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PowerLines

We’re All in This Together

by Matthew Boshaw, CEO & General Manager

When I was a kid my father would walk through the house turning off lights that we had left on unnecessarily and in an exasperated tone exclaim, “Do you think I own the electric company!?” We were served by an investor-owned utility company and, unless we bought stock, we certainly did not own the electric company. Given that I have spent over 21 years of my life working in the electric utility industry I never felt like I could use my Dad’s line when I shut off the lights. Even though I didn’t own the company, I had a vested interest in its success. That is something that I have in common with all of our members. As members of Central Electric you all own the company and might need to use a different exclamation to encourage a more judicious use of electricity in your home.

The winter just past seemed to linger and was followed by an exceptionally wet and cool spring. Now the summer is upon us and the temperatures have already pushed into the ‘90s. While I’m sure you are all enjoying the nice weather for a change this might be a good time to talk about ways members can help the cooperative keep energy costs down and manage your individual expenses along the way.

Power purchases are broken into two pieces, energy and demand. Energy is billed based on the number of kilowatt hours used. Demand represents the total capacity we have to purchase to meet the largest amount of electricity used in one hour during the month. You see, the suppliers of the power have to make sure they build enough capacity to meet the

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highest load even if the average usage is quite a bit smaller. Subsequently, we pay more for power the higher our demand, or capacity requirement, and even more if our peak demand happens at the same time as everyone else's. Basically if we all want it at the same time it is going to cost more. This is a pretty simple look at electric rates but it leads us to what you can do to help both your

times by taking a few simple steps that will benefit your monthly bill as well. When we get that peak notification we forward the information on to you in several ways including; press releases, website (www.central.coop), Twitter (@centralcoop) and soon via Facebook. When you receive the notice you can help by avoiding energy-intensive activities during the hours indicated. Some examples

Grilling Safety Tips

1. Wear safe clothing and flame retardant mitts.
2. Use long-handled utensils to avoid burns and splatters.
3. Use baking soda to control a grease fire and have a fire extinguisher readily available.
4. Place grills outside in a well-ventilated area.



cooperative and yourself.

Our power supplier alerts us when they anticipate these peak usage times and that is when we initiate our load management system. Some of you already participate in this program that sends a signal over our lines and turns off the power to the water heater at your location. Those who participate in this program receive a monthly credit on their bill, and we are able to shave some load from our peak demand.

In addition to our load management program, you can have an impact during those peak

would be to wash clothes and dishes at another time or turn your air conditioner up two degrees. You could draw your blinds on the sunny side of your home or simply turn off the lights. These might sound like small changes but when members participate, the load savings really do add up.

If you are interested in participating in our load management program please call our office and we will be happy to explain it further and sign you up if you think it is right for you. For those who already participate, thank you for your

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participation in this very worthwhile program. At the end of the day if we all make some small changes we can help to mitigate price pressures and lower our individual usage along the way.

It occurs to me now that this was probably the point my Dad was trying to make all those years ago. We are all in this together.

Vote for Your Directors at the Annual Meeting

Thank you to CEC's 2011 nominating committee for reviewing, interviewing and nominating the candidates to fill the office of cooperative directors for Forest and Venango counties. Nominating committee members were Donald Christy, Carl Gadsby, Joe Gibson, Dennis Lamb, Harvey Loose, James Reed and Bill Shreffler. Look for your ballot in the mail and vote. You can vote by mail, electronically or in person at the Annual Meeting.

Forest County



Bette D. Walters
324 Smokey Hill Road
Tionesta, PA 16353
Incumbent Nominee

Mrs. Walters has been a Central Electric member since 1977, has served on the board of directors since 1988 and is a former board president. She is retired from the Penn State University Cooperative Extension. She obtained a bachelor's degree in home economics from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and a master's degree in communication from Clarion University of Pennsylvania.

Venango County

Mrs. Smith has been a Central Electric member since 1979, and has served on the board of directors since 1995. She serves as secretary/treasurer to the board. She became a credential cooperative director in 1999 and continues to take director education classes.

She works for Venus Telephone Corporation and previously worked for National Fuel Gas. She and her husband, Eugene Smith Jr., live near Venus. They have two daughters and one grandson.



Althea M. Smith
131 Smith Lane
Venus, PA 16364
Incumbent Nominee

Venango County



Margaret (Pegg) Woods
715 Hell's Kitchen Road
Polk, PA 16342
Prospective Nominee

Mrs. Woods has been a Central Electric member since 1979. She serves as a MAAC member and is on the Good Neighbor Scholarship Committee for 2010 and 2011. She is retired from the Penn State University Cooperative Extension with 18 years as a nutrition education advisor with the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program. She and her husband, Charles, live in Venango County.

Remember to Register for this Year's Annual Meeting!

