



LATEST OPERATION ROUND UP DONATIONS TOTAL

\$96,929

Walton EMC customer-owners who allow the cooperative to round up their monthly bills to the next dollar are having a huge impact on our communities. Just look at the latest list of good works:

Bethel Haven, Inc. – \$3,000 Technology improvements to support their faith-based counseling mission. *Barrow, Clarke, Greene, Oconee, Walton.*

Camp Twin Lakes – \$7,700 Summer camp scholarships for 14 special needs students. *Entire territory.*

Fellowship of Christian Athletes – \$5,000 Summer camp scholarships for disadvantaged youth. *Oconee, Walton.*

First Day Outreach Ministries, Inc. – \$3,000 Funding for their Reaching Out to Help Those in Need project. *Gwinnett, Newton, Walton.*

Foster Siblings Reunited – \$2,250 Camp scholarships to reunite siblings placed in separate foster homes. *Entire territory.*

Four Winds Ministry Village – \$5,000 Initiative that helps homeless youth achieve self-sufficiency. *Barrow, Gwinnett, Oconee, Walton.*

Mercy Health Center, Inc. – \$3,000 Flu prevention and treatment for low-income and uninsured residents. *Barrow, Clarke, Oconee.*

Mosaic Georgia – \$5,238 Direct victim services for those experiencing sexual assault. *Barrow, Clarke, DeKalb, Gwinnett, Newton, Rockdale, Walton.*

WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN OPERATION ROUND UP?

Go to the “Community” tab at waltonemc.com and click on the Operation Round Up link.

St. Mary's Independent Living – \$8,500 Assistance for day-to-day needs of special needs adults who live independently. *DeKalb, Gwinnett.*

Sudie Clarke Missionary Care Ministry – \$5,000 Expansion of their facilities that house transitional missionaries. *Entire territory.*

Team Up Mentoring – \$5,840 Summer camp scholarships for the community's most vulnerable children. *Walton.*

Uniting Hope for Children – \$5,000 Support for foster families. *Barrow, Clarke, DeKalb, Gwinnett, Newton, Oconee, Walton.*

View Point Health – \$4,500 Services benefiting families with behavioral health, addictive disease and developmental disability challenges. *DeKalb, Gwinnett, Morgan, Newton, Rockdale, Walton.*

Walton County 4-H – \$4,000 Summer camp and project achievement programs. *Walton.*

Action Ministries, Hope Clinic – \$15,000 Emergency food, shelter and medical needs. *Entire territory.*

Five families – \$14,90 in emergency assistance.

A sold-out Georgia Club recently set the stage for a big day benefiting the Walton County Boys and Girls Club. The 12th annual Walton EMC Spring Golf Classic netted \$45,000 to support the organization's vital mission. That brings the all-time total to \$374,000.

In addition to the tournament, the Spring Golf Classic includes a silent auction and other contests that raise funds to make quality developmental programs available to the community's young people.



Employees Raise \$45,000 for Boys and Girls Club

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COOKING *alfresco*

OUTDOOR KITCHENS ARE A HOT TREND FOR NORTH GEORGIA HOMES

Outdoor kitchens topped the project trends list in the latest American Institute of Architects' survey. That comes as no surprise to Walton EMC customer-owner Jay Thornton.

Jay and his wife, Casey, own Southern Spa and Patio in Watkinsville. Along with retailing patio furniture, spas and grills, the local company designs and sells the components for outdoor kitchens.

Orders for outdoor kitchens have climbed steadily over the last three years, Thornton said.

“Outdoor living spaces are booming now. They provide a place for relaxation and entertaining – and

food is a big part of that,” he said, explaining why outdoor kitchens are replacing the single grill on patios.

A quality, customized outdoor kitchen can be installed locally for about \$5,500, Thornton estimated. A kitchen equipped with all the bells and whistles can cost up to \$30,000.

Typically, outdoor kitchens yield a higher return on investment than any other product in the outdoor renovation product category. CNN Money and Remodeling Magazine report an average return of 100–200 percent of the improvement cost.

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An outdoor
kitchen increases
the value of your home
and adds to the
enjoyment you get
from an outdoor
living area.



COOKING alfresco

—continued from front

If you're thinking of adding a kitchen to your outdoor living space, Thornton suggests these planning phase steps:

- 1 Think one-stop shopping.** "Using a store that sells all the components you need and has a kitchen designer on staff will provide better choices and allow you to stay within your budget."
- 2 Choose components.** Shop around and determine what components – appliances, cabinetry, countertops, etc. – fit your lifestyle, cooking habits and budget.
- 3 Consider your lifestyle.** What will you cook? Will you use the space for entertaining?
- 4 Evaluate your space.** Ask your designer to help you select a layout and design that works best for your space, blends well with your house and existing landscape, and takes advantage of available utility hookups.
- 5 Set your budget.** Do your homework to decide which components are needed to build an outdoor kitchen that is right for your lifestyle – without breaking the bank.

learn more
about outdoor kitchens and electric pellet grills on Walton EMC's blog at waltonemc.com/index.php/blog.

CO-OP SEEKS TO LESSEN VOGTLE IMPACT

BOARD CHAIR SHARES INFORMATION ON NUCLEAR PLANT AT ANNUAL MEETING

Customer-owners participating in Walton EMC's Annual Meeting on June 15 learned that the cooperative's board has been planning for Plant Vogtle's impact for years.

