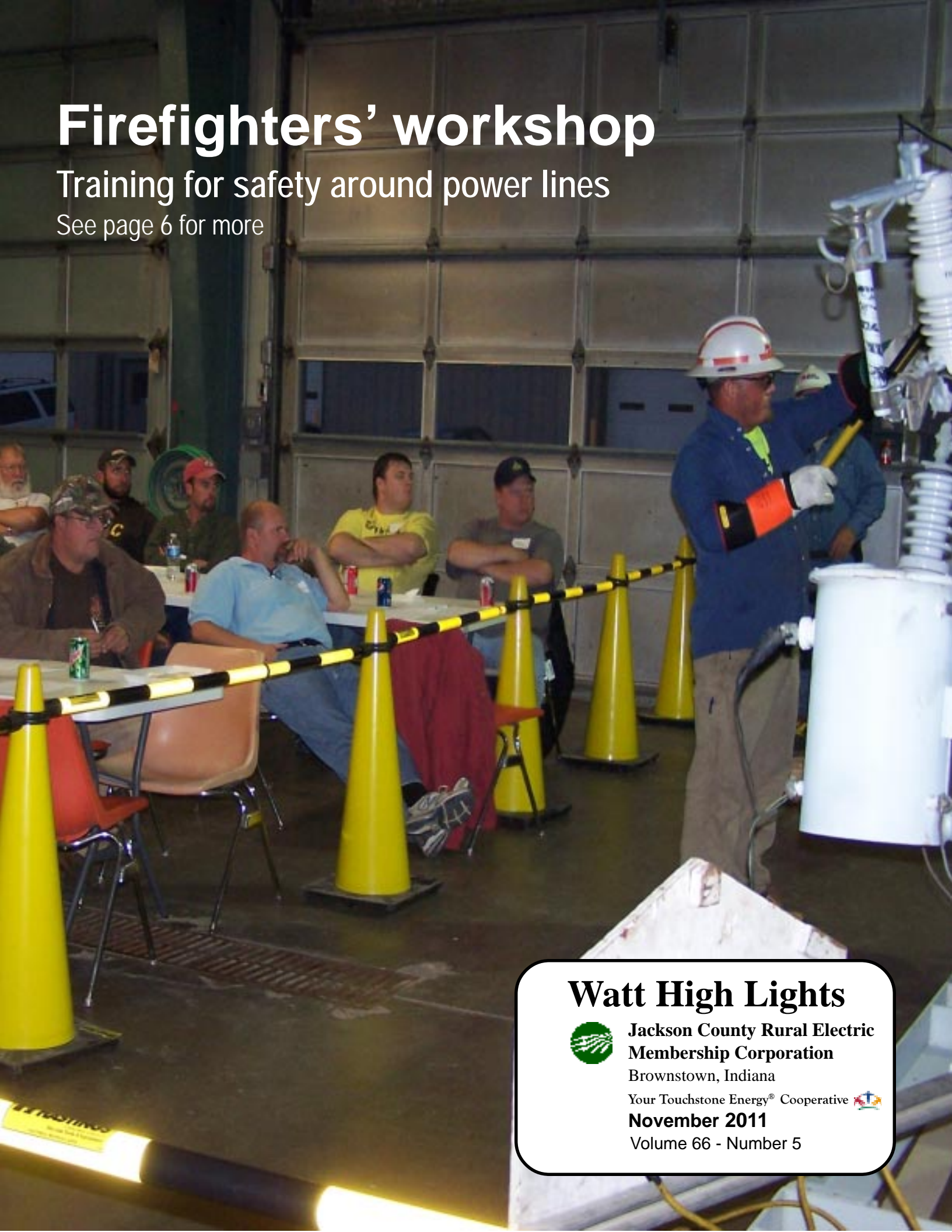


# Firefighters' workshop

Training for safety around power lines

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### OUR COVER

Duke Energy Line Specialist Tyler \_\_\_\_\_ (right) helped demonstrate the dangers of coming in contact with live power lines to a group of more than 50 firefighters and law enforcement officers at the REMC's annual firefighters' workshop on October 27. The program is part of the cooperative's community outreach efforts.

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## Keeping our balance with renewable resources

It's essential that we have dependable electricity today, while keeping the environment bright for the next generation. Keeping the right mix of traditional and renewable energy resources is quite a challenge, but it's one we're carefully balancing.

