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Colquitt EMC Celebrates 79 Years!

2015 Annual Meeting Highlights

Cloudy skies and record heat marked the day as 2,456 members and their guests attended the 79th Annual Meeting of Members on Tuesday, November 3. Prior to the business meeting, attendees enjoyed a delicious lunch (smoked chicken or

pork chops), prepared by the Colquitt County FFA and enjoyed entertainment by the Omega Quartet. The exhibit area included a health fair, "Electro Bingo" and "Energy Jeopardy".

The business meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem performed by the Omega Quartet. President Gary Branch presided over the Business Meeting. Elder Thad Marshall provided the invocation. In addition, Chip Blalock, Sunbelt Expo Director, delivered greetings and Jerry Connell, President and CEO of the Adel-Cook County Chamber of Commerce, welcomed attendees.

Cooperative Attorney James Thagard presented the election results. Bobby Griner-Colquitt

County, Bobby Exum-Lowndes County, and Gary Branch-Worth/Tift Counties were re-elected for three year terms.



Colquitt EMC's General Manager, Danny Nichols informed the membership that Colquitt EMC's "sole

purpose is to serve you". Nichols concluded his comments by saying, ***"We are a cooperative of the members, by the members and for the members."*** Service recognition of employees included: Sonya Stone, Stephanie Walker, Lorenzo Dawson, Jamey Barker, Trent Lasseater, Ronnie Guess, Chip Drawdy, Barbara O'Neal, Doug Loftis and Randy Snead (25 years); Betty Lawrence, Tracey Webb, Linda Williams, Charlie Wiard and Tony Norman (30 years); and Vicki Harrell and Curt Williams (40 years).

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





Give the Gift of Energy Efficiency: **Your Energy Efficient** *Christmas Gift Guide*

In this season of giving, why not give a gift that will lower power bills all year long? Listed below are some gift ideas that will be appreciated long after the eggnog runs out...

1. Tablet PC

The switch from desktops to laptops brought a ton of energy savings to computer users everywhere. The transition to tablet computers is about to do the same. An iPad, for example, costs approximately \$1.38 a year to charge (over 25 times cheaper than the average desktop), and since you use it unplugged it isn't constantly consuming standby energy like a laptop or desktop does.

2. New Gaming System

After years of increased energy consumption from our game consoles, the new systems are vastly more energy-efficient than their previous generations.

3. Cordless Power Tools

Cordless screwdrivers, drills, and saws – as well as cordless yard care tools like lawn mowers, string trimmers, and shears – all use about 30% less energy with ENERGY STAR-certified battery chargers. Look for the Energy Star logo on packaging.

4. OLED TV

OLEDs, or organic light-emitting diodes, are the thinnest, sharpest, and most energy-efficient TV technologies on the market. Many major manufacturers have significantly reduced their prices for the holiday season.

5. Pressure Cooker

Pressure Cookers are the perfect gift for the chef who doesn't want to spend any extra time in the kitchen. And not only do they cook your food faster, but they're by far the most energy-efficient way to cook—cutting your cooking energy use as much as 70%.

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 1, 2016.**

December 2015 Capital Credit Refund

Colquitt EMC will refund \$1,606,588.62 to some of its members in December. The refund represents capital credits assigned to members who received electricity in **1994**. 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>
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
2013	3.75%	\$4,613,688.83	2034
2014	3.73%	\$4,867,846.61	2035



BURN WITH CARE... AVOID TROUBLE.

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.

-Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Local. Dependable. Serving **YOU.**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

from all of us at
Colquitt EMC

All Colquitt EMC offices will be closed
on December 24-25 & January 1



Coming soon...

Our New **Mobile Apps**

Stay connected on the go!

With our free new Apps for smart phones and mobile devices, you'll have one-touch access to fast, secure account information.

- **Connect anytime**
- **View account information**
- **Make payments**



Our Apps will also give you quick access to our contact information, office addresses and hours, and other payment locations.

Recipes of the Month



Holiday Squash Casserole

Servings: 20

2 large green zucchini
2 medium yellow squash
1 onion
4 ounces cheddar cheese, shredded
3 eggs
1/3 cup milk
1/3 cup vegetable oil
12-13 ounces corn muffin mix
salt and pepper, to taste

DIRECTIONS

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Grease the bottom and sides of a 13"x9" glass baking dish with vegetable oil or cooking spray. With a hand grater or food processor, shred zucchini, squash and onion. Add to a large mixing bowl. To the bowl, add the shredded cheese, eggs, milk and oil. Stir to combine. Add the corn muffin mix and your salt and pepper. Stir again to completely incorporate all ingredients. Pour into prepared baking dish and bake on middle rack of oven for one hour. Serve warm or room temperature.

Per Serving: 150.6 Calories, 8.6g Fat, 191.5mg Sodium, 34.8mg Cholesterol, 14.3g Carbohydrate.

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Cranberry Delight

Servings: 12

1 14-ounce can sweetened condensed milk
1/4 cup lemon juice
1 20-ounce can crushed pineapple, drained
1 16-ounce can whole berry cranberry sauce
2 cups mini marshmallows
1/2 cup chopped nuts
1 8-ounce pkg. frozen whipped topping, thawed

DIRECTIONS

Mix milk and lemon juice well. Stir in next four ingredients. Fold in the whipped topping. Spoon into 13"x9" baking dish. Freeze until set.

Per Serving: 314.3 Calories, 10.8g Fat, 103.2mg Sodium, 11.2mg Cholesterol, 53.3g Carbohydrate.