

operation round up

\$110,764

Goes to Help Community From Operation Round Up

Walton EMC customer-owners who participate in Operation Round Up made this latest grant distribution possible by giving an average of only 50 cents a month.

Across the Bridge, Inc. – \$1,000 Food bank equipment for clients recovering from addiction. *DeKalb, Gwinnett*

Athens Community Council on Aging, Inc. – \$5,000 Food boxes for grandparents raising grandchildren. *Barrow, Clarke, Oconee, Walton*

Bread for Life – \$2,400 Laptops to assist currently unemployed adults. *Clarke*

Covenant Counseling Institute – \$1,000 Psychotherapeutic and indigent care for families and children. *Gwinnett, Greene, Rockdale, Walton*

Exposure Empowerment – \$2,250 Expansion of mentoring program to six schools. *Gwinnett, Walton*

Georgia DECA – \$1,500 State skills competition support. *Entire territory*

Hands That Connect – \$850 Nutrition classes for teens to help curb the growing obesity rate. *Gwinnett, Rockdale, Walton*

Hi-Hope Service Center – \$5,000 Nursing services and prescription assistance for developmentally disabled adults. *Gwinnett*

Rockdale County 4-H – \$2,500 Project achievement and summer camp. *Rockdale*

Skye Precious Kids – \$2,500 Financial assistance to families caring for children with life-threatening illness. *DeKalb, Gwinnett, Rockdale, Walton*

StandUp for Kids – \$5,840 Mentoring for children at risk for homelessness. *Gwinnett*

YMCA Georgia's Piedmont – \$2,000 After-school care program. *Barrow, Clarke, Gwinnett, Oconee, Walton*

Three families – \$21,424 in emergency assistance.

Atlanta Community Food Bank, Mending the Gap, Partnership Against Domestic Violence, Salvation Army Gwinnett, Shepherd's Staff Ministries – \$57,500 Emergency food, shelter and medical needs. *Entire territory*

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!

spotlight

The Shepherd's Staff Ministries

Megan Herndon was the last to know she'd be the executive director of Shepherd's Staff Ministries in Loganville.

"I had a big list of reasons why it wouldn't work for me to take this position," says Herndon, a former executive with Intuit Corporation. "One by one, the Lord removed those obstacles."

Herndon's husband put it this way: "We all knew God had chosen you for this. It just took you a while to realize it." Her energy, passion and drive for the ministry is unmistakable.

Shepherd's Staff doesn't just hand out food and money. Each client goes through an extensive interview process. Then, while receiving assistance, the client participates in counseling and financial planning.

"Every client has an exit strategy," says Herndon. "We seek to assist people in a time of transition, like a job loss or health crisis. It's not our intent for clients to be on assistance from now on."

Shepherd's Staff offers a variety of programs to qualified families in the 30052 zip code. Beside food and financial assistance, the organization offers free GED classes, emergency housing, winter coats and vision assistance for students.

For more information or to support Shepherd's Staff, visit shepherdstaffloganville.com.



Volunteers are integral to The Shepherd's Staff's operation. Executive Director Megan Herndon, back row center, depends on them for a variety of tasks, including sorting and assembling food boxes for the ministry's semi-weekly distribution.

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Get SMART for a carefree vacation

AUTOMATED DEVICES HELP KEEP YOUR HOME SAFE AND SOUND WHILE YOU'RE AWAY

Vacation time is finally here! But so are the year's highest burglary rates, according to the U.S. Department of Justice.

Before you head out for vacation this summer, consider these "smart" products that let you use your smartphone to monitor your home from anywhere.

SMART PLUG

A smart plug can turn any electronic device into one that can be controlled remotely from a mobile device or put on a schedule to create the illusion that someone's home. No more leaving the hallway light on for a week, wasting electricity and money – and not fooling would-be thieves.

Wemo Mini (\$25) is a consumer favorite for indoor use because it's reliable, compact and easy to use.

TP-Link HS300 Kasa Smart Wi-Fi Power Strip (\$80) turns one outlet into six independently controlled smart outlets and three USB ports.

VIDEO DOORBELL

Use your smartphone to see, hear and speak to anyone at the door whether you're in the kitchen or out of town.

SkyBell (\$199), the brand offered by EMC Security, is the top-ranked video doorbell by reviewers at PC Magazine. Best feature: Storage of recorded video is free.

