



### Buffalo Chicken Collard Green Dip



Recipe from Georgia Grown

Perfect for gathering together to watch the game, this twist on classic buffalo chicken dip will have your fan raving!

#### Ingredients

- 4 Cups shredded collard greens
- 2 Ounces butter (4 tablespoons)
- 1/3 Cup diced onions
- 1 Clove minced garlic
- 8 Ounces cream cheese
- 1/2 Cup hot sauce
- 1 1/2 Cups cooked shredded chicken
- 1/2 Cup sour cream
- 4 Ounces crumbled blue cheese, divided
- 1/4 Cup chopped scallions

#### Directions

Preheat broiler. Melt butter in a skillet over medium heat. Add onion and garlic, cooking until translucent. Add collard greens to skillet and cook until soft and wilted. Add cream cheese and hot sauce, mixing well to combine. When mixture is thoroughly combined, add shredded chicken, sour cream, scallions and half of blue cheese, mix well. Pour into 8 inch cast iron pan. Sprinkle remaining blue cheese on top then broil for 5 minutes. Serve with tortilla chips, carrots and celery.



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# KEFENOKE REMC

## 82nd Annual Meeting Rolled On

It wasn't what was originally planned, but again this year Okefenokee REMC hosted its 82nd Annual Meeting as a drive-in event due to the continuing COVID pandemic, welcoming 368 registered consumer-members.

Working to ensure everyone's health and safety, OREMC's leadership made the decision to shift gears from the traditional in-person event to the drive-in format in mid-August due to the COVID infection rates being reported across the OREMC service area. The meeting was held as scheduled on Saturday, September 11, but like last year, moved to the parking lot of Brantley County Middle School for better a smoother flow of traffic.

General Manager John Middleton reported on the financial health of the cooperative and OREMC's ability to weather the COVID storm by adjusting operations as necessary. OREMC Board President Wayne Combs gave an update on the assistance provided to sister co-ops impacted by major weather events, highlighting the

establishment of the OREMC Foundation and the many projects underway to upgrade our smart grid technologies, storm harden the system and increase capacity.

With a honk of their horns members voted to affirm the board directions up for re-elections. Those board directors re-elected for another three-year term are: Wayne Combs, District 1, Baker County; Craig Morgan, District 4, Middle Brantley County; and Jimmy Woodard, District 5, West Brantley and Ware Counties.

As the meeting wrapped up, Ixia Johnson from Nahunta was randomly drawn as the \$500 grand prize winner.

"The meeting went very well," stated Member Services Representative Dewayne Johns. "It was a beautiful day to get out and support our cooperative. I was proud of the participation by our members not only because of the COVID situation, but also given the change in plans from our traditional format. We received a lot of positive feedback from both members and employees."

## Winter Rates Begin October 1

OREMC winter billing rates go into effect on October 1, equalizing the cost per kilowatt hour regardless of usage.

### Winter Rates October 1, 2021 - April 30, 2022

Monthly basic facilities charge \$35  
All kWh                      08.92 cents kWh

This is an offset to the two-tier rates in effect during the summer months, which is 11.58 per kWh when monthly usage was over 1,000 kWh. The basic facilities charge—a flat, monthly charge for maintaining our distribution system and service facilities—remains the same.

If you have questions about your bill, Member Services Representative Royce Proctor can assist you in understanding your usage and ways to save. He can be reached at 800-262-5131 ext. 3307.



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## Church of the Month

Emanuel United Methodist  
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Servicio Dominical  
en español 3:30 p.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 5 p.m.

Pastor Ken Sharpe

245 Ratcliffe Rd. • Brunswick, GA 31523-7424

To nominate your church, contact Dewayne Johns at 1-800-262-5131 Ext. 1143 or email [dewayne.johns@oremc.com](mailto:dewayne.johns@oremc.com).

“And the sun took a step back, the leaves  
lulled themselves to sleep and Autumn was awakened.”

