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2021 Annual Meeting—What You Need to Know

- **Wednesday, November 3, 2021**
- **Southeastern Technical College in Vidalia**
- **Registration begins at Noon and ends at 2:30 PM**
- The meeting will be conducted in a **drive-thru format**.
- Members will remain in their vehicles at all times.
- Enter the access route using Pete Phillips Drive (between Walmart and Southeastern Technical College). Employees will direct traffic to the registration area.
- **PLEASE BRING THE COVER FROM THE NOVEMBER EDITION OF GEORGIA MAGAZINE WITH YOU TO THE MEETING. THE COVER CONTAINS YOUR REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND VOTING BALLOT. YOU WILL RECEIVE THE GEORGIA MAGAZINE IN THE MAIL DURING THE LAST WEEK OF OCTOBER.**
- The business meeting will be broadcast over 88.5 FM on your car radio.

The concern for the health and safety of our members and employees is our utmost priority. We look forward to seeing you – at a distance – on November 3rd.



October is National Cooperative Month

Co-ops—Locally Owned and Operated

When you hear the word local, think of Altamaha EMC- your electric cooperative. The fact that we are a locally owned company – owned by the consumers we serve – keeps us focused on your needs and local priorities.

Your co-op is a local business, owned by the people it serves. That means conducting business through a locally elected board of directors and an annual meeting where policy is proposed and voted on by consumers. It's the “people” part- the personal involvement, the grassroots activities – that characterizes what electric co-ops are all about.



**Community born.
Community led.
Focused on YOU.**

October is
National Co-op Month!

Your co-op's commitment to you begins with helping you keep your electric bill as low as possible. We deliver service to you at the cost of service. There are no hidden fees and no profits for investors in faraway cities. Any money that is left over stays in our community and is put to work strengthening the economic well-being of our towns and neighborhoods.

People who know the community resolve questions about service and billing locally.

Because electric co-ops are so closely linked to their communities, there are countless examples of activities that have the “co-op touch”: conducting safety programs at schools and at the local library; working with community organizations to get new businesses and industries started; participating with civic groups to improve the quality of life in our community - the list goes on and on.

It is precisely because your electric co-op is a local business, owned by its member-consumers and staffed by local professionals that it is in a good position to listen and respond to your needs. All these things - helping consumers save energy, economic development, and volunteerism – point to one thing: your electric co-op and its staff are more than just an electric utility. We are an integral part of the community. That's why we will continue to do everything we can to improve the quality of life in your community.

Why would an electric utility be involved in these kinds of activities? Because your cooperative, Altamaha EMC, has always played an important role in our communities. Service means not only making sure the electricity is flowing but also making sure that the community and its citizens are thriving and prospering.

Service means helping friends, neighbors, and business colleagues on Main Street and nearby – the people you see on a daily basis. Service means reaching toward new horizons to make life better for everyone. Altamaha EMC, your local electric co-op, is a company that cares about the people it serves. That service goes a long way beyond keeping the lights on. It's neighbors helping neighbors. That's what it's all about – that's the electric co-op tradition.

*Neighbors
Helping
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Scholarship Opportunities...

Walter Harrison Scholarship Applications Now Available

Altamaha EMC is currently accepting applications for the **Walter Harrison Scholarship**, a program sponsored by Georgia's electric cooperatives.

The \$1,000 scholarship can be applied to academic expenses at any accredited two- or four-year university, college or vocational-technical institute in Georgia. Factors for consideration include grade point average, SAT scores, academic standing, scholastic honors, and financial need. A scholarship committee comprised of EMC directors and managers selects students who exceed in these areas and who struggle with college expenses. Twelve scholarships will be awarded statewide in early spring of 2022.

Students who apply for the scholarship must live in the household of an Altamaha EMC member. Applicants must be accepted or enrolled in an accredited undergraduate degree program. They also must complete an application and write a biographical sketch which provides a preview of their future plans.

