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For more information or to print an application online, visit www.colquittemc.com or contact Joni Fender at (229) 386-2278

BRIGHT IDEAS

Upgrades to the Walkerville Substation

The task of maintaining and upgrading Colquitt EMC's system is never-ending. In a continuous effort to provide members with reliable service, several construction projects are planned for this year. One of the projects, upgrades to the Walkerville Substation in Tift County, is now underway.

A major part of the construction involves adding larger conductors to the substation. The larger conductors will allow for increased load capacity and future growth. It will also provide a strong back-up source for two other substations—Brookfield and Tifton Substations.

Another portion of the upgrade includes running a new circuit from the substation. The new circuit will help pick up the increasing load on Old Ocilla Road and Highway 319 North. It will also provide an additional back-up source for the substation. The project is expected to be completed by the end of April.



▲ Contractors restructure lines outside of the Walkerville Substation to prepare for the new circuit and conductors.

Community CONNECTIONS



▲ Joni Fender talks with students at Brooks County High School's Career Day.

Georgia Energy Code Updates

The latest version of the Georgia Energy Code requires that every new home constructed in Georgia must have:

- the whole house tested for air leaks (blower door test)
- the air conditioning ducts tested for air leaks (duct blaster test)
- the test results posted on the home's electrical panel or the indoor section of the heating and cooling system

This testing will verify that new homes meet the code mandated minimum air tightness and help ensure energy efficient construction. The Georgia Department of Consumer Affairs has delayed full enforcement of the new code until July 1, 2011.

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 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.



Life Before Rural Electricity

Before the Rural Electrification Administration (REA) made Colquitt EMC possible, rural areas that make up Colquitt EMC's service territory relied on manpower and muscle to accomplish chores, without the benefits of electricity and the machines it powered.

It's amazing to consider how things were done in the years before electricity came to farms and rural homes. Prior to rural electricity, fundamental chores involved hours of tedious and difficult work. While a chore such as washing and drying clothes today takes minutes, hand-washing clothes in water hauled from the well took hours. It was all in a day's work for that generation.



To celebrate Colquitt EMC's 75th Anniversary, we are reflecting back over the history of the co-op and the community. If you have memories of what life was like before or during the beginning of rural electricity, **we want to hear your story**. To share, please contact Jessica Spangler at (229) 985-3620.

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Please Burn With Care

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.

What is an Electric Cooperative?

You receive this newsletter because you buy your electricity from an electric cooperative—a utility that operates like no other.

Colquitt EMC is a non-profit business that is owned by the members it serves. This means that you and your neighbors actually own your electric utility. In fact, you may have noticed that the utility refers to you as a “member” rather than as a “customer.”

The cooperative’s board of directors is a group of consumer-members just like you. When the directors’

terms expire, the cooperative holds an election—in which you are able to vote. So the cooperative is governed by its consumers, and those who govern it are elected by the consumers.

Cooperatives have their roots in their local communities and they do not sell stock. That way, consumer-members retain local control. Any profits are put back into the cooperative to help run the business efficiently, or are returned to the members. A co-op exists solely to provide high-quality service at the lowest possible price for its members.

Scholarship Applications Available April 1st

Applications for Colquitt EMC’s 2011 Scholarship Program are available beginning April 1, 2011.

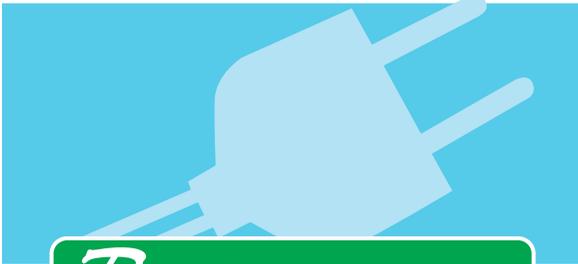
Colquitt EMC award scholarships to students who are enrolled in colleges or universities located in Colquitt EMC’s service area. To be eligible,

scholarship recipient’s primary residence must be the household of a Colquitt EMC member.

Applications and additional details are available in our offices and at www.colquittemc.com. The deadline to apply is Friday, June 17, 2011.



All Colquitt EMC offices will be closed on May 30th in observance of Memorial Day.



Recipes of the Month



Easter Ham

- 1 whole bone-in ham
- 12 ounces pineapple juice
- 2 cups packed brown sugar
- 1 cup water
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves

Place ham in roasting pan. In saucepan, bring remaining ingredients to a boil. Pour over ham. Bake, uncovered at 350°F for 2 to 2-1/2 hours, basting occasionally. Cover with a foil tent if ham is getting too brown. **Yield: 12 Servings.**

Per Serving: 153.6 Calories, 0.0g Fat, 15.4mg Sodium, 0.0mg Cholesterol, 39.4g Carbohydrate. **Note:** The following items or measurements are not included in this information: bone-in-ham.

Spring Vegetable Frittata

- 1/2 cup peas
- 1/2 cup carrot, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup asparagus, sliced into 1 inch pieces
- 4 slices bacon, diced
- vegetable oil, if needed
- 1 onion, diced
- 8 eggs
- salt and pepper

Steam or boil peas, carrots and asparagus until tender, drain well and set aside. Cook bacon in an ovenproof skillet over low heat until crisp. Remove with slotted spoon and place on paper towels to drain. Add vegetable oil to bacon grease (if necessary) to equal 2 tablespoons. Increase heat to medium/low and add the onion. Cook until transparent, stirring occasionally. Add vegetable mixture to onions and cook for another 10 minutes. Meanwhile, in another bowl, beat eggs and salt and pepper together. Pour over mixture in skillet and add bacon crumbles. Stir gently. Preheat broiler. Reduce heat and cover eggs. Cook until almost set. Remove lid and place under broiler until eggs are lightly browned (about 3 minutes). Remove from oven and cut into wedges. **Yield: 4 Servings.**

Per Serving: 289.7 Calories, 20.3g Fat, 342.8mg Sodium, 438.4mg Cholesterol, 9.0g Carbohydrate.