

the Co-op Connection

JUNE 2021

NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM YOUR POWER PARTNER



It's Hurricane Season - Are You Prepared?

The Atlantic Hurricane season begins on June 1 and continues until November 30.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is predicting 17 named storms, eight hurricanes and up to four major hurricanes of a Category 3 strength or stronger for the 2021 storm season.

With the prediction of an active storm season, Central Florida Electric Cooperative reminds our member-consumers of the importance of preparing for storm season. It only takes one major hurricane to impact CFEC's distribution grid and to disrupt lives. Now is the time to begin collecting hurricane supplies and reviewing your storms plans.

Collect Supplies Now

CFEC and our wholesale power provider, Seminole Electric Cooperative, have begun preparing for these storms as well. Members rely on CFEC and Seminole for safe, affordable, reliable electricity, and this cooperative duo doesn't take any chances when it comes to providing uninterrupted service to Members.

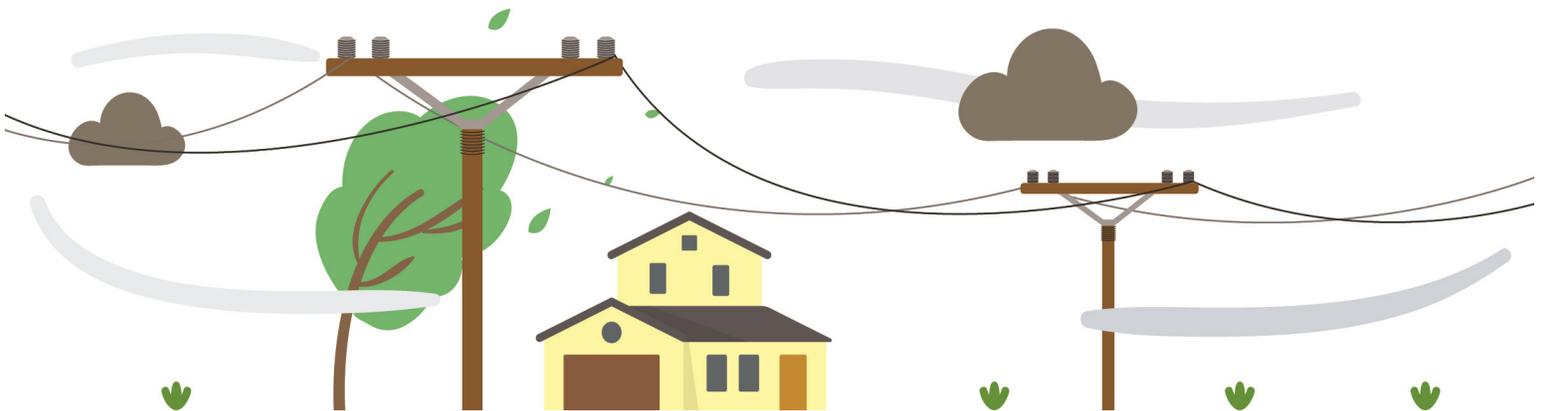
"Each year our team reviews the Storm Recovery Plan to make updates or adjustments based on the work needed

prior to each hurricane season" says Mike McDonald, Seminole's Sr. Substation/Transmission Services Coordinator. "Every April, we survey all our transmission lines with laser imaging to find where overgrown vegetation could affect providing reliable power to our Members, and then develop a plan for right-of-way maintenance."

CFEC is also ramping up for another active hurricane season by reviewing preparedness procedures and actively prepping for power restoration efforts. From employee trainings and specialized department drills, to community involvement and reminders, hurricane preparation remains a continuous effort for CFEC and Seminole.

Don't Wait To Prepare!

Visit hurricane preparedness websites like [ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov), [fema.gov](https://www.fema.gov), and [Floridadisaster.org](https://www.floridadisaster.org), to find checklists and preplanning materials for your family's use. Members are also encouraged to download CFEC's 2021 Hurricane Preparedness Guide that provides information such as preparation tips, what to expect during an outage from a storm, and more from our website at www.cfec.com.



**Central Florida Electric
Cooperative, Inc.**

~YOUR POWER PARTNER~

Our mission is to be the finest example of an electric cooperative where excellent service, competitive rates and concern for the consumer, community and environment guide our every action.

Cover Photo By Dustin Jones CFEC Serviceman

Access these websites to complete your preparations for an incoming storm:

Central Florida Electric Cooperative	cfec.com
The Florida Division of Emergency Management	floridadisaster.org
The National Hurricane Center	nhc.noaa.gov
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)	fema.gov

To report an electrical outage in your area:



Phone
800-227-1302



cfec.com



CFEC Connect App

To check the status of an outage:



cfec.com



CFEC Connect App



Facebook

MOVE OVER



FOR STOPPED EMERGENCY AND UTILITY VEHICLES

IT'S THE LAW

- > Move over a lane for stopped law enforcement, emergency, sanitation, utility service vehicles, and tow trucks.
- > If you can't move over, slow to 20 mph less than the posted speed limit.
- > If the posted speed limit is 20 mph or less, slow down to 5 mph.

