks Tri-County Electric Cooperative, and Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op may "roll-in" their undercollection of 2005 power supply costs into their 2006 power supply cost plans, if the Michigan Public Service Commission approves their request.
- **HOMEWORKS TRI-COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ALSO REQUESTS THAT THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION GRANT ITS REQUESTED INCREASE OF ABOUT \$1,024,567, RELATIVE TO ITS TIER RATE MAKING MECHANISM.**
- The information below describes how a person may participate in this case.
- You may call or write the attorney for the Cooperatives, Christine Mason Soneral, at Dykema Gossett PLLC, Capitol View, 201 Townsend Street, Suite 900, Lansing, Michigan 48933, (517) 374-9184 for a free copy of its application. Any person may review the application at Dykema's offices or at the respective offices of the cooperatives.
- The first public hearing in this matter will be held:

**DATE:** June 28, 2006 • This hearing will be a prehearing conference to set future hearing dates and decide other procedural matters.

**TIME:** 9:00 a.m.

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Administrative Law Judge Sharon L. Feldman

**LOCATION:** Michigan Public Service Commission, 6545 Mercantile Way, Suite 7, Lansing, Michigan

**PARTICIPATION:** Any interested person may attend and participate. The hearing site is accessible, including handicapped parking. Persons needing any accommodation to participate should contact the Commission's Executive Secretary at (517) 241-6160 a week in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

The Michigan Public Service Commission (Commission) will hold a public hearing to consider the March 31, 2006 joint application of Cherryland Electric Cooperative, Great Lakes Energy Cooperative, Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op and HomeWorks Tri-County Electric Cooperative (Cooperatives), to reconcile their 2005 power supply cost recovery (PSCR) plans. The Cooperatives' net 2005 PSCR undercollections are as follows:

<u>Cooperative</u>	<u>PSCR Undercollections</u>	<u>Cooperative</u>	<u>PSCR Undercollections</u>
Cherryland .....	\$2,579,659	HomeWorks .....	\$894,670
Great Lakes .....	\$5,470,739	Presque Isle .....	\$1,645,403

The hearing will also include the consideration of the application of HomeWorks Tri-County Electric Cooperative (HomeWorks) to increase its rates by \$1,024,567, as a result of its adjusted Times Interest Earned Ratio (TIER) Ratemaking Mechanism for the 12-month period ended December 31, 2005. HomeWorks proposes to implement the rate increase through a uniform 3.61 mills per kilowatt hour (kWh) surcharge.

**The Commission has selected this case for participation in its Paperless Electronic Filings Program. All documents filed in this case shall be submitted electronically through the Commission's Electronic Case Filings Web site at: <https://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/cgi-bin/efile/login.pl>. Requirements and instructions for filing electronic documents can be found in the Electronic Case Filings Users Manual at: <http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/pdfs/usersmanual.pdf>.**

**An application for account and letter of assurance, required of all first-time users, is located at: <http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/pdfs/assurance.pdf>. Documents may also be submitted in Word format, as an attachment to an email sent to [mpscfilecases@michigan.gov](mailto:mpscfilecases@michigan.gov). If you require assistance prior to e-filing, contact Commission staff at (517) 241-6170 or by e-mail at: [mpscfilecases@michigan.gov](mailto:mpscfilecases@michigan.gov).**

Any person wishing to intervene and become a party to the case shall file a Petition to Intervene with this Commission by June 21, 2006. The proof of service shall indicate service upon the Cooperatives attorney, Christine Mason Soneral, at Dykema Gossett PLLC, Capitol View, 201 Townsend Street, Suite 900, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

A member of the public who wishes to make a statement of position without becoming a party to the case, may participate by filing an appearance. To file the appearance, the individual must attend the hearing and advise the presiding administrative law judge of his or her wish to make a statement of position.

A copy of the Cooperatives' request may be reviewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile> and at the office of Dykema Gossett PLLC, Capitol View, 201 Townsend Street, Suite 900, Lansing, Michigan. For more information on how to participate in a case, you may contact the Commission at the above address or by telephone at (517) 241-6170.

A Utility Consumer Representative Fund has been created for the purpose of aiding the representation of residential utility customers in energy proceedings. Further information may be obtained from the Chairperson, Utility Consumer Participation Board, Department of Labor & Economic Growth, P.O. Box 30004, Lansing, Michigan 48909.

Jurisdiction is pursuant to 1909 PA 106, as amended, MCL 460.551 et seq.; 1919 PA 419, as amended, MCL 460.51 et seq.; 1939 PA 3, as amended, MCL 460.1 et seq.; 1982 PA 304, as amended, MCL 460.6h et seq.; 1969 PA 306, as amended, MCL 24.201 et seq.; and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, as amended, 1999 AC, R 460.17101 et seq.

