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A search for World's 'Oldest Working Refrigerator'



Energy program coordinator Tom Tyndall and Bonnie Roschy with a GE refrigerator from the 1940's on display in the "Red House" at the Museum of Eastern Shore Life (see p. 2) in Centreville. Mrs. Roschy is a member of the museum's board of directors.

Okay, maybe it won't be the world's "oldest working refrigerator," but Choptank Electric Cooperative is looking for the oldest working refrigerator on our system.

In conjunction with the Maryland Energy Administration and the Department of Energy appliance rebate program, Choptank is promoting ENERGY STAR as the leading symbol with regard to energy efficiency. Appliances that display the ENERGY STAR logo have been recognized by the U.S. Department of Energy as those that consume less energy and provide energy savings over the life of the appliance.

In this contest, Choptank will replace the oldest working refrigerator on our system with a brand new, similar sized ENERGY STAR rated refrigerator.

To enter the contest, your refrigerator must be "working." In other words, it must be plugged into the outlet in your kitchen, in good working condition and used to

keep food, beverages or other perishables on a daily basis. It must be older than 1980 and the date will be verified using the manufacturer, model number, serial number and size/capacity listed on the label on the refrigerator, submitted by the contestant (see example below). The contest will end June 30, 2010. The winner will receive a brand new, ENERGY STAR refrigerator delivered and installed at their home.

Choptank will verify the information submitted by having a representative visit your home and check all of the information presented. The old refrigerator will be removed and becomes the property of Choptank Electric Cooperative to be displayed at various locations and events promoting energy management, conservation and ENERGY STAR products.

Visit us online at www.choptankelectric.coop to enter the contest and "click" on the picture of the 1940's refrigerator. You may also enter by contacting Thomas S. Tyndall, Energy Program Coordinator, with the information at tomt@choptankelectric.coop or by calling toll free 1-877-892-0001, ext. 8633. Use the example below when recording the information for the contest.

Choptank "Oldest Refrigerator" Contest

Member name _____

Account No. _____

Phone No. _____

Manufacturer _____

Model No. _____

Serial No. _____

Size/Capacity _____

Appliance rebates available for MD residents

Maryland residents are now eligible for rebates on ENERGY STAR super-efficient clothes washers, refrigerators and electric heat pump water heaters **purchased on or after April 22, 2010.**

Maryland was awarded \$5.4 million by the U.S. Dept. of Energy as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 in support of the DOE energy efficient appliance rebate program. The funds will be administered by the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA). "Since the money is allocated on a statewide basis, from the one-time only stimulus funding, the rebates will be available only as long as the block grant lasts and is offered on a first-come, first served basis," said Lauren Swiston of the MEA. "Maryland will be working with the utilities to distribute the rebate funding."

States were free to choose the type of appliance rebate, as well as the rebate amount for each appliance. The MEA consulted with the DOE and also compared appliance rebate programs offered in other states. Maryland will be offering a \$300 rebate for ENERGY STAR electric heat pump water heaters, \$100 for ENER-

GY STAR super-efficient clothes washers and \$50 for super-efficient refrigerators. To qualify for the rebate, clothes washers and refrigerators must meet certain standards corresponding to the Consortium of Energy Efficiency's Tier 2 or Tier 3 appliance rating. These standards exceed the current ENERGY STAR criteria for these appliances.

Appliances account for approximately 17% of a household's energy consumption with refrigerators, clothes washers and dryers in the top three. Water heating is the third largest energy expense (heating and air-conditioning, one and two respectively) and makes up about 12% of the electric bill.

When shopping for appliances consider not only the purchase price but also how much energy it will use and how much it will cost over time. You will be paying for the energy consumed on a monthly basis for the next 10 to 20 years depending on the appliance. Refrigerators last an average of 14 years, clothes washers about 11 years and electric water heaters 10-15 years.

ENERGY STAR compliant appliances will use as

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GET GREEN - GO PAPERLESS! Paying your bill online? Opt out of being mailed a paper bill when you make an online payment at www.choptankelectric.coop.

No more blizzards — now get ready for hurricane season



By Robert P. Behlke
Vice President, Consumer Affairs

Are you ready to meet Alex, Bonnie, Colin, Danielle and Earl? They're the first five named hurricanes for 2010 and while we hope you won't meet these storms or any of their kin, we hope you're prepared for them just the same!

