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# Power Lines



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## Cautiously Optimistic

*by Matthew Boshaw, CEO & General Manager*

As I write this article, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has recently lifted most pandemic restrictions, with the exception of the mask mandate for unvaccinated people. They have further announced that, provided conditions do not change dramatically, the mask mandate would be lifted at a 70 percent vaccination rate among adults or June 28, whichever comes first.

While removal of restrictions has been welcomed by everyone, the real good news is the decreasing case and death rates in our area, in the commonwealth, and in the nation. Levels are, again — as I write this, the lowest they have been since the beginning of the pandemic. They have remained on a steady decline for weeks after the last small “surge” in April.

At Central Electric Cooperative (CEC), we have been cautious

throughout the pandemic and have followed the guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as they were adopted by the commonwealth. I will not be so arrogant as to declare victory or the pandemic over, but I will say that our approach, while perhaps overly conservative, has thus far allowed us to meet our primary goal throughout — to maintain a healthy and available workforce to maintain the essential service of electricity to you, our members. While we did experience small outbreaks and the additional loss of workforce associated with the subsequent required quarantines of close contacts, we have been able to avoid the catastrophic loss of employees for an extended period. This was not by accident or luck. We had employees work from home when practical. We staggered start times and limited in-person interactions

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between employees. We did daily health screenings, wore masks, and maintained physical distancing — all to maintain our workforce availability.

Based upon your own experiences regarding restrictions during the pandemic either at work or in the public, you understand how these measures made it difficult to perform the simplest of things. We have all experienced additional stressors that are completely unrelated to our actual work. With that in mind, I hope you will join me in showing appreciation to the efforts of your Cooperative's staff in navigating this process and thus far meeting our goal of maintaining a healthy and available workforce on your behalf.

We remain cautiously optimistic that the trends will continue, and the pandemic will continue to wane. Some other countries are still struggling at much higher levels of transmission and lower levels of vaccination — illustrating the possibility of resurgence if we let our guard down too quickly — but all indications are that our efforts are working.

Over the next few months, CEC will continue our measured return to more normal operations as the restrictions allow. We look forward to getting back out into the communities we serve and providing safety presentations, participating with organizations, and just seeing all of you again. We will be slowly taking these steps, so we do not undo all the good we have done by rushing to

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Matt Boshaw, CEO &  
General Manager

the finish line. We appreciate your continued willingness to work with us cooperatively throughout the rest of this shared pandemic experience. We have been, and continue to be, in this together and our singular goal remains the same — to maintain a healthy and available workforce to serve you.

### **Vote for Our Photo Contest!**

Vote for the top five photos in our Photo Contest at [www.central.coop](http://www.central.coop).

Online only voting will take place from June 18 to July 30.

Voting for the three winning photos begins on Aug. 6 and ends Oct. 15.

Members without the Internet will be able to vote through the September issue of this newsletter.

A big thank you and good luck to everyone who entered this year's contest!

**When you hear a  
Peak Alert  
reduce electric use.**

**Help us help you save!**

Visit [www.central.coop](http://www.central.coop) for more information.

## 2021 Annual Meeting

As another reminder, CEC has canceled its traditional annual meeting event at Whitehall Camp. However, the director election and a nonpublic, annual business meeting will still take place.

You will still receive a ballot in July and this ballot has been expanded to allow for participation within the business meeting. **To encourage participation, CEC will hold a drawing for 20 \$100 bill credits for members who submit a ballot (hard copy or digital). The level at which you complete the ballot does not determine your eligibility, just that you submit it.** The winners of the bill credits will be posted to CEC's website after being announced at the 2021 annual meeting.

Results from the ballot will be pronounced at the nonpublic, annual business meeting on Aug. 20 at 6:30 p.m. at CEC's headquarters in Parker.

Additionally, if you have any questions you'd like addressed at the annual business meeting,

please share them either by completing the form below or visiting CEC's website.

After the meeting, all results will be posted to CEC's website. A recording of the meeting will also be available for members to view.

