



COLQUITT EMC NEWSLINE

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LOCAL STUDENTS SELECTED AS WASHINGTON YOUTH TOUR DELEGATES

Erin Brantley, Jase Hendricks and Caroline Howell will represent Colquitt EMC on the 2025 Washington Youth Tour in June. For more than 50 years, the tour has helped promising student leaders to become exceptional young adults. This year's tour 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 nation. Each of these students were carefully selected through a rigorous application and in-person interview process.

Erin Brantley is the daughter of Scherita and Robert Dixon. She is a senior at Lowndes High School where she is a member of Beta Club, Crimson Chronicle, Student Council, Sincerely Sisters and Class Cabinet. She is also a member of the Georgia Bridgemen. Erin volunteers her time with Sincerely Sisters, where she is able to perform community outreach. After Hurricane Helene, she volunteered with CORE by distributing tarps and meals. She also reads books to children while they wait for their appointment at Southern Pediatric Clinic.



Jase Hendricks is the son of Cynthia and Jason Hendricks. He is a junior at Tiftarea Academy where he is involved in Key Club and Student Council. He is involved in competitive swimming and has competed on the varsity level since 8th grade. He also runs cross country and is a member of the shotgun team. He volunteers his time with Key Club participating in various community service projects. He attended the HOBY Leadership Seminar in 2024 and was chosen to participate in the Colony Bank Leadership Academy this year.



Caroline Howell is the daughter of Sarah Howell. She is a junior at Colquitt County High School where she is heavily involved with the FFA where she has competed in various competitions including public speaking, livestock judging, forestry and floral design – which is her personal favorite. Caroline also shows livestock, including lambs and pigs. She serves as a Chapter and Area FFA Officer. Caroline volunteers her time with Sha's Mission and with her church, where she has volunteered at a local soup kitchen and helping the elderly.

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STAY ON TOP OF YOUR ENERGY COST WITH: MY ALERTS

Wouldn't it be nice to know about a sudden increase in your energy use before you get a high electric bill and early enough to reduce it? Now you can by setting up "My Alerts" on your Colquitt EMC account.

"My Alerts" is an automatic notification system that will send you a text, email, or voice mail message within 24 hours of an unusual increase in your energy use. It's like a warning light for changes in your energy use that could result in a high electric bill.

Setting up "My Alerts" is easy. Just access your Colquitt EMC account on the Colquitt EMC website or mobile app. Select the "My Alerts" tab and follow the instructions. The only information you need is your target daily cost (your monthly electric bill budget divided by 31) and how you wish to be notified if you exceed your target daily cost, (text, email, or voice recording).

Contact our customer service representatives at 1-800-342-8694 if you need assistance. Remember, the best way to solve a problem is to prevent it from happening in the first place.

TARGET MONTHLY BILL AMOUNT:

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DAILY ENERGY COST CONVERSION FACTOR:

TARGET DAILY ENERGY COST: ^

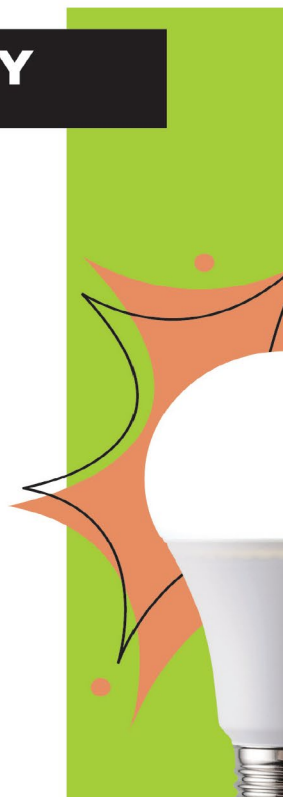
To calculate the target daily energy \$ amount, divide your target desired monthly power bill amount by **30.5** (the conversion factor). For example, if your target desired power bill is \$100, divide \$100 by **30.5** to get \$3.28.

^ an alert will be generated if your daily energy cost is > or = to this amount.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

TIP OF THE MONTH

Turn your suds into savings. Lower your energy use in the laundry room by washing clothes with cold water whenever possible, as heating water accounts for most of the energy used in a laundry cycle. Wash full loads to make the most of energy savings, and use high-efficiency detergent designed for cold washes. For drying cycles, clean the lint filter before each load to improve airflow and use dryer balls to reduce drying time.



TIPS TO AVOID ENERGY SCAMS



Don't fall for a power restoration rip off. Some scammers will contact you and offer to restore power quickly or in a preferential order if you make an immediate payment. These scams typically occur after major storms or disasters that cause widespread outages. We will never request or require payment to restore power after a natural disaster or storm. If post-storm repairs to customer-owned equipment are necessary, we will advise you to work with a licensed contractor. If any charges are applicable, you will be billed through your account.

Source: Utilities United Against Scams



NOW ACCEPTING COLQUITT EMC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS



Colquitt EMC Scholarship Applications are available April 1 through 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 June 15. If you have any questions regarding the Colquitt EMC Scholarship, please contact Shelby Cloud at 229-985-3620 ext. 1246.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



Colquitt EMC recently attended Berrien High School's Career Day. Sonya Aldridge spoke with students about Colquitt EMC and future career opportunities with the cooperative.

Recipe OF THE MONTH



Lemon Poppy Seed Cake

INGREDIENTS

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 seeds (to taste)

Glaze

2 lemons, juiced
1 ½ cups powdered sugar

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease a bundt pan. Beat together cake ingredients with an electric mixer for about 4 minutes. Pour the batter into prepared bundt pan. Bake for 45 minutes or until toothpick tests clean. While cake is baking, mix lemon juice with powdered sugar for the glaze. It should have a thin consistency to sink into the cake. When cake is done and still hot, poke holes all over it while still in the bundt pan with long skewers and pour glaze over it. Allow cake to cool and then remove from the pan.

Church of the Month



Pineview Baptist Church

2049 Funston Sale City Rd. • Funston, GA
Pastor Herman Hampton

Service Schedule

Sunday School	10 AM
Sunday Morning Worship	11 AM
Sunday Evening Service	6 PM
Wednesday Night Service	7 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 or email marketing@colquittmc.com. Please include service schedule, address and pastor's name.

Bible Verse of the Month

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay."

~ Matthew 28:5-6