KEYLESS DOOR LOCK

Control access to your home with your phone. No more leaving keys under the mat for dog walkers or neighbors who are looking after your place while you're out of town.

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KEEP IT SIMPLE

EMC Security, a subsidiary of Walton EMC, offers a variety of competitively-priced smart products that are compatible with your existing fire/security systems. Integrating smart lights, thermostats and locks with an existing system will simplify safety and security measures while you're away.



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Get SMART

— continued from front

Schlage Sense (\$199) is an easy-to-install Bluetooth deadbolt that lets you use your phone to lock and unlock doors, program access codes and set up access schedules.

August Smart Lock Pro (\$229) includes an auto-unlock feature that knows when you arrive and unlocks the door as you approach.

SMART THERMOSTAT

Most smart thermostats are built with vacations in mind, so you won't have to worry about wasting energy while you're away – or coming home to a hot house.

Google Nest (\$249) memorizes your favorite temperature settings and adjusts throughout the day.

It can usually be self-installed in about 30 minutes.

Ecobee4 (\$249) uses sensors placed around the home to measure both occupancy and temperature. It's an easy DIY install, too.

PET CAMERA

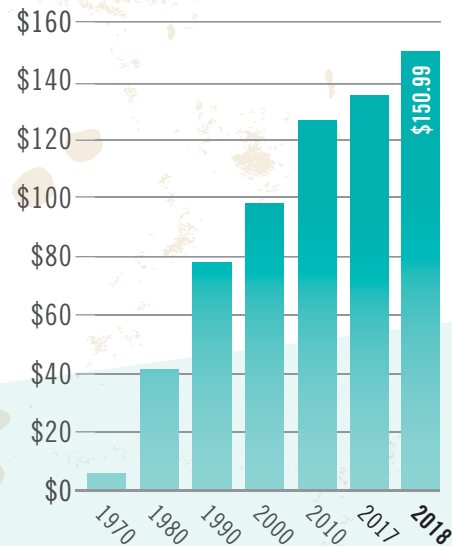
Worrying about your furry friend who's left behind at home can detract from the fun of a vacation. A pet camera can help you feed, play and interact with a pet while you're away.

Petcube Bites Wi-Fi Pet Camera and Treat Dispenser (\$179) is equipped with a high-definition video camera, two-way audio and 24/7 video recording that can be operated from a smartphone.

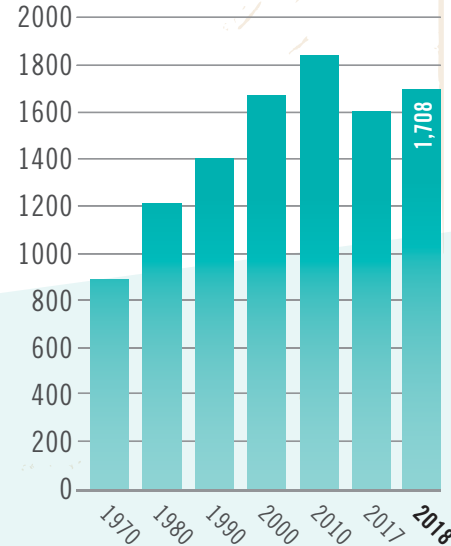
2018 ANNUAL REPORT

Every June, we gather information on your cooperative to present at the business session of the Walton EMC annual meeting. Take a look at our expanded edition prepared especially for this month's newsletter.

