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Record Cold Temperatures = Higher Electric Bills

Exceptionally cold weather has substantially increased the demand for energy in South Georgia. The website www.georgiaweather.org documented 151 hours of temperatures below 32° F at the University of Georgia Coastal Plains Experiment Station in Tifton, between January 1st and January 14th of this year. During the same period last year the site recorded only 2 hours of temperatures below 32° F. Weather changes of this magnitude

can produce record demands for energy of all types.

According to Colquitt EMC's Energy Conservation Advisor Bruce Bailey, "In many cases exceptionally cold weather will generate exceptionally high bills for our members. Sustained cold weather like we have seen during the first two weeks of January continually saps the heat out of our homes and buildings producing longer and longer run times for large energy consuming appliances like heating systems and water heaters. The best strategies for combating extreme cold are to minimize heat losses from your home through proper insulation and sealing of air leaks and using high efficiency heating sources in a conservative manner". For tips on saving money and energy along with a "Do-It-Yourself Home Energy Audit", visit www.colquittemc.com. Free copies of the "Do-It-Yourself Home Energy Audit" are also available at any Colquitt EMC office.

We can't do much about the low temperatures, but tracking the electricity you use is one way to monitor your usage and be better informed. A "Keeping Track of 2010" chart is provided on the back of this newsletter to help you keep an accurate record of your monthly kwh consumption.



YOU CAN WIN A WEEK-LONG TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC

Visit historic monuments and museums

Meet with U.S. Representatives and Senators

Join hundreds of young people from across the country

Meet and mingle with students from many states on Rural Electric Youth Day



THE 2010 ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE YOUTH TOUR

IT'S A WEEK YOU'LL NEVER FORGET!

Applications are now being accepted to participate in the 2010 Washington Youth Tour. One lucky winner will be selected to represent Colquitt EMC on the trip to be held June 10-17, 2010. The competition is open to all high school juniors who are at least 16 years old and reside in a household served by Colquitt EMC.

While on the Youth Tour, Colquitt EMC's representative will tour the nation's Capitol, visit historic monuments and museums, meet U.S. Senators and Representatives and mingle with more than 1500 young people representing cooperatives from all across the United States.

Applications are available at any of our Colquitt EMC offices or online at www.colquittemc.com. Completed applications for the Washington Youth Tour are due by mail or hand delivery by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 5, 2010 to any Colquitt EMC office.

State FFA/EMC Electrification Career Development Event

D.J. Harnage, Berrien County High School FFA student, wins 3rd place in the State Wiring Contest.

Nicholas Hampton, Brooks County High School FFA student, places 4th in the contest. Nicholas also receives the highest speech score.

Participants in the FFA Agricultural Electrification Career Development Event demonstrate the proper use of electrical tools, present a speech/demonstration on an electrical energy-related topic, answer problem solving questions pertaining to electrical wiring and rural electrification, and complete an assigned wiring problem based on The National Electrical Code.

The FFA Agricultural Electrification Career Development Event is sponsored by Georgia's Electric Membership Cooperatives as a special project of the Georgia FFA Foundation.



D.J. Harnage / 3rd Place



Nicholas Hampton / 4th Place

Congratulations D.J. and Nicholas!

Career, Safety & Energy Efficiency Programs Available

Colquitt EMC offers career, safety and energy efficiency programs and demonstrations to schools and organizations in our service area. We are happy to provide speakers and displays for events. Teaching about safety around electricity is of utmost importance to us at Colquitt EMC. Also, we can offer tips that will help you to save electricity and stretch your budget.

If you are interested in scheduling a program for your group, please contact our Marketing and Member Services Department at Colquitt EMC.





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.

Keeping Track of 2010...

A chart is provided below to keep an accurate record of your monthly electric bills for 2010. Use the chart to compare monthly kwh consumption and the number of days in the billing period.

	Date Read	Reading	kwh Used	Cost	Date Paid
January					
February					
March					
April					
May					
June					
July					
August					
September					
October					
November					
December					
TOTAL					

RECIPES OF THE MONTH

CHERRY Crunch Pie

CRUST

1 1/2 cups flour
3/4 cup butter (melted)
1 cup walnuts (chopped)

FILLING

1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese
12 ounces whipped topping
16 ounces powdered sugar

TOPPING

2 (20 ounce) cans cherry pie filling

Crust: In a bowl, combine flour, butter, and walnuts and mash into a 9x13 inch pan. Bake at 350 degs for 20 minutes or until lightly browned. Let cool completely.

Filling: In a large bowl blend cream cheese, whipped topping, and powdered sugar on high until smooth. Pour on top of crust and spread evenly.

Topping: Spread both cans of pie filling evenly over the top and refrigerate for at least two hours before serving.

Yield: 16 Servings)

Per Serving: 475 Calories, 23.9g Fat, 121mg Sodium, 38mg Cholesterol, 63.3 Carbohydrate.

CHERRY Chiffon Desserts

1 (21 ounce) can cherry pie filling, chilled
1 (15 1/4 ounce) can pineapple chunks in juice or crushed pineapple, chilled and well drained
1 (14 ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
1 (8 ounce) container frozen non-dairy topping, thawed
1 cup miniature marshmallow

In large bowl, combine all ingredients and mix well. Spoon into individual serving dishes or large serving bowl. Chill 30 minutes. Garnish as desired. Store leftovers covered in refrigerator. **Yield: 8 Servings**

Per Serving:
387 Calories,
11.6g Fat, 89mg Sodium,
16mg Cholesterol,
67.9 Carbohydrate.

