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It’s a Movement

by Matthew Boshaw, CEO & General Manager

I was recently at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) regional meeting representing Central Electric Cooperative (CEC) along with several of our board members. These meetings can be quite informative with a combination of general and breakout sessions that allow participants to hear speakers on a wide variety of topics. This year’s topics included cyber security, generational communication in the workplace and rural broadband, just to name a few. However, the intent is always the same, to provide cooperatives with a look at what is being done throughout the country, identify best practices and give examples of how each cooperative may choose to incorporate these into their own organization.

This year, one of the general session speakers was the newly

minted chief executive officer of NRECA, Jim Matheson. Mr. Matheson has a background well suited to the association having worked in the energy field and served as a congressman for Utah. Although brand new to the association, Mr. Matheson had some very encouraging things to say. As a representative of a single distribution cooperative, I was very pleased he recognized that the association exists because of electric cooperatives and its purpose is to provide support to those cooperatives, not direct them. He also won supporters by saying “If you know one cooperative, you know one cooperative.” This illustrated his recognition that we are all independent organizations with our own individual sets of issues and goals. There is no “one size fits all” approach in the

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cooperative world. NRECA serves as a wonderful resource for CEC and all participating cooperatives, so I was very pleased to hear Mr. Matheson express his thoughts on the future of the organization the way he did.

The one thing he said that resonated the most with me, however, was his reference to “The Cooperative Movement.” CEC will celebrate our 80th year in 2017 — some cooperatives have been around even a little longer. Our longevity is what made his comment stand out to me. How can something that has been around for 80 years and is as established in the communities they serve as cooperatives are, still be a movement? But the answer hit me almost as suddenly — we never stop moving.

At our annual meeting in August, I highlighted the differences between cooperatives and investor-owned utilities and how those differences benefit their members. From the very beginning of the movement, cooperatives were created to serve our members. First, it was providing electricity that wasn't being made available to rural areas. Since then, cooperatives have stepped up and led the way with countless services and technological advancements, all the while, maintaining the core of electric service. Because of our member-driven business model, each cooperative identifies what the membership needs, and finds new and

innovative ways to make it happen. Cooperatives have led the way in conservation initiatives and demand side management programs. What other business encourages you to use less of the product they sell? We have also provided ancillary services simply to ensure the services are available to our members. The common theme of service keeps popping up, and it is there the movement continues. You see, from the beginning, we have been a service organization that just happened to sell electricity. We are always working to better serve our members no matter the need. Our mission is:

“Central Electric Cooperative provides safe, reliable electricity at a reasonable cost to our member-owners, is committed to the communities we serve, and dedicated to the Cooperative Difference.”

The cooperative movement is truly one of service and is why, 80 years later, we are still a movement. We look forward to moving forward in service to you, our members.

SAFE Y MATTERS

Home Heating Safety

Heating equipment is a leading cause of home fires during colder months. Two out of three reported home heating fires, and associated deaths and injuries, involve portable and fixed space heaters and related equipment, such as fireplaces and chimneys. The following tips will help keep you and your household safe this heating season.

Portable Heaters:

- When shopping for a portable heater, choose a model with temperature control, automatic shut-off, and a seal of approval from an independent testing laboratory, indicating it has met basic safety standards.
- Keep portable heaters three feet away from anything that can burn.

Fireplaces and Wood Stoves:

- Always use a fire screen to contain sparks.
- Never burn garbage or waste materials.
- Make sure anything flammable is kept a safe distance away from the fireplace.

Food For Thought:

- If a fire occurs in your home, a working smoke alarm can save your life.
- Everyone in your home should know what to do in the event of a fire. Plan and practice a home escape plan.



Appliance Rebate Program a Success!

CEC's Appliance Rebate Program was a huge success! We issued 171 rebates from Jan. 1 to Aug. 26, 2016. Members saved money on the initial appliance purchase and will continue saving monthly with a more efficient unit.

Rebate funding was depleted much sooner than expected because of an overwhelming member response. CEC looks forward to beginning a new round of rebates in January 2017. Watch for updates in this newsletter or on our website at www.central.coop.

To Celebrate the Holidays CEC will be Closed:

- Nov. 24 for Thanksgiving (normal hours resume Nov. 25).
- Dec. 23 at noon in observance of Christmas Eve.
- Dec. 26 in observance of Christmas Day (normal hours resume Dec. 27).
- Dec. 30 at noon in observance of New Year's Eve.
- Jan. 2 in observance of New Year's Day (normal hours resume Jan. 3).

