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# PowerLines

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## Electricity is Interesting — Really!

*by Matthew Boshaw, CEO & General Manager*

As a self-professed electricity geek (I take pictures of poles and wires on vacation), I spend a lot of my time talking about the electric utility business. Every month I write an article about it, I attend many meetings to discuss the various aspects of it, and when I meet members, we talk about it. It seems a day doesn't go by, whether at the office or not, that I don't talk about this business or electricity specifically. I find it to be a very interesting topic and so I find these conversations fascinating, and an opportunity to share something I am passionate about. However, others may not find the conversation quite as interesting as evidenced by the blank stares and nodding off that can accompany a lengthy discussion about electricity.

A couple of weeks ago I was boring a friend over dinner with information regarding why we serve

the areas we serve. In my defense, he did ask and I never miss an opportunity to talk about the fact that cooperatives were formed by residents to electrify rural America and serve those the investor-owned utilities didn't see as profitable. To my friend's credit, he politely pretended to be interested in the entire conversation.

This conversation did remind me of a comment I had recently heard as I was sitting in on a financial planning workshop with our board of directors. I thought the comment was particularly valuable and even wrote it down so I didn't forget it. The comment was simply that we do not have relationships with companies, we have relationships with people. It struck me that at our cooperative, they are one in the same. Our cooperative is not a faceless corporation, but rather a partnership between you, other members, and the

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employees that make up Central Electric Cooperative (CEC) staff. Our employees are part of the communities we serve and have personal relationships with our members. Many of my articles over the years have focused on our dedicated employees, many of them electricity geeks like myself. As such, they, like me, are talking about what we do all the time with you. The employees at CEC understand we aren't just here to provide electricity. We are here to provide service. That service means something different to almost everyone, and the relationships our members have with our employees illustrates that fact.

I would like to give you a couple of recent examples to better describe what I mean. There is the more obvious interaction of our linemen restoring power during storms. In our most recent large storm, the entire state was hit by 60- to 70-mph winds, torrential rain and, in some areas, even tornados. This event was the worst storm CEC has seen since Hurricane Ike in 2008. It left some of our members out of service for extended periods of time, but the response from our membership was overwhelmingly positive. Your understanding of the circumstances and knowledge of what was being done on your behalf is a testament to the ongoing relationship each of you have with us. Another example reflects the more individual attention our employees provide. One of our meter service representatives was recently out in the field to check on the

status of a meter when a member approached her and asked to show her something of concern. Our employee took the time out of her schedule to address the member's concern so thoroughly, professionally and nicely that the member took the time to send a card with a handwritten letter to express his gratitude and how happy he was with the interaction with our employee. As you can see from my examples, some reflect positive situations and others less so, but the common denominator is the relationship we have with you.

These are just a couple of examples that illustrate that a relationship with CEC is truly a relationship with all our employees and board members individually. So, if you have questions, comments or simply would like to be bored by information about your electric cooperative, please contact us — we'd be happy to help.

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reduce electric use.  
Help us help you save!**

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# SAFETY MATTERS

## Boating Safety

Boating is fun for families to enjoy, but it can be dangerous. For instance, in 2015 there were 4,158 boating accidents which resulted in 626 deaths and 2,613 injuries. The following tips will help keep you and your family safe while boating this summer.

- Be weather-wise. Always check local weather stations for current conditions before heading out on the water.
- Designate an assistant skipper in case the primary navigator is injured or an emergency occurs.
- Develop a float plan. Inform a person on shore of your plans while on the water. Include names of the people on board, phone numbers,

boat type, and the itinerary for the trip.

- Make sure to wear life jackets. Always wear a life jacket that fits you properly.
- Always avoid alcohol when on the vessel.
- Learn to swim. When going on a boat, make sure all those aboard can swim.
- Always look for overhead power lines when backing your vessel into the water. Always look up to make sure your vessel is not going to come into contact with the power lines.



## Fans for Cooling

in rooms longer than 18 feet.

An average ceiling fan (75 watts) operating 10 hours a day consumes about \$2.50 per month of electricity. A window air conditioner averages about \$25 a month.

Window fans use little energy, as low as 48 watts, and can provide effective cooling if positioned correctly. Locate them in windows facing away from prevailing wind and exhausting hot air from your home. Windows near cooler, shaded outdoor areas provide the best intake air.

Fans do not remove humidity. In extreme summer weather, air conditioning will provide the most comfort. But fans can help an air conditioning system work less and save you more.

Circulating fans are a great way to reduce summer cooling costs — either alone or in conjunction with an air conditioning system. Fans do this by creating a wind chill effect that moves heat away from our bodies, thereby lowering our body temperature.

Ceiling fans are considered the most effective for cooling purposes because they create a draft throughout a room. An air conditioning thermostat setting can be raised as high as 4 degrees warmer when used in conjunction with a ceiling fan, which saves on your energy bill. Fans should circulate air downward to the floor in summer, and up toward the ceiling in winter.

Ceiling fans are only appropriate in rooms with ceilings at least 8 feet high. Multiple fans work best

## Nominees for Election to the Board of Directors

You may vote for one nominee from each county, no matter where you live.



**Clarion County:** Jody P. Weaver, Incumbent Nominee, Fryburg  
Mr. Weaver has been a CEC member since 1976. He was appointed to the board of directors in 2008 and currently serves as board president. He received his Director Gold Cooperative Certificate from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) in 2017 signifying he has earned all possible director accreditations.

Mr. Weaver is retired from First United National Bank in Fryburg and currently serves on their board of directors. He is treasurer of Cook Forest Easter Sunrise Committee and a member of Clarion First United Methodist Church and Fryburg Sportsman's Club. He is also manager of Weaver Holdings, LLC.

