


*May your holidays  
be jolly & bright!*

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### OUR COVER

LED (light emitting diode) lights give off a bright glow on an outdoor tree at the home of Member Services Representative Betty Baute. LEDs are more energy efficient and also last longer than regular "mini" lights.

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## Christmas Celebration!

*For unto us a child is born,  
unto us a son is given:  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder:  
and his name shall be called  
Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God,  
The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*

*Isaiah 9:6, King James Version*



# Electrical safety does not take a holiday

A special message from SafeElectricity™

For millions of people every year, the holiday season comes with traditions of festive lights and decorations, extraordinary foods and lavish parties. Unfortunately, time-honored traditions can easily end in tragedy if precautions are not taken. A few years ago, Shawn Miller was one of these people.

His mother, Maria Worth, found her son on the ground with wisps of smoke coming from his body. Miller was unconscious and badly burned. He had been hanging holiday lights in the trees that lined her yard. As he tossed the lights up into the trees, 7200 volts of electricity entered his body, traveling from the overhead power lines through his strand of lights.

"Power lines were the last thing on my mind that day," says Miller. "I was just hanging Christmas lights at my Mom's house like I do every year, only this time, I was decorating a new area, the trees that lined the front of the yard."

Although Miller suffered 27 exit wounds, the loss of his left hand and a finger on his right hand, his survival was miraculous. He urges everyone to use caution this holiday season. Miller's experience is the centerpiece of this year's Safe Electricity's Teach Learn Care TLC campaign, spreading awareness about the importance of electrical safety.

"Shawn Miller has a lot to teach us about electrical safety and we are grateful he is sharing his story through our Teach Learn Care TLC campaign,"

says Molly Hall, Executive Director of Safe Electricity. "We want people to learn from his tragic experience and care enough to share it with those they love."

"I'm lucky to be alive," Miller adds. "I want everyone to be careful, be aware of power lines."

Miller and Safe Electricity urge everyone to follow these guidelines while decorating for the holiday season:

- Never throw holiday lights or other decorations into trees near power lines.
- Be especially careful when working near power lines attached to your house. Keep ladders, equipment and yourself at least 10 feet from all power lines.
- Use only lights that have been safety tested and have the UL label.
- Before use, check each light string for broken sockets, frayed cords, or faulty plugs. Replace damaged strings. Always unplug light strings while replacing bulbs.
- Outdoors, use only lights, cords, animated displays and decorations rated for outdoor use. Cords should be plugged into outlets equipped with GFCIs. Use a portable GFCI if your outdoor outlets are not equipped with them.
- Do not staple or nail through light strings or electrical cords, or attach cords to utility poles.
- Don't string together more than three standard-size sets of lights.
- Make sure extension cords are in good condition, are UL-approved



*Shawn Miller of Illinois lost his left hand and part of his right hand, but lived to tell about his electrical accident. Listen to Shawn's story at [www.safeelectricity.org](http://www.safeelectricity.org).*

and rated to carry the electrical load you will connect to them.

- Match plugs with outlets. Don't force a 3-pronged plug into a 2-pronged outlet or extension cord.
- Do not overload outlets. Use surge protector strips if multiple outlets are needed.
- Keep electric cords away from high-traffic areas, and don't run them through doorways, or hide them under rugs or carpets.
- Don't let children or pets play with light strings or electrical decorations.
- Place fresh-cut trees away from heat sources, such as heat registers, fireplaces, radiators and televisions; and water frequently.
- Always unplug lights before going to bed or leaving your home.

"After something life-changing happens, you become more interested and learn much more," Miller said. "Had I known more before this happened, I might still have two hands and the job I loved. I have to find ways to move on with my life and help people learn from what has happened to me. Safe Electricity is helping me help others."

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# Spirits of Christmases past

by Betty Baute, Member Services Representative

What to do --- what to do! I was nearing the deadline for this month's "Watt High Lights" and I still had two pages to fill. What was I going to do to fill those pages? Another energy or conservation article? Something about rebates?

As I sat at my keyboard my thoughts turned to the holidays in my past. I started to remember the fun times growing up with three older brothers and the creative gifts my parents would dream up for us. There were also the Christmas programs at school and church, the caroling with the Sunday school classes and dinner with my grandparents.

