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2021 Annual Meeting

Altamaha EMC will hold our 2021 annual meeting on Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at Southeastern Technical College in Vidalia. Due to rising positive COVID-19 cases in our area, we will practice social distancing guidelines as outlined by the CDC and limit person-to-person contact by using a “drive-through” format for this year’s meeting. The format will be the same as our 2020 annual meeting.

Members will enter the access route using Pete Phillips Drive (between Walmart and Southeastern Technical College). Employees will direct traffic to the registration area. Members will remain in their vehicles for the entire meeting.

During the registration process, members will receive the ever-popular bucket of goodies and snacks and cast their votes to approve the minutes from the 2020 annual meeting and for election of directors. Music and information will be broadcast over a designated radio station in advance of the business meeting. The business meeting will begin at 2:30 pm and will be broadcast over the designated radio station.

Concern for the health and safety of our members and employees is our utmost priority. More details regarding the annual meeting will be mailed to our members closer to the date. We look forward to seeing you (at a distance) on November 3, 2021.



CO-OP CONFERENCE INSPIRES YOUNG LEADERS

Cooperatives across the state, including Altamaha EMC, hosted the 35th annual Georgia Cooperative Council Youth Leadership Conference at the Georgia FFA-FCCLA Center in Covington in July. **AnnaKade Clemens** of Swainsboro was one of 30 teens attending the camp to build and enhance leadership skills and learn about cooperatives and the role they play in communities across the state.

According to Tammye Vaughn, Altamaha EMC Manager of Marketing and Communications, “We feel a responsibility to teach these future community leaders the principles upon which cooperatives were founded and operate today and how co-ops differ from other business models because conference attendees will likely be future leaders in their communities.”



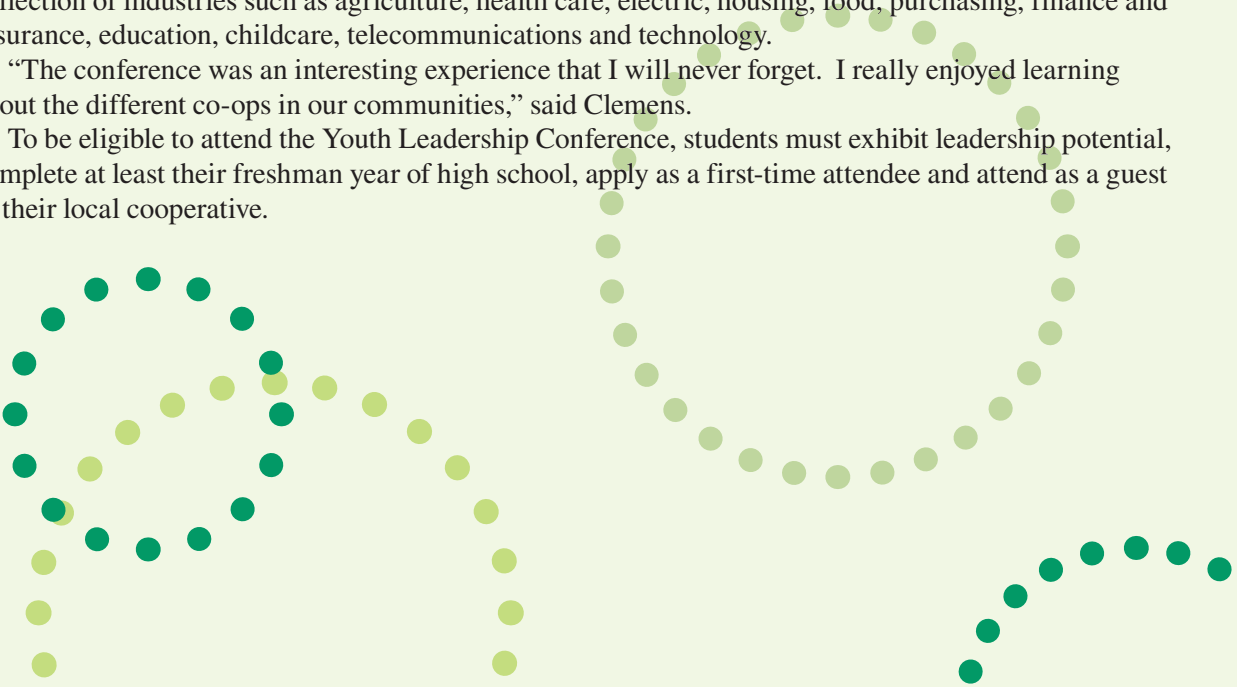
Aside from networking and forming friendships, the camp promoted teamwork through a series of exercises, training and presentations. Adventures included the center’s challenging high ropes and slip and slide to encourage personal development and team building skills. Students participated in a personality assessment seminar, a session learning about the cooperative business model, and a leadership training session. Conference attendees left with a greater awareness of how co-ops operate and the impact of co-ops in their local community and nation.

The conference educated the attendees about the diversity of industries represented by

co-ops. According to Vaughn, cooperatives come in different shapes and sizes and include a broad collection of industries such as agriculture, health care, electric, housing, food, purchasing, finance and insurance, education, childcare, telecommunications and technology.

