

Director Retires, Another Appointed **Big Changes At Co-op**

Good Luck, Eddy!

By Pauline Fletcher Cogdill

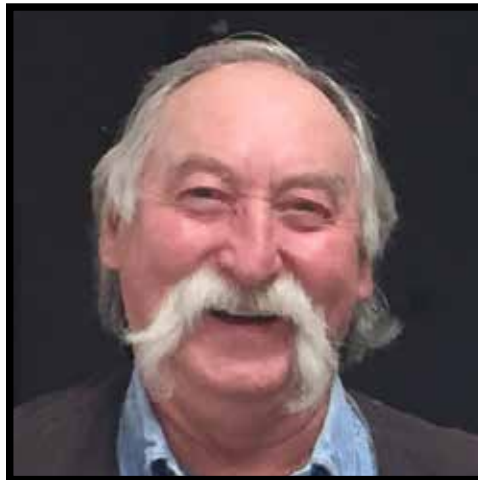
After 35 years, Eddy Roberts is officially retiring from the Board of Directors for the Farmers Cooperative. His dedication and loyalty over the years, speaks for itself. A lot of changes have taken place during Eddy's time.

Eddy graduated from FSU in 1972 with a B.S. in Business Management and continued to work on the family farm. In 38 years he transitioned with the different markets over time; growing tobacco, corn, peanuts, hogs, vegetables and melons, along with a few beef cattle. Today he grows grass seed, hay and cattle.

During his time with the Cooperative, Eddy remembers many late night meetings when computers were first installed at the Live Oak Cooperative, that the meetings extended even longer when the discussion was started to merge with the Madison location, which proved to be a very good decision for the Cooperative.

When he first started as a director at the Cooperative, he worked with

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Eddy Roberts



Arnett Eubanks

Welcome, Arnett

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On April 2, 2019 newly appointed Director, Arnett Eubanks attended his first Board Meeting with Farmers Cooperative, Inc. Arnett is very familiar with our Cooperative by serving with several of the Nominating Committee Boards over the years.

Arnett is married to Crystal Newberry and they have three young children: Zeke, Nema and Titus. The Eubanks are active members of First Baptist Church in Live Oak.

Arnett is a Branford High School graduate and many of you may recall the Eubanks embarked on a mission trip to Africa in 2008. After their mission trip was completed, they returned home with their new son, Zeke.

Arnett and his wife, Crystal own and operate Eubanks Farms in OBrien. Arnett has tried his hand at soybeans and peanuts; however, his main crop is millet and iron clay peas. Arnett is also a hay farmer

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the former General Manager, Sam Weeks. Eddy stated that he learned a great deal from Sam about what decisions to make in his own farming practice at W.E.T. Farms, which he owned with his father, Walter and brother, Ted. Later he worked with the present General Manager, Todd Lawrence, which he said was a great experience for him and his future interests.

Eddy will not go home and sit in a rocking chair after his retirement, he has too many challenging projects already started. Several years ago, Eddy became involved in the Brangus breed of cattle, which he loves. He served many years on the Board of Directors of the International Brangus Breeder Association and in January 2019 he was elected the President of the I. B. B.A. He has met with many interesting associates in this organization and will be doing a lot of traveling. During this time he will still be overseeing W.E.T. Farms, while his wife, Mary, will take over the managing until his tenure with I.B.B.A. is over. Currently he is headed to Sioux Falls, South Dakota for a meeting with his fellow



General Manager Todd Lawrence presents retirement plaque to Eddy Roberts (left)

Brangus breeders and committees to discuss the various ways to improve and move forward in the Brangus breeding programs. Should you be interested in Brangus breed, Eddy will be at Okeechobee Livestock Market in October, and the Madison Livestock Market in December. He will be showing and selling some of his best there. Of course, he loves to sell directly from his farm in O'Brien, where he enjoys sharing his information on

raising Brangus and can take you for a tour of the farm.

Sometimes it takes a lot to find out what is the most rewarding for you. And when you do, just keep at it, just like Eddy Roberts.

We are certainly going to miss Eddy; with his sanguine ability to close a deal and his dedication to the Cooperative over the long years, along with his loyal friendship.

Best wishes in the future Eddy!

New Director Favors millet, iron clay peas

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for himself as well as has a hay farming operation with his dad, Kiah Eubanks.

Arnett has little time for hobbies but when there is time, he enjoys catching a fish or going deer hunting.

