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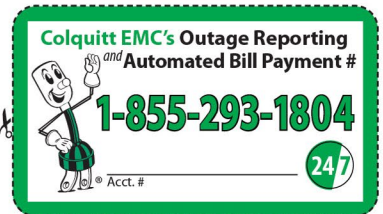
### ACCOUNT NUMBER AWARENESS MONTH

In life, we have to memorize a lot of numbers. When you're a child, it's your lunch number, or your parents' phone number. When you get older, it's your computer password, your Social Security Number, and so many more! While it can be easy for your Colquitt EMC Account Number to get lost in the sea of passcodes and numbers you must remember, it is so important that you have it in your mind and know the different ways it can be utilized.

Your Account Number is made up of many digits, but it serves many purposes!

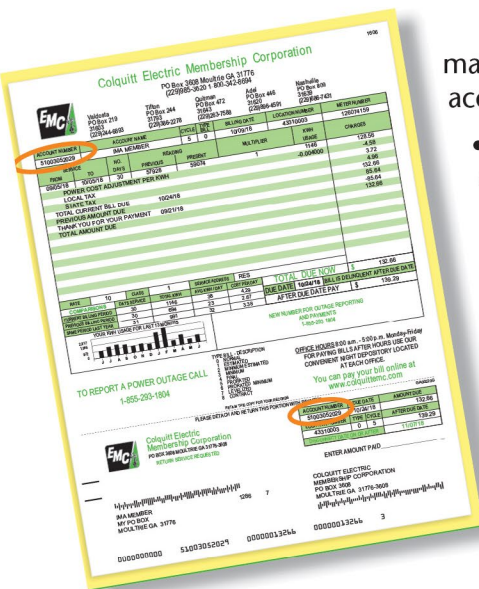
Knowing your Account Number is a crucial part of accessing many of the aspects of Colquitt EMC membership. You use your account number to access:

- The Mobile App
- The Online Account Portal
- The Automated Bill Pay
- The Outage Reporting System



#### Where is your Account Number?

Your Account Number is an 11-digit number located on the top left corner of your bill and on the payment stub. An easy way to always have your Account Number on hand is to keep a copy of it in your phone or wallet.



## Remembering Bryce Howell

Colquitt EMC mourns the loss of employee, Bryce Howell. Bryce served Colquitt EMC for nearly 4 years and worked as a Lineman. Please keep his family and friends in your thoughts and prayers as they navigate this difficult time.



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## DISTRICT 1 – COLQUITT COUNTY

### **Brett Bennett**

- 1994 Graduate of Colquitt County High School
- Began B&C Poultry Farm in 1994
- Kenny Bennett Farms since 1998
- Farm Manager/Co Owner L&M Farms of Georgia 2000-2024
- Owner/Operator of Bennett Family Farms since 2024
- Member of Colquitt County Young Farmers
- Member of Colquitt County Farm Bureau
- Member of Colquitt County Junior Livestock Association and served on various committees within the association
- Member of Autreyville Baptist Church



### **Al Funderburk**

- 1987 Graduate of Valdosta State College with Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting
- Successfully completed the Uniform Certified Public Accounting (CPA) Examination in 1992
- 38 years' experience in accounting and taxation for individuals and small businesses
- Partner at Funderburk & Newsome, CPAs in Moultrie since 2002
- National Wild Turkey Woodlands Conservation Award Winner in 2007
- Member, Treasurer and Deacon of Hartsfield Baptist Church



### **Matt Murphy**

- Sales Representative for Lasseter Tractor 17+ years
- Graduate of Louisiana Tech University and Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
- Farms row crops and cattle
- Graduate of Georgia Agrileaders Foundation Program (AGL) Class of 2009
- Honorary Member of Georgia Young Farmers
- Member of First Baptist Church Moultrie



## DISTRICT 5 – LOWNDES COUNTY

### **Thomas (Trey) Cothron, III**

- Served on Colquitt EMC's Board since 2022
- Fire Lieutenant with Valdosta Fire Department; assigned to operations division
- Farmer and cattleman with 82 head of cattle
- Attended Valdosta Technical College; received Firefighter 1 and Firefighter 2 Certification
- Attends Redlands Baptist Church



## DISTRICT 6 – TIFT COUNTY

### **B. Don Copeland**

- Served on Colquitt EMC's Board since 1979
- Credentialed Cooperative Director
- Previously served as Chairman and Vice Chairman of Colquitt EMC Board
- Previously served as Chairman and Vice Chairman of Georgia Electric Membership Corporation's Board of Directors
- Retired from United Parcel Service
- Member of New River Baptist Church



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***Danny Nichols, P. E., President/CEO***



## HOW TO USE FANS TO STAY COOL AND SAVE ENERGY



When the weather gets hot, staying cool at home can be a challenge. Air conditioners are great, but they use a lot of electricity. Fans are a smart and energy-saving way to stay comfortable during warm weather. With the right tips and tricks, you can use fans to cool your home without running up your energy bill.

