

Climbing to the Top

What does it take to become a Walton EMC lineman?

More than you might think – seven years of training, study and on-the-job experience.

YEAR ONE LINE TECHNICIAN TRAINEE I

- Assists more experienced line employees by performing any manual ground work.

- Introduced to pole climbing and equipment operation.

- Attends training and schools.

- Receives on-the-job training and work experience under close supervision.

YEAR TWO LINE TECHNICIAN TRAINEE II

- Continuation of year one training.

YEARS THREE – FIVE APPRENTICE LINE TECHNICIAN

- Continuation of year one training.
- AND...

- Instructs equipment operator.

- Performs duties under close supervision of lead or journeyman line technician.

- Performs hot line work.

- Observes and trains employees under his direction.

YEARS SIX & SEVEN LINE TECHNICIAN

- Performs duties under supervision of lead or journeyman line technician.

- Instructs trouble crew and line personnel assigned for assistance.

- Directs activities of the line crew under supervision of lead or journeyman line technician.

- Completes utility lineman's correspondence course.

JOURNEYMAN LINE TECHNICIAN

- Directs activities of line crew in absence of supervisor.

- Performs as lead journeyman line technician when directed.

- Directs apprentice, trainee, equipment operator and underground technician.

- Trains line positions.

JOURNEYMAN LINE TECHNICIAN

Lineman
Appreciation Day
is April 8.

LINE TECHNICIAN

APPRENTICE LINE TECHNICIAN

LINE TECHNICIAN TRAINEE II

LINE TECHNICIAN TRAINEE I

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Governor Highlights Solar Investment

FACILITY WILL SERVE FACEBOOK DATA CENTER

In a ceremony at the state capitol, Governor Brian Kemp officially announced the investment and facilities under

construction to supply Facebook's Newton Data Center with 100 percent renewable energy.

The solar farm is located in Early County. Silicon Ranch, Walton EMC's solar partner, is spending approximately \$150 million to bring the facility online. The project will contribute large tax revenues to the local community over the life of the project.

Additionally, 400 local workers will be hired to complete the 10-month project. Once construction is complete, a small permanent staff will be employed for ongoing operations and maintenance. The benefits of the investment will stretch well beyond Southwest Georgia.

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Governor Brian Kemp recently announced a substantial investment to power Facebook's Newton Data Center. Shown are, front row, from left, Georgia State Representative Gerald Greene, Early County Commission Chair June Merritt, Governor Kemp, and Silicon Ranch CEO Matt Kisber. Back row, from left, Georgia State Senator Dean Burke, Walton EMC CEO Ronnie Lee, Public Service Commissioner Bubba McDonald and Silicon Ranch Attorney Tom Harrold.

The solar panels will be manufactured in Dalton by Hanwha Group. Hanwha's Q CELL factory, the

largest of its kind in the Western Hemisphere, is brand new, and the Early County panels will be the first to come from the facility.

More than 355,000 modules will be installed at the site. These panels are single axis trackers which have the ability to move and track the sun's movement from east to west. This results in an increase in solar electricity generation as compared to stationary panels.

Facebook's commitment is allowing these

renewable resources to be developed on the same grid as its data center, create hundreds of jobs and boost both local and state economies.

The expected date for the facility to come online is this December.

The project will contribute large tax revenues to the local community over the life of the project.



showstoppers

PRACTICAL AND ENTERTAINING APPLIANCES
AMONG STANDOUTS AT CONSUMER ELECTRONICS SHOW

You don't have to be a techie to appreciate many of the new electronic appliances and gadgets showcased at this year's Consumer Electronics Show. While there was no shortage of the ridiculous (Alexa-operated toilet, anyone?), there were also some products worth noting.

From among the offerings of the 4,400 exhibitors at this year's show in Las Vegas, here are a few products that have potential for the average Walton EMC customer-owner's home. Keep in mind that most aren't yet available in local stores and, because they are brand new, the price tags are often steep. Prices should drop in time for holiday shopping, though.

kitchen

W Labs Smart Countertop Oven uses a built-in camera and object recognition to identify the food inside it and set the temperature and cooking time accordingly. Features: 11 different cooking modes, built-in food thermometer and notifications via app. Available: Summer. Price: \$799.

KitchenAid Cook Processor Connect is an intelligent and versatile all-in-one appliance that provides step-by-step recipe guidance while it boils, fries, steams, stews, kneads, weighs, chops, minces, purees, mixes, emulsifies, whips and stirs. Available: Fall. Price: \$1,500.



