



Students Selected For Washington Youth Tour

Colquitt County High student, Elizabeth Beacham and Tift County High student, Kaycee Aultman were selected to attend the 2015 Washington Youth Tour. This year, electric membership cooperatives (EMCs) in Georgia, including Colquitt EMC, are celebrating 50 years of the leadership trip.

Washington Youth Tour stands as Georgia's oldest leadership program for teens and offers students a personal lesson in U.S. history, competitions and contests to encourage leadership and teamwork, conversations with elected leaders on important subjects and current events, and a better appreciation for community and public service.

Beacham and Aultman will be part of Georgia's largest group of youth delegates to date, with 112 students representing 155 counties in Georgia.

This year's tour, set for June 11-18, kicks off in Atlanta with keynote speaker Rep. Brooks Coleman, chairman of the House Education Committee. Participants will visit historic landmarks in the Nation's Capital including sites such as Arlington Cemetery, the Smithsonian Museums, Holocaust Museum, Mount Vernon, Supreme Court, Capitol, Washington Monument, and the MLK, FDR, Jefferson, World War II, and Lincoln memorials.

Also in D.C., the Georgia delegation will join nearly 1,600 Youth Tour participants from co-ops across the country, providing yet another life experience which is the chance to meet and learn from a diverse group of peers representing nearly every state.



ELIZABETH BEACHAM
Colquitt County High School



KAYCEE AULTMAN
Tift County High School



Kim Stewart selected to serve as a chaperone

Kim Stewart has been selected as one of 14 chaperones from across Georgia to attend the 2015 Washington Youth Tour. An educator in the Lowndes County School System, Stewart says, "It is a privilege to accompany the students and I am honored to be a part of a tradition spanning 50 years."

Summary of Bylaw Provisions Pertaining to Membership, Annual Meetings, Board Representation, Nomination and Election Procedures for Election to the Board

ARTICLE II: Meetings of Members

Section 1. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the members shall be held between October 1st and November 30th of each year at such place in the counties of Colquitt, Tift, Cook, Berrien, Lowndes, or Brooks as shall be designated in the notice of the meeting for the purpose of reporting results of the directors' election, passing upon reports covering the previous fiscal year, and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting. Failure to hold the annual meeting at the designated time shall not work a forfeiture or dissolution of the Cooperative.

Section 2. Special Meeting. Special meetings of the members may be called by resolution of the Board of Directors or upon written request signed by at least three (3) directors or at least ten percent (10%) of all the members, and it shall thereupon be the duty of the Secretary to cause notice of such meeting to be given as hereinafter provided. Special meetings of the members may be held at any place within the county of Colquitt in the state of Georgia specified in the notice of the special meeting.

Section 3. Notice of Members' Meetings. Written or printed notice stating the place, day, and hour of the meeting and, in case of a special meeting, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be delivered not less than seven (7) days nor more than thirty (30) days before the date of the meeting, either personally or by mail to each member, by or at the direction of the Secretary, or upon default in duty by the Secretary, by the persons calling the meeting, in the case of a special meeting, or by any other director in the case of any meeting whose time, place, and date have actually been fixed by the Board of Directors. In making such computation, the date of the meeting shall not be counted. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered five (5) days from date when deposited in the United States mail, addressed to the member at his address as it appears on the records of the Cooperative, with postage thereon prepaid. The failure of any member to receive notice of an annual or special meeting of the members shall not invalidate any action which may be taken by the members at any such meeting, and the attendance in person of a member at any meeting of the members shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting unless such attendance shall be for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business, or one or more items of business, on the grounds that the meeting shall not have been lawfully called or convened.

No matter which requires the affirmative vote of at least a clear majority of all the Cooperative's members shall be acted upon at any meeting of the members unless notice of such matter shall have been contained in the notice of the meeting.

Section 4. Quorum. At least one hundred fifty (150) of the members present in person shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at all meetings of the members. If less than a quorum is present at any meeting, a majority of those present in person may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice.