For additional information, please visit the annual meeting page of CEC's website.

### Submit a Question for the Nonpublic, Business Meeting

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

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

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

If you need more space, please submit through [www.central.coop](http://www.central.coop) or include additional sheets.



## The Safety Linke



*Don't be a stranger, to electrical danger.*

### UV Safety

Many of us spend the better part of the year looking forward to the summer months. The sunny weather inspires vacation plans, outdoor activities, summer festivals, and trips to the pool or beach. With so many activities packed in, it is easy to overlook things. One of the most important things to remember when planning to be outside in the summer is how to protect yourself from ultraviolet (UV) rays.

As we enjoy the beautiful summertime weather, we need to keep in mind that overexposure to the sun can lead to a variety of health risks.



Manager of Safety & Loss Control

**Dylan Linke**

There are two main types of UV light: UVA and UVB. UVA can make the skin leathery and wrinkly in appearance and UVB is what gives you your sunburn. Plus, both can contribute to certain skin cancers. (An easy way to remember: "A" is for aging and "B" is for burning.)

UV light can be harmful to the skin as many of us know who have been badly sunburned. However, it can also be very bad for our eyes. Eye structures such as the cornea, retina, and lens are also damaged from UV radiation making protecting your eyes also vital. So, make sure to wear your sunglasses.

## Meet Forest County's New Board Representative

Earlier this year, CEC announced it would appoint a new board representative to fill the seat vacated by Bette Walters' passing. At that time, all Forest County members interested were encouraged to apply. Five candidates applied for consideration and after an extensive selection process, Dr. A. John Campbell was appointed to CEC's Board of Directors as the new Forest County representative.

Dr. Campbell has been a CEC member since 1995 and has a background in both electrical engineering and dentistry. He was an electrical engineer full-time and as a consultant for over 20 years. He also ran a family dentistry practice in Fryburg for almost 30 years.

In his free time, Dr. Campbell enjoys the outdoors and wood working. He also volunteers

with a variety of organizations.

Dr. Campbell and his wife, Beverly, reside in Tionesta where they maintain their tree farm, orchard, and raise labrador retrievers. They have three children and nine grandchildren.

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Campbell to CEC's Board of Directors.

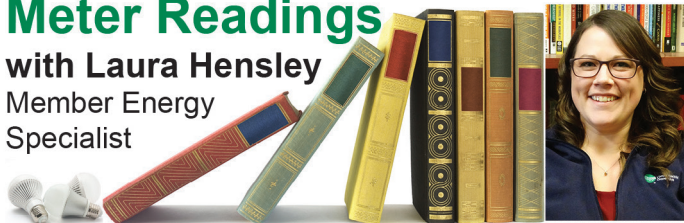
To learn more about Dr. Campbell, please visit CEC's website.



## Meter Readings

with Laura Hensley

Member Energy Specialist



Most CEC members cool their homes with something more than just fans during the hot summer months. The cost of cooling a home can range quite a bit based on how you do it and the home itself. Regardless of how you cool your home, there are some tried and true ways to help your home cooling equipment run more efficiently.

- Clean or replace filters monthly, especially in high usage months, or as recommended by the manufacturer.
- Keep window coverings closed during the day to block sunlight from heating up your home.
- Seal and insulate your home and duct work to eliminate wasted energy from cooling equipment.
- Utilize exhaust fans in kitchens and bathrooms

## Air Conditioning Efficiency

to remove humidity from cooking or bathing.

- Seal-up leaky windows and replace older, single-pane windows to prevent conditioned air from escaping.
- Keep the equipment clean. Take time to regularly clean the grills, coils, and fins of your unit safely and thoroughly.
- Schedule a yearly tune-up for permanent HVAC equipment and replace older, inefficient window units.
- Set the thermostat as high as comfortable — 78 degrees when possible. Programmable thermostats allow you to easily adjust your temp when you are away from home or overnight. Many window units are also now programmable or can be set on timers.

