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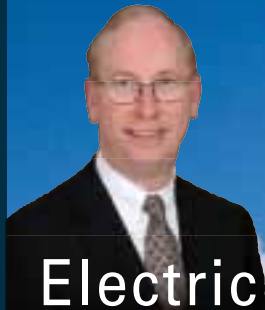
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Electric Lines

“Deck the halls with cost-saving, energy-efficient lighting.”

by Charles H. Guerry

Executive Vice President & General Manager

When one light goes out, they all go out, right?

Wrong, if you use light-emitting diodes (LEDs) to do your holiday decorating. These hardy, energy-saving lights are guaranteed

to give you one less thing to worry about so you can better focus on the joys of the season. Why are LED holiday lights better than traditional bulbs? Halifax EMC tells you why.

LEDs are now on par with traditional bulbs. Gone are the days when LED holiday lights were known for a harsh white light or stark colors that created a less-than-magical atmosphere. These days, LEDs come in warm, inviting colors in variety of light beam patterns and dimming speeds, giving you lots of creative options for decorating.

LEDs last longer than traditional lights. In fact, they have an operational life span of about 20,000 hours, enough to last for 40 holiday seasons. Also, the lights don't have glass or filaments, which makes them more durable and resistant to breaking. And because LEDs bulbs are so strong, one individual outage generally doesn't

darken the whole strand. For those enthusiastic decorators who like to blanket their entire house and yard in holiday lights, LEDs could save hours of painstaking work each year.

LEDs use less energy, which means less strain on your first winter electric bill. Running LEDs on one 6-foot Christmas tree for 12 hours per day for 40 days can save 90 percent or more energy when compared to traditional incandescent lights.

Because they use less energy,

LEDs make it safer to connect multiple strands end-to-end without overloading the wall socket. Also, they're cool to the touch, reducing the risk of fire as well as keeping your live tree from drying out so soon.

Look for brands and manufacturers of ENERGY STAR-qualified LED decorative light strings at www.energystar.gov.

Article by Angela Perez. Angela writes on technology issues for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, the Arlington, Va.-based service arm of the nation's 900-plus consumer-owned, not-for-profit electric cooperatives.



Holiday LEDs boast numerous benefits, including a variety of vibrant colors and big electric bill savings over traditional incandescent bulbs.

Source: General Electric



The US Coast Guard Auxiliary Needs You!

Over the years the Coast Guard Auxiliary has provided water security for many events on Lake Gaston such as O'Sail, which sponsors "The Crossing," where one can swim or paddle across Lake Gaston. This event has grown over the years and consequently the Auxiliary has a need for more members. The picture above shows CGX locations.

We also have assisted in the Adam Fields-sponsored National and International Wake Board Competitions. Here again, we assist in protecting the safety of participants and spectators. Become one of us and help make a difference on Lake Gaston.

Next year why not start a new tradition in your life and join us by wearing the "ODU BLUES," our USCG Aux uniform of the day for all on-water events.

The Auxiliary is the civilian volunteer component of the US Coast Guard and is tasked with recreational boating safety in all of our inland lakes and rivers.

We truly enjoy our responsibilities of safeguarding Lake Gaston boaters but additional members would allow us to do an even better job. There



Eaton's Ferry bridge during "The Crossing." Boats are strategically placed in the water to protect the swimmers participating in the event.

are so many opportunities with the Auxiliary, and we have many positions and activities to meet your needs and expertise.

For more information, stop by the monthly meeting at 252 River Rd. Henrico, N.C., 27842, the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Or call Tom Van Petten, Flotilla Commander at 252-586-5853 or Janet Houston, Vice Commander at 252-586-3687.

Hope to see you there!

Janet Houston



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Old Fashioned Coconut Pie

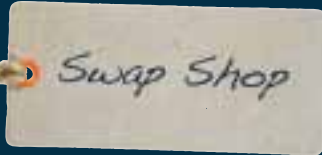
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 stick butter, melted
- 3 eggs
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup milk
- 3 tsp. flour
- 1 cup flaked coconut
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tbs. vanilla

Preheat oven to 350°. Mix together all ingredients in one bowl and pour into an unbaked pie shell. Bake pie for 30-40 minutes.

Source: Bon Appetit, HEMC Volunteers in Action, submitted by Mrs. Susan Clement



Co-op To Host Enfield Blood Drive
Thursday, December 13
Noon until 6 p.m.



For sale: Singer Sewing machine, \$100 neg. Call: 252-257-4594 or 252-820-9391 (Warrenton).

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