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88TH ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

The 88th Annual Meeting of Members was held on October 29 at Spence Field in Moultrie. The drive-thru style meeting was attended by over 2,500 members. Attendees received their meal and door prizes, which were a cap, flashlight, and knife set. They also received a booklet with Annual Meeting information. Mark your calendars for the 89th Annual Meeting of Members on October 28, 2025.



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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, 2024. 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.



WALTER HARRISON SCHOLARSHIP

2025 Walter Harrison Scholarship applications are available at colquittemc.com.
Due date is February 1.



WASHINGTON YOUTH TOUR

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For more information,
please visit our website.



MRS. CLAUS' TIPS FOR A FESTIVE AND ENERGY-EFFICIENT CHRISTMAS

We reached out to Mrs. Claus to check out her Christmas preparations and to see how she keeps her energy cost in check during this busy season. She gladly took a moment to catch her breath and offer these tips to the Colquitt EMC membership.

• **Cooking is a big one.** It takes a lot of food to keep an army of Elves going, and Nick, well, he didn't get that "belly like a bowl full of jelly" skipping meals. We bought a new induction stove this year, and I love it. It uses less energy than my old one, and I can whip up a pot of fudge in half the time.

• **Laundry is number two.** Nick loves to spend time with Rudolph and the gang and can end up smelling like a wet reindeer. I used to have to wash his clothes and then unload and reload them in the dryer, but with my combination heat pump dryer and washer, I dump his clothes in the machine, and "presto," they are clean and dry in one step. We also noticed that since we started heating our water with our new heat pump water heater, our laundry energy cost has been less than half as much as before.

• **Lighting the North Pole workshop is a must.** For years now, we have been using LED lights on our 100-plus Christmas trees, and for our outdoor lighting—and "Yes, you can see the workshop from outer space."

Nick tells me you Colquitt EMC folks have been extra good this year with helping each other out after that "gosh" awful hurricane and keeping your Christmas spirits high. He asked me to remind you that Christmas is about families and caring for each other and to wish you a **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**



DECEMBER 2024 CAPITAL CREDIT REFUND

Colquitt EMC will refund \$3,152,461.97 to some of its members in December. The refund represents capital credits assigned to members who received electricity in 2003. 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 ensure proper refund principles.



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Theo, (above) son of Colquitt EMC Members, Austin and Shelby Hawkins, visited the Georgia EMC Booth while at the Sunbelt Ag Expo.

Batie, (at left) son of Colquitt EMC Serviceman, Davis Mainor, dressed up as a Lineman for Career Day at his school.



OUR OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED
DECEMBER 24, 25 & JANUARY 1

Recipe OF THE MONTH



Texas Cowboy Cookies in a Jar

INGREDIENTS

1-1/3 cup quick oats
1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup chopped pecans
1 cup chocolate chips
1-1/3 cup flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon salt

DIRECTIONS

Layer ingredients in order given in a 1-quart wide mouth canning jar. Press each layer firmly in place before adding the next ingredient. • Recipe for Cowboy Cookies (To Be Attached With the Mix): Empty the jar of cookie mix into a large mixing bowl. Blend the mix together. Add 1 stick butter (melted), 1 large egg (slightly beaten), and 1 tsp. vanilla. Mix until completely blended. Shape into balls the size of walnuts; place 2 inches apart on sprayed baking sheets. Bake at 350 degrees for 11-13 minutes until edges are lightly browned. Cool for 5 minutes on baking sheet. Remove cookies to racks to finish cooling. Makes three dozen cookies.

Church of the Month



Hahira First Baptist Church

201 N. Church St. • Hahira, GA
Pastor David Gordon

Service Schedule

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:45 AM
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 AM
Wednesday Night Bible Study	7:00 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 or email marketing@colquittermc.com. 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 shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

~ Isaiah 9:6