



Member Spotlight

LOCAL PIANIST BRINGS MIX OF MUSIC TO THE COMMUNITY

Owen Polifka is a local pianist right out of Cornucopia. You can find him at several places in the area. Each Saturday evening from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Owen plays at El Charro Mexican Restaurant in Ashland. Vocalist Jack Gunderson, founding member of the Blue Canvas Orchestra (Big Top Chautauqua), also joins him at most of his shows here.

He can also be found at Thirsty Pagan in Superior the first Friday of each month from 6-9 p.m. as well as Little Nikki's Restaurant in Cornucopia the second Friday of each month from 6-9 p.m. You may have heard him play at Hyde's Supper Club or at the Fat Radish in Cornucopia on occasion.

Owen is the pianist at Messiah Lutheran Church in Washburn each Sunday as well as the pianist at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Cornucopia.

In addition, Owen performs music monthly at various local nursing homes, including the Villa Marina and Superior Rehab Center in Superior and the Northern Lights and Oaks facilities in

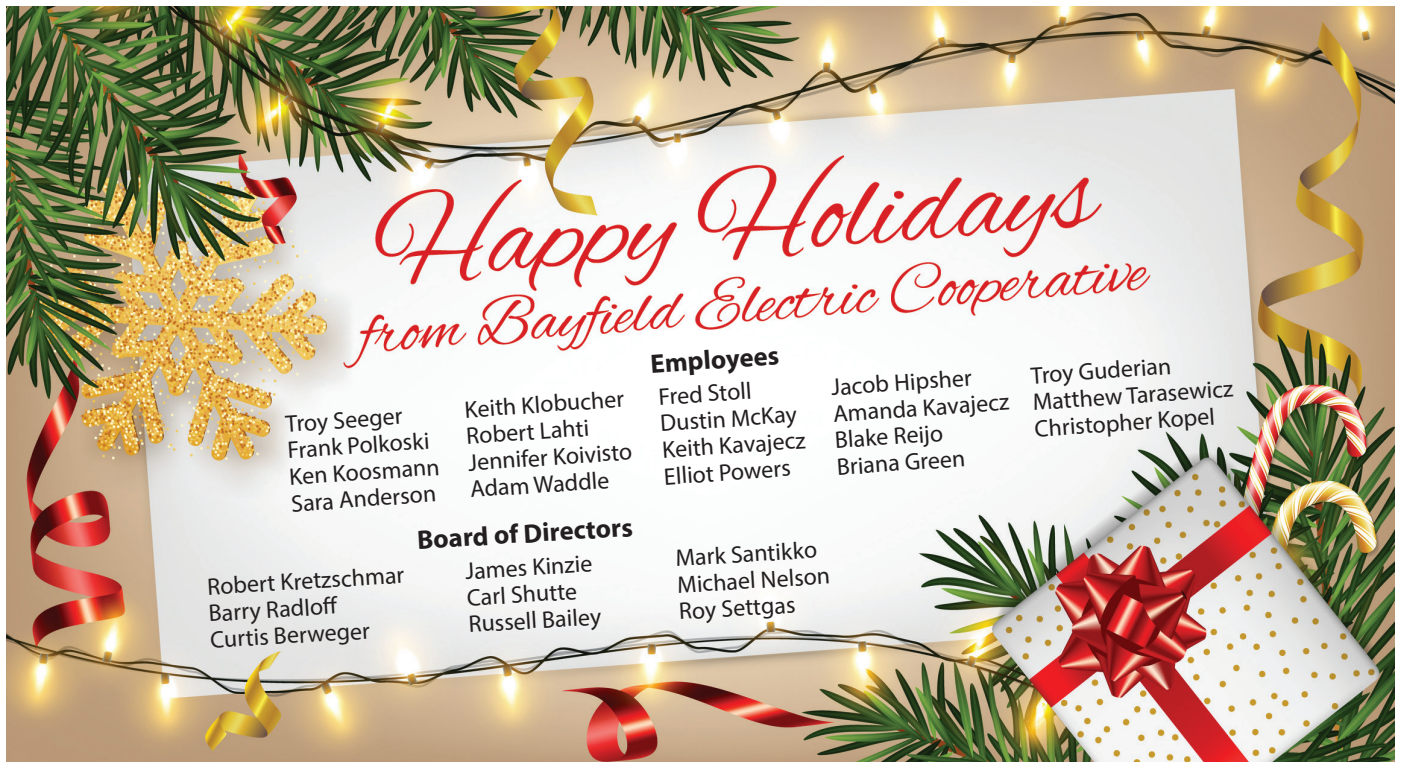
Washburn. He is available to play for weddings, funerals, and special events and has accompanied many South Shore students at various district and state music festivals.

