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THIS MONTH IN 1936

- North Dakota, Arkansas, Minnesota, and Wisconsin set high temperature records during the **Great American Heatwave of 1936**



- **Joe Louis** knocked out former heavyweight champion **Jack Sharkey** in the third round at Yankee Stadium

- **17-year-old Bob Feller of the Cleveland Indians** became the youngest player to pitch a complete game victory in the major leagues



- **Fresh eggs** cost **\$0.37** per dozen



- **Top Movies:** Romeo and Juliet, My Man Godfrey and Swing Time

- Average price of **gasoline** was **\$0.19** per gallon

SAVE THE DATE - NOV. 3



November 3, 2026

**Colquitt EMC's
90th Annual
Meeting of
Members
SPENCE FIELD,
MOULTRIE**



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2026 COLQUITT EMC SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the following students who received a Colquitt EMC Scholarship!

HANNAN JAMES ALLEN

HANNAH ELIZABETH ARBUCKLE

ANNA BARRISON

KENDAHL ELISE BERRY

LANEY ANN BETTS

REAGHEN EVANIE BURNS

YUKARI CARRANZA

MIKO TUPAZ COLASITO

JARED LEE COLLUM

BOTOND FLORIAN CSEH

MATTHEW BRENNON DEMOTT

JAYLAH ALISE DUNBAR

ANDRICK ISABEL ESQUIVEL

LANE ELIZABETH ETHRIDGE

YURETLI FELICIANO

KINGSLEY RENA FISHER

TYLER ROBERT FLETCHER

MABRY DIXON FORD

LAURA ESTHER GALLEGOS

KELLY RUBY GODINEZ ORTEGA

EMILEE KATE GRUNO

KAITLYN FAYE HAITHCOCK

JOSIE WESLYNN HERREN

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Danny Nichols, P. E.

President & CEO

2026 BOARD CANDIDATES

The Nominating Committee of Colquitt Electric Membership Corporation met Tuesday, June 2, 2026, and nominated the following individuals whose names will be placed on the ballot and voted on by the Colquitt EMC membership prior to the November 3, 2026, 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, 2026. Members vote for directors via mail with election results presented at the Annual Meeting*.

**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
Clay Davis

District 4 - Cook County
Derry Bennett
Tony Marshall

(See biographies inside.)

ABOUT OUR 2026 BOARD CANDIDATES

DISTRICT 2 – BROOKS COUNTY

Patti Price Niewoehner

- Serving Brooks County on Colquitt EMC Board of Directors since 2017
- Former Chairman and Vice Chairman of Colquitt EMC Board of Directors
- 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
- Former President 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
- Current Secretary/Treasurer of Colquitt EMC Board of Directors
- Holds Credentialed Cooperative Director Certificate
- Owner/Operator of Griner Farms, LLC in West Berrien
- Maintenance Manager 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 since 1999
- Member, Councilman, and Building Committee Member of Tift Avenue Church of God



Clay Davis

- Graduate of Berrien County High School – Class of 2003
- Owner/Operator of 4D Farms since 2003
- Row-crop and cattle farmer
- Member of the Berrien County Farm Bureau
- Member of the Berrien County Young Farmers
- Fire Chief of the Nashville Fire Department since 2020
- Husband of Andrea Davis and father of two daughters, Sawyer and Jencey
- Member of Flat Creek Baptist Church



DISTRICT 4 – COOK COUNTY

Derry Bennett

- Graduate of Cook High School – Class of 1986
- President of Cook County Farm Bureau since 2013; active member for 30 years
- Cook County DFACS Board for over 21 years
- County Supervisor of Alapaha Soil & Water Conservation District
- Member of Cook County Board of Equalization since 2010
- Auctioneer/Real Estate Broker since 2000
- Owner of Grain Growers, LLC
- Farmer for 30 years farming row crops, pecans, hay and cattle
- Member of Cook County Young Farmers
- Member of Antioch Church in Cook County



Tony Marshall

- Graduate of Cook High School – Class of 1978
- Graduate of Valdosta State College: BBA, Accounting - 1983
- Attended Valdosta Technical College: Obtained Electrical Certification - 1985
- Obtained Georgia Unrestricted Master Electrical License - 1998
- Owner and Operator of A & M Electric, Inc. - 2002-Present
- 41 Years Experience in Electrical Industry
- Pastor, Primitive Baptist Churches



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ENERGIZING OUR FUTURE.

CELEBRATING ALL YEAR LONG!

STOP LOSING COMFORT FROM LEAKY AIR DUCTS

Your heating and cooling system may be doing its job, but faulty ductwork can keep that comfort from reaching the rooms where your family needs it most. In many homes, leaky, damaged, or poorly insulated ducts waste conditioned air before it ever reaches the register—leading to hot and cold spots, longer run times, and higher electric bills. Here are practical ways to spot common duct problems and know when it is time to make repairs.

- Watch for uneven comfort. Rooms that stay too hot in summer or too cold in winter may have leaking, crushed, disconnected, or under-sized ducts.

