



# COLQUITT EMC NEWSLINE

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## LOCAL STUDENTS SELECTED AS WASHINGTON YOUTH TOUR DELEGATES

Owen Nichols, Matthew Rakestraw and Karson Smith will represent Colquitt EMC on the 2023 Washington Youth Tour. For more than 50 years, the tour has helped promising student leaders to become exceptional young adults. According to Danny Nichols, President and CEO of Colquitt EMC, the Youth Tour was established to inspire the next generation of leaders. This year's tour, which takes place in June, offers opportunities for students to meet policymakers, tour historic monuments and participate in leadership experiences, all while making new friends from across the state and the nation. Each of these students were carefully selected through a rigorous application and in-person interview process.

**Owen Nichols** is the son of Carl and Dee Dee Nichols of Enigma. He is a Senior at Berrien County High School. Owen is active in the FFA and 4-H where he has participated in Career Development Events, etiquette classes, fundraisers for the animal shelter, BB & Shotgun Competitions, District Project Achievement and livestock shows. He has served for three years on the Berrien FFA Officer Team, and has served as a Georgia FFA Convention Ambassador and National FFA Convention Voting Delegate. Owen served this past year as a Livestock Ambassador for the Georgia National Fairgrounds. Owen volunteers his time with his church, the Berrien County Livestock Association, Burgers for the Brave – a dinner honoring local first responders, the Special Olympics Rodeo and Children's Farm Day.



**Matthew Rakestraw** is the son of Randy and Tara Rakestraw of Moultrie. He is a Senior at Colquitt County High School. Matthew is active in the high school's choral programs – where he serves as Serenader President. He is also active in the Cross Country Team, Literary Team, National Honor's Society and Debate Club – which he co-founded. He has volunteered his time with the Moultrie Police Department's National Night Out, SRTC's Teddy Bear Outreach Program, the Hero House: Children's Advocacy Center and the Downtown Moultrie Welcome Center. He has participated in the Colony Bank Leadership Academy and received leadership training from the University of Georgia's JW Fanning Institute for Leadership Development.



**Karson Smith** is the daughter of Dusty Smith of Moultrie. She is a Junior at Colquitt County High School. She serves as President of Key Club, Vice President of Fashion Club – which she co-founded, Sentinel of FFA and is a part of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Leadership Team. She is also a member of the National Honors Society, Peer Leadership and cheers on the Varsity Spirit Team. Karson volunteers her time with the Kiwanis Club, Moultrie Recreation Department, the Colquitt County Art Center and her church. She also volunteers twice a week to rebuild gardens at her former elementary school, G.E.A.R.



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## COLQUITT EMC SCHOLARSHIP AND BRIGHT IDEAS GRANT APPLICATIONS COMING SOON!

**Colquitt EMC Scholarship Applications Available April 1 – June 15!** Applicants must:

- Reside in the household of a Colquitt EMC Member
- Be enrolled in a college or technical college with campus locations/degree offerings within Colquitt EMC's service area.
- Have a minimum GPA of 2.5
- Submit a complete application with two letters of recommendation, proof of enrollment and transcript.



Undergraduate and graduate students may apply. Previous scholarship recipients are not eligible. Applications will be available at [colquittemc.com](http://colquittemc.com) April 1 and due by June 15, 2023.

**The Bright Ideas Grant Application date is moving to June 1 – August 1!** Bright Ideas awards teachers money for innovative lessons and projects to energize students learning abilities. The Bright Ideas Program will award grants of up to \$1,000 to winning teachers. Public and private school teachers teaching grade K-12 in any subject area are eligible to apply. Schools in the areas that Colquitt EMC serves may submit more than one application. However, teachers are eligible to submit only one application per school year. The grants are not for professional development. Bright Ideas Grant Applications will be available at [colquittemc.com](http://colquittemc.com) June 1 and are due by August 1, 2023.



If you have any questions regarding the Colquitt EMC Scholarship or Bright Ideas Grant, please contact Shelby Cloud at 229-985-3620 ext. 1246.



## UNCLAIMED CAPITAL CREDITS

In compliance with O.C.G.A. Section 44-12-236 of "The Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act" of Georgia, Colquitt Electric Membership Corporation is attempting to locate former members and heirs whose capital credit checks were issued December 1, 2017 for electrical service received in 1996, but which have been returned by the U.S. Post Office as "undeliverable" or have been otherwise unclaimed.