Hurricane Preparedness Week is May 23 to May 29. The Atlantic hurricane season begins June 1 and continues through Nov. 30. History teaches that a lack of hurricane awareness and preparation are common threads among all major hurricane disasters. By knowing your vulnerability and what actions you should take, you can reduce the effects of a hurricane disaster.

The ingredients for a hurricane include a pre-existing weather disturbance, warm tropical oceans, moisture and relatively light winds aloft. If the right conditions persist long enough, they can combine to produce the violent winds, incredible waves, torrential rains and floods we associate with this phenomenon.

An average of 11 tropical storms develop over the Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea and Gulf of Mexico each year. Many of these remain over the ocean and never impact the U.S. coastline. Six of these storms become hurricanes each year. In an average 3-year period, roughly five hurricanes strike the US coastline, killing approximately 50 to 100 people anywhere from Texas to Maine.

The latest projections for the 2010 hurricane season appear to confirm earlier analyses that above average storm activity is in the offing.

The AccuWeather.com Hurricane Center said that five hurricanes could make landfall along the Gulf Coast and western Atlantic, with two to three of them reaching intense

Category 3 status.

"This year has the chance to be an extreme season," said Joe Bastardi, the company's chief long-range meteorologist and hurricane forecaster. "It is certainly much more like 2008 than 2009 as far as the overall threat to the US' East and Gulf coasts."

This year, Bastardi said 15 to 18 tropical storms could arise, mostly in the Atlantic basin and Gulf of Mexico.

What is a Hurricane? A hurricane is a type of tropical cyclone, which is a generic term for a low pressure system that generally forms in the tropics. The cyclone is accompanied by thunderstorms and, in the Northern Hemisphere, a counterclockwise circulation of winds near the earth's surface.

Hurricanes are categorized according to the strength of their winds using the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Scale. A Category 1 storm has the lowest wind speeds, while a Category 5 hurricane has the strongest. These are relative terms, because lower category storms can sometimes inflict greater damage than higher category storms, depending on where they strike and the particular hazards they bring. In fact, tropical storms can also produce significant damage and loss of life, mainly due to flooding.

If you are asked to evacuate, do so without delay, but unless you live in a coastal or low-lying area, an area that floods frequently, or in manufactured housing, it is unlikely emergency managers will ask you to evacuate. This means it is important for you and your family to **have a plan** that makes you as safe as possible in your home.

Disaster prevention includes modifying your home to strengthen it against storms and it also includes having the supplies on hand to weather the storm.

There are certain items you need to have regardless of where you ride out a hurricane.

A disaster supply kit is a useful tool when you evacuate as well as making you as safe as possible in your home.

Water - at least 1 gallon daily per person for 3 to 7 days

Food - at least enough for 3 to 7 days; non-perishable packaged or canned food/juices, foods for infants or the elderly, snack foods, non-electric can opener, cooking tools/fuel, paper plates/plastic utensils.

Blankets/Pillows, etc.

Clothing - seasonal, rain gear, sturdy shoes

First Aid Kit/Medicines/Prescription Drugs

Special Items - for babies and the elderly

Toiletries/Hygiene items/Moisture wipes

Flashlight/Batteries

Radio - Battery operated/NOAA weather radio

Telephones - Fully charged cell phone with extra battery and a traditional (not cordless) telephone set

Cash (with some small bills) and Credit Cards - Banks and ATMs may not be available for extended periods

Keys

Toys, Books and Games

Important documents - in waterproof container or watertight resealable plastic bag — insurance, medical records, bank account numbers, Social Security card, etc.

Tools - keep a set with you during the storm

Vehicle fuel tanks filled

Pet care items - proper identification, immunization records, medications, supply of food and water, carrier or cage, muzzle and leash

What's the difference between a watch and a warning?

A **hurricane watch** indicates the possibility of hurricane conditions within 36 hours. This watch should trigger your family's disaster plan, and protective measures should be initiated, especially actions that require extra time such as securing a boat, leaving a barrier island, etc.

