



# COLQUITT EMC NEWSLINE

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## THIS MONTH IN 1936

- **62nd Kentucky Derby:** Ira Hanford aboard Bold Venture wins
- NY Yankee **Joe DiMaggio** makes his major league debut
- **Edward Ravenscroft patents** screw-on bottle cap with a pour lip
- **Indianapolis 500: Louis Meyer** becomes first 3-time winner of the race; **Lawson Harris** is first 2-time riding mechanic; famous tradition of serving milk in victory lane commences
- **Alan Turing** submits "On Computable Numbers" for publication, in which he sets out the theoretical basis for modern computers
- **Top songs** includes **Alone** by Tommy Dorsey, **It's a Sin to Tell a Lie** by Fats Waller and **Melody from the Sky** by Jan Garber
- **Top Movie: Dracula's Daughter**



## COLQUITT EMC'S Touch-A-Truck

May 29 - 9-11 AM  
16 Rowland Dr. Moultrie, GA

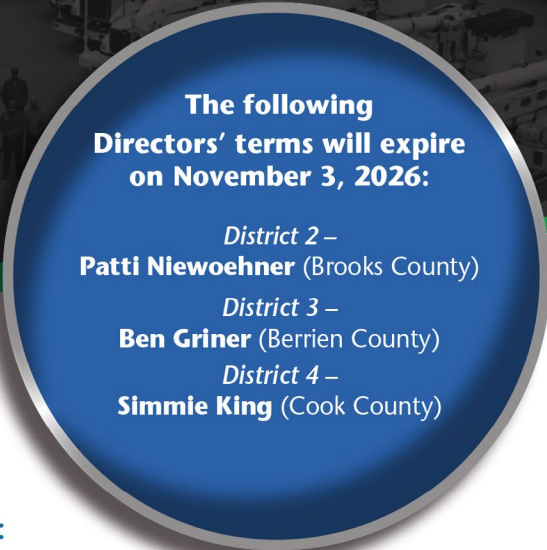
FREE  
EVENT



Join us at Colquitt EMC's Headquarters Office in Moultrie on May 29 for our first ever Touch-A-Truck Event. This fun, family-friendly event will give kids and kids-at-heart a chance to see Colquitt EMC's trucks and tractors up close. Chat with a lineman and learn about the equipment that makes restoring power possible. *We hope to see you there!*

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## MEMBERS PRESENTED TO THE COLQUITT EMC BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO SERVE ON 2026 NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

**Mrs. Joan Carpenter**  
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Tifton, GA 31794-7848

**Mr. Keith Harris**  
2880 Caulie Harris Road  
Adel, Georgia 31620-6758

**Mr. Van F. Murphy**  
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Quitman, Georgia 31643-4302

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Adel, Georgia 31620-9501

**Mr. Jim A. Wilson**  
2870 Union Church Road  
Quitman, GA 31643-7434

## THIS COMMITTEE WILL BE OFFICIALLY SEATED ON JUNE 2, 2026

The nominating committee will meet at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, June 2, 2026 at the Colquitt EMC headquarters in Moultrie to make nominations for three board positions.\*

CEMC members elect directors by mail and the results will be announced at the Annual Meeting. The 2026 Annual Meeting of Members will be held on November 3, 2026, at Spence Field in Moultrie.

*\*In addition to nominations made by the Nominating Committee, any 50 or more members may make other nominations by petition not less than eighty-five days prior to the Annual Meeting.*

## NOW ACCEPTING COLQUITT EMC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Colquitt EMC Scholarship Applications are available April 1 – June 15. Applicants must:

- Reside in the household of a Colquitt EMC Member
- Be enrolled in a college or technical college with campus locations/degree offerings within Colquitt EMC's service area.
- Have a minimum GPA of 2.5
- Submit a complete application with two letters of recommendation, proof of enrollment and transcript.

Undergraduate and graduate students may apply. Previous scholarship recipients are not eligible. Applications will be available at [colquitemc.com](http://colquitemc.com) April 1 and will be due by June 15. If you have any questions regarding the Colquitt EMC Scholarship, please contact Shelby Cloud at 229-985-3620 ext. 1246.



