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Pecan Pound Cake

Ingredients:

- 1 ½ cups oil
- 2 ½ cups sugar
- 5 eggs
- 5 oz. box instant vanilla pudding mix
- 2 ½ cups self-rising flour
- 1 cup evaporated milk
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 2 cups chopped pecans

Directions

Mix oil and sugar until combined, then mix in eggs one at a time. Then add in pudding mix, flour, evaporated milk, vanilla and pecans. Pour batter into a tube pan sprayed completely with Baker's Joy, no-stick baking spray with flour. DO NOT PRE-HEAT OVEN. Place cake in cold oven and bake at 325° for 1 ½ hours. Remove from pan and allow to cool on cake plate.

Glaze

- 1 cup sugar
 - ½ cup water
- Combine in a sauce pan and bring to a boil. Cook until sugar is dissolved. Pour over cooled cake. Enjoy!

Recipe was submitted by **Debbie Cross** of Folkston, GA. She has been given a **\$25 credit** on her account.

Have a favorite recipe?

Send us your favorite recipes! Email to Jen Shuman at recipes@oremc.com. If yours is selected as the featured recipe for our Jan./Feb. issue, you'll receive a \$25.00 account credit.



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Washington, D.C. From A to Z

Youth Tour Leadership Experience Open to High School Juniors

From monuments and museums, to history in the making, the 2020 National Washington Youth Tour leadership experience will immerse young people from across the country in a historical and cultural trip of a lifetime promoting awareness and understanding of our nation's past, present and future.



OREMC sponsors four students to participate in the Washington Youth Tour and 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, at each of our offices in Nahunna, Kingsland and Hilliard, or from your high school guidance counselor. **Completed applications** must be received in one of our OREMC offices by **Thursday, February 27, 2020**.

High School Students Invited to Apply for OREMC Scholarships

Okefenokee REMC is now accepting applications for the OREMC and Walter Harrison Scholarship. Detailed information and applications can be found online at oremc.com/our-community. Applicants may be a high school senior or an undergraduate or vocational/technical student. Nontraditional students are also invited to apply. The **deadline** for all applications is **5 p.m. on Wednesday, January 22, 2020**.

OREMC Scholarships: OREMC will award 10 scholarships, each in the amount of \$2,000. Applicants must reside in one of the eight counties OREMC serves — Brantley, Camden, Charlton, Glynn, Ware and Wayne counties in Georgia and Baker and Nassau counties in Florida. These funds can be used at any accredited college, university or technical school in the United States.

Walter Harrison Scholarship: Funded by Georgia's electric cooperatives, OREMC will submit two applications to the Georgia Electric Membership Corporation to be judged alongside those submitted by other cooperatives from across the state. Applicants' primary residence must be an OREMC member or employee household and scholarship winners must use these funds at a college, university or technical school located in Georgia. Twelve (12) scholarships will be awarded in 2020.

If you have questions or need more information, contact Member Service Representative Dewayne Johns at 800-262-5131 ext. 1143 or via email at dewayne.johns@oremc.com.

Church of the Month

Church of God of Prophecy

Sunday Worship 10:30 A.M.
Sunday Evening 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday 7:00 P.M.

Pastor Chris Boyd
3879 GA Hwy. 99
Brunswick, GA



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

Christmas gift suggestions:
To your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart. To a customer, service. To all, charity. To every child, a good example. To yourself, respect.

—Oren Arnold

Statement of Nondiscrimination

Okefenokee Rural Electric Membership Corporation is an equal opportunity provider and employer. If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U. S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S. W., Washington, D. C. 20250-9410, by fax (202) 690-7442 or email at program.intake@usda.gov.



OREMC Hosts FFA Wiring Competition Practice Session

Okefenokee REMC hosted its third annual practice session in preparation for the South Region FFA Wiring Competition to be held at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (ABAC) in Tifton on January 16, 2020, leading up to the statewide competition in March 2020.

A total of 16 students from seven surrounding counties—Coffee, Echols, Glynn, Lanier, McIntosh, Ware and Wayne—participated in OREMC's practice session, with five competing in the timed challenge, that took place at Brantley Country High School.

Facilitating the practice session was Jerry Stone, agricultural mechanics area teacher at ABAC and advisor for South Region FFA. OREMC awarded cash prizes to the top three timed finishers: \$100 to first place winner Joel Culpepper, Echols County; \$50 to Lawton Lyons, Lanier County, in second place; and \$25 to Hunter Yeoman, Wayne County, in third.

