



Colquitt EMC Celebrates 78 Years!

2014 Annual Meeting Highlights

Amid sunny skies and an unseasonably warm day, 2,479 members and guests attended the 78th Annual Meeting on Tuesday, October 28. Prior to the business meeting, attendees enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared by the Colquitt County FFA and enjoyed entertainment by The Millhous Gospel Quartet. The exhibit area included a health fair, "Electro Bingo" and "Energy Jeopardy".

The business meeting opened with the presentation of Colors and Pledge by The Colquitt County High School Marine Corps JROTC and the National Anthem performed by the A Cappella Choir from Colquitt County High School. President Bobby Exum presided over the Business Meeting. Rev. Ron Shiver, Pastor at Funston Baptist Church provided the invocation. In addition, Chip Blalock, Sunbelt Expo Director, delivered greetings and John B. Alderman, Chairman of the Colquitt County Board of Commissioners welcomed attendees.

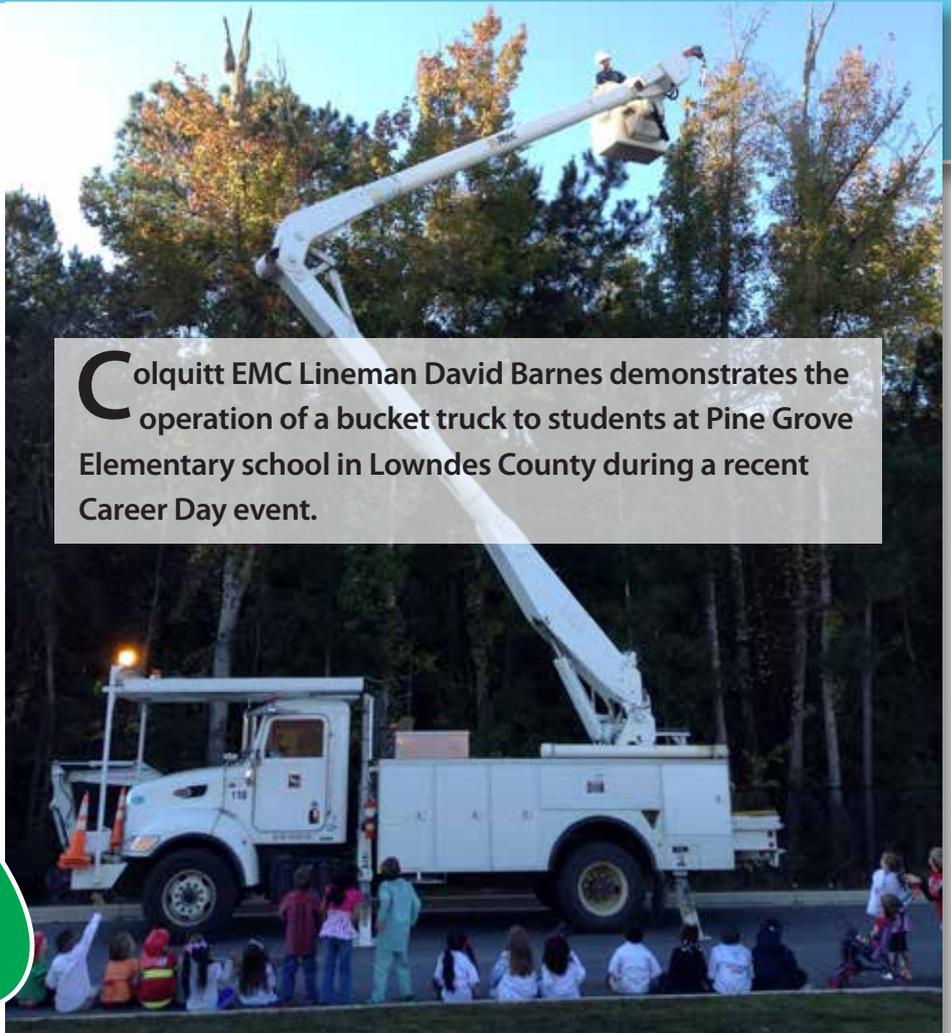
Cooperative Attorney James Thagard presented the election results. Incumbent directors Noel Childers, Brooks County, Jimmy Griner, Berrien County and Simmie King, Cook County were re-elected for three year terms. Members also approved a Bylaw change whereby no members presently or formerly employed by the Cooperative shall be eligible to become or remain a Director, Member of the Nominating Committee, or serve in any other capacity, either appointed or elected, or involving any Cooperative election for five (5) years after the termination of his/her employment from the Cooperative. This Bylaw change only applies to those members who are separated from Colquitt EMC after October 28, 2014.