# SUMMARY OF BYLAW PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO MEMBERSHIP, ANNUAL MEETINGS, BOARD REPRESENTATION, NOMINATION AND ELECTION PROCEDURES FOR ELECTION TO THE BOARD

## ARTICLE II: Meetings of Members

**Section 1. Annual Meeting.** The annual meeting of the members shall be held between October 1<sup>st</sup> and November 30<sup>th</sup> of each year at such place in the counties of Colquitt, Tift, Cook, Berrien, Lowndes, or Brooks as shall be designated in the notice of the meeting for the purpose of reporting results of the directors' election, passing upon reports covering the previous fiscal year, and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting. Failure to hold the annual meeting at the designated time shall not work a forfeiture or dissolution of the Cooperative.

**Section 2. Special Meeting.** Special meetings of the members may be called by resolution of the Board of Directors or upon written request signed by at least three (3) directors or at least ten percent (10%) of all the members, and it shall thereupon be the duty of the Secretary to cause notice of such meeting to be given as hereinafter provided. Special meetings of the members may be held at any place within the county of Colquitt in the state of Georgia specified in the notice of the special meeting.

**Section 3. Notice of Members' Meetings.** Written or printed notice stating the place, day, and hour of the meeting and, in case of a special meeting, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be delivered not less than seven (7) days nor more than thirty (30) days before the date of the meeting, either personally or by mail to each member, by or at the direction of the Secretary, or upon default in duty by the Secretary, by the persons calling the meeting, in the case of a special meeting, or by any other director in the case of any meeting whose time, place, and date have actually been fixed by the Board of Directors. In making such computation, the date of the meeting shall not be counted. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered five (5) days from date when deposited in the United States mail, addressed to the member at his address as it appears on the records of the Cooperative, with postage thereon prepaid. The failure of any member to receive notice of an annual or special meeting of the members shall not invalidate any action which may be taken by the members at any such meeting, and the attendance in person of a member at any meeting of the members shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting unless such attendance shall be for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business, or one or more items of business, on the grounds that the meeting shall not have been lawfully called or convened.

No matter which requires the affirmative vote of at least a clear majority of all the Cooperative's members shall be acted upon at any meeting of the members unless notice of such matter shall have been contained in the notice of the meeting.

**Section 4. Quorum.** At least one hundred fifty (150) of the members present in person shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at all meetings of the members. If less than a quorum is present at any meeting, a majority of those present in person may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice.

**Section 5. Voting.** Each member who is not in a status of suspension, as provided for in Section 6 of Article I shall be entitled to one (1) vote and no more upon each matter submitted to a vote. Voting by members other than members who are natural persons shall be allowed upon the presentation to the Cooperative prior to or upon registration at each member meeting of satisfactory evidence entitling the person presenting the same to vote. At all meetings of the members at which a quorum is present all questions shall be decided by a vote of a majority of the members voting thereon, except as otherwise provided by law, the Articles of Incorporation of the Cooperative, or these Bylaws.

**Section 6. Order of Business.** The order of business at the annual meeting of the members, and so far as possible at all other meetings of the members, shall be essentially as follows:

Report on the number of members present in person in order to determine the existence of a quorum, reading of the notice of the meeting and proof of the due publication of mailing thereof, or the waiver or waivers of notice of the meeting, as the case may be. The reading of unapproved minutes of previous meetings and the taking of necessary action thereon, the reading of unapproved minutes may be waived by a majority of the members present; and announcement of directors elected, presentation and consideration of, and action upon, reports of officers, directors, and committees, unfinished business, new business, adjournment.

## ARTICLE III: Directors

**Section 1. Number and General Powers.** The business and affairs of the Cooperative shall be managed by a Board of nine (9) directors which shall exercise all of the powers of the Cooperative except such as are by law, by the Articles of Incorporation of the Cooperative, or by these Bylaws conferred upon or reserved to the members.

