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## Affordability: Our Commitment to You

BY MATT BOSHAW  
CEO & General Manager

Giving credit where it is due, the content in this article was provided through our statewide association, the Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association (PREA). Some version of this message will likely be shared with cooperatives throughout the state. I felt it was important enough to share it directly with you as it affects rural electric consumers throughout the state equally and, frankly, I couldn't have said it better myself.

If you're like many families and small businesses across our community, you've felt the pressure of rising costs over the past few years. Groceries cost more. Fuel costs more. And electricity — something none of us can do without — is taking up a larger share of household budgets.

At Central Electric Cooperative, we understand that concern and take it seriously. Demand for electricity, driven largely by the rapid build-out of data centers, continues to outpace the industry's ability to supply it as old power plants shut down faster than

new facilities can come on-line. As your electric cooperative, we have a responsibility to do everything we can to ensure your power is reliable and affordable.

This commitment is built into the cooperative model. Through partnerships with other cooperatives and our statewide organizations — the Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association (PREA) and Allegheny Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Allegheny) — we've been able to control costs and protect members from skyrocketing rates.

Through Allegheny, for instance, the 14 rural electric cooperatives in Pennsylvania and New Jersey own generation resources, including nuclear and hydroelectric facilities based right here in the Commonwealth. These facilities provide the majority of our electricity at stable, predictable costs and shield us from much of the energy market's volatility. That stability is critical as the electric grid faces record demand and costs continue to climb.

Another key piece of affordability is managing when electricity is used.

Through the Coordinated Load Management System, an innovative

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demand-response program developed by cooperatives in partnership with Allegheny, we work with consumer-members who volunteer to shift their electric use away from peak periods. This, in turn, lowers the amount of expensive power that must be purchased on the open market.

And those savings flow directly back to members like you. It's a practical example of cooperation among cooperatives: small actions, taken together, to produce real savings.

Affordability doesn't end with managing costs. It also means returning value when expenses are lower than expected.

Because electric cooperatives are not for profit, we have no incentive to collect more than is necessary to deliver safe, reliable electricity. Any margins remaining after covering operating costs are assigned to members as capital credits. As the cooperative's financial position allows, those capital credits are retired and returned directly to members — either as bill credits or checks.

This is a fundamental difference between cooperatives and investor owned utilities. Instead of profits leaving the community to pay shareholders, margins stay local and are eventually returned to the people who paid them in the first place.

At the heart of all these efforts is the cooperative business model itself.

Electric cooperatives exist for one reason: to serve their members. Boards are elected from the community. Directors live where you live. Decisions are made locally, focused on safety, reliability, and affordability — not on maximizing profits.

Through PREA and Allegheny, cooperatives also come together to share resources, expertise, and long term planning. This model has delivered value for nearly 100 years and continues to prove itself in an increasingly complex energy landscape.

For co-ops, affordability is more than a buzzword: It means keeping the lights on without stretching the budgets of our friends, neighbors, and families even further. While we can't control every factor that affects energy costs, we can control how we plan, how we invest and how we work together.

That's our commitment to you: thoughtful decisions, long term planning and a cooperative approach that puts members first.



**Central Electric Cooperative**

You're Invited to CEC's

# Annual Business Meeting

Wednesday  
**August 5, 2026**  
 6 p.m.  
**A.C. Valley Elementary School**

RSVP at @central.coop

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## SENIOR LEADERSHIP

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- Fred E. Terwilliger** | *Assistant General Manager/COO*

# 2026 Director Candidates' Biographies



## **Butler County: Mark Greiner of Butler**

Mr. Greiner has been a CEC member since 2016. He is currently employed with WoodmenLife and has spent the past five years in the insurance industry, assisting individuals and families in the Butler, Pennsylvania area in finding plans that best meet their needs. He is a graduate of Refrigeration School Inc. in Arizona and later earned an associate's degree in theology from Christ for the Nations in Texas. Actively involved in the Butler community, Mr. Greiner serves with the Butler Chamber of Commerce, Knoch Wrestling Boosters, and the Saxonburg Area Business Association. He is also a member of Butler's WoodmenLife fraternal organization.



## **Butler County: Todd Shingleton of Slippery Rock**

Mr. Shingleton has been a CEC member since 1985. Prior to his retirement, he spent 40 years with Wabtec (Westinghouse Air Brake Technologies Corporation), where he served as Corporate Vice President of Global Security and worked extensively in Corporate Environmental Health and Safety. His career responsibilities included labor relations, workers' compensation, mergers and acquisitions, and employee relations. His five years of service in U.S. Coast Guard Aviation laid the foundation for a successful career in safety, management, and business leadership. In addition to his corporate experience, he is an entrepreneur who founded two local businesses: Playthings Etc. and T2 Boats LLC.



