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## THIS MONTH IN 1936

**The third Augusta National Invitation Golf Tournament**, better known as The Masters, was held on **April 6, 1936**. Horton Smith wins his second Masters by one stroke ahead of runner-up, Harry Cooper.



**40th Boston Marathon** won by Ellison Brown on **April 20, 1936**.

**First professional baseball game** is played in Japan **April 29, 1936**.

**Top song** in April 1936 is "Lost" by Guy Lombardo & His Royal Canadians.



**Top movie** of April 1936 "Mr. Deeds Goes to Town." Directed by Frank Capra and starring Gary Cooper.

**Devastating tornadoes** ripped through the south killing over 200 people each in Tupelo, MS and Gainesville, GA, and thousands injured.

## WASHINGTON YOUTH TOUR DELEGATES SELECTED



Mattie Hendrix



Three local students will represent Colquitt EMC at the 2026 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 policy-makers, 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.

Mattie Hendrix is the daughter of Josh & Lana Hendrix. She is a junior at Tift County High School where she is on the Varsity Golf and Volleyball teams and serves as a TCHS Ambassador. She is a member of the Tifton Youth Council and active acolyte at St. Anne's Episcopal Church. She volunteers her time with Peanut Butter and Jesus and various mission trips.



Max Nelson

Max Nelson is the son of Paul and Gina Nelson. He is a junior at Tift County High School

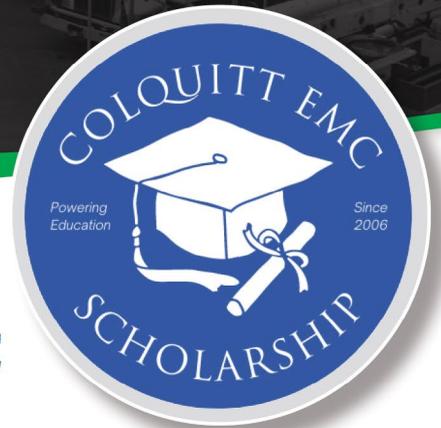
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Harley Walker



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## NOW ACCEPTING COLQUITT EMC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Colquitt EMC Scholarship Applications are 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 [colquittemc.com](http://colquittemc.com) April 1 and will be due by June 15. If you have any questions regarding the Colquitt EMC Scholarship, please contact Shelby Cloud at 229-985-3620 ext. 1246.

## WASHINGTON YOUTH TOUR DELEGATES FROM FRONT

where he is an active member of 4-H, FBLA, and Track & Field. He is a member of First Baptist Church of Tifton and serves within the Children's Ministry, Media Team and Family Life Center. He volunteers within his community through church and FBLA at various organizations, including Brother Charlies, House of Hope, the Tifton Police Department and Simply Grace Rescue – a nonprofit dog rescue shelter in Tifton.

Harley Walker is the daughter of Brian and DeAnn Blair. She is a senior at Colquitt County High School where she is an active member of the FFA. Harley exhibits livestock, including sheep and steers. Through the FFA, she has also competed in several Career Development Events, including Veterinary Science, Agriculture Communications, Poultry Evaluation, Prepared Public Speaking and Forestry Field Day. She is a member of the Chick-Fil-A Leaders Academy where she serves in various community service projects.

Interested in the 2027 Washington Youth Tour? Contact Sonya Aldridge for more information 229-985-3620 ext. 1225

# Touch-A-Truck

*Join us May 29th*



***May 29 • 9-11am***

Join us at Colquitt EMC's Headquarters Office in Moultrie on May 29 for our first ever Touch-A-Truck event.

This fun, family-friendly event will give kids and kids at heart a chance to see Colquitt EMC's trucks and tractors up close. Chat with a lineman and learn about the equipment that makes restoring power possible.

*We hope to see you there!*

At  
**Colquitt EMC Headquarters**

16 Rowland Drive • Moultrie, GA

HONORING OUR HISTORY.

ENERGIZING OUR FUTURE.

CELEBRATING ALL YEAR LONG!

