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President Carter Visits East Georgia College

East Georgia College held a dedication ceremony February 18, 2003, for its new Classroom/Activity Center. Leading the dedication ceremony were many officials including East Georgia College Interim President Dr. J. Foster Watkins, Chancellor Thomas C. Meredith and Rep. Butch Parrish. Hundreds of citizens attended the ceremony and were on hand to welcome President and Mrs. Jimmy Carter.



President and Mrs. Jimmy Carter attend the dedication ceremony at East Georgia College's new Classroom/Activity Center.

The Carters spoke about their work at The Carter Center. The Carter Center is a private, non-profit institution founded by the former president and his wife in 1982. In partnership with Emory

University, the Center is guided by a fundamental commitment to human rights and the alleviation of human suffering; it seeks to prevent and resolve conflicts, enhance freedom and democracy, and improve health. The Carter Center is based in downtown Atlanta.

Mrs. Carter also spoke in depth about her involvement with various campaigns including mental health, early childhood immunization, human rights and conflict

resolution through her work at The Carter Center.

Before leaving Swainsboro, the Carters visited the new technology park, which is served by Altamaha EMC.

Payment Locations

For your convenience, we have numerous locations throughout our service area where you can make payments on your electric account.

- Morris State Bank, Downtown Office—301 Bellevue Avenue, Dublin
- Morris State Bank, Dublin Mall Office—2003 Veterans Boulevard, Dublin
- Farmers & Merchants Bank, Main Office—600 Bellevue Avenue, Dublin
- Farmers & Merchants Bank, Westgate Office—1959 Veterans Boulevard, Dublin
- Farmers & Merchants Bank, East Dublin Office—220 Central Drive, East Dublin
- Colony Bank, Soperton Office—310 Main Street West, Soperton (Colony Bank also accepts DIRECTV payments)



You must have your bill stub with you when making a payment at any of the above-listed banks.

- Altamaha EMC Swainsboro Office—730 Highway #1 South, Swainsboro
- Altamaha EMC Lyons Office—Highway 280, Lyons

View Your Electric Bill Online

“Where did I put my electric bill?” Does that sound familiar to you? How many times have you been ready to write your check to pay your electric bill, but couldn't find it? You waste valuable time looking for it, and usually, you have to call Altamaha EMC to get the correct amount before writing your check. If this scenario is a common one in your household, you will want to take advantage of our new online bill viewing option.

Here's how online bill viewing works. Go to www.altamahaemc.com. Click on the *view my bill* link. Click *customer login*. Type in your full account number, except for the last two digits. You will also be asked to type in a password. The first time you enter the site, use your account number as your password. You will then be prompted to change your password to one of your own choosing. You will also be asked to enter some “hint” information that can be used to remind you of your new password if you ever forget it. Use your new password each time you log in to view your bill. After entering your password, click *submit*.

The next screen you view will be a listing of all electric accounts you have under the account number you entered. In the option column, click on the box for the account you wish to view and then click *view my bill*. The next screen will show you several months from which you can choose the month you want to view. Click on the binoculars symbol next to the month you wish to view. (If there is not a binoculars symbol beside a month, that means online billing is not available for that time period.) You will then see your electric bill.

Watch your newsletter for more details—we will soon add the option of paying your electric bill online.



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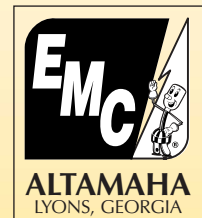
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Helping Our Communities Grow and Prosper

Leaders from Treutlen County and Toombs County recently participated in a Community Economic Development Program (CEDOP) in Atlanta. The program, sponsored by Altamaha EMC and conducted by Georgia Electric Membership Corporation (GEMC), was designed to assist communities in their efforts to create and retain jobs.



Treutlen County leaders flew to Atlanta to attend a CEDOP training session. Tammye Vaughn, Altamaha EMC representative (far right), accompanied the group.

The session is part of an ongoing program offered by Altamaha EMC through GEMC's Economic Development team that addresses the specific needs of Georgia communities in seeking to improve their economic-development efforts. Both the Treutlen and Toombs groups heard presentations on GEMC's Economic Development resources; the community/economic-development process; and the site-selection process; and met with high-level representatives from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, the Georgia Department of Industry, Trade and Tourism as well as well-known industrial development attorney Dan McRae of Seyforth-Shaw.

