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A Few Holiday Lighting Safety Tips



Use only lights that have been tested by an independent laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories. Check each set of lights, new or old, for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections. Discard damaged sets and purchase new. Lights are very inexpensive these days and it is just not worth the risk to your home to use damaged Christmas lights.

Fasten outdoor lights securely to trees, the house, walls, fences or other firm support to protect them from wind and storm damage. Use no more than three standard-size sets of lights per single extension cord, unless you are using the new lights that specify more strands per cord. Most exterior extension cords have three-prong (grounded) male and female plugs. Do not use any cord if the grounding leg has been damaged. Extension cords should be placed against the wall to avoid tripping hazards.

Never try to force a three-prong male plug into a two-prong extension cord or wall outlet. To properly adapt a three-prong cord to a two-prong outlet, use a UL-approved adapter plug with an attached ground wire. Be sure that the ground wire is connected to a proper ground source, such as a cold water pipe or a grounding rod driven into the ground.

Always use the proper step stool or ladder to reach high places. Do not hang popcorn chains or candy canes on trees if there are small children in the home. They may think that other tree ornaments are also edible.

Turn off all lights on trees and other decorations (inside the home and out!) when you go to bed or leave the house. Lights could short and start a fire. Never use electric lights on a metallic Christmas tree. The tree could become charged with electricity from faulty lights, and any person touching a branch could be electrocuted.

For more safety tips please visit www.nfpa.org. Stay safe and have a terrific Christmas season.

Annual Christmas Festival Comes to Pembroke! December 13, 2008



Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 13th so you can come down and join everyone for the annual Pembroke Christmas Parade and Festival. The general festival benefits the North Bryan County 4-H. The parade begins 11 a.m. from the corner of Warnell and Bacon Street and heads down to the municipal parking lot. There will be many beautiful floats, other vehicles and notables. Following the parade, there will be more festivities at the parking lot with booths selling Christmas goods and lots of terrific food. Join Pembroke Telephone at its booth to have your picture taken with Santa Claus! All proceeds from the photographs will benefit the Relay for Life. Hope to see you there and have the happiest of holiday seasons!

Dates & Details

Christmas Day
December 25, 2008
Pembroke Telephone
will be closed
December 25-26 and
January 1, 2009 for
New Year's.

Employee Birthdays

Danny Burke 12/6
Ivey Beardslee 12/6
Gwen Bacon-Jones 12/15
Ashley Tyson 12/15
Donnette Marriott 12/17
Paul Boyette 12/22

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Did you know?

The first U.S. government
Christmas postage stamp was
not issued until 1962.

DTV Transition Nearly Here

By the time you get this newsletter, the transition to digital television will be just a few weeks away. Unfortunately, many households that do not subscribe to television services like PAC TV have done nothing to prepare themselves for the changeover. The facts of the transition are simple. As of February 17, 2009, if you HAVE NOT subscribed to a television provider like PAC TV, or made other accommodations such as installing a digital converter box, in most cases you will be unable to watch television. Even if you install a converter box on each of your non-digital televisions you still may be unable to receive a signal if your antenna is not set up for UHF signals. This transition is government mandated and Pembroke Telephone/PAC TV has no control over the transition terms or timetable. If you are currently a PAC TV subscriber, you are already DTV ready! If not, you need to make some plans right now before it is too late. You can learn more at www.dtv.gov. If you would like to subscribe to PAC TV, just give us a call and we will take care of everything for you. We have plans for every viewing habit and can offer some significant discounts in conjunction with our bundle packages. If you are currently a "telephone only" subscriber, you are eligible for our \$99 triple play bundle, where you can get local telephone, unlimited long distance, Internet access and our most popular television package all for \$99 a month for three months. After the introductory period, you can make plan changes to get the services just how you would like them. Give us a call today and you won't have to worry about DTV any longer!

Gift Giving Idea!

How about trying something new this gift giving season with a gift certificate from Pembroke Telephone or PAC Pros? You can make the holiday a little more special. It is easy to do and you don't have to worry if the size is right! Give grandma some long distance time to talk to the grandkids or let PAC Pros set up your daughter's new computer. Just stop by our offices and we can issue a certificate in any amount you want, with a minimum of \$10. The certificate will appear as a credit on the recipient's January billing statement. For PAC Pros, the certificate will be redeemable at time of service. You can even order one over the phone with a credit card by calling 653-4389.

Holiday Banana Bread

1 Egg	2 c. All-Purpose Flour
1 c. Sugar	1 tsp. Baking Soda
1/2 c. Shortening	1/2 c. Dates (chopped)
3 ripe Bananas Mashed	1/2 c. Pecans (chopped)
1 tsp. Vanilla	1/2 c. Maraschino Cherries (red or green, chopped)

In a large bowl, beat egg, sugar, shortening, bananas, and vanilla until smooth. Sift flour and soda together; blend into banana mixture. Stir in remaining ingredients. Pour into greased and floured 9x5x3 inch pan or tube pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour or until done.

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