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2013 Photo Contest Entry
Taken by Chris Heinack of Fenelton

Born in Politics

by Matthew Boshaw, CEO & General Manager

It has been said that the electric cooperative movement was born in politics. I have always taken that to mean that the founding members of our cooperatives worked with the Roosevelt administration to electrify rural America. President Franklin D. Roosevelt recognized the importance of all Americans having access to electricity for the growth of the country. Cooperative founders recognized the necessity of electricity for the rural home and business. Their dedication and spirit of cooperation brought us the electric cooperative model. Where the investor-owned utilities felt the few number of customers meant there was no profit to be made in rural areas, the cooperative removed profit from the model and provided an essential service to homes, farms and businesses well beyond the boundaries of the electrical systems of the day.

That spirit of cooperation with our elected officials continues today as cooperatives work daily with legislators on issues impacting rural energy and life. One of my favorite illustrations of this is the electric cooperative event, Youth Tour. Youth Tour has brought high school students to Washington, D.C. every June since the late 1950s. Students apply to, and are selected for, this program by their local electric cooperative. We believe that students should see their nation’s capital up close, learn about the political process and interact with their elected officials.

The featured speakers during Youth Tour provide insight to the important roles electric cooperatives play in their communities. Students gain a personal understanding of American history and their role as a citizen by meeting their representatives and senators. Nearly 50,000 students from rural areas and

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CEC's Annual Pole Inspection

As part of CEC's ongoing effort to improve system reliability, contracted pole inspection crews will begin inspecting 6,000 poles in the areas of Karns City, Rockland and Coalhill substations.

Inspections typically include a visual inspection, sounding the pole with a hammer and excavation up to 18" around the poles. Poles identified as having issues will either be addressed in the field by Osmose Utilities Services, Inc. or by CEC personnel at a later time. All Osmose representatives and CEC employees carry company-issued identification

The project will last several months. If you have any questions, please contact CEC's Matt Alderson, manager of safety and operations support, at 1-800-521-0570 x2206.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation.

small towns across America have participated in this program. Some of our Youth Tour alumni have gone on to design airplanes, lead companies, serve in the highest ranks of our government, including the U.S. Senate and work on Capitol Hill. Several of our alumni work in Washington and you will even find more alumni in your own community.

Youth Tour is one of my favorite programs because I have been fortunate enough to meet and discuss issues with some of our elected officials in Washington. I recognize the learning experience the program can be for our nation's youth, as well as for our elected officials. In my time here, Central Electric Cooperative (CEC) has been an active participant in Youth Tour and I have had the opportunity to meet many amazing young people from the communities we serve. Each year we reach out to guidance counselors at the high schools, in and around our service territory, and ask for candidates who would be interested in participating in Youth Tour. Our former participants have proven to be some of our best advertisement for the program as many of this year's candidates said they were encouraged to participate by students who have been through the program.

Our selection process includes the better part of a day at the cooperative's headquarters during which the students, high school juniors, learn a little about cooperatives in general, tour our facility, interview with senior staff

and then a meal. We select the students to represent your cooperative on this tour. As you can imagine, selecting those students is always a challenge as they are all excellent representatives of their schools, families, and of course, the cooperative.

I chose this time to write about Youth Tour because we completed our selection process in March for the 2015 Youth Tour. We interviewed eight students from four different high schools. Each year it becomes more difficult because the candidates get better and better. I would like to thank all of those who participated, whether selected or not. I hope they enjoyed the process as much as we did and left knowing a little more about the cooperative. All presented themselves very well and made our decision very difficult. If these young people are any indication, our cooperative, communities and nation have a very bright future.

Save The Date: CEC's 2015 Annual Meeting!

Join us for our
Annual Meeting of the Members
Friday, Aug. 21, 2015
Whitehall Camp & Conference Center
Emlenton, Pennsylvania



More information to come.

CEC Celebrates National Linemen Appreciation Day

America's electric cooperatives have designated the second Monday of April as National Lineman Appreciation Day. Therefore CEC will honor the hard working men who often work in challenging conditions to keep the lights on.

The resolution, which the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Board adopted unanimously, is as follows:

- “Whereas linemen leave their families and put their lives on the line every day to keep the power on;
- Whereas linemen work 365 days a year under dangerous conditions to build, maintain and repair the electric infrastructure;
- Whereas linemen are the first responders of the electric cooperative family, getting power back on and making things safe for all after storms and accidents; and
- Whereas there would be no electric cooperatives without the brave men and women who comprise our corps of linemen;

■ Therefore be it resolved that NRECA recognize the Second Monday of April of each year as National Lineman Appreciation Day and make available to electric cooperatives, materials and support to recognize the contributions of these valuable men and women to America's Electric Cooperatives.”

We proudly recognize all electric linemen for the services they perform around the clock in dangerous conditions to keep power flowing and protect the public's safety.

“Electric linemen do not often receive the recognition they deserve,” said Matt Boshaw, CEC's CEO/general manager. “They work all hours of the day, often in hazardous conditions far from their families, going above and beyond to restore power to their communities. Our linemen, as well as linemen from across the nation, truly deserve this special day of recognition.”

CEC invites members to take a moment to thank a lineman for the work they do.

SAFETY MATTERS

Spring Cleaning Supplies

Home cleaning products, both homemade and commercial, should be handled with care in your home. Some ingredients could react with one another in bad ways. Many of them are not good for family members or pets to ingest or inhale the fumes. The following safety tips will help keep everyone in your home safe around cleaning supplies:

- Always read the label (including the fine print) and use as directed.
- Do not mix cleaning products, as some mixtures can create dangerous and poisonous fumes.

■ Keep cleaning products away from children and pets, as many are dangerous if ingested, if they have prolonged contact with skin or if they have contact with eyes.

