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# PowerLines

2014 Photo Contest Entry  
Photographed by Janice Boehm of Kennerdell

## Our “Eggs” are in More Than One “Basket”

*by Matthew Boshaw, CEO & General Manager*

I recently received an email question through our new “Ask Matt” feature on the banner of our website. This is another convenience allowing you, our members, to reach out directly to me with questions. We have a similar feature on our internal website so employees can do the same.

The question I was asked concerned the interconnection of renewable power supply sources to the grid through Central Electric Cooperative’s (CEC’s) system. We have, for many years, had a program that assists members who want to install alternative generation, typically solar or wind, and connect to our system. We have been able to work with our power supplier, Allegheny Electric Cooperative (AEC), to provide information and some financial assistance to help with these projects. This question brought to mind a couple of things.

First, with various incentives being discussed at the state and federal levels, more of these projects may be on the horizon. This makes our program that much more important. It allows CEC to offer an alternative to our members who are interested in the diversity of renewables, without impacting those members who are not. Let’s call this our “renewable portfolio basket.”

Second, and probably more immediate, is our power supply makeup. CEC and all Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association (PREA) members (14 cooperatives in Pennsylvania and New Jersey) own the Allegheny Electric Cooperative (AEC) in the same manner that CEC members own CEC. We have a long-term, full-requirements contract with AEC to provide all of our power supply and transmission services. One of

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## *Our Eggs ... /From Page 1*

“As I have said in previous articles, the cheapest kilowatt is the one you don’t have to buy.”

Matt Boshaw, CEO & general manager

CEC’s board members represent CEC’s interests on the AEC board, providing member ownership and local control. AEC owns the Raystown Hydroelectric Facility and a stake in Susquehanna Nuclear Facility. These two sources represent about two-thirds of PREA’s cooperatives’ power supply. The other third comes from a combination of long- and short-term contracts with various suppliers in the marketplace. This diverse approach to meeting our power supply needs reduces our risk and provides rate stability. While I would call this our “diverse power supply basket,” it should be noted that the Raystown Hydroelectric Facility is considered a renewable resource. And, in an era when coal plants are being closed, Susquehanna Nuclear Facility has no carbon footprint. This makes our supply that much more viable and insulates CEC from further risk.

The last “basket” I would like you to consider in the power supply picture is demand side management. As I have said in previous articles, the cheapest kilowatt is the one you don’t have to buy. CEC has had load control programs in place for many years. These programs include the “Peak Alert” notifications you hear during the summer asking you to voluntarily curtail unnecessary electric usage during times that the demand on the grid is its highest. CEC also actively controls water heaters and electric heat systems to shave energy use peaks. Both programs are voluntary. Both avoid

the purchase of some of the most costly kilowatts, providing a benefit to the grid, and our members’ pocket books. We also offer home energy audits and discuss energy use with all members to help them use less energy. I know it may seem contrary for us to try to sell less of the product we provide but it is in your best interest — so it is also in ours.

As you can see, we take a “many eggs in many baskets” approach to meeting your electricity needs. In this way, we are able to manage both cost and risk while offering a variety of services to our members. If you have any questions about our approach or the programs we offer, please don’t hesitate to let us know.

### **Don’t Forget to Enter Our Photo Contest!**

**Entries are due by June 10. Prizes will be awarded for the top three winners: \$100 first place, \$50 second place and \$25 third place.**

**Members vote for the top five photos from June 20 to Aug. 4. Then voting for the top three photos begins Aug. 8.**

**Visit [www.central.coop](http://www.central.coop) for more information.**

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Check it out!

By Ken Maleski  
Residential Analyst  
& Advisor



May is notorious for storms and power outages. It is also National Electrical Safety Month. So this month we will talk about being safe during power outages. Many members utilize an emergency generator to power their home's breaker box during an outage. But you need to be careful of a dangerous situation called "backfeeding." Backfeeding is when your generator power flows back onto power lines, endangering line workers making repairs. A transfer switch guards against backfeeding. Installation requires a certified electrician and an electrical inspection.