Today, about 3 percent of our power comes from renewables. These "green" resources include wind, hydropower and landfill methane generation. Our power supplier, Hoosier Energy, has several more renewable energy projects in the works that could soon more than double the power available from renewable sources.

While using renewable energy is an important part of our future, it's only one aspect of providing reliable, affordable electricity. A diverse mix of power generation is necessary to meet the energy needs of Indiana.

By joining the Team Up To Power Down effort, you can learn more about renewable energy and other current issues in the electric utility industry. The first step is to go to [www.facebook.com/TeamUpToPowerDown](http://www.facebook.com/TeamUpToPowerDown) and click "Like."

You'll find simple measures to help you manage how and when you use electricity that could reduce your electricity usage and your power bill.

By taking the right energy efficiency steps to help lower overall demand for power on the coldest and hottest days of the year, you can help delay the need for building additional power plants, saving money on both your current and future bills.

The Team Up To Power Down program is one way that we're using technology and innovative solutions to control costs. As a cooperative, we're also working with our power supplier to help bring you electricity as efficiently as possible.

With your help, we'll keep electricity reliable and affordable – so you can count on it today and in the future. We'll improve the environment and level the demand for power. And that keeps things bright for us all.



# Happy retirement, Brenda!

## Long-time employee Brenda Labie retires after nearly 38 years of service

If you've ever called the REMC office in the past 30 years, chances are you've heard Brenda Labie's voice answering the phone. We'll all miss Brenda's cheery, "Good morning, Jackson County REMC," as she leaves the REMC after nearly 38 years of service. Her last official day was October 31.

Brenda began her career with the cooperative on October 13, 1969, when she started working for the late Fred Schleiter as secretary of the Member Services Department. In addition to her secretarial duties, Brenda also prepared articles for what was then called the "ladies' page" of the "Watt High Lights." She also helped with the production of the newsletter and handled paperwork involved with new services, rebuilds and wiring inspections. Brenda left the REMC on December 15, 1972, to become a stay-at-home mom.

She returned to the REMC on January 23, 1978, when she became the office's main receptionist and assistant to then manager Don Clodfelter. Brenda's job has evolved over the years to include handling our benefits and wellness programs in addition to answering the phone and helping out with billing duties.

We wish you all the best in your retirement, Brenda! May you enjoy good health and happiness with husband Eddie, children Renee and Ryan and your grandchildren for many years to come!!

did you know?

About 3 percent of our power comes from renewable resources - wind, hydropower and landfill methane generation. While renewable energy is important, it cannot begin to provide enough electricity to meet all our power needs.

ANNUAL ELECTRICITY PRODUCTION FOR 1 MILLION HOMES  
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- Information on payment methods
- Links to educational children's websites
  - Rebate information
  - Safety information

And much more!

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# 2012 incentive program to see one change from last year

## Geothermal replacement rebate available in 2012

We are pleased to announce that the rebates for the 2012 incentive program sponsored by Jackson County REMC and Hoosier Energy will include one change for geothermal heat pump systems. All other incentives will remain the same as last year.

The program will now include rebates for geothermal systems replacing existing geothermal units that are no longer under warranty. This includes \$500.00 for partial replacements (heat pump only) and \$1,000.00 for full replacements (both heat pump and loop).

All rebates will be considered for equipment that is installed in a new home or structure or for equipment that is replacing older, less efficient systems.

**Water heater** applications must include a copy of the purchase receipt and the manufacturer's capacity information and energy factor rating.

**Heat pump, geothermal and central air conditioner** applications must include a copy of the installer's invoice and the manufacturer's SEER rating information. **The rebate will be based on the AHRI rating of the entire system.**

The 2011 program is scheduled to run through December 31. However, the REMC reserves the right to modify or discontinue the program at any time without notice.

