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.
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

**ONAWAY**
Eleana Domke

**POSEN**
Lyndsey Romel

**POSEN**
Lauren Romel

**MACKINAW CITY**
Chelsey Closs

**HILLMAN**
Alaina Ableidinger

**ALPENA**
Delaney Whitlow

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

Recently three local high school students, Samantha Brown (Cheboygan), DruAnthony Hincka (Posen) and Derek Vieu (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.

Samantha Brown and Derek Vieu 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.