

Operation Round Up boosts local charities by

\$75,166

It's incredible! The magic of aggregation turns your donation of a few cents into tens of thousands of dollars.

operation round up

Here are the latest worthy local organizations you helped through Operation Round Up:

A Child's Voice Advocacy Center (Gwinnett, Newton, Walton) – \$4,000 to pay for forensic medical exams when abuse is suspected.

Gwinnett County Habitat for Humanity (Gwinnett) – \$10,000 to buy a van for use in their home repair program.

Gwinnett Senior Golden Games (Gwinnett) – \$500 for the 2016 Golden Games.

Fragile Kids Foundation (entire WEMC territory) – \$4,966 to purchase equipment for special needs children.

Georgia Options (Barrow, Clarke, Greene, Morgan, Oconee, Walton) – \$7,000 to purchase a wheelchair accessible minivan to assist their clients with disabilities.

Make a Wish Foundation of Georgia (entire WEMC territory) – \$10,000 to grant wishes to children with serious medical conditions.

Mending the Gap (Gwinnett) – \$5,000 to help provide basic needs of low-income seniors.

Muscular Dystrophy Association (entire WEMC territory) – \$5,000 for their week-long summer camp Walk and Roll.

Northeast Georgia Council of the Boy Scouts of America (entire WEMC territory) – \$5,000 to help underprivileged boys with Scouting expenses.

Nothing but the Truth (Barrow, Gwinnett) – \$3,500 to provide weekend food for Gwinnett students in Title 1 schools.

The Path Project (Gwinnett, Newton, Walton) – \$5,200 for a summer supper camp for children in low-income housing.

Spectrum Autism Support Group (Barrow, DeKalb, Gwinnett, Morgan, Walton) – \$5,000 for their summer day camp for children with autism.

Young Women's Christian Organization (Barrow, Clarke, Oconee) – \$3,000 toward education in their Girls' Club.

Your Angel's Wings (Walton) – \$7,000 to support their horse therapy program for children and adults with special needs.

By letting us round your monthly electric bill up to the next dollar, you literally change the lives of your neighbors in need.

WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN OPERATION ROUND UP?

Go to the "Community" tab at waltonemc.com and click on the Operation Round Up link. Do it today!

Employees Raise \$42,000 for Boys and Girls Club

For the last nine years, Walton EMC employees have given the proceeds from their sold-out spring Golf Classic to the Boys and Girls Club of Walton County.

This year's record-breaking \$42,000 brings the all-time donation total to \$231,000. The Club uses the money to make quality developmental programs available to the community's young people.

Boys and Girls Clubs provide recreation and companionship so young people don't turn to the streets to meet those needs. Their mission is to enable all young people to reach their potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

"Walton EMC is a cooperative," says Ronnie Lee, Walton EMC CEO. "That means we're concerned for our community and put a major emphasis on serving it."

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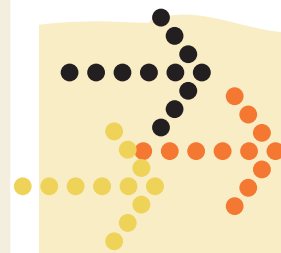
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Move over for utility linemen

Under a new state law, Georgia motorists are now required to exercise more caution around utility worksites.

Gov. Nathan Deal recently signed the new "Move Over for Linemen" bill in conjunction with a Lineman Appreciation Month activity at the Georgia Capitol.

"I was proud to sign the Move Over for Linemen bill this morning," said Deal. "This bill will help the selfless linemen and women in Georgia go home safely to their families after working around the clock to keep our lights on."

"Our power lines frequently share rights-of-way with roads, putting our crews close to traffic flow," says Brad Adcock, Walton EMC loss control director. "We appreciate motorists exercising caution to keep these utility workers safe."

A \$250 fine is possible if you're caught breaking the Move Over for Linemen law.

If you approach a Walton EMC worksite as indicated by traffic cones, or flashing yellow, amber, white or red lights, you're required to:

1. Approach the utility vehicle with caution.
2. Change into a lane not adjacent to the utility service vehicle.
3. If a lane change is not possible, reduce your speed below the posted speed limit (or to a proper speed for existing road conditions) and be prepared to stop.

We appreciate motorists exercising caution to keep these utility workers safe.