The incentive payments will be as follows:

### Standard Water Heaters

40 to 49 gallons - \$25.00  
50 to 79 gallons - \$50.00  
80 gallons or larger - \$125.00

**New water heaters must have a minimum energy factor of .90**

### Heat Pump Water Heater

Factory-built - \$375.00  
Add-on kit - \$275.00

### Air-to-Air Heat Pumps (new or replacement unit)

14-SEER - \$225.00  
15-SEER - \$275.00  
16-SEER - \$325.00  
17-SEER or greater - \$375.00

### Air-to-Air Heat Pumps (replacing electric resistance heat)

14-SEER - \$325.00  
15-SEER - \$375.00  
16-SEER - \$425.00  
17-SEER or greater - \$475.00

### Central Air Conditioners

14-SEER - \$125.00  
15-SEER - \$175.00  
16-SEER - \$225.00  
17-SEER or greater - \$275.00

### Geothermal Systems

New systems - \$1,000.00  
Replacement systems (no longer under warranty, includes loop replacement) - \$1,000.00  
Replacement systems (no longer under warranty, no loop replacement) - \$500.00

*2011 rebates  
need to be  
submitted by  
December 30*

You have until December 30, 2011, to apply for rebates on equipment installed in 2011.

Completed application forms need to be submitted with a copy of the purchase receipt or installer's invoice.

Water heater applications need to include proof of the energy factor rating.

Heat pump, central air conditioner and geothermal applications also need to include a manufacturer's AHRI rating sheet.

You may obtain a rebate application form by visiting our website ([www.jacksonremc.com](http://www.jacksonremc.com)), by e-mailing us at [info@jacksonremc.com](mailto:info@jacksonremc.com) or by calling our Member Services Department at 1-800-288-4458 (toll free long distance) or 358-4458 (local calls).

# Give 'em a brake!

## Use extra caution when approaching and passing work crews

by Betty Baute, Member Services Representative

All traffic accidents are scary, but a recent situation involving one of our tree trimming contractors had the potential to be downright deadly.

The tree trimming crew had put out it's signs and flags and had begun working on a day in September when a driver crested a hill and skidded into the back of the brush chipper the crew was using.

Fortunately, no one was at the back of the chipper when the collision occurred and none of the crew members were injured. The driver was also uninjured, but the car and chipper sustained damage.

According to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration statistics, more than 700 people were killed in accidents occurring in work zones in 2008, and more than 100 of those killed were work site crew members.

In addition, more than 40,000 people are injured in work zone crashes each year. Most of these acci-

dents could be prevented if drivers simply slow down and pay attention.

To help prevent fatalities and injuries this year, Safe

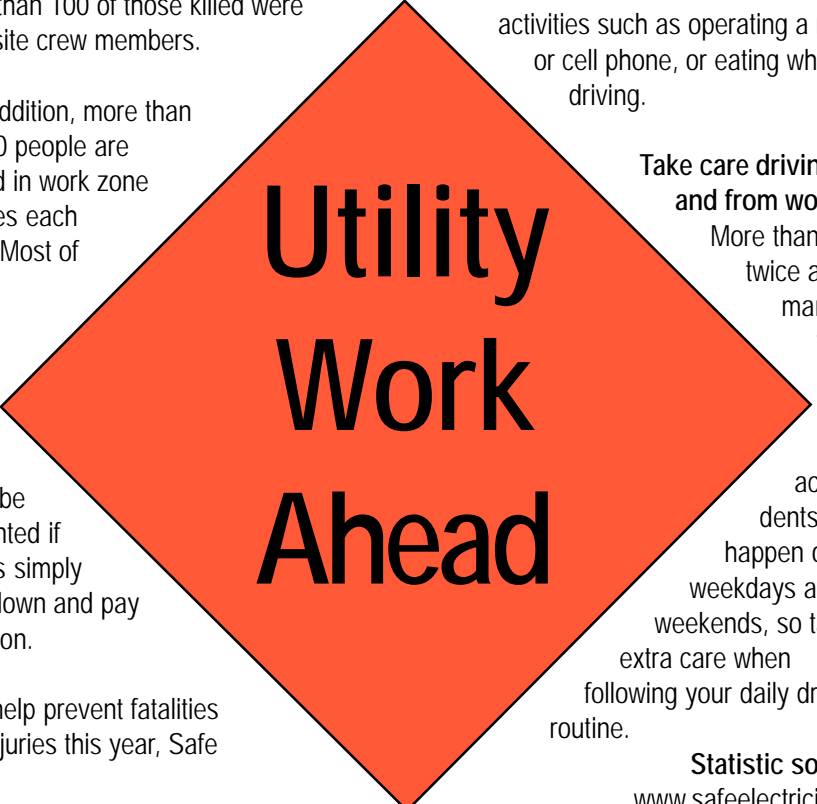
Electricity recommends the following guidelines while driving:

- **Keep a safe distance** between your vehicle and traffic barriers, trucks, construction equipment and workers.
- **Be patient:** Traffic delays are sometimes unavoidable, so try to allow time for unexpected occurrences in your schedule.
- **Obey all signs** and road crew flag instructions.
- **Merge early** and be courteous to other drivers.
- **Use your headlights** at dusk and during inclement weather.
- **Minimize distractions:** Avoid activities such as operating a radio or cell phone, or eating while driving.

