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### Ginger-Pecan Pancakes with Raisin Pear Compote

Lazy Saturday mornings can still be relaxed when homemade pancakes are in the works. Making the batter up to 4 days in advance and storing in the refrigerator lets the alarm clock stay on snooze. The compote can be chilled up to 2 days and just reheated before serving.

- INGREDIENTS**  
 2 cups (10 oz/315 g) all-purpose flour  
 2 tablespoons sugar  
 2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder  
 1 teaspoon baking soda  
 3/4 teaspoon salt  
 3/4 teaspoon ground ginger  
 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon  
 1/4 teaspoon allspice  
 2 eggs, beaten  
 1 1/2 cups (12 fl oz/355 ml) buttermilk  
 1/2 cup (4 fl oz/118 ml) milk  
 1/4 cup (2 oz/56 g) unsalted butter, melted  
 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract  
 1/2 cup (2 oz/60 g) pecans, toasted and chopped  
 Softened butter, for serving

Rebecca Lang is a food writer and television personality. She is the author of seven cookbooks and has appeared on the Food network as a judge on Chopped Junior. She is a contributing editor for Southern Living and recently was honored to have cooked at the James Beard House.

In a medium mixing bowl, whisk together flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, salt, ginger, cinnamon and allspice. In a small bowl, whisk together eggs, buttermilk, milk, butter and vanilla. Stir into dry ingredients until thoroughly combined. Fold in pecans. Cook about 1/4 cup (2 fl oz/59 ml) of batter in a lightly greased non-stick skillet. Cook until bubbles form and the edges look done. Flip and cook until browned. Serve pancakes with butter and warm compote.

- Raisin Pear Compote**  
 4 medium red pears  
 1/2 cup (2 1/2 oz/76 g) golden raisins  
 1/3 cup (3 fl oz/80 ml) freshly squeezed orange juice  
 Juice of 1 lemon  
 1/4 teaspoon salt  
 2 teaspoons chopped fresh rosemary  
 2 tablespoons light brown sugar, firmly packed

Cut pears, unpeeled, into 1/2-inch (1 1/4 cm) pieces. Combine with raisins, orange juice, lemon juice, salt, rosemary and sugar in a medium saucepan. Cook for 25 minutes over medium-low heat, stirring every 5 minutes. Keep warm until serving.

Recipe from Pecans (Rizzoli, 2019) by Barbara Bryant, Betsy Fentress and Rebecca Lang.

### Isaiah 40:31 (KJV)

<sup>31</sup>But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.



## Church of the Month

### Grace Chapel Baptist Church

- Sunday School 10:00 A.M.
- Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 P.M.
- Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 P.M.
- Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6:30 P.M.

65 Grace Chapel Rd. • Folkston, GA 912-276-0370

Rev. John Boatwright, Pastor

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

## Save the Date: 29th Annual Golf Tournament set for Saturday, May 30

It is not too early to mark your calendars for the annual Okefenokee REMC Golf Tournament on Saturday, May 30 at The Lakes Golf Course, Laura S. Walker State Park in Waycross, Georgia. This will be the 29th anniversary of the tournament benefitting the Southeast Cancer Unit, Inc. Thanks to our many sponsors and players last year, OREMC made a record-breaking \$6,000 donation to the Southeast Cancer Unit, Inc.

Team Leader Linda Henderson remarked when receiving the donation, "I was so surprised when the \$6,000 check was revealed to me. I knew there were a lot of folks signed up for the tournament, but just never expected that much in the end. That's a wonderful show of support for our organization, and I can't say 'thank you' enough."

The Southeast Cancer Unit, Inc. is a volunteer organization supporting cancer patients in Brantley, Pierce and Ware counties with medical expenses while undergoing treatment. Whether you join us as a player, sponsor, prize donor or through an in-kind contribution, we look forward to another exciting tournament with room for 27 foursomes and sponsorship opportunities for businesses of all sizes.

Visit [oremc.com/golf](http://oremc.com/golf) for details on registration and sponsorships!



**"We're so busy watching out for what's ahead of us that we don't take time to enjoy where we are."**  
—Bill Watterson

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# KEFENOKE REMC

## Shining a Light on Cooperative Solar

So, you are thinking about solar. Like many energy consumers you care about the environment and seek ways to reduce your own carbon footprint. The benefits of solar to help achieve these goals are without question:

- Solar is a fully renewable resource. By harnessing the power of the sun we generate green power that doesn't emit any pollutants into the atmosphere.
- Once installed, solar is sustainable and needs relatively low maintenance.
- It is an investment in the future to offset the rising costs—monetarily and environmentally—of fossil fuels.

However, the costs for individual homeowners to install rooftop solar or a yard-based array are in the thousands of dollars, plus the additional cost of batteries to store excess energy. In addition to costs, other considerations for going solar are:

- Is your roof/yard shaded?
- Does the roof face the proper direction for optimum sunlight?
- Is your roof suitable? How old is it? Is it in good repair?
- Do you want to lease or buy solar panels?
- How much solar power do you want to generate?

If you are interested in the benefits of solar but are concerned about costs, have a shaded roof/yard, there are restrictive homeowner covenants or you're a renter, OREMC's Cooperative Solar program puts "going solar" within your reach.

OREMC has two 100 kW solar fields (Kingsland and Hilliard offices) and a 1.86 MW solar site on Highway 82 in Glynn County, Georgia. With Cooperative Solar, you get to choose the right amount of solar energy you want to subscribe to from OREMC. Blocks of solar energy are billed monthly at \$20 and produce approximately 120-200 kWh per month. The electricity delivered to your home through the power grid is calculated and the solar energy generated from your share of the total capacity will be credited back to you.

