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NewsLine

September 2014

Colquitt EMC's 78th Annual Meeting

Join us at Spence Field in
Moultrie on
Tuesday, October 28, 2014
for the 78th
Annual Meeting of Members



entertainment
"Milhous Gospel Quartet"



Fill out and return the lunch registration form below.
Due to the size and growth of our Annual Meeting, we
are asking members to register only for themselves—not other members.
There is a limit of 3 meals per membership. These rules have been
implemented as a courtesy to all members.

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LUNCH RESERVATION FORM FOR COLQUITT EMC's 78th ANNUAL MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2014



Although your meal is tasty enough for leftovers, we ask that you enjoy your lunch on the premises.

Lunch from 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
Registration - 11:00 A.M.
Business Meeting: 1:30 P.M.
Expo Site, Spence Field in Moultrie

**Limit
3
meals
per member**

Name _____

Address _____

Account # _____

Member's Signature _____

Including myself, you may plan on _____ person(s) for lunch.

Deadline for reservations is October 14, 2014

Colquitt EMC Awards \$325,500 in College Scholarships

One hundred and sixteen students from across Colquitt EMC's seven-county service area are the recipients of college scholarships totaling \$325,500.

Since the program started in 2006, Colquitt EMC has been able to fund \$1,698,000 in academic scholarships to 616 students. Funding for the scholarships is made possible through Georgia legislation which allows unclaimed capital credits to be used for education in the communities served by EMC's.



Scholarship recipients pictured at the Valdosta office:

Front Row: (L to R) Briana Tookes, Darla Dunning, Kendra Hargett, Annette Hargett, Breanna Russ, Saralyn Goff, Amrie Lisse, Emily White, Melanie Wetherington, Shayla Samaras, Taylor Samaras, Lakyn Griffin, Rebeca Ceja. **Middle Row:** (L to R) Kristy Clark, James Yates, Megan Eldridge, Jasmine Sisk, Brianna Kilpatrick, Regan Plymale, Brittany Voigt, Meredith Crum, Gabriella Bessinger, Amanda Mitchell, Samantha Wooley, Keeli Jackson, Mary Lee. **Back Row:** (L to R) Mark Farquharson, Stone Sirmans, Cornelius Clark, Samuel Bennett, Gregory Rasmussen, Jonathan Hart, Eddie Garcia, Bryce Danforth, Tyler Thurman, Ashlee Simmons, William Crum.



Scholarship recipients pictured at the Tifton office:

Front Row: (L to R) Daisy Damian, Haley Dillard, Taylor Walker, Brittney Vamadoe, Hannah Hayes, Emily Wall, Jessica Griner, Rainee Baker. **Middle Row:** (L to R) Matthew Crumley, Alejandra Lara, Kari Partin, Kristen Thomas, Stevie Gaskins, Emily Philpot, Lauren Ray, Charlotte Giddens, Israel Barron. **Back Row:** (L to R) Breanna Anderson, Taylor Griner, Emily Jackson, Audrey Bradford, Christopher Gravitt, Austin Pearce, Tyler Gore, Coleman Bennett, Sarah Nelson, Morgan Garrick.



Scholarship recipients pictured at the Moultrie office:

Front Row: (L to R) Regina Dismuke, Kendale Zimmerman, Laura Bass, Jenna Harrell, Julia Smith, Natalie Griffin, Geneva Brown, Debora Delao. **Middle Row:** (L to R) Justin Brinson, Brandon Odum, Donna Ashby, Lyndsey Whitley, Alexandra McCracken, Julia Patterson, Shelby Jenkins, Lauren Kelshav, Josh Tucker. **Back Row:** (L to R) Matthew Plymel, Charles English, Sara Jenkins, John Frazier, April Wilcox, Jessica Patterson, Jordan Cox.



The Colquitt EMC Bylaws allow for district director elections. This means that the only members who will be voting for director positions are those who have memberships in the districts (counties) of the directors who are up for election (Berrien, Brooks and Cook). **Members vote for directors via mail with the election results presented at the Annual Meeting.** No later than September 26, Annual Meeting notices will be mailed to each member whose membership is active on August 31. Ballots/voting information will be mailed to members in the districts (counties) of the directors who are up for election. Ballots must be returned either by mail or hand delivery to any Colquitt EMC office by October 10.

DISTRICT 2 BROOKS COUNTY

Noel Childers



- Served on the Colquitt EMC Board for 26 years
- Completed NRECA training to obtain a Certified Director Certificate
- Member of Morrison Baptist Church where he currently serves as :
 - Chairman of the Deacons
 - Adult Sunday School Teacher
 - Chairman of Building & Grounds Committee
- Member of the Brooks County Cattlemen's Association
- Participated in the inaugural Leadership Georgia class
- By invitation has previously served on Georgia Dept. of Agriculture Fact Finding Group for Alternative Produce Production
- Lifelong farmer specializing in vegetable production and cattle
- Employed by Dewitt Farms where he oversees produce production

Mike Allen



- Utilities Director for Lowndes County
- Serves on the State of Georgia Water Resource Planning Board
- Member of the American Public Works Association (APWA)
- Member of Georgia Association of Water Professionals (GAWP)
- Member of the American Water Works Association (AWWA)
- Chairman of the local Georgia Utilities Coordinating Council
- Member of the Park Avenue Seventh-Day Adventist Church where he serves as a Deacon

DISTRICT 3 BERRIEN COUNTY

James H. (Jimmy) Griner, Sr.



