



# COLQUITT EMC NEWSLINE

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## COOPERATION AMONG CO-OPS: COLQUITT EMC CREWS LEND HELPING HAND



When disaster strikes Colquitt EMC lends a helping hand to sister co-ops. In the aftermath of severe outages, Colquitt EMC coordinates with other electric co-ops who are standing by through mutual aid agreements.

**At Right:** Crews are briefed at a Safety Meeting before restoration work started on May 11 for Suwannee Valley Cooperative based in Live Oak, Fl.



**Top Left (L-R):** Will Willis, Clint Cook, Nick French, Davis Dalton & Billy Keigans



**Middle Left (L-R):** Lee Frazier, Matthew Moore, Matthew Roberts, Blake Askew & Charlie Bryan.

**Bottom Left (L-R):** Justin Brown, Blake Pierce, Casey Williams, Chase Johnson & Colton Hines.



## 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**

District 5 - Lowndes County  
**Bobby Exum**

District 7 - Worth/Tift Counties  
**Gary Branch**

*(See biographies inside.)*

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## 2024 BOARD CANDIDATE BIOS

### 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





## DEHUMIDIFIERS: YOUR ALLY IN HOT, HUMID HOMES

Living in a place with scorching summers and frequent rain showers can feel like you're trapped in a giant sauna. The air is thick, clothes stick to your skin, and everything seems to mildew faster than you can blink. This isn't just uncomfortable – it can also lead to health problems and damage your home. But there's a secret weapon in this fight against humidity: dehumidifiers!

- **What's a Dehumidifier, and Why Do You Need One?**

Imagine a sponge. When it's dry, it can soak up lots of water. But once it's saturated, it can't hold anymore. Air is kind of like that sponge. In hot, humid climates, the air gets "saturated" with water vapor, making you feel hot and sticky. A dehumidifier acts like a wringer for the air, squeezing out that excess moisture. This makes the air feel cooler and more comfortable, even if you don't change the temperature.

- **Here's why a dehumidifier is a must-have in your steamy home:**

**Healthier Air:** High humidity is a breeding ground for mold, mildew, and dust mites. These can trigger allergies and asthma, making it harder to breathe. By reducing humidity, a dehumidifier creates a healthier environment for everyone in your house.

**Comfy Cooling:** Air conditioners work by removing heat from the air. But when the air is already packed with moisture, it's harder for them to do their job. A dehumidifier takes care of the moisture problem, allowing your AC to work more efficiently and keep you cooler without needing to crank it down to freezing. This saves you money on your energy bills!

**Protecting Your Home:** Excess moisture can damage your belongings, warping wood furniture, peeling paint, and even causing electrical problems. A dehumidifier helps prevent these costly issues by keeping your home at a healthy humidity level.

- **Dehumidification: Your Key to a Cooler, Healthier Home**

By investing in a dehumidifier, you're investing in your comfort, health, and the well-being of your home. Remember, a little dehumidification goes a long way in creating a more comfortable and healthy environment, especially in hot and humid climates. So, ditch the swampy feeling and breathe easy with the help of your trusty dehumidifier!

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*Save the Date*

**OCTOBER 29, 2024**

**COLQUITT EMC'S 88<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS**

— SPENCE FIELD, MOULTRIE

## Tired Of Waiting For The Bill To Arrive?



**Sign-up for e-bill to receive a notification when your bill is ready to view!**

To enroll, login to your Colquitt EMC Account. Under the "My Account" menu tab, select "Bill Notification". Under "Bill Method", select "E-Bill" to enroll.



# Recipe OF THE MONTH



## Parmesan Zucchini

### **INGREDIENTS**

1/3 cup seasoned bread crumbs  
1/4 cup parmesan cheese, grated  
4 small zucchini, quartered lengthwise  
1 egg, beaten (or egg substitute)

### **DIRECTIONS**

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. In a bowl, combine bread crumbs and cheese topping. Dip zucchini strips into egg, then into crumb mixture. Place on baking sheet coated with nonstick cooking spray. Bake at 450 degrees for 20-25 minutes or until golden brown and tender.

## Church of the Month



### **Morrison Baptist Church**

13527 Moultrie Hwy. • Barney, GA  
Pastor: Paul Coleman

### ***Service Schedule***

Sunday School	10 AM
Sunday Morning Worship	11 AM
Sunday Night Discipleship Training	5:30 PM
Wednesday Prayer Service	7 PM

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To nominate your church for Church of the Month, please contact Sonya Aldridge at 229-985-3620 ext. 1225 with your church's information. Please include service schedule, address and pastor's name.

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

Be still, and know that I am God.

~ Psalm 46:10