Owen plays an eclectic mix of musical genres. His typical styles are classic rock, alternative rock, country, folk, as well as piano music in general. His particular style is infused with improvisational riffs and interludes.

Contact Owen at 715-742-3483 or email owenp@comcast.net to book an upcoming event today!

Owen Polifka plays piano at area venues ranging from churches to restaurants, including El Charro in Ashland (below).





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Watch them around light strands, cords, and
bulbs, to make sure they don't chew on them.

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FOUR WAYS SANTA SAVES ENERGY IN HIS WORKSHOP

The holiday season is finally upon us, and Santa and his elves have been especially busy as they gear up for their biggest night of the year. It's no secret that Santa is known for running an efficient workshop—how else could he make all those toys in time for Christmas Eve? Rumor has it that one way Santa ensures an efficient workspace is through energy-saving measures.

1 Santa leaves his decorations up year-round, so by using LED holiday light strands, he's able to save on his monthly energy bills. LED holiday strands can last up to 40 seasons, which make them a great option for any festive home.

2 Santa requires several power tools to make a year's worth of new toys. That's why he insists on using cordless power tools with the ENERGY STAR® rating. According to energystar.gov, if all power tools in the United States used ENERGY STAR®-rated battery chargers, 2 billion kWh hours of electricity could be saved—that's equivalent to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 1.7 million tons!

3 Mrs. Claus loves to keep warm by the fire in the evenings, and Santa knows one of the best tricks to ensure fireplace efficiency. While a fireplace can keep a small area of your home cozy and warm, it can also pull heated air from the room through the chimney. That's why Santa always closes the fireplace flue when a fire isn't burning.

4 Santa also saves energy by using power strips. Power strips are ideal for workshops, craft nooks, game rooms and other spaces in your home. With one simple switch, you can conveniently control several devices and electronics that are plugged into the power strip.



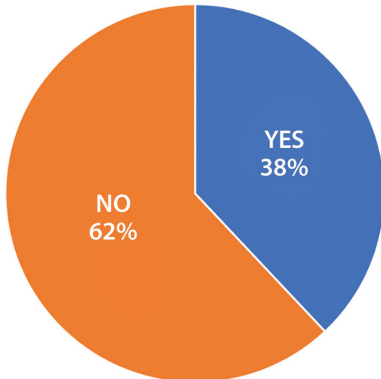
This holiday season, let's take a page from Santa's book and remember to save energy when possible. With these four tips, you'll be well on your way to savings (and hopefully, Santa's "nice" list!).



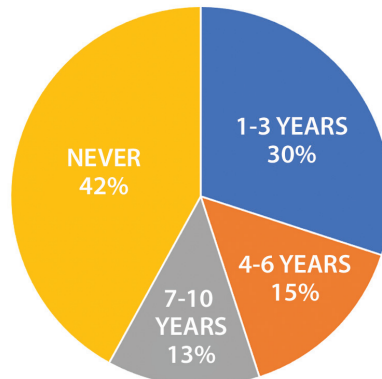
RESULTS OF BACKUP GENERATOR SURVEY

We recently asked our members if they currently own a backup generator, and if not, how likely they would be purchase one in the future. We had a great response rate—thank you to all who participated! If you decide to purchase a backup generator in the future, our office is more than happy to assist you with getting it installed correctly. Please see the pie graphs below for the results of the survey question.

Do you currently own a backup generator?



If no in the next 10 years how likely are you to purchase a backup generator?



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Heading out of town for the holiday season?

Remember to unplug electronics that draw a phantom energy load. Some gadgets like TVs, phone chargers, gaming consoles, and toothbrush chargers use energy when plugged into an outlet—even when they're not in use.



Source: www.energy.gov

ALL REBATE PAPERWORK DUE DECEMBER 30

All rebate applications must be submitted to Bayfield Electric Cooperative by **Thursday, December 30, 2021**. Rebates may be issued until funds are depleted. Any qualified items purchased after December 30, 2021, will receive the 2022 rebate amount, if available. Please visit our website, www.bayfieldelectric.com, or call our office, 715-372-4287, to learn more.

MONTH OF DECEMBER

Billing date: December 10, 2021

November usage

Bills due upon receipt

Gross Due after
December 30, 2021

Disconnect day:
December 15, 2021

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