"Why not share the memories?" I asked myself. Perhaps it will prompt our readers to take a break from the hustle and bustle of the holidays and share their memories with their families and friends, too. So . . . here goes!

## The coconuts

Several years ago I shared the story of the "Coconut Christmas" in the "Watt High Lights." That's when my folks pulled off one of their best Christmas jokes on us four kids. (This became proof that I must have inherited my off-beat sense of humor from Mom and Dad).



When we arrived at the tree early that morning in the early 1960's, we found four large round packages: one for each of us. We were convinced that we were getting our own brand new basketballs! However, as we unwrapped those balls --- and unwrapped, and unwrapped, and unwrapped --- we wound our ways down to (you guessed it) coconuts! I don't think any of us had ever held a coconut in our hands, and now we were each the proud owner of this exotic item. Of course, Mom and Dad must have known that they were setting in place a plan to keep us busy the rest of the school holidays by tapping our imaginations on what to do with those coconuts.

## The sleds

They were the perfect gifts --- sleds for each of us! Maybe the winter weather was different in the late '50's and early 60's as we always seemed to have plenty of snow to enjoy those sleds. School would close and the Brownstown Street Department would rope off the hill on Walnut Street for sledding. With

three older brothers, I was never in need of a "pusher" --- my brothers came to getting up good speed for sliding down a hill. Unfortunately, they would sometimes forget it was little sister sitting on the sled and would get carried away, leaving me holding on for my life.



There were also the "forbidden" sledding hills, such as the one on the north side of the local cemetery. The brothers never let me take a turn down Cemetery Hill --- I always had to wait at the top. Watching the others was a big disappointment until my oldest brother hit a fence at the bottom of Cemetery Hill and walked back to the top with numerous cuts and his usual order to me: "Don't tell Mom." I never told, but somehow Mom always knew exactly what happened.

## Ice skating

As I mentioned earlier, the weather just seemed different when I was a kid, because a couple of years after the sleds came ice skates for everyone --- except Mom. She had never skated before and had no desire to make the attempt to do so.

The ice was perfect on Scott's Pond on Christmas day, so we all trudged a block or so up the street to try out our skates. We took along a couple of snow shovels to clear the ice, and we took our sleds so we could sit on them while we changed from our boots to our skates. Only Dad had any skating experience, but it wasn't long before we four kids were on the ice racing, chasing and playing "crack the whip."

With Mr. Scott's permission, we left a sled at the pond so we could enjoy skating all winter long. Unfortunately, my brothers forgot the sled until after the ice thawed; and that sled sits at the bottom of Scott's Pond to this day.



By the way, I still have my ice skates.

## Football season

Though the Brownstown school system didn't start playing football until 1964, my brothers were huge fans of the sport when they were younger. I can remember the uniforms they

received for Christmas one year --- helmets, pads and three different colored jerseys. Mom and Dad must have realized that three boys couldn't be divided evenly into two teams, or they suspected that I'd sometimes get pressed into service as a player (and sometimes a football), because I, too, received a football helmet that Christmas. I loved that helmet and used it often as the boys in the neighborhood (I was the only girl among the kids my age) would often ask me to join in to even out the teams. I have no doubt at all that this was the beginning of my love for the game.

## The food

How can one reminisce about the holidays without thinking about the food? I especially remember that Mom always made two pans of dressing . . . one with oysters (for Dad) and one without. I think Dad was the only one who ate the oyster dressing, but Mom made it every Thanksgiving and Christmas anyway.

Mom has always been a fantastic cook. She doesn't "cook fancy" --- she "cooks country," and she still makes the best pies for our holiday gatherings.

## The Christmas programs

I think the most memorable part of my holidays past were the school and church programs. Back in the early 1960's, before religion and prayer were banished from the public schools, the elementary students presented the Christmas story in scripture and song. It was a tremendous honor to be selected to appear onstage in the high school gym --- even if you were only a wise man or a shepherd. I remember the joy of being one of two first graders asked to walk to the front of our class and motion with our hands for the class to stand and recite several verses of the

Christmas story from the New Testament book of Luke from memory. I can still close my eyes and picture our group of 60 or so six and seven year olds as we pulled it off without a hitch.



Of course, there were also the "pieces" we would recite at the program at church. While we kids would get our first tastes of stage fright, our families would beam with pride --- through mistakes, miscues and blunders --- as we presented our memorized parts. And at the end of the evening we would always receive the traditional gift bag of peanuts, an orange, an apple and several pieces of Christmas candy.

