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FIRST YOUTH LEADERSHIP SUMMIT A SUCCESS

Recently nine local high school students from PIE&G's service area attended the Youth Leadership Summit (YLS) in Ewart, Michigan sponsored by the Michigan Electric Cooperative Association. YLS brings students together from all Michigan cooperatives to develop leadership skills and to educate them about cooperatives, including the cooperative business model principles, careers, energy efficiency and other industry information.

Three of the students, Ashley Ostman, Brianna Fitzpatrick, and Anthony Rasmussen were selected to attend the annual Youth Tour in Washington D.C. in June. They will join 1500 students from across the nation to visit their representatives, tour the city, and participate in various learning activities.



Front Row: (l to r) Danielle Hosner, Brianna Fitzpatrick, Ashley Ostman, Vicky Anglin, Top Row: Tony Freske, Anthony Rasmussen, Kyle Byrne, Isaac Rhode, Cade MacArthur.

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COMMUNITIES FIRST FUND AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

The PIE&G Communities First Fund board of directors is pleased to announce that fifteen \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to the following high school seniors:

Alpena

Abigail MacArthur
Taylor Meredith

Onaway

Emily Estep
Megan Estep
Madison Nash
Chester Winfield

Atlanta

Brock Baum
Caleb Cumper
Joanna Sarkozi

Rogers City

Lindsay Claus
Ann Lehman
Mariah Lloyd

Inland Lakes

Chloe Lowe

Posen

Kari Ataman
Danielle Rhode



The A. Barkley Travis Memorial Scholarship, valued at \$500, was awarded to Alpena High School senior Trenton Goudy.

ASH TREES DECIMATED BY THE EMERALD ASH BORER

Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op is implementing a proactive program to address the northern Michigan infestation of the emerald ash borer for trees within its easements.



All of the counties in PIE&G's electric service area are now affected to a certain degree with this infestation. The visual symptoms include a scaling of the bark by woodpeckers, with visible bare wood spots on the tree trunk and bark chips lying on the ground under affected trees. Upon request, a PIE&G representative will visit your property to inspect a tree or trees affected within the easement and make a determination whether or not we will remove them. As with any tree cutting performed by your co-op, PIE&G does not remove any wood greater than 2 inches in diameter.

If the affected tree or trees are located in a maintained lawn area (i.e. where grass is mowed regularly), PIE&G may chip the brush. Otherwise, the brush will be piled.

Consideration will be given to trees that pose the highest potential for danger of creating significant power outages that would affect large numbers of members.

For additional information regarding the emerald ash borer and the current quarantine of firewood please visit www.michigan.gov/dnr/ash to access the link to the Michigan DNR forestry page.

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