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MAKE READY FOR

summer heat

With temperatures pushing the 90-degree mark, your air conditioner is already hard at work. As your air conditioner runs more, your electric bills go higher.

"It's normal for your home's energy use to rise as temperatures climb," says Walton EMC's Howard Turner. "That's because the air conditioner is the largest energy user in most homes and small businesses."

But you don't have to sit by and do nothing. There are many ways you can help your air conditioner work more efficiently and reduce its operating cost.

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TIPS TO HELP KEEP SUMMER HEAT AT BAY:

- Close curtains and blinds to block the sun's rays.
- Minimize window and door openings.
- Avoid cooking and baking during hot afternoons.
- Add attic insulation to a minimum of R-30 and ventilation if needed.
- Install storm windows if your windows are only single pane.
- Seal cracks with caulk and weatherstripping. Our store at energysavers.waltonemc.com has everything you need.

HOW YOU CAN HELP YOUR AIR CONDITIONER

- Use box and ceiling fans to circulate air for a wind chill effect. Then set the air conditioner thermostat to a higher temperature.
- Make sure its vents are free of rugs, furniture and other obstructions.
- Change the filter regularly. Visit filterchange.waltonemc.com for free reminders.
- Remove debris or items from around the outdoor unit.
- Have a licensed contractor check the unit.



RECIPE Swap

Grab some fresh tomatoes from the garden for this month's recipe.

Tangy Tomato Slices

- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 1/3 cup vinegar
- 1/4 cup minced fresh parsley
- 3 tablespoons minced fresh basil or 1 tablespoon dried basil
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 medium sweet onion, thinly sliced
- 6 large tomatoes, thinly sliced



Mix the first 9 ingredients. Layer onion and tomatoes in a shallow glass dish and cover with marinade. Cover the dish and refrigerate for several hours. Serves 12.

Thanks! to **Mary Davis**, retired Walton EMC employee, for sharing this recipe. *The recipes featured are not independently tested, so we depend on the accuracy of the cooks sending them. Always use safe food handling, preparation and cooking procedures from recognized experts.*

Share! If you have a great recipe you've prepared and want to share with other Walton EMC customer-owners, we'd love to have it. If we use your recipe, you'll win a prize!

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Walton Electric Trust awards 60 SCHOLARSHIPS



For the sixth year, students from all corners of Walton EMC's 10-county service area are the recipients of college scholarships from Walton Electric Trust.

More than 170 applicants vied for \$159,000, with 33 being selected for the full scholarship of \$4,000. The Trust board also awarded 27 runner-up scholarships of \$1,000 each.

In determining the winners, the scholarship committee looks for dedication to community, a strong work ethic, extracurricular involvement and triumph over obstacles and hardships. Recommendations from teachers and other adults involved in the students' lives are also considered.

Walton EMC is able to award these scholarships because of unclaimed refunds. After efforts are exhausted to find the rightful owners, the money goes into an endowment provided for by Georgia law. Earnings from the endowment fund the yearly awards.

Since its inception, the program has awarded 250 scholarships worth \$621,750.



Young people from across Walton EMC's 10-county service area whose families are served by the cooperative each recently received a \$4,000 college scholarship from Walton Electric Trust. Pictured are, front row from left, **Hannah Lambert**, Parkview High School; **Danielle Mussatt**, Parkview High School; **Kathryn Jones**, Madison County High School; **Halie Sorrow**, George Walton Academy; **Sara Davis**, South Gwinnett High School; **Haley Wingo**, Westminster Christian Academy; **Audrey Hardison**, George Walton Academy; **Lydia Sloan**, North Oconee High School; **Whitney Lester**, Salem High School; **Victoria Turner**, Monroe Area High School; **Allison Myers**, Brookwood High School. Middle row, **Alexander Sullivan**, Parkview High School; **Ligia-Ioana Raileanu**, Archer High School; **Hannah Cheek**, Shiloh High School; **Jordan Woody**, Loganville High School; **Brittany Potts**, Walnut Grove High School; **Drew Cushwa**, Brookwood High School; **Jazmyne Simon**, South Gwinnett High School; **Daniel Faust**, Athens Christian School; **Olivia Ricketts**, Prince Avenue Christian School; **Charles Faust**, Athens Christian School; **Kylie Bush**, North Oconee High School; **Saritha Mangones**, Brookwood High School; **Christopher Slaton**, Walnut Grove High School; **Katie Windham**, Paragon Academy. Back row, **Markell Jackson**, Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science & Technology; **William Walker**, Brookwood High School; **Lee Briney Jr.**, Salem High School; **Eric Hays**, Parkview High School; **Jayce Delker**, Georgia Cyber Academy; **Seid Gibanica**, Parkview High School; **Lindsey Borchers**, Heritage High School; **Joseph Long**, Loganville High School; **Laura Tomlin**, Westminster Christian Academy; **Jessica Evans**, Brookwood High School; **Brittany Wesner**, Brookwood High School; **Genesis Oji**, Loganville High School; **Tyler Browning**, Loganville Christian Academy; **Nicholas Cain**, Walnut Grove High School; **Ali Miller**, Walnut Grove High School. Not pictured: **Celie Davis**, Morgan County High School.