"Even though Vogtle's impact is still somewhat unsure, your board has been actively and aggressively pursuing any way possible to lessen its effect," said Board Chair Sam Simonton. "We've been looking at this issue for years, continually adjusting our response as we learn new information."

The remarks came during a yearly address to fellow customer-owners where the board chair reports on the state of the business.

"Although we're doing everything we can, including putting money aside to lessen the impact, Plant Vogtle is going to raise our electric bills some. How much that's going to be is still up in the air, but our best estimates right now are around eight to 12 percent," said Simonton. "Every electric consumer in Georgia, no matter where they get their power, is going to see an increase in what they pay."

Simonton reminded those in attendance that the board's primary focus is to watch out for customer-owners' interests and keep that ideal in mind as the basis of every decision.

CEO Ronnie Lee updated customer-owners on the progress of serving the state's largest electrical load, the Facebook Newton Data Center, that provides statewide benefits.

"We executed contracts for two solar facilities in South Georgia to supply the renewable energy [for the data center]," said Lee. "The two farms will generate more than 800 jobs and add substantial money to each county's tax income. The total investment will reach more than \$230 million."

"Our cooperation with Facebook is being noticed by other companies locating in and near our area. They've seen how we met Facebook's needs and are interested in having your cooperative serve their facilities as well. Every one of these contracts benefits us all," said Lee.

Lee informed the crowd that Walton EMC had a community impact of nearly \$20 million in 2018 through the combination of various charitable programs (like School EmPOWERment Grants, Operation Round Up, employee charities and corporate donations) and local taxes.

Also during the business session, customer-owners re-elected three directors – Billy Ray Allen of the Mountain Park district, Johnny Allgood of the Southwest Walton district and Dawn Taylor of the Five Forks-North Snellville district.

Customer-owners showed great interest in new and updated exhibits as well as new attractions in the children's area. They also enjoyed annual meeting traditions like free ice cream, soft drinks, door prizes and entertainment.

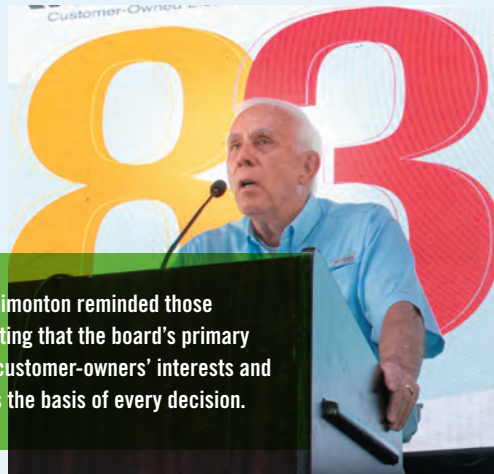
RIGHT: Board Chair Sam Simonton reminded those attending the annual meeting that the board's primary focus is to watch out for customer-owners' interests and keep that ideal in mind as the basis of every decision.

RIGHT: Journeyman Line Technician Ben Powell gives a safety demonstration that taught customer-owners how to stay safe around overhead power lines.

The answer to the most-asked question after the annual meeting, "Who won the truck?" is Edward and Shelley Lynn of Watkinsville. The Lynns received the keys to a recycled pickup truck retired from the Walton EMC fleet.



LEFT: St. Mary's Health Care System provided a number of health screenings to customer-owners at the popular Health Check.



ABOVE: Edward and Shelley Lynn along with their son receive the keys to the grand prize recycled pickup truck from CEO Ronnie Lee.

VEHICLE SALE

Walton EMC is offering the vehicles below for sale by sealed bid during September. You can see these vehicles behind the Monroe office building at Walton EMC's headquarters, 842 Highway 78, about five miles east of Monroe. Bid sheets will be available in the mailbox adjacent to the vehicles.

All vehicles are on an as-is basis. All bids must be postmarked on or before Sept. 28, 2019. The highest bidder will be contacted as soon as possible. Walton EMC reserves the right to refuse any and all bids.

Viewing is for one week only beginning Monday, Sept. 23 and ending Friday, Sept. 27, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Title ad valorem tax and title/tag registration fee will be owed to your local tag agents.

Vehicle #	YEAR	Description	Approx. Mileage
1011	2002	Ford Taurus	92,949
1071	2002	Ford Taurus	45,276
1230	2006	Ford F-450	278,501
1341	2001	International 4900	111,500
1432	2011	International 4300	258,759
1502	2012	Ford F-150	159,961
1506	2013	Ford F-150	160,990
2438	2010	International 4300	268,077
2550	2010	Ford F150	158,118
3427	2006	International 4300	281,778
84	2004	Ditch Witch Trencher	1,220 hrs.
87	2005	Kubota Excavator	1,455 hrs.
92	2007	John Deere Excavator	3,908 hrs.
93	2008	Ditch Witch Excavator	1,192 hrs.
96	2012	Kubota Excavator	282 hrs.

Send bids to Walton EMC, Attn: Ron Marshall – Vehicle Bid, P.O. Box 260, Monroe, GA, 30655 or drop off at our drive-through window.