## **Butler County: Timothy Edmonds of Chicora**

Mr. Edmonds has been a CEC member since 2000. He retired from General Logistics Systems North America, Inc., where he served as Vice President of Contractor Relations for two years, following a distinguished 30 year career with FedEx. He completed coursework in Business, Psychology, Economics, and Spanish from the University of Wisconsin and later pursued engineering studies at Moraine Park Technical College. He then earned a Master's Certificate in Building Strategic Business Skills from Duquesne University. He has demonstrated long-standing leadership, having served for ten years on the Board of Directors of the Oshkosh B'Gosh Credit Union, through 1989. He also served on CEC's Member Aware Advisory Committee (MAAC) for the 2024-2025 term.



## **Armstrong County: Nancy Lendyak of East Brady**

Mrs. Lendyak has been a CEC member since 1978 and was elected to the board in 2014. Nancy served as Board President from 2021 through 2023. In Aug. 2022, she earned her Director Gold Credentials. Mrs. Lendyak has a Master's Equivalency from Clarion University. She is a retired Karns City teacher. She volunteers for the National Park Service/President's Park, Sugarcreek Township VFD Auxiliary and Butler County Symphony. Nancy served an 8 year term as a Clarion University Alumni Board Director. Nancy and her husband, Tom, reside in Armstrong County. They have three children and nine grandchildren.

# Extreme Heat Safety

by Izzy Cellucci, Communication Representative

Extreme heat can put serious stress on the body and if it can't cool itself effectively, it can be disastrous. Normally, sweating helps regulate body temperature, but in very hot or humid conditions, that cooling process may not work fast enough. This can cause your body temperature to rise too quickly and increase the risk of heat-related illnesses like heat exhaustion and heat stroke. The chart below shows the signs of heat-related illnesses to help you stay safe and act fast when needed. Stay cool and stay hydrated this summer!

"Heat-Related Illness Signs" Chart Sources: CDC, NOAA, Heat.gov

Heat Exhaustion	Heat Stroke
<p><b>ACT FAST</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Move to a cooler area</li> <li>• Loosen clothing</li> <li>• Sip cool water</li> <li>• Seek medical help if symptoms don't improve</li> </ul>	<p><b>ACT FAST</b></p> <p><b>CALL 911</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Move person to cooler area</li> <li>• Loosen clothing and remove extra layers</li> <li>• Cool with water or ice</li> </ul>
<p><b>Dizziness</b></p> <p><b>Thirst</b></p> <p><b>Heavy Sweating</b></p> <p><b>Nausea</b></p> <p><b>Weakness</b></p>	<p><b>Confusion</b></p> <p><b>Dizziness</b></p> <p><b>Becomes Unconscious</b></p>
<p><i>Heat Exhaustion can lead to heat stroke.</i></p> <p><i>Heat Stroke can cause death or permanent disability if emergency treatment is not given.</i></p>	



**Role:** Chief Meter Serviceman  
**Employee Since:** November 2020

## Employee Spotlight: Logan Hurrelbrink

- What is something you're most proud of?** My 3 daughters.
- What was your first job?** Working with my grandpa on oil wells.
- What is one of your hobbies outside of work?** I enjoy archery hunting, fishing, and truck pulling.
- Do you have any pets?** I have an Australian Shepherd named Rip.
- What is your least favorite food?** Mushrooms.

# You're Invited to CEC's 89th Annual Meeting

CEC will host its 89th Annual Meeting of the Members on Wednesday, August 5, at Allegheny-Clarion Valley Elementary School in Foxburg, PA. Doors will open at 5:00 p.m., with the official business meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m.

This year's event will follow a format like last year's meeting and will once again take place in the elementary school's air-conditioned cafeteria, providing a comfortable setting for attendees.

Members who attend can expect an informative and engaging evening, including:

- Announcement of official board election results
- Remarks from our CEO and General Manager
- A question-and-answer session
- Valuable educational information

Light refreshments will be available, and the educational center will be open from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. As an added incentive, members who attend the business meeting will receive a bill credit. Attendees will also have the opportunity to win Visa gift cards.

Members are encouraged to participate by submitting questions in advance. Questions can be sent by mailing the provided ticket or by completing the form available on the Annual Business Meeting page on CEC's website.

We hope to see a great turnout on August 5 at the Annual Meeting!



## Submit a Question to be Addressed at the Annual Business Meeting

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ CEC Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Question: \_\_\_\_\_



## How to Be Efficient and Stay Comfortable in Extreme Heat

by Connie Long, Member Energy Specialist

**W**hen the summer heat turns your neighborhood into a literal oven, survival mode kicks in. Usually, that means sprinting to the thermostat and cranking the AC down to a crisp 65°F. But letting your HVAC run a marathon isn't just brutal for your electric bill, it also puts strain on the local grid.