KitchenAid Cook
Processor Connect

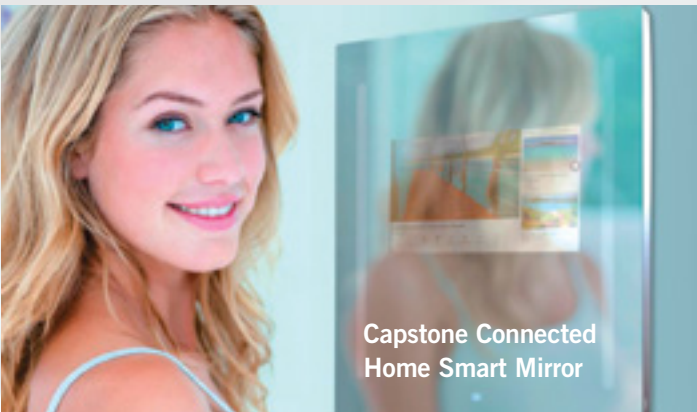
laundry

Samsung Smart Front Load Washer uses smart assistant Bixby to recommend the best wash cycles for your load, taking into account its size, colors and amount of dirt. Start and stop cycles, schedule washing, receive status notifications and monitor energy usage from your smartphone. Feature: washes a regular load of laundry in just 30 minutes. Price: \$1,099.

entertainment

Sony Master Series Z9G TV is an 8K television that delivers four times the resolution of Sony's 4K model. Features: sizes up to 98 inches, mountable and front-firing speakers. Available: Summer. Price: TBA.

JBL Flip 5 Bluetooth Speaker has a larger battery and more power than older Flip speakers, so it delivers a little bigger sound. Features: USB-C charging, waterproof and built-in microphone for speakerphone calls. Available: Spring. Price: \$100.



Capstone Connected
Home Smart Mirror

bathroom

Capstone Connected Home Smart Mirror has voice and touchscreen capabilities to access Google Assistant, allowing you to check weather and traffic, stream YouTube and review social media feeds. Feature: 19-inch by 22-inch size. Available: Spring. Price: TBA.

FasTeesH Y-Brush properly brushes your teeth in only 10 seconds. This newfangled take on the toothbrush resembles a mouth guard for sports and cleans half your mouth at a time. Available: y-brush.com. Price: \$125.

bedroom

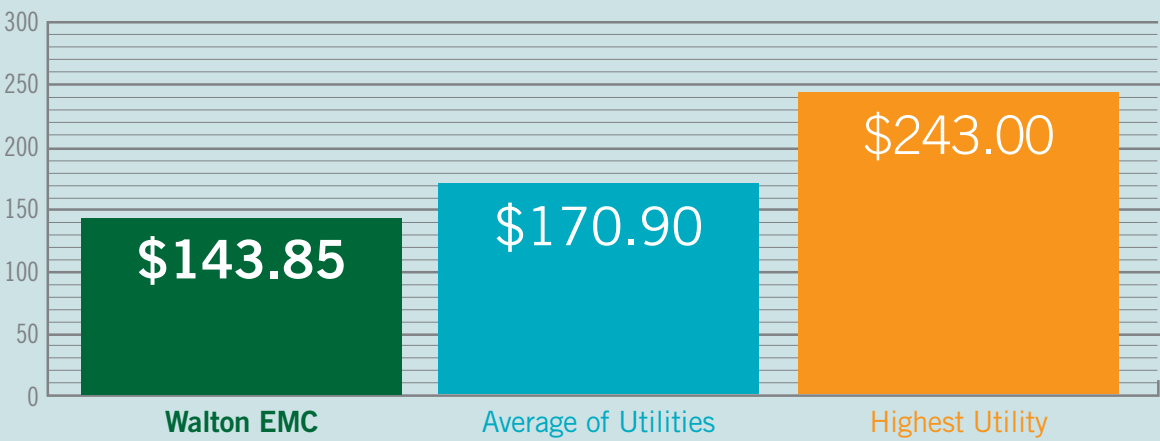
Lenovo Smart Clock uses Google Assistant to gradually brighten home lights before the wake-up alarm triggers your customized morning routine, telling you about the weather, commuter traffic and personal reminders. Feature: 4-inch touch display easily fits on a nightstand. Price: \$80.

lawn

Orbit B-hyve Sprinkler Controller connects to local weather data to give your landscape the exact amount of water it needs. Program and control irrigation from your smartphone. Feature: compatible with both Google Assistant and Alexa. Price: starts at \$99.

How Do Your Rates Compare?

The Georgia Public Service Commission's annual Winter Rate Survey shows the average Walton EMC customer-owner's January bill is almost \$100 lower than the highest electric utility, well below the average utility.



Based on 1,500 kWh, the closest survey level to the average Walton EMC customer-owner's use.

Local Students Selected as Delegates

High school sophomores and juniors recently competed to represent Walton EMC on the Washington Youth Tour. Four winners and two alternates were chosen.

Those selected participate in leadership training that includes personal development and teambuilding sessions, meetings with state and national leaders and visits to major sights of our nation's capital.

This year's finalists include, front row, from left, Claire McNulty, George Walton Academy (alternate); Michika Ho, North Oconee; Julia Kim, North Oconee. Back row, Sanjay Ravigopal, Gwinnett School of Math, Science and Technology (alternate); Kiara Machado, Gwinnett School of Math, Science and Technology (winner); Jasmine Elphic, Social Circle (winner); Princess Onyeonula, South Gwinnett (winner); Ridge Powelson, Scholars Guild Academy (winner).



The Washington Youth Tour seeks to build and inspire our area's young people to become leaders in the community.