



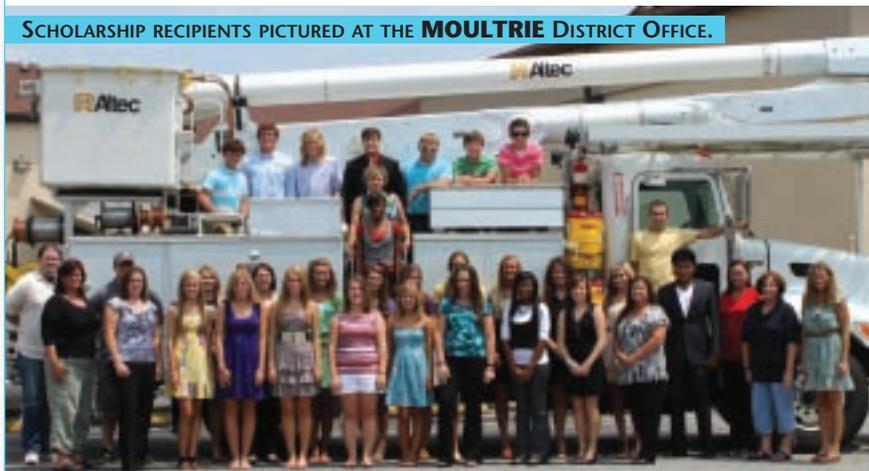
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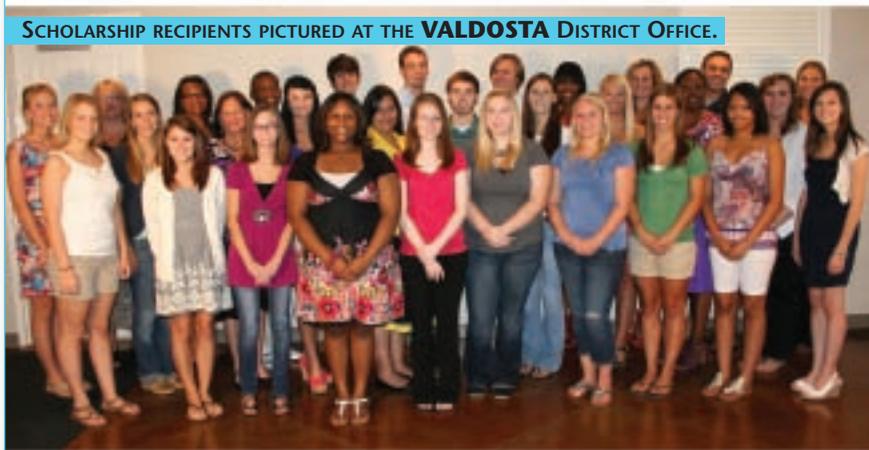
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## Colquitt EMC Awards \$334,500 in College Scholarships

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS PICTURED AT THE **MOULTRIE** DISTRICT OFFICE.



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS PICTURED AT THE **VALDOSTA** DISTRICT OFFICE.



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS PICTURED AT THE **TIFTON** DISTRICT OFFICE.



This year, Colquitt EMC was able to award a record-breaking \$334,500 in scholarships to deserving students. The 122 recipients are members enrolled in accredited colleges throughout Colquitt EMC's service area.

Since the program started in 2006, Colquitt EMC has been able to fund \$1,077,000 in academic scholarships to nearly 400 students. "Colquitt EMC is pleased to be able to provide scholarships for these students," said General Manger, Danny Nichols. "We are proud to have the opportunity to support our members in furthering their education and the institutions they choose to attend."

The Scholarship Program began upon Georgia legislation allowing electric cooperatives to use unclaimed capital credit funds for education in the communities they serve. Since Colquitt EMC is non-profit, the unclaimed refunds would otherwise be turned over to the government.





## **2011 Sunbelt Ag Expo** **October 18-20, 2011**

The Sunbelt Expo will take place October 18-20 in Moultrie, Georgia. The event attracts upwards of 100,000 visitors from all over the country. Visitors come for three days to peruse 4,000 product lines from 1200 commercial exhibitors, and capitalize on educational opportunities from university and college research specialists.