The area served by Colquitt Electric Membership Corporation shall be divided into districts for the purpose of determining the district or area from which representatives shall be chosen to serve on the Board of Directors.

The directors shall be fixed as follows:

District 1	Colquitt County	2 Directors
District 2	Brooks County	1 Director
District 3	Berrien County	1 Director
District 4	Cook County	1 Director
District 5	Lowndes County	2 Directors
District 6	Tift County	1 Director
District 7	Worth-Tift Counties	1 Director

At the expiration of the term of any director his successor shall be elected for a period of three (3) years.

**Section 2. Qualification, Election, and Tenure.** No member shall be eligible to become or remain a director or to hold any position of trust in the Cooperative who is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise or a business selling electric energy or supplies to the Cooperative. No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of the Cooperative who is an employee, a close relative of an incumbent director or of an employee of the Cooperative, or is not a member of the Cooperative.

No members presently or formerly employed by the Cooperative shall be eligible to become or remain a director, Member of the Nominating Committee, or serve in any other capacity, either appointed or elected, or involving any Cooperative election for five (5) years after the termination of his/her employment from the Cooperative. This Bylaw change is effective on October 28, 2014, and only applies to those members who are separated from Colquitt EMC after October 28, 2014.

Upon the establishment of the fact that any person holding a directorship or any other position of trust in the Cooperative lacks eligibility under this Section, it shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to withhold such position from such person, or to cause him to be removed therefrom, as the case may be. Nothing in this Section contained shall, or shall be construed to, affect in any manner whatsoever, the validity of any action taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors, unless such action is taken with respect to a matter which is affected by the provisions of this Section and in which one or more of the Directors have an interest adverse to that of the Cooperative.

Nothing in this Section contained shall, or shall be construed to, affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any action taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors.

**Section 3. Nominations.** It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to appoint, not less than ninety (90) days nor more than one hundred fifty (150) days before the date of each annual meeting, a committee on nominations consisting of not less than five (5) nor more than eleven (11) members who shall be selected so as to give equitable representation on the Committee to the geographical areas served or to be served by the Cooperative. No employee of the Cooperative, member of the Board of Directors, known candidate for election, or any close relative or member of the same household of an employee, director, or a known candidate shall be appointed a member of such Committee. The Committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least sixty (60) days before the annual meeting a list of nominations for directors to be elected, listing separately the nominee or nominees with respect to each Directorate District from which a director must or may, pursuant to this Article, be elected. The Committee may include more nominees than there are to be elected, but it shall show clearly which nominees are opposed with respect to the same Directorate District.

Any fifty (50) or more members may make other nominations in writing over their signatures in like manner listing the nominees separately with respect to the Directorate Districts from which they are nominated, not less than eighty-five (85) days prior to the meeting, and the Secretary shall post the same at the same place the list of nominations made by the Committee is posted.

**Section 4. Voting for Directors.** The election of directors, or any bylaw amendment, change, or action directly relating to the election of directors, will be conducted by mail. To be eligible to vote for directors, a member must have been a member on August 31 of the year in which the election for directors is held. Not less than thirty (30) days prior to each annual meeting, one ballot shall be mailed by the Cooperative to each member entitled to vote. The ballots shall contain the names of all persons nominated by the Nominating Committee or by petition for each Directorate position to which a director is to be elected. Only members residing in each Directorate District may vote for, and elect, the director for that District. No member in any election may vote for more than one nominee from any Directorate District. Members shall mark their ballots indicating the director for whom they wish to vote and return said ballots to the Cooperative either by mail or by delivery to the main office or any district or branch office not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the annual meeting. Any ballot received in the mail or by hand delivery less than fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the annual meeting shall not be counted for the purpose of election of directors. The notice to the members entitled to vote in which the ballots are enclosed shall contain instructions to the members as to how to mark their ballots for election of directors, and said instructions shall be explicitly followed in order for a ballot to be counted. The failure of any member to receive a ballot for any reason shall not invalidate the election of directors as provided for herein.

