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WASHINGTON YOUTH TOUR APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE



Each year, Colquitt EMC sponsors high school students to participate in the Washington Youth Tour. This top-notch leadership experience and tour of Washington, D.C. includes meetings with state and national leaders and leadership training, as well as visits to all the major sights. Participants join over 1,400 other students from around the nation – all expenses paid – for one incredible week in our nation's capital.



This year's Washington Youth Tour will be held June 15-22, 2023. Students who are chosen as finalists will be interviewed by a panel of judges for the final phase of the selection process. Three students will be chosen to represent Colquitt EMC on the 2023 Washington Youth Tour. Applicants must: Reside in the household of a Colquitt EMC Member, be at least 16 years old and a current high school junior or senior, hold a GPA of 2.5 or higher, and provide a copy of their transcript (official or unofficial accepted) and two letters of recommendation.

Applications are due February 15. For more information, please contact Sonya Aldridge at 229-985-3620 ext. 1225.

WALTER HARRISON SCHOLARSHIP

Colquitt EMC participates in Georgia EMC's Walter Harrison Scholarship program. This program was created in 1985 by the Georgia Electric Membership Corporation Board of Directors to honor the late Walter Harrison, a pioneer in bringing electricity to rural areas of Georgia.

The recipients of the Walter Harrison Scholarship are based primarily on academic achievement and financial need. The scholarships, in the amount of \$1,000, may be used for undergraduate studies at any two-year or four-year accredited college or university in Georgia, including vocational schools. To be considered, students must be accepted or enrolled in an accredited undergraduate degree program, complete the application, and write a two-page autobiographical sketch with reference to future plans and goals. Colquitt EMC will only accept scholarship applications from students that reside in the home of a Colquitt EMC member or the home of a Colquitt EMC employee.

Applications are due February 1 and are available at colquitemc.com/walter-harrison-scholarship. For more information, please contact Shelby Cloud at 229-985-3620 ext. 1246.





2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION RESULTS

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BURN WITH CARE... AVOID TROUBLE.

ATTENTION: Use firebreaks around any utility poles on land that will be burned under controlled conditions. By using a firebreak to protect utility poles, you can help Colquitt EMC save thousands of dollars in repair costs. Also, you can avoid potential safety problems from burned poles.

-Thank you in advance for your cooperation.





COLQUITT EMC HOSTS FFA AREA 5 CDE WIRING CLINIC

In December, Colquitt EMC hosted a Wiring Clinic for FFA Area 5 students. This clinic prepares students for the upcoming FFA South Region CDE Wiring Competition.

The overall objective of the Agricultural Electrification Career Development Event (CDE) is to promote and expand educational programs in electrification for students enrolled in agricultural education. To achieve this objective, CDE reinforces the classroom instruction and FFA supervised activity projects in three stages – a problem solving exercise, practical wiring exercise and an oral demonstration.

Colquitt EMC is proud to partner with our local FFA programs!

TAX CREDITS AVAILABLE FOR ENERGY IMPROVEMENTS MADE DURING 2022

If you have made a home weatherization or efficiency upgrade, have installed new electric appliances, or purchased an electric vehicle or rooftop solar system, you may be eligible for substantial tax credits authorized in the Inflation Reduction Act.

These efficiency improvements include upgraded windows, doors, insulation, and other home weatherization services; or highly-efficient heating and cooling appliances like heat pumps, central air conditioners and water heaters.

Households can receive a tax credit to cover up to 10% of the cost of insulation materials and other energy-efficient improvements, like energy-saving windows and doors. They can also receive a \$300 tax credit for purchasing efficient heating and cooling equipment, like a heat pump or central air conditioner.

Did you purchase a new electric vehicle in

2022? You may be eligible for a tax credit of up to \$7,500. The vehicle must be assembled in North America and must be purchased and delivered on or before 12/31/22.

Households can receive a tax credit to cover 30% of the costs of installing rooftop solar. This credit also applies to solar systems that are paired with battery storage. The worksheet you'll need to apply for Federal Tax Credits for Energy Efficient Upgrades is IRS Form 5695: Residential Energy Credits. If you have questions, contact your tax preparer or the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for more information.

If you have not made any energy efficiency during 2022, watch for future articles in the Colquitt EMC Newsline about how the Inflation Reduction Act can help you save on energy efficiency improvements in 2023.



Recipe OF THE MONTH



Blueberry Crisp

INGREDIENTS

Fruit

- 1 16 oz. bag blueberries
- 1 box sugar-free vanilla pudding mix
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/4 cup nonfat milk

Crisp

- 1-1/2 cups old fashioned oats
- 1/2 cup sugar substitute
- 8 oz. plain fat-free yogurt
- 1 teaspoon almond extract

DIRECTIONS

Spray an 8x8 baking pan. Mix the fruit ingredients in the pan and stir well. In a separate bowl, mix together crisp mix. Spread the mixture over the berry mixture to make a top crust. Bake at 350° F for 40-45 minutes or until topping gets crunchy.

NOMINATE YOUR CHURCH FOR...



Church of the Month

Colquitt EMC wants to feature a different local church each month. 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. We look forward to seeing your nominations.

Bible Verse of the Month

Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am making a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

~Isaiah 43:18-19