

## ENTER WALTON EMC'S Ugly Freezer Contest

Tired of that old, ugly freezer?

Walton EMC and Athens Refrigeration and Appliance will be giving the customer- owner with the ugliest freezer a brand new Frigidaire frost-free upright (\$1,099 retail) at the annual meeting on June 16.

It's easy to enter. Send a photo of your ugly, working freezer.

### PRIZES

- First place** – New Upright Freezer
- Second place** – \$100
- Third place** – \$50

### RULES

- You must be a Walton EMC electric customer-owner.
- Freezer must be in operation (plugged in and working).
- One entry per household.
- Entry and photo, along with name, address and phone number must be **submitted by May 31**.
- Walton EMC employees are not eligible.
- Subject to verification.



### TO ENTER

Submit a photo of your ugly freezer. The photo may be paper or electronic. **We MUST have your NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER** along with your photo.

**Email:** uglyfreezer@waltonemc.com

**Postal mail:** Ugly Freezer, Walton EMC, P.O. Box 260, Monroe, GA 30655

**Drop by:** Athens Refrigeration and Appliance or Walton EMC offices (Monroe, Snellville, Watkinsville)

### CONTEST PARTNER

Athens Refrigeration & Appliance  
athensrefrigerationandappliance.com



## 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.

**Athens Oconee Skin Cancer and Dermatology Clinic, LLC; Berry, Carrie; Bibb, Michael D.; Blake, Prioleaux M.; Byron, Amanda; Coffey, Regina R.; Colfin A1-GA1, LLC; Contreras, Jose; Cooper, Rita T.; Cost, Taylor A.; Crawford, Sekou; Damtew, Selamawit; Deal, Cynthia; Dorsey, Marvene; Edelstein, Shiran; Ellerbe, Roosevelt E.; ET Investment Properties, LLC; Forte, Gary; Hammer, Sibel; Jacobsen, Brandi; Jones, Samuel P.; Kebede, Afework; Lopez, Jesus M.; Love, Eugene D.; Moore, Pauline; Murphy, Jessica C.; Myers, Patt P.; Nzomo, Brian; Oluseun, Oshinowo; One Prop; Patricio, Laura J.; Patton, Mylon D.; Perez, Udi; Quarterman, Cynthia L.; Rumpfh, Demetria T.; Sabbath, Betty; Santiago, Stephanie; Strozier, Michael D.; Tran, Minh H.; Valente, Yesenia; Vineyard Chapel Church; Williamson, James R.**

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## PREPARE NOW FOR

## Summer Heat

Summer heat and humidity are on the way. As they rise, so does your energy bill. Make sure your home is prepared to stay cool and efficient with these tips:

### Air Conditioning

- Ensure the air conditioner is working properly – have a licensed contractor do an inspection and tune-up.
- Change the filters.
- Don't pile junk or plant shrubs around the outdoor unit.
- Keep rugs and furniture off indoor vents.
- Install a programmable thermostat to save energy when you're away.
- Use ceiling or box fans and run the air conditioning at a higher setting.
- Avoid using heat-producing appliances – like the oven, stove or dryer – during the hottest parts of the day. Use the grill for cooking.
- Keep blinds or shades closed wherever the sun shines in.
- Make sure kids aren't forgetting to close outside doors.

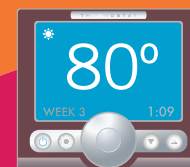
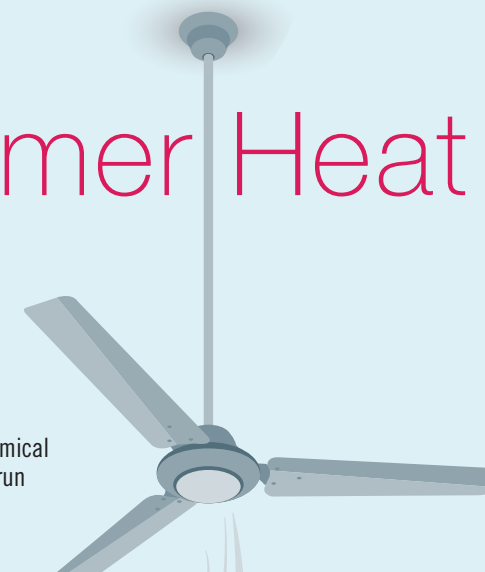
### General Cooling

### Swimming Pool

- Check and balance chemical levels to reduce pump run times.
- Install a pump timer.
- Switch to energy-efficient pumps.

### Energy Bill

- Check out Walton EMC's Levelized Billing to take the peaks out of summer bills.



### USE THE WIND CHILL EFFECT

Set the thermostat higher and use fans to stay cooler. Wind chill stinks in the winter, but the same effect will help you save energy in the summer. Each degree you can raise the air conditioner saves 3 to 5 percent in energy costs.

## 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



**Facebook** facebook.com/waltonemc



**YouTube** youtube.com/emctv

### WHEN WE'RE AVAILABLE

Power Outages and Emergencies > 24/7

Contact Center > M-F, 7A-7P

Business Offices > M-F, 8A-5P



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# SCHOLARSHIPS

## Walton EMC Engineering Leadership Scholarship Celebrates First Anniversary

The first year of Walton EMC's scholarship program for University of Georgia engineering students is in the books.

