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Children Really Are the Future

by Matthew Boshaw, CEO & General Manager

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Two years ago when my family and I were considering the move from Oregon’s coast to Western Pennsylvania, for the opportunity to work at Central Electric Cooperative (CEC), I was working for a public power company. It was also a not–for–profit organization governed by a locally elected board and was similar to a cooperative in many ways. But as I looked closer I found cooperatives, as private not–for–profit organizations, have many beneficial differences. The most obvious differences are the member owners and the Cooperative Principles. But even beyond that, cooperatives are involved heavily in the community, setting them even farther apart from their investor owned and public power counterparts. Oh sure, those other companies partici-

pate in some community events, but for the investor owned companies it is just PR and public power companies have some significant restrictions on what they can participate in.

Here at CEC, as well as our cooperative counterparts around the country, we don’t just participate to look good. We are part of the communities we serve and our employees are your neighbors, friends, community members, youth coaches and so much more. We also help our local volunteer fire departments as well as other community organizations whenever we can. As I researched this organization I was impressed with the dedication of the employees to both the members and the community.

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Member Memories:

“Of course lights were a huge thing; we did not have to carry a lantern!”

Ed Snyder, member since 1949.

If you have a favorite CEC memory and would like to be considered for this special column, please contact Jessica Brison at 1-800-521-0570 x2173.

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The final piece, and frankly one of the most compelling, was their commitment to our youth. CEC has an annual scholarship program that has expanded dramatically over the years and through the use of escheats (unclaimed property) dollars, is funded at no additional cost to members. One program that is organized through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) that also caught my attention is the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour. This is a remarkable program, unique to cooperatives, and specifically designed for our youth. CEC recently started to participate once again in this program.

Let me tell you a little about the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour. Senator Lyndon Baines Johnson inspired this program when he addressed the NRECA's Annual Meeting in Chicago in 1957. The senator and future president declared, “If one thing goes out of this meeting, it will be sending youngsters to the national capital where they can actually see what the flag stands for and represents.” The Youth Tour has brought high school students to Washington every June since the late 1950s. Students compete for slots in this unique program and are selected by their local electric cooperative. Here at CEC we use this selection process as an opportunity to educate the candidates about their cooperative.

Featured speakers during the

Youth Tour provide insights to the important roles electric cooperatives play in their community. Students gain a personal understanding of American history and their role as a citizen by meeting their representatives and senators, and exploring the sights around our nation's capital. They often run into a former Youth Tour participant who is a congressional aide on Capitol Hill. Yes, several of our alumni work in Washington.

Over 40,000 students from rural areas and small towns across America have participated in this program. Some of our alumni have gone onto designing airplanes and serving in the highest ranks of our government, including the U.S. Senate. Through the use of escheats dollars we have been able to expand our participation in this program at no additional cost to CEC members. Elsewhere in this issue you will be introduced to this year's CEC Youth Tour representatives. I've had the opportunity to meet these exceptional young people and you can rest assured they will represent you very well. You will also have the opportunity to meet them at our 75th annual meeting on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Please excuse the shameless plug for our annual meeting. Thank you for your continued support and, as always, if you have any questions, comments or concerns don't hesitate to call and we look forward to seeing you in September.

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Mark Your Calendar for the 75-Year-Anniversary Celebration and Annual Meeting

Attend this year's 75-Year-Anniversary Celebration and Annual Meeting on Saturday, Sept. 29, 2012 at Whitehall Campgrounds at 9 a.m. for hot air balloon rides (weather permitting) and a chance to win a number of door prizes. 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. All recipes submitted prior to the meeting will also be eligible for a special prize. You can make reservations for the meeting by completing the adjacent form or calling us at 1-800-521-0570. Registration deadline is Sept. 1, 2012.

This year's meeting will also include children's entertainment! For more information, or to check out the agenda, visit www.central.coop.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Map No: _____ Phone No: _____

Please reserve _____ dinners for me.

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 Sept. 1, 2012 to:
Central Electric Cooperative, Inc., 716 Route 368,
P.O. Box 329, Parker, PA 16049-0329**

Tellers Needed for Elections

The cooperative board of directors is seeking CEC members to serve as tellers for the annual meeting on Sept. 29, 2012. 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 10:15 a.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.

2012 Tellers Committee

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Local Teens Selected for Youth Tour

Four local high school juniors were recently selected to attend the June 2012 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour in Washington. Candidates' parents must be cooperative members. The 2012 winners are Jessica McGuire, Allegheny-Clarion Valley High School; Ashley Groner, Cranberry High School; Noelle Lemons, Kittanning High School; and Matthew Slagle, Karns City High School.