QUICK GUIDE



IF YOUR POWER IS OUT

770.267.2505
waltonemc.com > Report an Outage

FIND US

Phone 770.267.2505

In person Monroe – 842 US Hwy. 78

Snellville – 3645 Lenora Church Rd.
Watkinsville – 2061-D Hog Mountain Rd.

Web waltonemc.com

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Beware of Bad Wire



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.



Legend is that this establishment, built circa 1800, is why the University of Georgia decided to locate down the road in Athens.

email your guess with the subject line "JUNE LANDMARKS CONTEST" no later than July 5 to landmarkscontest@waltonemc.com for your entry to qualify.

LAST MONTH'S LANDMARK: The unique stop sign and matching restaurant housed in a red caboose are located in the quaint town of Rutledge.

APRIL WINNER: Blane Marable of Athens.

HOW TO AVOID LOSING MONEY TO UTILITY SCAMS

Walton EMC uses many types of wire. But there's one type of wire we don't recommend – a money wire.

That's because scammers frequently try to use money wires, prepaid cards and gift cards to con unsuspecting consumers out of their hard-earned money.

CLOSE TO HOME

A criminal claiming to be "Bobby Johnson" of Walton EMC calls the owner of a gas station on Scenic Highway in Snellville. He demands a payment of \$1,002.38 in 45 minutes to avoid disconnection of their account.

The owner tells "Johnson" he will go to our office to pay. "Johnson" then tells the station owner he can only pay by directly wiring the money. The owner goes to a local drug store and wires the money to "Johnson."

But "Johnson" calls back. He demands the same payment again. The owner sends his wife to do another wire, but then becomes suspicious and cancels the transaction. Unfortunately, \$1,002.38 has already vanished.

"We do make courtesy calls to remind customer-owners of past due amounts," says Sherry Horvieth, consumer services director. "But you'll only hear a recording, not a live person. You can't pay your bill during these calls."

Unfortunately, you can't trust caller ID. Criminals can use computers to change their phone number. If you're suspicious, hang up and call us at 770-267-2505.

If you fall victim to a utility scam, report it to local law enforcement.

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HOW TO PAY

ONLY PAY YOUR ELECTRIC BILL BY:

- Going online to waltonemc.com
- Calling us at 770-267-2505
- Visiting our offices

WALTON EMC WILL NEVER:

- Ask you to pay by wiring money
- Ask you to pay with a prepaid card (GreenDot, etc.)
- Ask you to pay with a gift card
- Call and threaten you with immediate disconnect



Line Techs Demonstrate Skill at State Rodeo

Walton EMC line technicians of different experience levels recently competed in the Georgia Lineman's Rodeo near Perry.

Preparing for and competing in the rodeo helps keep the skills line technicians use on a daily basis razor sharp. Contestants complete different tasks in several events designed to test their dexterity, endurance and knowledge.

Your co-op's line technicians made good showings. In the overall apprentice division, Jacob McNary placed third, Ben Campbell placed seventh and Brandon Brooks placed ninth out of 75 contestants.

In the overall journeyman competition, the team of Bradley McCallister, Preston Roberts and Ryan West placed 11th out of 29 teams.

APPRENTICE COMPETITORS

Ben Campbell
Brandon Brooks
Jason Higgins
Jacob McNary
John Spence

JOURNEYMAN COMPETITORS

Bradley McCallister
Preston Roberts
Ryan West



Apprentice Line Technician Jacob McNary competes in the hurt man rescue event at the Georgia Lineman's Rodeo. Contestants are required to simulate the rescue of an unconscious utility worker without the aid of a bucket truck.

Walton EMC Students Win Statewide Scholarship

Children of two Walton EMC customer-owners are receiving Walter Harrison Scholarships from Georgia EMC, our statewide trade association.

Rishabh Agrawal of Watkinsville and Brendon Machado of Lilburn are two of the 10 students chosen from EMCs across Georgia to receive the \$1,000 award. The scholarship, honoring the pioneering efforts of its namesake in bringing power to rural America, is based on GPA, SAT scores, academic standing and honors and financial need.

Agrawal is the son of Shashenk and Renu Agrawal and will attend Augusta University to study cell and molecular biology, with plans to enroll in the Medical College of Georgia to become a doctor.

Involved in a number of school and community activities, Agrawal was named an AP Scholar with Distinction.

Machado is the son of Nirmala and Allan Machado and will attend Georgia State University to study data science.

Besides his involvement in school and community organizations, Machado has successfully completed eight advanced placement courses during his high school career.



Rishabh Agrawal



Brendon Machado