A **hurricane warning** indicates sustained winds of at least 74 mph are expected within 24 hours or less. Once this warning has been issued, your family should be in the process of completing protective actions and deciding the safest location to be during the storm.

More info at www.nhc.noaa.gov.

Museum of Eastern Shore Life

The Queen Anne's Museum of Eastern Shore Life is located at 126 Dulin Clark Rd., Centreville, (at the QA Co. fairgrounds). It is open weekends, May-September, 1-4 p.m. Go to www.museumslife.org or call 410-758-0979. Opened in 1995, it includes a working early 20th century print shop, farm machinery display and oodles of interesting items.

The mission of the museum is to promote a greater understanding and appreciation of the region's cultural and natural heritage, with an emphasis on agricultural and maritime activities.

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much as 40% less energy than a similar, non-ENERGY STAR compliant model. While it is true they are generally more expensive to purchase than a non-ENERGY STAR model, the reduced energy consumption and the money saved should pay for the incremental cost to move up to the ENERGY STAR appliance.

The Maryland appliance rebate program may persuade you to move up to the super-efficient, ENERGY STAR Tier 2 or Tier 3 models which use even less energy than the ENERGY STAR appliance, resulting in more energy savings.

To help consumers figure out whether an appliance is energy efficient, the federal government requires most appliances to display the bright yellow and black "Energy Guide" label. Although these labels will not tell you which appliance is the most efficient, they will tell you the annual energy consumption and operating cost for each so you can make a comparison.

Information about the Maryland appliance rebate program can be found at www.energy.maryland.gov click on Appliance Rebates. You may also visit Choptank's website, www.choptankelectric.coop, and click on "Watt's In Your Future?" or contact Thomas Tyndall, Energy Program Coordinator, at tomt@choptankelectric.coop or 1-877-892-0001, ext 8633.

Watt's the Answer?

Win \$10 credit on your electric bill by entering our monthly trivia contest.

Watt's the Answer for May:
The lightning rod was invented in 1752 by this famous man. (Don't try his experiment at home!)

Send name, account and phone to: Watt's the Answer, Choptank Electric, P.O. Box 430, Denton MD 21629 or annew@choptankelectric.coop. Answers must be received by June 5, winner will be announced in July. March winner is Jackie Linck who knew Little League Baseball is the largest youth sports organization in the world.

Safety codes make progress with pool shocks

Mild electric shocks received by people near swimming pools has been an ongoing issue around the nation for two decades. The nation's electric safety code-making bodies have been making headway in addressing this issue.

Assuming the shocks are not the result of faulty wiring or equipment, they most likely result from the establishment of differing electric ground planes (systems) within the pool environment.

The electric distribution system has a "grounded" conductor associated with it. This is the "neutral" conductor on the utility side; on the consumer side, this includes the "equipment ground" which is bonded (electrically connected) to the neutral conductor.

The National Electrical Code® (NEC, Art. 680.26) requires various parts around a pool be bonded together to reduce voltage gradients in the pool area in what is known as equipotential bonding, thereby establishing an equipotential (equal voltage) grid. The equipotential bonding grid ultimately becomes bonded to the electric service's equipment ground, usually at the pool pump, establishing one "ground" plane in the pool environment.

Any electrically conductive item — including the pool water and concrete not bonded to the equipotential bonding grid — may be at a different potential, usually the local "earth" potential. This becomes a second "ground" plane in the pool environment.

When a person or animal simultaneously makes contact between items of these two ground planes, a shock may be received. This shock is typically referred to as "stray voltage," but

is also known as neutral-to-earth voltage (NEV) and tingle voltage.

It is generally thought "grounded" conductors are at the same potential as "the ground," but due to the possibility of current flow over these conductors or through the ground, this is rarely the case. Any time a current flows, a voltage will develop due to the resistance in whatever media the current is flowing.



The most adequate solution to "stray voltage" is to ensure all conductive items included in or on the pool structure are bonded together in a common equipotential bonding grid. The pool water must also be effectively bonded to the equipotential bonding grid to eliminate a voltage differential between it and the bonded surroundings. The 2008 edition of the NECK now requires an intentional bond (electrode) in contact with the pool water (Art. 680.26(C)). The equipotential bonding grid needs to include the decking or soil in some manner for several feet away from the edge of the pool coping.