The co-op established the Walton EMC Engineering Leadership Scholarship in 2017 as a means of recognizing future engineering leaders and retaining local student engineering talent. The fund provides five \$10,000 scholarships to students who study one of the bachelor degree programs in UGA's College of Engineering and is open to residents of the counties Walton EMC serves: Athens-Clarke, Barrow, DeKalb, Greene, Gwinnett, Morgan, Newton, Oconee, Rockdale and Walton.

"Cultivating good engineers is critical to every facet of our nation's infrastructure," said Walton EMC CEO Ronnie Lee. "Our customer-owners expect – and rightly so – excellent electric service. Sound engineering is the foundation we build on to deliver that promise."

To apply, students must be majoring or intending to major in any bachelor degree program within the College of Engineering and have a minimum 3.7 grade point average. Recipients will remain eligible for up to four years if they keep a 3.7 GPA in their chosen engineering discipline. The deadline is May 31.

For information on the scholarship, visit [engineering.uga.edu/current/undergraduate/scholarships](http://engineering.uga.edu/current/undergraduate/scholarships).

The first scholarship recipients are:

**Galilea Garcia** of Conyers

**Morgan Godby** of Madison

**Aubrie Herndon** of Loganville

**Jake Jensen** of Athens

**Sean Sullivan** of Lilburn

"Being a young female engineer in a workforce comprised of mostly men, I wish to someday inspire other women and young girls that mechanical engineering is not only something that women are capable of learning, but also something that women are capable of leading," said scholarship recipient Morgan Godby.

The scholarship funds come from unclaimed capital credits.

Customer-owners who move off Walton EMC's grid may be due capital credit refunds. In some instances, those checks are returned by the post office because of an incorrect forwarding address. After Walton EMC exhausts all efforts to find the rightful owner, Georgia law allows this money to be used for community development and educational projects.

## Walton Electric Trust Awards \$156,000 in Scholarships

Students from across Walton EMC's 10-county service area have received the latest round of Walton Electric Trust Scholarships.

Over 250 students applied for the scholarship that helps fund post-secondary education at a college or vo-tech school. Applicants were evaluated on work ethic, triumph over obstacles, community service and extracurricular activities. The scholarship committee also reviewed recommendations from teachers and other adults involved in the students' lives.

Of those, 32 students received scholarships of \$4,000. Another 28 were awarded runner-up scholarships of \$1,000.

The Trust has awarded 519 scholarships worth \$1,205,000 since the program began in 2008. The scholarships are funded by unclaimed refunds to former Walton EMC customer-owners. After all efforts are exhausted to find the rightful owners, the money goes into an endowment provided for by Georgia law.



Students from across Walton EMC's 10-county service area receiving a Walton Trust Scholarship are, front row, left to right: Anna Higgins, Home School; Karleigh Jane Castellow, Walnut Grove High; Haylee Peters, Walnut Grove High; Ansley Myers, Walnut Grove High; Emily Myers, Walnut Grove High; Tyra Quintanilla, Shiloh High; Brittany Townsend, Social Circle High; Kaitlyn Rutledge, George Walton Academy; Lauren McCollough, Westminster Christian Academy; Katerina Higgins, Home School; middle row, Emily Sandy, Parkview High; Grace Buckley, Parkview High; Ashley Blackburn, Apalachee High; Jenna Range, Brookwood High; Hannah Taylor, Brookwood High; Amber Burgess, Scholars Guild Academy; Will Worthington, Oconee County High; Tyler Smedley, Monroe Area High; Emily Sanders, Heritage Classical Study Center; back row, Duncan Watts, Walnut Grove High; Trevor Queen, Walnut Grove High; David Colin Hendricks, Monroe Area High; Austin Malcom, Social Circle High; Mason Sale, North Oconee High; Connor Bowler, Brookwood High; David Dutton, Brookwood High; Justice Bigot, Gwinnett School of Mathematics and Science; Casey Trammell, George Walton Academy.

Not pictured: George Walton Academy; Grant Cofer, Morgan County High; Hayden Grant, Providence Christian Academy; Joseph Crumbley, Nathaniel Greene Academy; Laura Fletcher, North Oconee High; Myla Roberts, Loganville Christian Academy.



## Annual Meeting Next Month

Join us  
Saturday,  
June 16

Walton EMC's 82nd Annual Meeting is coming soon. It's your chance to participate in running your co-op and includes prizes, entertainment and children's activities.

- Many door prizes including the grand prize – a recycled Ford pickup!
- Every registered customer-owner receives an attendance prize
- Entertainment by The Hoppers
- Kids' activities including rides, face painting, cotton candy and more
- Free health screenings
- Improved exhibit area including new vendors
- Ugly freezer contest winner announced

Walton County  
Agricultural Center,  
Monroe, Ga.

Entertainment  
begins at 8 a.m.

Business meeting  
begins at 10 a.m.

See [waltonemc.com](http://waltonemc.com)  
for more information.



The Hoppers have appeared at events like presidential religious inaugural ceremonies and New York's Carnegie Hall. They'll be singing at this year's annual meeting.



The famous prize wall is a permanent fixture of the Walton EMC annual meeting. Many customer-owners will leave the meeting with a nice gift.