If you in the market for new home cooling equipment, the easiest way to be sure you are purchasing an energy efficient option is to look for the Energy Star logo.



## Nominees for Election to the Board of Directors Clarion County



**Jody P. Weaver,**  
Incumbent Nominee, Fryburg

Mr. Weaver has been a CEC member since 1976. He was appointed to CEC's board in 2008 and is working to renew his Director Gold Cooperative Certificate.

Mr. Weaver is retired from First United National Bank in Fryburg and currently serves on their board. He is treasurer of the Cook Forest Easter Sunrise Committee and a member of Clarion First UM Church. He and his wife Becki, of 45 years, have two daughters and twin grandsons.



**Bob Gourley,**  
New Bethlehem

Mr. Gourley has been a CEC member since 1978. He earned his MBA from Gannon U and has been successful in numerous business endeavors. He is married to Sue Faraone; they have three adult children and one grandbaby. The Gourleys reside in Porter Township, Clarion County. Bob has served on the Redbank Valley School Board, IU 6 board, Clarion County Career Center board, volunteered coaching young athletes, and taught classes at Butler Community College.

## Venango County



**Kenneth D. Etzel,**  
Incumbent Nominee, Seneca

Mr. Etzel has been a CEC member since 1973. He was elected to CEC's board in 2013, currently serves as vice president, and is working to renew his Director Gold Cooperative Certificate.

Mr. Etzel retired from Franklin Area High School and currently runs a hobby farm with his wife. He has served on a variety of community and church boards and is presently on the Zoning Hearing Board and Vacancy Board for Cranberry Township.

**More information  
on candidates  
is available at  
[www.central.coop](http://www.central.coop).**

### Use Your Voice — Vote for Your Directors!

A cooperative is owned and democratically controlled by the people who use its services. Each member has one vote regardless of their stake; that is, members cannot buy more control than anyone else. This stands in stark contrast to investor-owned businesses where only shareholders have a vote in how the business is run; and even among shareholders, some have more votes than others. CEC has always operated under the principles of democracy, and we are dedicated to fulfilling that promise as we serve members today and in the future.

## Recipe of the Month

### Fresh Corn Fritters

**Ingredients:**

- 3/4 cup flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 2 cups fresh corn kernels (can substitute with canned corn)
- 1/4 cup butter, melted
- 2 eggs

**Directions:**

Sift dry ingredients together; mix in corn. Beat together melted butter and eggs. Add two mixtures together. Heat small amount of butter or oil in a skillet. Drop fritter batter by spoonfuls into hot butter or oil and saute until golden brown on both sides. Serves 4-6.

\*These are an excellent accompaniment to pork.

*Thank you to Linda Knott for submitting this recipe!*

## CEC Management Team

Matthew P. Boshaw  
CEO & General Manager

Chester Conti  
Director of Finance and  
Accounting/CFO

Christopher W. Kossman  
Director of Information Technology

Stephanie Deal  
Director of Human Resources

Fred E. Terwilliger  
Assistant General Manager/COO

Lisa A. Hoover  
Director of Member Services

## Read Power Lines and Win!

Last Issue's Winner:

**Thomas Nebel of Butler**

Last Issue's E-Winner:

**Kenneth Lutz of Lucinda**

Read Power Lines for a chance to win a \$25 credit on your monthly electric bill by completing and returning the quiz below. You can also have a chance at another \$25 bill credit by submitting a quiz online at [www.central.coop](http://www.central.coop).

If you don't have access to the Internet, indicate that on the quiz and we'll also enter you in the online drawing. Just complete and enclose the quiz and personal information below and return it with your monthly payment.

**1. True or False:** There are three main types of UV light.

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

**2. True or False:** If you submit a CEC ballot, you will have a chance at winning a \$100 bill credit.

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

**3. True or False:** Keeping your cooling equipment clean will help them run more efficiently, thereby saving you money.

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

**How are we doing?** (no wrong answer)

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

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

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