



Line Techs Show High Wire Skills at Rodeo

Walton EMC Apprentice Line Technicians Brandon Brooks, Ben Campbell and John Spence recently tested their everyday skills at the Georgia Lineman's Rodeo near Perry.

The three technicians competed in four events that tested their knowledge of line work, safety procedures and climbing prowess. Practicing for the events improves their skills used in building power lines and restoring the electrical service of Walton EMC customer-owners.

Campbell placed fifth overall in the apprentice division.

Coach Brandon Waters, left, is shown with Apprentice Line Technicians John Spence, Ben Campbell and Brandon Brooks who recently competed in the Georgia Lineman's Rodeo near Perry.

Apprentice Line Technician Ben Campbell completes the Hurt Man Rescue event at the Georgia Lineman's Rodeo. The event simulates safely removing an unconscious line technician from atop a pole.



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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THE *Rundown*

inside: employer of the year, scholarship recipients, solar speeders
on the back: lineman rodeo, unclaimed refunds

solar made easy

Construction is underway on Walton EMC's 1-megawatt community solar project adjacent to its Monroe headquarters. The facility is expected to produce approximately 2 million kilowatt-hours of solar electricity per year.

Walton EMC
Community Solar



**WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT
OUR COMMUNITY SOLAR PROJECT?
VISIT WALTONEMC.COM**

WITH ELECTRICITY EXPECTED TO FLOW FROM THE FACILITY BEGINNING JULY 1, HERE'S HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE!

PRICING AND ENERGY PRODUCTION Blocks of solar electricity are \$25 each per month. Each block is 1/750th of the output of the project and is expected to produce between 180 and 260 kilowatt-hours of solar energy monthly. Energy output will vary due to the sun's angle, the time of year, the number of cloudy days in the month and other factors.

AVAILABILITY You will be able to sign up for up to two blocks of solar electricity. Requests for more than two blocks will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Only residences served by our electric grid can participate.

SIGN UPS Sign-ups will begin on June 1 on a first-come, first-served basis. Call us at 770-267-2505 to apply. We are not able to take online requests at this time. If blocks are sold out, a waiting list is available.

BILLING You will be billed \$25 for each block of solar electricity. The kilowatt-hours produced by your block in each calendar month will offset the same number of kilowatt-hours on your bill. If your block produces more kilowatt-hours than you use during your billing period, you will receive a credit for the excess. You will be informed of any price change at least 30 days in advance.

LENGTH OF COMMITMENT You can discontinue your solar energy commitment at any time by notifying us. If you leave the program, Walton EMC cannot guarantee there will be availability if you decide to rejoin.



Walton EMC is ranked "Highest in Customer Satisfaction among Midsize Utilities in the South" —J.D. Power



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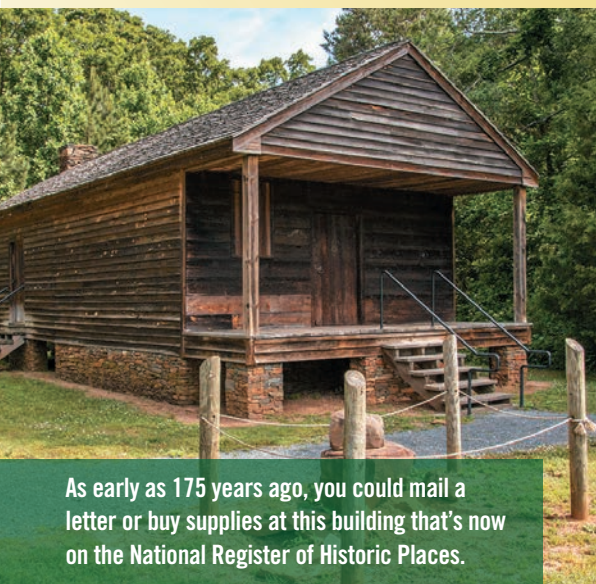
Walton EMC received the highest numerical score among midsize utilities in the South in the proprietary J.D. Power 2014 Electric Utility Residential Customer Satisfaction StudySM. Study based on 104,460 online interviews ranking 30 providers in the South (AL, AR, FL, GA, LA, MS, NM, OK, SC, TN, TX, VA). Proprietary study results are based on experiences and perceptions of consumers surveyed in July 2013–May 2014. Your experiences may vary. Visit jdpower.com.



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.



As early as 175 years ago, you could mail a letter or buy supplies at this building that's now on the National Register of Historic Places.

email your guess with the subject line to "JUNE LANDMARKS CONTEST" no later than July 6 to landmarkscontest@waltonemc.com for your entry to qualify.

LAST MONTH'S LANDMARK: You can find the five soldiers who represent each of the five branches of the armed services at the Walk of Heroes Veterans War Memorial located in Rockdale County's Black Shoals Park. More information: walkofheroes.org.

