Operation Round Up boosts local charities by

# \$123,238

The magic of aggregation turns your donation of a few cents into hundreds of thousands of dollars!

# **Barrow Ministry Village**

(Barrow) - \$1,000

Exposes those in Barrow County to the hope and love of Jesus Christ by meeting their counseling, foster family support and food needs. This grant supports their foster family program.

## **Camp to Belong** (entire area) - \$2,000

Reunites siblings placed in separate foster, adoptive or kinship homes through camping programs and events. This money is funding their 2017 summer camp.

## **Camp Twin Lakes** (entire area) - \$10,000

Provides life-changing camp experiences to children with serious illnesses, disabilities and other life challenges. These funds will provide scholarships for the various camps they offer.

# **CHRIS 180**

(Gwinnett) - \$5,000

Heals children, strengthens families and builds communities through mental health counseling, training, providing safe housing and skill building. This money supports their group homes serving vulnerable children in foster care.

# **Country Kids Camp** (Walton) - \$2,500

Provides youth with outdoor experiences, team building and better health through exercise. This grant will provide financial assistance for children who otherwise couldn't attend the camp.

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# **Georgia Lions Lighthouse** (entire area) - \$7.500

Provides vision and hearing services through education, detection, prevention and treatment. These funds will provide glasses to those in need.

# **Lawrenceville Boys and Girls Club** (Gwinnett) — \$3,000

Seeks to enable all young people to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. This money is funding their Academic Success in Gwinnett County project.

## Lekotek of Georgia (entire area) - \$3.600

Facilitates the inclusion of children with disabilities into their families. schools and communities by providing accessible play and resources. These funds will go to the scholarship fund of their Family Learning Program.

## **Project ReNeWal** (entire area) - \$2,000

A domestic violence intervention program. This money will be used to repair the bathroom in their facility.

# Society of St. Vincent de Paul (Morgan) - \$2,500

Offers tangible assistance to those in need. This grant will provide financial, educational and spiritual support to Morgan County citizens.

# **Team Up Mentoring** (Walton) - \$4,200

Helps community's most vulnerable children reach their potential. This money will go toward their science. technology, engineering and math summer camp.

## **Tourette Information Center** (Gwinnett) - \$1.800

Seeks to improve the lives of those diagnosed with Tourette's syndrome. These funds will allow children to attend their Camp Twitch and Shout.

# **Walton County 4-H** (Walton) - \$7.400

Provides experiences where young people learn by doing. This grant will fund summer projects.

# **Walton County Veteran's Memorial** (Walton) – \$10,000

Building a memorial to honor the service of the county's veterans. These funds will assist in the construction of that memorial.

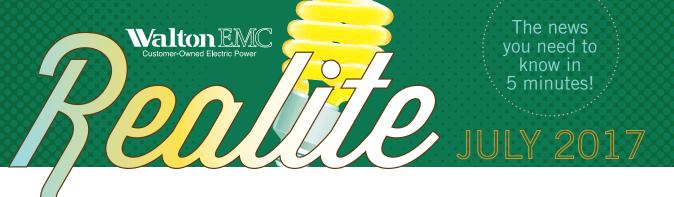
## YMCA of Georgia's Piedmont (Barrow, Clarke, Gwinnett, Oconee, Walton) — \$1.000

Promotes youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. This money will help fund their Pryme Tyme afterschool program.

# 11 Families — \$59.738

Operation Round Up helps families who find themselves in emergency situations and have nowhere else to turn.

WANT TO PARTICIPATE Go to the "Community" tab at waltonemc.com and IN OPERATION ROUND UP? click on the Operation Round Up link. Do it today!



THE **Rundown** inside: lineman rodeo, sporting clay shoot, unclaimed refunds, safe summer, communicators award on the back: operation round up

# **EMC SECURITY ANNOUNCES THE**

# Active Alert Button EMC Medical Alert +

Want the security of a medical alert button wherever you go, even away from home?

Simple, compact and shower-safe, the new Active Alert Button, powered by Belle, features two-way voice communication and a battery that goes up to 30 days on a single charge. Best of all. it works wherever there's AT&T 3G cellphone coverage.

At the push of a button, Belle connects you with a call center specialist who can send first responders or loved ones to your location. If needed, Belle can even help pinpoint your location via GPS.

You pursue the active lifestyle you desire with the reassurance that help is just a touch away.



Water resistant

Use outside and

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Two-way voice

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#### IF YOUR POWER IS OUT

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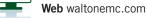
#### **FIND US**

**Phone** 770.267.2505

In person Monroe – 842 US Hwy. 78



Snellville - 3645 Lenora Church Rd. Watkinsville - 2061-D Hog Mountain Rd.



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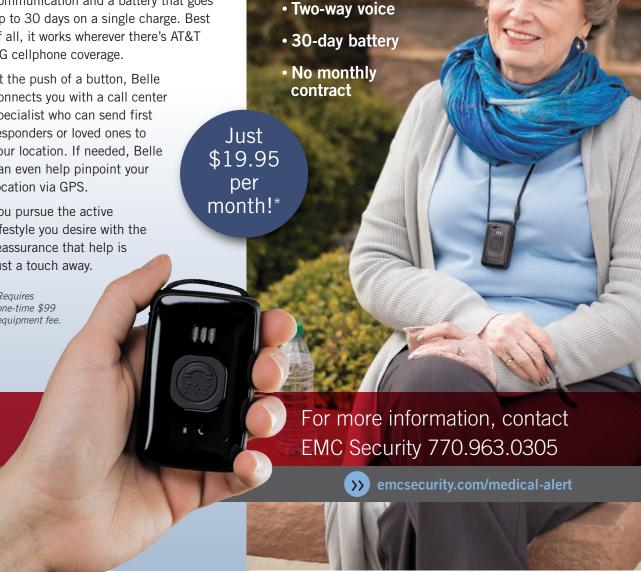


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# exploring our LANDMARKS

How well do you know Walton EMC's service territory? Take a look around your co-op's 10-county area and you'll find some interesting, beautiful, historic and just plain cool spots. Some of the locations we choose may be hard to identify, but we think they're worth knowing about.

win a prige Guess the location of this scene found within Walton EMC's service territory. We'll draw from the winners of all correct guesses for a \$25 gift card.



email your guess with the subject line "JULY LANDMARKS CONTEST" no later than Aug. 7 to landmarkscontest@waltonemc.com for your entry to qualify.

