

# The Spotlight



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November 2023

### PIE&G CONNECT CELEBRATES 2-YEAR FIBER CONSTRUCTION MILESTONE!



**PIE&G  
Connect**  
Powered by PIE&G

In a remarkable journey to bridge the digital divide, PIE&G Connect has connected its 2000th subscriber, marking the culmination of two years of relentless work. Our commitment to high-speed internet access

has transformed lives in rural Northern Michigan, unlocking educational opportunities, telecommuting, and telemedicine.

Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-Op employees and PIE&G Connect presented the 2,000th subscriber, Jonathan and Sarah Kennedy, with an Amazon Echo Show to celebrate the occasion.

So far, PIE&G Connect has built 1,056 miles of fiber in areas of Onaway, Canada Creek, Black Lake, Tower, Fingerboard, and Mullett Lake. In September, PIE&G Connect moved into phase 2 of its project with plans to open zones in Cheboygan, Hammond Bay, Millersburg, Hawks, and Hagensville areas throughout the coming months.



### STORM CLEAN UP

At PIE&G, we have wonderful contract crews for tree clearing and trimming in our right of ways. They're pros at disposing of trimmed branches and tree limbs most efficiently and practically. Here's a little info: during regular clearing, our crews remove branches



and limbs within maintained or landscaped areas, and the wood is left for you, the property owner, to use as you like. In areas that aren't maintained, we still leave the wood, branches, and limbs for your use or natural decomposition.

Just a heads up, though, we don't remove stumps after a tree's been taken down. Now, in case of emergency power restoration, our line crews quickly clear trees away from our lines to make repairs safely. However, we don't return to clean up the wood, branches, and limbs removed during outage restoration. We hope this clarifies things! If you have more questions, feel free to reach out.

### HOLIDAY UPDATE

## Happy Thanksgiving!

PIE&G will be closed on November 23 and 24 to celebrate the holiday.

Remember, you can manage your account:



Through SmartHub on your mobile,



Online at [pieg.com](http://pieg.com),



Or use our free automated system at 866-999-4571.

### DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

Due to our early printing schedule for Spotlight, the Annual Meeting director election results will be included in the December Spotlight and online at [pieg.com](http://pieg.com).

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**PIE&G continued its tradition of delivering Friday Folders to local public elementary schools for the 2023-2024 academic year.**

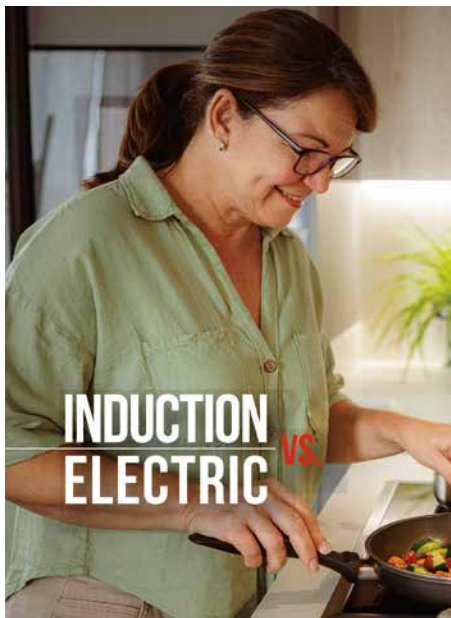
## EXCITING NEWS: BEST OF MICHIGAN COUNTRY LINES COOKBOOK

Introducing the *Best of Michigan Country Lines Cookbook*, featuring top recipes from the past ten years. Exclusively available on Amazon in early November and featuring the following Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op Members recipes:

- Bethany Cumper
- Pamela Blamer
- Tonya Langlois
- Katherine Howell
- Jennie Lewandowski
- Shannon Libich
- Rebecca Cronk
- Tanya Blackmer
- Sharron Fromius

*Michigan Country Lines*, a nonprofit, is committed to giving back. Proceeds from cookbook sales will support two Michigan charities:

- Feeding America local food banks - Ensuring food security for those in need.
- Cooperative Family Fund - Providing vital support to children of cooperative employees who've lost a parent while employed.



### Induction stoves aren't the same as electric - and that's a good thing!

They may look similar to the naked eye, but induction stoves offer advantages over electric due to the drastically different way they cook and heat food.

- ▶ **More efficient** • Induction stoves generate heat only in your pot or pan via an electromagnetic field, so less heat energy is wasted.
- ▶ **Faster cook time** • Because induction stoves heat cookware directly, the contents are heated up faster.
- ▶ **Safer** • The cooking surface itself does not get hot - only the area directly under your pot or pan may warm up by absorbing heat from the cookware.
- ▶ **Easier to clean** • A cool cooktop means no scrubbing away at burned on spills.

**\$500 INCENTIVE FOR INDUCTION RANGE/STOVE\***

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\*Induction range, stove, or cooktop with a minimum of 3 burners. Limit 1. Presque Isle Energy Optimization programs and incentives are applicable to Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op electric service locations only. Incentive applies to qualified items purchased and installed between January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023. Other restrictions may apply. For complete program details, visit [pieg.com/eo](http://pieg.com/eo).



## UPDATE CONTACT INFORMATION

For updated contact info, call us at 800-423-6634. It's crucial for power outage updates and emergencies!

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