



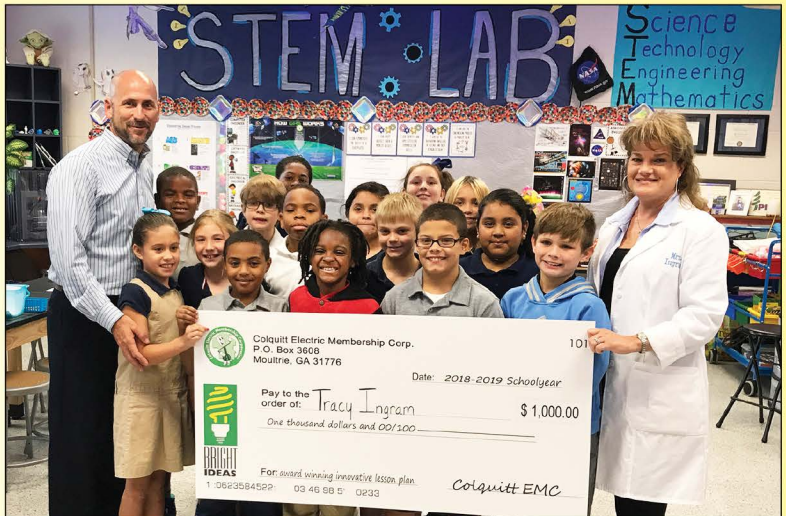
Colquitt EMC Awards Bright Ideas Grants to Area Teachers

Colquitt Electric Membership Corporation recently awarded area teachers with Bright Ideas education grants.

Jessica Webb of R.B. Wright Elementary, **Justin McDowell** of Hamilton Elementary, **Tracy Ingram** of Len Lastering Elementary, **Michelle Chavarria** of Clyattville Elementary School, **Christi Clements** of Hahira Middle School, **Jonathan Garner** and **Kelly Moore** of Berrien High, **Joy Cowart** and **Kristina Freeman** of Lowndes Middle School and **Beth Baker** of Pine Grove Middle School were among the winning teachers. They were surprised in their classrooms and presented with a big check courtesy of the "Bright Ideas Prize Team" – representatives from Colquitt EMC.

The purpose of the Bright Ideas education grant is to provide funding for those teachers to put their creative plans in action.

Earlier this year the cooperative invited teachers to submit grant proposals up to \$1,000 each for



Teachers often have innovative ideas about how learning can be made more exciting and interesting for their students but do not always have the resources to implement these projects.

creative lesson plans. Funding for the grants is made possible through Georgia legislation that allows unclaimed capital credits to be used for education in the communities served by EMC's.



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Bright Ideas Grant Recipients

from front



DOWNED AND DANGEROUS

Downed power lines can be deadly. **ALWAYS** assume a downed power line is live and avoid going near it or anything in contact with it.

USE PRECAUTION

Downed power lines can energize the ground up to **35 feet** away.

If you see a downed power line, immediately **notify** the local authorities.

Never drive over downed power lines or through water that is in contact with them.
Never spray water on downed power lines.

Never try to move a downed power line. Even using items that typically are not conductive **will not** prevent injury or death.

KNOW WHAT TO DO

The safe way to move away from a downed power line is to **shuffle** away with small steps, keeping your feet together and on the ground at all times.

If your car comes in contact with a downed power line while you are inside, **stay in the car**. Do not touch any part of the car's frame or any other metal. Use a cell phone or honk your horn to summon help. Allow only rescue personnel to approach the car.

If your car is in contact with a downed power line and you must exit due to fire or another imminent threat:

Do not touch the vehicle and the ground at the **same time** with any part of your body or clothing.

Open the door to your vehicle without touching the metal door **frame**.

Jump out of the vehicle with both **feet together** and so both feet land at the **same time**.

Shuffle away so that the toe of one foot shuffles forward along the length of the other foot, ensuring that both feet are in constant contact and always touching the ground.

If someone comes in contact with a downed power line or something that has become electrified, **call 911 immediately**.

Never touch someone who has come in contact with a power line. They are energized and pose a danger to anyone who comes in contact with them.

Remember power lines don't have to fall in order to be dangerous. Always **call 811** before you dig and keep yourself and your equipment at least **10 feet** from overhead power lines.

