

NewsLine

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## **2018 Board Candidates**

The Nominating Committee of Colquitt Electric Membership Corporation met Thursday, June 7, 2018, and nominated the following individuals whose names will be placed on the ballot and voted on by the Colquitt EMC membership prior to the October 30, 2018 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 3, 2018. Members vote for directors via mail with election results presented at the Annual Meeting.\*

Sam Gay
Brian Robinson
Clay Underwood

<u>District 5 - Lowndes County:</u> **Bobby Exum** 

<u>District 7 - Worth/Tift Counties:</u> **Gary Branch** 

\*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 inside...

## Mark Your Calendar

Colquitt EMC's 82nd Annual Meeting of Members Spence Field, Moultrie • Tuesday, October 30, 2018



Business/Financial Updates, Great Food, Prizes, Health Fair, Entertainment...**Don't Miss It!** 

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







## DISTRICT 1 COLQUITT COUNTY

## Sam Gay

- Owner/Operator of Roscoe's Seafood
- Served 10 years in the United States
   Marine Corps Staff Sergeant



- Former Computer Programmer & Network Engineer for Marine Corps Data Network
- 12 years executive experience in telecommunications
- Member of Midway Freewill Baptist Church

## DISTRICT 5 LOWNDES COUNTY

## **Bobby Exum**

 Served on the Colquitt EMC Board of Directors since 2006 - Has served as President, Vice-President and Secretary/ Treasurer



- Completed all required courses to earn the NRECA Credentialed Cooperative Director Certificate
- Manages and operates his own farm in Lowndes County
- Member of Lowndes County Farm Bureau
- Member of Lowndes County Young Farmers
- Attends Primitive Baptist Churches

## DISTRICT 1 COLQUITT COUNTY

### **Brian Robinson**

- Owner and Operator of BTR Farms a diverse row crop and vegetable operation
- Attended ABAC



- Member of Brooks County Farm Bureau
  - Serving as a board member for 15 years
- Served on Cotton Incorporated Board as an alternate
- Served on Nominating Committee for Ag Georgia
   Farm Credit
- Member of First Baptist Church of Moultrie - previously served as a deacon

## DISTRICT 7 WORTH/TIFT COUNTIES

## **Gary Branch**

- Served on the Colquitt EMC Board of Directors since 2009
  - Has served as President, Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer



- Completed all required courses to earn the NRECA Credentialed Cooperative Director Certificate
- Received an Associate Degree from ABAC & Bachelor of Science in Agronomy from UGA
- Has been involved in farming and agribusiness for 27 years
- Member of Journey Baptist Church

## DISTRICT 1 COLQUITT COUNTY

## **Clay Underwood**

 Row-Crop Farmer - diversified in cotton, peanut and vegetable production



 Member of First Baptist Church of Moultrie

## **Statement of Nondiscrimination**

Colquitt Electric Membership Corporation is the recipient of Federal financial assistance from the Rural Utilities Service, an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and is subject to the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the U.S. Department of Agriculture which provide that no person in the United States on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, gender, or disability shall be excluded from participation in, admission or access to, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any of this organization's programs or activities.

The person responsible for coordinating this organization's non-discrimination compliance efforts is Doug Loftis, Manager of Human Resources & Corporate Services. Any individual, or specific class of individuals, who feels that this organization has subjected them to discrimination may obtain further information about the statutes and regulations listed above from and/or file a written complaint with this organization; or the Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250; or the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Washington, D.C. 20250. Complaints must be filed within 180 days after the alleged discrimination. Confidentiality will be maintained to the extent possible.

## **Weekend Project: Time for a Window Unit Tune-up**

Window air conditioners can be a stand-alone or supplemental cooling system. Since they are seldomly serviced by HVAC professionals, consider a DIY tune-up this weekend if you own one.

### Clean or replace the filter

Remove the filter(s) and vacuum off debris. You can wash a dirty filter in warm, soapy water; be sure it's completely dry before you reinstall it. (Some filters are washable but check the user manual for care recommendations.) If a filter is damaged or deteriorated, replace it. (Take an old one with you to the store to ensure you buy the right model and size.) If you can't find the specific replacement filter you need, buy filter material and cut it to fit. Clean the filter once a month during cooling season.

#### Vacuum the coils

Vacuum any debris from the indoor and outdoor coils with an upholstery-brush attachment before you install a room air conditioner. Take care not to damage or deform the soft fins. Specially designed fin combs work much better than screwdrivers at straightening out bent fins. Remove the unit's cover and use a soft brush or a can of compressed air to remove dirt from the inside of the coils and the bottom of the air conditioner.

### Seal around the perimeter of the unit

Seal the perimeter of the installed unit with new weather stripping, if needed. Also, secure the unit so that a burglar can't push it in and, more important, so that it can't fall out of the window and injure someone.

### Install in a shady spot

Air conditioners installed in a shady spot could run up to 10 percent more efficiently, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

## Avoid "short cycling"

Wait 10 minutes after shutting off the unit to restart it. This allows the pressure in the refrigeration system to equalize and will prolong the life of your air conditioner.



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## **Using Colquitt EMC's** 24-Hour Automated Bill Pay

Paying your Colquitt EMC bill is only a phone call away when you use our 24-hour automated bill pay. Now you can easily pay your bill using your phone anywhere, anytime with credit, debit card or e-check.

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**Enter Account Number** If you have only one account and call from your phone number on record with Colquitt EMC, you will be taken directly to account confirmation.



### Confirm

### **Account Information**

Press 1 to confirm an account Press 2 to select a different account Press 3 to enter a new account number.



## Select Main Menu Option



### **Select Payment Option**

Options include:

- Press 1 to pay using a credit/debit profile.\*
- Press 2 to pay using an e-check profile.\*
- Press 3 to enter your credit/debit card information.

(\*Requires prior set-up of payment profile at colquittemc.com)

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Option 1 - Make a payment. Option 2 - Get account information. Option 3 - Talk to customer service. (return to main menu by pressing 9)



#### **Enter Payment** Information

Enter card type, expiration date, verification code on the back of the card, the billing zip code and then the card number. (Record your Payment Verification Number)

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# Recipes of the Month



### **Watermelon Salsa**

#### **INGREDIENTS**

Serves: 12

4 cups seedless watermelon, chopped 1 cup seedless cucumber, chopped

1/2 cup scallion, chopped

1/2 large yellow sweet pepper, chopped 1 large jalapeno pepper, seeded, finely minced

1 1/2 tablespoons cilantro, fresh, chopped

1 1/2 tablespoons fresh mint leaves, chopped

1 teaspoon sugar

1 tablespoon olive oil

2 tablespoons fresh lime juice

#### **DIRECTIONS**

Toss all ingredients in a large bowl. Serve at room temperature or chilled.





### **Apple-Carrot Coleslaw**

### **INGREDIENTS**

Serves: 4

4 granny smith apples

1/2 red onion

2 carrots

2 tablespoons maple syrup

1 tablespoon lemon juice

2 tablespoons mayonnaise

2 tablespoons whipping cream 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard

celery seed (optional)

#### **DIRECTIONS**

Cut the apples into julienne (matchsticks), ending up with about 2 cups of apple. Cut the onion and the carrot similarly, ending up with about 1/2 cup of matchsticks of each. Combine the remaining ingredients (except the celery seeds) to make the dressing. Toss the apples, carrots and onions gently in the dressing and chill for at least on hour. Remove the slaw from the fridge at least 30 minutes before serving. Sprinkle with celery seeds if desired.