They will join over 1,500 students from across the nation. Students will have the opportunity to experience our nation's capital, sight-see, meet with federal legislators and learn about electric cooperatives. For more information visit www.central.coop.



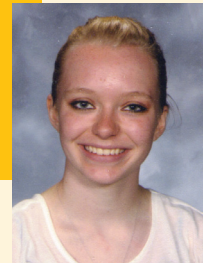
Ashley Groner



Noelle Lemons



Matthew Slagle



Jessica McGuire

Do You Need An Emergency Generator?

Are you thinking about purchasing an emergency generator? CEC is partnered with Butler Power Equipment, World of Wheels and Clarion Electric to offer quality generators. Just bring your CEC monthly bill (as proof of membership) and receive special pricing on the purchase of a new portable generator. They offer complete service repairs for all purchased generators.

Each establishment features a display on the GenerLink™ Transfer Switch offered by your cooperative. For more information contact us at 1-800-521-0570 or visit our website at www.central.coop.

CEC's Website Features Outage Mapping System

[View Outages](#)

CEC is pleased to announce outage information is available 24/7 at www.central.coop. Visitors can click on the View Outages button to see a map with affected areas indicated (image of button appears above).

This new feature helps members know how widespread an outage is, and allows the media to obtain instant access to all information regarding possible storm damage and outages.

Ken's Kilowatt Corner



By **Ken Maleski**
CEC Consumer
Marketing Representative

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Check it out!



Summer will be here before you know it. Now is the time to prepare for those hot and hazy days ahead. Here is a list of COOL actions that could save you some money this season:

- **Ceiling fans:** Make sure to dust off the blades before using.
- **Air conditioning window unit:** Remove and wash foam filter with soap and water. Inspect air-sealing materials around unit for cracks and voids.
- **Dehumidifiers:** Clean dust and debris off coils with soapy warm water.
- **Heat pumps or central air conditioning outdoor units:** Hire a professional to inspect the system.

Get Ready for Summer

Remove leaf debris and vegetation from around the unit.

- **Furnace filter:** Replace or clean your furnace filter on central air units or heat pump systems.
- **Lighting:** Replace incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent lights (CFLs). They use 75 percent less energy!
- **Window shades:** Invest in mini blinds — great energy savers that help keep out the heat from direct summer sunlight.

And don't forget to conserve this June when you hear our Peak Alert radio announcements. Be cool and save some money. You'll need it to afford that gasoline!

SAFETY

M A T T e r s Chain Saw Safety

A chain saw is a very efficient tool. But it can be dangerous if used incorrectly. Wearing the proper clothing is the first step to creating a safe environment. Protective equipment cannot prevent an accident from happening, but it can help reduce the level of injury if one does occur.

- **Protect head and hands:** Never saw without a helmet, including a full-coverage visor and hearing protection.



Matt Alderson
Manager of Safety and
Operational Support

- **Sturdy footwear:** Make sure your boots have a protective toecap, saw protection and a heavy tread.
- **Protective eye wear:** Use safety glasses to avoid dust and debris.
- **Protective trousers and jacket:** Trousers with saw protection are recommended. They stop the chain saw quickly to minimize the saw coming into contact with your leg.

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Recipe of the Month

Milk Chocolate Peanut Butter Chip Cookies

Ingredients:

- 1 cup shortening
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 2 eggs (make sure they are cold)
- 2 tablespoons ice cold water
- 3-1/2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 bag milk chocolate and peanut butter chips
- 1 cup chopped walnuts

Directions:

1. Mix shortening, sugar and brown sugar with mixer. Then add eggs, cold water and vanilla.
2. Next mix together flour, soda and baking powder. Add the dry ingredients to the wet mixture one cup at a time; mixing after each cup; add chips and nuts.
3. Drop large spoonfuls onto ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees Fahrenheit for 10 to 12 minutes. At 7 minutes reverse your cookie sheet.

Thank you to Jenny Pugh for submitting the recipe!

Submit your recipe for a chance to win a special prize at the 75-Year-Anniversary Celebration and have your recipe published in "Power Lines."

Send Recipes to:

Jessica Brison at jbrison@central.coop or mail to CEC, 716 Route 368, PO Box 329, Parker, PA 16049

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Last Issue's Winner:

Donna Beary of Shippenville

Read your issue of CEC'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.

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

1. True or False: CEC members can receive special pricing on a generator from three local businesses.

Answer: _____

2. True or False: This year CEC is celebrating 76 years of service.

Answer: _____

3. True or False: CEC's website now features an outage map.

Answer: _____

How are we doing? (no right/wrong answer)

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