



# NewsLine

Volume 46, Number 9

September 2016

Celebrating **80** Years

Entertainment starts at 12:30 p.m.

**Don't Miss The 2016 Annual Meeting November 1<sup>st</sup> A Celebration of 80 Years of Service!**

**"Omega Quartet"**

**BUSINESS UPDATES • GREAT FOOD • GAMES • PRIZES  
FELLOWSHIP • ENTERTAINMENT • HEALTH FAIR • AND MORE!**

## LUNCH RESERVATION FORM FOR COLQUITT EMC's 80th ANNUAL MEETING

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2016**

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



**Limit 3 meals per member**

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

*Deadline for reservations is October 18, 2016*

# Putting Up the Lines

The wires which tied the houses of rural people together also seemed to unite their spirits.

— Clyde T. Ellis  
*A Giant Step*

On July 28, 1936, the government gave final approval for a loan of \$275,000 for the construction of electric lines to all parts of Colquitt County and sections of Brooks, Worth, Tift, Thomas and Mitchell counties. When all the plans for the electrification project had been drawn, **Colquitt County Rural Electric Company was granted its formal charter on September 28, 1936.** At this point, the Moultrie Chamber of Commerce stepped back into the picture to aid in securing right-of-way and signing potential customers along the power line routes. "ELECTRIC LIGHTS AND POWER ON EVERY FARM" was the slogan adopted by the committee. In July of 1937, lines were energized and Colquitt Countians had lights!

A few weeks after the Moultrie-Berlin line was energized, the line to Ellenton was complete. From that point to the present there has been a steady development of the system, interrupted only by World War II. Colquitt County Rural Electric Company was divorced from commissioner-sponsorship in 1939 and directors were added from other counties being served.



The Colquitt County Rural Electric Company moved from downtown Moultrie into its headquarters building on Rowland Drive in 1950. In 1960, an addition was constructed to give more warehouse space.

In 1965, another addition was completed providing office space, an auditorium and a kitchen. A district office was opened in Valdosta during the latter part of 1969. By 1976, a district office had been opened in Tifton, and branch offices were open in Adel, Nashville, and Quitman. In 1978, the entire headquarters building in Moultrie was remodeled with additional office and warehouse space being added.

On August 8, 1974, Colquitt County Rural Electric Company joined with 38 other cooperatives in the state and founded Oglethorpe Power Corporation. Oglethorpe Power Corporation resulted from a realization by the cooperatives that it was necessary for them to become involved in the generation and transmission of electricity, as well as the distribution. In October 1976, by vote of the membership, the name of the cooperative was changed from Colquitt County Rural Electric Company to Colquitt Electric Membership Corporation.



*"When the lights came on"*

In honor of Colquitt EMC's 80th 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 Joni Fox, (229) 386-2278, or [jonifox@colquittemc.com](mailto:jonifox@colquittemc.com).



2016



SUNBELT AG EXPO

**The 39th Annual Sunbelt Ag Expo will be held on October 18-20, 2016.** Guests will be able to attend over 300 seminars and demonstrations, visit more than 1,200 exhibitors with over 4,000 product lines, register to win door prizes, and test drive tractors, ATV's, and trucks. To begin planning your trip to the Expo, search your App store for "Sunbelt Ag Expo 2016" to download the App today. In previous years, exclusive truck test driving rights have belonged to Chevrolet. Guests will now be able to test drive Ford, Chevy/GMC, and Ram Commercial vehicles at the Expo! Ford and Ram Commercial Test Tracks will be located in the Field Demo areas and the Chevy/GMC Test Track will be located at C-13. The Hoss Tools Sustainable Living Center will still offer the same widespread seminars and demonstrations on sustainable agriculture. Due to the increase in demand for sustainable living resources, the Expo will again offer a Compact Tractor Driving Range in addition to the Utility Tractor Driving Range. Field Demos will again be a major attraction this year as the latest technology will be showcased in seminars and demonstrations led by industry leaders. Field demonstrations will include: Corn, Cotton, Peanut, and Soybean harvesting as well as Hay and Tillage demonstrations. Livestock seminars and demonstrations will provide producers with the latest updates and practices available for the Southeastern industry. These seminars and demonstrations will be led by regional Extension Agents and industry experts. Ticket information is available online at [www.sunbeltexpo.com](http://www.sunbeltexpo.com).