APRIL WINNER: Ruth Spratlin of Monroe.

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Tribune names WEMC Employer of the Year

Walton EMC has been named as The Walton Tribune's first-ever Employer of the Year. The honor was bestowed in conjunction with the Tribune's annual Visions edition. This year's Visions edition theme is "The Keys to Success" and offers an in-depth look at our community.

"We selected this theme because we wanted to explore what the keys to success were in important areas like education, business and industry, health and fitness and among Walton County's communities," said Tribune owner and publisher Patrick Graham.

In choosing the co-op as Employer of the Year, Graham said, "The trust forged between the employees and management of Walton EMC as they work together for the benefit of their customer-owners and the community is impressive."

"The family atmosphere that trust helps foster, as well as the tremendous community impact the company has on an annual basis, is why Walton EMC has been named The Walton Tribune's first-ever Employer of the Year."

Walton EMC has 259 fulltime employees with an average tenure of over 15 years.

\$159,000 in scholarships awarded from Walton Electric Trust

High school students planning careers in healthcare, law, education and engineering are among those sharing \$159,000 in scholarship money awarded by Walton Electric Trust.

Nearly 300 students living in Walton Electric Membership Corporation's 10-county service area competed for scholarships to help fund post-secondary education at a university or vocational-technical school. Of those, 33 students were selected to receive full scholarships of \$4,000 each. Another 27 were awarded runner-up scholarships of \$1,000 each.

Scholarship applicants were evaluated in the areas of community service, work ethic, extracurricular involvement and triumph over obstacles and hardships. A volunteer scholarship committee also considered recommendations from teachers and other adults involved in the students' lives.



Walton Electric Trust has awarded 310 scholarships worth \$834,000 since the program was introduced in 2009. The yearly awards are provided through an endowment funded by unclaimed refunds to former Walton EMC customer-owners. After efforts are exhausted to find the rightful owners of refunds, the money goes into an endowment provided for by Georgia law.



2015 Walton Electric Trust college scholarship recipients:

front row, left to right: **Sarah Williams**, Walnut Grove High School; **Hannah Sims**, Mill Creek High School; **Jeesa Joseph**, Parkview High School; **Jocelyn Carver**, Oconee County High School; **Karen Rank**, Parkview High School; **Brittany Pioso**, Parkview High School; **Allison Wedincamp**, North Oconee High School; **Olivia Hill**, North Oconee High School; **Jenna Davidson**, Loganville High School; **Jordan Willett**, Loganville Christian Academy; **Khrystal Oduwale**, Loganville High School; **Tina Yang**, Monroe Area High School; and **Ashley Stapp**, Social Circle High School. *Middle row:* **Robert Sligh Jr.**, North Oconee High School; **James Queen**, Loganville High School; **Christopher Queen**, Loganville High School; **Chase Cesar**, Parkview High School; **Daniel Fogie**, Monroe Area High School; **Davis Wheeler**, Walnut Grove High School; **Bryce Gore**, South Gwinnett High School; **Wills Porter**, Prince Avenue Christian School; **Jarrett Briscoe**, Loganville High School; **James Breedlove V**, Scholars Guild Academy; **Andrea Galeano**, Monroe Area High School; **Ashley Jones**, Heritage High School; and **Laura Combs**, Scholars Guild Academy. *Back row:* **Autumn Stapp**, Social Circle High School; **Zachary Inglett**, Apalachee High School; **Andrew Boss**, Archer High School; **Daniel Queen**, Walnut Grove High School; **Reed Power**, Walnut Grove High School; **Kaushik De**, Brookwood High School; **Attilio Lospinoso III**, Brookwood High School; **Braxton Roberts IV**, Loganville Christian Academy; **Anthony Hall Jr.**, Oconee County High School; **Madison Dawkins**, Walnut Grove High School; and **Jasmine Smith**, Cedar Shoals High School. *Not pictured:* **Colleen Udell**, Social Circle High School; and **Lacie Dukes**, North Oconee High School.



Students in Athens Academy's seventh grade recently raced their solar-powered cars in the annual Solar Sprint, an event sponsored by Walton EMC.

Competitors build their cars, complete with a solar cell and electric motor, as part of classroom science instruction. They then try to discover ways to make their car more efficient and faster by adjusting and tuning various parts.

The hands-on project gives students a chance to get beyond textbooks as well as learn practical applications for renewable energy. "The Solar Sprint is a great way to live out our commitment to the community and to our young people at the same time," said WEMC's Jennifer Broun, youth and community representative.

Students from across
Walton EMC's 10-county
service area are among
those receiving a
college scholarship
from Walton
Electric Trust.