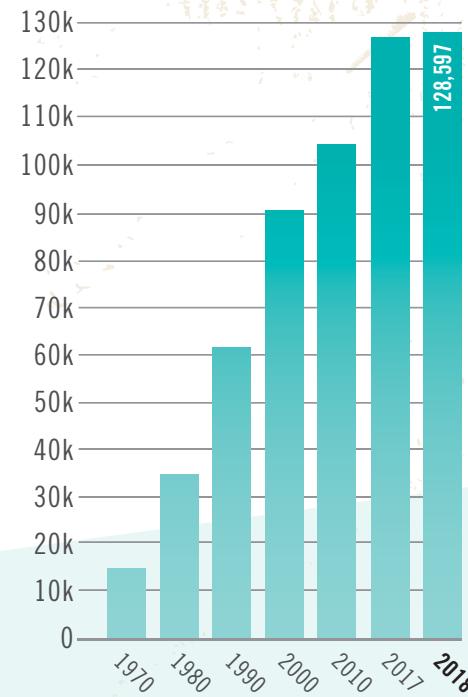
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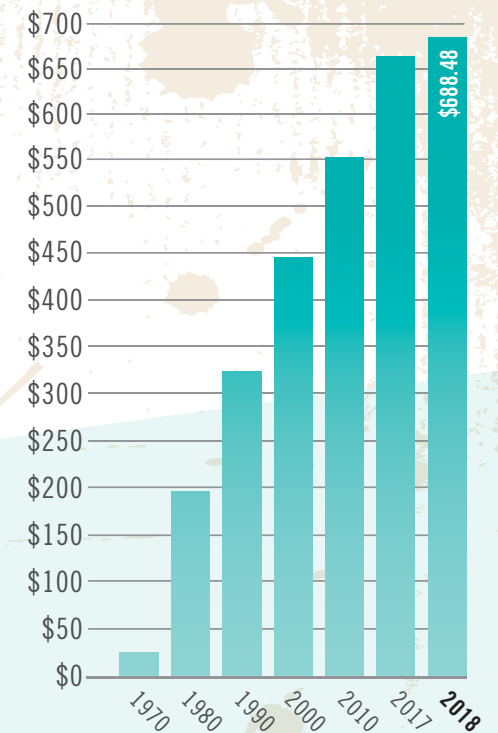
AVERAGE KWH PER MONTH



AVERAGE NUMBER OF MEMBERS



AVERAGE MONTHLY COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL BILL



NOTICE OF PATRONAGE CAPITAL ASSIGNMENT FOR 2018

Margins in the amount of \$28,328,164.07 (approximately 9.28 percent of electric revenue) have been assigned to all patrons of record in 2018 on the basis of electric revenue.

Although margins earned are assigned to patrons each year, the cooperative uses these margins to repay principal on long-term debt and as capital to construct or purchase electric plant until a general refund can be made without impairing the cooperative's financial condition.

General refunds are made on a combination of first in/first out and last in/first out basis. This means a general refund will come partly from the oldest and partly from the most recent margins earned by the cooperative. The cooperative's bylaws permit the board to make special refunds to estates of deceased patrons.

2018 GEORGIA PSC ELECTRIC RATE SURVEY WALTON EMC RANK OUT OF 94 PROVIDERS

Twice yearly, the Georgia Public Service Commission conducts a rate survey with all 94 of the state's electric utilities. The level of use for this comparison is a monthly use of 2,000 kilowatt-hours.

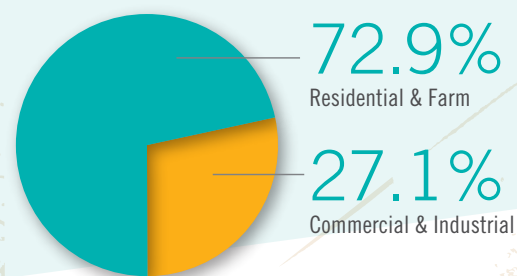


CAPITAL CREDITS RETURNED

Capital credits are what's left over after all bills are paid. In a co-op, that's called margins. Margins are used to pay down debt, make capital improvements and prepare for emergencies. When the co-op's board determines that our reserve is more than needed, the excess is returned.

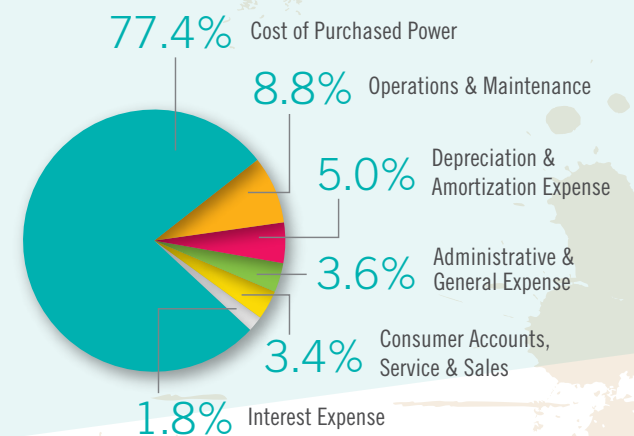
2018 **\$6,000,000**
ALL TIME TOTAL **\$99,571,000**

SOURCES OF REVENUE 2018



HOW ELECTRIC REVENUE WAS USED IN 2018

This is how we spend the money we receive. Most is used to buy power and operate the co-op. Less than 10 percent is spent on administration.



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