Some common problems encountered involve the degradation or incompleteness of the equipotential bonding grid around the pool. The most noteworthy of these is the lack of electrical bonding to each individual coping section around the pool deck edge. Robust, redundant mechanical connections or exothermic welding are necessary.

The pool environment is fairly corrosive to metals, particularly aluminum and steel due to moisture, galvanic action, chloride salts and the alkalinity of con-

crete. Additionally, concrete settlement creates breaks in the equipotential bonding grid allowing differing potentials to develop around the pool. The importance of an adequately designed, electrically and mechanically sound equipotential bonding grid cannot be overemphasized in NEV mitigation.

The NECK lists minimum requirements needed for the practical safeguarding of persons and property, which may not be "necessarily efficient, convenient or adequate for good service or future expansion of electrical use" (emphasis added), nor is it intended as a design specification. Experience has shown the "minimum" requirements do not adequately resolve NEV.

Redundancy and adequacy of bonding points is important. Equipotential bonding is not an area to cut costs. Once the pool is built, it is difficult and expensive to retrofit, replace or repair shortcomings.

Other perceived remedies such as neutral isolators obscure the point that a safety issue exists; namely, inadequate bonding between contact points allowing electric potential differences to develop, regardless of the source.

Choptank Electric does not consider neutral isolators to be a safe or prudent solution to "stray voltage" and does not install them. They do not eliminate the differing ground planes in the pool environment, which is the fundamental safety issue.

Choptank Electric can assist members in mitigating NEV. If you have questions regarding this, please contact Sr. Engineer Cecil Criss at 1-877-892-0001.

FDR remembered for "next greatest thing"

A cottage in Georgia holds a special place in the history of rural electrification.

Franklin D. Roosevelt built that home, and it was where he came up with the idea of the Rural Electrification Administration. It was also where FDR died April 12, 1945.

Dignitaries from the electric co-op community came to the "Little White House" in Warm Springs, Ga., on the 65th anniversary of Roosevelt's death, to

reflect on what he meant to the movement. National Rural Electric Cooperative Association CEO Glenn English said, "All of you who come from rural America owe much to this great president. We're all accustomed to simply flipping a switch and turning on the lights and radio and TV. But in the days in which one day you lived in darkness and the next day you had electric lights, it was truly a remarkable transformation."

During his time at Warm Springs, FDR realized how much more electricity cost there, compared to his home in Hyde Park, N.Y. That led to the birth of the REA in 1935.

Mr. English reminded the audience of the famous quote from a Tennessee farmer in the early 1940s: "The greatest thing on earth is to have the love of God in our heart, and the next greatest thing is to have electricity in your house."

DANCE: Pine Steppers, Wed., 7 p.m., Ocean Pines Comm. Ctr. 410-208-6331/6777; Pepper Steppers, 2nd Sat., 8 p.m., 1st UM Church hall, Chestertown, 410-810-0926/778-4578; Dorchester Swingers, Maple Elem., Cambridge, 8-10, 1st Fri. 410-822-7535; Line, Fri., LOE, 107 Alexander Ave., Salisbury, beginners 6 p.m., 410-749-1981

BINGO: Willards VFC, Thurs., 7 p.m., Lions Bldg., 410-835-8678; Pittsville VFC, Fri., 7 p.m. 410-835-2323; Fedsbg. VFW, Thurs., 7:20 p.m. 410-754-5020; Hurlock Legion, Fri., 7:30 p.m., 410-943-8205; Denton Legion, Tues., 6 p.m., 410-479-2708; Redmen, Fruitland, Mon., 6:30 p.m. 410-742-6859; Willards Lions, Tues., 7 p.m. 410-835-2328; Denton VFC, Fri., 7:30 p.m.; Holy Saviour Ch., 17th St./Ocean Hwy., Ocean City, Fri., 7-10. 410-524-7004; Ocean City Elks 2645, Wed., 5:30, 410-250-2645