—Raquel Franco

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October is  
National Co-op Month!

## It's a Matter of (Co-op!) Principles

ACE Hardware, State Farm, REI, Land O'Lakes and OREMC all share something in common: we're all cooperatives.

We may be in different industries, but we all share a passion for serving our members and helping our communities to thrive. In fact, all cooperatives adhere to the same set of seven principles that reflect our core values of honesty, transparency, equity, inclusiveness and service to the greater community good. October is National Co-op Month, so this is the perfect time to reflect on these principles that have stood the test of time but also provide a framework for the future. Let's take a look at the first three cooperative principles.

### Voluntary and Open Membership

Just like all co-ops, OREMC was created out of necessity--to meet a need that would have been otherwise unmet in our community. So in 1939 a group of neighbors banded together and organized our electric co-op so everyone in our community could benefit. For a modest membership fee to the co-op, any farmer could get electricity brought to his farm. Neighbors came together to tackle a problem that they all had but couldn't solve alone. They worked together for the benefit of the whole community, and the newly established electric lines helped power economic opportunity in our community.

While this history may be forgotten, key parts of that heritage remain--the focus on our mission and serving the greater good. In this, we include everyone to improve the quality of life and economic opportunity for the entire community. Membership is open to everyone in our service territory, regardless of race, religion, age, disability, gender identity, language, political perspective or socioeconomic status.

### Democratic Member Control

Our co-op is well suited to meet the needs of our members because we are

locally governed. Each member gets a voice and a vote in how the co-op is run, and each voice and vote are equal. OREMC's leadership team and employees live right here in the community. Our board of directors, who helps set long-term priorities for the co-op, also live locally on co-op lines. These board members have been elected by neighbors just like you. We know our members have a valuable perspective, and that's why we are continually seeking your input and encourage you to weigh in on important co-op issues and participate in co-op elections.

Our close connection to this community ensures we get a first-hand perspective on members' priorities, thereby enabling us to make more informed decisions on long-term investments, such as community solar programs, equipment and technology upgrades and electric vehicle programs.

### Members' Economic Participation

As a utility, our mission is to provide safe, reliable and affordable energy to our members. But as a co-op, we are also motivated by service to the community, rather than profits. Members contribute equitably to, and democratically control, the capital of OREMC. At least part of that capital remains the common property of the cooperative. Members allocate surpluses for co-op programs, initiatives, capital investments and supporting other activities approved by the membership.

Because we are guided by seven cooperative principles, it's not just about dollars--it's about opportunity for all and being fair when engaging with our members. The cooperative way is a values-based business model.

OREMC is a reflection of our local community and its evolving needs. We view our role as a catalyst for good and making our corner of the world a better place. And by the way, that sums up the seventh co-op principle, "concern for community."

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## Glynn Academy Presented with GHSA Cooperative Sportsmanship Award

Helping to shape future citizens of the community is something close to the heart of each electric membership cooperative (EMC) throughout the state. When engaged in athletic competition, high school students have one goal in mind: victory. But beyond wins and losses, one of the greatest lessons learned from competing in high school athletics is the ability to compete with class and sportsmanship. That is why Okefenoke REMC is proud to announce Glynn Academy in Brunswick as a winner of a 2020-2021 Georgia High School Association (GHSA) Cooperative Spirit Sportsmanship Award.

"Okefenoke REMC advocates for educating the whole student--academically, physically, socially, spiritually and emotionally--to promote future servant leaders," notes OREMC Member Service Representative Dewayne Johns. "The Cooperative Spirit Sportsmanship Award recognizes schools and communities that work together toward those same

goals. This isn't just an athletic award, but one that celebrates cooperative efforts between schools and communities in supporting education. We applaud Glynn Academy's tenacity and commitment to its students and the greater Brunswick community's support in fostering our collective future."



