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# NewsLine

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## 2017 Board Candidates

The Nominating Committee of Colquitt Electric Membership Corporation met on Tuesday, June 6, 2017, and nominated the following individuals whose names will be placed on the ballot and voted on by the membership prior to the October 31, 2017 Annual Meeting:

In addition to nominations made by the Nominating Committee, any 50 or more members may make nominations by petition. The deadline to receive nominations by petition is August 4, 2017. Members vote for directors via mail with election results presented at the Annual Meeting.\*

### District 2 - Brooks County:

**Matt Carter  
Kurt Childers  
Patti Price Niewoehner  
Andrew Thompson**

### District 3 - Berrien County:

**Jimmy Griner  
Kane Staines**

### District 4 - Cook County:

**Simmie King**

**\*Note:** The Colquitt EMC Bylaws allow for district director elections. This means that the only members who will be voting for director positions are those who have memberships in the districts (counties) of the directors who are up for election.

*See biographies on next page...*

## Mark Your Calendar

### Colquitt EMC's 81st Annual Meeting of Members

**Spence Field, Moultrie  
Tuesday, October 31, 2017**

Business/Financial Updates, Great Food,  
Prizes, Health Fair, Entertainment....

**Don't Miss It!**

Look for lunch reservation form in next month's NewsLine.



## DISTRICT 2 BROOKS COUNTY

### Matt Carter

- Owner of the Catfish House and Carter's Catering in Adel
- Farms and operates Carter Pecan Farms in Brooks, Cook & Thomas counties
- Attended ABAC



- Past President of the Cook High Touchdown Club
- Member of Adel Masonic Lodge
- Member of the Berrien County Shrine Club

- Member of Morven United Methodist Church

## DISTRICT 2 BROOKS COUNTY

### Kurt Childers

- Owner and operator of Bar C Cattle and Produce
- Member of Wiregrass Cattlemen's Association - Past President
- Member of Georgia Cattlemen's



- Association
  - Currently serves on State Executive Committee
- Member of Brooks County Farm Bureau
- Currently serves as President
- Member of Morrison Baptist Church - Chairman of Deacons, Asst.

Sunday School director, Chairman of Building & Grounds Committee, Treasurer of Men's Brotherhood Ministry

## DISTRICT 3 BERRIEN COUNTY

### Jimmy Griner

- Served on the Colquitt EMC Board of Directors since 1991 - Has served as President and Secretary/Treasurer



- Earned Certified Director Certificate
- Credentialed Cooperative Director
- Manages and operates Griner Farms with his son
- Retired from ABAC in June of 1989 with 22 years of service as a physics professor

- Fireman with the West Berrien Volunteer Fire Department
- Member of the Primitive Baptist Faith

## DISTRICT 3 BERRIEN COUNTY

### Kane Staines

- Graduate of the University of Georgia, BSA and Valdosta State University, M.Ed
- Former public school teacher in Berrien County for 8 years in the areas



- of agriculture and special education
- Currently works at the University of Georgia-Tifton Campus as a member of the UGA Cotton Team
- Research manager at UGA Micro Gin
- Certified cotton ginner - National Cotton Council

- Member of Pine Grove Missionary Baptist Church in the West Berrien Community - Serves as Treasurer, Usher and AV committee member

## DISTRICT 2 BROOKS COUNTY

### Patti Price Niewoehner

- Graduate of Valdosta State University, Bachelor of Business Admin. & Marketing
- Professional Career of 25+ years in the Agricultural Chemical Industry
- Manages day-to-day operations of family farm



- Certified Operational Excellence with Six Sigma
- Served on Project Evergreen Board of Directors
- Secretary of Wiregrass Camellia Society
- Member of Coastal Plains Farmers Co-op
- Member of Brooks County Farm Bureau
- GA Citrus Growers Association -Serves on the Sales & Marketing Committee
- Attends Quitman United Methodist Church

## DISTRICT 2 BROOKS COUNTY

### Andrew Thompson

- Lifelong farmer; owner/operator of Thompson Farms Cured Meats, Dixie, GA
- Member of Brooks County Farm Bureau - Served as president for 16 years
- Brooks County Commissioner – six years of service



- American Farm Bureau Swine Committee - 2 years of service
- Currently serves on the Georgia Farm Bureau Swine Committee
- Member of Dixie Baptist Church - Serves as a Deacon and an Adult Sunday School Teacher

## DISTRICT 4 COOK COUNTY

### Simmie King

- Served on the Colquitt EMC Board of Directors since 1984
  - Has served as President and Vice-President



- Earned Certified Director Certificate
- Serves on Georgia System Operations Corporation Board of Directors
- Farms in the Fellowship Community of Cook County
- Member of the Baptist faith

## Statement of Nondiscrimination

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## *Nine ways to chill cooling costs*

In the South, air conditioning can be a home's largest single energy user. Try these tips this summer to put a chill on high cooling costs.

- Planting leafy trees around the building's exterior will stop the sun and its radiant heat from shining inside your home. If the trees or shrubs shade your home on the east and west sides you could increase your AC's efficiency by up to 10%.
- Solar screens on windows intercept up to 70% of solar energy before it gets into the house. They are particularly effective on east- and west-facing windows and help even when they are open.
- Shoot for setting your thermostat to 78 degrees when you're at home and raise the temperature setting when you're away. You can save 5% to 15% on your air-conditioning bills. Smart thermostats can make adjustments automatically.
- Use fans to boost your body's natural cooling efficiency, but remember to cut them off when you leave a room.
- Live in a 2-story house? Consider spending as much time as possible downstairs, away from the rising heat.
- Skip using the oven and cook-top; use the microwave and grill outdoors instead.
- Change the AC filter monthly for good air movement and repair AC problems immediately.
- Turn on the kitchen exhaust fan when cooking and the bathroom exhaust fan after a shower to remove heat and moisture at the source.
- Dress comfortably in loose fitting clothing—cotton fabrics are the best. Keep a spritz bottle handy—the rapid evaporation of the mist on your skin will provide instant cooling.



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# Recipes of the Month



## Mango, Pineapple, & Kiwi Salad

### INGREDIENTS

*Servings: 6*

- 2 ripe mangoes, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 2 kiwi fruits, peeled and sliced 1/4-inch thick, cut in half
- 1 fresh pineapple, peeled, cored, and cut into 3/4-inch pieces
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 tablespoon fresh lime juice
- 2 teaspoons freshly grated lime peel
- 1 teaspoon finely chopped fresh garlic
- 1 teaspoon chopped seeded red chili pepper

### DIRECTIONS

Place mangos, kiwi, and pineapple in a large bowl. Toss gently. Add remaining ingredients. Stir to coat. Let stand 10 minutes. Serve at room temperature or refrigerate until serving time.



## Broccoli Salad

### INGREDIENTS

*Servings: 8-10*

- 1 bunch broccoli (tops only, broken into small pieces)
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1 cup sunflower seeds
- 1 small onion, chopped (or less)
- 1 lb. bacon, fried crisp and crumbled

### DRESSING:

- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar

### DIRECTIONS

Combine all the salad ingredients, tossing well to mix. Mix the dressing ingredients together; then toss with the salad mix. Let stand at least 1 hour in the refrigerator (can be made the day before).

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