## Sales Tax Holiday Sept. 30 – Oct. 2, 2016

### Energy or Water Efficient Products

During the September 30 – October 2 sales tax holiday, the following items will be exempt from sales tax if they are purchased for noncommercial home or personal use:

#### ENERGY STAR® products with a purchase price of \$1,500 or less per item

- Air conditioners
- Ceiling fans
- Clothes washers
- Dehumidifiers
- Dishwashers
- Doors
- Fluorescent light bulbs
- Refrigerators
- Windows

#### WaterSense® products with a purchase price of \$1,500 or less per item

- Bathroom sink faucets and accessories (such as aerators)
- High-efficiency toilets
- High-efficiency urinals
- Showerheads
- Weather- or sensor-based irrigation controllers



The exemption does not apply to items purchased for use in a trade or business.

# Local. Dependable. Serving **YOU.**



## Colquitt EMC's Automated Phone System A Quick & Easy User's Guide



During regular business hours from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., phone calls are routed to our automated system. So, knowing our menu options before you call will connect you to the right person/department in record time...

To report a power outage.....	<b>PRESS 1</b>
To make a payment by debit/credit card.....	<b>PRESS 2</b>
To speak with the engineering/warehouse department.....	<b>PRESS 3</b>
To make payment arrangements.....	<b>PRESS 4</b>
To access our employee directory.....	<b>PRESS 9</b>
To speak to an operator.....	<b>PRESS 0</b>

## **LOOK UP** for hazards during harvest

To stay safe around overhead power lines during the long days of harvesting, farm operators and workers are urged to follow this safety tips:

- Use a spotter when operating large machinery near power lines.
- Use care when raising augers or the bed of grain trucks around power lines.
- Keep equipment at least 10 feet from power lines — at all times, in all directions.
- Inspect the height of farm equipment to determine clearance.
- Always remember to lower extensions when moving loads.
- Never attempt to move a power line out of the way or raise it for clearance.
- If a power line is sagging or low, call Colquitt EMC.

If contact is made with a power line, stay on the equipment. Make sure to warn others to stay away, and call 911. Do not leave until the utility crew says it is safe to do so. The only reason to exit is if the equipment is on fire. If this is the case, jump off the equipment with your feet together, without touching the ground and vehicle at the same time. Then, still keeping your feet together, hop to safety as you leave the area.

Some additional safety tips:

- Do not use metal poles when breaking up grain inside and around grain bins.
- Always hire qualified electricians for any electrical issues.
- Do not use equipment with frayed cables.

SOURCE: SafeElectricity.org



## Recipes of the Month



### **Coffee Ice Cream Pie**

#### **INGREDIENTS**

*Yield: 8 Servings*

- 2 (1 ounce) unsweetened chocolate squares
- 1/4 cup butter, cubed
- 1 (5 ounce) can evaporated milk
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 pint coffee ice cream, softened
- 1 (8 inch) chocolate crumb crust
- 1 (8 ounce) carton frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 1/4 cup chopped pecans

#### **DIRECTIONS**

Melt chocolate and butter. Stir in milk and sugar. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Cook and stir until thickened. Remove from the heat and cool completely. Spoon ice cream into crust. Stir sauce and spread over ice cream. Top with whipped topping and sprinkle with pecans. Freeze until firm. Remove from the freezer 15 minutes before serving.



### **Fall Harvest Oatmeal Raisin Cookies**

#### **INGREDIENTS**

*Yield: 3 Dozen*

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1 cup brown sugar, packed
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 1/2 cups quick-cooking oatmeal (Not instant)
- 1 cup golden raisin
- 1 (10 ounce) package cinnamon baking chips

#### **DIRECTIONS**

Preheat oven to 350°. In a large bowl, cream together Butter and both brown and granulated sugar. Add both eggs, vanilla extract and pie spice and mix well. Add baking soda, flour, oatmeal, raisins and cinnamon chips and mix well (by hand is best). You can either roll dough into approx 2 inch balls or use the drop method onto cookie sheets lined with parchment paper and bake at 350° approx 9-12 minutes or until light golden brown. Let cool 1 minute and remove to wire racks to cool completely.

(Cut Here) ✂