Section 5. Voting. Each member who is not in a status of suspension, as provided for in Section 6 of Article I shall be entitled to one (1) vote and no more upon each matter submitted to a vote. Voting by members other than members who are natural persons shall be allowed upon the presentation to the Cooperative prior to or upon registration at each member meeting of satisfactory evidence entitling the person presenting the same to vote. At all meetings of the members at which a quorum is present all questions shall be decided by a vote of a majority of the members voting thereon, except as otherwise provided by law, the Articles of Incorporation of the Cooperative, or these Bylaws.

Section 6. Order of Business. The order of business at the annual meeting of the members, and so far as possible at all other meetings of the members, shall be essentially as follows:

Report on the number of members present in person in order to determine the existence of a quorum, reading of the notice of the meeting and proof of the due publication of mailing thereof, or the waiver or waivers of notice of the meeting, as the case may be. The reading of unapproved minutes of previous meetings and the taking of necessary action thereon, the reading of unapproved minutes may be waived by a majority of the members present; and announcement of directors elected, presentation and consideration of, and action upon, reports of officers, directors, and committees, unfinished business, new business, adjournment.

ARTICLE III: Directors

Section 1. Number and General Powers. The business and affairs of the Cooperative shall be managed by a Board of nine (9) directors which shall exercise all of the powers of the Cooperative except such as are by law, by the Articles of Incorporation of the Cooperative, or by these Bylaws conferred upon or reserved to the members.

The area served by Colquitt Electric Membership Corporation shall be divided into districts for the purpose of determining the district or area from which representatives shall be chosen to serve on the Board of Directors.

The directors shall be fixed as follows:

District 1	Colquitt County	2 Directors
District 2	Brooks County	1 Director
District 3	Berrien County	1 Director
District 4	Cook County	1 Director
District 5	Lowndes County	2 Directors
District 6	Tift County	1 Director
District 7	Worth-Tift Counties	1 Director

At the expiration of the term of any director his successor shall be elected for a period of three (3) years.

Section 2. Qualification, Election, and Tenure. No member shall be eligible to become or remain a director or to hold any position of trust in the Cooperative who is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise or a business selling electric energy or supplies to the Cooperative. No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of the Cooperative who is an employee, a close relative of an incumbent director or of an employee of the Cooperative, or is not a member of the Cooperative.

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.

Upon the establishment of the fact that any person holding a directorship or any other position of trust in the Cooperative lacks eligibility under this Section, it shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to withhold such position from such person, or to cause him to be removed therefrom, as the case may be. Nothing in this Section contained shall, or shall be construed to, affect in any manner whatsoever, the validity of any action taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors, unless such action is taken with respect to a matter which is affected by the provisions of this Section and in which one or more of the Directors have an interest adverse to that of the Cooperative.

Nothing in this Section contained shall, or shall be construed to, affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any action taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors.

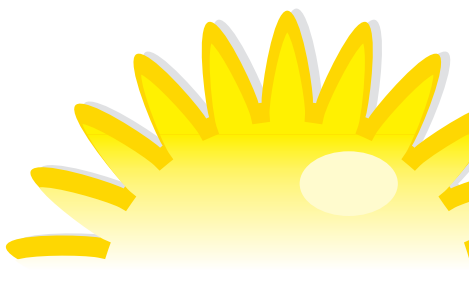
Section 3. Nominations. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to appoint, not less than ninety (90) days nor more than one hundred fifty (150) days before the date of each annual meeting, a committee on nominations consisting of not less than five (5) nor more than eleven (11) members who shall be selected so as to give equitable representation on the Committee to the geographical areas served or to be served by the Cooperative. No employee of the Cooperative, member of the Board of Directors, known candidate for election, or any close relative or member of the same household of an employee, director, or a known candidate shall be appointed a member of such Committee. The Committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least sixty (60) days before the annual meeting a list of nominations for directors to be elected, listing separately the nominee or nominees with respect to each Directorate District from which a director must or may, pursuant to this Article, be elected. The Committee may include more nominees than there are to be elected, but it shall show clearly which nominees are opposed with respect to the same Directorate District.