April 18, 2006 • Lansing, Michigan

# Spring Is A Good Time For Safety Checkup

**S**PRING HAS SPRUNG. Everyone is outside. We send our kids out to play and the dogs may roam a bit farther. The whole neighborhood is doing outside work, and checking to see what Mother Nature left behind from winter.

Now is the time, also, to look for any possible hazards to the electrical system at your home or business.

Cherryland Electric Cooperative's



maintenance crews do scheduled checks of our system, looking for any hazards or wear and tear. But, you are our best and most valuable resource for locating problems. Over the winter, snowplows can hit transformers, trees can fall on equipment, and covers can be torn off due to accidents or vandalism.

As you venture out this spring, look for the following on your property:

- Pad Mount Transformers, (PMTs)—that green box with stickers on it—that are very rusty;
- PMTs that are open;
- PMTs that have foliage growing on or around them;
- PMTs that are sunken, or the ground has built up around it;
- Exposed wires of any kind;
- Fencing around PMT;
- Inaccessible equipment;
- Trees/branches on overhead wires;
- Loose or sagging electric lines;
- Bent or broken poles.

While looking for these problems, re-

member, *never* approach any downed or exposed wires of any kind. If you have downed wires or exposed parts and you are not sure if it is electric, telephone or cable, *please call* Cherryland, and we will come out right away to determine what the equipment is.

Spring is one of northern Michigan's greatest seasons as we come out to enjoy great weather, work, and fun. Please check your property and give us a call if anything seems old or damaged. We will be glad to come and take a look, meet you, and take care of anything that needs to be done.

*Tim Keenan is assistant safety director for Cherryland Electric Cooperative*



## Join Us at the Energy Fair In June

**J**OIN CHERRYLAND ELECTRIC and the Great Lakes Renewable Energy Association at the Michigan Energy Fair June 16-18, 2006.

The fair will be held at the Manistee County Fairgrounds in Onekama. Onekama is 10 miles northeast of Manistee and the fairgrounds are on the shore of Portage Lake, an inland lake which connects to Lake Michigan.

The fairgrounds will host an enormous gathering, bringing people together to learn more about renewable energy, energy efficiency, and sustainable living.

Exhibitors and vendors will be on hand to display energy technologies. Educational workshops will be held on a wide variety of topics including green building, solar architecture, small wind systems, energy efficiency upgrades, alternative fuel vehicles, and much more. Live music and local foods will also be featured.

What will you get out of it? You'll hear about solutions to our energy future. Learn how businesses in Michigan and elsewhere are offering products and services that help save money, build energy security, independence, and benefit the environment.

Dozens of booths will offer education and will connect participants with information and services concerning energy efficiency, renewable energy, and sustainable technologies.

For more information regarding the fair schedule, available workshops, purchasing advanced tickets, local entertainment, and much more, go to [www.glrea.org](http://www.glrea.org)

*If you would like assistance with your energy audit, call Steve Coger at 231-486-9200 or 1-800-442-8616.*



## Community Caring Awards

THREE INDIVIDUALS and the Pregnancy Care Center were awarded a total of \$1,950 at the March meeting of Cherryland's Community Caring Fund Committee.

One individuals received \$1,000, and two each received \$250 to pay bills. The Pregnancy Center was awarded \$450 for two mattresses, three car seats and two cribs.

The Community Caring board also welcomed its newest director, Ellen Orsini, who represents Manistee and Wexford counties. She replaces Ann Phillips, who retired after seven years on the board.

The board oversees the co-op's Operation Roundup which allows members to round up their bills to the nearest dollar with all of the money going to needy individuals and organizations in northern Michigan.

The Caring Board received a note of thanks recently. It read: *"Thank you so very much for your great help for our family. Our hearts are full of appreciation for your care. It helps us a lot."*

## Shimek No. 1 At MSU

LIZ SHIMEK, whose parents Tom and Linda Shimek are longtime Cherryland Electric Cooperative members, wound up as



# Giving Mom the Gift Of Life

ON THE EVE of Mother's Day, it seems appropriate to tell you a story about a real-life hero.

By "real life," I mean someone who didn't attain hero status by hitting a home run or scoring a touchdown.

Although in Jerome Helminiak's world, as a sports reporter for TV 7 & 4 in Traverse City, those are the kind of heroes he talks about all the time.

What Jerome did for his mother a few months ago to keep her alive—donate one of his kidneys—is the kind of thing real-life heroes do.

"I really don't think of myself as a hero, I'm just a son who did something for his mom," said the 36-year-old Bay City native. "Some of my friends and co-workers have called me a hero for doing

what I did," he said.

Then he broke into a big grin.