CEC can install a Generlink™ transfer switch on your meter to provide a path for power from your generator to your home's breaker box, while guarding against backfeeding. Installation takes 10 minutes and does not require an inspection. We provide a 20-foot cord to link your generator to the Generlink™.

## Generlink™ Transfer Switch

Generlink™ has an indicator light that notifies you when power from the cooperative is lost. This same light informs you when power is restored. You can also purchase a Generlink™ with built-in surge protection for an additional fee.

Before ordering a Generlink™, make sure you know the running output of your generator. Also find the exact designation of the 4-space female receptacle located on the generator face plate. Designations range from L14-20, L14-30 or L14-50. Both pieces of information are required to make a Generlink™ match your needs.

Now you are ready to safely use a generator to provide electricity during outages. Remember to always place your generator outside your home to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning or fire hazards. Visit [www.central.coop](http://www.central.coop) and click on the Products and Services tab to learn how to size a generator for your personal needs. Then call us at 800-521-0570 x2172 to order your Generlink™.

## CEC Member Exclusive! Isaac Cole & Mikayla Lynn Performing at Our Annual Meeting!

The entertainment for CEC's Annual Meeting is local country music icons Isaac Cole and Mikayla Lynn!

Isaac Cole is an inspirational and country music singer who became a Nashville recording artist at the age of 11. Since then, a number of his songs have made a variety of music charts and he has been honored with various awards. His biggest achievement to date is making it on Season XV of American Idol. To learn more about Isaac please visit [IsaacColeMusic.com](http://IsaacColeMusic.com).

Mikayla Lynn has also seen her fair share of fame with multiple chart topping hits and awards. To learn more about Mikayla please visit [MikaylaLynnMusic.com](http://MikaylaLynnMusic.com).

Isaac and his sister Mikayla have been

performing concerts together at churches, local events, festivals, fairs, benefits and rodeos for the past six years. They have songs that are endearing to both young and mature audiences.

Join us on Aug. 26 to hear their talent for yourself! See Page 5 of this newsletter to learn how to register for our annual meeting.



## Local Teens Selected for Youth Tour

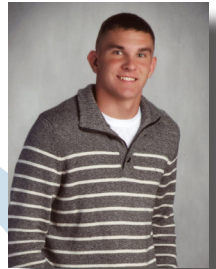
Four local high school juniors were recently selected to attend the June 2016 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. The 2016 winners are: Alison Boltz, Karns City High School; Brayden Fedorek, Karns City High School; Erica Kerr, Franklin Area High School and Seth Zacherl, First Baptist Christian School.

They will join over 1,500 students from across the nation to see the U.S. Capitol, meet with congressmen, tour national monuments and memorials, and visit the National Zoo and Smithsonian museums. Students learn about electric cooperatives, U.S. government and history, and attend educational seminars.

The idea for an annual Rural Electric Youth Tour was born from the 1957 address by then U.S. Senator Lyndon Baines Johnson before electric cooperative leaders. Then in 1964, the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) began to coordinate the program as “Youth Tour Week.” All expenses are paid from unclaimed Capital Credits and are at no cost to CEC members.



Alison Boltz



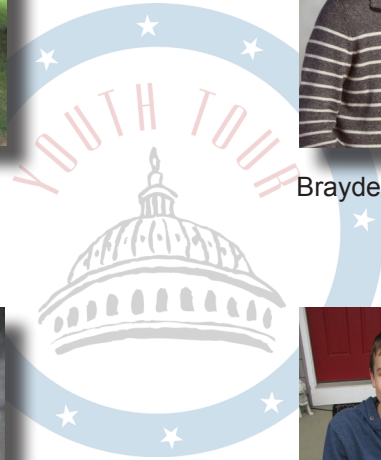
Brayden Fedorek



Erica Kerr



Seth Zacherl



# SAFETY MATTERS

## Thunderstorm Safety

All thunderstorms producing lightning are dangerous. A Thunderstorm Watch means a thunderstorm is possible for your area. A Thunderstorm Warning means a thunderstorm is taking place in your area. If you can hear thunder, you are in danger from lightning. Lightning kills 75 to 100 people each year, and outdoors is the most dangerous place to be. The following safety tips will help you stay safe outdoors during a thunderstorm.

