

# Annual Meeting means family fun and prizes

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR JUNE 17

Mark your calendar now to attend Walton EMC's 81st Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 17. It's your chance to participate in running your co-op. There's also a lot to see and do.

- Many door prizes including the grand prize – a recycled Ford pickup!
- Entertainment by The Martins
- Kids' activities including rides, face painting, cotton candy and more
- Free health screenings



One lucky customer-owner will drive away from the 2017 Annual Meeting in a recycled Ford pickup. Last year's winner, the Keith Stout family, receives the keys from Walton EMC CEO Ronnie Lee.

Walton County Agricultural Center, Monroe, Ga.

Entertainment begins at 8 a.m.

Business meeting begins at 10 a.m.

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## AWARDS \$156,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

THE *Rundown* } **inside:** phone scam, contingency plans, DIY security, where are you on the back: annual meeting, homebuilders supporter of the year

Students from across Walton EMC's 10-county service area have received the latest round of Walton Electric Trust Scholarships for 2017.

Over 200 students applied for the scholarship that helps fund post-secondary education at a college or vo-tech school. Applicants were evaluated on work ethic, triumph over obstacles, community service and extracurricular activities. The scholarship committee also reviewed recommendations from teachers and other adults involved in the students' lives.

Of those, 33 students were selected to receive scholarships of \$4,000. Another 28 students were awarded runner-up scholarships of \$1,000.

The Trust has awarded 447 scholarships worth \$1,293,000 since the program began in 2009. The scholarships are funded by unclaimed refunds to former Walton EMC customer-owners. After all efforts are exhausted to find the rightful owners, the money goes into an endowment provided for by Georgia law.



Students from across Walton EMC's 10-county service area receiving a \$4,000 Walton Trust Scholarship are, front row, left to right: Collett Owens, Brookwood High; Abi Ivemeyer, Brookwood High; Camryn Greer, Loganville Christian; Chasidy Hendricks, Monroe Area High; Kusona Fortingo, Brookwood High; Chloe King, Parkview High; Erika Allen, Brookwood High; Abby Hooper, Brookwood; Katherine Stanley, home school; Jordyn DeLaRosa, Walnut Grove High; Lindsey Peevy, Walnut Grove High; second row, Timothy McElveen, Jr., Walnut Grove High; Gaines Roberts, Loganville Christian; Melcon Hinds, Grayson High; Jack Kulp, North Oconee High; Amber Sale, North Oconee High; Madelyn Thorpe, North Oconee High; Lanier Lowry, North Oconee High; Renee Silva, North Oconee High; Kai Blakenship, North Oconee High; Marissa Van Hassel, South Gwinnett High; Selena Franklin, South Gwinnett High; third row, Jordan Siggers, Walnut Grove High; Cole Allison, North Oconee High; William Cannon, North Oconee High; Jakob Sharpe, Monroe Area High; Maxim Badea, Archer High; Nicholas Kresin, Oconee High; Avantea Holzman, North Oconee High; Audrey Eby, Loganville High; Sarah LeBarbera, Loganville High.

Not pictured: Weston Bell, North Oconee; Anthony Potts, North Oconee; Bryce Seals, Peachtree Academy.

## Homebuilders Supporter of the Year

Your cooperative was recently recognized by the Athens Area Home Builders Association (AAHBA) for its service to the organization.

The AAHBA bases the annual award on service and donations to the group. Walton EMC is consistently one of the association's top supporters.

"We are so grateful that we can always count on Walton EMC to step up to help and to serve with whatever we need," said AAHBA Executive Officer Kathryn Lookofsky. "You are great community partners. Everyone we meet from Walton EMC has the spirit of servant leadership."

AAHBA's purpose is to create and promote a favorable climate for quality, affordable construction and to assure a positive economic future for the communities it serves.



Cindy Haddon, Walton EMC marketing specialist, left, accepts the award from AAHBA President Stephanie Doerr.







## 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 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.



Continuing with last month's theme, do you know where this clock is?

*email your guess* with the subject line "MAY LANDMARKS CONTEST" no later than June 5 to [landmarkscontest@waltonemc.com](mailto:landmarkscontest@waltonemc.com) for your entry to qualify.

**LAST MONTH'S LANDMARK:** The clock that sits atop Snellville City Hall.

**MARCH WINNER:** Roger Paryl of Loganville.

## Patients need contingency plan

Do you have a loved one with a medical necessity for electricity?

If the answer is yes, then they also need a contingency plan for power outages. Walton EMC can't guarantee uninterrupted power to your home. During a natural disaster – like an ice or tropical storm – that interruption could stretch into several days.

