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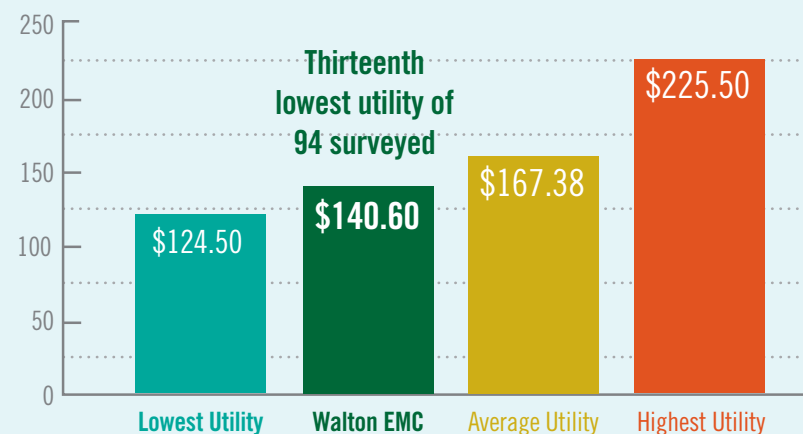
Call today at 770-963-0305 and
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*Credit check required.

Co-op excels in PSC winter rate survey

Graph based on 1,500 kilowatt-hours, the closest survey level to the average Walton EMC customer-owner's use in January, the date the survey was conducted.

See for yourself at
psc.state.ga.us.



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THE *Rundown*

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IF YOUR POWER IS OUT

770.267.2505

waltonemc.com > Report an Outage

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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WHEN WE'RE AVAILABLE

Power Outages and Emergencies > 24/7

Contact Center > M-F, 7A-7P

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Thank a

LINEMAN

this month

Imagine tens of thousands of volts of electricity zipping through your fingertips.

For electrical linemen, that's an everyday occurrence.

Georgia's electric utilities, including Walton EMC, are taking the month of April to honor the brave workers who keep your electricity flowing year round.

"Linemen have a dangerous job," says Walton EMC CEO Ronnie Lee. "They face hazards every day. They also face treacherous weather as they work through ice storms, tornadoes, hurricanes and floods to restore our power."

"Their training and experience lets them work among these hazards safely," continues Lee. "But they have to be diligent and constantly aware of their work environment."

In times past, linemen shut down parts of the grid to do their work. That's not possible in today's fast-paced culture.

Take a moment this month to thank a lineman by visiting
facebook.com/waltonemc
and posting your comments.

BY THE NUMBERS

75

number of linemen
at Walton EMC

6,960

miles of line maintained
by WEMC linemen

82,000

poles on WEMC grid

57,910

transformers on WEMC grid

BACK THEN...

Line work was never performed while power lines were energized, thus the absence of insulated safety equipment that today's linemen trust their lives with.



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 prize 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 "APRIL LANDMARKS CONTEST" no later than May 5 to landmarkscontest@waltonemc.com for your entry to qualify.

LAST MONTH'S LANDMARK: Originally the Rosebud Mercantile Store, this granite building sits at the intersection of Rosebud Road and Centerville Rosebud Road near Snellville.

FEBRUARY WINNER: Cindy Mosely of Snellville.

What to do when a power line hits your car

You're minding your own business when suddenly a power line comes crashing down on your vehicle. Here's what you should do to stay safe:

1 IF YOUR VEHICLE STILL RUNS, DRIVE AWAY.
Simply drive from under the wire and move to a safe distance.

2 IF YOUR VEHICLE IS STALLED, STAY INSIDE.
You'll be fine if you stay put. The car's body directs the electric current around you. It's okay to touch things inside the car and use your cell phone.

3 CALL 911. NEXT, CALL WALTON EMC.

4 KEEP BYSTANDERS AND OTHERS AWAY.
Shout to bystanders not to come near or touch the vehicle. Touching the vehicle and ground at the same time will complete the electrical path to ground, resulting in electrocution.