Take care driving to and from work: More than twice as many work

zone accidents happen on weekdays as weekends, so take extra care when following your daily driving routine.

Statistic source: [www.safeelectricity.org](http://www.safeelectricity.org)



**Utility  
Work  
Ahead**

## Is it hot - or is it not?

Always consider a fallen wire

# HOT!

It's good information for everyone to know, especially as wintery weather and slick roads approach.

If you are in a traffic accident that involves a utility pole, consider any wire that is hanging from the pole or lying on the ground as energized, or **HOT!** Call the electric utility that owns the pole and report the problem, then keep everyone away.

The fallen wire may be a telephone wire, a cable TV wire or a loose guy wire that is touching a live electric wire, so don't make a guess about it. The REMC - and all other electric companies - would rather respond to dozens of false alarms than to even one serious injury or fatality.

Remember - don't guess. Always "**Think Hot**" when confronted with a fallen or dangling wire.

# Firefighters, law enforcement officers hear about electrical safety

*Annual workshop reinforces the dangers of dealing with electrical equipment during emergency situations*

More than 50 area volunteer firefighters and law enforcement officers attended the annual electrical safety workshop hosted by Jackson County REMC on October 27.

## Living with power lines

- Stay 20 feet away from power lines when selecting sites for above ground structures and swimming pools.
- The tips of fully-developed tree branches should be no closer than 10 feet. This means that some species of trees should be planted as far as 50 feet away from power lines.
- Keep poles free from attachments such as signs, basketball goals, bird houses, satellite dishes and fences.
- Call before you dig. Contact the Indiana Utilities Locating Network by calling 811.
- Stay clear of power lines when erecting antennas or flag poles, or when you are handling any conductive object (metal extension ladders, grain augers, gutters, etc.)
- Beware of power lines when moving farm or construction equipment.
- Fly kites in open fields that are free of overhead power lines.
- Don't stack items (pallets, hay bales, etc.) under power lines. They make a tempting place for children to climb.

A total of 27 fire departments from Brown, Clark, Jackson, Jennings, Lawrence, Scott and Washington Counties were represented.

Two members of the Jennings County Sheriff's Department and two officers from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources also attended.

REMC Safety Director George Berry and General Manager Jed Wheatley welcomed the group to the workshop. A highline safety demonstration was then presented by Area Supervisor Tom Martin and Line Specialist Tyler Norman of Duke Energy. Firefighters and first responders were reminded of the dangers of fighting fires and working accidents where electrical equipment is involved.

A group of 23 REMC employees assisted with the program.



Lines Specialist Tyler Norman of Duke Energy shows how a piece of rope can conduct electricity. Norman, along with Tom Martin, area supervisor at the Seymour District office of Duke Energy, presented a powerline safety program for area firefighters at the REMC's annual safety workshop on October 27.

# Use extension cords safely to prevent holiday fires, accidents & injuries

## *Tips from the Consumer Product Safety Commission*

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) estimates that each year, about 4,000 injuries associated with electric extension cords are treated in hospital emergency rooms. About half the injuries involve fractures, lacerations, contusions, or sprains from people tripping over extension cords. Thirteen percent of the injuries involve children under five years of age. Electrical burns to the mouth accounted for half the injuries to young children.

CPSC also estimates that about 3,300 residential fires originate in extension cords each year, killing 50 people and injuring about 270 others. The most frequent causes of such fires are short circuits, overloading, damage, and/or misuse of extension cords.

### **Safety tips**

CPSC has the following recommendations for the purchase and safe use of extension cords:

- Use extension cords only when necessary and only on a temporary basis.
- Use polarized extension cords with polarized appliances.
- Make sure cords do not dangle from the counter or table tops where they can be pulled down or tripped over.
- Replace cracked or worn extension cords with new #16 gauge cords that have the listing of a nationally-recognized testing laboratory, safety closures, and other safety features.
- With cords lacking safety closures,

cover any unused outlets with electrical tape or with plastic caps to prevent the chance of a child making contact with the live circuit.

