



2019 Board Candidates

The Nominating Committee of Colquitt Electric Membership Corporation met Thursday, June 6, 2019, 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 29, 2019 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 2, 2019. Members vote for directors via mail with election results presented at the Annual Meeting.*

District 1 - Colquitt County:
Huey Hiers

District 5 - Lowndes County:
Tommy Cothron

District 6 - Tift County:
B. Don Copeland

***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 83rd Annual Meeting of Members Spence Field, Moultrie • Tuesday, October 29, 2019

*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

Huey Hiers

Huey Hiers has served on Colquitt EMC’s Board of Directors since 1986. He has previously served as president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer and is currently serving as president. He retired from Valdosta State University. Hiers is a member of Colquitt County Farm Bureau. He has four years U.S. Air Force experience. He is a member of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church.



DISTRICT 5 – LOWNDES COUNTY

Tommy Cothron

Tommy Cothron has served on Colquitt EMC’s Board for 24 years. He has previously served as president and vice-president of the Board. He is currently serving as secretary-treasurer. Cothron is a Credentialed Cooperative Director. He manages and operates his own farm in Lowndes County. Cothron is a member of Redland Baptist Church.



DISTRICT 6 – TIFT COUNTY

B. Don Copeland

B. Don Copeland has served on Colquitt EMC’s Board since 1979. He is a Credentialed Cooperative Director. While on Colquitt EMC’s Board, Copeland has served as president and vice-president. He has previously served as chairman and vice chairman of Georgia Electric Membership Corporation’s Board of Directors. Copeland is retired from United Parcel Service. He is a member of Tift County Farm Bureau.

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.

**Community
CONNECTIONS....**

Brooks County ECHOES Electrical Safety Demo

Charlie Wiard, Colquitt EMC Safety, Security & Job Training Coordinator, recently spoke to a group of 30 Brooks County ECHOES Students about electrical safety. The summer enrichment class attendees learned about the personal protection equipment that linemen wear while on the job site and electrical hazards that could be in the home. Wiard demonstrated how electricity can be conducted through various means. Students learned how to safely exit a school bus in the event of a power line falling across it. They also learned what to do if they encounter a downed power line.

ECHOES stands for "Every Child Has the Opportunity to Excel and Succeed." The after-school and summer program is funded by the Brooks County 21st Century Grant and began in Brooks County in 2006. ECHOES provides recreation and enrichment activities to supplement the educational material that the students are learning.

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Summer Heat Can Affect Power Bills

Hot weather can have a significant impact on energy bills. When the outdoor temperatures become extreme, your cooling equipment works harder to keep your home comfortable. So, how does the weather this summer compare to last summer? To be able to do a comparison, it is helpful to understand a term used by energy and weather experts called cooling degree days. This term indicates how hot the temperature was on a given day, month or season.

The more extreme the outdoor temperatures, the higher the number of cooling degree days. The higher the number of cooling degree days, the higher the amount of energy used for cooling. With summer temperatures rising, you'll likely require more cooling for your home or business, resulting in a higher power bill. Increases in power bills often follow closely with increases in cooling degree days.

The number of cooling degree days for May of this year was 381. The average number of cooling degree days for May is 267, which indicates that this May was significantly hotter than

average.*

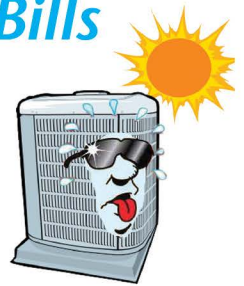
You can reduce the impact of rising summer temperatures by following a few energy saving tips:

- Set your thermostat as high as comfortably possible.

The smaller the difference between the indoor and outdoor temperatures, the lower your cooling costs will be. The Department of Energy recommends setting your thermostat to 78 F when you're home and a higher setting for when you're away.

- Turn off ceiling fans when you leave a room.
- Close window curtains and blinds during the day to block sunlight.
- Use caulk and weatherstripping to seal air leaks around doors and windows.

**Weather data is for Moultrie, GA.*



Heat Pump Clothes Dryer Cuts Drying Cost in Half

(This article is a reprint from the May 2019 NewsLine with a headline correction. The previous headline read: "Heat Pump Clothes Dryer Cuts Drying Time in Half" and should have read as above.)

A heat-pump clothes dryer is a type of condensing dryer. This appliance gets its heat from an energy efficient heat pump. The heat pump condenses moisture from the damp clothes and discharges the water into a drain pipe. Some of the significant advantages of a heat pump dryer are:

- 50 % less energy use per load as compared to traditional electric dryers.
- No vent hose to the outdoors (which means one less hole to be sealed and the dryer doesn't take expensive conditioned air from the living space and vent it to the outdoors.)
- Softer clothes with fewer wrinkles.
- Gentler dry cycle so clothes last longer and safe for delicate garments.

A tube from a heat pump dryer drains the water condensed from the clothes to the washing machine drain eliminating the need to vent the dryer outdoors.





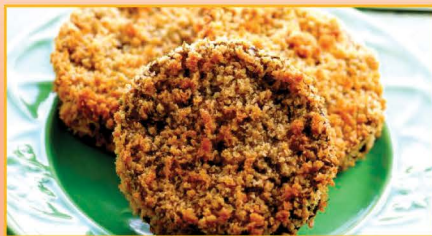
Recipes of the Month



Summer Tomatoes

INGREDIENTS *Serves: 6*
6 medium tomatoes, homegrown and sliced
2/3 cup olive oil
1/4 cup wine vinegar
1/4 cup fresh parsley, finely chopped
1/4 cup green onion, finely chopped
1 garlic clove, minced
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon dill weed
1 teaspoon basil leaves, chopped
1/4 teaspoon pepper

DIRECTIONS
Arrange tomato slices on a serving dish. Combine remaining ingredients mixing well and pour over tomatoes. Cover and refrigerate for 1-2 hours occasionally spooning dressing over tomatoes.



Oven Fried Eggplant

INGREDIENTS *Serves: 4*
1/2 cup fat-free mayonnaise
1 tablespoon minced onion
1 lb unpeeled eggplant, sliced-about 12 (1/2 inch slices)
1/3 cup fine dry breadcrumb
1/3 cup grated parmesan cheese (or parmesan alternative, like asiago)
1/2 teaspoon dried Italian seasoning
vegetable oil cooking spray

DIRECTIONS
Combine first 2 ingredients, stir well. Spread evenly over both sides of eggplant slices. Combine breadcrumbs, cheese, and Italian seasoning in a shallow bowl; dredge eggplant in breadcrumb mixture. Place eggplant on a baking sheet coated with cooking spray. Bake at 425 degrees for 12 minutes. Turn eggplant over; and bake an additional 12 minutes or until golden.

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