5 SIT TIGHT UNTIL HELP ARRIVES.
Don't get out of your car until a Walton EMC line technician gives you the all clear.

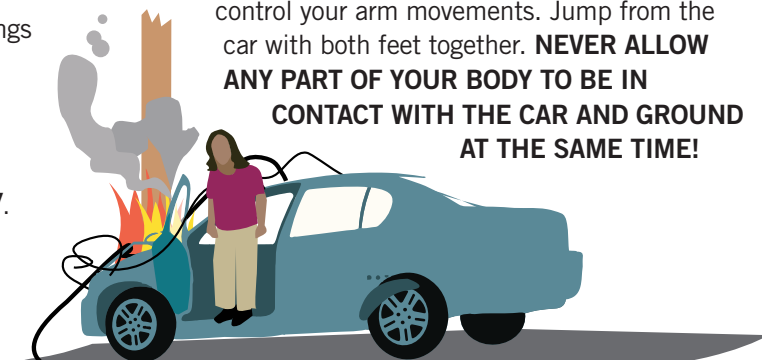
EXIT YOUR VEHICLE ONLY BECAUSE OF FIRE OR OTHER IMMINENT DANGER:

1 Open the door.

2 Stand on the rocker panel (the steel just below the door) with both feet together. Make sure to control your arm movements. Jump from the car with both feet together. **NEVER ALLOW ANY PART OF YOUR BODY TO BE IN CONTACT WITH THE CAR AND GROUND AT THE SAME TIME!**

3 While keeping both feet together, gently hop away from the car. Don't try big hops that could cause you to lose your balance and fall.

4 At a safe distance, slowly spread your feet apart. If you feel a tingle, put your feet back together and hop further away.



Contest fulfills capitol dreams of local students

Area high school students recently competed to win an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. as a participant in Walton EMC's Washington Youth Tour.

The Youth Tour was born from the value electric cooperatives, like Walton EMC, place on tomorrow's leaders.

Those selected receive an experience that includes meetings with state and national leaders, leadership training and visits to historic sites of our nation's capital.



Back row (left to right): Elise Karinshak (winner), Greater Atlanta Christian School; Abiseniya Lemma (winner), Brookwood High; Presley Rowe (winner), Monroe Area High; Caroline Turner (alternate), North Oconee High; Joanna Scoggins (alternate), homeschool. Front row: Kaelyn Kim (winner), Brookwood High; Naomi Calhoun, Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science and Technology; Sravika Yerneni, Brookwood High.



Walton Tribune readers pick us again!

Walton EMC was recently named best electric company by Walton Tribune readers in their annual Readers' Choice awards.

Thousands of readers cast ballots to pick their favorite business in several categories. Ballots are available in January and winners are named in February.

2017 marks the 20th consecutive year Walton EMC has been named best electric company.

Readers also selected Walton Gas as best gas company and EMC Security as best security systems.

Walton EMC announces new UGA engineering scholarship

Imagine having electricity for only two or three hours a day. Or sweltering in the Georgia heat and humidity due to a lack of power. Our nation's electric grid wouldn't function without good engineering talent.

To recognize future engineering leaders and retain local student engineering talent, Walton EMC has established a new scholarship program.

The Walton EMC Engineering Leadership Scholarship Fund will provide five \$10,000 scholarships to students who study one of the bachelor degree programs within the University of Georgia College of Engineering. The scholarship is open to residents of the counties Walton EMC serves, which include Athens-Clarke, Barrow, DeKalb, Greene, Gwinnett, Morgan, Newton, Oconee, Rockdale and Walton.

To apply, students must be majoring or intending to major in any bachelor degree program within the College of Engineering and have a minimum 3.7 grade point average. Recipients will remain eligible for up to four years if they keep a 3.7 GPA in their chosen engineering discipline.

"Cultivating good engineers is critical to every facet of our nation's infrastructure," said Walton EMC CEO Ronnie Lee. "Our customer-owners expect – and rightly so – excellent electric service. Sound engineering is the foundation we build on to deliver that promise."

"I am extremely grateful for the generosity of Walton EMC in supporting our students at the College of Engineering," said Donald J. Leo, the College's dean. "Partnerships like this are an essential component of our goal to attract and retain top engineering talent from across Georgia. CEO Lee and his team have helped establish a meaningful scholarship program, which can serve as a template for other organizations with whom we partner."

The scholarship funds come from unclaimed capital credits.

Customer-owners who move off Walton EMC's grid may be due capital credit refunds. In some instances, those checks are returned by the post office because of an incorrect forwarding address. After Walton EMC exhausts all efforts to find the rightful owner, Georgia law allows this money to be used for community development and educational projects.

Deadline is May 31. To learn more, visit engineering.uga.edu/scholarships/undergraduate/application.