MAY LANDMARK: This clock is located atop the historic Walton County courthouse in Monroe.

APRIL WINNER: Karen Stymer of Snellville.

# Line technicians sharpen skills

Your co-op's line technicians recently represented Walton EMC at the annual Georgia Lineman's Rodeo near Perry.



Apprentice Line Technician Ben Campbell placed fourth overall in the recent Georgia Lineman's Rodeo and will represent Walton EMC at the International Lineman's Rodeo near Kansas City this October.

Apprentice Line Technician Ben Campbell captured fourth place honors in the overall apprentice division and EMC apprentice division as well as third place in written test. Apprentice Brandon Brooks placed eighth in the overall apprentice and EMC apprentice divisions. Both will advance to the International Lineman's Rodeo competition this October.

Other apprentice division competitors were Jacob McNary and Jason Higgins. Competing in the journeyman division were Bradley McCallister, Preston Roberts and Ryan West.

The rodeo is an annual event that tests line technicians' skill and knowledge in performing electrical line work.

Journeymen compete on three-man teams while apprentices compete individually. This year's event saw 86 apprentice competitors and 11 journeyman teams.

Practice and preparation for the event increases the competitors' efficiency and safe work habits during everyday tasks.

# 7TH ANNUAL

# Walton EMC sporting clay shoot

Thursday, August 17 Registration – 7:30 AM Start – 9 AM

Cherokee Rose Gun Club, Griffin, GA

Don't miss our seventh annual Charity Sporting Clays Shoot! Enjoy great food, networking and the chance to win one of five shotguns or one of dozens of door prizes.

Modified Lewis Class scoring means more chances to win. Trophies awarded to top teams.

All proceeds benefit the Georgia 2-Day Breast Cancer Walk.

AGAIN THIS YEAR! Ladies Division



electricity summer

Summer means time outdoors, in the pool and on the lake. Keep these safety tips in mind and pass

Have a safe

 Any time you use an electrical device or appliance outside or near water, plug it into an outlet protected by a ground fault current interrupter (GFCI).

them on to your family to avoid dampening the fun:

A GFCI shuts off power if it detects electricity flowing outside the circuit, like through water or a person. If you can't find a GFCI-protected outlet, portable GFCIs are available at home stores.

- Keep all electrical devices and cords at least 10 feet away from water sources. If possible, use battery-powered equipment instead.
- Never touch or use electrical equipment when you're wet or standing in water.
- All outside electrical outlets should have a weatherproof cover.
- Make sure all electrical equipment used for swimming pools is grounded.
- Have a licensed electrician inspect and upgrade the electrical systems of pools, spas, hot tubs and docks.
- Be aware of power line locations, especially around pools and bodies of water.
- Don't swim during thunderstorms.

# Communicators awarded

Walton EMC communicators Greg Brooks and Savannah Chandler recently received awards for their work in the Cooperative Communicators Association (CCA) annual communications contest.

CCA is an international organization emphasizing the unique mission and needs of professionals who communicate for cooperatives.

The duo placed third in four categories – employee publication, broadcast advertising, campaigns and programs and news release.

Comments from the judges evaluating their entries included:

- "I felt your publication was welcoming and easy to read."
- "Neighbors helping neighbors delivers a strong local message."
- "Use of social media and crisis management is particularly strong."

"Neighbors helping neighbors delivers a strong local message."

This year marks the 21st year Walton EMC has entered and placed in the CCA communications contest.



# where are you? Unclaimed Refunds

Take a look at these Walton EMC customer-owners who discontinued service. We mailed refunds of deposits and/or membership fees, but the Post Office returned them.

If you know someone on this list, please have them contact us at 770-266-2519.

American Homes 4 Rent; Banksouth; Barnett, Billy L.; Best Brothers International; Bradford, Hamilton; Brantley, Dexter; Broussard, Virginia M.; Campbell, Louise W.; Carmouche, Ronald; Carnes, Chad; Chadwick, Carl W.; Clanton, Alexandria; Desir, Bianca; Dobson, Careen A.; Easton, Kimberly P.; Elmi, Mohamud; Franklin, Theodore; Frazier, James; Froboese, Melissa; Hoffman, Chris A.; Hooten, Helene; Hudgins, Peggy A.; Jackson, Anita J.; Latimore, Lawanda; Lindsay, Shani L.; Mata, Benjamin; Mohr, Ashley; Morrison, Ronnie T.; Nationstar Mortgage; Newman, Fred L.; Piontek, Douglas; Razor South Barber Shop; Rheinland Import Service; Richardson, Brandi J.; Rose, Raquel G.; Rucker, Kyndra; Tarbert LLC; Thomas, Timothy; Thrower, Tanzinia; Toole, Jerry E.; Vill, Zachary; Wade, Luqman R.; Warhop II, William S.; Zheng, Song