## GET AHEAD OF SUMMER: A SIMPLE TUNE-UP CAN CUT COOLING COSTS

Hot Georgia summers are no joke—and neither are the electric bills that come with running your air conditioner around the clock. But here's some good news: one of the easiest ways to lower your summer energy costs is to make sure your air conditioner is ready before the heat hits.

A little attention now can make a big difference later. A well-maintained AC unit uses less energy, cools more effectively, and is far less likely to break down on the hottest day of the year.

### **Why a Pre-Season AC Service Matters**

Think of your air conditioner like a car. If you skip oil changes, performance drops and the engine works harder. The same is true for your AC. Dust, worn parts, and low refrigerant levels force the system to run longer to keep your home comfortable pushing your energy bill up with every cycle.

### **A preseason tune-up can:**

- **Boost efficiency** – A clean, well-adjusted system can cool your home using less electricity.
- **Extend the life of your unit** – Catching small issues early can help you avoid expensive repairs.
- **Improve comfort** – Proper airflow and refrigerant levels mean cooler air and better humidity control.
- **Reduce breakdowns** – No one wants to wait for a technician during a 98° heatwave.

### **What a Thorough Service Call Should Include**

Not all tune-ups are created equal. When you schedule your AC service, make sure the technician performs a complete inspection. A professional visit should include:

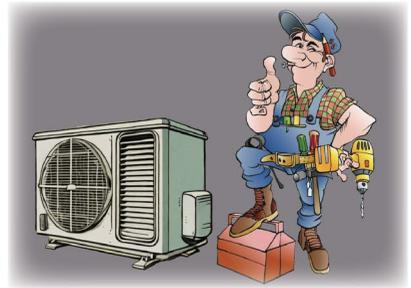
- **Cleaning or replacing the air filter**
- **Inspecting and cleaning the evaporator and condenser coils**
- **Checking refrigerant levels and testing for leaks**
- **Clearing the condensate drain to prevent moisture problems**
- **Checking thermostat accuracy and calibration**
- **Lubricating moving parts to reduce wear**
- **Inspecting electrical connections, capacitors, and controls**
- **Testing system start-up and shut-down cycles**
- **Evaluating overall system performance**

These steps help your AC run smoother and more efficiently—saving you money all summer long.

### **Don't Wait for the First Heat Wave**

Spring is the perfect time to schedule service. Technicians have more availability, and you'll be ready long before the heavy summer demand arrives.

A quick tune-up today can help keep your home cooler, your summer more comfortable, and your energy costs under control.



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# Recipe OF THE MONTH



## Scalloped Potatoes

### **INGREDIENTS**

4 cups thinly sliced potatoes  
3 tablespoons butter  
3 tablespoons flour  
1 ½ cups milk  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 dash cayenne pepper  
1 cup grated sharp cheddar cheese  
½ cup grated cheese, to sprinkle on top

### **DIRECTIONS**

In a small saucepan, melt butter and blend in flour. Let sit for a minute. Add all of cold milk, stirring with a whisk. Season with salt and cayenne. Cook sauce on low until smooth and boiling, stirring occasionally with a whisk. Reduce heat and stir in cheese. Place a half of the sliced potatoes in a lightly greased one quart casserole dish. Pour half of cheese sauce over potatoes. Repeat with second layer of potatoes and cheese sauce. Sprinkle the remaining cheese on top. Top with some paprika for color. Bake uncovered for about 1 hour at 350°F.

## Church of the Month



### **Providence Missionary Baptist Church**

707 W. Park St. • Hahira, GA  
Pastor Marcus J. Haynes

#### **Service Schedule**

Sunday School 1st & 3rd Sundays	10:15 AM
Sunday Morning Service 1st & 3rd Sundays	11:15 AM
Bible Study 1st & 3rd Sundays	6:00 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@colquittemc.com](mailto:marketing@colquittemc.com). Please include service schedule, address and pastor's name.

### **Bible Verse of the Month**

Ask the Lord for rain in the springtime; it is the Lord who sends the thunderstorms. He gives showers of rain to all people and plants of the field to everyone.  
~ **Zachariah 10:1**