Colquitt EMC's General Manager, Danny Nichols informed the membership that the Cooperative is financially sound and that the Board, Management and Staff are focused on affordable rates, customer service and reliability. He also announced that Colquitt EMC will be returning more than \$1.1 million in capital credits during the month of December. Service recognition of employees included: Justin Brown, Ray Parrish, Dennis Thacker, Roger Touchton and Joey Weakland (25 years); Bruce Bailey, Ken Busby, Reeves Foy, Dixie Lightfoot and Jimmy Williams (35 years); Wynette Bryant, Terry Lewis, Randy Stephens (40 years) and Ronnie Caldwell (45 years).

Always a crowd pleaser, a prize drawing was held at the close of the meeting.



Community CONNECTIONS....



Colquitt EMC Lineman David Barnes demonstrates the operation of a bucket truck to students at Pine Grove Elementary school in Lowndes County during a recent Career Day event.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE

FFA Wiring Practice

Recently Area FFA students participated in a practice electrical wiring workshop sponsored by Colquitt EMC at our Tifton district office. South Region Ag Mechanics Teacher, James Hunter, helped students prepare for the Area Agricultural Electrification Career Development Event which consists of an electrical wiring problem, critical thinking and communication skills. Students that win the area contest receive a scholarship and a chance to compete at the state contest for additional scholarships.

Pictured: Tyler Green (Berrien County FFA chapter) and McKenzie Ogg (Brooks County FFA chapter)



Colquitt EMC is currently accepting applications for the Walter Harrison Scholarship, a program sponsored by Georgia's 41 electric cooperatives.

The \$1,000 scholarship can be applied to academic expenses at any accredited two- or four-year university, college or vocational-technical institute in Georgia. Factors for consideration include grade point average, SAT/ COMPASS scores, academic standing, scholastic honors and financial need. Students applying for the scholarship must be accepted or enrolled in an accredited undergraduate degree program, complete an application, and write a biographical sketch which provides a preview of his or her future plans. Applications are available at any Colquitt EMC office or visit www.colquitemc.com. **Completed applications are due by Monday, February 2, 2015.**

The 12 Days of (Energy Conserving) Christmas

- Day 1:** Invest in LED Christmas lights, they use a lot less energy and last a really long time.
- Day 2:** Get out that Christmas sweater. Dress warmly and lower the thermostat.
- Day 3:** Install a programmable thermostat and set back the heat while sleeping and when away from home.
- Day 4:** Cook multiple dishes in the oven at the same time, don't open the oven door to peek and use the microwave or pressure cooker when possible.
- Day 5:** Let the leftovers cool down to room temperature before placing them in the refrigerator.
- Day 6:** Connect your Christmas lights to a timer. This will prevent you from leaving your lights turned on and avoid unexpected charges to your energy bill.
- Day 7:** Plug your electronics into a smart power strip and turn off the power when not in use.
- Day 8:** Take a break from game systems and computers – Get out a board game for the whole family to play. Spend quality time together.
- Day 9:** Visit family and friends and invite them to celebrate the season at your place.
- Day 10:** Got a fireplace? Use it. Don't have a fireplace, pop in a fireplace DVD. Studies show people felt warmer after watching a fireplace video.
- Day 11:** Turn off extra lighting, The Christmas tree will really shine. Light a few candles and feel the beauty of the season.
- Day 12:** Volunteer. It's the "reason for the season" and gets you out of the house so you are using less energy.

