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Colquitt EMC Celebrates 81 Years! 2017 Annual Meeting Highlights

On Tuesday October 31, 2,600 of Colquitt EMC's members attended the cooperative's Annual Meeting held at Spence Field in Moultrie.

The annual event included a mix of fun and business as members and their guests enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared by the Colquitt County FFA and enjoyed entertainment by "Omega Quartet". Attendees also enjoyed participating in a health fair and playing "Electro Bingo" & "The Wheel of Energy".

President Don Copeland presided over the Business Meeting. Gina McDonald, Vice President of Marketing, Sunbelt Expo, delivered greetings and Brian Marlowe, President of the Tifton-Tift County Chamber of Commerce welcomed attendees.

Cooperative Attorney James Thagard presented the election results. Patti Price Niewoehner, Brooks County, Jimmy Griner, Berrien County

and Simmie King, Cook County were elected for three year terms.

Colquitt EMC's General Manager, Danny Nichols informed the membership that the Cooperative is financially sound and that the Board, Management and Staff are focused on affordable rates, customer service and reliability. "We are your EMC. Our sole mission is to provide you with the best possible service at the lowest possible cost," said Nichols. He also announced that Colquitt EMC will be returning more than \$4 million in capital credits during the month of December.

Service recognition of employees included: Sue Bolin and Jody Warren (25 years); Tony Garrick and Jerome Moore (30 years) and Sidney Zipperer (45 years).

Always a crowd favorite, an attendance prize drawing was held at the close of the meeting.



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.

The **Cooperative** *Difference!*



- 6 Office Locations
Convenient for You.
- 4th Lowest Rates
among Georgia EMCs
Savings for You.
- This December,
\$4 Million in Capital
Credits **Returned to You.**
- 168 Employees
Serving You.
- 9 Member-elected Board of Directors
Representing You.
- 24-Hour Dispatching **Ready for You.**

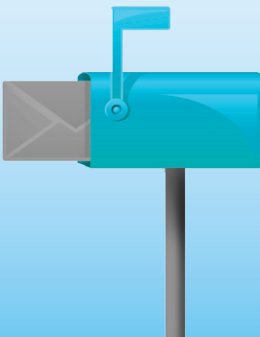


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December 2017 Capital Credit Refund

Colquitt EMC will refund \$4,301,744.69 to some of its members in December. The refund represents capital credits assigned to members who received electricity in **1996**. 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>
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
2015	3.41%	\$4,472,889.40	2036
2016	7.46%	\$9,731,198.96	2037



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 February 1, 2018.

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Energy Efficient Cooking for the Holidays

One sure indicator that the holidays have arrived is the multitude of delicious home cooked meals prepared for the numerous gatherings of family and friends. Kitchen appliances, some that have not seen the light of day for the rest of the year, are out on the counter and put to full duty. This rampage of culinary activity can boost your

energy cost by 15%, but with the following tried and true tips the specter of high January power bills can be kept at bay.

- **Don't peek!**

When using the oven, do not open the door to check on a dish's progress.

Every time you open the oven door, the temperature inside is reduced by as much as 25°.

Use the oven window instead.

- **Turn it down or turn it off.**

For regular cooking, it's probably not necessary to have your oven on as long or set as high as called for in the recipe.

For recipes that need to bake for longer than an hour, pre-heating

the oven isn't necessary. And if your stovetop or oven is electric, you can usually turn it off 5-10 minutes before the dish should be done and the residual heat will finish the job. If you're using ceramic or glass bakeware, you can typically set your oven for 25 degrees less than called for by the recipe.

- **Give your burners a break.**

If you have an electric stovetop, make sure the reflectors stay free of dirt and grime. If they are rusty or permanently stained, consider replacing them.

- **Don't neglect your crock pot.**

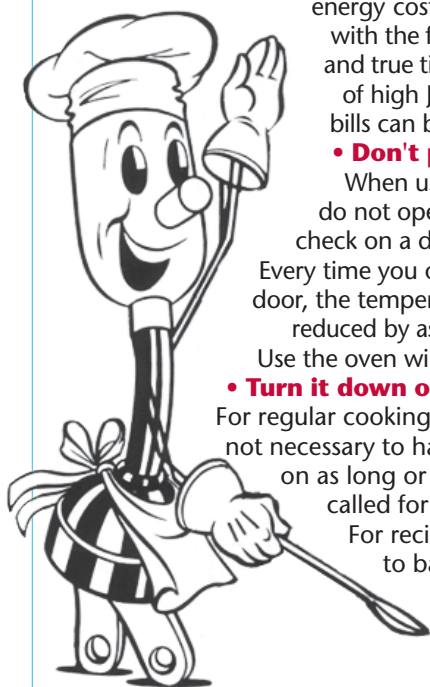
Putting your crock pot, microwave, toaster oven, or warming plate to work more often, instead of the oven or stovetop, can mean significant energy savings.

- **Give your heating system the day off.**

If your next party involves a lot of work for your stove, think about turning down your heating system to compensate. The heat of the oven—and all those guests—will keep the temperature comfortable, and your heater won't have to work so hard.

- **Make contact.**

Electric stovetops can best transmit heat when in direct contact with pans. Avoid using those warped and rounded pans that wobble when you set them on the stovetop. They require more energy and take longer to heat up.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

from all of us at
Colquitt EMC

All Colquitt EMC offices will be closed
on Monday & Tuesday, Dec. 25-26
& Monday, Jan. 1



Recipes of the Month

Try these tasty recipes—perfect for holiday brunch!



Breakfast Casserole

INGREDIENTS

Servings: 8

1 (12 ounce) can crescent rolls
1 lb sausage, cooked and drained
1 lb fresh mushrooms, sliced
3/4 lb monterey jack cheese, grated
6 eggs, beaten
1 (10 1/2 ounce) can cream of onion soup

DIRECTIONS

Unroll crescents and line a 13x9-inch baking dish. Cover with sausage, mushrooms and half the cheese. Mix eggs with soup and pour over casserole. Sprinkle remaining cheese on top. Chill overnight. Bake at 350° for 1 hour.



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Cream Cheese Cinnamon Crescents

INGREDIENTS

Servings: 18-20

2 (8 ounce) cans crescent roll dough
2 (8 ounce) packages cream cheese
1 3/4 cups sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 cup butter
1 teaspoon cinnamon

DIRECTIONS

Roll out one can of crescent rolls in bottom of 9x13 pan, after spraying pan with cooking spray. Cream together packages of cream cheese, 1 cup sugar and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Spread this mixture over crescent rolls. Lay second tube of crescent rolls over mixture. Melt 1/2 cup butter, mix in 3/4 cup sugar, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, and pour over top. Bake at 350° for 30-35 minutes.