### How Fans Help You Stay Cool

Fans don't actually lower the temperature in a room. Instead, they move air around, which helps your body feel cooler. When air moves across your skin, it helps sweat evaporate faster, making you feel more comfortable. This is called the "wind chill effect."

### There are different types of fans you can use:

**Ceiling fans:** Great for large rooms. They push air down to create a breeze.

**Box fans:** These are portable and can be placed in windows or doorways.

**Oscillating fans:** These move side to side and are good for spreading air around a room.

**Tower fans:** Tall and slim, they fit well in small spaces and often come with extra features like timers or remote controls.

### Here are some easy ways to get the most out of your fans:

**Use ceiling fans the right way:** In the summer, make sure your ceiling fan spins counterclockwise. This pushes cool air down. Most fans have a switch to change the direction.

**During cooler low humidity days turn off the AC and create a cross breeze:** Place a fan across from a window to pull in cooler air from outside. You can also place one fan facing in and another facing out to move air through your home.

**Turn off fans when you leave:** Fans cool people, not rooms. If no one is in the room, turn the fan off to save energy.

**Use fans with your AC:** Set your air conditioner a few degrees higher and use a fan to help spread the cool air. This can save money on your energy bill.

### Choosing Energy-Efficient Fans

When shopping for a new fan, look for the ENERGY STAR® label. These fans use up to 60% less energy than standard models. Some energy-efficient fans also come with features like:

**Timers:** So they turn off automatically.

**Multiple speed settings:** So you can use just the right amount of power.

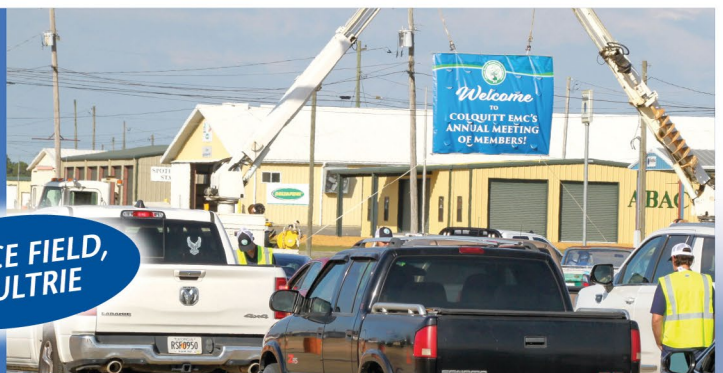
**Remote controls:** For easy use from across the room.

### Final Thoughts

Fans are a simple and affordable way to stay cool during warm weather. By using them wisely and choosing energy-efficient models, you can stay comfortable while saving money. So, the next time the temperature rises, turn on a fan and enjoy the breeze!

*Save the Date*  
**OCTOBER 28, 2025**  
**COLQUITT EMC'S**  
**89<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL**  
**MEETING**  
**OF MEMBERS**

**SPENCE FIELD,**  
**MOULTRIE**



# Recipe OF THE MONTH



## Thai-Style Fried Rice

### INGREDIENTS

2 ½ cups bell peppers cut into short strips  
¼ cup vegetable oil  
½ tablespoon fresh ginger root, minced  
2 tablespoons garlic cloves, minced  
6 cups of cooked rice  
2 eggs, lightly beaten  
1 cup fresh tomato, chopped  
2 tablespoons of hot chili paste  
2 tablespoons of light soy sauce  
½ lime, juice of  
½ lime, cut into thin wedges  
Scallion, cut on diagonal

### DIRECTIONS

In a wok, heat the oil and stir fry the ginger and garlic until golden. Remove them with a slotted spoon and save for later. In the same oil, stir-fry the vegetables until just cooked. Remove the vegetables from the wok and set aside. Add the rice to the wok and heat thoroughly. With your stirring spoon, make a hole in the center of the rice, down to the wok and put in the eggs. Stir until they are pretty well set before you mix them into the rice. The more you cook the eggs before stirring them into the rice, the drier the dish will be. Add the tomatoes, the reserved ginger and garlic and the stir-fried vegetables. Finally, mix in the chili sauce, soy sauce and lime juice. For serving, top each serving with thin slices of scallions. Put thin slices of lime on the side.

## Church of the Month



### Temple Baptist Church

2138 US Hwy. 319 S • Moultrie, GA  
Pastor: Shane Smith

### Service Schedule

Saturday - Celebrate Recovery	5:15 PM
Sunday School	9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship	10:40 AM
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Study	6:30-8:00 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

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

~ John 15:12