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# PowerLines

Photo by Keith Miller of Cranberry

**About Youth Tour**

*by Matthew Boshaw, CEO & General Manager*

For several years I have written an article about the electric cooperative Youth Tour and what an outstanding program it is. Youth Tour truly illustrates the cooperative difference and is one of the things that attracted me to the cooperative program. It helps to illustrate the importance of community and political involvement to the youth of our rural communities. Even though Central Electric Cooperative (CEC), and all other electric distribution cooperatives, are private, not-for-profit companies it has been said they were born in politics and will die in politics. No better indicator of the importance of rural areas to our country’s health and well-being can be identified than President Roosevelt’s recognition that the electrification of rural America was vital. The effort to continue that important work can be seen in

countless examples, but perhaps none is more important than the education of our youth.

The electric cooperative Youth Tour has brought high school students to Washington, D.C. for a week in June every year since the late 1950s. Students apply and are selected for this program by their local electric cooperative. We believe students should see their nation’s capital up close, learn about the political process, and interact with their elected officials. Students gain a personal understanding of American history and their role as a citizen by meeting their representatives and senators. While student groups are organized at the state level, they all come together for Youth Day, where they get to meet each other and hear featured speakers who provide insight to the important roles electric cooperatives play in their communities.

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Nearly 50,000 students from rural areas and small towns across America have participated in Youth Tour. Some of our Youth Tour alumni have gone on to design airplanes, lead companies, and to serve in the highest ranks of our government, including the U.S. Senate. Don’t be surprised if you run into a former Youth Tour participant who is a congressional aide on Capitol Hill. While several alumni work in Washington, D.C., you will find even more alumni in your own community.

The inspiration for Youth Tour occurred when Senator Lyndon Baines Johnson addressed the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Annual Meeting in Chicago in 1957.

The Senator and future president declared, “If one thing comes out of this meeting, it will be sending youngsters to the national capital where they can actually see what the flag stands for and represents.” In 1958, a rural electric cooperative in Iowa sponsored the first group of 34 young people on a week-long study tour of our nation’s capital. Later that same year, another busload came to Washington from Illinois. The idea grew and other states sent busloads of young people throughout the summer. By 1959, “Youth Tour” had grown to 130 students.

In 1964, NRECA began to coordinate joint activities among the state delegations and suggested co-op representatives from each state arrange to be in Washington, D.C. during Youth Tour week. The first year

of the coordinated tour included approximately 400 young people from 12 states. Word of the program has continued to spread and today, more than 1,500 students and over 250 chaperones participate in Youth Tour every year.

Youth Tour directors from each state association arrange their delegation’s visits to their U.S. representatives’ and senators’ offices, federal agencies, and other educational and sightseeing activities. In addition to the planned statewide activities, the Youth Tour experience encompasses multi-state activities coordinated by NRECA.

CEC is a proud participant in Youth Tour. Each year we send a delegation of local students to represent us for this outstanding program. Through the use of Escheats (unclaimed property dollars) we have been able to expand our participation in this program at no additional cost to CEC members. I have had the opportunity to meet and interview these exceptional young people and you can rest assured they will represent us very well. You will also have an opportunity to meet some of them at our annual meeting on Friday, Aug. 23. As always, thank you for your continued support and if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, don’t hesitate to call. We look forward to seeing you in August at the annual meeting.

## Meter Readings

with **Laura Hensley**  
Member Energy  
Specialist



CEC, with the help of our state-wide organization and power supplier, works to shift the demand for electricity when it is most expensive to buy. Our goal is to shift usage away from peak demand periods to save on our overall energy bill. If we can consistently consume less during peaks, the cooperative can pass the benefits to our members by means of stable and competitive rates.

CEC needs you to help make this work. All members can help by listening for Peak Alerts on local radio stations during the summer and cut back or shift electric usage. Typically summer peak alerts are between noon and 6 p.m. and we will ask you to shift or halt air conditioning, pool pumps, and other activities requiring electricity.

