


Cream Cheese Cake



2 cans crescent rolls
1 package (8 oz) cream cheese
1 cup powdered sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 stick margarine, melted
Brown sugar and cinnamon

Spread 1 can of crescent rolls in ungreased 9"x13" pan. Cream together the cream cheese, powdered sugar, and vanilla; spread over the crescent rolls. Spread the other can of crescent rolls over the cream cheese mixture. Pour the stick of melted margarine over the top of the crescent rolls. Sprinkle with lots of brown sugar and cinnamon. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Great breakfast treat!



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FROM THE CEO'S DESK...

J. Ronald McElheney

Electric cooperatives, like Jones-Onslow EMC, are different from other businesses you deal with. To tell you the truth, I like being different. And the fact that you're reading this article shows you like that difference, too.

We're different because we're *Looking Out for You*. Now, more than ever, that's important because we need to work together to keep your electric bills affordable.

Congress failed to pass a comprehensive climate bill last year. In January the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency began regulating greenhouse gases—an action made possible by a 2007 Supreme Court decision, followed by rulings allowing the EPA to use the Clean Air Act to curb carbon emissions. Policies dealing with coal ash, even more stringent controls on other power plant emissions, and state renewable energy requirements could also lead to higher costs. It's hard to predict the future, but one thing seems certain: government regulations are going to increase the cost of doing business.

New regulations won't be the only culprit. Prices for fuel, materials, and equipment will continue to rise. Although the recent economic slump and corresponding drop in electricity use provided some much-needed breathing room, soon we will need to build new power plants, requiring a significant, long-term investment of time and money.

We're committed to keeping you informed about policy changes that will impact your electric bill through channels like this newsletter and our web site (www.joemc.com). We're going to do everything we can to keep your electric bills affordable.

We're controlling costs through innovation. Deploying state-of-the-art solutions helps us control operating costs and improve service reliability.

Our energy efficiency programs which include the CFL Program, Energy Star Appliance Rebate/Credit Program, and the Water Heater Wrap Program help you manage your energy use. Additionally, Touchstone Energy's web site TogetherWeSave.com shows how little changes like sealing your air ducts, replacing old appliances, or improving your home's insulation can add up to big savings on your electric bill. We also offer home and online energy audits to make sure you're getting the best value out of the energy you use every month.

While we're affordable and innovative, above all else we're customer focused. No matter what comes our way we'll continue to put you first. Costs are rising for all of us, but when it comes to your electric bill, our rates are set simply to cover the cost of doing business, not to generate profits for distant stockholders. In fact, we give money back to you (in the form of capital credits each year and the current WPTA credit on your bill).

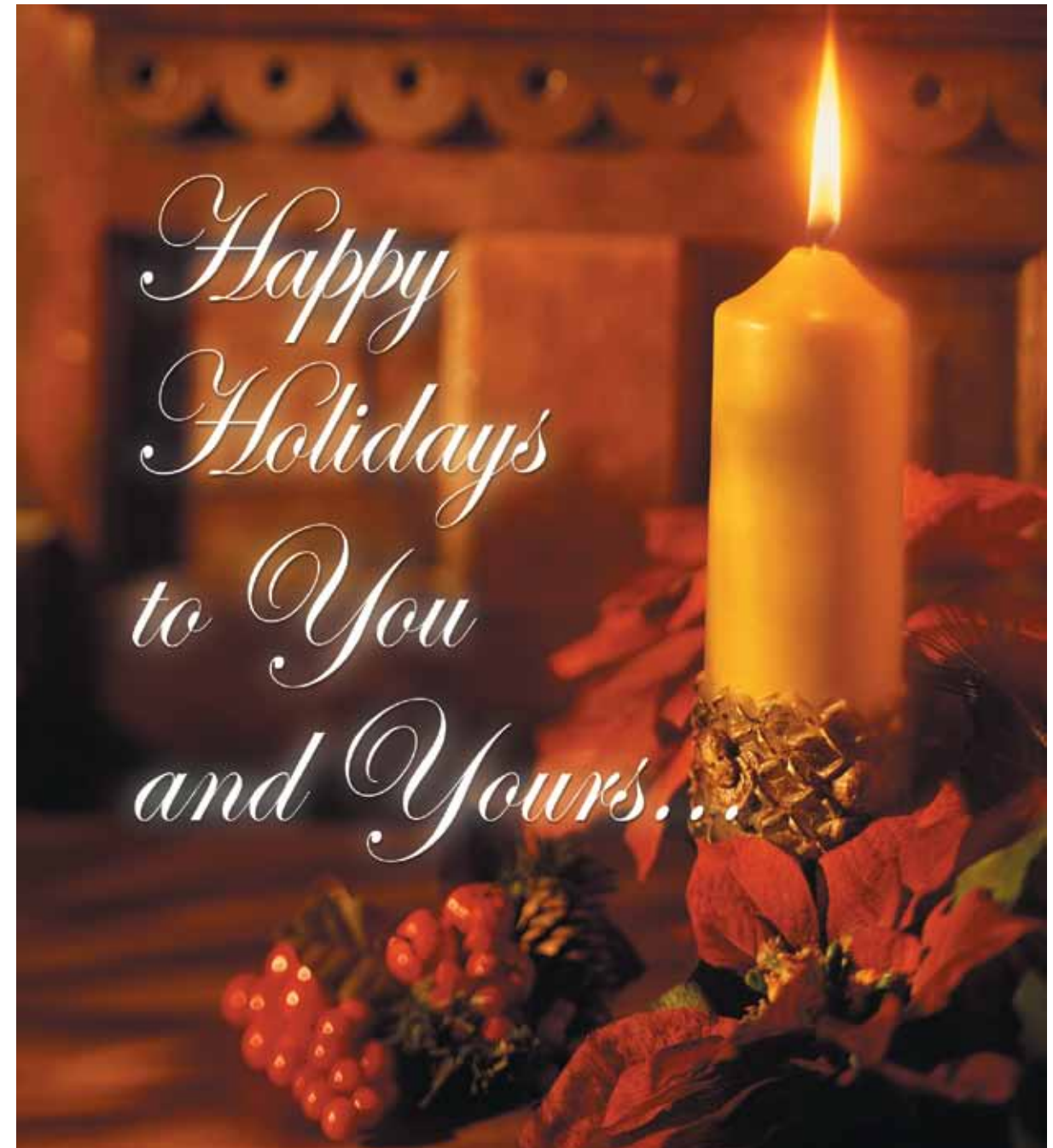
As you can see, we're different. We're working to keep your electric bills affordable. We're controlling costs through innovation. And we're continuing to put you, our customers, first. No matter what the future brings, one thing is certain. *We're Looking Out for You.*