OREMC was pleased to present Glynn Academy in Brunswick with a 2020-2021 GHSA Cooperative Spirit Sportsmanship Award. Pictured are (l-r) Steve Waters, Athletic Director for Glynn County Schools; Dewayne Johns, OREMC Member Service Representative; Joe Loomis, OREMC Board Director; Matthew Blackstone, Glynn Academy Principal; Jeff Parker, Glynn Academy Assistant Principal; Marcus Long, Tennis Coach; and Autumn Roberts, Cheerleading Coach.

Glynn Academy Principal Matthew Blackstone was thrilled to accept the award on the school's behalf saying, "Glynn Academy is proud of the recognition and the responsibility that comes with this award. I am personally very proud of the work the teachers, staff and coaches have done to promote a positive learning and

coaching environment for our school. And we have an amazing community. With all the hurdles this community has seen and to still come together and support our children's growth is a sight to see day in and day out."

Read the full story online at [oremc.com/news](http://oremc.com/news).

## OREMC Surplus Equipment Auction Scheduled



OREMC will be holding an auction of surplus and salvage equipment at the headquarters office in Nahunta on Saturday, November 6, 2021. Many items will be offered to the general public for bid. Gates will open at 8 a.m. for inspection of items offered for bid, with sales beginning at 9 a.m.

The auctioneer commissioned for the event is Jeffrey Lee, Nahunta, Georgia (License # 002573). A 10 percent buyer's premium will be added to all sales.

All bidders planning to use sales tax exemption must present a Sales and Use Tax Certificate of Exemption (Form ST-5) to Eric Dyal by Wednesday, November 3, 2021. Without proper exemption certificate, sales tax will be added to all purchases. Sales tax exemption forms are available at the OREMC headquarters office in Nahunta. For questions or more specific information regarding sales and use tax exemption, contact Eric Dyal at 800-262-5131, extension 1107.

For more information regarding the auction or for a listing of items offered for bid, contact Jeffrey Davis at 800-262-5131, extension 3317, Monday through Friday between the hours of 7 a.m. and 3 p.m.

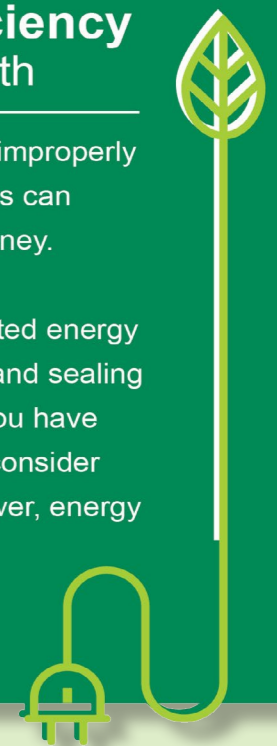
OREMC reserves the right to refuse any offer.

## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Old, uninsulated and improperly installed exterior doors can waste energy and money.

Shut the door on wasted energy by weather stripping and sealing all exterior doors. If you have an old exterior door, consider replacing it with a newer, energy efficient model.

Source: [energy.gov](http://energy.gov)



## Need Financial Assistance?

Are you having trouble paying your OREMC bill? There are a number of agencies that offer assistance to OREMC consumer-members experiencing a financial hardship. The complete list of agencies with links and phone numbers and can be found at [oremc.com/energy-assistance](http://oremc.com/energy-assistance).

For consumer-members living in Camden or Glynn counties, we suggest first calling The Salvation Army.

### Camden County Salvation Army

--call between 9:30-11:30 a.m. **912-882-6658**

### Glynn County Salvation Army choose

Option 1/Social Services **912-265-9381**



When you call, state that you are an OREMC/Okefenoke REMC consumer-member. Information they will need from you includes:

- State Issued ID
- Social Security Cards or Birth Certificates for everyone in the house
- An OREMC billing statement showing your account number and has your name and address on it
- A few forms you must fill out as well in order to complete the process.