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THIS MONTH IN 1936

- **Queen Mary** completes its **maiden voyage**, arriving in NY.
- **US Open Men's Golf**, Baltusrol GC: Relatively unknown pro Tony Manero wins by 2 strokes from runner-up Harry Cooper
- **New York Yankees** beat Cleveland Indians 5-4 in 16 innings; longest MLB game without a strikeout
- **Presbyterian Church of America** founded in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- **American sprinter Jesse Owens** sets a 100m world record of 10.2 seconds
- **Harry Froboess** dives 110 meters from an airship into Lake Constance at the foot of the Alps and survives
- **Rookie outfielder Joe DiMaggio** ties 3 MLB records in New York's 10-run 5th inning against the White Sox, hitting 2 home runs for 8 total bases; Yankees beat Chicago, 18-4
- **British Open Men's Golf, Royal Liverpool GC:** Englishman Alf Padgham wins his only major title, 1 stroke ahead of runner-up Jimmy Adams of Scotland
- **40 hour work week law** approved for US federal employees
- Margaret Mitchell's novel "**Gone With The Wind**" is published



BRIGHT IDEAS GRANT APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The Bright Ideas program will award grants of up to \$1,000 to winning teachers. Public and private school teachers within Colquitt EMC's service territory, teaching grades K-12, in any subject area are eligible to apply. This includes schools within Berrien, Brooks, Colquitt, Cook, Lowndes, Tift and Worth Counties. Pre-K programs are not eligible. Schools may submit more than one application. However, teachers are eligible to submit only one application per school year, and grant proposals must be original and unique to each individual applicant. Duplicate applications will not be accepted. The grants are not for professional development, field trips, clubs or after school programs.

If you have any questions, please contact Shelby Cloud at 229-985-3620 ext. 1246 or by emailing education@colquittemc.com.



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KEEP YOUR ENERGY BILL IN CHECK WITH HIGH ENERGY USE TEXT ALERTS

No one likes the shock of an unexpectedly high electric bill. Often, higher energy use isn't caused by an obvious change in routine—it may be a malfunctioning appliance or an issue in your home's electrical system that's easy to miss until the bill arrives. By then, the extra cost has already been added up.

Now, Colquitt EMC offers a better way to stay ahead of high bills.

With **Energy Usage Text Alerts**, you can spot unusual energy use days before it turns into an expensive surprise—and take action sooner to keep your costs under control.

How Energy Usage Alerts Work

Energy Usage Alerts monitor your daily power use and compare it to a target you set for yourself. Instead of waiting for your monthly bill, you'll receive a text message when your daily energy costs go over your goal.

Here's an example:

- If your target monthly bill is **\$100**, your daily energy cost target would be about **\$3.33** (\$100 ÷ 30 days).
- If your daily usage exceeds that amount, you'll receive a **text alert** letting you know right away.

That early warning gives you time to investigate—adjust thermostat settings, check appliances, or change usage habits—before higher costs add up.

Why Early Awareness Matters

Catching a spike in energy use early can make a big difference. Small adjustments made today can prevent a much larger bill at the end of the month. Energy Usage Alerts put that information directly in your hands, helping you stay informed and in control of your electricity use.

We're Here to Help

If you do notice higher-than-expected energy use, Colquitt EMC is ready to support you. We offer **free energy audits** to our members, helping identify possible causes of high bills and opportunities to improve efficiency and reduce energy consumption.

Get Started Today

Setting up Energy Usage Alerts is quick and easy:

- Log in to your account at **ColquittEMC.com**
- Use the **Colquitt EMC mobile app**
- Or contact one of our friendly Customer Service Representatives by phone or in person

A few clicks today can help prevent bill surprises tomorrow. Sign up for Energy Usage Alerts and take charge of your energy use—with confidence and peace of mind.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



Colquitt EMC Serviceman Tony Green attended Doerun Elementary School's Ag Day. Students learned about Colquitt EMC, and how to be safe around electricity. Thank you for having us, Doerun Elementary!



ADEL OFFICE RECEIVES A MAKEOVER

The Adel Office recently received a refresh to the front of the building. Modifications were made to the front, which included a new door and windows, as well as a fresh coat of paint.

