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1 THIS MONTH IN 1936

U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt won in a massive landslide re-election victory.

King Edward VIII informed the British Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin of his intent to marry the American Divorcee Wallis Simpson, setting off the constitutional crisis that led to his abdication the following month.

American playwright, **Eugene O'Neill**, was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature.



First-ever TV Gardening show "In Your Garden" airs on the BBC.

PGA Championship Men's Gold, Pinehurst CC: Denny Shute wins first of his consecutive PGA titles, defeating Jimmy Thomson, 3 & 2.



JOIN US FOR SANTA IN THE LOBBY! MOULTRIE, TIFTON* & VALDOSTA WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16 3-5 PM

*Tifton's event will be held in the Auditorium due to limited lobby space!

Santa is coming to Colquitt EMC! Bring your little ones for a chance to snap a photo with Santa and share their Christmas Wishes in person. Be sure to complete a Letter to Santa and place it in our North Pole Mailbox before you leave. It's the perfect way to add a little extra holiday magic to your visit.

Letters to Santa

Drop your Letter to Santa at Colquitt EMC's Offices. We are happily accepting Letters to Santa at all Colquitt EMC offices beginning December 1. Santa Letter forms are available at colquittemc.com or in all office lobbies. Colquitt EMC would like to publish these letters on Christmas Eve on our social media pages. Each letter must be acknowledged by guardian giving us permission to share the child's letter on social media.



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Pictured: Paul Dobson, Cook High Athletic Director, Sonya Aldridge, Colquitt EMC Director of Public Relations and Dr. Joi Williams, Principal of Cook High with Senior Student Athletes.

COOPERATIVE SPIRIT SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Colquitt EMC and Georgia’s participating electric membership cooperatives congratulate Cook High School on receiving the GHSA Cooperative Spirit Sportsmanship Award, which recognizes exemplary sportsmanship among student-athletes, staff, families and spectators. One school in each region and classification receives the annual honor. “Teaching student-athletes about character and treating others with respect instills a better attitude in these future leaders,” said Colquitt EMC President/CEO Danny Nichols. “We are proud to recognize those who demonstrate these qualities.” Presented annually in 56 regions and seven classifications, the award promotes respect, fairness, honesty and responsibility. Colquitt EMC serves 45,000 members across seven counties. Learn more at www.ghsa.net.

2026 SERVICE AWARDS

Please join us in congratulating these hardworking employees for their years of service to Colquitt EMC.

TWENTY YEARS

Barbara Castleberry
Cyndi Hiers
Pat Spires
Jamie Stanford

Beth Rosales
Tracie Sirmans

THIRTY YEARS

John Fisher

Doug Loftis
Barbara Oneal
Sonya Stone
Stephanie Walker

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

Robby Brusnton
Richard Bushatz
Clint Cook

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS

Jamey Barker
Lorenzo Dawson
Chip Drawdy
Ronnie Guess

FORTY YEARS

Tony Norman
Tracey Webb
Charlie Wiard
Linda Williams

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



Matt Wilson Elementary School: We had a wonderful time visiting the Pre-K and Kindergarten classes at Matt Wilson Elementary School for Community Helper Day! Colquitt EMC is always grateful for opportunities to connect with students, share more about our cooperative, and help teach the importance of electrical safety. Pictured is Lineman Blaine King waving to students.

Berrien County Primary School: Following the recent fire at Berrien Primary School, Colquitt EMC put our Concern for Community principle into action with a financial contribution to support recovery efforts. *Pictured are Berrien County Board Director Ben Griner, Principal Sara Harrod, and Vice Principal Dr. Lacey Wynn.*



Moody AFB Harvest Festival: Colquitt EMC had a wonderful time at Moody Air Force Base's Harvest Fest last week! It was a great opportunity to connect with military families and the dedicated men and women stationed at Moody. Colquitt EMC was proud to sponsor this fun-filled community event and support those who serve our country.



OUR OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

Thanksgiving – November 26-27
Christmas – December 24-25
New Year's Day – January 1

HONORING OUR HISTORY.

ENERGIZING OUR FUTURE.

CELEBRATING ALL YEAR LONG!

PUT AI TO WORK ON YOUR ELECTRIC BILL

The big idea: Artificial intelligence can help you spot energy-wasting habits, understand your electric use and build a practical plan to save—without turning your home into a science project.

Why it matters: Small changes can add up. An AI assistant can review information you provide—such as past electric bills, thermostat settings, appliance schedules and household routines—and turn it into a simple checklist tailored to your home.

Try These AI-Powered Moves

- Find patterns. Enter monthly kilowatt-hour use and ask: “Which months changed the most, and what household habits might explain it?”
- Build a thermostat plan. Ask for an easy schedule based on when your family is home, asleep or away.
- Compare upgrades. Ask AI to explain the possible benefits of air sealing, insulation, heat-pump maintenance or a high-efficiency water heater in plain language.
- Create reminders. Make a seasonal checklist for changing filters, cleaning dryer vents, checking weatherstripping and scheduling HVAC service.

Start small: Pick one recommendation, try it for two to four weeks, and compare your daily or monthly use. Weather and billing-cycle length can affect results, so look for trends instead of judging one bill alone.

Be energy-smart—and data-smart: Do not share account numbers, passwords or other sensitive information. Double-check AI suggestions before spending money, and use a qualified professional for electrical, HVAC or other safety-related work. AI can organize ideas, but it cannot inspect your home or guarantee savings.

Want a Human Expert to Take a Look?

Colquitt EMC also offers **in-person site energy audits**. An energy advisor can evaluate your home, identify potential sources of energy waste and help you prioritize practical improvements.

The bottom line: Use AI to ask better questions, test simple changes and build momentum. Then, when you want a closer look, contact Colquitt EMC to learn more about scheduling an in-person site energy audit.



Colquitt EMC is an equal opportunity provider.

Recipe OF THE MONTH



Spiced Cranberry Sauce

INGREDIENTS

12 ounce bag cranberries
½ cup honey
2-3 tablespoons firmly packed brown
sugar (or to taste)
2 cinnamon sticks
6 whole cloves
¼ teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
¾ cup water or orange juice

DIRECTIONS

Combine all ingredients in a saucepan and simmer, covered, stirring occasionally for 5 to 10 minutes, or until the cranberries have burst and the mixture has thickened. Transfer the sauce to a bowl and let cool. The sauce may be made 2 days in advance and kept covered and chilled. Serve at room temperature.

Church of the Month



Union Church

4144 US Hwy. 41 S • Tifton, GA
Pastor Todd Garner

Sunday Worship Services
9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

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

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

~ Jeremiah 29:11