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Stay In Touch

At Altamaha EMC, we are constantly striving to improve our operational efficiency so we can provide the most reliable electric service possible for members (that's you!). We rely on data for nearly every aspect of our operations, which is why we need your help. By making sure we have your most accurate and complete contact information, we can continue to provide the high level of service that you expect and deserve. Accurate information enables us to improve customer service and enhance communications for reporting and repairing outages. It also allows co-op members to receive information about other important programs, events and activities.

Up-to-date contact information can potentially speed up the power restoration process during an outage. For example, the phone number you provide links your service address to our outage management system. This means when you call to report an outage, our system recognizes your phone number and matches it with your account location. Accurate information helps our outage management system predict the location and possible cause of an outage, making it easier for our crews to correct the problem.

While we always do our best to maintain service, we occasionally plan outages to update, repair or replace equipment. In these instances, we can provide advance notification to affected members through automated phone messages, text messages or email, if we have your updated contact information and communication preferences.

By signing up for text and/or e-mail alerts, we can send you reminders about your due date, payment notifications and usage alerts. Keeping the co-op updated with your information also helps us contact you when we need to discuss issues with you regarding payments, energy use or billing.

Many of you have been members of the co-op for years, and it's likely that your account information hasn't been updated for some time. We recognize that many members now use a cell phone as their primary phone service, and we might not have that number in our system. We will never share your contact information with any third parties. It is only used by Altamaha EMC to send important information to you.

Please take a moment to confirm or update your contact information by calling our office at **912-526-8181**. By doing so, you will be helping us improve service and efficiency so we can better serve you.



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Membership Corporation*

CENSUS 101: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The 2020 Census is closer than you think!
Here's a quick refresher of what it is and why it's essential that everyone is counted.

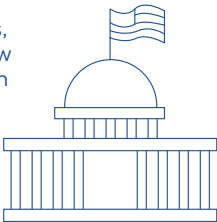
Everyone counts.

The census counts every person living in the United States once, only once, and in the right place.



It's about fair representation.

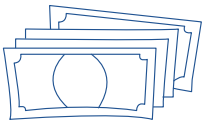
Every 10 years, the results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets.



It's in the Constitution.

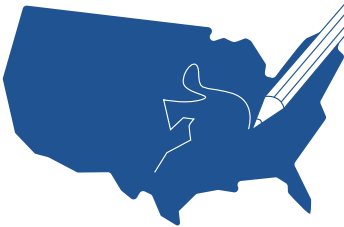
The U.S. Constitution mandates that everyone in the country be counted every 10 years. The first census was in 1790.

It's about \$675 billion.



The distribution of more than \$675 billion in federal funds, grants, and support to states, counties, and communities are based on census data.

That money is spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public works, and other vital programs.

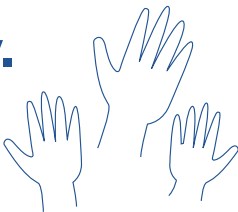


It's about redistricting.

After each decade's census, state officials redraw the boundaries of the congressional and state legislative districts in their states to account for population shifts.

Taking part is your civic duty.

Completing the census is mandatory: it's a way to participate in our democracy and say "I COUNT!"



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Placing hot food in the refrigerator makes the appliance work harder than necessary, using more energy. Allow food to cool down before you place it in the fridge.



Foundation Scholarship Applications Available

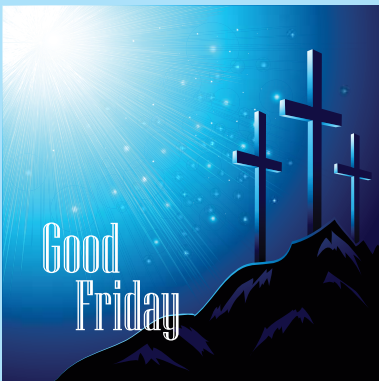
Four scholarships, worth \$1,000 each, will be awarded to local students this spring. The Altamaha EMC Foundation Scholarship was founded in an effort to help local students further their education. The scholarships are funded entirely by members' donations through Operation Round Up. Applicants must be a high school senior and live in the household of an Altamaha EMC member.

Applications are available on our website, www.altamahaemc.com. You can also request an application from any of our four office locations.

Scholarships will be awarded based on academic ability and financial need. Winners will be announced in May 2020. The deadline to apply is April 15, 2020.



Holiday Closing Notice



The offices of Altamaha EMC will be closed Friday, April 10 in observance of Good Friday. The drive-in window at our Lyons office only will remain open for the convenience of our members.

In the event of a power outage or related problems, standby personnel will be on duty. You can report power outages by calling (912) 526-8181 or (800) 822-4563.

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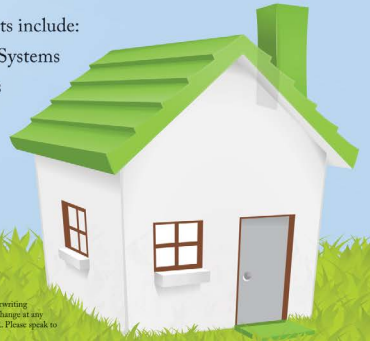
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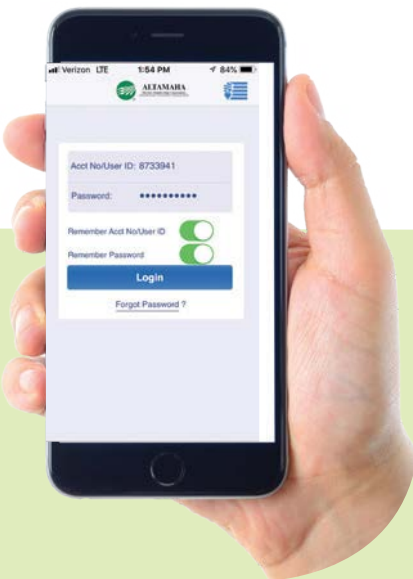
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- Report outages



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Member RECIPES

*Courtesy of Chef Holly Chute, as prepared at the
2019 Georgia National Fair*

Sour Cream and Chive Biscuits

Ingredients:

4 cups self-rising flour, plus more for
kneading and rolling
1 (16-ounce) container sour cream
1/2 cup finely chopped chives or scallions
1 cup buttermilk



Directions:

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Place flour in a large bowl. Add sour cream and chives then the buttermilk. Use a wooden spoon to combine. Liberally flour a cutting board with additional self-rising flour. Turn dough out onto board. Gently knead dough, incorporating more flour until it is not sticky to the touch. Roll or pat out dough to about one-inch thickness. Using desired size of biscuit cutter, dip cutter in flour then cut out biscuits, placing them onto an ungreased baking sheet. Bake 12-16 minutes until lightly golden. **Note:** *Serve biscuits on their own or with your choice of toppings, such as pimento cheese, country ham or chopped chives or scallions.*

For recipes from farms and producers across
our state, visit Georgia Grown's website,
www.georgiagrown.com.