



Bobby Mitchell Wins State CDE Wiring Contest

Bobby Mitchell was named the state champion of the 52nd Annual State EMC Electrical Wiring CDE contest that was held in Covington on March 7th. Winning this competition secured Bobby \$2,750 in scholarship funds sponsored by Georgia EMCs. He is a member of Colquitt County

High School FFA. Earlier this year Bobby placed first in the Area V EMC Wiring CDE Contest.



The EMC/FFA Electrical Wiring Contest allows students to apply their knowledge

outside of the classroom. To excel in the competition, students must be thoroughly familiar with the National Electric Code, best practices of the industry and the history of rural electrification.

The EMC/FFA Electrification Contest, part of the Georgia Department of Education's Agricultural Education division, is organized through local FFA chapters and sponsored by the electric membership corporations of Georgia.



Colquitt EMC is proud to partner with our local FFA/Agricultural Programs and Georgia EMC to sponsor this event. ***Congratulations, Bobby!***

Spring cleaning for energy savings

Warmer weather and longer days make this time of year perfect for sprucing up your home. While cleaning your house, follow these tips for a lower power bill.

- **Clean out your dryer vent.**
A vent blocked with lint can double your dryer energy cost.
- **Change your air filter and vacuum the grill.**
Dirty filters and grills block airflow which increases cooling cost.
- **Clean ceiling fan blades and use fans only when a room is occupied.**
Clean fan blades are more efficient; and, remember...fans cool people, not furniture.
- **Dust everything.** Air vents, light bulbs, and electronics.
This is a great time to be sure all your light bulbs are the LED type.
- **Set your thermostat to optimal settings** – 78°F or higher as much as possible when cooling your home.
- **Clean out the refrigerator and vacuum your refrigerator coils.**
Better air circulation in the refrigerator increases efficiency.



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

Know what's BELOW, CALL before you dig.

*Planning a home improvement job? Planting a tree? Installing a fence or deck? WAIT!
Here's what you need to know first:*

Whether you are planning to do it yourself or hire a professional, smart digging means calling **811** before each job. Homeowners often make risky assumptions about whether or not they should get their utility lines marked, but every digging job requires a call – even a small project like planting trees and shrubs.

The depth of utility lines varies and there may be multiple utility lines in a common area. Digging without calling can disrupt service to an entire neighborhood, harm you and those around you and potentially result in fines and repair costs. Calling 811 before every digging job gets your underground utility lines marked for free and helps prevent undesired consequences. For more information visit www.call811.com.

Apply for the Colquitt EMC Scholarship!



Applications Available April 1st
colquittemc.com/colquitt-emc-scholarship/

Deadline is June 15th



Unclaimed Capital Credits

In compliance with O.C.G.A. Section 44-12-236 of "The Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act" of Georgia, Colquitt EMC is attempting to locate former members and heirs whose capital credit checks were issued December 1, 2014 for electrical service received in 1993, but which have been returned by the U.S. Post Office as "undeliverable" or have been otherwise unclaimed.



A current database of these members, with their last known address, is available at our offices. The last possible date to claim these funds is June 30, 2020. All funds not claimed by this date will be donated for charitable uses, as permitted by O.C.G.A. section 44-12-236 of "The Disposition of Unclaimed Capital Property Act" of Georgia.

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- Special education
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- Cooperative Extension Service
- Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant
- Water and waste disposal systems for rural communities

Responding Is Safe

Your personal information is kept confidential by law.

Responding Is Easy

To complete the census, answer a handful of questions online, by phone, or by mail. Choose the option that works best for you.

For more information, visit:

2020CENSUS.GOV

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Recipes of the Month



Strawberry Blueberry Salsa

INGREDIENTS

Serves: 4

3/4 cup chopped strawberries
1/3 cup blueberries
2 tablespoons chopped bell peppers
2 tablespoons chopped carrots
1 tablespoon chopped onion
2 teaspoons cider vinegar
1 teaspoon minced jalapeno pepper
1/8 teaspoon ground ginger

DIRECTIONS

Combine all ingredients in a small bowl. Let stand 20 minutes to allow flavors to blend. Serve with grilled fish or pork or chicken.



Strawberry Breakfast Salsa

INGREDIENTS

Serves: 4

1/3 cup apricot jam
3 tablespoons water
1 teaspoon cinnamon
2 pints strawberries, stemmed and diced into 1/4 inch squares

DIRECTIONS

In a medium bowl, whisk jam, water and cinnamon; add strawberries. Toss gently to combine. Serve salsa over pancakes, waffles, French toast, hot cereal, or mix into plain yogurt. You could warm this up a little if you prefer.

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