A current list of these members, with their last known address, is available at [www.colquitemc.com](http://www.colquitemc.com). Please call your local office if you are listed. The last possible date to claim these funds is June 30, 2023. All funds not claimed by this date will be donated for charitable uses, as permitted by O.C.G.A. section 44-12-236 of "The Disposition of Unclaimed Capital Property Act" of Georgia.

## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

This planting season, include energy efficiency in your landscaping plans. Adding shade trees around your home can reduce surrounding air temperatures as much as 6 degrees. To block heat from the sun, plant deciduous trees around the south side of your home. Deciduous trees provide excellent shade during the summer and lose their leaves in the fall and winter months, allowing sunlight to warm your home.

*Source: [energy.gov](http://energy.gov)*



## Ditch the paper.

**E-Billing is now Available!**

To enroll, log into your Colquitt EMC Account. Under the "My Account" menu tab, select "Bill Notification." Under "Bill Method", select "E-Bill" to enroll.





# SPRING CLEAN TO ENERGY SAVINGS



It has been said that "Spring cleaning is a chance to hit your home's reset button," so why not reset your power bill also? The accumulation of dust, dirt, and grime can reduce the efficiency and increase the cost of operating many of your home's major appliances. Try these tips to spruce up your home and save energy at the same time.

- **Declutter your refrigerator and freezer.** Empty containers and old leftovers tucked into the back impede air circulation and increase runtimes.
- **Vacuum away the dust bunnies under the refrigerator.** Dust insulates heat-exchanging coils under your refrigerator, reducing efficiency.
- **Clean out the inside of your microwave.** Grease and food particles increase microwave run times.
- **Disconnect the clothes dryer hose and thoroughly clean out lint accumulation.** Restricted exhaust air from your dryer hose can double your drying times and your dryer's energy use.
- **Change your air conditioning filter.** Proper air distribution is the key to affordable comfort. Dirty air filters reduce comfort and increase energy costs.
- **Give your air conditioner a bath.** A year's worth of dirt, dust, and pollen has accumulated on your air conditioner. Rinsing off all that crud with a garden hose will keep your equipment working like new.

The best motivation to start spring cleaning is a lower power bill.

## WASHINGTON YOUTH TOUR DELEGATES (From Front)

The 108 teen-delegates will gather in Atlanta to kick off the tour, spending time getting to know each other before departing for Washington D.C. When the group arrives in D.C., participants tour historic locations like Mount Vernon, explore museums and monuments and meet with their elected officials to discuss the issues that are important back home. Georgia's tour delegates will convene with more than 1,800 youth representing electric cooperatives across the nation and exchange views concerning local and national issues.

Since 1965, the Washington Youth Tour has given 3,000 students in Georgia and more than 50,000 students nationwide the opportunity to take part in this memorable experience. The program was initially implemented at the request of President Lyndon Johnson to "send youngsters to the nation's capital where they can actually see what the flag stands for and represents."

If you have a high school junior or senior interested in participating in next year's tour, please be on the lookout for the 2024 application later this year. For more information, please contact Sonya Aldridge at 229-985-3620 ext. 1225.

# Recipe OF THE MONTH



## Lemon Poppy Seed Cake

### **INGREDIENTS**

#### *Cake*

1 (18 ¼ oz) yellow cake mix (*with or without pudding*)  
1 (3 oz) instant lemon pudding mix  
½ cup vegetable oil  
4 eggs  
1 cup warm water  
½ cup poppy seed (to taste)

#### *Glaze*

2 lemons, juice of  
1 ½ cups powdered sugar

### **DIRECTIONS**

Preheat oven to 350° F. Grease a bundt pan. Beat together cake ingredients with an electric mixer for about 4 minutes. Pour batter into prepared bundt pan. Bake for 45 minutes or until toothpick tests clean. While cake is baking, mix the glaze ingredients to a thin consistency (to sink into the cake). When cake is done and still hot, poke holes all over it (still in the bundt pan) with long skewers and pour half the glaze over it. Allow cake to cool. Remove from pan and top with rest of glaze.

## Church of the Month



### **Pine Grove Baptist Church**

4103 Bay Rockyford Rd. - Moultrie, GA  
Pastor: Stanley Norman

### **Service Schedule**

Sunday School	9:45 AM
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 AM
Sunday Evening Worship	5:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00 PM

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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

Who then is the one who condemns? No one.  
Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

~Romans 8:34