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October is a Good Time for an Attic Check-up

When is the last time you went into your attic? If you are like most people, it may have been years. If left unchecked, your attic can contribute to higher power bills and can become a breeding ground for significant structural problems. Due to cooler temperatures, October is an excellent time to give a little attention to this frequently forgotten part of your home with these tips for getting your attic back into shape.

Remember safety first. Many homes have pull-down attic ladders that can get rickety over time. Before you start to inspect the attic, take a few minutes to tighten the nuts and bolts holding the ladder together before you use it. Also, if your attic does not have a catwalk, step only on the ceiling joists, never the ceiling drywall.

Take it all out

Take out all the boxes, furniture and any other items that have accumulated over time. Who knows what forgotten item you may find, and you may get a jump start on going through last year's Christmas decorations. Use floored areas only, if you need to reuse the attic for storage.

Inspect the Insulation

The general rule of thumb: If you can see the tops of the ceiling joists, you don't have enough insulation. Traffic from past visits by service contractors may have disturbed and compressed the ceiling insulation. If this is the case, schedule an inspection by an insulation contractor to evaluate. If your attic access is

inside your home, be sure that it is insulated and has weather-stripping around the access opening.

Check for Water and Mold Stains

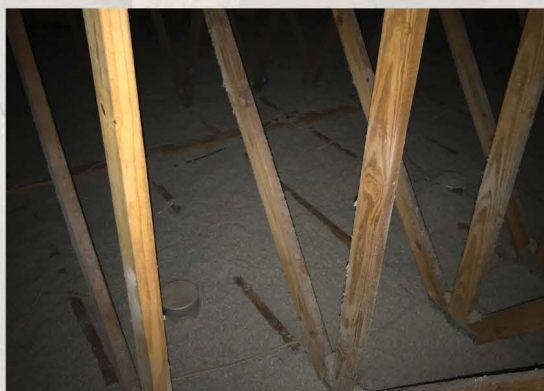
Indications of water accumulation in your attic is a call for immediate action. If water and mold are present, make a note of the location and contact a roofing contractor.

Check any Mechanical Equipment

Attics are frequently used to house air conditioning equipment, water heaters, and air ducts. Check these for signs of water and air leaks. Also, look for missing or damaged duct insulation.

Change the attic light to an LED bulb

When attic light bulbs go out, this can be a hazard. Consider replacing attic lights with LED bulbs. Besides being energy efficient, LED bulbs have a very long service life. Chances are once you change the attic light to an LED bulb, you will never have to change it again.



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Mark Your Calendar

Colquitt EMC's 82nd Annual Meeting of Members

Spence Field, Moultrie • Tuesday, October 30, 2018

*Business/Financial Updates, Great Food, Prizes, Health Fair,
Entertainment by the Omega Quartet...Don't Miss It!*



LUNCH RESERVATION FORM FOR COLQUITT EMC's 82nd ANNUAL MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2018

Lunch from 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Registration - 11:00 A.M.

Business Meeting: 1:30 P.M.

Expo Site, Spence Field in Moultrie



Although your meal is tasty enough for leftovers, we ask that you enjoy your lunch on the premises.

**Limit
3
meals
per member**

Name _____

Address _____

Account # _____

Member's Signature _____

Including myself, you may plan on _____ person(s) for lunch.

Deadline for reservations is October 16, 2018



Recipes of the Month



Pink Coconut Squares

BASE

Serves: 16-18

2 cups graham wafer crumbs
1/2 cup butter
1 tablespoon flour

TOPPING

1 (300 ml) can condensed milk
2 cups fine coconut
1/2 cup pecans (chopped fine)

ICING

3 tablespoons softened butter
1 1/2 tablespoons cream
or 1 1/2 tablespoons half-and-half
1 teaspoon lemon juice (use a real lemon)
1 1/2 cups icing sugar
food coloring, just enough to make a pale pink

DIRECTIONS

BASE: In large bowl mix graham wafer crumbs, butter and flour and press into a greased 9x9 inch pan. Bake at 275 degrees five minutes, take out of oven and cool.

TOPPING: Mix the condensed milk, coconut and pecans and spread over base. Bake at 325 degrees for 20 to 25 minute (ovens may vary), being careful not to over bake. Cool and ice with Lemon Icing.

LEMON ICING: In medium bowl beat together the butter, cream and lemon juice. Add in the icing sugar, adding more if needed for desired consistency and add just a small amount of food coloring to make a pale pink.

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