- Insert plugs fully so that no part of the prongs are exposed when the extension cord is in use.
- When disconnecting cords, pull the plug rather than the cord itself.
- Teach children not to play with plugs and outlets.
- Use only three-wire extension cords for appliances with three-prong plugs. Never remove the third (round or U-shaped) prong, which is a safety feature designed to reduce the risk of shock and electrocution.
- In locations where furniture or beds may be pushed against an extension cord where the cord joins the plug, use a special "angle extension cord" specifically designed for use in these instances.
- Check the plug and the body of the extension cord while the cord is in use. Noticeable warming of the plastic parts is expected when cords are being used at their maximum rating. However, if the cord feels hot or if there is a softening of the plastic, this is a warning that the plug wires or connections are failing and that the extension cord should be discarded and replaced.
- Never use an extension cord while it is coiled or looped.
- Never cover any part of an extension cord with newspapers, clothing, rugs, or any objects while the cord is in use.

- Never place an extension cord where it is likely to be damaged by heavy furniture or foot traffic.
- Don't use staples or nails to attach extension cords to a baseboard or to another surface. This could damage the cord and present a shock or fire hazard.
- Don't overload extension cords by plugging in appliances that draw a total of more watts than the rating of the cord.
- Use special, heavy duty extension cords for high wattage appliances such as air conditioners, portable electric heaters and freezers.
- When using outdoor tools and appliances, use only extension cords labeled for outdoor use.

Source: [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov)



# December Issue

## Healthy holiday eating

With all those goodies everywhere we go, it can be difficult to stick to one's diet during the holidays. We'll share some recipes for treats that you can enjoy during the holiday season without destroying your healthy eating habits. They'll be good to share with your health-conscious friends, too!

### Chocolate "bloom"

Improper storage of chocolate can cause a condition called "bloom." While bloom makes the chocolate look unsightly, it can still be safely eaten. There are two types of "bloom."

**FAT BLOOM** is a dull white film of fat crystals on the surface of the chocolate. This is a problem of appearance only, as the chocolate is still edible. It looks like gray-white blotches and streaks and happens when chocolate is exposed to heat during storage.

**SUGAR BLOOM** - Condensation on the surface of the chocolate melts some of the sugar which then recrystallizes. You run the risk of sugar bloom when chocolate is stored in the refrigerator. Again, it affects only the appearance, and the chocolate is still safe to eat.

# Death - by chocolate!

*by Betty Baute, Member Services Representative*

There's a stage play by Paul Freed called "*Death By Chocolate*." In this hilarious comedy two of the characters drop dead after indulging from a box of poisoned chocolates. What a way to go!

In our recipe searches we've found several different desserts by the same name as the play . . . *Death By Chocolate*. While rich and sweet, these desserts won't drop you in your tracks. Try them out this holiday season . . . if you dare!



### Death by Chocolate #1 (dessert)

- 1 box chocolate brownie mix, baked in a 9X13 pan according to package directions
- 1 large box (3.2 ounces) instant chocolate pudding mix, prepared according to package directions
- 1 large carton (16 ounces) frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 6 large (2.1 ounces each) Butterfinger candy bars, crushed
- Chocolate ice cream syrup

Crumble half the brownies in the bottom of a large serving dish. Top with half the pudding, half the whipped topping and half the candy bars; drizzle with chocolate syrup. Repeat layers, topping dessert with a few candy bar crumbs. Yield - 16 to 20 servings

### Death by Chocolate #2 (cake)

- 1 box chocolate cake mix, prepared according to package directions
- 1 jar (12 ounces) chocolate fudge ice cream topping
- 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
- Your favorite chocolate frosting

Pour half of the prepared cake mix into a greased 9X13 pan; bake at 350 degrees for 18 minutes. Remove from oven. Top with chocolate fudge sauce and sprinkle with chocolate chips. Cover with remaining cake batter. Return to oven and bake 20 to 25 minutes longer, or until top springs back when touched. Frost cooled cake. Yield - 16 to 20 servings

## Death by Chocolate #3 (cookies)

2 packages (16 squares total) semi-sweet baking chocolate, <i>divided use</i>	2 eggs
3/4 cup packed brown sugar	1 teaspoon vanilla
1/4 cup butter or margarine	1/2 cup flour
	1/4 teaspoon baking powder