Keep in mind the monthly output from each share varies due to the position of the sun, time of year and number of cloudy days. Therefore, you will receive different amounts of solar energy each month based on the available sunlight.

Want to learn more about how to capture your share of the sun and promote greener energy? Visit the OREMC website at [oremc.com/csp](http://oremc.com/csp) or contact Member Service Representative Dewayne Johns at 800-262-5131 or via email at [dewayne.johns@oremc.com](mailto:dewayne.johns@oremc.com).

See inside for Cooperative Solar infographic.





## Youth Tour 2020: Set Your Sights on a Capital Experience

"History came alive," reflects Blake McIlwain of Jesup, of his 2019 Youth Tour experience. "It was a fantastic trip where I made friends and memories for a lifetime."

Mady Kate Bullard, from Nahunta, agrees the Youth Tour is a once in a lifetime experience that enabled her, "To experience something bigger than myself. I was deeply moved by the Holocaust Museum and as a librarian's daughter, felt right at home among all those books at the Library of Congress."

Okefenoke REMC sponsors four students to participate in the annual Youth Tour Leadership Experience. The week-long tour of Washington, D.C., immerses young people from across the country in a historical and cultural trip to connect with, raise awareness of and promote understanding of our nation's past, present and future.

"The trip taught me a lot about myself," notes Sydney Starling from Jacksonville, Florida. "To be surrounded by like-minded students from across the country made a big impression on me. We all had similar passions and interests and pushed each other to pursue our goals."

Revealing new perspectives and gaining self-awareness was also something Samantha Baxter of Folkston took away from her Youth Tour experience. She says, "There is such a sense of history and awe standing at the end of the reflecting pool and looking back toward the Capitol. I have three brothers in the military and the trip gave me a greater appreciation for what they do."

OREMC invites all high school juniors living in the eight counties it serves — Brantley, Camden, Charlton, Glynn, Ware and Wayne counties in Georgia and Baker and Nassau counties in Florida — to apply to become a delegate. Youth Tour information and the application are available online at [oremc.com/our-community](http://oremc.com/our-community), at each of OREMC's offices in Nahunta, Kingsland and Hilliard, Florida, or from high school guidance counselors. **Completed applications** must be received via email or in one of our OREMC offices by **Thursday, February 27, 2020**.

For more information please contact OREMC Member Services Representative Dewayne Johns at 800-262-5131 ext. 1143 or via email [dewayne.johns@oremc.com](mailto:dewayne.johns@oremc.com).



## OREMC Makes Donation to CCHS Wildbots Robotic Team

Just in time for their first 2020 competition, Okefenoke REMC presented Camden County High School a \$2,500 S.T.E.M. donation to help support and promote student involvement in the school's Wildbots Robotic Team. OREMC First Vice President Steve E. Rawl Sr. and Member Services Representative Royce Proctor made the presentation to members of the Wildbots Robotics Team and their team Mentors Fred Mercier and Jacquelyn Davis.

"We want to use the OREMC contribution to help with individual student dues so we can expand and recruit more kids to participate," noted Mercier. "This donation will have a direct impact on our students and is a great example of community support."

Donations such as this are made possible to qualifying organizations using funds from OREMC's unclaimed capital credits. "Supporting education in

our communities is one of OREMC's founding cooperative principals," explains OREMC Member Service Representative Dewayne Johns. "Promoting the growth and development of our young people academically, increases the knowledge capital in our communities and fosters work force development and economic well-being."



## You Can Help Stop Power Theft

Door hinges. Jumper cables. Copper pipe. Wire jumpers. "We've seen it all by people who are trying to divert power by bypassing their meter," notes OREMC Member Service Representative Royce Proctor. "Power theft is a crime that can lead to jail time, thousands of dollars in fines or even worse, death."

Meter tampering—whether it is damage of property or actual theft of services—results in hazardous conditions to those living in the home, OREMC employees and the public. When someone steals electricity by bypassing the meter, they not only affect the reliability of the distribution system but also lose the benefit of overload protections in place on the system. This causes a fire hazard due to increased heat, possible short circuits leading to an arc flash and potentially an explosion.

Your help in stopping power theft benefits all OREMC members. If you are aware of power theft at a location or concerned about a suspicious situation, **call our confidential Tip Line: 833 OKE TIPS (833-653-8477)**. You will be prompted to leave a voice mail with any information you may have including a brief description of what you saw, address location and names of any individuals involved if known.

Messages will be checked regularly so tips can be followed up on. If you would like to speak to Member Services Representative Royce Proctor directly, please call 800-262-5131 ext. 3307 or via email at [royce.proctor@oremc.com](mailto:royce.proctor@oremc.com).



# Cooperative Solar

### How the Program Works:

Cooperative Solar allows EMC Members like you the opportunity to purchase solar power, regardless of the location of your home or whether you own or rent. The electricity you receive is generated at off-site solar facilities, and you can purchase energy shares from your EMC at a nominal monthly rate. The monthly

### Cooperative Solar Advantages:

- Affordable
- No long-term contracts
- More cost-effective than owning or leasing a rooftop solar system
- Nothing to finance
- No shade limitations
- No holes in your roof
- Concerns about roof age and condition are eliminated
- No concerns about roof orientation to the sun
- No maintenance issues
- Neighborhood covenants do not affect access
- Renters can participate

output from each share varies due to the position of the sun, time of year and number of cloudy days. Therefore, you will receive different amounts of solar energy each month based on the available sunlight and performance of the solar facility.