



# NewsLine

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Mark your calendar for  
**Colquitt EMC's**  
**79<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**  
Spence Field, Moultrie  
Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2015

Business/Financial Updates,  
Great Food, Prizes, Health Fair,  
Entertainment....

### *Don't Miss It!*

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.



*prizes*



*food*

*entertainment*



**"Omega Quartet"**

**BUSINESS UPDATES • GREAT FOOD • GAMES • PRIZES  
FELLOWSHIP • ENTERTAINMENT • HEALTH FAIR • AND MORE!**

## LUNCH RESERVATION FORM FOR **COLQUITT EMC's 79th ANNUAL MEETING**

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

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2015**

**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 20, 2015*

The June 8, 2015 Nominating Committee yielded only one nominee for the District 1 (Colquitt County), District 5 (Lowndes County) and District 7 (Worth/Tift Counties) Directorate positions. Those nominees were Bobby Griner from District 1, Bobby Exum from District 5 and Gary Branch from District 7.

**DISTRICT 1  
COLQUITT COUNTY**



**Bobby Griner**

**DISTRICT 5  
LOWNDES COUNTY**



**Bobby Exum**

**DISTRICT 7  
WORTH/TIFT COUNTIES**



**Gary Branch**

# LOOK UP for hazards *during harvest*

To stay safe around overhead power lines during the long days of harvesting, farm operators and workers are urged to follow this safety tips:

- Use a spotter when operating large machinery near power lines.
- Use care when raising augers or the bed of grain trucks around power lines.
- Keep equipment at least 10 feet from power lines — at all times, in all directions.
- Inspect the height of farm equipment to determine clearance.
- Always remember to lower extensions when moving loads.
- Never attempt to move a power line out of the way or raise it for clearance.
- If a power line is sagging or low, call Colquitt EMC.

If contact is made with a power line, stay on the equipment. Make sure to warn others to stay away, and call 911. Do not leave until the utility crew says it is safe to do so. The only reason to exit is if the equipment is on fire. If this is the case, jump off the equipment with your feet together, without touching the ground and vehicle at the same time. Then, still keeping your feet together, hop to safety as you leave the area.

Some additional safety tips:

- Do not use metal poles when breaking up grain inside and around grain bins.
- Always hire qualified electricians for any electrical issues.
- Do not use equipment with frayed cables.



**The 38th Annual Sunbelt Ag Expo will be held on October 20-22, 2015.** With over 1,200 exhibitors and 24 highlight sections, North America's Premier Farm Show® offers something for everyone. Ford, GMC, and Ram will join Chevy in exhibiting in the show this year and all four companies will offer test tracks! In addition to the utility tractor driving ranges, the Expo will also offer a compact driving range that will allow qualifying guests to drive tractors ranging from 30-40 horsepower. These tractors are ideal size for those interested in backyard gardening or small acreage farming, which will be showcased in the newly named Hoss Tools Sustainable Living Center. Farmers will have numerous opportunities to see, learn, and explore, the latest equipment and technology ranging from tractors and combines, irrigation systems, hay equipment, GPS technology and much more. Beef, dairy, poultry, forestry, equine, pond management, and forage seminars and demonstrations will be offered for a total of 300+ seminars and demonstrations. Don't forget to make plans to view events that include: the daily Antique Tractor Parade, American Grand Finals Stock Dog Trials, and the State Commissioner of Agriculture Milking Competition! Also, make sure to register for the lawnmower giveaway. Online tickets will be available again this year and information can be found at [www.sunbeltexpo.com](http://www.sunbeltexpo.com).

*Check out the new look of our website...*  
**[www.colquittemc.com](http://www.colquittemc.com)**





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## ENERGY STAR and WaterSense Sales Tax Holiday Coming in October

The state of Georgia will have an ENERGY STAR and WaterSense Sales Tax Holiday on Friday, October 2, through Sunday, October 4, 2015.

ENERGY STAR is a joint program of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy that encourages the use of energy efficient products and practices to save money and protect the environment.

WaterSense, a partnership program by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, seeks to protect the future of our nation's water supply by offering people a simple way to use less water with water-efficient products, new homes and services.

During the sales tax holiday, these items will be exempt from sales tax if they have the ENERGY STAR label and have a purchase price of \$1,500 or less per item:

- Air conditioners
- Ceiling fans

- Clothes washers
- Dehumidifiers
- Dishwashers
- Doors
- Fluorescent light bulbs

- Refrigerators
- Windows



In addition, these items will be exempt from sales tax if they have the WaterSense label and have a purchase price of \$1,500 or less per item:

- Bathroom sink faucets
- Faucet accessories (such as aerators)
- High-efficiency toilets
- High-efficiency urinals
- Showerheads
- Weather- or sensor-based irrigation controllers

The sales tax exemption will not apply to ENERGY STAR or WaterSense products purchased for trade, business or resale.

*For energy saving tips, visit [www.colquitemc.com](http://www.colquitemc.com) and click on the "Energy Efficiency" tab.*

# Recipes of the Month

*Great recipes  
for any Fall Party...*



## **Fall Cheese Ball**

*Yields 1 Cheese Ball*

16 ounces cream cheese, room temp.  
2 cups cheddar cheese  
3 tablespoons minced onions  
3 tablespoons salsa  
1 teaspoon ground cumin  
2 cups nacho chips, crumbled

### **DIRECTIONS**

- With a mixer, combine cream cheese, cheddar, onion, salsa and cumin. Mix until creamy.
- Scoop mixture onto plastic wrap and use wrap to form a ball and chill for at least 2 hours.
- When ready to serve, roll ball into the crushed nacho chips and place bell pepper stem on top.
- Serve with chips, vegetables or pretzels.

(Cut Here) ✂



## **Fall Fruit Dip**

*Yields 2 Cups*

8 ounces cream cheese, softened  
8 ounces vanilla yogurt  
5 tablespoons honey  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg  
1 pinch allspice

### **DIRECTIONS**

- Beat the cream cheese in a small bowl until very smooth and creamy.
- Add the remaining ingredients and mix well.
- Spoon into a serving bowl, cover tightly and refrigerate for at least three hours.
- Serve chilled.