MUSIC: Peninsulaires, Tues. 7:30 p.m., Salisbury Univ., Fulton Hall #130, 410-251-0780; Ocean Bay Sweet Adelines, Mon., 7 p.m., Temple Beth Israel, 410-749-1194; Delmarva Sweet Adelines, Mon., 7 p.m., Ocean Pines Comm. Ctr. 410-641-6876; QA Barbershop, Wed., 6:30 p.m., Ches. Coll., Wye Mills. 410-827-7993; Bay Country Chorus, Mon., 7 p.m., Miller Hall, behind Trinity Cathedral, Easton. 410-770-8262; Worcester Chorale, Wed., 7 p.m., Comm. Church, Rt. 589, Ocean Pines. 410-208-1999; E. Shore Bluegrass Assn., show/jam, 2nd Sun., 1 p.m., Marydel Fire Co. 302-674-3149 or 492-1048

VETS: Vietnam Vets., 1st Thurs., 7 p.m., Easton VFW, 410-943-1374, 3rd Thurs., VFW 194, Salisbur, 410-651-0904; Dis. Amer. Vets #34, 4th Thurs., 1 p.m., VFW 194, Salisbury. 410-749-4518

Chesapeake Christian Riders CMA 453, 1st Thurs, Bob Evans Restaurant, Easton, 6 p.m. 410-943-8325

Mid-Shore A.B.A.T.E., 2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m., Easton VFW. www.midshoreabate.com

CANCER SUPPORT: Women Supporting Women, 3rd Wed., 7 p.m., 213 Atlantic Bus. Ctr., Berlin, 410-641-2849, 1st Thur., 7-8:30 p.m., 106 W. Circle Ave., #101, Salisbury, 410-548-7880; Shore Reg. Cancer Ctr., Easton, pre-register. 1-888-806-0756, patients & survivors, Thurs., 5 p.m., Daytimers, 1st/3rd Wed., 10:30 p.m., family and caregivers, 1st/3rd Wed., 5:30-7; Brain Tumor Awareness, 3rd Tues, Comm. Found. Eastern Shore, Salisbury, 6:30. 410-443-1342; Lymphedema group, 2nd Tues., 11-noon, Avery Hall Ed. Ctr., PRMC. 410-548-7880

SELF-HELP: Denton AA, 105 Gay St., Thurs., 8 p.m.; Co-Dependents, Sun., 6:30 p.m., Christ UMC, Salisbury, 410-376-0164; Dual Recovery, Wor. Lib., Pocomoke, Mon., 7 p.m.; Overeaters, Sat., 10 a.m., Christ UMC, Salisbury, 410-376-0164, Thur., 5 p.m., Buckingham Presb., 20 S. Main, Berlin. 410-629-0679, Mon. 5:15 p.m., Health Ed., Mem. Hosp., Easton, Fri. noon, St. Mark's UMC, Easton. 410-820-0006; TOPS, Tues., 6 p.m., Wor. Health Dept.; Thurs., 7 p.m., Christ UMC, Salisbury, 410-546-4197/543-9039; Church of God, Easton, 6 p.m. 410-822-2630/673-2248

SINGLES CLUBS: Widows & Widowers, 3rd Tues., 2:15 p.m., The Woodlands at Ocean Pines, lunch 1 p.m., 410-208-0430; Beach Singles 45+ activities call 302-436-9577; Delmarva Singles 50+, 1st Wed., 6 p.m. 410-742-8310; Activity Singles Klub, Easton, 2nd Wed., 410-822-7468

Nat'l Assn. Active/Retired Fed. Empl. 1261, Salisbury area, 3rd Thurs., 410-896-2671; Wor. Co. 2274, 4th Thurs., Jordan's Rooftop, OC, 11:30 a.m., 410-641-5570

BRIDGE: Riverside Homes, Salisbury, Mon., 7 p.m., 410-835-8343; Tred Avon, Wed., 11:30 a.m., Talbot Co. Sr. Ctr., Easton, 410-226-5126; Ocean Pines, duplicate, ACBL sanctioned, Mon., 12:30, community hall, Tues., 9:30, comm. hall, Wed., OPCC, 9:30 a.m., Fri., 9:30, The Woodlands. 410-641-8071

O. Pines Camera Club, 2nd Mon., 7 p.m., library. 410-208-2555

U. of Md. Cooperative Extension Service Master Gardeners Plant Clinic, Ocean Pines Library, Tues., 1-4. 410-641-5570

Friends of Ocean Pines Library, 2nd Mon., 10 a.m., 410-208-2760

Writers Bloc, 3rd Sat., Rm. 3, Wic. Co. Library, Salisbury, 1 p.m.

