

# NewsLine

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## Colquitt EMC Celebrates 83 Years!

### 2019 Annual Meeting Hosted by Brooks County

**D**espite the rainy weather, 2,309 Colquitt EMC members attended the Cooperative's 83rd Annual Meeting of Members held at Spence Field in Moultrie on October 29.

Prior to the business meeting, members and their guests enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared by the Colquitt County FFA and enjoyed entertainment by "The Diamonds". Attendees also enjoyed participating in a health fair and playing "Electro Bingo" & "The Wheel of Energy."



Board President Huey Hiers presided over the Business Meeting. As the meeting opened, Stephanie Spriggs Walker performed the National Anthem and Rev. Sally Flowers from Quitman United Methodist Church delivered the invocation. Mary Beth Watson, Sunbelt Ag Expo Vice President of Accounting and Administration, delivered greetings and Tiffany Holmes, Director of the Brooks County Development Authority, welcomed attendees.

Cooperative Attorney James Thagard presented the election results. Incumbents Huey Hiers (Colquitt County), Tommy Cothron (Lowndes County) and B. Don Copeland (Tift County) will continue to serve as directors for Districts 1, 5, and 6, respectively. *(See story and more photos inside.)*







## *\*Annual Meeting Highlights\**

Brenda Jarrett, Manager of Finance and Accounting, presented a report on the financial status of Colquitt EMC. She stated that Colquitt EMC is on solid financial footing.

Colquitt EMC's General Manager, Danny Nichols remarked to the membership, "We are non-profit and we maintain that status by returning capital credits to your, our members. We are financially sound. It is with this knowledge that the Board of Directors voted to return capital credits again this year." He announced that Colquitt EMC will be returning more than \$3.4 million in capital credits during the month of December.

Service recognition of employees included: Joann Homer, Les Moore, Michael Young and Jan Williford (25 years); Justin Brown, Roger Touchton and Joey Weakland (30 years); Bruce Bailey, Ken Busby, Reeves Foy, Dixie Lightfoot and Jimmy Williams (40 years) and Terry Lewis (45 years).

At the conclusion of the business meeting, a prize drawing was held for members in attendance which is always a crowd-pleaser!!



## **Colquitt EMC is currently accepting applications for the Walter Harrison Scholarship**

*A program sponsored by Georgia's electric cooperatives*



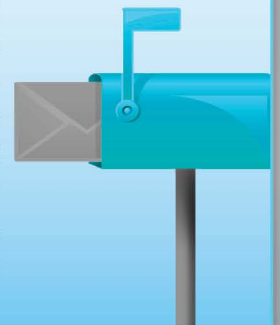
The \$1,000 scholarship can be applied to academic expenses at any accredited two- or four-year college or university in Georgia, including technical colleges. Factors for consideration include grade point average, SAT/ COMPASS scores, academic standing, scholastic honors and financial need. Students 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.colquittemc.com](http://www.colquittemc.com).

**Completed applications are due by February 1, 2020.**

# December 2019 Capital Credit Refund

Colquitt EMC will refund \$3,423,125.48 to some of its members in December. The refund represents capital credits assigned to members who received electricity in **1998**. 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:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Percentage</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Year Refund</i>
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
2017	3.14%	\$3,853,313.27	2038
2018	3.00%	\$3,915,795.86	2039



## 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.*





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## Give the Gift of Tech...Electronic Gift Guide

This holiday season, give the gift of tech! If you're searching for the latest gadgets and electronics to gift but don't know where to start, we've got you covered.

Here's a list of ideas for your tech-savvy friends and family members, and with a range of prices and interests, there's sure to be something for everyone.

**Gifts for those on the go:** We all have that one friend who never stays in one place, so they'll appreciate gifts that keep them charged and entertained while on the go.

A portable charger (or power bank) can keep their smart phones and tablets juiced, and the good news is this gift won't drain your wallet. You can purchase portable chargers online or at local retailers for as low as \$20. Typically, these compact devices can fully charge an iPhone three times before running out of steam.

A Bluetooth speaker is another great gift to keep those on the go entertained. Whether they're listening to their favorite tunes or watching the latest flick, Bluetooth speakers can clarify and amplify volume to satisfy any media enthusiast.

