

The Spotlight



A Touchstone Energy Cooperative

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HEY, CO-OP TEENS!

Take a chance on fun and you might win a free trip to D.C.

The Michigan Electric Cooperative **Youth Leadership Summit** is designed to help young adults grow as leaders. This unique, high-energy event revolves around team-building and group learning.



The Youth Leadership Summit (YLS) takes place on **April 27 - 29, 2016** at the Spring Hill Camp in Ewart (12 miles south of Cadillac). As a participant, you will take your team-building skills to the next level with a combination of hands-on classroom exercises and a high-ropes challenge (over 30 feet in the air) that will mentally and physically test your team! Plus, you will learn how to respond in an emergency situation, explore diverse careers in energy, test your decision-making skills as an elected official, and ask a university representative what to expect as you prepare for life after high school.

YLS is the first step towards an even greater adventure – all participants will be considered for a once-in-a-lifetime Washington, D.C. experience with the National Rural Electric Youth Tour. Learn more about YLS and Youth Tour at miYLS.com.

If you are a sophomore or junior (age 16 and 17 in 2015) and your family receives service from PIE&G, you are eligible to apply to the Youth Leadership Summit. Visit miYLS.com or contact Deanna at 1-800-423-6634, ext. 813 for an application. Applications are due by **March 11, 2016**.

BOARD REDUCES PSCR FACTOR

Electric Tariff Changes Effective February 1, 2016

The Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op Board of Directors adopted the following change to the Cooperative's electric tariffs and rules at a special open board meeting held September 29, 2015, in accordance with P.A. 167:

Reviewed the Power Supply Cost Recovery Factor (PSCR) analysis and lowered the 2016 factor to a negative \$0.00131/kWh, effective with bills rendered on or after February 1, 2016, due to expected decreases in wholesale energy supply costs.

For specific details of any Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op tariffs or fees, please call 1-800-423-6634 or visit PIE&G's website at pieg.com.

RIGHT OF WAY CLEARING

PIE&G will soon begin its 2016 vegetation management program in selected areas. Private contractors will be removing trees and limbs to prevent interference with overhead power lines. Keeping trees and brush cleared within power line rights of way (ROW) helps PIE&G maintain safe and reliable electric service.

Members residing in Alpena, Hillman, Millersburg, Posen and Rogers City will be notified by letter for ROW clearing work in their area. Please call our Member Services Department at 1-800-423-6634 if you have any questions.



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EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

Please Call to Update Your Phone Number

During emergencies, it is critical for utilities to respond immediately and shut down services to prevent catastrophic property damage and serious injury. That's why it's necessary that PIE&G has a current daytime phone number to quickly reach you for emergency notifications.

If there is a natural gas emergency, it may be necessary for PIE&G to enter the home to shut down service inside. If you leave the home for winter or any extended length of time, please call to provide PIE&G with the name and phone number of a local contact in case of emergency.

If your phone number has changed, or if you no longer have a land line and switched to a cell phone, please call Member Services at 1-800-423-6634 to update your records.

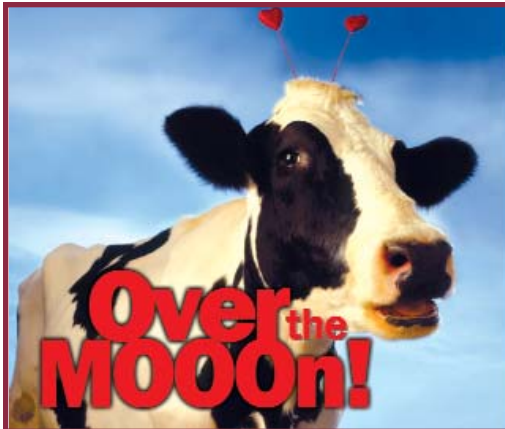
SAFETY AND DOWNED POWER LINES



- Call 911 and PIE&G immediately!
- Stay away from power lines. A power line does not need to be sparking or arcing to be energized. Lines that appear to be "dead" can become energized as crews work to restore power.
- Assume all low hanging and downed lines are energized and dangerous.
- If a person or object is in contact with a power line, don't touch the person, object or line. The electric current could flow through you.
- If your vehicle is in contact with a power line, stay inside the car. Warn others not to touch the car or the power line.
- Never drive over a downed line as snagging a line could pull down a pole or equipment and cause other hazards.
- Only if you must leave your vehicle, jump clear to avoid being in contact with the car and the ground at the same time. Once you are out, shuffle your feet so both remain in contact with the ground as you move away or roll away from the car.

REMINDER:

The PIE&G Communities First Fund scholarship applications are due by March 1st. Call 1-800-423-6634 Ext. 813 for more information.



Fall In Love With Energy Efficiency

We know how hard Michigan farmers work just to keep the lights on. That's why the Energy Optimization program offers rebates for energy-saving upgrades—for everything from lighting, to pumps, compressors, irrigation, fans, and more. You'll be hooked when you see how saving energy improves your bottom line!

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