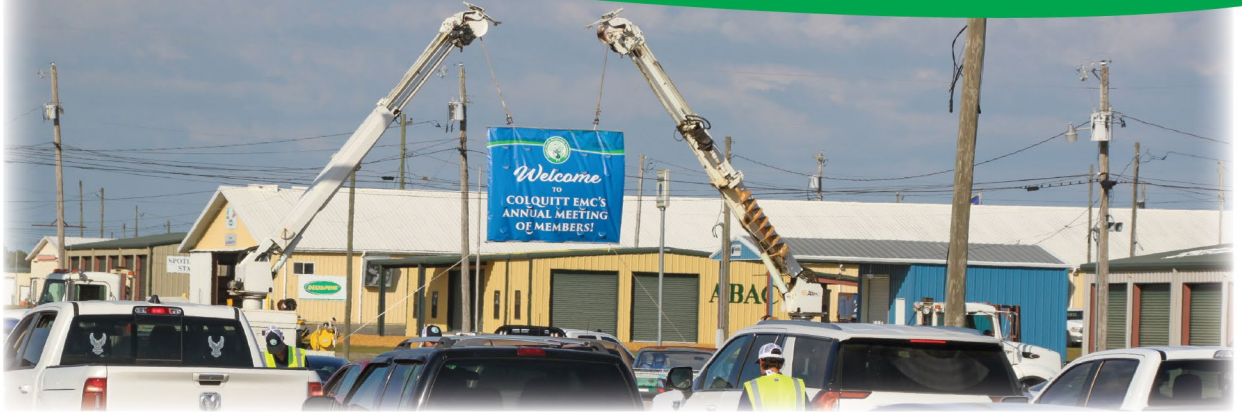




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## CEMC'S 87<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

Colquitt EMC's 87th Annual Meeting was held on October 31, 2023. A drive-thru style meeting was held again this year at Spence Field in Moultrie, GA. Over 2,600 members were registered at the event. Colquitt EMC would like to thank our members for making this event a success. If you would like to see pictures or video from the 87th Annual Meeting, please visit our social media pages (Facebook, Instagram, or YouTube). We look forward to seeing you at the 88th Annual Meeting on October 29, 2024.



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## G.A.T.E. QUALIFIED MEMBERS, IS YOUR G.A.T.E. CERTIFICATE EXPIRING THIS YEAR?

If your current G.A.T.E. certificate is expiring at the end of the year, please send a copy of your updated certificate showing the new expiration date by December 31, 2023. Please include a current addendum to insure all the correct accounts are coded as exempt. If the exemption expires, and we have not received a new certificate, we will not be responsible for months that are taxed due to lack of certificate presentation to our office. Copies may be delivered to any of our 6 office locations, mailed to PO Box 3608, Moultrie, GA 31776, or emailed to [gate@colquittemc.com](mailto:gate@colquittemc.com).



## WALTER HARRISON SCHOLARSHIP

2024 Walter Harrison Scholarship applications are available at [colquittemc.com](http://colquittemc.com). Applications are due February 1. For more information, please contact Sonya Aldridge at 229-985-3620 ext. 1225.



## WASHINGTON YOUTH TOUR

2024 Washington Youth Tour applications are available at [colquittemc.com](http://colquittemc.com).

Applications are due  
February 9.

For more information,  
please visit our website or  
contact Sonya Aldridge at  
229-985-3620 ext. 1225.





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Offer valid through 12/31/2023. Plus tax. Offer is \$45 off retail price of 2024 Gold Season Passes. Discounts on Silver and Diamond also available. Season Pass terms and other conditions apply. See [WildAdventures.com](https://WildAdventures.com) for details.

