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# News Line

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## ENERGIZING EDUCATION!

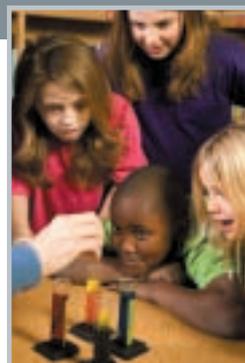
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FOR MORE INFORMATION  
OR TO PRINT AN  
APPLICATION ONLINE, VISIT  
[WWW.COLQUITTEMC.COM](http://WWW.COLQUITTEMC.COM)

### Teachers: Earn up to \$1,000 for your classroom!

Bright Ideas, sponsored by Colquitt EMC, awards grants to teachers for innovative classroom-based education projects.



Through Bright Ideas, teachers can illuminate students' love of learning. Teachers of all disciplines in grades K-12 are eligible to apply.

Deadline to apply is June 3, 2011.



## BRIGHT IDEAS

1-800-342-8694  
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## Right-of-Way Maintenance Program

*Trees and overgrown vegetation are the number one cause of power outages.* The fact that trees cause damage and safety hazards is the driving force of Colquitt EMC's aggressive Right-of-Way (ROW) Maintenance Program.

ROW maintenance is a crucial part of attaining the cooperative's mission of delivering reliable power to our members. Naturally, we cannot prevent every occurrence and act of nature that causes our members to experience outages. However, with such a strong ROW Program, we are able to prevent countless outages and problems that would have otherwise occurred.

Colquitt EMC has full-time employees as well as contractors who are dedicated year-round to maintaining ROW. With over 8,000 miles of distribution lines, it takes a great amount of time and effort to cover the service area. We take this into consideration and try to ensure the ROW will be safe until we rotate back around to an area.

A major part of ROW maintenance includes trimming the trees around power lines. You may see us trimming trees around your home and wonder what we are doing, or why it is necessary. When you see Colquitt EMC crews and contractors cutting trees and limbs in your area, keep in mind that they are working diligently to keep a safe, clear ROW. Your support and understanding of our ROW Maintenance Program is greatly appreciated.



▲ ROW contractor trims branches that are too close to lines.



▲ The clean-up crew follows behind and cleans up the fallen limbs.



▲ ROW contractor trims limbs that are hanging over lines.



## REA Co-op History

Although some parts of Georgia were introduced to electricity as early as the 1880's, electricity was still found in less than three percent of rural homes in 1935. Investor-owned utilities were reluctant or unwilling to extend their lines into the unprofitable, sparsely populated rural areas.

The foundation for a better way of life for people in rural areas began in 1935 with President

Franklin D. Roosevelt establishing the Rural Electrification Administration (REA) and passing the *Rural Electrification Act of 1936*. In the 1930s, '40s, and '50s the "REA Co-op" sign was one of the best known signs of hope for South Georgian's who did not yet have the amenity of an electrified home.

**In honor of Colquitt EMC's 75th Anniversary, we are asking our members for stories, pictures, and interesting objects from Colquitt EMC or REA history. If you have memories or stories of "when the lights came on" please contact us to share. The contact person is Jessica Spangler, (229) 985-3620, or [jessicaspangler@colquittemc.com](mailto:jessicaspangler@colquittemc.com).**

## Colquitt EMC Scholarship Program Begins in April

Colquitt EMC awards scholarships to students who are enrolled in colleges or universities located in Colquitt EMC's service area. To be eligible, applicant's primary residence must be the household of a Colquitt EMC member.

Applications and additional details will be available in our offices and at [www.colquittemc.com](http://www.colquittemc.com) beginning **April 1, 2011**.



### Energy Efficiency

### *Tip of the Month*

By replacing your five most-used lightbulbs with ENERGY STAR-qualified bulbs, you could save \$70 a year.

Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency



## 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.*

## 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, 2005 for electrical service received in 1984, but which have been returned by the U.S. Post Office as "undeliverable" or have been otherwise unclaimed.



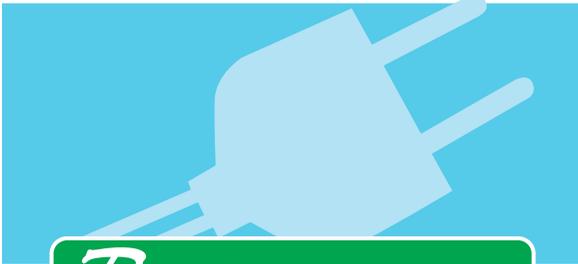
A current listing of these members, with their last known address, is available at our corporate office located at 15 Rowland Drive, Moultrie, Georgia. The last possible date to claim these funds is June 30, 2011. All funds not claimed by this date will be donated for charitable uses, as permitted by O.C.G.A. section 44-12-236 of "The Disposition of Unclaimed Capital Property Act" of Georgia.

## Submit Your Recipes

*Colquitt EMC is collecting recipes for an upcoming publication. Please drop off your favorite recipes at your local office or send them to:*

Colquitt EMC  
Attn: Jessica Spangler  
P.O. Box 3608  
Moultrie, GA 31776





## Recipes of the Month



### Bourbon Chicken

- 2 lbs boneless chicken breasts, cut into bite-size pieces
- 1 -2 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 garlic clove, crushed
- 1/4 teaspoon ginger
- 3/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 1/4 cup apple juice
- 1/3 cup light brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons ketchup
- 1 tablespoon cider vinegar
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/3 cup soy sauce

Heat oil in a large skillet. Add chicken pieces and cook until lightly browned. Remove chicken. Add remaining ingredients, heating over medium heat until well mixed and dissolved. Add chicken and bring to a hard boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 20 minutes. Serve over hot rice and ENJOY. *Yield: 4 Servings.*

*Per Serving:* 521.4 Calories, 24.4g Fat, 1573.0mg Sodium, 145.2mg Cholesterol, 23.4g Carbohydrate.



### Easy Key Lime Pie

- 14 ounces fat-free condensed milk
- 8 ounces egg substitute
- 1/4 cup lime juice
- 1 tablespoon lime zest
- 1 (6 ounce) graham cracker crust
- 8 ounces Cool Whip Free

Preheat oven to 325. Mix first four ingredients in medium bowl with wire whisk. Pour into pie crust and place on baking sheet in oven for about 15 minutes or until pie is set but still quivers. Chill for at least two hours.

*Yield: 8 Servings.*

*Per Serving:* 129.6 Calories, 6.1g Fat, 170.7mg Sodium, 0.2mg Cholesterol, 14.5g Carbohydrate. **Note:** The following items or measurements are not included in this information: egg substitute, lime zest, and Cool Whip Free.