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84th Annual Meeting Highlights

Despite the major changes to this year's meeting, over 2,200 members attended our 84th Annual Meeting on November 3 at Spence Field in Moultrie. Members arrived at the first tent where they were registered and received the 2020 Board of Directors Election Results. At the second tent, members received their Annual Meeting gifts and their meals catered by the Colquitt County FFA. For more pictures and a highlight video of the event, please visit our Facebook page. Thanks to everyone who made this event a success!



2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION RESULTS

DISTRICT 2
BROOKS COUNTY



PATTI NIEWOEHNER

DISTRICT 3
BERRIEN COUNTY



BEN GRINER

DISTRICT 4
COOK COUNTY



SIMMIE KING



Applause!

**In addition to the employees
highlighted in the November NewsLine,
Betty Lawrence
is recognized for 35 years of service.**

Join us in congratulating Betty!

**Colquitt EMC is currently accepting
applications for the Walter Harrison Scholarship**
A program sponsored by Georgia's electric cooperatives

The \$1,000 scholarship can be applied to academic expenses at any accredited two- or four-year college or university in Georgia, including technical colleges. Factors for consideration include grade point average, SAT/ COMPASS scores, academic standing, scholastic honors and financial need. (*The SAT or ACT test score requirement is waived for 2021*). 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, 2021.



Four Ways Santa Saves Energy in His Workshop

By Abby Berry

The holiday season is finally here, and Santa and his elves have been especially busy as they gear up for their biggest night of the year.

It's no secret that Santa is known for running an efficient workshop—how else could he make all those toys in time for Christmas Eve? Rumor has it that one way Santa ensures an efficient workspace is through energy-saving measures.



Here are four ways Santa saves energy in his workshop.

1. Santa leaves his decorations up year-round, so by using LED holiday light strands, he's able to save on his monthly energy bills. LED holiday strands can last up to 40 seasons, which make them a great option for any festive home.

2. Santa requires several power tools to make a year's worth of new toys. That's why he insists on using cordless power tools with the ENERGY STAR® rating. According to energystar.gov, if all power tools in the U.S. used ENERGY STAR®-rated battery chargers, 2 billion kWh hours of electricity could be saved—that's equivalent to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 1.7 million tons!

3. Mrs. Claus loves to keep warm by the fire in the evenings, and Santa knows one of the best tricks to ensure fireplace efficiency. While a fireplace can keep a small area of your home cozy and warm, it can also pull heated air from the room through the chimney. That's why Santa always closes the fireplace flue when a fire isn't burning.

4. Santa also saves energy by using power strips. Power strips are ideal for workshops, craft nooks, game rooms and

other spaces in your home. With one simple switch, you can conveniently control several devices and electronics that are plugged into the power strip.

This holiday season, let's take a page from Santa's book and remember to save energy when possible. With these four tips, you'll be well on your way to savings (*and hopefully, Santa's "nice" list!*)

Colquitt County High Earns GHSA Cooperative Spirit Sportsmanship Award

Colquitt EMC and 29 other participating Georgia electric membership cooperatives congratulate Colquitt County High School on winning the 2019-2020 Georgia High School Association Cooperative Spirit Sportsmanship Award. This awards program honors schools that exhibit exemplary sportsmanship during competitive events and is sponsored by Georgia's Electric Membership Cooperatives.

Introduced in 2006, the Cooperative Spirit Sportsmanship Award program reinforces GHSA's philosophy which states: "Student athletes, coaches, spectators, and all others associated with high school activity programs should adhere to the fundamental values of respect, fairness, honesty and responsibility." Only one school in each region within each classification is chosen to receive this annual award. The GHSA takes into consideration all aspects of sportsmanship during events—student athletes on the field as well as fellow students, school staff, parents and game spectators, making the award a tribute to the entire community. Congratulations Colquitt County High!

Pictured at right, (L-R): CCHS Athletic Director Greg Tillery and Principal Jamie Dixon with Sonya Aldridge & Shelby Cloud from Colquitt EMC's Marketing Team.

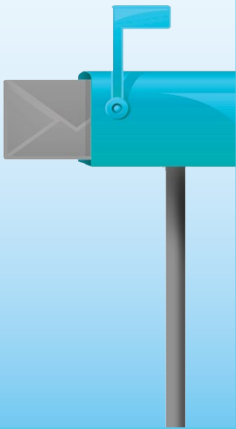


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December 2020 Capital Credit Refund

Colquitt EMC will refund **\$2,529,401.54** to some of its members in December. The refund represents capital credits assigned to members who received electricity in **1999**. 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>
2000	4.13%	\$2,372,857.86	2021
2001	7.73%	\$4,572,342.07	2022
2002	9.52%	\$6,246,070.77	2023
2003	9.48%	\$6,368,403.64	2024
2004	10.51%	\$7,645,138.36	2025
2005	0.70%	\$ 561,893.83	2026
2006	5.12%	\$4,415,344.90	2027
2007	3.38%	\$3,093,412.12	2028
2008	0.00%		NO REFUND
2009	1.31%	\$1,348,394.25	2030
2010	1.92%	\$2,144,925.94	2031
2011	0.14%	\$ 161,726.32	2032
2012	4.33%	\$5,082,612.97	2033
2013	3.75%	\$4,505,417.97	2034
2014	3.73%	\$4,776,806.09	2035
2015	3.41%	\$4,397,924.16	2036
2016	7.46%	\$9,603,089.56	2037
2017	3.14%	\$3,819,947.92	2038
2018	3.00%	\$3,890,247.47	2039
2019	5.03%	\$6,740,354.18	2040



**Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year**



from all of us at Colquitt EMC

Our offices will be closed Thursday, Dec. 24 & Friday, Dec. 25
and Friday, Jan. 1

Recipes of the Month



Sweet & Spicy Candied Pecans

INGREDIENTS

vegetable oil cooking spray
3 tablespoons light corn syrup
1 1/2 tablespoons sugar
3/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon generous fresh ground black pepper
1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
1 1/2 cups pecan pieces (or halves)

Serves: 12

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 325°F Spray baking sheet with nonstick spray. Combine corn syrup and next 4 ingredients in large bowl. Stir to blend. Add pecans; stir gently to coat. Transfer to baking sheet. Place large piece of foil on work surface. Bake pecans 5 minutes. Using fork, stir pecans to coat with melted spice mixture. Continue baking until pecans are golden and coating bubbles, about 10 minutes. Transfer to foil. Working quickly, separate nuts with fork. Cool. (Can be made 3 days ahead- store airtight at room temperature). Makes 1 1/2 cups. **NOTE:** Recipe is easily doubled, freezes well in ziplock bags. Serve as a snack, topping for appetizers or salads or candied sweet potatoes—or give as a gift for the holidays.

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Pecan Puffs

INGREDIENTS

1/2 cup salted butter, softened
2 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
3/4 cup finely chopped pecans
1 cup cake flour
1/4 teaspoon salt (or less)
powdered sugar, reserved

Yields: 36 cookies

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 300°. Chop pecan in a food processor or by knife. Beat butter until soft with a mixer. Add sugar, vanilla, and pecans. Carefully add flour and blend well. Coat hands with flour. Use a teaspoon scoop or a teaspoon and shape into cherry-size and place on a parchment-lined or greased cookie sheet. Bake at 300° 15-20 minutes. (These should be light in color. Do not brown!) While cookies are still quite warm, roll them in confectioner's sugar. When cool, roll in confectioner's sugar again.