



POWER FACTS

An informational publication for members of Mecklenburg Electric Cooperative concerning electricity and related subjects.

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Don't forget to pack your
Co-op Connections® Card.**

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ON THE ROAD.**



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members

It's Strawberry Season



Trying to decide what to do with those freshly picked strawberries? This recipe is sure to please the family.

Strawberry Cream Cheese Cobbler Ingredients

- 1 stick (1/2 cup) butter
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 quarts whole strawberries, capped and washed
- 4 ounces cream cheese, cut in small pieces
- Plain Greek yogurt or vanilla ice cream for serving, optional

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Melt butter and pour into a 9 x 13 baking dish. Mix egg, milk, flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Pour directly over butter in baking dish, do not stir. Add strawberries, arranging in a single layer. Lay cream cheese pieces over strawberries. Bake for 45 minutes.

Enjoy!!



COMMEMORATING A LEGACY OF SERVICE

Join us Wednesday, June 19, 2013 as we celebrate Mecklenburg Electric Cooperative's 75th Anniversary at the Annual Meeting of the members. This year's meeting will not only be a celebration but a recollection of memories for our older generation of member owners who remember life before electricity and an educational experience for the majority of our membership who have never known life without it. In preparation of this year's meeting, we have had the opportunity and enjoyment to reminisce with several member owners who remember those times when electricity was a thing of the future. Hearing them tell stories and share their memories, photos, and praises has reiterated to us at MEC that what we do every day to keep your power on is a well-served and appreciated purpose.

The Annual Meeting is also a chance for you to take an active role in your cooperative. Unlike other electric utility providers, we are owned by our members... You. The Annual Meeting is your opportunity to meet with the employees who work daily to meet your needs, a chance to become abreast on the issues facing your cooperative, and also the chance to hear a report on how your electric cooperative is financially operating on your behalf. And don't forget the best part...the food and fellowship with your co-members, along with the chance to win a number of door prizes.

Annual Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, June 19, 2013
MEC Pavilion, Chase City

- 5:00 p.m. Registration Begins
Meal Served
- 6:20 p.m. Meeting Kickoff - Prize Drawing
(winner must acknowledge presence)
- 6:30 p.m. Business Meeting Begins
Awarding of Door Prizes following meeting
(Must be present to win)

Sharing Memories



"Before electric power, life was right rough. I can remember listening to President Roosevelt every night talking about the Rural Electrification Administration. This was a lifesaver for the farmers. At that time, I lived in rural North Carolina and the cooperatives began putting lines up about the time that I was going to college in 1939. I was so glad to see them step up and help the farmers." -- Donald Propst (Husband), Skipwith, VA.

"I was born and raised in Skipwith on the very same road that I still live on. My grandparents lived just down the road and I can remember riding the horse and wagon down to visit them. We didn't have electricity until I was about eight years old. We would tote that oil lamp around because it was so dark but we were not allowed to burn that for too long. We had to conserve the oil." -- Irene Propst (Wife), Skipwith, VA.



We thank Mr. and Mrs. Propst for sharing their memories of the days before electricity. If you have some that you would like to share, please send it to:

Mecklenburg Electric Cooperative
C/O : Sharing Memories
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