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Washington Youth Tour 2015

Be a part of something powerful

Be a part of something powerful. High school juniors – You could win a trip to Washington, D.C. Applications are available at any of our Colquitt EMC offices or at www.colquitemc.com. The application deadline is Monday, March 2, 2015.

Make new
friends, and
hang out
with a
president.



Apply today!
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Washington Youth Tour June 11-18, 2015

Stopping Air Duct Leakage Yields Big Savings

Heating season is the time of year when many homes have their highest energy demand. Heating accounts for 34% of our typical annual energy use. One effective way to reduce energy bills is to check your air ducts. To ensure that as much warm air as possible is delivered through your central system, check the air ducts and seal any leaks with duct mastic (a paste like sealant that hardens to make the ducts airtight) and replace missing insulation. Energy losses from duct air leaks and missing insulation often amounts to 30% of heating and cooling cost. So, sealing air ducts could increase efficiency and the warm air you receive considerably.

The benefits of duct sealing are:

- Lower energy cost
- Increased comfort
- Better indoor air quality
- Reduced risk of combustion appliance back drafting

Check with your heating and air contractor about a visual and pressure test of your air ducts before and after any repairs.

Make a Habit of Tracking Your Energy Use in 2015

Your Colquitt EMC electricity bills tell you how much energy you used each month. You can look at your bill and find out how many kilowatt-hours (kWh) of

electricity you used that month and how that compares to how many kWh you used in the same month last year. This is a good way to track how well you are doing with energy savings.

Use the provided table to set energy use goals and track your progress.

MONTH	kWh Use 2014	kWh Use 2015	kWh GOAL	GOAL Reached
January				<input type="checkbox"/>
February				<input type="checkbox"/>
March				<input type="checkbox"/>
April				<input type="checkbox"/>
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June				<input type="checkbox"/>
July				<input type="checkbox"/>
August				<input type="checkbox"/>
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October				<input type="checkbox"/>
November				<input type="checkbox"/>
December				<input type="checkbox"/>

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.

BURN WITH CARE... AVOID TROUBLE.



Colquitt County Student Competes at State Electrical Wiring Contest

When one of the top two area winners was unable to compete in the state EMC/FFA Electrification competition, 1st alternate, Colby Scarborough, a Colquitt County High School senior, was tapped to fill his spot. The EMC/FFA Electrification career development event is a competitive educational program offering scholarships and promotes the safe, efficient use of electrical energy.



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WANTED



MEMBER'S PHONE NUMBERS

Colquitt EMC's outage reporting system uses the member's phone number or map location number to report an outage. This is why it is very important to keep the co-op updated with your current phone number. If you are not sure what we have on file, please contact your local office and we'll be glad to verify.

Thanks for your cooperation!



Daylight Saving Time –

Change Your **CLOCKS**,
Change the **BATTERIES** in
your Smoke Alarm



Daylight Saving Time begins this year on Sunday, March 8. *For safety's sake, it's a good idea to change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors when you change your clocks.* According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), seventy percent of all home fire fatalities occur in homes where there are no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

Recipes of the Month

Happy Valentine's Day



Valentine Bark

18 ounces white chocolate chips
1 cup red heart red cinnamon candies

Pre-heat oven to 150 degrees.
Place parchment paper on a cookie sheet (preferably with sides).
Sprinkle morsels onto parchment paper.
Place in oven until morsels melt (about 5 minutes)
Spread morsels evenly over the parchment paper with a spatula.
Sprinkle with cinnamon heart candies.
Allow to cool (for quick cool place the pan in the freezer for about 5 minutes).
Break apart and divide into baggies if giving for gifts.
Makes about 10 snack size baggie servings.

Yield: 10 servings

Per Serving: 275.0 Calories, 16.3g Fat, 45.9mg Sodium, 10.7mg Cholesterol, 30.2g Carbohydrate.



Chocolate Marshmallow Fudge

1 2/3 cups sugar
2/3 cup fat-free evaporated milk
2 tablespoons reduced-calorie margarine
12 ounces semisweet chocolate, chopped
14 large marshmallows

Coat an 8x8-inch pan with cooking spray.
Stir together sugar, evaporated milk and margarine.
Bring to a boil in sauce pan, reduce heat to medium-low and cook 3 minutes, stirring constantly.
Stir in chocolate and marshmallows. Remove from heat and stir until smooth.
Pour into pan and refrigerate until firm, about two hours. Cut into 36 squares and serve. (Leave fudge in refrigerator or freezer for a firmer consistency).

Yield: 36 servings

Per Serving: 100.1 Calories, 5.4g Fat, 14.7mg Sodium, 0.7mg Cholesterol, 14.9g Carbohydrate.