Faced with extremes in weather and impacted by legislation, this past year has proved to be one of the most challenging for our agricultural community. During these demanding times, the Expo strives even harder to provide access to practical solutions, by showcasing the latest innovations in agricultural techniques and practices, cutting edge research and development, and state-of-the-art machinery and related products. Our goal is to provide a central location in which agricultural producers, families, communities and government agencies can address economic, environmental, health and quality of life issues. Interactive educational exhibits, guided tours, and demonstrations will showcase how agricultural researchers and educators are addressing important issues, safeguarding and improving our food supply and the environment, and helping to enhance the efficiency and profitability of agriculture and related industries.

Take time to participate in all that the Expo has to offer—from live field demonstrations to our Family Life exhibits and educational expertise offered by several universities. Stop by to visit and learn about the great state of Arkansas, this year's Spotlight State and step inside the new Georgia Agriculture Building, a joint venture between the Georgia Department of Agriculture and Georgia Farm Bureau. Try your hand at the many interactive exhibits designed for your entertainment and education and watch history unfold as the Antique Tractor Parade passes by. Test drive a new truck on a course designed especially for the Expo or stand amazed as tractors "drive themselves" using the latest GPS devices. Explore cutting edge "green" technology and the irrigation industry's latest assault on drought.

The Expo is located on Georgia Hwy. 133, southeast of Moultrie, Ga. The gates open at 8:30 a.m. each day of the show. Admission at the gate is \$10 per person with children under the age of 12 admitted free when accompanied by an adult. Advance tickets are \$8 but must be ordered by October 5. A 3-day pass is available for \$20. For additional information, visit the Expo Web site: [www.sunbeltexpo.com](http://www.sunbeltexpo.com) or call 229-985-1968.

# CARLOS VICKERS

## 2011 Georgia Farmer of the Year

A diversified crop and livestock farmer for 32 years, Carlos Vickers of Nashville, has been named the 2011 Georgia Farmer of the Year.

Born into a farming family, Vickers now farms in partnership with his brother, Lamar. They farm 3,135 acres, including 2,535 acres of owned land and 600 acres of rented land. In addition to their new blueberry crop, they grow watermelons, tobacco, peanuts, cotton and corn. They also have 800 acres of timber and 300 acres of pasture for their beef cattle.

As a result of his success as crop and cattle producer, Vickers has been selected as the 2011 Georgia winner of the Swisher Sweets/Sunbelt Expo Southeastern Farmer of the Year award. Vickers now joins eight



other state winners from the Southeast as finalists for the award. The overall winner will be announced on Tuesday, Oct. 18 at the Sunbelt Ag Expo farm show in Moultrie, Ga.

## Understanding the EnergyGuide Label

If you've shopped for appliances, you've seen the bright yellow EnergyGuide label. The EnergyGuide label tells you how much energy an appliance uses and can help you compare the energy use of different models as you shop for an appliance.

Not all appliances have an EnergyGuide label. Among those that do are clothes washers, dishwashers, refrigerators, freezers, water heaters, window air conditioners, central air conditioners, furnaces, boilers, heat pumps and pool heaters.

Before you set out to buy a new appliance, get familiar with the EnergyGuide label. The sample at right explains how to use the label as you shop.

**U.S. Government**      *Features provide a range of the most likely consumer purchase*

# ENERGYGUIDE

Refrigerator-Freezer  
 • Automatic Defrost  
 • Side-by-Side Freezer  
 • Through-the-Door Ice

FFZE Corporation  
 Model ABC-1  
 Capacity: 23 Cubic Feet

**Estimated Yearly Operating Cost**

**\$67**

Cost Range of Similar Models: \$57 to \$74

**630 kWh**  
 Estimated Yearly Electricity Use

Your cost will depend on your utility rates and use.

