



ONEIDA-MADISON ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
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December 2009



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Holiday's Observed in 2010



New Year's Day – January 1st
 Martin Luther King Jr. Day – January 18th
 Good Friday – April 2nd
 Memorial Day – May 31st
 Independence Day – July 5th
 Labor Day – September 6th
 Veteran's Day – November 11th
 Thanksgiving Day & Day After Thanksgiving –
 November 25th & 26th
 Christmas – December 24th

Keep an Eye out!!



In the body of this newsletter you will find two location numbers. **Your** location number is located on your bill. If you find **Your** location number in this newsletter, call the office within 15 days, and your account will be credited \$10.00. Happy Hunting and Good Luck!



Dear Member,

I would like to thank those who attended the 66th Annual Meeting of the Oneida-Madison Electric Cooperative, Inc. To all who were not able to attend, I would like you to know we missed you and hopefully you will be able to make it next year. The chicken dinner served by Brooks' bbq prior to the meeting was well attended. The information tables setup in the hallway seemed to be of interest to many members. The dairy princesses from Madison and Oneida Counties were present and served a milk punch that was very tasty. During the dinner and prior to the meeting, country and western music was provided by Just Throw Money.

The meeting was called to order by President Brouillette who also introduced the Directors, Employees, and Guests. The dairy princesses each shared about the dairy industry and its products. The Financial Report was presented to the membership and approved. The election of Directors was then held with 3 year terms filled by Rudy Brouillette (Town of Augusta), Thomas Stone (Town of Fenner) and Donald Ford (Town of Marshall). The Manager's report was presented followed by the Director & Employee Certificate of Appreciation awards. President Brouillette followed with comments. Door prizes were given away at the end of the meeting. Continued on Page 2.

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The Board of Directors has authorized partial payment of the year 1989 Patronage Capital. Members who were on the Cooperative system at that time and are eligible to receive a patronage capital refund for the year 1989 will see it as a credit on their December bill.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members for being patient as the office staff learns our new computer system. We now accept VISA, MasterCard and Discover payments along with Bank Drafts for your convenience. Soon we will be taking recurring credit cards, watch your monthly bill for details.

The Management and Staff of Oneida-Madison Electric Cooperative, Inc. would like to wish you a Happy Holiday Season and a Prosperous New Year.

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Sincerely,

Wayne C. Sherwood
General Manager

Oneida-Madison Electric Cooperative's
Swap Sheet of Odds n' Ends

Oneida-Madison Electric Cooperative's Swap Sheet of Odds n' Ends is a free service to members of Oneida-Madison Electric Cooperative, Inc. Members may place personal ads for items that they wish to sell or buy. Ads that are received before the 5th of the month preceding publication will be included as space allows.

- Ad must be limited to no more than 25 words
- Ad will be on a "first-come" "first serve" basis as space allows
- Ad must include a contact phone number or respond-to address
- Ad must be submitted in writing, no phone calls

Oneida-Madison Electric Cooperative, Inc. reserves the right to limit the types of ads and is not responsible for errors.

For Sale: 94 Dodge Dakota SLT Extended cab, 4x4, automatic, tilt, cruise, AM/FM, sliding rear window, V-6, tires nearly new, receiver hitch installed, overall very clean. Asking \$3,400 or bo 315-404-7406 or 315-824-6618.

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Old Fashioned Soft Molasses Cookie

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2 ½ cups flour
1 ½ teaspoons baking soda
¼ teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons cinnamon
1 teaspoon ginger
2/3 cups shortening
½ cup sugar
1 large egg
½ cup molasses
½ cup buttermilk
½ cup raisins (optional)

Mix all ingredients together and drop by spoonfuls on greased cookie sheet. Bake 350 degrees about 15 minutes.



The Marathon Water Heater Advantage

Technology advanced plastic inner and outer tank design is clearly differentiated from short lived steel water heaters – it will not rust or leak!

It's the most durable water heater made, with a lifetime warranty.

Envirofoam™ insulation makes it the most energy efficient on the market.

Members can purchase water heaters from their Cooperative. For more information contact 315-893-1851 or www.marathonheaters.com.

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You can purchase energy saving fluorescent bulbs right here at your Cooperative! We have in stock Earth Brite bulbs. There are 3 different sizes available:

- 13 watts which is the equivalent of a 60 watt, can save you \$56 over its life span and saves up to 78% in energy savings
- 20 watts which is the equivalent of a 75 watt, can save you \$66 over its life span and saves up to 77% in energy savings
- 23 watts which is the equivalent of a 100 watt, can save you \$92 over its life span and saves up to 77% in energy saving

Available for purchase - \$2.16 plus tax

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WHY DO ELECTRIC BILLS GO UP IN THE WINTER?

It's a good question. Even if you don't use electric heat, you may notice that your bills are higher during the colder months. Several factors can contribute to those higher bills, including:

- Warm baths feel great on cold days – and heating extra water can increase your consumption and your electric bill. Be sure your water heater is properly insulated if it's in an unheated space, and have it checked for leaks.
- Winter brings holidays, which often mean additional cooking and baking, and those bright holiday lights, all of which can raise your usage of electricity.
- Shorter days and longer nights mean lights stay on longer both inside and out.
- Most heating systems use electricity for some functions, such as operating the fan, and many run almost continuously when it's very cold.
- You may be using space heaters in garages, basements or other unheated spaces.
- That electric blanket or heating pad that feels so cozy on cold nights can cost another dollar or so to operate.
- You may be using engine block heaters on your cars or equipment.
- Most consumers use the clothes dryer more often in the winter.

But even if your bills are higher during winter, electricity remains one of the best values around.
Source: NRECA Powerkit

Oh, Christmas Tree! Oh, Christmas Tree!

You have decked the halls, and you are ready for the holiday season, but don't forget to think safety when it comes time to light the tree.

Here are a few favorite tips to add safety to that holiday sparkle:

- Make sure bulbs do not touch any branches
- Do not use lights on a metal tree
- Check each set of lights to be sure it is in good repair; fix or discard damaged sets
- Turn off lights when you are away and when you go to bed



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