Sons of Confederate Vets Maj. Gen. Arnold Elzey Camp 1940, friends, 1st Wed., 7 p.m., Wic. Library, Salisbury. 410-641-9305

Preston Vol. Fire Co., AUCE breakfast, 1st Sun., 7-10, \$6.

S/Sgt. Cohee Detachment/Marine Corps League, 2nd Wed., 7, American Legion, Post 64, Salisbury. 410-341-4616

United Fitness Class, free, Mon., Wed., Fri., chair exercise, 9:30-10, Mt. Hermon UM Church. 410-548-9436

Free beginner's knitting class, 3rd Tues., 1-2, Women Supporting Women, 106 W. Circle Ave., Suite 101, Salisbury.

Heartland Quilt Guild, 1st Thurs., 7 p.m., Choptank Electric district office, Denton. 410-820-5192

Military families, Delmarva Blue Star Mothers, 2nd Sat., 2 p.m., locations TBA. 410-438-2911 or 410-376-0354

Star Charities, All Volunteers in Action, 1st Fri., 10 a.m., Ocean Pines Library. 410-641-7667

Eastern Shore Stamp Club, 1st Tues., 6:30 p.m. Wicomico Co. Public Library, main library, Salisbury. 410-208-2929

MD Children's Health, families & children, primary adult care, income-based, Kent 410-778-7039, QA 410-758-0720, Talbot 410-819-5690.

Parkinsons Support Group, 2nd Thur., 1:30 p.m., Woodlands & Catered Living, 1135 Ocean Pkwy. 410-208-9001, 641-0539.

Salisbury Chess Club, every Wed., 5:30-9:30 p.m., Thurs., 7 p.m. 'til close, Lighthouse Diner, 1502 S. Salisbury Bld., Salisbury. Ken Milutin, 410-430-9343, ken.milutin@yahoo.com, kmilutin@tricegrp.com.

Beckwith UM Church Strawberry Festival, May 22, flea market 7 a.m., food at 9 a.m. Neck Dist. Fire House, Rt. 343, near Cambridge. To rent tables, 410-228-7807.

Camp Adventure, Deaf Independent Living Assn., Camp Pecometh, Centreville, Aug. 19-22, for deaf & hard of hearing children, siblings or children of deaf & hard of hearing family members. \$155 ages 5-12, \$165 ages 13-17. Registration deadline June 30. 410-742-5052 V/TTY; 1-866-947-9438 VP; or dila.org.

Artworks, Chestertown, artist Terry Wolf show, opening June 4, 5-8 p.m., 306 Park Row. 410-778-6300

Ocean City Air Show, beach & boardwalk, June 5-6, noon. 800-626-2326

St. Luke's UM Church Strawberry Festival & Craft Show, 304 Talbot St., St. Michaels, June 5, 10-5. 410-745-2534

Environmental Concern, native plant sale & open house, June 11, 9-4, June 12, 9-2, 201 Boundary La., St. Michaels. 410-745-9620

Arts at the Arboretum, block printing, June 11, 10-4, Adkins Arboretum, Ridgely. \$70 members, \$85 public. 410-634-2847

Village Fair, Main Street, Berlin, old time celebration, crafts, food, entertainment. June 12, 10-5. 410-641-4775

MD State Firemen's Assn. Convention & Parade, exhibits, convention ctr., June 14, 15, 9-5, June 16, 9-noon. Parade, June 16.

Delmarva Chicken Festival, June 18-19, Del. State University, Dover, free admission. 800-878-2449

Quilting: Historic Perspective & Beginner's Workshop, Adkins Arboretum, June 25, 10-3, \$40 members, \$45 public. 410-634-2847

"Marylanders Plant Trees," new program from State of Maryland. Go to www.trees.maryland.gov to download \$25 coupon toward purchase of native tree at participating nursery. Enter tree into benefit calculator for info on savings for that tree planted at your home.

SEND EVENTS: Shore Good to Know, Choptank Electric, P.O. Box 430, Denton, MD 21629; or annew@choptankelectric.coop two months prior to event if possible. Please include phone number.