Coarsely chop 1 package of chocolate, set aside. Melt remaining 8 squares chocolate. Stir in sugar, butter, eggs and vanilla. Combine flour and baking powder; stir into chocolate mixture. Stir in chopped chocolate. Drop by 1/4 cupfuls onto ungreased cookies sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 12 to 13 minutes or until cookies are puffed and feel set to the touch. Cool on cookie sheet 1 minute. Transfer to wire rack to cool completely. Yield - about 15 cookies

## Death by Chocolate #4 (frozen pie)

1 pint chocolate ice cream, softened	1 carton (8 ounces) chocolate frozen whipped topping, thawed
1 10-inch chocolate cookie pie crust	
4 ounces cream cheese, softened	1 can (21 ounces) cherry pie filling
1 cup powdered sugar	3 tablespoons chocolate syrup

Spoon ice cream into pie crust; cover and freeze 15 minutes. Beat cream cheese and powdered sugar until smooth; fold in whipped topping. Spread topping over pie. Using the back of a spoon, make an 8-inch diameter well in the center of the pie. Cover and freeze for 3 to 4 hours or until firm. Just before serving, spoon pie filling into the well; drizzle entire pie with chocolate syrup. Yield - 6 to 8 servings



Instead of using a double boiler on the stovetop to melt or “temper” chocolate, try melting it in short bursts on high power in your microwave. Better still, use a mini slow cooker on the low setting if you’re not in a hurry.

## All about chocolate

**NIB** - This is it, the heart of the cacao bean. After the beans are roasted, the shells are removed and these dark bits remain.

**LIQUOR** - Called liquor only because it is liquid, not because of alcohol content, which is nonexistent. The ground nibs, also called unsweetened chocolate, are liquid when warm, but solidify when cooled.

**COCOA BUTTER** - The fat of the cacao bean.

**COCOA POWDER** - The powdery substance that remains when the fat is pressed out .

**DUTCH PROCESS** - A process of treating cocoa solids with an alkaline solution. This neutralizes acidity and creates a milder chocolate.

## Types of chocolate

**Unsweetened** - The chocolate liquor solidified into blocks for baking.

**Semi-Sweet or Bittersweet** - A dark chocolate that has a minimum of 35% chocolate liquor. It may also contain cocoa butter, vanilla, and sugar.

**Sweet or Dark** - This chocolate has a minimum of 15% chocolate liquor. Sweeteners and cocoa butter are added in amounts that vary among manufacturers.

**Milk** - A formula containing milk solids, sugar and at least 10% chocolate liquor. It is rarely used in baking because of the high amount of sugar as well as the large amount of milk solids which are heat sensitive.

**White** - This is actually not chocolate at all, containing no chocolate liquor. It is mostly cocoa butter, flavorings, milk solids and sweetener.

# Community Calendar

To have your non-profit group's event listed in our "Community Calendar," please contact us by letter, phone or e-mail ([bbaute@jacksonremc.com](mailto:bbaute@jacksonremc.com)) at least six weeks before your event date. Include a phone number we can call to verify your information.

## Jackson County

**November 19 - 21st Annual SEPAC Holiday Arts & Crafts Market** at the Seymour American Legion annex. Event hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. No admission charge; 40 to 50 vendors; lunch served by the American Legion Auxiliary. Proceeds benefit the Special Education Parents' Advisory Council to fund scholarships that support disabilities. For more information contact Beth White (812-445-3815).

**November 19 - 17th Annual Crothersville FFA Craft Show** Two gyms filled with over 75 tables of crafts and goodies will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Crothersville High School. The high school choir will perform at 10:30. Lunch of pork burgers, chili, desserts, and drinks will be served. Vendor tables available for \$25 for one, \$35 for two, or \$45 for three. All proceeds to go towards the annual Toy & Food Drive. For more information, call 812-793-2051 or 812-793-3781.

**December 3 - Free music show & silent auction** - 7:00 p.m. at the Royal-Off-the-Square Theatre in Brownstown. Music by the This Old Guitar Band. Silent auction proceeds and free-will donations will benefit the building addition project of the Jackson County Community Theatre. Call the Jackson County Community Theatre at 812-358-5228 for more information.