Farmers Cooperative is certainly proud to have a new Board Member of Arnett's caliber.



Arnett Eubanks

July 4th Icebox Cake

From Farmers Cooperative

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| 1 box (400 g) graham crackers | 1 pkg (250g) cream cheese, softened |
| 2 pkgs (102 g ea) instant vanilla pudding | 2 ½ cups of cold milk |
| ¾ cup heavy cream | 2 cups sliced strawberries |
| | 2 cups blueberries |

In a medium bowl and using an electric mixer; beat the heavy cream until stiff. Set aside. In a large bowl, beat the cream cheese and the dry pudding mix until combined. Gradually beat in the milk until smooth. Fold in the whipped cream. Spread a thin layer of filling onto the bottom of a 9 x 13" baking dish. Layer the graham crackers on top. Spread 1/3 of the filling onto the crackers. Sprinkle half of the blueberries over the cream. Repeat with half of the strawberries. Repeat with another layer of crackers and remaining cream filling. Decorate with the rest of the berries. Cover and chill for 4 hrs or overnight. Serve cold.

For the Past Quarter

NEW CO-OP MEMBERS

LIVE OAK STORE

Josh Smith, Jennings
Little River Ranch LLC, Branford
Becky Roodoe, Lake City
George Johnson, McAlpin
Mary J. Specht, Live Oak
Scott A. Gillen, Live Oak
Ronald & Kye Rounick, McAlpin
Linda Rucker, Lake City
Brian Brown, Live Oak
Justin Garcia, Live Oak
Roger Eady, Live Oak
Carol Scott, Live Oak
Eric Wood, Live Oak
Pete Suralis, Live Oak
Rebecca Pedersen, Lake City
Rickie Firestine, Live Oak
Pam & Ron Durham, Live Oak
Robert Clyde Hickox, Live Oak
Frank Hurst, Dowling Park
Leonard R. Herndon, Jr., Branford
Mark E. Webb, O'Brien
Tom Brickweg, Live Oak
Cody Chauncey, Live Oak
Sandra M. Hauser, Live Oak
Mark & Priscilla Zwerk, Crestview
Trent Selph, Live Oak
Ann Rene Carrigg, Live Oak
Tamara Watson, O'Brien
Harvey C Faul, Lake City
Nicole Garrison Blake
Janice Sheer, Lake City
Jamie K. Musgrove, Live Oak
Marisol & Russell Summers, McAlpin
George English, Jasper

Melissa D. Consagra, Live Oak
Clayton D. Warren, Jasper
Doug Johns, Lulu
Parimal Patel, Live Oak
NFL Carrott, LLC, Live Oak
NFL – Sweet, LLC, Live Oak
Melonnuco, LLC, Live Oak
Regina Hamalian, Madison
Gilbert LaRochelle, Live Oak
Stanley L Swann, III, Live Oak
Greg Rogers, Mayo
Michele Rine, Live Oak
Oscar Rodriguez, Live Oak
Jeremy Thomas, Lake City
Danny R. Newsome, Jasper
Timothy Salter, McAlpin
Randy Driggers, Lake City
Clarence Marshall, Live Oak
Omar Carmenati, Live Oak
James F. Mitchell, High Springs
Lacy Crews, Lake City
David . Bencivenge, Live Oak
Keith Cherry, II, Live Oak
Alexis Sowell, Madison
Tori Cheek ,McAlpin
Rose Savage, McAlpin
Alexander B. Levin, Port Richey
Michael Corbin, Nashville, GA
Nancy Blanks, Bell
Anthony Bowles, Wellborn
S Eldonna M. Frier, Live Oak
Stephen Miller, Live Oak
Henry M Ward, III, Wellborn
Martha Brannen, Live Oak
Karol Gonzalez, Live Oak

