



# NewsLine

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## EMC's Return to the Sunbelt Ag Expo

**D**ue to the massive effort to restore electricity across southwest Georgia following Hurricane Michael last year, Georgia's electric membership cooperatives (EMCs) did not attend Expo. In 2019, EMCs returned to pre-Hurricane Michael participation to support agriculture and friends of agriculture in Georgia and across the nation. Colquitt EMC and 15 additional EMCs hosted the Electric Cooperatives of Georgia tent which provided a welcome spot to sit and cool off as well as enjoy freshly-popped popcorn and cold water.

Visitors stopped by the EMC exhibit for energy saving information, high-voltage demonstrations and fun activities for children to suit up as an "electric lineman." Also, new this year-attendees had the opportunity to have photos taken in a faux "bucket" posing as an EMC line worker in a bucket truck.

*See more Expo photos inside.*





## *Colquitt EMC co-hosts Electric Cooperatives of Georgia tent at Sunbelt Ag Expo*



# *Happy Thanksgiving!*



*We're grateful for the opportunity to serve our members. Wishing you the bounty and blessings of the season...*

*from Colquitt EMC's Board & Employees*

# Community CONNECTIONS....



Colquitt EMC recently participated in the 2019 College & Career Probe Fair at Colquitt County High School. The probe fair was an effort organized by the high school to provide students with a meaningful experience that will enhance their college and career readiness. Pictured is Shelby Cloud, Marketing & Communications Representative, educating a student about all the career opportunities available at Colquitt EMC.

**MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE**

**Our offices will be closed**

**Thursday, Nov. 28 & Friday, Nov. 29**

**Tuesday, Dec. 24 & Wednesday, Dec. 25**

**& Wednesday, Jan. 1**





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## 8 Benefits of Scheduling a Heating System Fall Tune-Up

Your heating system is an essential component of your home. Without proper maintenance, you are risking high energy costs, premature failure of your heating system, and potential health risks. The good news is that with just a little maintenance and attention, many heating problems are avoidable. Plus, the earlier you schedule your heating system tune-up, the sooner you can make any repairs—before cold weather arrives. Here are the top 8 reasons why an early heating system tune-up is essential for your home.

**1. Reduce Utility Costs** – A professional tune-up can keep your unit operating smoothly and efficiently. And an efficient system is ultimately a cost-effective system.

**2. Extend the Life of Your Unit** – No homeowner wants the unexpected expense of replacing their air conditioner or heating system.

**3. Stay Informed** – We all are going to need to replace our heating unit someday. It's much easier on your budget if you can plan for the expense ahead of time and set money aside for that specific purpose. By having your unit inspected annually, you can get a better sense of how many more years your cooling

and heating system is expected to last so that you can plan accordingly.

**4. Ensures Safety** – Worn wiring and duct leaks can pose health risks. A professional HVAC technician will be able to point out any issues and keep your family safe.

**5. Maintain Manufacturer's Warranty** – Some manufacturers will void the warranties if the unit doesn't receive routine maintenance.

**6. More Flexible Technician Availability** – The earlier you schedule your appointment, the more likely you'll be able to find a time slot that's convenient for you. The more extreme the temperature, the busier HVAC companies become.

**7. Better Airflow** – A well serviced heating unit will distribute air more evenly throughout your home, keeping each room comfortable.

**8. Avoid a Mid-Winter Emergency** – Most importantly, by having your heating unit professionally inspected early in the season, you reduce the risk of malfunction during the months when you need heat most. Additional routine maintenance calls are generally less expensive than emergency visits.



# CONNECT

## with Colquitt EMC!



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# Recipes of the Month



## Cranberry Pie

**INGREDIENTS** *Serves: 8*  
2 1/2 cups cranberries, fresh or frozen and thawed  
1/2 cup sugar  
3/4 cup chopped pecans  
2 eggs  
1 cup sugar  
1 cup flour  
1/2 cup butter, melted  
1/4 cup shortening, melted

**DIRECTIONS**  
Grease a 10-inch pie plate. Add cranberries and spread out evenly. Top cranberries with 1/2 cup sugar and pecans. In a mixing bowl, add the eggs. Gradually beat in 1 cup of sugar. Add the flour, butter, and shortening, beating until just smooth. Pour the batter over the cranberries. Bake at 325 degrees for 1 hour or until the top is golden. Serve warm with ice cream.



## Pecan Pie Brownies

**INGREDIENTS** *Serves: 8-12*  
18 1/3 ounces fudge brownie mix, plus ingredients listed on package  
4 tablespoons unsalted butter  
3/4 cup light brown sugar  
1 cup dark corn syrup  
3 large eggs, beaten  
2 teaspoons vanilla extract  
1 1/2 cups pecans, roughly chopped into large pieces  
kosher salt

**DIRECTIONS**  
Equipment: 9x9 baking dish. Medium saucepan. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 9x9 inch square baking pan with nonstick spray, line with parchment paper leaving an overhang of 1-inch on the sides, then spray parchment paper. Prepare fudge brownie batter according to package instructions and bake for 15 minutes. In a medium saucepan, melt butter and brown sugar over medium heat until sugar dissolves. Remove from heat and stir in corn syrup, eggs, vanilla extract, pecans and a pinch of salt. Spoon pecans over brownies in an even layer, then bake until topping is just set, about 30-35 minutes. Let cool to room temperature, then cut into squares to serve.

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