Any fifty (50) or more members may make other nominations in writing over their signatures in like manner listing the nominees separately with respect to the Directorate Districts from which they are nominated, not less than eighty-five (85) days prior to the meeting, and the Secretary shall post the same at the same place the list of nominations made by the Committee is posted.

Section 4. Voting for Directors. The election of directors, or any bylaw amendment, change, or action directly relating to the election of directors, will be conducted by mail. To be eligible to vote for directors, a member must have been a member on August 31 of the year in which the election for directors is held. Not less than thirty (30) days prior to each annual meeting, one ballot shall be mailed by the Cooperative to each member entitled to vote. The ballots shall contain the names of all persons nominated by the Nominating Committee or by petition for each Directorate position to which a director is to be elected. Only members residing in each Directorate District may vote for, and elect, the director for that District. No member in any election may vote for more than one nominee from any Directorate District. Members shall mark their ballots indicating the director for whom they wish to vote and return said ballots to the Cooperative either by mail or by delivery to the main office or any district or branch office not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the annual meeting. Any ballot received in the mail or by hand delivery less than fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the annual meeting shall not be counted for the purpose of election of directors. The notice to the members entitled to vote in which the ballots are enclosed shall contain instructions to the members as to how to mark their ballots for election of directors, and said instructions shall be explicitly followed in order for a ballot to be counted. The failure of any member to receive a ballot for any reason shall not invalidate the election of directors as provided for herein.

Section 4-A. Uncontested Elections. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, in the event the nominating process set forth in Section 3 of this Article yields only one nominee with respect to the position of director of any Directorate District which must or may, pursuant to this Article, be elected, then no vote of the members shall be required with respect to such Directorate position; and the sole nominee shall be deemed elected in accordance with these Bylaws.

Now is the Time to Prepare Your Air Conditioner for Summer



Hot temperatures are here. It will soon be time to run your air conditioning around the clock. While the AC is a necessity for comfort, you'll want to do everything you can to keep it affordable. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, heating and cooling your home makes up more than 54% of your utility bill. However, there are ways to minimize costs.

- **Check your filter** – Before turning on your air conditioner or heat pump this summer, check your air filter. Dirty air filters restrict airflow and make your cooling system operate less efficiently. Most filters should be checked at least once a month and replaced when visibly dirty.
- **Clear the area around your A/C or heat pump** - On the outdoor condensing unit, clear the area of debris like leaves and dead grass. It is also a good idea to trim back any foliage near the unit to ensure adequate airflow. Sometimes it is necessary to use a hose with a trigger-style nozzle to blast dirt and debris out of the coils from inside the unit. Be very careful if you do this, taking care not to bend the fins.
- **Check the drain line** – Your cooling system will need to drain excess moisture when operating. To check the drain line, look for water running out of your outside drain while your A/C or heat pump is running. If you don't see any water, it may be a sign of a clogged drain line.
- **Get a tune-up from an air conditioning professional** – Regular maintenance on your A/C and heat pump keeps your system running efficiently. An air conditioning professional tune-up will check that your refrigerant is at the correct level and electrical and mechanical components are operating properly.
- **Replace an old thermostat** - upgrading from your old mercury switch thermostat to a digital, programmable one can help you to save \$100 annually.



Teachers: Earn up to \$1,000 for your classroom!

Bright Ideas, sponsored by Colquitt EMC, awards grants to teachers for innovative classroom based education projects.

Through Bright Ideas, teachers can illuminate students' love of learning. Teachers of all disciplines in grades K-12 are eligible to apply.

The deadline to apply is June 1, 2015

For more information visit www.colquittemc.com

Colquitt EMC 2015 Scholarships Applications Now Available

Applications are available in our offices and at www.colquittemc.com. Colquitt EMC awards scholarships to students who are enrolled in colleges or universities located in Colquitt EMC's service area. To be eligible, applicants must reside in the household of a Colquitt EMC member.