2021 Scholarship Winners

Central Florida Electric Cooperative is proud to announce the CFEC Educational Charity Scholarships recipients for 2021.

Education is important to the Cooperative and its Members as is supporting area youth. This scholarship will help students to further their educational goals.

The CFEC Educational Charity, Inc. scholarships are funded through unclaimed capital credits. Recipients must apply for the scholarship and meet the requirements, plus live in a residence served by CFEC.

The scholarship winners are:



S
C
H
O
L
A
R
S
H
I
P

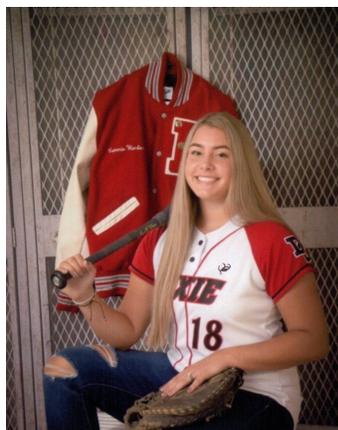
W
I
N
N
E
R
S



Dixie County High School



Tinley Osteen



Carmin Wimberley

Williston High School



Anthony Griffith

Trenton Middle High School



Colby Johnson



Albany Smithers



Kaitlyn Shultz

Chiefland High School



Aliyah Spain



Bryana Martinez

Bronson High School



Jackson Asbell



Sidney Bray

Cedar Key School



Annie McCain



Skylar Wirth

Bell High School

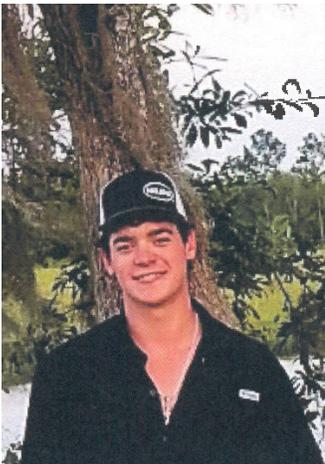


Taria Liles



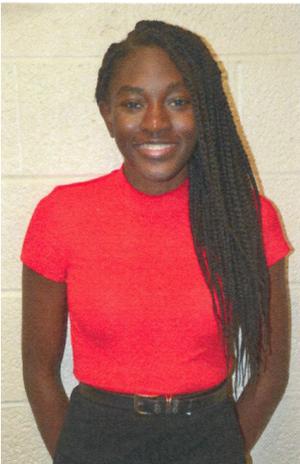
Shelbi Cooper

Home School



John Jones

Newberry High School



Kaleo Marshall

Riverside Christian



Trace Ward

Congrats!
**BEST OF LUCK
IN THE FUTURE!**

Sweet Corn and Jack Cheese Quesadilla

INGREDIENTS

- 2 ears sweet corn, kernels cut off the cobs
- 1 cup cooked black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 cup bell peppers, diced small
- 2 cups jack cheese, shredded
- ¼ cup fresh cilantro, chopped
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 8 (6-inch) soft corn tortillas
- Vegetable oil for cooking
- Sea salt and fresh ground pepper to taste



PREPARATION

Preheat a medium-sized sauté pan over medium heat. Add 1 teaspoon of vegetable oil to the preheated pan. Add the corn kernels and diced peppers, and lightly season to taste with salt and pepper. Cook the corn mixture until the peppers and corn turn slightly golden brown. Add the black beans and cumin, stir ingredients to combine and remove from heat. Place the corn mixture into a bowl and let cool.

To assemble quesadilla: layout 4 tortillas on a flat, clean surface. Evenly distribute ¼ cup of the shredded cheese on each tortilla. Next, evenly distribute the corn mixture on top of the cheese and add even amounts of the fresh cilantro. Add the last ¼ cup of cheese on top of the cilantro and top each one with a tortilla. Lightly press each stuffed tortilla to make them flat. Preheat a medium-sized sauté pan over medium heat. Add 1 teaspoon of vegetable oil to the preheated pan. Cook each quesadilla for 2 to 4 minutes on each side or until golden brown and the cheese has melted. Remove the cooked quesadilla from the pan and repeat cooking process. Hold cooked quesadillas in a 300 degree oven until all are cooked. Slice the quesadillas like a pie and serve warm with fresh Florida salsa, guacamole or sour cream.

Sweet Corn, Avocado and Black Bean Enchiladas

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup fresh sweet corn kernels
- 2 bell peppers, diced
- 1 avocado, diced
- ½ cup onion, chopped
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 cup salsa, your favorite kind
- 1 can low-sodium black beans, rinsed and drained
- 10 (6-inch) corn tortillas
- 2 cups shredded Monterey Jack cheese, divided
- 1 can enchilada sauce
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- pan-release cooking spray
- Sea salt and fresh ground pepper, to taste



PREPARATION

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly spray an 11×7-inch (2-quart) baking dish with cooking spray. Preheat a saute pan over medium-high heat and add vegetable oil. Cook onion, corn and bell peppers for 3 minutes. Add cumin, salsa and black beans and continue to cook for 2 minutes, stirring occasionally. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Remove pan from heat and let cool slightly. Place an even amount of the filling mixture in each of the 10 tortillas. Using 1 cup of shredded cheese, evenly distribute it on top of each of the 10 tortillas. Carefully roll up each stuffed tortilla and place them seam side down in the sprayed baking dish. Pour the enchilada sauce over the rolled enchiladas, spreading to coat all tortillas. Sprinkle with remaining cheese. Bake 25 to 30 minutes or until cheese is melted and sauce is bubbly around edges. Remove enchiladas from oven and let cool slightly. Serve enchiladas with diced Florida avocado, salsa and sour cream.

