


## Old Fashioned Cheesecake

1 10" graham cracker crust  
1 8 oz. and one 1 oz. package of cream cheese (softened)  
3/4 cup sugar  
1 1/2 Tbsp. lemon juice  
1/2 tsp. vanilla flavoring  
Dash of salt  
3 eggs  
Fresh fruit or fruit topping optional

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. In a bowl, combine cream cheese, sugar, lemon juice, salt and vanilla flavoring. Mix until well blended. Add eggs one at a time mixing well after each addition. Remove lid and place graham cracker crust on baking sheet (leave in pie tin). Pour in filling and bake for 30-35 minutes or until inserted knife comes out clean. Let cool. Add fresh fruit or fruit topping (if desired) and serve.



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## FROM THE CEO'S DESK

J. Ronald McElheney

As we begin 2010, it's a good time to look back at the things we accomplished—as well as our challenges—during the past year.

A big part of last year was spent positioning the cooperative to meet the mandates set forth in N.C. Senate Bill 3. This bill spells out things the energy industry must do to meet regulations during the coming years.

One of these mandates is the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (REPS) Rider to help Jones-Onslow comply with Senate Bill 3 requirements. The cooperative implemented this standard in May of last year and customers started seeing additional charges on their monthly electric bills to meet this mandated requirement.

During the year we also began offering additional programs and services to help you, our customers, reduce the amount of energy you use. These programs include offering refunds for installing compact fluorescent lights (CFLs), offering rebates on the Vaughn water heaters that we sell, offering rebates for the purchase of new EnergyStar appliances, and making electric water heater insulation blankets kits available to customers at a reduced cost. More programs are coming in 2010 so keep reading the newsletter or look to [www.joemc.com](http://www.joemc.com) for more information.

We have put an increased emphasis on helping you make the most efficient use of the energy you buy. In November, Jones-Onslow and Touchstone Energy introduced [www.TogetherWeSave.com](http://www.TogetherWeSave.com), an energy-efficiency web site designed to encourage customers to save energy and money by providing very specific directives, accompanied by real savings calculations, on how to take control of their energy costs. These things will help the cooperative meet current legislation, but there are challenges that are still ahead.

Federal legislation is being discussed on Capitol Hill which will impact each of us.

During 2009 we asked you to contact your elected officials to ask them to consider the impact of future energy policy. Two websites were offered to help explain that impact: [www.ourenergy.coop](http://www.ourenergy.coop) and [www.findabalancedsolution.com](http://www.findabalancedsolution.com).

The need to continue this effort will extend in the coming year. We need our representatives in Congress to step in with a long-term, politically and economically sustainable energy and climate change plan—one that takes the interests of consumers and monthly electric bills into consideration. As Congress begins to tackle energy and climate change policy, it is critical that they hear from you.



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## Plans Now Underway For 2010 Annual Meeting...

Plans are now being made for the cooperative's 2010 Annual Meeting of Members.

This year, the event will be held on Friday, March 26, at the American Legion Building at the Onslow County Fairgrounds in Jacksonville. Registration will begin at 5:30pm and the business meeting will get started at 7:00pm.

The Annual Meeting is an event for the entire family. It provides the opportunity for customers to learn firsthand, about the cooperative, the various services offered, and Jones-Onslow's role in making our community a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

Special entertainment will be provided throughout the evening and, as has become a tradition, drawings will be held during the event with hundreds of dollars worth of gifts to be given away.

So make plans for you and your family to attend this year's Annual Meeting of Members.



## ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS

### Want To Visit Our Nation's Capital?

Ready to spend a week this June in the nation's capital with kids from across North Carolina and the United States?

Each year, Jones-Onslow sponsors four rising high school seniors on the Rural Electric Youth Tour. Why? Because the program helps young people learn about cooperatives and the cooperative way of doing business. It also allows the youth to grow in ways we hope will benefit our community. Many of our past youth tour participants have used their experiences to provide leadership when they returned to their schools and communities.

Jones-Onslow's Youth Tour representatives will be chosen through an essay contest with a pre-selected topic. If you're interested in this year's youth tour, contact your high school guidance counselor or call the cooperative office at (910) 353-1940 or (800) 682-1515 and speak with the cooperative's youth tour coordinator, Paula Redick.

# Ways To Save On Your Winter Energy Bills...

We use energy every day, whether we're at home, school, work, or play. Unfortunately, much of the energy we use is wasted due to inefficiency.

Using energy wisely means we conserve energy. There are a number of simple steps we can take to conserve energy and help reduce monthly power bills. Here are a few ways to use energy more wisely this winter:

- \$ Turn down your thermostat to the lowest comfortable setting.
- \$ Use blankets or quilts for sleeping comfort and to allow a lower nighttime thermostat setting.
- \$ Turn down the temperature of your water heater to the warm setting (around 120° F). You'll not only save energy, you'll avoid scalding your hands. Be sure to turn off power to the unit before making adjustments.
- \$ Only use dishwashers, washing machines and dryers when you have a full load. Use energy-savings settings on appliances where available.
- \$ Open window shades to take advantage of the heat from natural sunlight. Prune trees or shrubs that block the sun from your home during the winter.
- \$ Survey your incandescent lights for opportunities to replace them with compact fluorescents. These lamps can save three-quarters of the electricity used by incandescents. The best targets are 60- to 100-watt bulbs used several hours or more a day.
- \$ Properly seal the largest air leaks in your house—the ones that whistle on windy days or feel drafty. The worst culprits are usually not windows and doors, but cut-throughs for pipes (plumbing penetrations), gaps around chimneys, unfinished spaces behind cupboard and closets, etc.