The good news? You don't have to sweat through your shirt just to save a buck. You can totally stay comfortable without turning your home into an energy hog. Here is how to play it smart when the weather gets wild.

### Block the Heat at the Border

The easiest way to stay cool is to keep the sun's rays from invading your space in the first place.

- Hack your blinds: About 30% of unwanted indoor heat comes right through your windows. Keep those curtains closed during peak afternoon hours. Light-colored or thermal blinds work like a charm to bounce that heat right back outside.
- Flip your fans: Double-check that your ceiling fans are rotating counterclockwise. This creates a nice breeze that cools your body, making the room feel about 4 degrees cooler than it is. Just remember fans cool people, not rooms, so turn them off when you leave!

### Play the Thermostat Game

Instead of changing the thermostat up and down, choose one comfortable setting and leave it there. For better efficiency, try setting your thermostat to about 78°F. That may sound warm, but lower humidity can make it feel much more comfortable. To help with that, avoid adding extra moisture during the day and save hot showers, laundry, and dishwashing for the cooler evening hours.

### Stop Cooking Your House

Every time you turn on the oven or stove, you're basically fighting your own AC. It's a battle your wallet will lose. Instead of baking a casserole, embrace low-heat living. Fire up the outdoor grill, use an air fryer, or let a slow cooker do the heavy lifting.

Bonus points if you finally swap out those old incandescent lightbulbs for LEDs. Old bulbs are basically tiny, glowing space heaters; LEDs stay completely cool to the touch.

## Member Photo Contest Voting

Don't forget to vote for your favorite photos for the 2026 Photo Contest! The top three winners will receive a prize: a \$100 bill credit for first place, a \$50 bill credit for second place, and a \$25 bill credit for third place.

**Members can vote for their favorite photos on our website from now until July 30.** Then voting begins for the top three photos from July 31 and ends October 16. Members will also have the opportunity to vote for the top three photos using a ballot in the September issue of this newsletter.

Winning photos will appear on CEC's website and in future publications of this newsletter. Winners will be announced in late October.

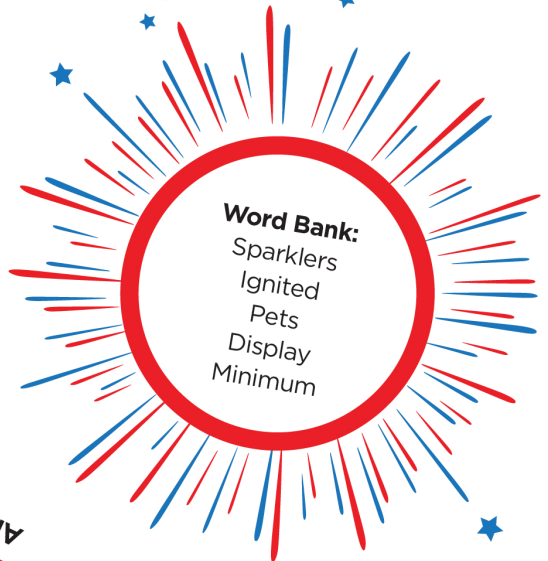


# Fill-in-the-Blank: Fireworks Safety Tips

Holidays like the Fourth of July and other celebrations can be fun times with great memories. But everyone should practice safety near fireworks. Read the safety tips below, then fill in the blanks with the correct answer in the word bank.



1. The best way to stay safe is to never use fireworks at home. Instead, attend a public \_\_\_\_\_ and leave fireworks to the pros.
2. Watch fireworks from a \_\_\_\_\_ of 500 feet away from where they are launched.
3. Never touch or pick up pieces of fireworks or duds as they may still be \_\_\_\_\_ or could explode at any time.
4. Remember, \_\_\_\_\_ are not toys and can reach 2,000 degrees F. Use glow sticks instead.
5. Think about \_\_\_\_\_ when fireworks are nearby. It's best to leave them indoors to reduce the risk of them running away or being injured.



**Word Bank:**  
 Sparklers  
 Ignited  
 Pets  
 Display  
 Minimum

Answer Key: 1) display 2) minimum 3) Ignited 4) Sparklers 5) Pets



From the Kitchen of:  
Daryl Kemerer

RECIPE: **HEALTHY TRAIL MIX**

Send your own recipe to:

Izzy Cellucci; icellucci@central.coop or mail to P.O. Box 329,  
Parker, PA 16049

INGREDIENTS:

4 parts nuts (peanuts or almonds)

1 part dried cranberries

1 part sunflower seeds

1 part dark chocolate chips



INSTRUCTIONS:

Mix everything together and enjoy!



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IN CONTROL.**

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