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When the Board Makes a Suggestion ...

by Matthew Boshaw, CEO & General Manager

At our April board of directors meeting several senior staff members made presentations. We also received the annual audit report from our independent auditor. All reports were very well presented and reflected quite well on the cooperative’s status and employee efforts. The independent auditor was very complimentary of the staff’s cooperation during the audit and said that the positive results reflect well on our organization. The board members recognized and thanked employees present for their effort and hard work and asked that we share that recognition with all staff members.

I reviewed these happenings so I can share what came next. The board suggested that I use this newsletter to recognize the efforts of our employees and, when the board makes a suggestion, I listen. I enjoy a very positive relationship

with Central Electric Cooperative’s (CEC’s) board of directors, as do all CEC employees. The board expects a lot from us and they also graciously recognize our efforts. One of the recurring topics of my articles is to introduce our employees, describe what they do for you and offer my thanks to them for their efforts. So, again, when the board makes a suggestion, I listen.

For those of you who have participated at meetings, you know they can be very dry. Topics that are of great importance to the organization including the budget, strategic plan, annual audit and the like can be difficult to make entertaining. That fact, however, doesn’t make them less important to the health and well-being of the organization or make their preparation any less time consuming and difficult. Our board remains engaged and interactive

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Peak Alert Season Has Begun!

June marks the beginning of Peak Alert season for cooperative members. Electric generation prices are highest on hot, humid weekday afternoons between the hours of noon to 6 p.m. Peak Alerts are issued on Froggy 98.5 FM, WUZZ 107.7 FM and Majic 99.3 FM radio stations, as well as our website www.central.coop. When you hear an alert, reduce your usage of air conditioning, pool pumps, dehumidifiers, and other non-essential items.

Together we can all do our part to keep rates stable — it is the cooperative way!

during these important presentations and makes important decisions on your behalf. The extra piece that our board does, without solicitation, is to go out of their way to give that “Atta Boy” or “Atta Girl” in recognition of our staff’s efforts. In my position, that kind of support is very valuable so I want to recognize it, reinforce it and add my thanks to theirs.

The annual audit is performed by an independent firm, contracted by the board, and tasked with reviewing CEC financial statements, internal controls and processes to verify that we have accurately accounted for revenue collected and spent. The idea being that, when all is said and done, the board, and by extension you, can be confident that the money collected from electric sales is put to appropriate use. In some organizations this level of oversight is met guardedly or defensively. That is not the case here at CEC. We take this audit as an opportunity to review what we do and how we do it with a set of impartial eyes. We ask questions and make suggestions that will improve our quality of service. The audit reaches well beyond accounting and finance with each department providing documentation and answering questions in support of the process. I believe that this spirit of cooperation, and the desire to identify areas for improvement, is what sets our employees apart. This is what the auditor recognizes and our board applauds.

The annual audit is just the most recent example of the effort and desire put forth to improve your cooperative by the employees. The result of the audit was a clean, unmodified report, the best that can be received. Every day we are working diligently and searching for ways to make the service we provide better and more efficient. As I have said before, the employees work on your behalf and are conscientious and dedicated to the “Cooperative Difference.” Having the support of, and recognition with, our board for those efforts adds to our satisfaction in providing the essential service that we provide. So, I thank our employees for their continued effort and fine work and our board for noticing.

**Time is running out!
Enter our
photo contest now!
Entries must be
received before
June 22.**

**Visit www.central.coop
for more information.**

2015 Good Neighbor Scholarship Winners

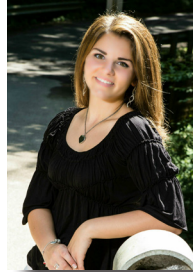
Congratulations to the 2015 recipients of the Good Neighbor Scholarship! This year, this no-cost-to-members program awarded 11 grants of \$2,000 to cooperative members who will further their education in 2015. For more information on this program, please visit www.central.coop.



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High School



In my travels I have recently heard more people singing the praises of mini-split ductless heat-pump systems as an alternative to conventional forced-air systems. So, I thought it prudent to review this vastly improving technology once again.

Like standard air-source heat pumps, mini splits have two main components — an outdoor compressor/condenser, and an indoor air-handling unit. A conduit links the outdoor and indoor units. It houses the power cable, refrigerant tubing, suction tubing, and a condensate drain. Up to four indoor handling units can be connected to one outdoor unit. Each indoor unit has its own thermostat for great zoning comfort and savings. Units can be mounted from the ceiling, wall or standing on the floor.