Created in 1985 by the board of directors of Georgia EMC, the scholarship pays tribute to the late Walter Harrison, a pioneer in the rural electricity movement and a leader at local, state and national levels in the electric cooperative program. Since 1985, Georgia's electric cooperatives have awarded more than \$150,000 to students via the Walter Harrison Scholarship program.

Applications are available for download on our website. You can also request an application by contacting **Tammye Vaughn** at **912-526-2120** or via email at **tammye.vaughn@altamahaemc.com**. **Completed applications are due by January 28, 2022.**

Foundation Scholarship Applications Available

Four scholarships, worth \$500 each, will be awarded to local students in March 2022. The **Altamaha EMC Foundation Scholarship** program 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 by contacting **Tammye Vaughn** at **912-526-2120** or via email at **tammye.vaughn@altamahaemc.com**.

Scholarships will be awarded based on academic ability and financial need. Winners will be announced in March 2022. **Completed applications are due by February 28, 2022.**

Shoo away vampires this Halloween

Little ghosts, goblins and princesses are a welcome sight on Halloween night. But beware of the vampire lurking inside your home.

You could be paying for vampire energy—electricity that leaks from your appliances, computers and entertainment systems—if you leave them plugged in, even when they’re turned off. Any cord that is plugged into an electrical outlet draws electricity. So if you leave your mobile phone charger plugged in after you’ve removed the phone or you leave your computer and scanner plugged in after you shut down for the evening, you could be wasting, and paying for, unused energy.

Most people leave electronics plugged in all the time because it’s convenient to be able to turn them on without having to plug them in again and again, and day after day. The worst offenders are “remote-ready” appliances, like computers, cable boxes, stereos, TVs, microwave ovens, garage door openers and video game consoles.

As long as they’re plugged in, they remain in a “ready” state so they don’t have to wake up or warm up when you turn them on. That can cost you between \$165 and

\$440 each year in wasted electricity, depending on how many devices you have.

Our tip: Invest in a high-quality power strip—one that will sacrifice itself during a power surge rather than letting the surge ruin the appliance. Plug multiple items into the power strip and unplug the strip before bedtime. That’s easier than unplugging and re-plugging lots of appliances.

Our caution: Don’t overload your home’s electrical circuits by plugging too many appliances into a single power strip. And if you live in an older home, consult an electrician about how much of an electrical load your single outlets can handle.



Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month

Old, uninsulated and improperly installed exterior doors can waste energy and money. Shut the door on wasted energy by weather stripping and sealing all exterior doors. If you have an old exterior door, consider replacing it with a newer, energy efficient model.

Source: www.energy.gov



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Member RECIPES

Crockpot Cheesy French Onion Chicken

Ingredients

4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
1 medium onion, chopped
1 packet onion soup mix
1 can French onion soup
Sliced Swiss cheese

Spray bottom of crockpot with non-stick spray or use a liner bag. Place chicken breast in bottom of crockpot. Place chopped onion on top of chicken. Sprinkle the onion soup mix across the top. Pour the French onion soup evenly over the top. Cook on low for 4 – 6 hours. Transfer chicken and all juices to a casserole dish. Top each breast with sliced Swiss cheese. Broil in oven for 3 – 4 minutes until cheese starts to melt. Serve with rice or mashed potatoes.

– From the kitchen of Abby Vaughn

Each month, our newsletter features recipes submitted by our members. If you have a favorite recipe and would like to share it with other readers in the Altamaha EMC service area, send a copy, complete with name, address and daytime phone number to: Tammye Vaughn, Altamaha EMC, P.O. Box 346, Lyons, GA 30436. Each month, a recipe will be selected for publication. The member who submitted the featured recipe will be given a \$10 credit on their next Altamaha EMC bill. Due to limited space, not all recipes received will be featured. Recipes printed in *Plugged In* are not independently tested; therefore, we must depend on the accuracy of those members who send recipes to us.