Please plan to attend this year's Annual Meeting on Saturday, Aug. 27, at Whitehall Camp & Conference Center from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. We have some great prizes this year! Also, submit your recipe for a chance to win a special prize and have your recipe published in "Power Lines." Just bring your favorite recipe to the meeting and drop it off at the registration table. You can make reservations by completing the form below or calling us at 1-800-521-0570.

Registration deadline is July 29, 2011.

Important reminders:

■ This year's Annual Meeting **will not** include children's entertainment or any form of child care.

■ Also, you must display a state-issued handicapped parking permit to park in the handicapped lot.



Annual Meeting Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Account No: _____ Telephone No: _____

Please reserve a total of _____ lunches for my family as we will attend the Annual Meeting on Aug. 27, 2011.

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 coupon by July 29, 2011 to:

Central Electric Cooperative, Inc., 716 Route 368, P.O. Box 329, Parker, PA 16049-0329

Come Join Us and Be a Part of History



In 2012 CEC will celebrate 75 wonderful years of providing safe, reliable electric service to you, our members. We invite you to share your cooperative experiences and stories.

So, stop by our video booth at this year's Annual Meeting and share with us! We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, Aug. 27!



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Check it out!

By Ken Maleski
Residential Analyst
& Advisor



Good bargains are hard to find these days. Your cooperative has one for you. Central Electric Cooperative will remove and dispose of your current electric water heater

and install a new 80 gallon Rheem® tank for just \$377.36 plus tax.

We have partnered with Dr. Waterheater™ to do the work. Our members only have to pick up the phone and call 800-521-0570 to place an order. Each installation includes new

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plumbing connections, a supply cut-off valve, copper relief line, and all electrical wiring connections. Members must agree to permit the tank to participate in our load management program that helps stabilize future power cost increases.

So what are you waiting for? Call us today if an electric water heater is on your shopping list. See why Central Electric Cooperative's water heater program is rated #1 by our members.

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Grilling Safely

It's grilling season and anytime you work with fire, there's a chance of getting burned. Taking the proper precautions, using common sense and planning can help prevent injuries from occurring. Some simple steps to follow before your next barbecue:

- Wear safe clothing and flame-retardant mitts.
- Use long-handled utensils to avoid burns and splatters.
- Use baking soda to control a grease fire and have a fire extinguisher readily available.



Matt Alderson
Manager of Safety and
Operational Support

- Never move a hot grill, keep it on a stable surface.
- Grills are for outside use only. Place grill in a well-ventilated area.
- Always place a grill pad or splatter mat below your grill to protect your patio from grease drips.
- Follow electrical codes when operating accessories that use electricity. Be sure they are properly grounded in accordance with local codes.

Recipe of the Month

Chicken Broccoli Curry Casserole

Ingredients:

- 4–5 boneless chicken breasts, cut in small pieces, boiled
- 2 – 16 ounce chopped broccoli, steamed
- Parmesan cheese
- Paprika
- 2 cans cream of chicken soup
- 8 ounce sour cream
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup sharp cheddar cheese, grated
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/2 to 3/4 teaspoon curry powder
- 2–3 cups cooked rice

Directions:

1. Put cooked rice on bottom of greased 9 x 13 pan. Place broccoli on top. Sprinkle generously with parmesan cheese.
2. Put cooked chicken on top of broccoli. Sprinkle again with parmesan cheese.
3. Mix remaining ingredients and pour over chicken. Sprinkle with parmesan cheese and paprika. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 30–40 minutes until bubbly.

Recipe submitted by Kathleen Lorch.

All recipes submitted will automatically be entered in the 2011 Annual Meeting Recipe Contest.

Send Recipes to:

Kayla Milford at kmilford@central.coop or mail to Central Electric Cooperative, PO Box 329, Parker, PA 16049

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Read Power Lines and Last Issue's Winner: Bill and Mary Ann Uenking of Karns City



Read your issue of Central Electric Cooperative's Power Lines and win! It's simple — you can win a \$50 credit on your monthly electric bill by reading Power Lines and completing the quiz below.

Contest Rules

1. The contest is open to all Central Electric Cooperative members with active accounts as of the drawing date.
2. Only one entry per member is permitted.
3. Employees and directors of Central Electric, along with members of their immediate families, are not eligible.
4. The winning entry will appear as a credit on the member's bill and may not be redeemed for cash.

Complete, clip and enclose the quiz and personal information below and return it with your monthly payment. For a faster entry you may complete the survey online at www.central.coop/quiz.

1. True or False: You can vote for your directors by mail, electronically or in person.

Answer: _____

2. True or False: When receiving a new Rheem® water heater, members must agree to permit the tank to participate in our load management program.

Answer: _____

3. True or False: Always follow electrical codes when operating accessories that use electricity.

Answer: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone No: _____ **Account No:** _____



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