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2022 Annual Meeting—What You Need to Know

- **Wednesday, November 2, 2022**
- **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 BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR YOUR REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND VOTING BALLOT. IT WILL NOT BE ATTACHED TO THE COVER OF THE GEORGIA MAGAZINE THIS YEAR! IT WILL BE MAILED SEPARATELY. YOU SHOULD RECEIVE THIS 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 2nd.





Notice of Temporary Power Cost Increase

Dear Altamaha EMC Member,

We are all experiencing higher costs at every turn. It is almost impossible to find a business or individual who has not been affected by these unfortunate price increases. Altamaha EMC has been significantly impacted by rising costs as well. Our increased costs are largely due to the unprecedented rise in natural gas prices. Natural gas is used to generate much of the power we purchase for re-sale to our members. When our wholesale energy prices increase, the cost of power for our members must also increase.

Due to these rising costs, Altamaha EMC members will see increased energy charges on their electric bills for the next few months. Our Board of Directors and management team will closely monitor the power cost situation and adjust monthly to minimize these increases. We believe this increase will be temporary.

As a member of a not-for-profit electric cooperative, you have the benefit of a dedicated staff working to bring reliable, affordable electric service to you – at cost. Since our inception in 1936, Altamaha EMC has prioritized the families, farmers, and small businesses in the communities we serve. Please know that we continue to keep your priorities in mind as we plan for the future. We know that affordable electricity, avoided outages, speedy restoration during outages, and friendly customer service are important to you. That's why they are priorities here at Altamaha EMC. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

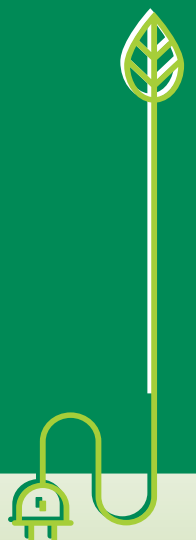
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Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

If you can see daylight around a window frame or if you can rattle a window (movement means possible leaks), the window likely needs to be sealed. Most window leaks can be sealed with caulk or weatherstripping, which come in a variety of compounds and materials. Visit www.energy.gov/energysaver to learn how and where to seal air leaks.

Source: energy.gov



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 2023.

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 **Will NeSmith** at **(912) 526-8181** or via email at **will.nesmith@altamahaemc.com**. **Completed applications are due by January 27, 2023.**

Foundation Scholarship Applications Available

Four scholarships, worth \$1,000 each, will be awarded to local students in March 2023. 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 **Will NeSmith** at **(912) 526-8181** or via email at **will.nesmith@altamahaemc.com**.

Scholarships will be awarded based on academic ability and financial need. Winners will be announced in March 2023. **Completed applications are due by February 28, 2023.**





Focused on YOU.

Electric cooperatives were created to serve their members. Because we're a co-op, we're able to adapt to our community's unique needs. That's the power of co-op membership.

**OCTOBER IS NATIONAL
CO-OP MONTH**

By the Community, for the Community

October is National Co-op Month

When you think of October, pumpkins, Halloween and beautiful fall foliage naturally come to mind. But October is notable for another reason – it's National Co-op Month! This is the time of year when cooperatives across the country, including Altamaha EMC, celebrate who we are and more importantly, the members we serve.

Cooperatives are different than other types of businesses. When the market declines to offer a product or service, or does so at a very high price, co-ops intervene to fill the need.

Similar to how Altamaha EMC was built by members who came together to bring electricity to our community, cooperatives are conveners for the common good. Your electric co-op exists to provide safe, reliable and affordable energy to you, the members of the co-op. Equally important is our mission to enrich the lives of the members we serve.

As a co-op, we are well-suited to meet the needs of the community because we are locally governed. Our board of directors, who helps set long-term priorities for the co-op, live locally on co-op lines. These board members have been elected to the position by neighbors like you.

We know our members (that's you!) have a valuable perspective. That's why we are continually seeking your input. Whether through community events, our social media channels or the annual meeting, we want to hear from you.

Our close connection to the community ensures we get a first-hand perspective on local priorities, thereby enabling us to make more informed decisions on long-term investments, such as high-speed broadband, community solar programs, equipment and technology upgrades.

Another feature that sets our co-op apart from a traditional utility is one of our core principles, "Concern for Community." We participate in the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour, where we take our community's brightest young people to Washington, D.C. for a week-long immersion to experience democracy in action. We also fund multiple scholarships for our local youth through our Altamaha EMC Foundation.

Ultimately, the larger community benefits from these programs because of you and your neighbors. You empower the co-op through your membership and through your participation in and support of these programs.

We hope you will think of Altamaha EMC as more than your energy provider, but instead as a local business that supports this community and powers economic development and prosperity for the people.

We will continue to learn from our members about their priorities so that we can better serve you – because your electric co-op was built by the community, for the community.



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Member RECIPES

Caramel Nut Bars

Ingredients

CRUST:

1 box yellow cake mix
1/3 cup margarine, softened
1 egg

FILLING:

1 (14 oz) can sweetened condensed milk
1 cup chopped pecans (or walnuts)
1/2 cup baking chips (ex: bit o' brickle or chocolate)

Directions

Preheat oven to 350°F and grease a 9×13-inch baking pan with nonstick spray. Mix well cake, margarine, and egg. Then press into bottom of prepared pan.

Pour all combined filling ingredients (sweetened condensed milk, pecans, bits o' brickle) over the base. Bake 25-28 minutes. Let cool completely before cutting.

***-From the kitchen of
Anita Shephard***

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.