Our full-time, residential members can consider

## Peak Alerts

helping in more ways:

- Electric water heaters are often the second biggest electric consumers in a home. They provide efficient heat storage, which makes them a perfect way to reduce peaks. Members with electric water heaters can have a demand response unit installed on their tank to shut if off during peak periods. A five year commitment is required. **New participants will receive a one-time \$100 bill credit.**
- If you are in the market for a water heater, CEC currently offers a **75-gallon electric Marathon® water heater installed for \$670.** This highly insulated tank has a demand response unit and helps the cooperative manage peaks with little to no impact on the member.

CEC is a member-owned organization whose mission includes providing safe, reliable electricity at a reasonable cost. Please join us in these efforts and conserve when you hear a Peak Alert.

# SAFETY MATTERS

## Before You Hit the Road, Consider Recreational Vehicle (RV) Safety

Keep these generator tips in mind while enjoying your RV, whether your generator was factory installed or you are using a portable one.

- Inspect the exhaust system on the generator before using it and make sure it is in good working order.
- Do not operate a generator with a damaged exhaust system, one that needs repairs, or has other problems.
- If you are using a portable generator, always make sure the exhaust is directed away from the camping area.
- Listen for problems (e.g. surging sound) when

starting your generator, especially if it has been inactive for several weeks.

- For that reason, run the generator at least once a week. This decreases moisture in the system and lubricates the engine seals and components to prevent carbon buildup.
- Properly maintain your generator.
- Do not use it at night.

Although many people are aware carbon monoxide poisoning can occur in homes, they may not stop to consider it can happen in any enclosed space, including a zipped tent or RV.

## 2019 Good Neighbor Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to the 2019 recipients of the Good Neighbor Scholarship! CEC awarded scholarships of \$2,000 each to 10 members or members' children who will further their education in 2019. For more information on this program, please visit [www.central.coop](http://www.central.coop).



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Grove City  
College



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Troese**

Clarion Area  
High School

**Peak Alert Season has started!** When you hear an alert, reduce your usage of non-essential electric items. Together we can keep rates stable — it is the cooperative way!

## Mark Your Calendar for Our 82nd Annual Meeting

Attend our Annual Meeting on Friday, Aug. 23 at Whitehall Camp & Conference Center in Emlenton at 4:30 p.m. for a live performance by American Pie (Pittsburgh's favorite oldies band), a delicious meal from Kentucky Fried Chicken, and a chance to win a number of door prizes. The event also offers a health fair, drone demonstrations,



information on solar panels, and more! Children ages 5 to 10 will enjoy a variety of activities and a prize specifically for them!



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: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve a total of \_\_\_\_\_ dinners for my family at the annual meeting on Aug. 23.

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

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

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.**

## Recipe of the Month

### Herb Dip with Spring Vegetables

**Ingredients:**

- 2 cups sour cream
- 1/4 cup ranch salad dressing mix
- 2 tablespoons onion soup mix
- 1/4 cup minced fresh parsley
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh rosemary

**Directions:** Stir together all ingredients. Refrigerate, covered overnight. Sprinkle with additional parsley and rosemary before serving. Makes two cups. Enjoy with any vegetable but baby carrots and assorted radishes are a favorite.

*Thank you to Marie Cherrison  
for submitting this recipe!*

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## Read Power Lines and Win!

Last Issue's Winner:

**William Weiss of Harrisville**

Last Issue's E-Winner:

**Sarah Kinch of Shippenville**

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.

**1. True or False:** Carbon monoxide poisoning can happen in a zipped tent or RV.

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

**2. True or False:** Peak alerts are usually in the afternoon and CEC will ask you to halt activities requiring electricity to help us save you money.

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

**3. True or False:** Senator Lyndon Baines Johnson inspired Youth Tour with a speech.

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

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

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

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



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