- Compare energy bills. If usage rises even though thermostat habits have not changed, duct leakage may be forcing the system to run longer.

- Inspect visible ducts. Look in attics, crawlspaces, garages, or basements for loose joints, torn flex duct, missing insulation, gaps, rust, or sections that have pulled apart.

- Check airflow at registers. Weak airflow, whistling sounds, or rooms that never seem to get enough supply air can signal restrictions, kinks, closed dampers, dirty filters, or duct leaks.

- Look for dust and musty odors. Return duct leaks can pull dust, insulation fibers, crawlspace air, or attic air into the system and spread it through the home.

- Seal the right way.

Use duct mastic or approved foil-backed tape on accessible seams and joints. Avoid common cloth “duct tape,” which dries out and fails over time.

- Insulate ducts in unconditioned spaces. After leaks are sealed, insulation helps reduce heat gain in summer and heat loss in winter, especially in attics and crawlspaces.

- Straighten and support flexible ducts. Flex duct should be pulled reasonably tight, supported often, and routed with gentle bends—not sharp turns, sags, or crushed spots.

- Seal around registers and boots. Gaps where ducts meet floors, walls, or ceilings can waste air and pull dusty attic or crawlspace air into living areas.

- Call a qualified HVAC professional for hidden or major problems. A contractor can test duct leakage, measure airflow, repair inaccessible ducts, and confirm the system is balanced and safe.

A tighter duct system can improve comfort, reduce wasted energy, and help your heating and cooling equipment work the way it was designed to work. If your home has persistent comfort problems or unusually high electric bills, do not overlook the ductwork—it may be one of the best places to start saving.



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

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CLARA DREW HISAW
CAROLINE ELIZABETH HOWELL
HAYDEN HUNTER
KAYDEN CASEY HURST
LUKE CHANDLER HYLTON
RACHEL NICOLE JIMENEZ-QUEZADA
RYLEE BRYN KILGORE
JACK LANDON KIRKSEY
DIANA LEON-HERNANDEZ
MONSERRAT LOPEZ
SAMUEL GLENN LOVERN
SADIE ROSE MASON
PAM MAULDIN
JEREMIAH MCCLAIN
JOSUE DAVID MELENDEZ

FRANKLIN MIGUEL MARTIN
ABBY MARIE MYERS
HANNAH G. NIZIO
OGUNLANA NUGA
LILIANA NUNEZ
JACKSON D. ORTMAYER
BRANDON LEE OTT
TYLER LEIGH OWENS
BRADY PADGETT
PEYTON PERKINS
JAYNA CARLTON PERRY
KARSON WILLIAMS PONDER
SAMUEL GREYSON PRITCHARD
KYNDAL RILEY REGISTER
SUMMER ALANA RICKS
IAN RUMLEY

DEADRA SMITH
ELLA JASEY SPARKMAN
LEVI I. STANFILL
KATELYNNE THOMAS
RYLEE ANN TOMPKINS
DANIEL NICKELLIS TROUTMAN
LAUREN TESS VEAZEY
ANDREA VIVEROS GALINDO
RODRIGO VIVEROS GALINDO
TAYLOR RENEE WALDRON
ELLA GRACE WARREN
ANNALEIGH DANIELLE WEAVER
AIDAN WILKES
MADISON PAIGE WILLIAMS
MITCHELL WAYNE YEAGER

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Recipe OF THE MONTH



Quick Refrigerator Dill Pickles

INGREDIENTS

10-12 pickling cucumbers or persian cucumbers
12 garlic cloves, peeled
8 large sprigs of fresh dill
4 bay leaves
1 tablespoon coriander seed
1 teaspoon black peppercorns
1 teaspoon mustard seeds
¼ teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
3 cups water
2 tablespoons kosher salt
2 tablespoons granulated sugar

DIRECTIONS

Clean the cucumbers well and then snip off the ends. Then cut into either spears or thin rounds. Stuff the cucumbers into two clean 1-quart glass jars. Divide the garlic, dill, bay leaves, coriander, peppercorns, mustard seeds and crushed red pepper flakes (if using) between both jars and set aside. In a medium saucepan, combine the water, salt and sugar. Set over moderate heat and bring to a simmer. Cook until the sugar and salt have dissolved. Remove from heat and cool down to room temperature. Once cooled, pour the mixture between both jars up to the very top. Seal tightly and place in the fridge for at least 1 week or up to 1 month.

Church of the Month



Francis Lake Baptist Church

5111 Spring Water Dr., I-75 Exit 5
Lake Park, GA 31636
Rev. Eldridge Lyons, Pastor

Services:

Sunday School	9:45 AM
Sunday Morning Worship	10:45 AM
Wednesday Night Bible Study,	
Youth & Children's Activities	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 or email marketing@colquitemc.com. Please include service schedule, address and pastor's name.

Bible Verse of the Month

"I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name of your love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word."

~ Psalm 138:2