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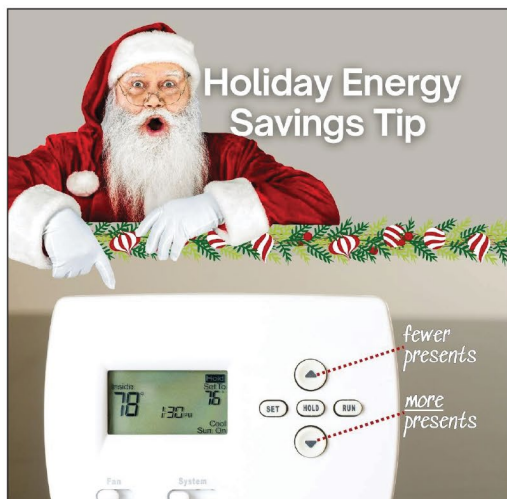
## ENERGY SAVING TIPS FROM SANTA CLAUS

Santa Claus is known for many things: his jolly personality, his love of children, and his ability to deliver presents to every child in the world in a single night. But did you know that Santa is also an expert in energy efficiency?

Here are a few energy saving tips from Santa Claus:

- Turn down the thermostat a few degrees in the winter and up a few degrees in the summer. Even a small change can make a big difference in your energy bill.
- Use LED holiday lights. LED lights use up to 90% less energy than traditional incandescent lights and last up to 25 times longer. Santa knows that a little bit of planning can go a long way, so he makes sure to put up his LED lights early in the season so he can enjoy them all season long without breaking the bank.
- Unplug electronics when you're not using them. Even when turned off, many electronics continue to use power. Santa makes sure to unplug all of his electronics when he's not using them, including his computer, TV, and phone charger.
- Use power strips. Power strips make it easy to turn off multiple electronics with a single switch. Santa uses power strips in his workshop to control all of his power tools and other equipment.
- Make sure your home is well-insulated. Good insulation helps to keep your home warm in the winter and cool in the summer, which can save you a lot of money on your energy bills. Santa knows that a well-insulated home is key to keeping his elves comfortable and productive.
- Seal any air leaks. Air leaks around doors, windows, and other openings can let out heated air in the winter and cooled air in the summer, which can waste energy and money. Santa takes the time to seal any air leaks in his workshop and home to keep his energy bills down.

In addition to these tips, Santa also makes sure to use energy-efficient appliances and light bulbs throughout his workshop and home. He also encourages his elves to be mindful of their energy consumption and to make small changes, such as turning off lights when they leave a room and taking shorter showers.



## DECEMBER 2023 CAPITAL CREDIT REFUND

Colquitt EMC will refund \$3,152,552.00 to some of its members in December. The refund represents capital credits assigned to members who received electricity in 2002. The cooperative is currently retiring capital credits on a modified 20-year rotating plan adopted by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors reserves the right to aggregate and/or average segments of the years to insure proper refund principals.

# Recipe OF THE MONTH



## **Bagel French Toast Casserole**

### **INGREDIENTS**

2 Bagels – Plain, Raisin or Blueberry are best.  
3 Ounces Laughing Cow Cheese (3 wedges)  
3 Eggs  
½ Cup Milk  
½ Teaspoon Vanilla  
2 Tablespoons Maple Syrup  
¼ Cup Chopped Pecans  
Cinnamon Sugar

### **DIRECTIONS**

Cut the bagels in half and spread evenly with the Laughing Cow Cheese. Cut each half into eighths and place cut side down in an 8x8 pan that has been sprayed with non-stick cooking spray. In a small bowl, mix the eggs, vanilla, and maple syrup; pour over bagels and sprinkle with chopped pecans. Cover the dish with foil, place in a refrigerator overnight. The next morning, remove from refrigerator 30 minutes prior to baking and allow to stand on counter. Preheat oven to 350 degrees and place covered dish in oven. Cook for 30 minutes, uncover, sprinkle liberally with cinnamon sugar and bake an additional 20-30 minutes or until center is firm and surface is lightly brown. Serve with warmed maple syrup.

## Church of the Month



### **New Harvest Methodist Church**

5548 E. Park Ave. • Valdosta  
Certified Lay Minister Benjamin Hasty

### **Service Schedule**

Sunday School	10:00 AM
Morning Worship	11:00 AM (In Person & YouTube)
Bible Study	6:00 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**

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his shoulders.  
And he will be called Wonderful Counselor,  
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of  
Peace.

-Isaiah 9:6