The Treutlen County CEDOP was held March 4. Representing Treutlen County were Treutlen County Commissioner/Development Authority Hugh Gillis Jr.; Treutlen County Commissioners Chairman George L. McLendon; Development Authority members Alvin Wheeler, Royce Fowler, Thomas (Bubba) Rogers, Development Authority Chairman Andy Thompson and

Development Authority Executive Director John Lee.

The Toombs County CEDOP was held March 13. Toombs County leaders attending the programs were Toombs County Commissioner Louie Powell; City of Lyons Administrator Rick Hartley; Vidalia



Toombs County leaders discuss economic development plans with Georgia EMC Community Development Manager Pat Merritt (fifth from right).

Mayor Pro-Tem Chip Matheson; Toombs County Commissioners Vice Chair Roy Lee Williams; Southeastern Technical College President Cathy Meehan; Vidalia Mayor Ronnie Dixon; Toombs-Montgomery Chamber of Commerce President and Toombs County Development Authority Executive Vice President Bill Mitchell; Toombs County Development Authority Chairman Bob Moore; and Toombs County Development Authority members Rusty Moses and Rick Berry.

Recipes

Pea Pick'n Cake

1 box yellow cake mix
4 eggs
1 small can mandarin oranges
1/2 cup cooking oil

Mix all ingredients including juice. Pour batter into 3 greased-and-floured pans. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes.

Frosting:

1 large can crushed pineapple
1 small package vanilla pudding mix
8-oz. container Cool Whip

Mix pineapple with juice with pudding mix. Add Cool Whip and spread between layers.

—From the kitchen of Joyce O'Neal

Creamy Chicken Enchiladas

2 lbs. chicken breast
1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese
8 flour tortillas
1 can (10-3/4 oz.) cream of chicken soup
4 oz. chopped green chilies or peppers (if you like it hot)
1 (16-oz.) container sour cream

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly spray 9 x 13 baking dish with cooking spray. Place chicken breasts in large soup pot and cover with water. Bring water to a boil over high heat; reduce to medium-high and cook 25-30 minutes until chicken is tender and cooked through. Remove chicken from pot and cool slightly. Shred chicken or cut into small chunks and place in a medium bowl. Toss with cheddar cheese. In a small bowl, combine cream of chicken soup, chilies or peppers, and sour cream, and blend well. Divide chicken mixture evenly among tortillas and roll up. Place seam-side down in prepared pan. Pour soup mixture over tortillas and sprinkle with extra cheddar cheese, if desired. Bake in preheated oven 25-30 minutes until cheese is melted and enchiladas are heated through. (Enchiladas can be prepared ahead of time and frozen WITHOUT soup mixture. Top with soup mixture just before baking.)

—From the kitchen of Sandra Howell

May is National Electrical Safety Month

Don't let accidents ruin your spring ...

May is National Electrical Safety Month. Understanding potential hazards of electricity is important every month, but this month is especially appropriate for a few reminders from the National Electrical Safety Foundation:

- Educate children about the dangers of electricity. Forbid them from playing around power lines, electrical equipment, appliances, transformers or substations. Teach them not to stick anything except plugs into electrical outlets.
- Wait until the rain stops before powering up outdoor electrical tools or appliances, and even then, don't use one with wet hands or on a wet surface.
- Indoors, use caution when operating electric devices in the bathroom, kitchen or laundry where water is in use.
- Make sure your tools and appliances are in good working order and that the cords aren't cut or frayed. Prongs on the plugs should not be bent or loose. Do not remove the grounding prong from any plug that has one—it's there to prevent electrocution.
- Stay away from fallen wires and

anyone touching them. Call 911 or your co-op for help if you see a line on the ground. If a power line falls on your car while you're inside it, stay in the car until help arrives. Don't touch any metal and warn others to keep a safe distance.

- Never hide extension cords under rugs. Keep them away from mois-

- Buy a fire extinguisher and smoke detector for each floor of your house; test smoke detector batteries frequently.



Did you know ...

Altamaha EMC conducts electrical safety demonstrations for schools and other groups? Typical topics include dangers associated with downed power lines, why not to fly kites near power lines, and other electrical hazards. Call your co-op for more information.



"I never expected such a gift for Mother's Day!"

Francis H. Brummer ("RUM") is a cartoonist based in Council Bluffs, Iowa. He's an 81-year-old, self-described "farm boy."