- Served on the Colquitt EMC Board for 22 years
 - Has served as president and secretary/ treasurer
- Earned Certified Director Certificate
- Credentialed Cooperative Director
- Fireman with the West Berrien Volunteer Fire Department
- Active member of the Tifton Kiwanis Club
 - Recipient of 4 Outstanding Kiwanian awards
- Member of the Primitive Baptist Faith
- Manages and operates Griner Farms with his son
- Retired from ABAC in June of 1989 with 22 years of service as a physics professor

Kane Staines



- Educator with the Berrien County School System.
 - For the past 6 years in Ag Education as a Young Farmer Teacher
- Owner of the Gum Branch Feed Company in Adel
- Member of the Berrien Youth Livestock Association
- Member of Pine Grove Missionary Baptist Church
 - Serves as Usher, Assistant Treasurer and member of the Public Relations Committee

DISTRICT 4 COOK COUNTY

Simmie King



- Served on the Colquitt EMC Board for 29 years
 - Has served as president and vice-president
- Serves on Georgia System Operations Corporation Board of Directors
- Member of Baptist faith
- Farms in the Fellowship Community of Cook County
- Completed NRECA training to obtain a Certified Director Certificate

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SUNBELT AG EXPO

OCTOBER 14-16

GA HWY. 133 • MOULTRIE, GA

Show Hours

8:30a.m. to 5:00p.m. (Tuesday and Wednesday)

8:30a.m. to 4:00p.m. (Thursday)



The 37th Annual Sunbelt Ag Expo will be the best show yet and a must see event! With over 1,200 exhibitors, over 300 unique seminars, and 28 highlight sections North America's Premier Farm Show® offers something for everyone. Farmers will have numerous opportunities to learn and explore the latest equipment in the Field Demo Area which allows farmers to see products and services first hand. Unique seminars are offered in areas, ranging from bee keeping to pond management and many more. The educational opportunities alone make for a successful day but don't forget to explore the other events at the Sunbelt Expo. New to the Sunbelt Expo this year is the Rural Lifestyle section for the individual interested in growing their own food. Visit www.sunbeltagexpo.com for more information or to purchase advance tickets.

Energy Star and WaterSense Sales Tax Holiday Coming in October



During the first weekend of October, Energy Star and WaterSense products will be exempted from Georgia state and local sales and use tax. The exemptions will apply to certain items of tangible personal property sold during a period to commence at 12:01 A.M. on October 3, 2014 and conclude at 12:00 Midnight on October 5, 2014.

During the October sales tax holidays, the following items when purchased for noncommercial home or personal use will be exempt:

- Energy Star Qualified Products with a sales price of \$1,500 or less per item; and
- WaterSense Products with a sales price of \$1,500 or less per item.

The exemption does not apply to:

- Energy Star Qualified Products or WaterSense Products purchased for trade, business, or resale.

"Energy Star Qualified Product" means any dishwasher, clothes washer, air conditioner, ceiling fan, fluorescent light bulb, dehumidifier, programmable thermostat, refrigerator, door, or window that meets the energy efficient guidelines set by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Department of Energy.

"WaterSense Product" means a product is authorized to bear the United States Environmental Protection Agency WaterSense label.

In addition to voting for directors this year, members in all counties will be asked to vote on a Bylaw change that concerns director elections.

Following is the proposed Bylaw amendment:

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 is effective on October 28, 2014, and only applies to those members who are separated from Colquitt EMC after October 28, 2014.



Recipes of the Month

With football season upon us, it's time to start planning your tailgate party...



Crock Pot Boiled Peanuts

1 1/2 quarts uncooked green peanuts
1/2 cup salt
2 1/2 quarts water

Wash Peanuts until water runs clear.
Place peanuts in crock pot.
Add salt and water; stir.
Cook, covered, on high for 5 to 7 hours.
Add additional water during cooking, if necessary, to keep peanuts covered. *Yield: 1 Pot*

Per Serving: 4915.2 Calories, 426.8g Fat, 56813.8mg Sodium, 0.0mg Cholesterol, 139.8g Carbohydrate.



Tailgate Sandwiches

12 hawaiian sweet rolls, split
1 lb black forest ham, shaved
12 ounces gruyere or 12 ounces swiss cheese, sliced
1 (8 ounce) container chive & onion cream cheese
1/2 cup butter, melted
1/4 cup parmesan cheese, grated
1 tablespoon worcestshire sauce
1 1/2 teaspoons dried onion flakes

Arrange bottom of rolls in a greased 9x13 dish. Layer with ham and cheese. Spread each top roll with cream cheese and place on top of sandwiches.

In small bowl, combine butter, worcestshire, parm cheese and onion. Spoon over sandwiches. Let stand for at least 30 minutes.

Cover with foil and bake at 350. for 25 minutes.

Yield: 12 Servings

Per Serving: 979.6 Calories, 59.3g Fat, 2147.0mg Sodium, 191.9mg Cholesterol, 65.6g Carbohydrate.