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Community Action Agencies Continue Weatherization Assistance Programs

Funding is still available to help many Americans weatherize homes and make energy efficiency improvements. With the federal economic stimulus package, additional funding was granted to the Weatherization Assistance Program to help those with modest incomes find ways to save energy and lower their electric bills.

The federal stimulus package increased eligibility from 150% to 200% of the federal poverty level—to \$21,660 for a single-person household and \$44,100 for a family of four.

Those who qualify for the assistance program receive a professional energy consultation and upgrades such as proper insulation for walls, floors and attic, and possible replacement or repair of malfunctioning heating and cooling systems.

Once submitted, your application, along with others will be reviewed and assessed for eligibility. The process could take several months.

For additional details about the program, visit www.eere.energy.gov/weatherization.

Where To Apply

Listed below are agencies that offer assistance with the Weatherization Program for counties that are part of Jones-Onslow's service area.

Coastal Community Action, Inc. manages the program in *Onslow* and *Duplin* counties. For assistance call (252) 223-1630.

Twin Rivers Opportunities, Inc. manages the program in *Jones* and *Craven* counties. For more information call (252) 637-3599.

Four County Community Services manages the program in *Pender* County. For more information call (910) 277-3500.

WAGES, Inc. manages the program in *Lenoir* County. For weatherization program assistance call (919) 734-1178.

JOEMC Lineman Competes In Pole Top Rescue Competition

David Raynor, a journeyman lineman with Jones-Onslow EMC, had the honor of competing in the 12th Pole Top Rescue Competition for North Carolina's electric cooperatives. Raynor has been with Jones-Onslow for over 10 years.

Raynor performed, along with 24 other electric cooperative line workers from North Carolina, on October 13 at the state competition. The event was held on the lawn of North Carolina's electric cooperatives' headquarters building in Raleigh.

Pole Top Rescue competitors participate in a scenario where they must complete a series of events, including placing an emergency radio call, donning climbing gear, scaling 20 feet up a utility pole, rigging a rope, lowering a 105-pound mannequin and beginning CPR.


This year's competition had two categories based on the type of fall restraints used by the competitors. Both categories used 100 percent fall protection but there were differences in how the competitors were secured to the pole. One group secured themselves in the traditional way with a lifeline and life hook, while the other group used personal fall restraints that protect from falls during the ascent and descent.

Raynor competed in the personal fall restraints category against 12 other linemen. He finishing the drill in 2 minutes and 45 seconds.


To see the procedure that was performed at the competition, go to www.joemc.com and look for the news article about Raynor and the video link.



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2. Rearrange your furniture — move it away from heating vents and push your most frequently used furniture away from exterior walls.
3. Open drapes and blinds — let the warm sun in during the day. Close them when it gets dark.
4. Wear a sweater — wearing thicker clothes will let you lower the thermostat a few degrees.
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