Stephanie W. Foreman, Lake City
Tom & Trish Gorman, Ft. White
Richard Kneidel, Live Oak
Kristina Murray, Live Oak
Luke Kennedy, Wellborn
Nikul Kumar Patel, Mayo
Lynda Allen, O'Brien
Abelia Lopez, Jasper
Patty Ross, Live Oak
Christina M. Cantey, Lake Park, GA
Richard D. Raleigh, Jasper
Leila W. Nicholls, Wellborn
Michelle Peeler, Wellborn
Jarret Samanva, Dade City
Rachell Cary, Jennings
Judy Gonzalez, McAlpin
William H. Buchanan, Mayo
Pine Level Missionary Baptist Church, Live Oak
Kurt Tomecek, Live Oak
Lisa Ann Orser, Live Oak
Bryce & Kat McGuire, McAlpin
Fred Jackson, Live Oak
Christina A. Bowman, Wellborn
Greg Tompkins, Live Oak
Ruby W. Mobley, Opa Locka
Jane Zollner, Live Oak
David Franchella, Wellborn
Christopher M. Holtzclaw, OBrien
Inez P. Williams, Live Oak
Sherrie Lett, Lake City
Derek J. Beaty, Lithia
Jody Howell, Live Oak
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Questions About Propane Gas? Co-op Has Answers!

Propane gas is a safe, efficient, and clean source of energy that is easily transportable to your location. Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services has determined that over 1/3 of all propane-related accidents in Florida involve consumers attempting to repair or service their own appliances themselves or by unlicensed, untrained technicians. These accidents are occurring when gas appliances are removed from the premises and gas lines connecting these appliances are being left open. When the gas is turned on fires and explosions have resulted. Florida law requires consumers and property owners to notify the gas dealer who next fills or services their propane equipment of any changes made to the propane system, especially when an appliance is removed. Failure to do

so may result in serious injury, death or property damage. Safety is your responsibility. If you smell gas you should follow these steps:

1. **NO FLAMES OR SPARKS!** This includes: do not operate lights, appliances, telephones, or cell phones. Sparks from these sources can trigger an explosion or a fire.

2. **LEAVE THE AREA IMMEDIATELY!** Get out of the building or area that you suspect gas is leaking.

3. **SHUT OFF THE GAS.** Turn off the main gas supply on your propane tank if it is safe to do so. To close the valve, turn it off to the right (clockwise)

4. **REPORT THE LEAK.** From an area away from the leak, contact Farmers Cooperative by calling the local store number 24 hours a day. Make

sure that you leave a number that you can be reached at other than where the leak is suspected.

5. **DO NOT RETURN TO THE AREA.** Make sure that Farmers Cooperative or your local fire department has determined that it is safe to re-enter the area.

6. **GET YOUR SYSTEM CHECKED.** Do not use any propane appliances until Farmers Cooperative has done an entire system check to ensure that it is leak-free.

Since there is a possibility of odor fade or problems with your sense of smell, you should respond immediately to even a faint odor of gas. If you have any further questions about the safety of propane, Farmers Co-op will be glad to answer them and provide safety brochures that you can review.

Employee Spotlight

Our employee of the quarter, Tyler L. Putnal learned to be a traveling man early in life. He was born in Gainesville, Florida, lived in Mayo for a couple of years and received his education in Tallahassee. After graduation, he and his parents moved back to Mayo. Tyler is a very industrious employee and takes care of his customers from sunup to sundown and many times even later.

Tyler has been working with Farmers Cooperative almost two years and his work has consisted of calling on our customers for the Live

Oak and Madison stores, doing their soil sampling, installing moisture probes as well as maintaining them, discussing credit options, keeping up with the changing chemical world, and always trying to find more cost effective ways to save the customer money. Yes, Tyler has to be a chemist, a mathematician, and a credit advisor, and he does it all with a pleasant attitude.

Perhaps having a wonderful wife and family to go home to at the end of the day is Tyler's secret. He is married to Dana Perry and they have four children: Conner, Ellen, Madelyn and Edward. Dana is a Guidance Counselor for the school system.

We are proud to also report that in addition to Tyler's employment with Farmers Cooperative, he is also a Trustee at Suwannee Valley Electric Coop, Inc. He has been serving as a trustee since 2013. Tyler and Dana are active members of Alton Church of God in Mayo, Florida. And if Tyler has any spare time, he enjoys fishing and hunting.

Farmers Cooperative is indeed very fortunate to have Tyler representing our Cooperative throughout the eight counties we serve.



Tyler Putnal

Where Are These Folks?

Farmers Cooperative is trying to locate the following people whose patronage refund checks have been returned from the U. S. Postal Service as "undeliverable."

Alvin Townsend, Pinetta

G T Walton, Live Oak

Frank Cantey, Madison

J K Davis, McAlpin

Richard Miller, Greenville

Aschell Robinson, Greenville

Lois Sibbie Sims, Pinetta

W R Stalvey, Live Oak

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