- Keep the product in its original container and away from food storage areas.
- When finished with a cleaning product make sure you dispose of it properly. The product label will explain any specific rules for disposal.





CEC now offers rebates to members for installing Energy Star rated appliances that promote efficiency while improving our environment. Rebates are available for the following qualifying appliances:

- Refrigerators \$100
- Freezers \$50
- Clothes washer \$50
- Dishwashers \$25
- Window air conditioners \$25
- Dehumidifiers \$25

Member requirements are as follows:

- Qualifying appliances must carry the Energy Star logo to be eligible. To verify Energy Star status visit www.energystar.gov or call 1-888-STAR-YES.
- Members must complete the CEC Appliance Rebate form available at www.central.coop.

Appliance Rebates

- Mail rebate form and a copy of the appliance sales receipt to the address provided on the form. All sales receipts must be dated on or after Jan. 1, of the current year.
- Limited to one rebate per appliance type per year.
- Please allow up to six weeks for check processing.

Rebate funds are available from Renewable Energy Credits earned by our power supplier's renewable generation assets. Program funding is limited and subject to change or cancellation without notice. Contact CEC at 800-521-0570 x2172 or visit www.central.coop to learn more.



Look for this logo when purchasing.

Sign up for weekly energy saving “E-Tips” by contacting Ken Maleski at kmaleski@central.coop!

Your Co-op's Guiding Principles No. 3: Members' Economic Participation

Because electric cooperatives are owned by their members, they do not create profits for distant shareholders. Any excess revenue — called “margins”— is allocated back to the membership in the form of capital credits. Capital credits are “retired” and then paid back to members based on their electricity purchases from the cooperative. Margins are used by the co-op as working capital for a period of time, then paid back to individual members.

CEC has retired \$12.1 million in capital credits since 1977. This year 3 percent of all members' total

current accounts will receive capital credit retirements through a credit on their April bill and members from 1985 and 1988 (if not still members) will receive a check. The amount reflects your contribution of capital to the cooperative during those years.

“Allocating and retiring excess revenue to members helps distinguish cooperatives,” points out Matt Boshaw, CEC CEO/general manager. “We're proud to support our communities by putting money back into the local economy — and into the pockets of those we serve. It makes our business model special.”

Submit Your Photo and Win!

CEC is excited to announce its 2015 member photo contest! CEC will award prizes for the top three winners: \$100 first place, \$50 second place and \$25 third place. Submit your best photo for a chance to win! The subject of your photo can be beautiful scenery and landscapes, interesting or unusual buildings or structures, power line equipment or anything else that you find appealing. You must submit your photo before June 22.

Members will vote for the top five photos from June 29 through July 31. You may then vote for the top three photos beginning Aug. 4.

You can vote through our website at www.central.coop, or by visiting our office. You will also have the opportunity to vote using a ballot in our September Power Lines newsletter. CEC will announce the winners in late October.

If you have any questions about this contest, please contact Renee Tritten at rtritten@central.coop or by calling 1-800-521-0570 x2173.

By submitting a photo entry to this contest you are granting CEC permission to use the image in any and all of its publications, including internal and external newsletters and website entries, without payment. However, photo credit will be given. CEC reserves the right to disqualify any photo deemed inappropriate or offensive.

Rules:

1. Only one entry per member.
2. The photo must have been taken by a CEC member within one of CEC's seven service counties (Allegheny, Armstrong, Butler, Clarion, Forest, Mercer and Venango).
3. The photo should be submitted electronically to Renee Tritten at rtritten@central.coop by June 22. If you are unable to submit it electronically, please contact Renee to make other arrangements. When submitting a photo, you must include where the photo was taken, a brief description of the subject, who took the photo, how you would like to be recognized within the photo's credit line, and a title for the photo.
4. Employees and directors of CEC, along with members of their immediate families, are ineligible.
5. The prizes will appear as a credit on the winners' bills and may not be redeemed for cash.

Attention High School Seniors: PREA Scholarship

A minimum of five \$1,000 PREA scholarships, in memory of William F. Matson, are available for the 2015-2016 college year.

Who is eligible?

The PREA Scholarship Trust Fund offers scholarships to children of members and employees of electric cooperatives in Pennsylvania and New Jersey who belong to the Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association (PREA). Applicants must be high school seniors.

Applications and required information must be received no later than **May 11, 2015**. Finalists will be sent a follow-up questionnaire that must be returned by **June 15, 2015**. Scholarship awards will be announced at the PREA Summer Meeting in July. To download a PDF version of the application visit: www.prea.com or mail your request to:

PREA Scholarship Trust Fund
P.O. Box 1266
Harrisburg, PA 17108-1266

Recipe of the Month

Creamy Herb-Deviled Eggs Recipe

Ingredients:

- 12 hard-boiled eggs
- 1/4 cup prepared ranch dressing
- 3 tablespoons plain-Greek yogurt
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/8 teaspoon paprika

Directions:

Cut eggs length-wise in half. Remove yolks, reserving the whites. In a small bowl mash yolks. Stir in salad dressing, yogurt, mustard and pepper. Spoon or pipe into egg whites. Refrigerate, covered, until serving. Sprinkle with paprika.

Thank you to Marie Cherson 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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Read Power Lines and Win!

Last Issue's Winner:

Pam Lovett of Harrisville

Last Issue's E-Winner:

Pearl Potter of Kennerdell

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: Youth Tour has brought high school students to Washington, D.C. every June since the late 1950s.

Answer: _____

2. True or False: Some cleaning product mixtures can create dangerous and poisonous fumes.

Answer: _____

3. True or False: Appliance rebates are limited to two rebates per appliance type per year.

Answer: _____

How are we doing? (no wrong answer)

Name: _____

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