“The conference was an interesting experience that I will never forget. I really enjoyed learning about the different co-ops in our communities,” said Clemens.

To be eligible to attend the Youth Leadership Conference, students must exhibit leadership potential, complete at least their freshman year of high school, apply as a first-time attendee and attend as a guest of their local cooperative.



Affordable Electricity Powers Quality of Life

Most of us use electricity, either directly or indirectly, at almost all times. Because electricity is so abundant and available with the simple flip of a switch, it's easy to take it for granted.

According to the Energy Information Agency (EIA), the typical U.S. household now uses more air conditioning, appliances and consumer electronics than ever before. The average home also contains 10 or more internet-connected devices. Considering everything that is powered by electricity, it's no wonder we occasionally might wince at our monthly bill. But keep in mind, it's no longer just the "light bill."

Electricity powers our quality of life. From the infrastructure of your home (appliances, water heater and HVAC system) to charging your smartphones, computers, TV and Wi-Fi router, your energy bill covers so much more than lighting.

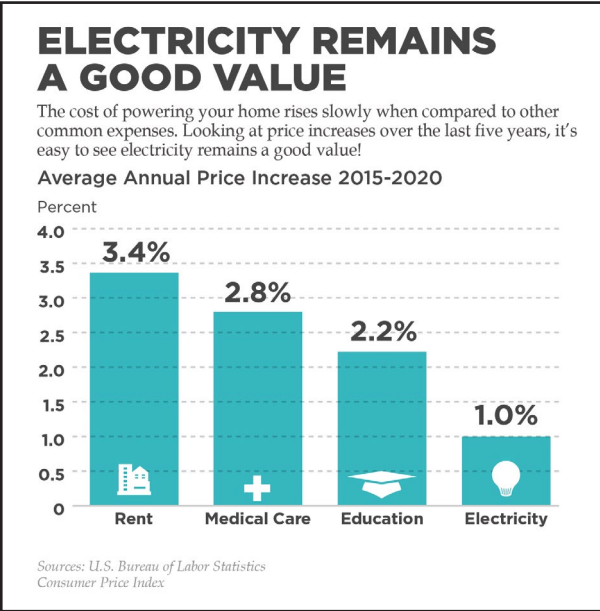
Today, there is more demand for electricity than ever before. At home, in schools and business, and in commercial sectors such as transportation, the need for electricity is increasing. Typically when demand goes up, so too does the price, as is the case with most goods or services, like cable or even your favorite specialty coffee. However, that's not true with electricity. Let's take a look at how the value of electricity compares to other common expenses.

Over the last five years, the cost of rent increased 3.4%; medical care increased 2.8%; and education

increased 2.2%. But the cost of electricity only increased 1%. Considering all the ways we depend on electricity, it still remains a great value.

So, the next time you're enjoying your favorite podcast, TV series or movie, consider the value of electricity and how it enhances your quality of life.

We care about you, the members we serve, and understand that electricity is more than a commodity—it's a necessity. That's why Altamaha EMC will continue working hard to power your life, reliably and affordably.



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Vidalia Small Engine

Keep Our Poles Clear and Our Linemen Safe

Most jobs do not require you to climb 40 feet in the air and conduct business within a few feet of high voltage power lines. However, this is just an ordinary day at the office for our linemen. Although we have a fleet of bucket trucks, it is often necessary to climb poles for maintenance and repairs.

Home security camera technology and usage has spiked over the last several years. Because of this, we are finding more and more cameras mounted to our power poles. Although seemingly innocent enough, installing cameras or other items on utility poles creates serious safety hazards. Nails and screws used to secure cameras, as well as the cameras themselves, pose dangers to linemen who must climb poles. Sharp objects like nails, screws and staples can puncture

linemen’s high voltage gloves. Obstructions attached to poles can cause a lineman’s hooks to “cut-out” from a pole causing them to fall.

Unauthorized pole attachments such as lights, cameras, tree stands, satellite dishes, balloons, flyers, signs, etc. can hinder a lineman from doing his job and put his life in danger. For this reason, it is against the law to attach any personal property to any of our poles. Safety is our top priority and we urge you to help us keep our linemen safe.





Member RECIPES

Spaghetti Bake

Ingredients

1 pound spaghetti
1 pound ground beef
1 small onion, diced
4 cups spaghetti sauce (we like Prego 3 cheese)
½ teaspoon kosher salt
2 large eggs
5 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
2 cups cottage cheese, divided
4 cups mozzarella cheese, shredded and divided

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9x13 baking dish. Cook pasta 2 minutes shy of the directions on box. In a large skillet, brown meat and onions until fully cooked; drain grease. Add in the spaghetti sauce and mix well. Toss the noodles in the salt, eggs and butter. Put half the pasta mixture in the bottom of the baking dish. Add half the cottage cheese, half the meat sauce and half of the mozzarella. Top with the remaining noodles, the rest of the cottage cheese, meat sauce and mozzarella. Cover with foil and bak for 30 minutes. Remove the foil and bake an additional 15 minutes or until the cheese is crispy and golden brown.

– *From the kitchen of Emily Daniels*

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.