Payment Options:

- **In Office / Drive-Through** – Payments can be made at any CFEC location during working hours. Payments can also be placed in the drop-box at each location after hours.
- **By Mail** – Mail payments to: Central Florida Electric Cooperative, Inc., P.O. Box 9, Chiefland, FL 32644. Please allow sufficient time for delivery or payment may be received as late.
- **Phone / Online** – Payments can be processed through our third party provider, SEDC. A \$2.50 service fee will be charged by SEDC per \$500 transaction and is NOT a CFEC charge. Payments made through SEDC are posted to the member's account at the time of payment. Pay By Phone at 352-493-2515 or toll free at 844-434-3962. Pay online at www.cfec.com.
- **Bank Draft** – Payments can be made automatically by bank draft by filling out a form and mailing or dropping it off at any CFEC office. The form can be found at cfec.com under the "Documents" tab. Returned checks or payment arrangements cannot be processed by these banks.
- **Bank Locations** – Payments can be made at any Drummond Community Bank location or at the Lafayette State Bank in Bell, Fla., during their normal working hours. Returned checks or payment arrangements cannot be processed by these banks.

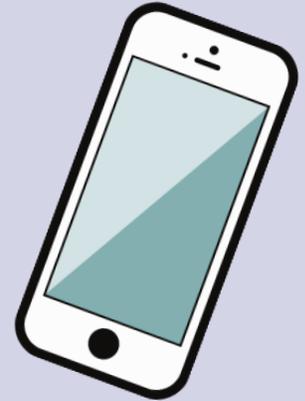


~YOUR POWER PARTNER~

MEETING NOTICE:

The Board of Trustees for Central Florida Electric Cooperative, Inc., meet on the fourth Monday of each month at 5 p.m. at the Cooperative's main office in Chiefland. Members are always welcome to attend.

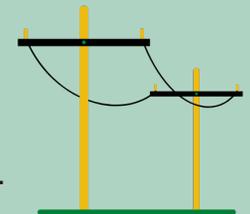
Do we have your current phone number and address?



CFEC's Automated Outage Response System uses customer telephone numbers to locate accounts and corresponding locations. Additionally, a new Automated Delinquency Call will provide an additional notice as a courtesy for accounts that are delinquent one day before your disconnect date. These services will not be possible if CFEC does not have your current phone number on file.

It is important to update phone numbers and mailing address associated with your service location. Inaccurate phone number/service location combinations may result in delayed handling of the outage or a missed opportunity to avoid a power disconnection. If you have questions or need to update your contact information and phone number, call 800-227-1302.

To Report A Power Outage:



- **Call: 1-800-227-1302 or 352-493-2511**, follow the prompts of the Automated Outage Response system.
- **Use the CFEC Connect App:** On the Home page, click "Report An Outage," select the issue causing your outage and the information will be submitted.
- **Online:** Click on the "report outage" button located at the top of the website. Fill in the "Identify Outage Location," form and click "submit."

**CENTRAL FLORIDA ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVE, INC**



**Central Florida Electric
Cooperative, Inc.**

~YOUR POWER PARTNER ~

PRSR STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
ORLANDO, FL
PERMIT NO. 3937

MAIN OFFICE

11491 NW 50th Ave.
Chiefland, FL 32626-3247
352-493-2511
or 800-227-1302
www.cfec.com

Physical Address/Payment Locations

MAIL ADDRESS

P.O. Box 9
Chiefland, FL 32644-0009

CROSS CITY OFFICE

207 NE 210 Ave.
Cross City, FL 32628
352-498-7322

INGLIS OFFICE

167 Highway 40 West
Inglis, FL 34449
352-447-3553

ADDITIONAL PAYMENT LOCATIONS

Drummond Community Bank
Lafayette State Bank (Bell only)
*For a complete listing of payment locations,
go to www.cfec.com.*
*This institution is an equal opportunity
provider and employer.*

In This Issue:

Hurricane Season Is Here page 2

Ways To Report An Outage
Or Check The Status page 3

MOVE OVER page 3

CFEC's Area
Scholarship Winners page 4

Recipes With That Summer
Favorite: Sweet Corn page 6



**Central Florida Electric Cooperative
Educational Charity, Inc.**

*Providing High School Graduate
Scholarships & Adult Education Grants*

**CFEC Adult Education Grant Applications
are open for those desiring to return to
college to obtain their GED, Real Estate
License, enhance their computer skills,
and/or receive other accreditations or
certificates. For more information, or
an application, visit cfec.com and click
on the "Documents" tab.**

Applications are due July 1st!