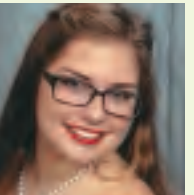
Walton EMC Students Receiving STATEWIDE SCHOLARSHIP

Sarah Kang of Brookwood High School and Claire Rohrer of South Gwinnett High School are each receiving one of eight \$1,000 Walter Harrison Scholarships from Georgia EMC, Walton EMC's statewide trade association.

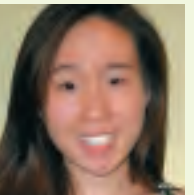
The scholarship, named in honor of a Georgia and national cooperative electrification pioneer, is endowed by the efforts of EMCs from across the state and Georgia Rural Electric Supply Corporation. Since 1985, \$162,000 has been awarded through the program.

Community involvement, academic ability, SAT scores, scholastic honors and financial need are considerations in choosing Walter Harrison Scholarship recipients.

Claire Rohrer will attend Georgia Tech and major in chemical and biomolecular engineering. She is a Star Student, scholar athlete and AP scholar. She co-founded an organization dedicated to eliminating sexism and racism in the school environment.



Sarah Kang plans to further her education at Oxford College of Emory University. She is a science fair winner and AP scholar as well as an active member of the National Honor Society, Beta Club and other organizations.



More than \$150,000 given!

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.

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WEMC linemen perform well at skills competition

Once again, your co-op's line technicians made good showings at the annual Georgia Lineman's Rodeo near Fort Valley.

Apprentice Line Technician Adam Simmons captured first place honors in the overall apprentice division, EMC apprentice division and written test for the second time in three years. Apprentice Jonathan Brooks placed third in both the written test and obstacle course, while Apprentice Ben Campbell placed second in the obstacle course and sixth in the overall apprentice division.

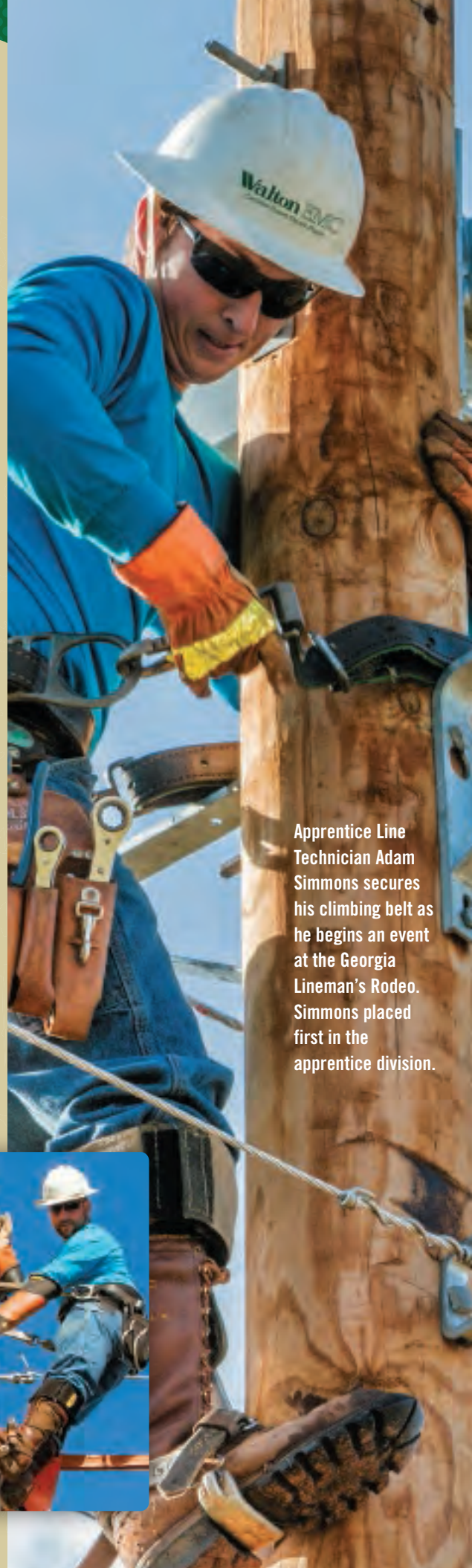
The rodeo is an annual event that tests line technicians' skill and knowledge in performing electrical line work. Journeymen compete on three-man teams while apprentices compete individually.

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

Other competitors include Apprentice Line Technician John Spence and Journeyman Line Technicians James Wise, Paul Nichols, Wesley Payton, Ryan West, Bradley McCallister and Preston Roberts.

Coaches are Greg Pannell and Brandon Waters. Chris Stacey, Brad Adcock and Jacob Brooks served as judges. Kathy Ivie and Debra Jackson participated as rodeo assistants.

Journeyman Line Technicians James Wise and Paul Nichols prepare to have material hoisted to them by teammate Wesley Payton during competition at the Georgia Lineman's Rodeo.



Apprentice Line Technician Adam Simmons secures his climbing belt as he begins an event at the Georgia Lineman's Rodeo. Simmons placed first in the apprentice division.