• Cost range based only on models of similar capacity with automatic defrost, side-by-side freezer, and through-the-door ice.  
 • Estimated operating cost based on a 2007 national average electricity cost of 13.0¢ per kWh.  
 • For more information, visit [www.ftg.gov/appliances](http://www.ftg.gov/appliances)

**ENERGY STAR**

**Callout Boxes:**

- **Top key features:** Lists key features of the appliance you're looking at and the similar models that make up the cost range below.
- **Bottom right:** The maker, model, and size tell you exactly what product this label describes.
- **Cost range:** The cost range helps you compare the energy use of different models by showing you the range of operating costs for models with similar features.
- **Bottom left:** What you might pay to run the appliance for a year, based on its electricity use and the national average cost of energy. The cost appears on labels for all models and brands, so you can compare energy use just like you would price or other features.
- **Bottom center:** An estimate of how much electricity the appliance uses in a year based on typical use. Multiply this by your local electricity rate on your utility bill to better judge what your actual operating cost might be.
- **Bottom right:** If you see the ENERGY STAR logo, it means the product is better for the environment because it uses less energy than standard models.

# Local. Dependable. Serving YOU.



District 2—Brooks County  
**Noel Childers**



District 3—Berrien County  
**James H. (Jimmy) Griner, Sr.**



District 4—Cook County  
**Simmie King**



District 4—Cook County  
**Jon D. Register**

## Director Elections

The Colquitt EMC Bylaws allow for district director elections. This means that only members who will be voting this year are those who have memberships in the districts (counties) of the directors who are up for election. The districts up for election this year are Brooks, Berrien and Cook.

No later than September 30, Annual Meeting notices will be mailed to each member whose membership is active on August 31. Ballots/voting information will be mailed to members in the districts (counties) of the directors who are up for election. Ballots must be returned either by mail or hand delivery to any Colquitt EMC office by October 14.

## COLQUITT EMC'S 75th Annual Meeting

**Tuesday, November 1, 2011**  
**Spence Field, Moultrie**

**Fill out the lunch reservation form provided below.**

Due to the size and growth of our Annual Meeting, we are asking members to register only for themselves— not other members. There is a limit of 4 meals per membership. These rules have been implemented as a courtesy to all members.



*The Georgia Boys will be performing at the Annual Meeting.*

**Mark Your Calendars!**



### LUNCH RESERVATION FORM FOR COLQUITT EMC'S 75th ANNUAL MEETING

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2011**

Lunch from 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Registration - 11:00 A.M.

Business Meeting: 1:30 P.M.

Expo Site, Spence Field in Moultrie

Although your meal is tasty enough for leftovers, we ask that you enjoy your lunch on the premises.

**Limit 4 meals per member**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Account # \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Including myself, you may plan on \_\_\_\_\_ person(s) for lunch.

*Deadline for reservations is October 18, 2011*



## Recipes of the Month

### Easy Seafood Supper

1 can New England clam chowder  
1 can cream of chicken soup  
2 cans whole milk (use soup can to measure)\*  
Salt, pepper, paprika and garlic powder to taste  
Dash of Worcestershire sauce  
1 pound bag of cooked shrimp

Combine all ingredients in a pot and cook until heated. Serve over rice.

\* Use less milk for a thicker sauce.

—Recipe submitted by Ms. Sondra Pickard

Note: Nutrition information is not available for this recipe.

### Low Fat, Low Cholesterol Chocolate Cake

1 (18 ounce) box Betty Crocker Super Moist cake mix  
1 (15 ounce) can pumpkin  
1 cup warm water  
¼ teaspoon cinnamon  
1 (1 ounce) package sugar-free instant white chocolate pudding mix (or regular vanilla)  
1½ cups skim milk  
8 ounces Cool Whip Lite

Mix cake mix, pumpkin, water and cinnamon until well blended. Batter will be thick. Pour into a 9x13 greased pan, or cupcake liners. Bake at 350°F for 40 minute for a 9x13 or 20 minute for cupcakes, or until toothpick comes out clean. **Yield: 18 Cupcakes**

#### FROSTING:

Mix pudding with milk, then blend in cool whip. Frost when cake is cool. Keep refrigerated.

**Per Serving:** 42.3 Calories, 1.7g Fat, 21.6mg Sodium, 0.6mg Cholesterol, 5.6g Carbohydrate.

The following items or measurements are not included in the information above:

- Betty Crocker Super Moist cake mix
- sugar-free instant white chocolate pudding mix

**Share your favorite recipes with us!**

**PLEASE SEND TO:**

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