Bright Ideas Teacher Grants Available

Bright Ideas Teacher Grants Program encourages innovative, energy-related learning projects that go beyond available school funding. Teachers, K-12, from schools within Armstrong, Butler, Clarion, Forest and Venango counties are eligible. Schools do not need to receive electric service from CEC. Home school teachers are also welcome to apply. The maximum teacher grant will be \$1,000 per award period and given to the school (individually awarded to home school teachers).


Topics must be energy related. They must directly involve students with goals clearly defined and measurable. Some typical topics may include renewable energy; energy generation; energy use,

efficiency, conservation, safety; and what is an electric cooperative. The school principal must approve project.

Applications can be submitted electronically or printed for mailing at www.central.coop under the Community tab. Bright Ideas Teacher Grants illustrate one more way CEC supports our communities with the Cooperative Difference.




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By Ken Maleski
Energy Analyst &
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CEC's Water Heater Program offers complete peace of mind for all your hot water needs! Why go through all the hassles of removing and installing a water heater when we can do it for you? Purchase a Marathon® Lifetime Water Heater tank (made by Rheem, Inc.) for only \$670 (a \$1,128 retail value). Dr. Waterheater will install the unit for you.

Marathon's® award-winning plastic tank means a stronger, higher quality and longer lasting product. No more foul-smelling water from a corroding anode rod — this tank does not need one! A solid foam insulation core keeps water hot for longer time periods and reduces standby heat loss. The titanium lower and copper upper elements resist lime buildup. These features increase efficiency and keep operating costs low. Better insulation, less heat loss, no anode rod and an outstanding lifetime warranty against leaks make the Marathon® Lifetime Water

Install Your Lifetime Water Heater

Heater one of the best electric water heaters in the industry!

For more information about CEC's Water Heater Program, visit the Products and Services tab at www.central.coop or call 800-521-0570.



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"E-Tips" by emailing Ken at kmaleski@central.coop.

CEC's 79th Annual Meeting

CEC conducted its 79th Annual Meeting on Aug. 26 at Whitehall Camp and Conference Center near Emlenton. During this meeting our members re-elected Kenneth Durrett of Butler County and Rick Weaver of Clarion County to the board of directors.

Almost 1,000 people attended the meeting. Kentucky Fried Chicken catered the dinner and Isaac Cole and Mikayla Lynn provided entertainment. The meeting opened with CEC's Josh Wallin singing the National Anthem. Arthur Harman of Tionesta, Mike and Mary Slaughaupt of Knox, and Keith Sherwin of Parker won the \$100 bill credit grand prizes, Rose Bell of Knox and George and Marion Flinchbaugh of Seneca won the \$50 bill credits and two children who attended won iPads.

Since the annual meeting, the board of directors elected officers Jody Weaver, board president; Kenneth Durrett, vice president; and Althea Smith; secretary/treasurer.



CEC's Board of Directors



2016-2017 Member Aware Advisory Committee (MAAC)



Recipe of the Month

Sweet Potato Casserole

Casserole Ingredients:

- 29-ounce can sweet potatoes (do not drain)
- 3/4 stick margarine or butter, melted
- 1/2 cup sugar - 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/4 cup brown sugar - 2 eggs
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

Directions: Heat oven to 400 degrees. Warm potatoes in the juice from the can. Mash to a very smooth consistency using a mixer. Add other ingredients and mix well. Place in 2-quart casserole dish. Bake for 20 minutes.

Topping Ingredients:

- 3/4 cup corn flakes
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts (pecans or walnuts)
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 3/4 stick melted margarine

Directions: Mix ingredients together. Spread on casserole and bake for another 10 minutes.

*Thank you to Kathleen Lorch
for submitting this recipe!*

Send in your recipes to be shared today!

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Read Power Lines and Win!

Last Issue's Winner:

Jane Baker of Harrisville

Last Issue's E-Winner:

Donald Saeler of Fenelton

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.

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.

1. True or False: For \$670 Dr. Waterheater will remove your old tank and install a new top-of-the-line water heater.

Answer: _____

2. True or False: It's important to use a portable heater that has met basic safety standards.

Answer: _____

3. True or False: NRECA provides support to participating electric cooperatives.

Answer: _____

How are we doing? (no wrong answer)

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