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WASHINGTON YOUTH TOUR APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE



Each year, Colquitt EMC sponsors high school students to participate in the Washington Youth Tour. This top-notch leadership experience and tour of Washington, D.C. includes meetings with state and national leaders and leadership training, as well as visits to all the major sights. Participants join over 1,400 other students from around the nation – all expenses paid – for one incredible week in our nation's capital.

This year's Washington Youth Tour will be held June 14-21, 2024. Students who are chosen as finalists will be interviewed by a panel of judges for the final phase of the selection process. Three students will be chosen to represent Colquitt EMC on the 2024 Washington Youth Tour. Applicants must: Reside in the household of a Colquitt EMC Member, be at least 16 years old and a current high school junior or senior, hold a GPA of 2.5 or higher, and provide a copy of their transcript (official or unofficial accepted) and two letters of recommendation

Applications are due February 9, and are available at colquitemc.com/washington-youth-tour. For more information, please contact Sonya Aldridge at (229) 985-3620 ext.1225.

WALTER HARRISON SCHOLARSHIP

Colquitt EMC participates in Georgia EMC's Walter Harrison Scholarship program. This program was created in 1985 by the Georgia Electric Membership Corporation Board of Directors to honor the late Walter Harrison, a pioneer in bringing electricity to rural areas of Georgia.

The recipients of the Walter Harrison Scholarship are based primarily on academic achievement and financial need. The scholarships, in the amount of \$1,000, may be used for undergraduate studies at any two-year or four-year accredited college or university in Georgia, including vocational schools. To be considered, students must be accepted or enrolled in an accredited undergraduate degree program, complete the application, and write a two-page autobiographical sketch with reference to future plans and goals. Colquitt EMC will only accept scholarship applications from students that reside in the home of a Colquitt EMC member or the home of a Colquitt EMC employee.

Applications are due February 1 and are available at colquitemc.com/walter-harrison-scholarship. For more information, please contact Sonya Aldridge at (229) 985-3620 ext.1225.



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COLQUITT EMC HOSTS FFA AREA 5 CDE WIRING CLINIC

In December, Colquitt EMC hosted a Wiring Clinic for FFA Area 5 students. This clinic prepares students for the upcoming FFA South Region CDE Wiring Competition.

The overall objective of the Agricultural Electrification Career Development Event (CDE) is to promote and expand educational programs in electrification for students enrolled in agricultural education. To achieve this objective, CDE reinforces the classroom instruction and FFA supervised activity projects in three stages – a problem solving exercise, practical wiring exercise and an oral demonstration.



*Colquitt EMC
is proud to partner
with our local
FFA programs!*

KEEPING YOUR HOME COZY AND YOUR WALLET HAPPY: *TIPS TO SAVE ON YOUR HEATING BILL*

As the winter chill sets in, many homeowners grapple with the challenge of maintaining a comfortable indoor temperature while keeping their energy bills in check. Heating costs can be a significant expense, but you can employ several effective strategies to reduce your energy consumption and lower your heating bills.

- **Embrace the Power of “Smart” Thermostats:**

Install a smart thermostat and take advantage of its energy savings capabilities. Even a slight reduction in temperature can translate into significant energy savings.

- **Seal Up Air Leaks and Drafts:**

Identify and seal air leaks around windows, doors, electrical outlets, and baseboards using caulk, weatherstripping, or door sweeps.

- **Insulate Your Home:**

Consider adding insulation to your attic and crawl spaces to prevent heat from escaping and cold air from infiltrating.

- **Maintain Your Heating System:**

Schedule annual checkups with a qualified technician to clean, adjust, and repair any issues that could be affecting your system's performance.

- **Utilize Natural Sunlight:**

Open curtains and blinds during the day to allow natural sunlight to warm your home.

- **Consider Zone Heat Sources:**

If you are unable to make whole-house energy efficiency improvements explore using portable heat sources for specific areas of your home. Portable heat pumps can provide targeted warmth in certain rooms, reducing the need to heat the entire house.

- **Seek Professional Assistance:**

Contact Colquitt EMC's energy auditing team. They can assess your home's energy efficiency and provide personalized recommendations for reducing your heating costs.

By implementing these strategies, you can effectively manage your energy usage, lower your heating bills, and enjoy a warm and comfortable home throughout the winter season.





Accepting the award for Tift County High School is Chris Martin, Athletic Director and Dr. Jerry Baker, Interim School Superintendent along with coaches and students from TCHS teams.

TWO LOCAL SCHOOLS AWARDED GHSA COOPERATIVE SPIRIT SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Georgia's EMCs are presenting sponsors of the Cooperative Spirit Sportsmanship Award, presented in the fall to the winning school in each region for demonstrating the highest level of sportsmanship. A total of 64 schools received this award for the 2022-2023 school year. Winning schools in Colquitt EMC's area include Colquitt County High School & Tift County High School. Sonya Aldridge, Director of Public Relations, presented trophies to the winning schools in Colquitt EMC's area.



Accepting the award for Colquitt County High School is Cleve Edwards, Athletic Director and coaches from CCHS teams.

Recipe OF THE MONTH



Hoppin' John Combo

INGREDIENTS

1 cup rice
2 cups chicken broth
5 slices bacon, diced
1 medium onion, diced
1/2 cup celery
1 (16 ounce) can black-eyed peas, drained
1/4 cup barbecue sauce
1/4 teaspoon Tabasco sauce – more or less to taste
2 - 2 cups of cooked chicken or smoked sausage
(or 1 cup of each)

DIRECTIONS

Cook rice according to directions, substituting the chicken broth for the water content. In a large saucepan, fry bacon, then add the onions and celery, cooking them until they are clear. Stir in the rice, black-eyed peas, barbecue sauce, Tabasco, meat and season with salt and pepper. Serve this dish immediately.

Church of the Month



Mount Olive Baptist Church

126 Mt. Olive Church Rd. • Moultrie, GA
Pastor Andy Cashwell

Service Schedule

Sunday School	9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship	10:30 AM
Sunday Night Small Groups	5:00 PM
Sunday Night Worship	6:00 PM
Wednesday Night Supper	5:30 PM
Wednesday Night Service	6:30 PM

To nominate your church for Church of the Month, please contact Shelby Cloud at 229-985-3620 ext. 1246 with your church's information. Please include service schedule, address and pastor's name.

Bible Verse of the Month

You Crown the Year with Your goodness, and
Your paths drop with abundance.

~Psalm 65:11