He resides in Fryburg with his wife Becki and they have two daughters.



**Venango County:** Kenneth D. Etzel, Incumbent Nominee, Seneca  
Mr. Etzel has been a CEC member since 1973. He earned a bachelor's degree from Clarion University and has a master's equivalency. He taught mathematics at Franklin Area High School for 35 years.

Now retired from teaching, he and his wife, Jone, run a hobby farm and enjoy dancing on weekends. They have a son, daughter-in-law and two grandchildren.

Mr. Etzel has served on a variety of community and church boards and is presently on the Cranberry Township Planning Commission (Venango County).

He has obtained both a Credentialed Cooperative Director and Board Leadership Certificate through the NRECA.

**More information on candidates is available at [www.central.coop](http://www.central.coop).  
Look for your official ballot in the mail.**

### Exercise Your Right — Vote for Your Directors!

Your electric cooperative is not owned by far-away investors, nor run by an appointed board of directors. Your electric cooperative is run by a democratically elected board that is given the privilege to serve because of your vote.

A democratic and open election is one of the many elements that make our electric cooperative stand out from other utilities. Having a voice in who makes the major decisions that directly affect your life and your family is a right we all share as

Americans. We all vote for our state and federal Congressional representatives, but not every American has the right to vote for those who will represent community interests within their electric utility. You have that right — exercise it!

So, at this year's annual meeting, not only will you have a blast and maybe win a prize, but you will feel good knowing you had a voice in a very important decision that impacts one of our most vital resources — electricity.

## Mark Your Calendar for Our 80th Anniversary Celebration & Annual Meeting

Attend the Annual Meeting of the Members on Friday, Aug. 25 at Whitehall Camp & Conference Center at 4:30 p.m. for a live performance by Pittsburgh's favorite oldies band, American Pie, enjoy a delicious meal, receive a bill-credit voucher and have a chance to win a number of door prizes.

Children ages 5 to 10 are also encouraged to attend and enjoy a variety of activities specifically for them! Any child registered by July 31, and

attending, will have a chance at winning an iPad mini!

You can make reservations for the meeting and for children's entertainment by completing the form below, visiting our website or calling us at 800-521-0570.

Registration deadline is July 31. For more information, directions or to check out the agenda visit [www.central.coop](http://www.central.coop).

### Annual Meeting Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Account No: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve a total of \_\_\_\_\_ dinners for my family at the annual meeting on Aug. 25.

#### Children's entertainment is for children ages 5 through 10 only.

How many children will attend: \_\_\_\_\_ Ages of children: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact at meeting in case of emergency: \_\_\_\_\_

Submit your question before the meeting to allow us to answer it efficiently. (You may ask a question at the meeting even if you did not submit it ahead of time.)

My question: \_\_\_\_\_

*By attending the annual meeting, I grant CEC permission to use my likeness in photographs in any and all of its publications, including internal and external newsletters and website entries, without payment or other consideration.*

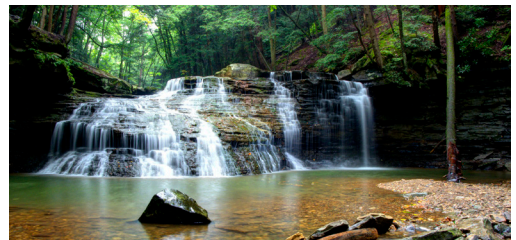
**Return this coupon to CEC by July 31.**

### Vote for Our Photo Contest!

Vote for the top five photos in our Photo Contest at [www.central.coop](http://www.central.coop). Online only voting will take place from June 19 to July 28.

Members without the Internet will be able to vote through the September issue of this newsletter.

A big thank you and good luck to everyone who entered this year's contest!



2016 Photo Contest First-Place Photo  
Taken by Carol Rondinelli

## Recipe of the Month

### Blueberry Glazed Pie

**Ingredients:**

- 9-inch pie shell
- Blueberries (enough to fill pie shell half way)
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch
- 3 tablespoons berry blue JELL-O®
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup water

**Directions:** Bake pie shell as recommended on package. After shell has cooled, fill it half way with blueberries. Cook to a boil for 1 minute: cornstarch, JELL-O®, sugar and water. Let cool; pour over blueberries. Chill until it sets.

*Thank you to Sally Alcorn  
for submitting this recipe!*

## Send in your recipes to be shared today!

Send Recipes to: Renee Tritten at rtritten@central.coop  
or mail to CEC, P.O. Box 329, Parker, PA 16049

## CEC Management Team

Matthew P. Boshaw  
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Director of Information Technology

Stephanie Deal  
Director of Human Resources

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Assistant General Manager/COO

Lisa A. Hoover  
Director of Member Services

## Read Power Lines and Win!

Last Issue's Winner:

**Kenneth Lutz of Lucinda**

Last Issue's E-Winner:

**William Fennell of Karns City**

Read Power Lines and win a \$25 credit on your monthly electric bill by completing and returning the quiz below. You can also have a chance at another \$25 bill credit by submitting a quiz online at [www.central.coop](http://www.central.coop).

If you don't have access to the Internet, indicate that on the quiz and we'll also enter you in the online drawing. Just complete and enclose the quiz and personal information below and return it with your monthly payment. For quiz rules visit [www.central.coop](http://www.central.coop).

**1. True or False:** Using a fan with your air conditioner can save you money.

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**2. True or False:** Someone on shore should know your float plan while boating.

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**3. What day and time do you feel is best for attending our annual meeting?**

\_\_\_\_\_

**How are we doing? (no wrong answer)**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Acct. #:** \_\_\_\_\_



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