"Events like this are so important in demonstrating the value and importance of careers in trades to our students," notes OREMC Member Service Representative Dewayne Johns. Stone agrees, saying that as the U.S. population gets older there is a need for electricians, linemen, and electrical contractors. "By exposing students

to real-life work, we hope to encourage them to pursue careers in this field."

Open to high school students in grades nine through 12, the wiring competition is an Agricultural Electrification Career Development Event sponsored jointly by the Georgia FFA

Association, and the Georgia Electric Membership Corporation representing the state's 41 electric membership cooperatives. The event is divided into three sections: a presentation/demonstration speech, problem-solving questions

and a wiring problem. Each section is timed and scored based on work completed and competency demonstrated. The top two winners from each of six regions advance to the statewide competition.



#OREMCMemberMondays

Spotlighting our business consumer-members is the focus of a new social media campaign #OREMCMemberMondays. Every other Monday a different OREMC business will be featured on Facebook and Instagram with a link to a story on our website. The intent is to showcase the history, innovation and economic contributions our business members have woven into the fabric of the communities we serve.

Greyfield Inn on Cumberland Island

(oremc.com/greyfield-inn)

A visit to this home built in 1900, which is now an all-inclusive inn, showcases the importance of power to provide an unplugged experience that is reminiscent of “back in the day” but with modern convenience (television and wifi are not available) so guests can enjoy the unspoiled splendor of Cumberland Island’s beachfront wilderness.



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(oremc.com/the-power-of-a-pellet)

Coming online in February, an unassuming plant rooted in the southeast corner of rural Georgia is having a global impact. Archer Forest Products, LLC, is one of four wood pellet mills

owned by FRAM Renewable Fuels, outputting 6 mm wood pellets that are exported to the European Union as a coal replacement for power generation.

Traders Hill Farm (oremc.com/traders-hill-farm)

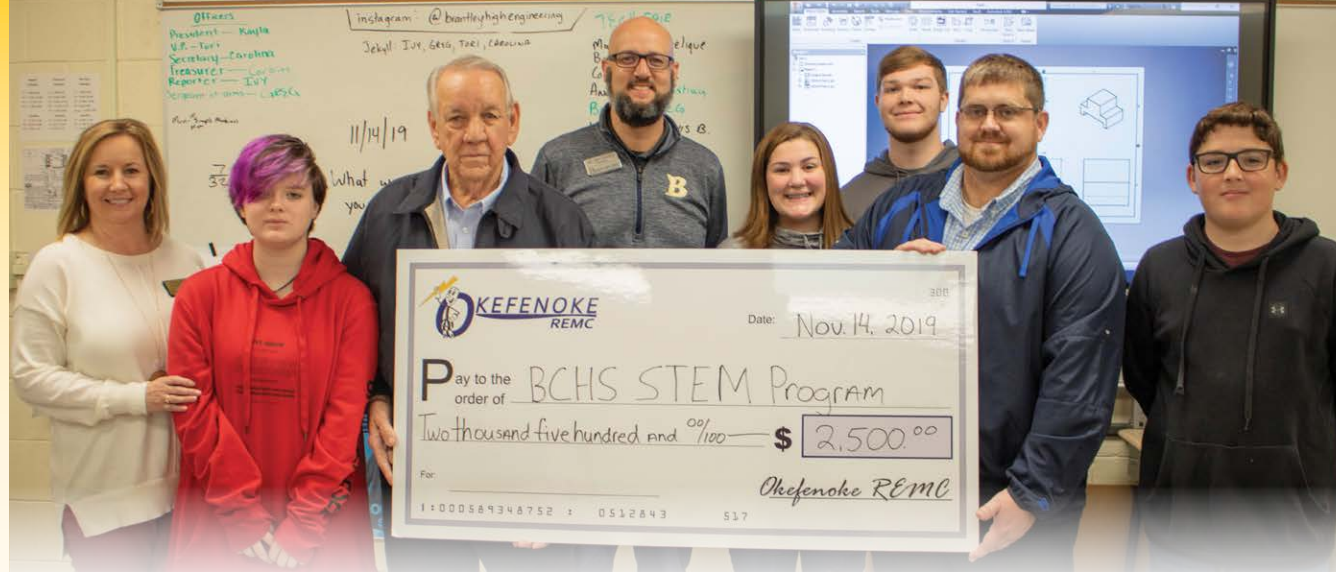
Traders Hill Farm is growing green in product and process. Open heart romaine lettuce is the flagship product of this aquaponics farm located just over the Florida/Georgia line in Hilliard, Florida. It is “next generation farming” that supports farm-to-table, clean eating and sustainable practices resulting in minimal environmental impact.



