

The Spotlight



A Touchstone Energy Cooperative

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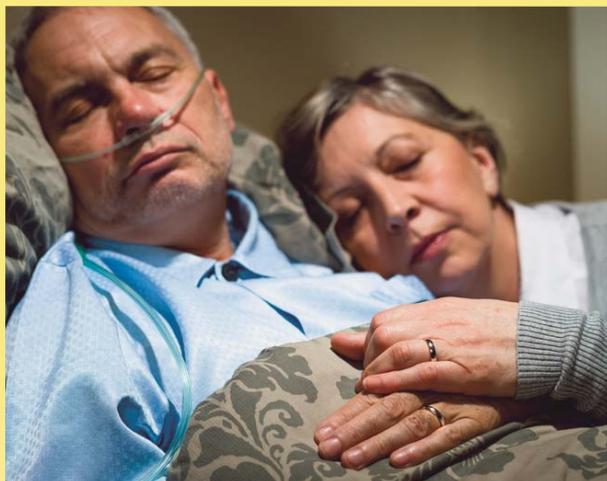
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The Power is Out and You're on Oxygen – What Now?

BE PREPARED WITH A BACK UP PLAN

PIE&G's goal is to keep your power on without interruptions but necessary repairs and inclement weather affect our ability to do so. When the power goes off and you're on oxygen or have other medical needs that require electricity, what should you do?

Given the unpredictability of Mother Nature and unforeseen events, no utility can guarantee continuous electric service at all times. During power outages, utilities generally restore circuits affecting the largest number of members first before moving on to repair individual services on smaller circuits. Thus, the order in which repairs can be safely completed depends on various factors, including cause and extent of the problem, weather conditions, estimated time to repair, availability of crews and equipment, number of services affected, duration and numbers of outages, and where a service is physically located on the distribution system.



If you have a serious medical condition that requires electric powered equipment, we recommend that before the power goes out, you consult with your physician to insure that you have an emergency plan in place to be prepared at all times. Alternatives include having battery packs or a gas or diesel powered generator available. You may need to temporarily relocate to a friend's or family member's home that has electricity, or contact the Red Cross or 911 in an emergency.

If you require electricity for medical equipment, be prepared in advance with a backup plan BEFORE the power goes out.

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

If you or a household member has a life threatening medical emergency, disconnection of service may be postponed for a period of 21 days with appropriate documentation. Your physician must provide a certificate to PIE&G that identifies all of the following: 1) the medical emergency or condition, 2) any medical or life support equipment being used, and 3) the specific time period during which shut off would be immediately life-threatening. After 21 days, your physician must provide a new certificate.



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Communities First Fund

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED



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

ATLANTA

Morgan Barrett
Rachel Gerrie

INLAND LAKES

Sadie Bunker
Sophia Passino

POSEN

Elizabeth Mulka

HILLMAN

Riley Applegren
Eden Hunt
Travis Powers
Mason VanPamel

ONAWAY

Victoria Anglin
Morganne Badgero
Shyanne Corey
Brianna Fitzpatrick

CHEBOYGAN

Ashley Ostman
Molly Tohm

ROGERS CITY

Alex Andrzejewski

The A. Barkley Travis Memorial Scholarship, valued at \$500, was awarded to Daniel Neiman from Johannesburg.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP SUMMIT A SUCCESS

Recently three local high school students, Nick Byarski (Atlanta), Izaiah Hincka (Posen) and Jeff Ostman (Cheboygan) 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 and to educate them about cooperatives, including the cooperative business model, careers, energy

efficiency and other industry information.



(L-R) Jeff Ostman, Izaiah Hincka & Nick Byarski

Jeff Ostman and Izaiah Hincka 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.



SAY GOODBYE

Make the call and save

If you have a refrigerator or freezer that is 10, 20 or even 30 years old, **now** is the time to recycle it. Use Presque Isle Electric and Gas Cooperative's Appliance Recycling program, a service that hauls away your appliance for FREE. PLUS you get a \$50 rebate for participating!

ENERGY TIP: After making the call for your free pick-up, purchase a new ENERGY STAR refrigerator or chest freezer and receive a \$25 rebate for your smart decision.



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