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LOCAL STUDENTS SELECTED AS WASHINGTON YOUTH TOUR DELEGATES

Isaiah Lockhart, Rece Poole and Trinity Sherman will represent Colquitt EMC on the 2024 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.

Isaiah Lockhart is the son of Craig and Terrie Lockhart. He is a Junior at Valdosta High School where he is an International Baccalaureate Student. He is involved in Beta Club, Snooze Mental Health Club and Chick-Fil-A Leadership Academy. He has participated in various leadership programs, including Fort Valley State University's Cooperative Development and Energy Program. He volunteers his time with Jack & Jill of America, which is a community service organization that has allowed him to serve across the state at food banks and various community service projects.



Rece Poole is the daughter of James and Marla Poole. She is a Junior at Colquitt County High School. She is involved in Key Club, Future Business Leaders of America, and Chick-Fil-A Leadership Academy. Rece volunteers her time reading to local elementary schools and Presents with Packers, and with the Serenity House, a local domestic violence shelter, where she volunteers at various fundraising events, including Moultrie's Masked Singer and Daddy-Daughter Dance.



Trinity Sherman is the daughter of Vineshia and the late Jacques Sherman. She is a Junior at Valdosta High School. Trinity is a Varsity Football and Competition Cheerleader. She is involved in Student Council, where she serves as Historian, Chick-Fil-A Leadership Academy, Beta Club, Snooze Mental Health



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LOWER YOUR ENERGY BILL WITH SPRING CLEANING: 5 TIPS FOR APPLIANCE MAINTENANCE

Spring cleaning isn't just about tidying up; it's also an opportunity to optimize your home's energy efficiency. Properly cleaning and maintaining your appliances can reduce your energy bill and environmental impact. Here are five tips to help you achieve this:

1. Service Your HVAC System: Schedule professional maintenance for your heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) system. A well-maintained HVAC system operates more efficiently, reducing energy consumption and prolonging lifespan.

2. Clean or Replace Filters: Dirty filters obstruct airflow, forcing your appliances to work harder and consume more energy. Clean or replace filters in your HVAC system, air purifiers, vacuum cleaners, and range hoods to ensure optimal performance.

3. Check Around Your Refrigerator: Dust and debris accumulation behind and beneath your refrigerator can hinder airflow and cause the appliance to use more energy to maintain cool temperatures. Pull the refrigerator away from the wall and vacuum or sweep the area to improve airflow and efficiency.

4. Reverse Ceiling Fan Rotation: In the warmer months, set your ceiling fans to rotate counterclockwise to create a cooling breeze. In the cooler months, reverse the rotation to clockwise to circulate warm air more effectively, reducing the need for heating and saving energy.

5. Inspect and Seal Windows and Doors: Leaky windows and doors can allow conditioned air to escape, leading to energy waste. Inspect the seals and weatherstripping around windows and doors and repair gaps or cracks to improve insulation and reduce heating and cooling costs.

By incorporating these simple maintenance tasks into your spring-cleaning routine, you can maximize the energy efficiency of your appliances and lower your energy bills. Not only will you save money, but you'll also contribute to a more sustainable future by reducing your home's energy consumption.

REMEMBERING BARRY HALL, COLQUITT EMC SERVICEMAN

Colquitt EMC mourns the loss of longtime employee, Barry Hall. Barry passed at his home on February 21. He served Colquitt EMC for 22 years and worked as a Serviceman in Berrien County.



Barry and his granddaughter Paisley. Barry recently escorted his granddaughter to the Father-Daughter Dance at Circlestone Country Club.

YOUTH TOUR DELEGATES FROM FRONT

Club and Advanced Placement Via Individual Determination, which is a college readiness program. She volunteers her time with Leadership Lowndes Youth, Magnolia Baptist Church, LAMP, Jacob's Ladder, Living Bridges Ministry, Second Harvest and Christmas for the Kids.

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 colquitemc.com April 1 and will be due by June 1. If you have any questions, please contact Sonya Aldridge at 229-985-3620 ext. 1225.

COLQUITT EMC AWARDED A.L. GIRARDIN AWARD

In February, Colquitt EMC and Georgia Power were both named 2023 A.L. Girardin Outstanding Members of the Year at the Valdosta-Lowndes County Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Banquet. This award was given to both electric utilities for their power restoration efforts following Hurricane Idalia. Thank you, Valdosta-Lowndes County Chamber of Commerce for presenting Colquitt EMC with this award!



Above: Jason Boykin (left), Colquitt EMC District Engineering Superintendent, with Britt McLane (middle) of Carson McLane Funeral Home and Joe Brownlee (right) of Georgia Power



Colquitt EMC and Georgia Power Representatives

Recipe OF THE MONTH



Spinach Dip

INGREDIENTS

1 10 oz. pkg. frozen spinach, thawed and drained
1 cup sour cream
1 cup mayonnaise (not Miracle Whip)
1 1 oz. pkg. Knorr vegetable soup mix (or onion soup mix)
1 8 oz. can water chestnuts, drained and chopped (optional)
1/2 chopped onion

DIRECTIONS

Thaw and drain the spinach. Squeeze the spinach with paper towels to remove excess water. Mix all the ingredients together in a bowl. Let set in the fridge for a couple of hours before serving. Serve with fresh vegetables and crackers.

Church of the Month



Payton African Methodist Episcopal Church

6652 Jumping Gully Rd. • Valdosta, GA
Pastor Berlinda A. Hart Love

Service Schedule

Sunday School	10 AM
Sunday Morning Worship	11 AM
Wednesday Bible Study Conference	
Call: 605-472-5755	Access Code: 5938890

To nominate your church for Church of the Month, please contact Sonya Aldridge at 229-985-3620 ext. 1225 with your church's information. Please include service schedule, address and pastor's name.

Bible Verse of the Month

That I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death.

~ Philippians 3:10