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HURRICANE DEBBY RESTORATION EFFORT

After Hurricane Debby ripped through our service territory, Colquitt EMC began working to restore power to the 42,000 meters that lost service. There were several downed trees, power lines, and broken poles. Colquitt EMC would like to thank the contract and mutual aid crews that came to help us restore power to our members. We would also like to thank our members for their support, prayers, and patience as we worked to restore power to all of our members.



Sunbelt AG EXPO

Save the Date

OCTOBER 15-17, 2024

**SPENCE FIELD
MOULTRIE, GA**

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2024 BOARD CANDIDATES

The Nominating Committee of Colquitt Electric Membership Corporation met Tuesday, June 4, 2024, 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, 2024 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 5, 2024. Members vote for directors via mail with election results presented at the Annual Meeting*.

*Note: The Colquitt EMC Bylaws allow for district director elections. This means that 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.

DISTRICT 1 – COLQUITT COUNTY

Clay Underwood

- Current Vice Chairman of Colquitt EMC Board of Directors
- Serving Colquitt County on Colquitt EMC Board of Directors since 2018
- Holds NRECA Credentialed Cooperative Director Certificate
- Row-crop farmer engaged in cotton, peanut and vegetable production
- Member of First Baptist Church of Moultrie



DISTRICT 5 – LOWNDES COUNTY

Bobby Exum

- Serving Lowndes County on Colquitt EMC Board of Directors since 2006
- Former President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer of Colquitt EMC Board of Directors
- Holds NRECA Credentialed Cooperative Director Certificate
- Manages and operates family farm in Lowndes County
- Member of Lowndes County Farm Bureau
- Member of Lowndes County Young Farmers
- Attends Primitive Baptist Churches



DISTRICT 7 – WORTH/TIFT COUNTIES

Gary Branch

- Current Secretary-Treasurer of Colquitt EMC Board of Directors
- Serving Worth-Tift counties on Colquitt EMC Board of Directors since 2009
- Serves on Georgia System Operations Corporation Board of Directors
- Former President and previously served as Secretary-Treasurer of Colquitt EMC Board of Directors
- Holds NRECA Credentialed Cooperative Director Certificate
- Graduate of ABAC, Associate Degree in Agriculture; University of Georgia, Bachelor of Science in Agronomy
- Has worked in farming and agribusiness for the past 32 years
- Member of Journey Baptist Church



BATTERY BACKUP: POWER OUTAGE PROTECTION



A home electric battery can be a game-changer during power outages. Imagine uninterrupted access to essential appliances like refrigerators, lights, and medical equipment. These batteries store excess energy for use when the grid goes down. This means peace of mind knowing your family is safe and comfortable, even in the face of extended power disruptions.

The cost of installing battery backup can vary depending on factors like location and installation complexity.

For a Tesla Powerwall 3, you can expect to spend around \$15,000 or more, including the battery and installation. However, federal tax credits can significantly offset this expense. Investing in a home battery offers more than just emergency power. Unlike traditional gas generators, which require fuel storage, maintenance, and produce noise and fumes, a home battery is clean, quiet, and requires no refueling. This means improved indoor air quality, reduced noise pollution, and the convenience of uninterrupted power without the hassle of managing fuel supplies.

5 Tips for a Safe Harvest

Electrical safety during harvest season requires vigilance and proactive measures.

Follow these tips to reduce the risk of electrical accidents.

1. Maintain at least a 10-foot distance from power lines when operating equipment like grain augers, elevators and other tall machinery.
2. Use a spotter to navigate safely around power lines and other electrical equipment.
3. Ensure all farm workers are trained on electrical safety procedures.
4. Regularly inspect all electrical equipment and machinery for signs of wear and damage.
5. Keep first aid kits and emergency contact numbers in an easily accessible location.



COLQUITT EMC VALDOSTA IS BUZZING!

We recently discovered some honeybees who had taken up residence in our Valdosta Office. Thanks to our friends at Blossom Bee Removal, the bees, and their nearly 4 ft wide hive were safely removed and relocated.



CEMC'S 88TH ANNUAL MEETING • LUNCH RESERVATION FORM

OCTOBER 29, 2024 DRIVE-THRU: 9AM - 1PM SPENCE FIELD IN MOULTRIE

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Account # _____

Member's Signature _____

Including myself, you may plan on _____ person(s) for lunch.

Deadline for drive-thru lunch reservations is October 15, 2024. (Limit 3 meals per member)

Recipe OF THE MONTH



Sour Cream Enchiladas

INGREDIENTS

1 lb. Chicken Breast, diced
1 medium onion, minced
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
8 (8 inch) flour tortillas, softened
1 ½ cups grated Monterey jack or Mexican blend cheese, divided
¼ cup butter
¼ cup flour
1 (15 ounce) can chicken broth
1 cup sour cream
1 (4-ounce) can of chopped green chilies

DIRECTIONS

In a frying pan, cook chicken and onion together in oil over medium-high heat until the chicken is just done. Divide cooked chicken evenly between 8 tortillas; add 1 1/2 tablespoons cheese to each tortilla. Roll enchiladas and place seam-side down in a 9x13" baking dish that has been lightly sprayed with no-stick cooking spray. Melt butter in a medium saucepan; stir in flour to make a roux, stir and cook until bubbly, and gradually whisk in chicken broth then bring to boiling, stirring frequently. Remove from heat; stir in sour cream and green chilies. Pour sauce evenly over the enchiladas. Top with remaining 3/4 cup cheese (a baking dish may be double-wrapped and frozen at this point) and bake at 400° F for 20 minutes until cheese is melted and sauce near edges of baking dish is bubbly.

Church of the Month



401 Northside Dr. • Valdosta, GA

Pastor: Robert Wauhopp IBCValdosta.org

Service Schedule

Bible Study 9 AM
Sunday Morning Service 10:30 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

Lord, be gracious to us; we long for you. Be our strength every morning, our salvation in times of distress.

~ Isaiah 33:2