Deadline to apply is June 15, 2015.



Recipes of the Month



Blueberry Lemon Trifle

3 cups fresh blueberries, divided *Servings: 12-14*
 2 (15 3/4 ounce) cans lemon pie filling
 2 (8 ounce) cartons lemon yogurt
 1 prepared angel food cake, cut into 1-inch cubes
 1 (8 ounce) carton frozen whipped topping, thawed
 lemon slices (optional)
 fresh mint leaves (optional)

DIRECTIONS

- Set aside 1/4 cup blueberries for garnish. In a large bowl, combine pie filling and yogurt.
- In a 3-1/2 quart serving or trifle bowl, layer a third of the cake cubes, lemon mixture and blueberries. Repeat layers twice. Top with whipped topping. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours.
- Garnish with reserved blueberries, lemon slices and mint leaves.

Per Serving: 247.7 Calories, 5.5g Fat, 280.0mg Sodium, 1.5mg Cholesterol, 46g Carbohydrate.



Blueberry Peach Parfaits

2 large eggs *Servings: 4*
 2 limes, the juice of
 2 cups sugar
 2 tablespoons cornstarch
 1 cup cold water
 1 tablespoon butter
 4 fresh ripe peaches
 1 pint fresh blueberries
 1/2 cup whipping cream, beaten stiff

DIRECTIONS

- Put the eggs, the lime juice, the sugar, the corn starch and the butter in the top of a double boiler.
- Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until thickened.
- Set aside to cool slightly.
- Blanch, peel and slice the peaches.
- Wash and drain the blueberries.
- Arrange the peach slices, blueberries, and lime mixture alternately by spoonfuls in parfait glasses or individual glass serving bowls.
- Chill.
- Serve with a dollop of whipped cream.

Per Serving: 328.5 Calories, 16.9g Fat, 68.8mg Sodium, 154.1mg Cholesterol, 42.7g Carbohydrate

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The following members were presented to the Colquitt EMC Board of Directors to serve on the 2015 Nominating Committee:

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John H. Davis
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Valdosta, Georgia 31605

Tim DeMott
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Moultrie, Georgia 31768

Glen Merritt
4746 Ga. Hwy. 256
Sumner, Georgia 31789

Donald Summers
3237 Stallings Road
Valdosta, Georgia 31605

Lenwood Sutton
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Ty Ty, Georgia 31795

The Nominating Committee will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, June 8, 2015 at the Colquitt EMC headquarters in Moultrie to make nominations for three board positions.*

CEMC members elect directors by mail and the results will be announced at the Annual Meeting.

The 2015 Annual Meeting of Members will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2015 at Spence Field in Moultrie.

*In addition to nominations made by the Nominating Committee, any 50 or more members may make other nominations by petition not less than eighty-five days prior to the Annual Meeting.

The following Directors' terms will expire on Nov. 3, 2015:

District 1 – **Bobby Griner**
Colquitt County

District 5 – **Bobby Exum**
Lowndes County

District 7 – **Gary Branch**
Worth/Tift Counties

This Committee will be officially seated on June 8, 2015

May is National Electrical Safety Month, and Colquitt EMC is joining with the Electrical Safety Foundation International to raise awareness about potential home electrical hazards and the importance of electrical safety.

Colquitt EMC offers the following tips to help identify and eliminate electrical hazards to protect yourself, your family, and your home:

- Make sure entertainment centers and computer equipment have plenty of space around them for ventilation.
- Use extension cords as a temporary solution, and never as a permanent power supply.



- Do not place extension cords in high traffic areas, under carpets, or across walkways, where they pose a potential tripping hazard.
- Use a surge protector to protect your computer and other electronic equipment from damage caused by voltage changes.

• Heavy reliance on power strips is an indication that you have too few outlets to address your needs. Have additional outlets installed by a qualified, licensed electrician.

- Keep liquids, including drinks, away from electrical items such as televisions and computers.

Electrical safety awareness and education among consumers, families, employees, and communities will prevent electrical fires, injuries, and fatalities.