TIPS TO AVOID ENERGY SCAMS ⚠️

Protect your accounts by enabling multi-factor authentication (MFA) wherever possible. MFA adds an extra layer of security by requiring a second step—like a code sent to your phone or an authentication app—beyond just your password. Even if a scammer steals your login information through phishing or data breaches, MFA can stop them from accessing your account. Choose app-based authentication over text messages when available, as it's more secure. Taking a few minutes to turn on MFA for email, banking and additional online accounts can significantly reduce your risk of identity theft and financial loss.

Source: staysafeonline.org



HONORING OUR HISTORY.

ENERGIZING OUR FUTURE.

CELEBRATING ALL YEAR LONG!

LOCAL STUDENT SELECTED FOR WALTER HARRISON SCHOLARSHIP



Berrien High School student Emmi Warren is a 2026 recipient of the Walter Harrison Scholarship awarded by electric membership cooperatives (EMCs) in Georgia, including Colquitt EMC.

Warren competed against 85 other students from across Georgia for the scholarship, which provides \$1,000 to help offset the rising costs associated with obtaining a college degree. 19 scholarships were awarded to students statewide and were chosen based on the students' academic achievements, extracurricular activities and their service to the community.

"The caliber of scholarship applicants keeps rising every year," said Danny Nichols, President/CEO of Colquitt EMC. "Colquitt EMC takes great pride in supporting the education of such a talented young individual, who has already shown remarkable academic success and a strong commitment to our community."

Warren is an active member of FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America). She plays Varsity Tennis and is on the Cheerleading team. She has previously served on her school's Student Council. She also serves on the Georgia High School Sports Association Student Athlete Advisory Council and Farmers and Merchants Bank Junior Board of Directors. She volunteers her time with the Berrien County Chamber as a student ambassador and South Georgia Medical Center as a VolunTeen. Warren has received multiple honors and recognitions, including the Georgia Certificate of Merit, Highest Score on American Lit End Course Test, All-American Cheer, All-State Tennis and All-Region Tennis. She will attend the Georgia Institute of Technology this fall, where she will major in Biochemistry.

Applicants were asked to submit a short essay detailing why they would be strong candidates for the scholarship, while also sharing their educational and career aspirations, along with any unique circumstances. This was an opportunity for students to emphasize their community involvement or passion for serving others. The selection committee considered school performance, GPA, academic honors, extracurricular activities, and financial need in their decision-making process.

The Walter Harrison Scholarship Executive Committee is composed of the Georgia EMC board chairman and vice chairman, the Georgia EMC Services Committee chairman, and the managers of Excelsior EMC and Planters EMC. Each committee member individually reviewed blind copies of all applications and scored each scholarship to determine a final ranking. Georgia EMC compiled the judges' choices to determine the winners, with the 19 highest scorers receiving scholarships. Scholarships may be used at any two-year or four-year college in Georgia, as well as technical colleges.

The scholarship is named in honor of Walter Harrison, a pioneer in the rural electricity movement and a leader at the local, state and national levels among EMCs. It is funded by Georgia's 41 electric cooperatives, including Colquitt EMC, the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association and the Georgia Rural Electric Supply Corp. Since 1987, more than \$290,000 has been awarded to approximately 309 students through the Walter Harrison Scholarship, created in 1985 by the board of directors of Georgia EMC.

Colquitt EMC is an equal opportunity provider.

Recipe OF THE MONTH



Slow Cooker Peach Dump Cake

INGREDIENTS

2 cups frozen peaches, sliced (undrained)
1 tablespoon cornstarch
½ teaspoon vanilla
¼ cup brown sugar
¼ - ½ teaspoon cinnamon
1 – 9 oz white cake mix
4 tablespoons melted butter

DIRECTIONS

Lightly grease the slow cooker; place peaches in the bottom. Sprinkle with cornstarch and toss. Drizzle with vanilla and sprinkle brown sugar over everything. Sprinkle with cinnamon, then add cake mix. Drizzle melted butter evenly over cake mix. Cover and cook on high for 3 to 3.5 hours.

Church of the Month



Woods Chapel AME Church

5196 Ousley Rd. • Valdosta, GA 31601
Pastor Berlinda A. Hart Love

Service Schedule

First and Third Sunday	9-10 AM
Sunday School	10 AM
Virtual Bible Study	

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. Please include service schedule, address and pastor's name.

Bible Verse of the Month

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

~ Ephesians 4:32