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A large turnout marked this year's 70th Annual Meeting. For a look at the day in photos, see pages 3 & 4.

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Cook up something frighteningly easy and not so scary to make! Page 6.

## The Board

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## Committed to our communities!

The nation's nearly 900 consumer-owned electric cooperatives provide electricity for 37 million people in 47 states. But they do much more than that. Owned and governed by the consumers in hundreds of small communities, electric co-ops have been demonstrating strong commitment to their local communities since they turned on the lights in rural America in the 1930s.

Today, they generate jobs and income, support local causes through charitable contributions and volunteerism, improve the environment, support education, and invest in new community businesses.


Here at Central Electric, your co-op is involved in many planning and advisory boards and is actively involved in economic development throughout its five-county service territory. In addition to many programs already in place - such as the dry hydrant program and electrical safety programs presented to area schools, - this year the board adopted new programs to supplement the Family Fund that helps with heating bills and a scholarship program for local high school seniors. Membership in a credit union is also underway. More about the co-op's credit



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CEO & General Manager

union membership will be explained in November's issue of *Power Lines*.

Electric co-ops across the country are committed and involved in strengthening their local economies and being a positive influence in the communities they serve.

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# The Seven Guiding Principles of a Cooperative

All Cooperative businesses throughout the United States including Central Electric Cooperative adhere to seven guiding principles.

**1. Voluntary and Open Membership** - Cooperatives are voluntary organizations, open to all persons able to use their services and willing to accept the responsibilities of membership, without gender, social, racial, political or religious discrimination.

**2. Democratic Member Control** - Cooperatives are democratic organizations controlled by their members, who actively participate in setting policies and making decisions.

**3. Members' Economic Participation** - Members contribute equitably to, and democratically control, the capital of their cooperative.

**4. Autonomy and Independence** - Cooperatives are autonomous, self-help organizations controlled by their members.



**5. Education, Training and Information** - Cooperatives provide education and training for their members, elect representatives, managers and employees so they can contribute effectively to the development of their cooperatives.

**6. Cooperation Among Cooperatives** - Cooperatives serve their members most effectively and strengthen the cooperative movement by working together through local, state, regional, national and international structures.

**7. Concern for Community** - While focusing on member needs, cooperatives work for the sustainable growth and development of their communities through policies adopted by their members.

## A TOUCHSTONE ENERGY COOPERATIVE

As a Touchstone Energy Cooperative, Central Electric is committed to the basic principles under which it has pledged to operate. Touchstone Energy is a national brand used to identify electric cooperatives nationwide. It symbolizes their pledge to operate with integrity, accountability, innovation and a strong commitment to community.

Central Electric is different from an investor-owned business. One major difference is Central Electric's strong commitment to the local communities it serves. CEC employees and directors take an active role in economic development agencies, planning commissions, local fire companies, ambulance associations and other community groups that work towards the common good of its members and local residents by enhancing the quality of life both now and for future generations to come.

# The Power to Make A Difference



This year's 70th Annual meeting was attended by more than 1,800 members, family and friends. Despite soaring temperatures the crowd enjoyed itself with entertainment, dinner and door prizes.



Another year older, Shane Buzard of Tionesta, found the same spot he liked at last year's meeting!



A giant, inflatable slide was provided as part of the entertainment for members' children.



Sarah Weimer, Clarion-Venango County Dairy Princess was on hand at the meeting with information about dairy products.



Board member Jim Burd talks with a member.



Three-year-old twins Sara and Stephanie Weiland of Chicora wait in line for their chicken dinners.



A walk together.



CEC's new truck on display.

Annual Meeting.  
A Time for  
Family, Friends,  
Fun, and  
Entertainment.  
Hope to see you  
next year!



Friends Melanie Lewis, left, and Skylar Wyman, both of Emlenton, have fun on the slide.



Old friends Leo Callihan and Josephine Blair share a moment together.



Smokin' Section performs..



CEO Larry Adams congratulates board members Bette Walters and Althea Smith on their re-election to the board of directors.



Clint Deniker and Len Hriban (not pictured) of the PA Game Commission were on hand with information and brochures.



Parker VFW Post 7073 presented the colors to open the meeting.

# October is Fire Safety Month - Keep yourself safe with prevention and a plan!

Fire safety begins at home. Every family should know the basics of how to prevent fires at home and what to do in case of a fire. So, invest a few minutes and learn how to BE SAFE!

Have a plan that includes: two different ways out; someone assigned to help those who need help; someone assigned to call 911; and a meeting place for everyone once they get outside.

Keep matches and lighters out of the reach of children.

Have a working fire extinguisher.

Smokers should always use a proper ash tray.

Install smoke detectors in all hallways and bedrooms and test them regularly.

Be careful while cooking and do not leave things on the stove unattended.

Keep portable heaters at least three feet away from anything that can burn.

Use electricity safely!

## THINGS TO REMEMBER (if you have a fire)

**GET OUT** of the house or building and **STAY OUT!**

**Crawl low** under the smoke.

**Open doors slowly** and be ready to close them if heat or fire is outside of them.

**Once out of the building**, do not go back inside **FOR ANY REASON!**

**Once outside**, go to a phone and call 911.

**If your clothes catch on fire**, Stop, Drop & Roll.



### Ownership.

Would you trust a business more if you owned it?

Cooperative businesses are owned by more than 154.7 million Americans, including:

- 87 million who own their credit union
- 39 million who own their electric co-op
- 3 million who own their housing co-op

Maybe that's why we're more trusted than businesses owned by Wall Street investors.

### Cooperatives.

Owned by Our Members,  
Committed to Our Communities.



## Abuse of Power

Electricity is the safest form of energy, but even safe energy should never be taken for granted. Carelessness can cause personal injuries or property damage. Always follow the manufacturer's recommendations for the maximum wattage allowed in a lighting fixture. That information is there for an important reason: your personal safety.

For more information on the safest ways to use electricity, just ask. Call 1-800-521-0570.



# What's cookin'...

## Pumpkin Black Bean Soup



This is a delicious soup that is easy to make, and can be re-heated for the next day. Serve with a garnish of sour cream and toasted pumpkin seeds if desired.

### INGREDIENTS:

- 3 (15-ounce) cans black beans, rinsed and drained.
- 1 (16-ounce) can diced tomatoes
- 1 1/4 cups chopped onion.
- 4 cloves garlic, chopped.
- 1 teaspoon salt.
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper.
- 4 cups beef broth.
- 1 (15-ounce) can pumpkin puree.
- 1/2 pound cubed cooked ham.
- 3 tablespoons sherry vinegar.



### DIRECTIONS:

1. Pour 2 cans of the black beans into a food processor or blender, along with the can of tomatoes. Puree until smooth. Set aside. Melt butter in soup pot over medium heat. Add onion and garlic and season with salt and pepper. Stir in the bean puree and sherry vinegar. Mix until well blended then simmer for about 24 minutes or until thick enough to coat the back of metal spoon. Stir in the ham and heat through before serving.

Recipe found online at [www.allrecipes.com](http://www.allrecipes.com)

## Read *Power Lines* and



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 then completing the quiz that appears below. Answer the questions (answers are contained in each issue of *Power Lines*), then complete the quiz and personal information and return it with your bill payment.

### Important 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!



1. **True or False:** Cooperatives believe in commitment to community.

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

**True or False.** Cooperatives generate jobs and provide services to their service territories.

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

**True or False:** It is okay to go back into a burning building sometimes.

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

There was no Power Lines quiz in the August issue.

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