TRADERS HILL
farm

Pinking Out!

The Power of Pink was on display at OREMC offices on Friday, October 11 for #PinkOutFriday, highlighting breast cancer awareness, spreading a message of hope and supporting breast cancer survivors and warriors.



OREMC Investing in the Future

OREMC presented Brantley County High School S.T.E.M. program with a \$2,500 donation to help support and promote student involvement in the school’s Technology Student Association (TSA). OREMC Board Director Jimmy Woodard made the presentation to Stuart Thrift, Ed.S, engineering instructor and TSA Advisor; Dr. Ben Horner, principal of Brantley County High School; Celia Horne, CTAE Director; as well as several TSA students.

Thrift says he wants to use the money to get more students involved in TSA and assist them in “dressing the part” at competitions. His goal is to have the students participate at both the statewide and national competitions, noting student Greg Finn, TSA sergeant of arms, recently finished eighth in the state with an acoustic speaker project.

Donations such as this are made possible to qualifying organizations using funds from unclaimed capital credits. “Supporting education in our communities is one of OREMC’s founding cooperative principals,” explained OREMC Member Service Representative Dewayne Johns during the presentation. “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.”

Along the Lines: Right of Way Maintenance

OREMC Right of Way Maintenance is currently underway in our Florida service area from Carroll’s Corner going south to Brandy Branch and on to St. George, Georgia. There are also crews in Woodbine, Georgia, headed south to the Georgia/Florida line. Expect to see tree and vegetation management crews over the next couple of months in these areas. Maintaining our rights of way to keep them free and clear of trees, brush overgrowth and ground level vegetation that can impede vehicle access is critical to: ensuring reliable power delivery; minimizing the threat of storm damage to our distribution system; and providing a safe work zone for our crews when repair and restoration is necessary.



BENEFITS OF TREE TRIMMING

Clearing trees and overgrown vegetation is vital to provide safe, reliable power to our consumer-members.

We clear certain areas in our service territory, known as rights of way, to:

- Keep power lines clear of tree limbs
- Restore power outages more quickly
- Keep crews and members of our community safe
- Reduce unexpected costs for repairs

Vegetation management improves service reliability for you – our members!

Capital Credits Issued

For the 59th consecutive year, Okefenokee REMC will be issuing capital credits to our consumer-members. OREMC’s Board of Directors have authorized the refund of patronage capital from 1991 totaling \$1,202,832.23, as well as an estate allocation of \$275,000. Checks will be mailed to members in December.

Capital credits are calculated by taking OREMC’s annual margins (revenue minus expenses) and allocating a portion to each member of record based on their total billing that year. Margins are also assigned to OREMC by other cooperatives we are a member of, such as our power suppliers. OREMC retains capital credits for operating capital before being retired and returned to our consumer-members. The funds are used instead of borrowing capital, which reduces the co-op’s interest expense, ultimately saving our members money.

Note: not all current members will receive capital credit checks in December.

- Refunds are only to consumer-members who received electric service from OREMC in 1991.
- Refunds of less than \$25 will be made as an account credit instead of by check.
- Refunds of less than \$5 on inactive accounts will be held and refunded at such time the total refund is more than \$5.

Member Benefit

OREMC has retired \$25.5 million to members since 1960 – \$1.4 million in 2019. Because electric co-ops operate at cost, any excess revenues (called margins) are allocated and retired to our members in the form of capital credits.



Checks issued to deceased members should be forwarded to heirs or an estate administrator. They can work with our customer service department to determine eligibility for a lump-sum payment of all accrued capital credits based on OREMC’s Estate Refund policy. Call 800-262-5131 for more information.

OREMC will be closed Tuesday, Dec. 24 and Wednesday, Dec. 25, as well as Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020 so our employees may celebrate the holidays with their families. All of us at OREMC wish you a joyful holiday and happy, healthy new year.

Automated account information and outage reporting systems are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 800-262-5131.