**December 10 - 7th Annual Snow-**

**flake Bazaar** at the Brownstown United Methodist Church. Lots of craft vendors plus a quilt raffle, themed basket silent auction, white elephant sale and cookie walk. Lunch will be available. Contact Margo Brewer (812-358-2924) for booth space or other information.

**December 13 - Free movie night** at the at the Royal-Off-the-Square Theatre in Brownstown. A showing of "White Christmas" starring Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye and Rosemary Clooney will be presented by the Brownstown Fund for the Arts. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Show begins at 7:00 p.m. Free tickets are available at Family Drug and Ewing Uniques in Brownstown. Refreshments will be available. Contact Blake Hackman 812-358-4829) for more information.

## Lawrence County

**November 17 - Annual holiday dinner and auction** at 5:00 p.m. at Erie United Methodist Church. Public is welcomed to attend. Call the

church at 812-279-1731 for more information.

**November 27 - Hanging of the Greens Service** at 6:00 p.m. at Erie United Methodist Church. Call the church (812-279-5441) for more information.

## Scott County

**November 16 - Brown Bag At the Museum** from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. at the Scott County Historical Museum. Guest speaker Dick Kern will share information about his toy collection. Dessert and drinks will be provided. Call the museum (812-752-1050) for more information.

**December 17 - Breakfast With Santa** from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Scott Lodge #120, F&AM (425 US Highway 31 North in Austin). Children's photos with Santa and breakfast; free-will donations accepted. Contact Barry Parks (812-794-2042) for more information.



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**Energy  
efficient LED  
holiday lights still  
on sale at your  
REMC**

The REMC has a limited supply of two types of energy efficient LED holiday lights for sale.

**Multi-color "mini" lights  
23-foot, 70-light strings  
\$6.42**

**C-7 warm-white lights  
12-foot, 25-light strings  
\$4.28**

Both prices include Indiana Sales Tax.

Supplies are limited, so you may want to call ahead before making a special trip to make sure we still have them in stock.

Shipping of holiday lights is not available.



## The 2012 Student Art Contest sponsored by *Electric Consumer* magazine is now underway!

**Who Can Enter** - Any Indiana student, attending any public or private school or educated at home, who is currently in the grades kindergarten through high school senior may enter his or her original artwork in the 2012 competition to have artwork selected to appear in the 2013 *Electric Consumer* calendar. Artwork can be submitted by teachers, 4-H leaders or others as a group or class project, or by individual students or their parents or guardians. Students do not have to be from a family served by an Indiana rural electric cooperative.

**Subjects of Artwork** - Entries are to be made by the student's school grade to correspond with the months as listed below:

**Kindergarten** - Students are to create the cover art for the calendar. There is no theme for the cover. Any subject, season, event, etc. is acceptable.

**1st Grade** - January

**5th Grade** - May

**9th Grade** - September

**2nd Grade** - February

**6th Grade** - June

**10th Grade** - October

**3rd Grade** - March

**7th Grade** - July

**11th Grade** - November

**4th Grade** - April

**8th Grade** - August

**12th Grade** - December

**The Prizes** - A first place "Artist of the Month" will be selected for each grade, kindergarten through 12, and will receive \$200.00. Up to nine additional artists will be selected for honorable mention awards and will receive \$50.00. An "Artist of the Year" will be selected from among the first place winners for the "Best of Show" and will receive an additional \$100.00. Judges may also select "Awards of Merit" who will receive certificates.

**Entry Deadline** - Artwork must be at the Indianapolis office of the *Electric Consumer* by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, March 23, 2012.

**For more details** - Please contact Richard Biever or Emily Schilling at *Electric Consumer* by phone at 317-487-2220 or 800-340-7362, or by e-mail at [ec@indremcs.org](mailto:ec@indremcs.org).

A complete set of contest rules should be downloaded or viewed by visiting the website [www.electricconsumer.org](http://www.electricconsumer.org). Entry forms and requirements, along with information on judging criteria, are also available from the website.

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*“For, after all, put it as we may to ourselves, we are all of us from birth to death guests at a table which we did not spread. The sun, the earth, love, friends, our very breath are parts of the banquet. Shall we think of the day as a chance to come to our Host, and to find out something of Him who fed us so long?”*

Rebecca Harding Davis  
American author  
& journalist  
1831-1910

**Happy Thanksgiving from  
your REMC employees & directors**