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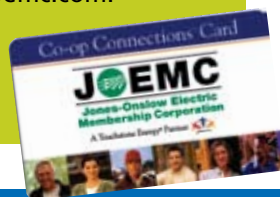


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## Could your business use some free advertising?

If so, Co-op Connections is for you...Simply agree to offer a discount to any Jones-Onslow customer with a Co-op Connections Card and in return we'll promote your business on our web site and in this newsletter. We'll help market your business to all of the Jones-Onslow customers in our community (that's more than 60,000). To find out more about Co-op Connections, contact Paula Redick, program coordinator, at (910) 577-6350 or predick@joemc.com.



# 2010 Nominating Committee

A Nominating Committee has been selected for the purpose of nominating individuals for election to the position of Director in Districts One, Two and Three. This committee is scheduled to meet in February 2010. The committee's names and addresses are as follows:

District One	District Two	District Three
Mr. Robert (Bobby) Edens P.O. Box 155 Sneads Ferry, N.C. 28460-0155	Mr. W.C. Jarman 198 Thomas Loop Road Jacksonville, N.C. 28540-8518	Mr. William Haddock 2314 Wyse Fork Road Trenton, N.C. 28585
Mrs. Linda Kellum 1446 Kellum Loop Road Jacksonville, N.C. 28546	Mrs. Pansy Horne 1810 Haw Branch Road Beulaville, N.C. 28518	Mrs. Judy Smith 3167 NC Highway 58 North Trenton, N.C. 28585
Mr. Bobby Provost 178 Great Neck Landing Road Hubert, N.C. 28539	Mr. Tony Padgett 391 Foy Lockamy Road Jacksonville, N.C. 28540	Mrs. Eula M. Koonce 7224 NC Highway 41 West Trenton, N.C. 28585

## Summary Of Bylaws Pertaining To The Annual Meeting...

Any natural person, firm, association, corporation, business trust, partnership or body politic shall be eligible to become a member of, and, at one or more premises owned or directly occupied or used by him, to receive service from Jones-Onslow Electric Membership Corporation. No person shall hold more than one membership in the cooperative.

An Annual Meeting of the members, for the purpose of electing directors, hearing and passing upon reports covering the previous fiscal year, and transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting, shall be held on the last Friday of the month of March of each year. Provided, that for good cause, the Board of Directors may fix a different date for such Annual Meeting not more than thirty (30) days prior or subsequent to the date established for such meeting in this Section.

Attendance in person of at least two percent (2%) of the then total members of the cooperative shall be required for the transaction of business at any meeting of the members. If less than a quorum is present at a meeting, a majority of those present in person may adjourn the meeting to another time and date.

The election of directors shall be completed at each legal meeting by the members. The business and affairs of the cooperative shall be managed by a Board of eleven (11) Directors, which shall exercise all the powers of the cooperative except such as are by law or by the cooperative's Articles of Incorporation, or Bylaws conferred upon or reserved to the members.

The cooperative's eleven (11) Directors shall be so nominated and elected that, at least three (3), but no more than four (4), shall be residents of each of the cooperative's three (3) Directorate Districts.

It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to appoint, not less than fifty (50) nor more than one hundred fifty (150) days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting of Members, at which directors are to be elected, a Nominating Committee, consisting of three (3) members from each of the cooperative's three (3) Directorate Districts, and who are members of the

cooperative, but are not incumbent directors or close relatives thereof. The Nominating Committee will nominate members for the Directorate District seats which are up for election each year. Voting by proxy will not be permitted.

Any two percent (2%) or more members of the Cooperative, acting together, may make additional nominations in writing over their signature, listing their nominee(s) in like manner and filing the same with the Cooperative not less than thirty-five (35) days prior to the meeting of members. The Committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the cooperative, at least twenty (20) days before the meeting, a list of nominations for directors to be elected. Should there be two or more candidates for the same Directorate seat then elections will be held by mail ballot. The ballots will be mailed in the Official Notice.

A Credentials and Election Committee of at least five (5), and no more than thirteen (13), shall be appointed by the Board at least ten (10) days before any meeting of members. It shall be the responsibility of the Committee to pass upon all questions that may arise with respect to the registration of members in person, to count all ballots cast in any election, unless delegated by the Board to an independent auditor, or in any other ballot vote taken, and to rule upon the effect of any ballots irregularly marked. The Committee's decisions on all such matters shall be final.

Each member who is not in a state of suspension, shall be entitled to one vote and no more upon each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the members. A member, which is an association, corporation, business trust or body politic may be present in person and vote at such meeting by and through a duly designated representative, qualified as such upon registering for the meeting. At all meetings of the members, at which a quorum is present, all questions shall be decided by a majority of the members voting thereon, in person, except as otherwise provided by law or by the cooperative's Certificate of Incorporation or Bylaws.