**Section 4-A. Uncontested Elections.** Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, in the event the nominating process set forth in Section 3 of this Article yields only one nominee with respect to the position of director of any Directorate District which must or may, pursuant to this Article, be elected, then no vote of the members shall be required with respect to such Directorate position; and the sole nominee shall be deemed elected in accordance with these Bylaws.

HONORING OUR HISTORY.

ENERGIZING OUR FUTURE.

CELEBRATING ALL YEAR LONG!

## PLUG IN AND SAVE: DON'T MISS THE 30C EV CHARGER TAX CREDIT!

If you've been thinking about adding an electric vehicle (EV) charger at your home, now is a great time to take the next step. While many federal home electrification tax credits expired at the end of 2025, **one valuable incentive is still available**—and it could put real savings back in your pocket.

### **What Is the 30C EV Charger Tax Credit?**

The **30C EV Charger Tax Credit** helps make installing a home EV charger more affordable. Eligible homeowners can receive a **federal tax credit worth up to 30% of the total cost** of purchasing and installing an EV charger—**up to a maximum of \$1,000**.

To qualify, your EV charger must be installed **by June 30, 2026**, so there's still time to plan your project.

### **Do You Qualify? Most of Our Members Do!**

Eligibility for the 30C tax credit is based on **where you live**. The credit is available to customers who live in areas considered **non-urban or low-income** under U.S. Census guidelines.

Here's the good news: **about 95% of the Colquitt EMC service area qualifies** for this tax credit!

*Only a few small areas inside the city limits of the following cities are excluded:*

- Moultrie – Census Tract 9708
- Valdosta – Census Tracts 103.02 and 104.01
- Tifton – Census Tract 9603.02

If you live **outside these specific tracts**, you likely qualify.

### **How to Check Your Address**

If you live in Moultrie, Valdosta, or Tifton and want to be sure, you can:

- Talk with your tax preparer, or
- Visit the U.S. Census Bureau website at [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov) and search for the 2020 Census – Census Tract Reference Map to locate your address.

### **A Few Important Things to Know**

- The 30C tax credit is non-refundable, meaning it can only reduce the federal taxes you owe.
- If you do not have a federal tax liability, you will not receive the credit as a refund.
- Always consult a qualified tax professional to confirm how the credit applies to your individual situation.

### **Why Install a Home EV Charger?**

A home EV charger offers convenience, faster charging, and the peace of mind of starting every day with a full battery. Combined with this tax credit, it's an investment that can pay off both now and in the future.

**Thinking about making the switch to electric?** The 30C EV Charger Tax Credit is a great opportunity to save money while preparing your home for the road ahead. Don't wait—the **deadline is June 30, 2026**.



Colquitt EMC is an equal opportunity provider.

# Recipe OF THE MONTH



## Cowboy Burgers

### INGREDIENTS

2 tablespoons olive oil  
3 onions thinly sliced, separated into rings  
8 hamburger patties, ¼ lb each  
3 tablespoons A1 Original Sauce  
2 tomatoes, sliced  
8 hamburger buns  
8 slices cheddar cheese

### DIRECTIONS

Preheat grill to medium heat. Meanwhile, heat oil in large nonstick skillet on medium-high heat. Add onions, cook 5 minutes, stirring frequently. Cover with lid. Simmer 20 minutes or until onions are golden brown, stirring frequently. Meanwhile, grill patties 5 minutes on each side or until medium doneness. Stir steak sauce mixtures into onion mixture. Place 1 tomato slice and burger on bottom half of each bun; cover with 1 slice of cheese, 3 tablespoons of onion mixture and top of bun.

## Church of the Month



### **Northside Baptist Church of Quitman**

8559 Hwy. 84 • Quitman, GA  
Brother Sammy Hiers

#### **Service Schedule**

Sunday School	9:45 AM
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 AM
Discipleship Training Sunday Night	5:00 PM
Sunday Evening Service	6:00 PM
Wednesday Night Service	6:00 PM

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](mailto:marketing@colquittemc.com). Please include service schedule, address and pastor's name.

### **Bible Verse of the Month**

But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.

~ 2 Peter 3:18