



# COLQUITT EMC NEWSLINE

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## COLQUITT EMC'S 86<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING

Colquitt EMC's 86th Annual Meeting of Members was held November 1, 2022. A drive-thru style meeting was held again this year at Spence Field in Moultrie, Georgia. For this year's event, Colquitt EMC self-produced and broadcasted a radio show for members to enjoy while they waited in line. Members were greeted with an American Flag flying over the drive-thru lanes and a welcome banner. Over 2,300 members were registered at the event. Colquitt EMC would like to thank our members for making this event a success. If you would like to listen to the radio show, see more pictures from the event or watch the highlight video, please visit our website or social media pages (Facebook, Instagram and YouTube). We look forward to seeing you at the 87th Annual Meeting on October 31, 2023.





## 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, 2022. 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](mailto:gate@colquittemc.com).



## WALTER HARRISON SCHOLARSHIP

2023 Walter Harrison  
Scholarship applications are available at  
[colquittemc.com](http://colquittemc.com).



## WASHINGTON YOUTH TOUR

2023 Washington Youth Tour applications  
are available at [colquittemc.com](http://colquittemc.com).

Applications are due  
February 15th.  
For more information,  
please visit our website.





## CEMC'S TIFTON DISTRICT OFFICE NAMED TIFTON-TIFT COUNTY CHAMBER'S BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

Pictured is Office Supervisor Sharon Thompson and Customer Service Representative Jan Williford. Thank you, Tifton-Tift County Chamber!



# SMART GIFT IDEAS FOR ENERGY SAVERS

With energy costs rising, energy-efficient gifts are gifts that keep on giving. Check out these gift ideas that are sure to please while putting the squeeze on energy bills.

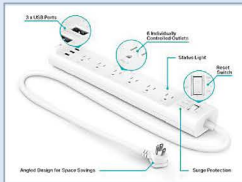
## Smart Plug

Smart plugs turn almost anything with a plug into a smart device. Smart plugs let you control various small appliances and devices without needing to be within arm's reach or even at home. In addition, their price starts low, making a great stocking stuffer for the "smart home curious" person on your list.



## Smart Power strips

Ever wish you could unplug all unused devices at once? Well now you can! With a smart plug power strip that connects to Alexa and Google Home, this voice or app-controlled outlet has the ability to unplug or turn off devices at your fingertips. Wasted standby power use will be a thing of the past with this convenient accessory.



## Electric Blanket

Need a way to fight the freeze this holiday season? Electric blankets are a sure path to comfortable and cozy sleep. This coveted gift converts electrical energy into heat at a fraction of the cost of your heating bill. Keep heating costs to a minimum, and maximize the warmth this winter.



## ShowerStart Water Saver

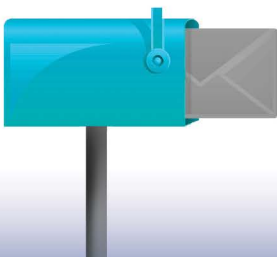
How much water could we save by limiting our water waste while waiting to hop into a shower? With this handy gadget once your shower water has heated up to 95 degrees, this shower head auto-engages into water-saving mode and turns the warm up period into a drip until you are ready to hop in. Thanks to this new gadget, each household can save up to 40% of their water and energy consumption costs.



# DECEMBER 2022 CAPITAL CREDIT REFUND

Colquitt EMC will refund **\$4,499,492.25** to some of its members in December. The refund represents capital credits assigned to members who received electricity in **2001**. The cooperative is currently retiring capital credits on a 20 year rotating plan adopted by the Board of Directors. The year, percentage of total billing, dollar amount and year of refund of capital credits for each succeeding year is as follows at right:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Year Refund</u>
2002	9.52%	<b>\$6,246,070.77</b>	2023
2003	9.48%	<b>\$6,368,403.64</b>	2024
2004	10.51%	<b>\$7,645,138.36</b>	2025
2005	0.70%	<b>\$ 561,893.83</b>	2026
2006	5.12%	<b>\$4,415,344.90</b>	2027
2007	3.38%	<b>\$3,093,412.12</b>	2028
2008	0.00%	NO REFUND	
2009	1.31%	<b>\$1,348,394.25</b>	2030
2010	1.92%	<b>\$2,144,925.94</b>	2031
2011	0.14%	<b>\$ 161,726.32</b>	2032
2012	4.33%	<b>\$5,082,612.97</b>	2033
2013	3.75%	<b>\$4,505,417.97</b>	2034
2014	3.73%	<b>\$4,776,806.09</b>	2035
2015	3.41%	<b>\$4,397,924.16</b>	2036
2016	7.46%	<b>\$9,603,089.56</b>	2037
2017	3.14%	<b>\$3,819,947.92</b>	2038
2018	3.00%	<b>\$3,890,247.47</b>	2039
2019	5.03%	<b>\$6,740,354.18</b>	2040
2020	3.52%	<b>\$4,375,730.30</b>	2041
2021	0.65%	<b>\$ 858,536.99</b>	2042



# Recipes OF THE MONTH



## **Chocolate Holiday Pretzels**

### **INGREDIENTS**

3 (10 ounce) bags checkerboard pretzels  
1 (17 5/8 ounce) bag holiday M&M plain  
chocolate candy (red & green)  
6 (13 ounce) bags Hershey chocolate kisses

### **DIRECTIONS**

Preheat oven to 170 degrees. Open the bags of pretzels and separate broken and unbroken pretzels. Place unbroken pretzels on waxed paper-lined cookie sheets in a single layer. Unwrap Hershey Kisses, place one on each pretzel. Place cookie sheet(s) in the preheated oven. Bake for 5 minutes. Immediately upon removing from the oven, place on M&M on top of each pretzel/chocolate. Place cookie sheet in freezer for 8-10 minutes to allow chocolate to reset.



## **Fudge Crinkle Cookies**

### **INGREDIENTS**

1 (18 ¼ ounce) box devil's food cake mix  
½ cup vegetable oil  
2 large eggs  
Confectioners' sugar

### **DIRECTIONS**

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Stir (by hand) dry cake mix, oil and eggs in a large bowl until dough forms. Dust hands with confectioners' sugar and shape dough into 1" balls. Roll balls in confectioners' sugar and place 2" apart on ungreased cookie sheets. Bake for 8-10 minutes or until center is just set. Remove from pans after a minute or so and cool on wire racks.

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