- Look for darkening skies, flashes of lightning or increasing winds. Lightning often precedes rain, so don't wait for the rain to begin. If you hear thunder go to a safe place immediately.
- The best place to go is a sturdy building or car,

but make sure the windows in the car are shut. Avoid sheds, picnic areas, baseball dugouts and bleachers.

- If there isn't a shelter around you, avoid trees. Crouch down in the open area, and keep twice as far away from a tree as it is tall.
- Stay out of water.
- Avoid metal, clotheslines and fences. If you are carrying a backpack, leave it, because they often have metal in them.
- If you're doing an outdoor activity, wait at least 30 minutes after the last observed lightning strike or thunder before resuming.



## Mark Your Calendar for our Annual Meeting of the Members' Picnic

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

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

Map No: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ dinners for me.

I will be bringing \_\_\_\_\_ children with me.

Only children ages 5 to 10 will be accepted into Children's Entertainment.

*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 coupon by July 31, 2016 to:  
Central Electric Cooperative, Inc., 716 Route 368,  
P.O. Box 329, Parker, PA 16049-0329**

Attend the Annual Meeting of the Members on Friday, Aug. 26 at Whitehall Camp & Conference Center at 4:30 p.m. for a live performance by Isaac Cole and Mikayla Lynn (see Page 3 for more information on the duo), delicious meal, bill-credit voucher and chance to win a number of door prizes. Children ages 5 to 10 are also encouraged to attend to 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 adjacent form, 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).



## Tellers Needed for Election

The cooperative board of directors is seeking CEC members to serve as tellers for the annual election on Aug. 26. The committee tabulates director election ballots returned prior to the meeting, via Internet or by mail, and votes cast at the meeting. Tellers must arrive by 4 p.m.

Eight tellers are needed: one from Armstrong

County, two from Butler County, two from Clarion County, one from Forest County and two from Venango County. If more members volunteer than are needed, a drawing will be held by our judge of elections. If there are no volunteers, the cooperative directors will appoint needed tellers.

### 2016 Tellers Committee

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

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

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ dinners for me.

Map No: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Recipe of the Month

### Black Bean Salsa

#### Ingredients:

- One 14-ounce can black beans, drained
- One 14-ounce can corn, drained
- 1 purple onion, finely chopped
- 1 fresh jalapeno, seeded and chopped
- 4 Roma tomatoes, chopped
- One 8-ounce jar chunky salsa
- 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- Salt & pepper to taste
- Cilantro, chopped, to taste
- 4 to 5 green onions, chopped with tops

**Directions:** Mix all ingredients together several hours before serving. Serve with tortilla chips (lime salted chips are good).

*Thank you to Delia Beggs for submitting this recipe!*

## Send in your recipes to be shared today!

#### Send Recipes to:

Renee Tritten at [rtritten@central.coop](mailto:rtritten@central.coop) or mail to CEC, 716 Route 368, PO Box 329, Parker, PA 16049

### CEC Management Team

Matthew P. Boshaw  
*CEO, General Manager*

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*Director of Member Services*

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*Director of Engineering and Operations*

## Read Power Lines and Win!

Last Issue's Winner:

**John Gardner of Slippery Rock**

Last Issue's E-Winner:

**William McVay of Glenshaw**

Read Power Lines and win! It's simple — you can win a \$25 credit on your monthly electric bill by completing and returning the quiz below. And you have a second chance at another \$25 bill credit by submitting a quiz online at [www.central.coop](http://www.central.coop).

If you do not have access to the Internet, indicate that on the quiz and we will also enter you in the online drawing. Just complete, clip 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:** Peak Alerts and the load control programs avoid purchase of some of the most costly kilowatts helping keep rates low.

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

**2. True or False:** A Thunderstorm Warning means a thunderstorm could take place in your area.

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

**3. True or False:** Backfeeding is when generator power flows back out onto power lines.

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

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

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

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

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



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