## Making new memories

While it's always fun to think back over the years, it's also fun to make new memories. Our own two kids no doubt have memories of some of the crazy and fun things we've done over the years, and we've recently added a daughter-in-law to the mix. Who knows what wild and crazy holiday antics we'll come up with now!!

But, most important are the things we've done to share our blessings with others. Our family firmly believes that we can't enjoy what we have unless we share it.

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*Whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa or the Winter Solstice, may your holidays be happy and your new year be filled with peace.*

## REMC rates to drop slightly on bills mailed on February 26

Jackson County REMC has asked the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission to approve a decrease in its metered rates that is based upon the cost of purchased electricity that is being charged by Jackson's power supplier, Hoosier Energy, Inc., headquartered in Bloomington, Indiana.

The request of a \$1.23 per 1,000 kWh decrease stems from a pending November 20, 2009 quarterly adjustment in Hoosier's power cost tracker that matches its net change in costs for energy fuels, market power purchases, and other highly fluctuating expenses. The request would lower a typical Jackson REMC bill of 1,000 kWh from \$105.58 to \$104.35, a decrease of \$1.23, or -1.16% percent.

As submitted, the new rates will become effective on January 1, 2010, and should first appear on bills mailed on February 26, 2010, due and payable by March 17, 2009.



# Special trips available this summer!



High school juniors can apply for the Youth to Washington trip, while sixth graders may apply for "Touchstone Energy Camp"

While your thoughts are no doubt on the coming holidays, we've already starting making plans for the summer. It's time for the REMC to start accepting applications for the 2010 Youth to Washington trip and the 2010 Touchstone Energy Camp.

## *2010 Youth to Washington June 10 - 17*

We always receive positive feedback from our participants in the Youth to Washington program. Nearly 1,000 current high school juniors from around the country will be selected by rural electric cooperatives nationwide to take part in the week-long event in our nation's capital. Jackson County REMC again plans to send three young people on the 2010 trip.

All expenses, including lodging, meals, and travel from Indianapolis to Washington, D.C., will be covered by the REMC. Participants will only need to take spending money for snacks and souvenirs. The trip includes tours of many of the museums and monuments in our nation's capital, a

viewing of the changing of the guard at Arlington National Cemetery, visits with members of Congress when delegates "storm the hill," and a workshop with officials from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. There is also a stop to visit the Civil War battlefields in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

Applicants must currently be 11th grade students and must be ready to enter the 12th grade at the time of the trip. An applicant must reside with a parent or guardian who is a member-of-record of Jackson County REMC.

They will need to complete an application form and prepare a 250-word essay about how Jackson County REMC improves the quality of life in his or her community. Applications are judged on academics, activities in and out of school, community involvement and the essay.

*The deadline for completed Youth to Washington applications to be returned to the REMC is February 5, 2010. Applicants will be notified of selections in late February.*

## *2010 Touchstone Energy Camp - June 9 - 12*

Touchstone Energy Camp helps youngsters learn about electricity and electrical safety and teaches them basic cooperative business principles. But Touchstone Energy Camp isn't all business. Participants enjoy the full camp experience, including swimming, boating and horseback riding.

Jackson County REMC will sponsor three youngsters to the 2010 Touchstone Energy Camp at Camp Tecumseh near Brookston, Indiana. All fees will be covered by the REMC. However, participants must provide their own transportation to and from the camp.

Applicants must currently be sixth grade students and must reside with a parent or guardian who is a member-of-record of Jackson County REMC.

*The deadline for completed Touchstone Energy Camp applications is February 26, 2010. Applications will be judged and winners will be notified in March.*

## How to obtain an application for "Youth to Washington" or "Touchstone Energy Camp"

Applications forms for the "Youth to Washington" trip or the Touchstone Energy Camp are available on our website: [www.jacksonremc.com](http://www.jacksonremc.com). You may also request an application by contacting us by e-mail at [info@jacksonremc.com](mailto:info@jacksonremc.com) or by phone at 800-288-4458 or 812-358-4458.

## Let's talk about it

# Is a standby generator in your future?

*A proper transfer switch is a must for the safety of your property, your family and the REMC*

We've had some wacky weather over the past 18 months --- from hurricane-force winds to ice and snow --- that have caused widespread and lengthy power outages. In order to prepare for the next "big one," several members have invested in standby generators to help their families stay comfortable and safe.

