

*Michigan South Central Power Agency Presents:*

# *The* Spotlight



August 2013:

Employee Spotlight: Eric Raymond

Hydrate When The Heat Is On

Member Cities & Villages Events

Litchfield Sweet Corn Days



August, the last month of summer is already here, and it promises to be an exciting month. Over the next 30 days, in addition to producing energy for our members, we will be finalizing preparation plans for our major turbine outage and all of the associated repairs and maintenance items that need to be accomplished while Endicott is off-line. It has been 7 years since our last turbine major, and although it is expected that this outage will last between 5 and 6 weeks, the effort by all will be well worth it.

You may have noticed the gas pipeline sections that are being stored temporarily on our property. These 6 inch pipes will be installed by SEMCO over the next month to provide the gas service necessary to service the new gas lighters, the first two of which are already in operation. Switching our lighters from fuel oil to natural gas will help reduce our startup and deck switching costs, as well as providing a 23% reduction in CO2 emissions from these sources.

Last week the Agency completed the paperwork involved with acquiring the assets of Symbiotic of Litchfield, LLC. Over the next 2 ½ months, there is a lot of work to be done to bring the FTF project into full commercial operation. The replacement of the fork assemblies is about half done, a new fan is to be delivered in September, work is progressing on the wire bailer and magnet system, quotes for the replacement of the tire feeding system are in process, a third gas takeoff line is being engineered, and site work is underway for the tire tipper and sorting equipment.

With all that needs to be done, I want to remind everyone to be especially diligent with respect to safety. Many times, when we are working in different environments, there is a tendency to be a little complacent. Stay alert, and let's make this the best and safest outage ever.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Glen White". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and legible.

Glen White, General Manager

## Hydrate When The Heat Is On

It is important to drink water, especially when you are working or exercising when the weather is hot. Physical exertion in high temperatures can bring on heat stroke, heat exhaustion, and other illnesses if you are not careful.

The body cools itself by perspiring, and needs to replace the water it loses. Drink water more frequently when you are exerting yourself, so you do not become dehydrated. Avoid alcohol and drinks with large amounts of caffeine, as they cause the body to release water.

The water should be cool if possible (50 to 60 degrees is ideal), but very cold drinks could cause stomach cramps. You should not wait until you are thirsty to have a drink. To maintain good hydration, drink two to four glasses of nonalcoholic beverages each hour when the weather is hot.

In addition to drinking water, it is important to take rest breaks in a cool, shaded area to prevent heat-related illnesses. Wear a wide-brimmed hat and cool clothing. It is vital to take these precautions when temperature and humidity levels are high and there is no breeze.

*By the numbers:*

*When a person is born, the body is about 78% water.*

*An adult man's body is about 60% water.*

*An adult woman's body is about 55% water.*

"Living Right," 2013 J.J. Keller & Associates, Inc., Neenah, WI, USA

The Spotlight is a monthly newsletter for the Michigan South Central Power Agency. Articles may be printed in whole or part without permission. If you wish to share any news or comments please contact Chrissy Van Kampen at [vankampenc@mscpa.net](mailto:vankampenc@mscpa.net)

720 Herring Road, Litchfield, Litchfield MI 49252

Phone: (517) 542-2346 Fax: (517) 542-3049

Web: [mscpa.net](http://mscpa.net)

## Member Cities and Villages Events

If you are in the mood for some fair fun, check out the Branch County Fair August 4-10 or the Calhoun County Fair August 10-17. The Calhoun County Fair offers truck, tractor and horse pulls, motocross, demolition derby, carnival rides, games and food. The Branch County Fair will host Fantazia Circus, show animals, tractor and truck pulls, demolition derby, rodeo, carnival games, rides and food.

A Battle of the Bands - Country Style takes place in Union City on August 25 at 6:00 PM in Riverview Park and is sponsored by WIN 98.5. There is no entry fee required, but donations are accepted and will benefit Operation Kid Comfort.

Marshall will host a Tee and Taste August 2, with a shotgun start at 12:00 PM at Marshall Country Club. You will be able to taste your way around the course with food and drink samples provided by local vendors. Raffle and course games will also take place, including a chance to win a new vehicle sponsored by Caron Chevrolet. If golf is not your sport of choice, check out the Xtreme Obstacle Challenge on August 24 at the Calhoun County Fairgrounds. FireKeepers Casino Hotel welcomes the Steve Miller Band at 7:00 PM August 2 and the 4th Annual Culinary Clash Charity Event on August 17 at 7:00 PM.

The first CRF Air Show will take place at the Hillsdale County Municipal Airport at 1:00 PM on August 24 (doors open at noon); the event opens with stunts and national award winning planes. Tickets are \$5 per person over (5) five years of age - Contact Crossroads Farm for more information 517-283-3982. Will Carleton Poorhouse Appraisal Fair is scheduled for August 3 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM; local crafts and homemade baked goods will be available for purchase. The 24th Annual Fiddler's Convention will be held at the Hillsdale County Fairgrounds August 9-10; gates open at 8:00 AM and camping is available. Stock's Park will be showing Avengers on August 2 at dusk.

Michigan's Longest Garage Sale will be set up through Coldwater on US-12 August 9-10. Local talent will perform in productions of The Producers, Madeline's Toy Box and The Foreigner at Tibbits Opera House. The 29th Annual Coldwater Mini Triathlon will take place on August 24 at 9:00 AM. The Living Color Living United 5k is scheduled for August 24 at 8:30 AM in Heritage Park. Runners, walkers and strollers are welcome, be prepared to get splashed with color and support the Branch County United Way.

## Litchfield Sweet Corn Days

The City of Litchfield will host Annual Sweet Corn Days August 16-18. Events include: a pancake/biscuits and gravy breakfast, motorcycle/bike show, parade, car/tractor show, live music, a 5k walk/run, Rotary chicken BBQ, golf scramble, pinball tournament, pork rib BBQ cook off, fireworks, free sweet corn (while supplies last) and much more! Visit <http://www.cityoflitchfield.org/Events/SweetCornDaysFestival.aspx> for more details.

## Employee Spotlight: Eric Raymond

Eric Raymond was hired in 1999 as a Stores Attendant and currently holds this position. His job responsibilities include: maintaining material and parts inventory; pick up and distribute parts, tools, equipment and supplies to or from vendors and suppliers; repairs or replaces broken tools and equipment; distributes tools, equipment and supplies to plant personnel as needed. "The best part of my job is that I stay busy and I get to operate a fork truck," Eric said.

He lives in Hudson with his wife Rachel and son Tim (23). His daughter Briteny (20) is currently serving the U.S. Army in Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Outside of work, he enjoys fishing, hunting and mowing the family's 10 acres of land.



### Eric's Favorites:

TV Show - Duck Dynasty  
Sport- Nascar  
Drink- Mt. Dew  
Band - AC/DC

### Service awards

Scott Balcom	24 years
Jerry Schultz	6 years

### August birthday's

Bob Russell  
Tom Shiery  
Matt Burk  
Mikeal Wagner