Prices range depending on features, but you can purchase a quality Bluetooth speaker online or at local retailers for as low as \$30.

**Gifts for the chef:** Every foodie knows that temperature matters when mastering the perfect cut of meat. A Bluetooth-connected thermometer can help your chef ensure a delicious (and safe-to-eat) meal. Just download the associated app and keep an eye on the grill right from your smart phone or tablet. Prices vary from \$30 to \$200, but you can purchase these handy gadgets online or at any big box store,

like Wal-Mart or Target.

A digital kitchen scale is a must for any culinary pro. No more guessing—the easy-to-read digital screen ensures the exact weight or amount required for that perfect dish. Prices vary depending on the weight the scale can handle, but you can find a 13-pound max weight scale for about \$20 on Amazon.com.

**Gifts for the pet owner:** Let's face it—pet owners would be lost without their fur babies. Luckily, pet tracking products continue to advance, so pet owners can always keep a watchful eye on their furry friends. Most trackers simply attach to your pet's collar. Prices vary depending on the tracker's capabilities, but some features include

water resistance, health monitoring and exceptional battery life. You can purchase pet trackers online or at your local pet store.

Speaking of keeping an eye on pets, you can also purchase surveillance cameras for real-time monitoring—some cameras even allow you to toss treats to your furry friend while you're away. Additional features include a microphone (so you can talk to your pets), a built-in laser toy (for our feline friends) and the ability to snap a photo or take video from your smart phone. Prices vary depending on the bells and whistles, but you can purchase a pet camera for as low as \$40 on Amazon.com.

With so many electronics available today, you're sure to find the perfect gift for your tech-savvy loved ones. *Happy shopping!*



Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year  
from all of us at  
Colquitt EMC

All Colquitt EMC offices will be closed  
on Tuesday & Wednesday, Dec. 24 & 25  
& Wednesday, Jan. 1



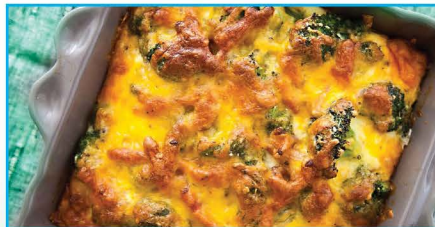
# Recipes of the Month



## Slow Cooker Christmas Ham

**INGREDIENTS** *Serves: 8*  
6-7 lbs smoked pork shoulder or 6-7 lbs picnic ham  
1/4 cup honey  
1/4 cup spicy brown mustard  
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger  
1/4 teaspoon ground cloves  
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1 orange, juice of  
1 lemon, juice of  
1 lime, juice of  
1 cup ginger ale

**DIRECTIONS**  
Use a 6-quart slow cooker. Unwrap the ham, and discard the flavor packet. Place the ham into your insert (flat side down). In a small mixing bowl, combine the honey, mustard, ginger, cloves, and cinnamon. Smear this paste evenly all over the ham. Pour the juice and add the last little bit with the pulp into the sauce bowl. Pour ginger ale evenly over the top. Cover, and cook on low for 6-8 hours, or on high for about 3 hours. Remove ham from slow cooker, carve and serve.



## Broccoli Casserole

**INGREDIENTS** *Serves: 6-8*  
2 (10 ounce) packages frozen chopped broccoli  
1 onion, chopped  
2 red peppers, chopped  
4 celery ribs, chopped  
1/2 cup butter, divided  
1 cup cooked rice  
10 oz. can cream of mushroom soup  
8 ounces cheese spread  
1/2 cup bread crumbs

**DIRECTIONS**  
Melt 4 tablespoons of butter in a large skillet over med high heat. Saute onion, red pepper, and celery until tender. About 10 minutes. Add cheese spread and soup and heat until melted. Add rice and broccoli and stir to combine. Pour broccoli mixture in a shallow 3qt. casserole dish that has been sprayed with a vegetable spray. Melt remaining butter and bread crumbs. Top casserole with buttered crumbs. Bake, covered, in a pre heated 350 oven for 30 to 40 minutes or until lightly browned and bubbly.

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