Adding a back-up generator to a home, farm or business can give you peace of mind. However, unless it is properly protected by a transfer switch, the electricity generated can "backfeed" onto power lines and put utility employees and innocent passersby at risk of serious injury or death.

The National Electrical Code requires the installation of a double-pole, double-throw transfer switch for standby generators. Such a switch prevents electricity generated by the standby unit from flowing to both the

customer's home, farmstead or business and to the utility's system.

The term **double-pole** means that there are two pairs of lugs available for the connection of the "hot" conductors. The third wire (the neutral) must be continuous through the transfer enclosure and is typically not switched.

The term **double-throw** means that the operator can place or "throw" the switch into two different positions. One position feeds power from the electric utility while the other position feeds power from the standby generator to the point of use.

The REMC has a flyer available that explains more about transfer switches, and we have field representatives who can meet with you to discuss your transfer switch needs. Give us a call to request a copy of our flyer or to arrange for a visit with an REMC employee.

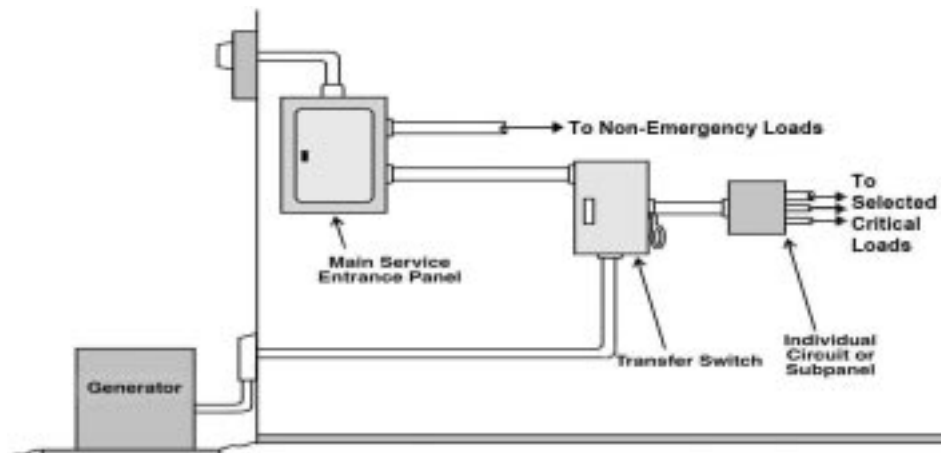


Diagram courtesy of the Rural Electricity Resource Council.

## Is it hot - or is it not?

Always consider a fallen wire

# HOT!

It's good information for everyone to know.

If you come upon a fallen wire or a wire that is hanging from a pole, consider it **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.

## Next Issue . . .

### Cooking for one or two

It's always nice to have a few recipes that make fewer servings. We'll share some recipes that will give you lots of great flavor without leaving you with a bunch of leftovers.

Send recipes, topic ideas, cooking questions & suggestions to:

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### How did eggnog get its name?

There are two theories as to the origin of the name of eggnog.

#1 - In the Old World the drink was traditionally made with wine, but early Americans gave the drink a new twist by using rum ("grog") instead. It's possible that the name "eggnog" was originally "egg 'n' grog."

#2 - Other experts believe that "nog" is short for "noggin," a small carved wooden mug used to serve drinks in taverns. An egg drink served in a noggin might have become known as "eggnog."

## Cheers!

### It's eggnog time!

*by Betty Baute, Member Services Representative*



Eggnog is a holiday tradition that has been around for a very long time. According to historians, Captain John Smith reported that eggnog was consumed in 1607 in Jamestown, Virginia. But, its consumption wasn't always limited to the holidays. Early American cookbooks listed eggnog recipes in sections for the sick and infirm. Try out this month's eggnog recipes. You might find them worth enjoying all year long!