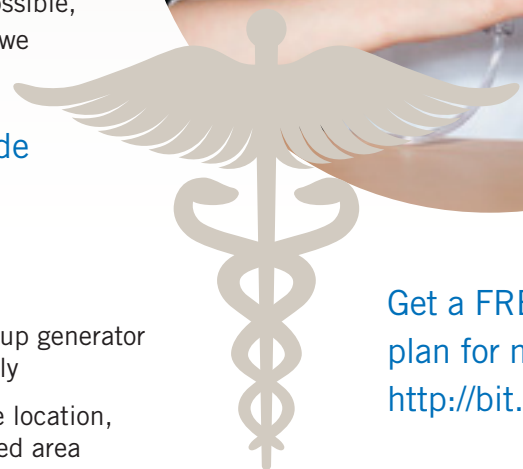
Your co-op prepares as much as possible, but there are some circumstances we can't control.

A patient plan might include some or all of these items:

- Extra medical supplies on hand
- Extra prescription drugs on hand
- Installing and maintaining a backup generator along with an adequate fuel supply
- Moving the patient to an alternate location, both nearby and out of the affected area



Get a **FREE** power outage plan for medical devices at [http://bit.ly/wemc\\_medplan](http://bit.ly/wemc_medplan)



## Old scam gets new twist

Scammers have added a new twist to their plot to steal money from Walton EMC customer-owners. The old scam goes like this: a caller claiming to be from the electric company says your bill is overdue and demands immediate payment or your power will be cut off. Usually they request that you go to the local convenience store and buy a prepaid debit card to complete the transaction.

Notice several red flags from the get-go. Walton EMC will NEVER:

- make a call by a live person if your bill is overdue.
- demand immediate payment.
- require you to pay by prepaid debit card.

But now, scammers have upped the ante. The new twist: technology now allows them to disguise their caller ID to look like the call is coming from us. Some even go so far as to make a recorded greeting similar to ours if you dial their fake number.

**DON'T FALL FOR IT!**

If you're in doubt about any call, hang up and call us at 770-267-2505. You can also find our number on your bill or at [waltonemc.com](http://waltonemc.com).

## Home security DIY

We all know a do-it-yourselfer. No matter what the project, they prefer to do their own work on their own schedule.

Now the DIY trend has made it to home security and is available from the company you trust – EMC Security.

EMC Security offers one of the most advanced DIY security systems made by the world's security leader, Honeywell. As a matter of fact, this DIY system is the same system installed by EMC Security professionals.

You install it (with the help of our comprehensive video instructions), and EMC Security takes care of the rest. Monitoring starts at one of the lowest rates in the business – \$16.95 – with NO monthly contract!

Compare for yourself and see if a self-installed system is right for you.



Call EMC Security at 770-963-0305 to learn more about our DIY system.

### PROS

- No installation costs.
- Fast and easy to install.
- Portable. You can take it with you when you move.
- Serves as a hub for home automation.

### CONS

- You do the installation work.
- May not be appropriate for more advanced security needs.

Use coupon code **WALTONEMCDIY** for \$30 off!



## 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.

**Barker**, Theodore; **Bernard**, Bonnie G.; **Booth III**, Thomas; **Bourne**, Mary K.; **Brandwine** Homes Ga., LLC; **Bryant**, Dione L.; **Buice**, Russell L.; **Carter**, Randy; **Casarrubias**, Esequiel; **Castle** Atlanta Holdings, LP; **Castresana**, Daniel S.; **Christian**, Hubert; **Cleveland**, Clourtney A.; **FD** Communities; **Franks**, Dustin; **Hawkins**, Demetria; **Henderson**, Tiffany; **Higgins**, Elaine W.; **Jackson**, Audrey A.; **Jackson**, Eugene; **Jones**, Dave; **Jump** Oasis Party Studio; **King**, Erin J.; **Kunard**, William J.; **Lifetime** Bikes Loganville; **Liu**, Dong; **Loganville** OB/GYN; **Mojtabee**, Nicole B.; **Mustafa**, Nazmiye; **Newell**, Josh; **Nobles**, Barbie; **Norfolk**, Dhontae; **Norris**, Arrie; **Padmore**, Roxanne; **Parker**, Christopher, Estate of; **Peterson**, Diane; **Poole**, Justin; **Powell**, Jennell, R.; **Rodriguez**, Christina; **Rudison Jr.**, Jeff; **Sims**, Jason B.; **Smith**, Harvey F.; **Spence**, Richard; **SST** Holdings, LLC; **Sukhu**, Indroutie; **Sullivan**, Thomas; **Talbot** Construction; **Tribe** Fitness; **Taylor**, Michelle; **Tood**, Miranda L.; **Walsh**, Peter; **Whitelaw**, Drenotta; **Whitfield**, Consuela; **Wiggley**, Kevin D.; **Wiley**, Eric F.