December 2014 Capital Credit Refund

Colquitt EMC will refund \$1,164,742.86 to some of its members in December. The refund represents capital credits assigned to members who received electricity in **1993**. The cooperative is currently retiring capital credits on a 20 year rotating plan adopted by the Board of Directors. The year, percentage of total billing, dollar amount and year of refund of capital credits for each succeeding year is as follows:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>YEAR REFUND</u>
1994.....	3.65%.....	\$1,630,730.43.....	2015
1995.....	6.31%.....	\$3,101,206.23.....	2016
1996.....	8.64%.....	\$4,423,112.06.....	2017
1997.....	3.86%.....	\$2,090,665.02.....	2018
1998.....	6.47%.....	\$3,568,665.50.....	2019
1999.....	4.60%.....	\$2,652,945.09.....	2020
2000.....	4.13%.....	\$2,484,560.85.....	2021
2001.....	7.73%.....	\$4,778,177.29.....	2022
2002.....	9.52%.....	\$6,518,910.60.....	2023
2003.....	9.48%.....	\$6,633,721.56.....	2024
2004.....	10.51%.....	\$7,947,054.85.....	2025
2005.....	0.70%.....	\$582,547.86.....	2026
2006.....	5.12%.....	\$4,570,084.87.....	2027
2007.....	3.38%.....	\$3,196,647.69.....	2028
2008.....	0.00%.....	— — —.....	NO REFUND
2009.....	1.31%.....	\$1,387,809.46.....	2030
2010.....	1.92%.....	\$2,207,849.74.....	2031
2011.....	0.14%.....	\$166,375.80.....	2032
2012.....	4.33%.....	\$5,222,052.94.....	2033



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Danny Nichols (R), General Manager, congratulates Sidney Zipperer, Manager of Operations, who received the Cofer-Langston Award from Georgia EMC.

Zipperer Receives Cofer-Langston Award

Sidney Zipperer, Manager of Operations, was recently awarded the prestigious Cofer-Langston Award from the Georgia EMC Foremen & Supervisors' Association.

According to Colquitt EMC General Manager Danny Nichols, Zipperer has shown outstanding dedication to promoting training and safety. His training program for underground construction and maintenance, hands-on training for substation switching and pole top/bucket rescue made him a deserving recipient.

"Sidney's ability to communicate to the outside personnel regarding safety and training is outstanding. His commitment to Colquitt EMC and the safety and wellbeing of our personnel is exemplary," says Nichols.

The Cofer-Langston Award is in memory of Red Cofer and Leon Langston, who for many years were Job Training and Safety Instructors for Georgia EMCs. These two were the pioneers of Georgia EMC's present Job Training and Safety Program and gave years of faithful service promoting training and safety to linemen and supervisors.

ATTENTION:

Use firebreaks around any utility poles on land that will be burned under controlled conditions. By using a firebreak to protect utility poles, you can help Colquitt EMC save thousands of dollars in repair costs. Also, you can avoid potential safety problems resulting from burned poles.

BURN WITH CARE... AVOID TROUBLE.



-Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

May Peace, Joy, Hope and Happiness be with you throughout the Holiday Season.

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
from all of us at Colquitt EMC*

All Colquitt EMC offices will be closed on the following dates:

December 25-26 & January 1



Recipes of the Month



Roast Beef Horseradish Spirals

1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, at room temperature
2 green onions, chopped about 1/2 cup
1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
2 tablespoons prepared horseradish, drained
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
8 ounces deli roast beef, sliced
2 10-inch flour tortillas, cheese flavoured are nice

Combine first 6 ingredients.

Place the two tortillas on work surface, spread half of cheese over each, top each with half of the roast beef slices, leaving a 1/2 inch border around edges.

Roll up, wrap tightly in plastic wrap.

Refrigerate until firm, 30 minutes or up to 1 day ahead.

cut diagonally into 1/2 inch slices and serve.

Yield: 36 spirals

Per Serving: 41.9 Calories, 2.6g Fat,
134.5mg Sodium, 9.9mg Cholesterol,
2.6g Carbohydrate.



Bacon Rollups

2 (3 ounce) packages cream cheese with chives (softened)
1 tablespoon milk or 1 tablespoon mayonnaise
25 slices mixed grain bread (crusts removed & cut in half)
25 slices bacon (cut in half)
parsley sprig (optional)

Combine cream cheese and milk (or mayonnaise) stirring until of spreading consistency.

Spread 1 teaspoon of cheese mixture on each halved bread slice.

Roll tightly from the smallest end.

Wrap with bacon and secure with toothpick.

Place on broiler pan.

Bake at 350 degrees Fahrenheit for 30 minutes.

Turn if necessary.

Garnish with parsley if desired.

Note: These may be assembled ahead of time and frozen before cooking. To serve, remove frozen rollups from freezer and allow to thaw in the refrigerator over night. Then bake at 350 degrees Fahrenheit for 30 to 40 minutes.

Yield: 48 rollups

Per Serving: 55.3 Calories, 2.3g Fat,
103.7mg Sodium, 2.8mg Cholesterol,
6.0g Carbohydrate.