#### "Eggnog" shakes (light version)

- 1-1/2 cups fat-free, sugar-free vanilla ice cream
- 1/2 cup fat-free (skim) milk
- 1 tablespoon fat-free whipped topping
- sugar substitute to equal 1/2 teaspoon of sugar
- 1/8 teaspoon rum extract
- 1/8 teaspoon vanilla extract

Combine all ingredients in blender container; cover and process until smooth. Pour into chilled glasses; dust with ground nutmeg, if desired, before serving. Yield - 2 servings (Nutrition information: 1 serving has 163 calories, 7 grams fat, 21 grams carbohydrate, 39 milligrams cholesterol, 109 milligrams sodium) Yield - 8 servings

#### Frozen eggnog

- 2/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 2 large eggs
- 2 cups milk
- 2/3 cup plain yogurt
- 2 tablespoons dark rum or hazelnut syrup
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract

Whisk sugar, nutmeg and eggs in a bowl. Cook milk over medium-high heat to 180 degrees - do not boil. Gradually add hot milk to egg mixture, stirring constantly; return to saucepan and cook over medium heat until thick, stirring constantly. Place pan in ice-filled bowl until custard cools to room temperature. Stir in yogurt, rum and vanilla. Pour into a glass bowl. Cover and freeze at least 8 hours. Remove from freezer; let stand 15 minutes. Place in food processor; process until smooth. Serve immediately. Yield - 6 servings.

## Sugar-free eggnog

4 cups skim milk, *divided use*  
2 tablespoons cornstarch  
12 packets sugar substitute  
2 large eggs, beaten

2 teaspoons vanilla  
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg

Mix 2 cups milk, cornstarch and sugar substitute in a small saucepan; heat to boiling. Boil, stirring constantly, for 1 minute; remove from heat. Beat eggs in a medium bowl. Stir in about half the hot milk mixture to temper the eggs; pour this into saucepan with remaining milk mixture. Cook over low heat until slightly thickened, about 2 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla and cinnamon. Refrigerate until chilled through. To serve, stir remaining 2 cups milk into custard mixture. Pour into serving glasses and dust with nutmeg. Yield - 8 servings

## Easy eggnog

6 eggs  
3 cups milk  
8 tablespoons sugar

3 teaspoon vanilla essence  
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg, ground

In a large bowl, beat the eggs using an electric mixer. Add milk, then sugar. Continue beating until mixture thickens slightly. Add in the vanilla essence & ground nutmeg. Place plastic wrap on the surface of the eggnog and refrigerate until chilled, at least 3 hours. Yield - 8 servings



### ENERGY SAVER TIP OF THE MONTH

If you cook with electricity, get in the habit of turning off the burners a few minutes before the allotted cooking time. The heating element will stay hot long enough to finish the cooking for you without using more electricity. The same principle applies to cooking in the oven.

## Eggnog safety tips

Current estimates show that there is a one in 10,000 chance that the eggs in your nog could contain the harmful salmonella.

To avoid the possibility of food poisoning, the Center for Science in the Public Interest recommends that you slowly heat the eggs to 160 degrees F before using.

Eggnog made in dairies is usually pasteurized, which means that harmful bacteria have already been eliminated through a heating process. It generally is alcohol-free, though some specialty eggnogs with spirits can be found.

So, play it safe when you serve eggnog to your guests. Heat the eggs, or buy eggnog from a dairy and add your own finishing touches.



## Employees & directors honored with service awards

Service awards were presented to a large group of employees and directors during the annual holiday party on November 13.

The 2009 honorees were:

Anita Banister - 35 years  
Bruce Browalski - 35 years  
Randy Darlage - 35 years  
Brenda Labie - 35 years  
Pat Newberry - 35 years  
Joe Disque - 30 years  
District 9 Director John Miller - 30 years  
District 8 Director Earl Potts Schmidt - 30 years  
Brian Wolka - 25 years  
Mary Lou Grider - 20 years  
District 7 Director Richard Lambring - 20 years  
Jim Carter - 15 years  
Brad Rollins - 15 years  
Kelly Pifer - 10 years

We thank and congratulate this group for their dedication, hard work and 370 total years of service to the members of Jackson County REMC.

# 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

**December 19 - All-you-can-eat-pancakes** to benefit the Missions Team of Apostolic Tabernacle. Serving from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. at Applebee's in Seymour. Contact Rhea Arthur (812-522-1242) for more information.

## Jennings County

**January 9 - Hayden Bluegrass-Gospel Jamboree** from 4:30 to 9:00 p.m. Open Jam from 4:30 to 5:30 with

main show to begin at 5:30. Call the Hayden Museum (812-346-7779) for more information.