Like a car's cruise control, the inverter-driven compressor technology varies compressor speed according to the cooling or heating needs of your room(s). Comfort is consistently maximized and energy is saved from excessive start and stop cycles found with most conventional systems. Mini-split heat pumps operate down to zero degrees without help from other electric heating systems. This would have saved a lot of money this past winter season with the very cold temperatures we experienced. Additional savings (10 to 30 percent) is realized

Mini-Split Heat Pumps

by the elimination of ductwork energy loss that comes with most forced-air conventional systems.

Mini splits make good retrofit add-ons to houses that do not use ductwork to heat such as hydronic (hot water heat), radiant panels and space heaters (wood, kerosene, propane). They are a great choice for room additions where extending ductwork may not be feasible. New super energy-efficient homes that require a much smaller space conditioning system are also good applications.

Please be aware that installation costs may be higher than some ducted systems, depending on the location of the outdoor unit in relationship to the indoor units. Not all HVAC contractors are qualified to install mini-split systems, so always ask ahead — when searching for an installer.

So, if air conditioning is in your plans this summer, why not consider a mini-split ductless heat-pump system that can also provide winter heating. It may be the solution to hard-to-install systems and energy savings. Now that's cool!



Your Co-op's Guiding Principles No. 4: Autonomy and Independence

Cooperatives are autonomous, self-help organizations controlled by their members. If they enter into agreements with other organizations, including governments, or raise capital from external sources, they do so on terms that ensure democratic control by their members and maintain their cooperative autonomy.

Electric cooperatives form a vast network across America. They're found in 47 states, and cooperative-

owned electric lines cover 75 percent of the nation's land mass. But what's unique is that each cooperative is an autonomous, independent business.

"We work with our co-op neighbors, but CEC members are the sole governors of CEC," explains Matt Boshaw, CEC CEO/general manager. "Our member-elected board of directors approves policies and resolutions that guide the way we do business."

Mark Your Calendar for our Annual Meeting of the Members

Attend this year's Annual Meeting of the Members on Friday, Aug. 21, 2015, at Whitehall Camp and Conference Center beginning at 4:30 p.m. Enjoy dinner, entertainment by the Windy River band, and a chance to win a number of prizes!

You can make reservations for the meeting by completing the form below or calling us at 1-800-521-0570. Registration deadline is July 31, 2015. For more information, or to check out the agenda, visit www.central.coop.

Annual Meeting Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Account No: _____ Phone No: _____

Please reserve a total of _____ dinners for my family as we will attend the Annual Meeting dinner on Aug. 21, 2015. Limit of four meals per member.

Children's entertainment is provided for children ages 5 through 10. Please indicate how many children will be attending: _____ Ages of children: _____

(A child with a medical condition must be accompanied by an adult.)

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, 2015.

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Swimming Pool Safety Tips

According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), drowning is the second leading cause of accidental death in children age 1 to 14. Such accidents tend to happen very, very quickly. The CDC reports that in most cases, the children involved were out of their parent's sight for less than five minutes. The following tips will help keep your family safe while swimming in a pool.

- Never swim alone. Even if you're a great swimmer, you never know when you might need help.

- Set a good example so younger kids know how to behave. The pool is only safe when EVERYONE follows the rules.

- Check the water depth. You don't want to get hurt diving into water that's too shallow.

- Never allow diving in above-ground pools, which are too shallow for safety.

- No running! You could slip or trip.

- Keep rescue equipment by the pool.



Recipe of the Month

Marshmallow Fluff Fruit Dip Recipe

Ingredients:

- 8-ounce package cream cheese
- 7-ounce jar marshmallow fluff
- 1 cup cool whip
- 2 tablespoons apple juice
- 1 teaspoon sugar free JELL-O®
(you may choose strawberry or raspberry)

Directions:

Beat the cream cheese and marshmallow fluff until creamy. Dissolve JELL-O® in the juice. Fold the cool whip into the JELL-O® mixture by hand. Refrigerate for one hour. Dip fresh fruit and enjoy! Great for a light summer snack!

Thank you to Marie Geibel 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, 716 Route 368, PO Box 329, Parker, PA 16049

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Last Issue's E-Winner:

Dennis Custer of Tionesta

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: CEC's audit was a clean, unmodified report, the best that can be received, because of continued improvement of efficiency.

Answer: _____

2. True or False: Drowning is the second leading cause of accidental death in children age 1 to 14.

Answer: _____

3. True or False: Mini-split heat pumps operate down to 10 degrees without help.

Answer: _____

How are we doing? (no wrong answer)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Acct. #:** _____



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