



Celebrating **80** Years

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The Nominating Committee of Colquitt Electric Membership Corporation met on Tuesday, June 7, 2016, and nominated the following individuals whose names will be placed on the ballot and voted on by the membership prior to the November 1, 2016 Annual Meeting:

In addition to nominations made by the Nominating Committee, any 50 or more members may make nominations by petition. The deadline to receive nominations by petition is August 5, 2016. Members vote for directors via mail with election results presented at the Annual Meeting.*

District 1 - Colquitt County:
Huey Hiers

District 5 - Lowndes County:
Tommy Cothron

District 6 - Tift County:
B. Don Copeland

***Note:** 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.

See biographies on next page...

Mark your calendar for
**Colquitt EMC's
80th Annual
Meeting of Members**

Spence Field, Moultrie
Tuesday, November 1, 2016

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

Don't Miss It!

Look for a lunch reservation form
in next month's NewsLine.



DISTRICT 1 COLQUITT COUNTY

Huey Hiers

- Served on Colquitt EMC's Board since 1986
-Currently serves as secretary-treasurer and has served as president and vice-president



- Retired from Valdosta State University
- Member of Colquitt County Farm Bureau
- Four years U.S. Air Force experience.

- Member of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church

DISTRICT 5 LOWNDES COUNTY

Tommy Cothron

- Served on Colquitt EMC's Board for 21 years
-Has served as president, vice president of the board



- Credentialed Cooperative Director
- Manages and operates his own farm in Lowndes County

- Member of Redland Baptist Church

Be Prepared & Stay Safe During the Summer

- Check supplies and be sure to have the following items in an emergency response kit: portable flashlight, first-aid supplies, canned or packaged food that can be prepared without cooking or days' supply of drinking water.



- If someone in your home has special needs or relies on electric equipment, determine now the actions you'd take in the event of (i.e., relocate your family member or have a backup generator available) family members, friends and neighbors to do the same.
- As severe weather begins to move through the area, be watch power lines. Don't approach downed power lines. Consider all limbs in contact with lines. Please report downed power lines to law enforcement.

**DISTRICT 6
TIFT COUNTY**

B. Don Copeland

- Served on Colquitt EMC's Board since 1979
- Currently serves as vice-president
- Has served as president and vice-president



- Credentialed Cooperative Director
- Previously served as chairman and vice-chairman of Georgia Electric Membership Corporation's Board of Directors
- Retired from United Parcel Service
- Member of Tift County Farm Bureau

*We need your help...
Report copper theft*

Recently Colquitt EMC has discovered a number of poles with the copper ground wire missing. This copper ground wire has been cut from ground level to approximately 8 feet high on each pole. It is believed that this wire was taken and sold as scrap. This copper wire is very important to the safe and proper operation of equipment and the system as a whole. The affected poles have been in the more rural parts of Colquitt EMC's service area. Law enforcement is aware of the problem, but this problem is wide ranging and requires more eyes and ears than law enforcement has available. Colquitt EMC is asking members to contact us if they observe any suspicious activity around any of our poles or other facilities.



Statement of Nondiscrimination

Colquitt Electric Membership Corporation is the recipient of Federal financial assistance from the Rural Utilities Service, an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and is subject to the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the U.S. Department of Agriculture which provide that no person in the United States on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, gender, or disability shall be excluded from participation in, admission or access to, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any of this organization's programs or activities.

The person responsible for coordinating this organization's non-discrimination compliance efforts is Doug Loftis, Manager of Human Resources & Corporate Services. Any individual, or specific class of individuals, who feels that this organization has subjected them to discrimination may obtain further information about the statutes and regulations listed above from and/or file a written complaint with this organization; or the Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250; or the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Washington, D.C. 20250. Complaints must be filed within 180 days after the alleged discrimination. Confidentiality will be maintained to the extent possible.

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SUMMER'S HEATING UP

9 Ways to Keep Your Cool When the Weather's Hot

- Avoid cooking large meals. If you need to use the stove top or oven do so in the evening and be sure to run the kitchen exhaust fan.
- Enjoy chilled fruit and drink plenty of cold beverages.
- When taking a shower, be sure to vent the shower's excess heat and moisture with the bathroom exhaust fan.
- When possible wear loose fitting and light fabric garments.
- Use fans to assist with cooling. Air movement from running a fan creates an evaporative cooling effect on your skin boosting comfort.
- Adjust your thermostat above 80° when you are away from home. The higher the setting the larger the savings.
- Consider blocking the hot rays of the sun with solar screens and window treatments like drapes and blinds.
- Optimize your cooling system's air flow by keeping the air filter clean, unblocking supply and return air vents, and leaving interior doors open when possible.
- Be sure to have your air conditioner serviced at least once a year.

"When the lights came on"

In honor of Colquitt EMC's 80th Anniversary, we are asking our members for stories, pictures, and interesting objects from Colquitt EMC or REA history. If you have memories or stories of "when the lights came on" please contact us to share. The contact person is Joni Fox, (229) 386-2278, or jonifox@colquittemc.com.



Recipes of the Month



Peaches'n Cream Icebox Pie

INGREDIENTS

Yields: 6-8 Servings

1 9-inch graham cracker crust
8 ounces cream cheese, softened
14 ounces sweetened condensed milk
1/3 cup lemon juice
1 tablespoon vanilla extract
3-4 peaches, sliced thin
1 (8 ounce) jar peach preserves (or sweet orange marmalade)
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon

DIRECTIONS

In medium mixing bowl, beat cream cheese until smooth. Add condensed milk and blend well. Add lemon juice and the vanilla extract. Blend well to combine. Pour into premade pie shell. Cover and refrigerate pie for at least three hours, or freeze. (Note: The pie will slice best if made ahead then frozen overnight or until serving time. Pie may be frozen with or without the peach topping. Defrost for 10 to 15 minutes prior to slicing).

Peach Topping: In a medium bowl, stir the sliced peaches with marmalade and cinnamon. Top pie with the peach mixture.



Fresh Peach and Blueberry Cobbler

INGREDIENTS

Yields: 8 Servings

3 cups fresh peaches
1 cup fresh blueberries
2 teaspoons cinnamon
1 tablespoon cornstarch
1/3 cup sucanat or 1/3 cup white sugar
1 teaspoon baking powder
2/3 cup almond flour or 2/3 cup flour
1/4 cup butter
1/4 cup hot water

DIRECTIONS

Bring a large pot of water to boil, with large bowl ice cold water standing by. Drop the peaches into the boiling water one at a time. Take out after one minute and immediately put into cold water. The skins will slide right off! Slice peaches into a prepared baking dish. Add blueberries. Mix 1 tsp of the cinnamon and all of the cornstarch. Melt the butter and let it cool a bit. Mix together the baking powder, the additional cinnamon, sucanat (which is dried sugar cane juice), flour and butter. Add the hot water until it is the consistency of a sweet bread batter. Pour over your fruit and bake at 425 for 30-40 minutes or until the top is golden brown.

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