

The Memorial Day Spotlight

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Participate in Your Co-op's Governance

It's time to nominate potential directors.

Co-ops are self-governing entities led by members who actively participate in policy-making. Members serve as elected representatives on the cooperative board and are accountable to all members.

Participation is essential to the strength and success of Presque Isle Electric and Gas Co-op as it operates on democratic principles.

Any qualified PIE&G member owner is eligible to serve on the board of directors, with each term lasting three years. In 2026, three positions will be open: Cheboygan District, Montmorency District, and Presque Isle District. Candidates must meet the eligibility requirements outlined in Article III, Section 2 of the PIE&G bylaws, available at pieg.com. Members interested in serving are encouraged to contact the cooperative office to learn more about the responsibilities. Board meetings are typically held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.

To be considered for nomination, it is highly recommended that interested members submit a letter of interest by May 29, 2026, to Executive Assistant Ellie McLellan, PIE&G, P.O. Box 308, Onaway, MI 49765.

Director candidates must then file a nominating petition with the cooperative. Each petition must include at least 25 signatures from current members in good standing who support the nomination. Petition forms are available at the PIE&G office and will be provided to any active member upon request. Completed petitions must be submitted to the cooperative no later than July 1 in the year of the election.

All candidates must comply with the cooperative bylaws, qualifications, and board policies. Nominating petitions are subject to review and may be denied or revoked if requirements are not met. Additional nominations may also be made from the floor at the annual meeting of members.

Further details about the Annual Meeting, scheduled for October 23, 2026, at Posen High School, will be shared soon.

Gas Line Safety Tips

To ensure safety around our natural gas lines, here are some vital reminders:

- **Immediate Danger:** If you encounter a broken or open gas line with a gas release, call 911 immediately.
- **Gas Leak Emergency:** In case of a gas leak, call our dedicated hotline at 800-655-8565, available 24/7. Please note this number is exclusively for gas leak reports. For other inquiries, contact us during regular business hours.
- **Pipeline Markers:** Underground gas pipelines are marked periodically with yellow markers. Remember, these markers may not indicate the exact location or direction of the lines. Before any digging, dial 811 (MISS DIG) for free utility marking within three business days. Removing or damaging pipeline markers is illegal and carries penalties.
- **Pipeline Integrity:** PIE&G takes regular measures to maintain the integrity of our natural gas pipeline system. This includes inspections, corrosion control, leak surveys, and pipeline replacements, as needed. Our team is trained to monitor and respond swiftly to gas emergencies, ensuring your safety.



Stay informed about these guidelines to help keep our community safe, even if you're not a PIE&G natural gas service user.

5 STEPS FOR SAFE DIGGING

Working on an outdoor project? Always call 8-1-1 first, because you never know what's below. Here are five easy steps for safe digging:

1. NOTIFY

Call 8-1-1 or make a request online two to three days before you start.



2. WAIT

Wait two to three days for a response to your request. Affected utilities will send a locator to mark any underground utility lines.



3. CONFIRM

Confirm that all affected utilities have responded by comparing the markers to the list of utilities the 8-1-1 call center notified.



4. RESPECT

Respect the markers provided by the affected utilities. They are your guide for the duration of your project.



5. DIG CAREFULLY

If you can't avoid digging near the markers (within 18-24 inches on all sides, depending on state laws), consider moving your project.





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Communities First Fund Update

At a recent meeting, the PIE&G Communities First Fund Board of Directors finalized grants totaling \$11,000.00 to the recipients listed below.

ALPENA: Foster Closet of Northern Michigan (\$1,500) to continue providing aid to children in foster care in Northern Michigan. The Foster Closet provides clothing, toys, shoes, and other items to support foster children.

CHEBOYGAN: Northland Players Inc. (\$2,500) for funding of new equipment and increased activities to be offered by their Summer Youth Theater program. They will replace their microphone system, upgrade lighting equipment, and stock costumes for upcoming productions.

MONTMORENCY: Atlanta Community Schools (\$2,500) toward the purchase of a Bookworm vending machine to be used at the school. Students can earn school currency to use in the vending machine to get a book of their own to keep.

Tri-Township Fire Department (\$4,000) to fabricate and replace the water pump in their tanker truck. Tri-Township Fire Department provides fire and rescue services to Briley, Avery, and Loud townships, as well as offering mutual aid to surrounding area fire departments.

OTSEGO: Otsego County Fire Authority (\$500) to be used to improve the condition of their current training room with updated tables, chairs, and other equipment. This will also provide personnel with a space to work and coordinate emergency response during disaster situations.

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

CHEBOYGAN: Presley Chamberlain, Andrew Kiefer, Carson Kiefer

HILLMAN: Gretchen Weiland

ATLANTA: Valerie Binge

INLAND LAKES: Andrea Vigneau

ONAWAY: Jonas Benson, Natalee Penfold, Ali Szymanski

POSEN: Ella Hincka, Alyssa Smigelski

ROGERS CITY: Chelsie Bielas, Sierra Grulke, Chelsea Myer, Justin Romel

The A. Barkley Travis Memorial Scholarship, valued at \$500, was awarded to Kyliegh Burt from Cheboygan High School.

The Peterson Vocation School Scholarship, valued at \$750, was awarded to Hunter MacNeill from Hillman Christian Academy.

Closed Memorial Day

Please note that our office will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2026, in observance of Memorial Day. We will resume business hours on Tuesday, May 26.

Need to make a payment? You can still pay using these methods:

- Our secure dropbox
- By phone at 855-939-3541
- Online at pieg.com
- Through the MYPIE&G app

In case of an emergency, please call 800-423-6634. Thank you, and have a safe holiday.

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Working Together for Better Home Comfort

Presque Isle Electric & Gas is proud to partner with local Community Action Agencies to support weatherization projects for eligible households. Together, we're helping strengthen homes and improve comfort for our neighbors.

Weatherization services can increase your home's efficiency leading to reduced energy use. In addition, they can lead to a safer, more comfortable home.



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Stronger Communities



Scan the QR code to find your local CAA or visit www.michigan.gov/helpinghand/housing/weatherization/state-map-of-weatherization-operators

