

The Spotlight



A Touchstone Energy Cooperative

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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?

If you have a serious medical condition that requires electric powered equipment, we recommend that **you consult with your physician to insure that you have an emergency plan in place to be prepared at all times, before the power goes out.** 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.



NATURAL GAS PIPELINE LEAK SURVEYS



PIE&G conducts ongoing leak surveys of its natural gas pipeline infrastructure on a five year rotation. Employees perform surveys on foot as well as using a mobile mounted ATV unit as part of PIE&G's routine maintenance and damage prevention program. Leak surveys allow detection of very small leaks that can be repaired before they become a danger. The leak survey this year will be in the following areas:

- Atlanta
- Bolton
- Long Rapids
- Lachine
- Hillman
- Hubbard Lake – Spruce

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY!

Our office will be closed **Monday, July 4th**
in observance of Independence Day.

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Communities First Fund SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED



The PIE&G Communities First Fund Board of Directors has awarded fifteen (15) scholarships of \$1,000 each to the following high school seniors:

ATLANTA

Haley Bickhardt

INLAND LAKES

Mallory Bunker

CHEBOYGAN

Danielle Boyd

ROGERS CITY

Brittany Bade
Baylee Lijewski
Brianna Kamyszek

ONAWAY

Eleana Domke
Thomas Anglin
Isaac Nave

POSEN

Lyndsey Romel
Lauren Romel

MACKINAW CITY

Chelsey Closs
Kendra LaHaie

HILLMAN

Alaina Ableidinger

ALPENA

Delaney Whitlow

The A. Barkley Travis Memorial Scholarship, valued at \$500, was awarded to Jolene Reese from Posen.

STUDENTS ENJOY YOUTH LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Recently three local high school students, Samantha Brown (Cheboygan), DruAnthony Hincka (Posen) and Derek Vieau (Cheboygan) attended the Youth Leadership Summit (YLS) in Evart, 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.

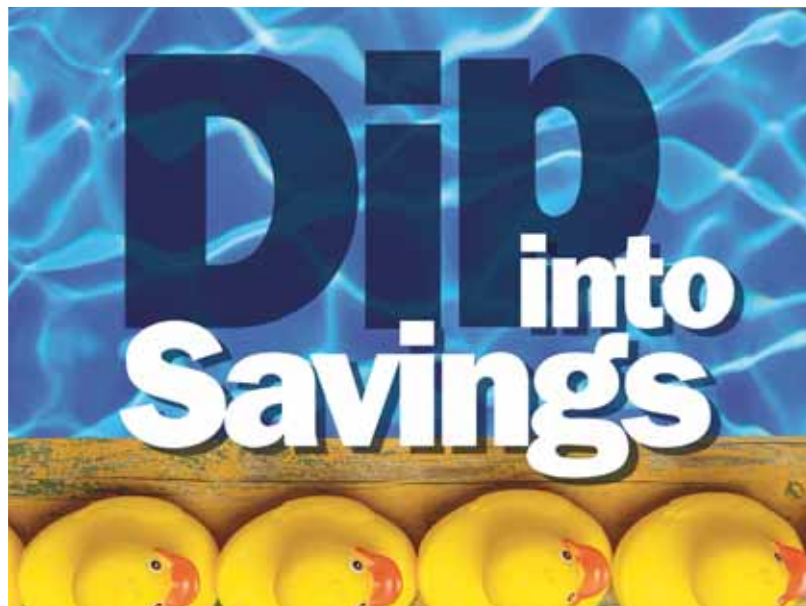


(l to r) DruAnthony Hincka, Samantha Brown, and Derek Vieau.

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Samantha Brown and Derek Vieau

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.



Get your ducks in a row.

Summer is almost here, which means it's time to prepare your home for the cooling season! Schedule a tune-up for your central A/C today in order to:

- Save energy
- Prevent costly breakdowns
- Enjoy cleaner, healthier indoor air

ENERGY TIP: Act now to receive a \$50 cash incentive toward a central A/C tune-up!

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