



COLQUITT EMC NEWSLINE

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2023 BOARD CANDIDATES

The Nominating Committee of Colquitt Electric Membership Corporation met Tuesday, June 6, 2023, 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 31, 2023 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 7, 2023. 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 2 - Brooks County
Patti Price Niewoehner

District 3 - Berrien County
Ben Griner

District 4 - Cook County
Simmie King

(See biographies inside.)

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OCTOBER 31, 2023

COLQUITT EMC'S 87TH ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS SPENCE FIELD, MOULTRIE



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DISTRICT 2 – BROOKS COUNTY

Patti Price Niewoehner

- Current Chairman of Colquitt EMC Board of Directors
- Serving Brooks County on Colquitt EMC Board of Directors since 2017
- Holds Credentialed Cooperative Director Certificate
- Graduate of Valdosta State University, Bachelor of Business Administration & Marketing
- 25+ years Professional Career in the Agricultural Chemical Industry
- Manages day-to-day operations of family farm
- Holds Operational Excellence Certification with Six Sigma
- Current Secretary of Wiregrass Camellia Society
- Former Treasurer of Georgia Citrus Association
- Member of Quitman United Methodist Church



DISTRICT 3 – BERRIEN COUNTY

Ben Griner

- Serving Berrien County on Colquitt EMC Board of Directors since 2020
- Owner/Operator of Griner Farms, LLC in West Berrien
- Maintenance Supervisor at Chaparral Boats, Inc.
- Graduate of Berrien High School and Wiregrass Technical College
- Holds Machine Tool Technology Degree and Electrical Training
- Certified Volunteer Fireman with the West Berrien Volunteer Fire Department
- Member, Councilman and Building Committee Member of Tift Avenue Church of God



DISTRICT 4 – COOK COUNTY

Simmie King

- Serving Cook County on Colquitt EMC Board of Directors since 1984
- Former President and Vice-President of Colquitt EMC Board of Directors
- Holds Credentialed Cooperative Director Certificate
- Serves on Georgia System Operations Corporation Board of Directors
- Farms in the Fellowship Community of Cook County
- Member of the Baptist faith



COLQUITT EMC MOURNS PASSING OF LONGTIME FORMER DIRECTOR

Bobby Griner passed away at the age of 81 on April 22. He served Colquitt EMC District 1 Colquitt County with honor and distinction for 42 years.

We extend our deepest condolences to the Griner family.



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WHERE IN THE WORLD IS COLQUITT EMC?



If you're traveling this summer, be sure to pack your favorite Colquitt EMC cap, wear it on vacation, snap a picture and share it with us for a chance to be featured on our social media pages!

Please send submissions to marketing@colquittemc.com with your name and vacation destination. We can't wait to see your pictures!





KEEP COOL AND SAVE ENERGY WITH A COOLING MATTRESS TOPPER

When we sleep, our core body temperature drops. Research indicates keeping your bedroom at a cooler ambient air temperature can help you fall asleep faster and sleep more soundly. Setting back the thermostat every night may help you sleep better, but it can also add a wallop to your power bill. So, can you sleep comfortably without raising your energy cost?

The answer may be adding a cooling mattress topper to your bed. A cooling mattress topper differs from mattress covers that use a "cooling" gel or "cool to the touch" fabric coating. They work by circulating cool air or water through the bed, delivering adjustable temperature control while you sleep.

Cooling your bed instead of your entire home can give you the comfortable night's sleep you desire without the added expense of cranking down your air conditioner.

Popular cooling mattress toppers include:

- The Sleepme company's CUBE system or Ooler system (programmable)
- The Perfect Sleep Pad
- Sleep Number Dual Temp Mattress Pad

BRIGHT IDEAS GRANT APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Bright Ideas Grant Applications are available at colquitemc.com through August 1! Bright Ideas awards teachers money for innovative lessons and projects to energize students learning abilities. The Bright Ideas Program will award grants of up to \$1,000 to winning teachers. Public and private school teachers teaching grade K-12 in any subject area are eligible to apply. Schools in the areas that Colquitt EMC serves may submit more than one application. However, teachers are eligible to submit only one application per school year. The grants are not for professional development. Bright Ideas Grant Applications are due by August 1, 2023.



If you have any questions, please contact Shelby Cloud at 229-985-3620 ext. 1246.

Recipe OF THE MONTH



Fourth of July Cookies

INGREDIENTS

1 cup brown sugar
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup butter, softened
3 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 teaspoon light corn syrup
1-1/2 cups peanut butter
2 teaspoons baking soda
4 cups oatmeal
1/2 cup chocolate chips
4 ounces Red, White & Blue M&M's
2 ounces red-hot candies

DIRECTIONS

Mix all ingredients in a food processor or mixer except for chocolate chips, M&M's and red hots. Stir in the chocolate chips by hand. Drop by tablespoons on an ungreased cookie sheet; then press M&M's and red hots on top of each cookie. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes or until just starting to turn brown; cool for 5-10 minutes before removing from cookie sheet to avoid breakage.

Church of the Month



Midway Freewill Baptist Church

287 Lower Meigs Rd - Moultrie, GA
Pastor Randy Jackson

Service Schedule

Sunday AM Men's Bible Study	7:30 AM
Sunday School	10:00 AM
Sunday Worship	11:00 AM
Sunday Evening Service	6:00 PM
Wednesday Worship/All Stars	
Youth Group	7:00 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. Please include service schedule, address and pastor's name.

Bible Verse of the Month

We constantly pray for you, that our God may count you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may fulfill every good purpose of yours and every act prompted by your faith.

-2 Thessalonians 1:11