## Scott County

**December 16 - Brown Bag Lunch program** at 12:00 noon at the Scott County Heritage Center & Museum. Featured will be holiday craft ideas by Jackie Benham. Bring your own lunch. Desserts and drinks will be furnished. For more information call the museum at 812-752-1050.

The Jackson County REMC office will be closed on December 24 & 25 for the Christmas holidays. We will have a crew on standby for outages and emergencies.



## Rebate deadline reminder

The REMC's 2009 rebate program is scheduled to end on December 31. You have until that date to apply for rebates on the following new equipment installations. Equipment must have been installed in 2009.

### Water Heaters

Minimum size - 40 gallons  
Minimum energy factor - .90

### Heat Pumps

Minimum SEER rating - 14

### Central Air Conditioners

Minimum SEER rating - 14

### Geothermal Systems

For systems installed in new construction or replacing any types of heating and cooling systems except existing geothermal heat pumps.

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information about the  
program.*

## NOAA says: Know your winter weather terms

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) urges folks to keep abreast of local forecasts and warnings and familiarize themselves with key weather terminology. Here are some terms you will want to learn as we head into the heart of winter:

**Winter Weather Advisories:** Issued for accumulations of snow, freezing rain, freezing drizzle, and sleet which will cause significant inconveniences and, if caution is not exercised, could lead to life-threatening situations.

**Dense Fog Advisory:** Issued when fog will reduce visibility to ¼ mile or less over a widespread area.

**Snow Flurries:** Light snow falling for short durations. No accumulation or light dusting is all that is expected.

**Snow Showers:** Snow falling at varying intensities for brief periods of time. Some accumulation is possible.

**Snow Squalls:** Brief, intense snow showers accompanied by strong, gusty winds. Accumulation may be significant. Snow squalls are best known in the Great Lakes region.

**Blowing Snow:** Wind-driven snow that reduces visibility and causes significant drifting. Blowing snow may be snow that is falling and/or loose snow on the ground picked up by the wind.

**Sleet:** Raindrops that freeze into ice pellets before reaching the ground. Sleet usually bounces when hitting a surface and does not stick to objects. However, it can accumulate like snow and cause a hazard to motorists.

**Freezing Rain:** Rain that falls onto a surface with a temperature below freezing. This causes it to freeze to surfaces, such as trees, cars, and roads, forming a coating or glaze of ice. Even small accumulations of ice can cause a significant hazard.

**Winter Storm Outlook:** Issued prior to a Winter Storm Watch. The Outlook is given when forecasters believe winter storm conditions are possible and are usually issued 3 to 5 days in advance of a winter storm.

**Winter Storm Watch:** Alerts the public to the possibility of a blizzard, heavy snow, heavy freezing rain, or heavy sleet. Winter Storm Watches are usually issued 12 to 48 hours before the beginning of a Winter Storm.

**Winter Storm Warning:** Issued when hazardous winter weather in the form of heavy snow, heavy freezing rain, or heavy sleet is imminent or occurring. Winter Storm Warnings are usually issued 12 to 24 hours before the event is expected to begin.

**Blizzard Warning:** Issued for sustained or gusty winds of 35 m.p.h. or more, and falling or blowing snow creating visibilities at or below ¼ mile; these conditions should persist for at least three hours.

**Wind Chill Advisory:** Issued when wind chill temperatures are expected to be a significant inconvenience to life with prolonged exposure, and, if caution is not exercised, could lead to hazardous exposure.

**Wind Chill Warning:** Issued when wind chill temperatures are expected to be hazardous to life within several minutes of exposure.

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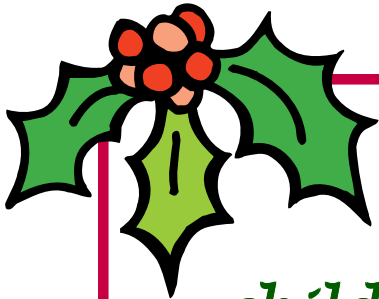
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*Our hearts grow  
tender with  
childhood memories and love of  
kindred, and we are better  
throughout the year for having,  
in spirit, become a child again  
at Christmas-time.*

-Laura Ingalls Wilder  
(1867 - 1957)

**We extend our wishes for a joyous  
holiday season and a prosperous new year  
to you and your family.**

*- The directors and employees of  
Jackson County REMC*