"But she had to raise me and I know I've caused her enough worries over the years that this is the least I could do."

But all kidding aside, Jerome *is* a hero. Just ask his mom, Joan, who has been a diabetic most of her life and whose health had taken a turn for the worse before the kidney transplant.

"Oh, Jerome is such a hero to me," said Joan Helminiak from her home in Bay City, where she lives with her husband Jim. "I felt guilty at first that he had to donate one of his kidneys. He and (Jerome's wife) Heidi don't have any children yet and I didn't want to do anything that would take away from that happening.

"So I prayed about it and talked to my

family and friends. They pretty much told me to just accept it and go for it. So we did."

Joan Helminiak was on dialysis for a year before the operation. Three times a week she went, spending three hours on each visit.

"I hated going," she said. "I liked the people who worked there, but it got to where I dreaded it."

As her health declined, the Helminiaks looked into options. When they found out about a possible kidney transplant, they went in for blood work. Jerome's brother Jeff was a match with his dad. Jerome matched with his mother.

"He didn't hesitate for a second about donating a kidney," said Joan proudly. "In fact, in the days leading up to the transplant at Mayo Clinic, my husband got really emotional about it."

Jerome nodded.

"I hadn't seen my dad cry much when I was growing up," he said. "But he did a lot during the month of February. He kept telling me what a spectacular thing I was doing."

The Helminiaks arrived in Rochester, MN, the last part of January. The operation was on Feb. 2, Ground Hog Day. Jerome was in the operating room for 90 minutes and his mother an extra hour.

"Mom got better right off the bat," said Jerome. "The change in her was dramatic."

Within a few weeks, Joan and Jim were walking more than she had "in years."

Jerome's recovery was harder than he expected.

"I was in a lot of pain right after the operation," said Jerome. "But I improved pretty quickly and I was out of the hospital two days later. I stayed a week after that in the Gift of Life House next to Mayo. By that time, mom was out of the hospital and gone to the Gift of Life House. She's doing great now."

For the most part, Jerome's life is back to normal.

He anchors the sports desk at TV 7 & 4. He and Heidi commute back and forth to Detroit on a regular basis, where Heidi works for Compuware.

And he feels good about the decision he made to donate a kidney to his mom.

"My mom has done so much for me my entire life," said Jerome. "This was just a chance for me to repay her in some way.

"I think this is the best thing I've ever done in my life," he said. "I look at it this way. My mom gave me the gift of life and I just returned the favor."

Michigan State's all-time leading women's basketball scorer.

The 6-foot-1 saw her career come to an end in late March when the Spartans lost to Duke in the NCAA regionals. She finished her career as No. 1 all-time in points (1,780), rebounds (1,130) and field goals (719). Her senior class is the winningest class in MSU women's history, with 96 victories and four straight NCAA appearances.

"It's been a blast, more than I ever expected," said Shimek, who could be selected in the WNBA draft in early April. "I've learned so much and made some really great friends."

She was named first team All-Big Ten in early March and then an honorable mention All-American pick a few weeks later.

## Tentative AMR Schedule

AS WE OUTLINED in the January issue of *Country Lines*, Cherryland members soon won't have to read their meters.

We are in the process of installing automatic meter reading (AMR) devices that will send your electric use readings back to our office and help in outage situations.

The Grawn and Bates areas are set, with Garfield, Thompsonville and Copemish scheduled to be completed by the end of the

year. At that time, Cherryland will have 10,000 AMR meters installed (out of 32,000).

On the list to be completed next year are areas in Brethren, Secor Rd., Potter Road, and East Bay Township. All AMRs are expected to be installed by 2009.

## One-Day 'Camp' Helps Senior Citizens

TRAVERSE CITY Senior Center director, Lori Wells, sent a letter of thanks to Cherryland's Community Caring Board for their funding of Camp 9-1-1.

The camp educates and informs area senior citizens about resources available to them. It is a collaborative effort between local law enforcement and safety officials, senior service providers and many organizations that seniors use.

"The seniors loved the information we distributed and really learned from the speakers we brought in," said Wells. "It was such a hit that we are planning on another Camp 9-1-1 during the last week of August again."

Once the date is finalized, it will be printed in an upcoming edition of *Country Lines*.

To sign up for Cherryland's Community Caring Fund, call 486-9266.



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	Average for 1999-2004	Winter of 2004-05	Winter of 2005-06	Pct. Change From 2004
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Heating Oil	\$865	\$1,199	\$1,577	31.5%
Propane	\$885	\$1,102	\$1,427	29.5%
Electricity	\$685	\$717	\$755	5.4%

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT CHERRYLAND'S INTERRUPTIBLE HEAT RATE CONTACT STEVE COGER, ENERGY USE ADVISOR AT 231-486-9238