

**Walton EMC 83<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL MEETING**  
**JUNE 15, 2019**

**prizes entertainment kids' fest**

**Improved vendor tent**

See the latest LED lighting technology, learn more about our solar program, meet Smokey Bear and visit other vendors to see the latest in energy efficiency and technology.

**Gold City**

Gold City has set the standard for male quartets since their inception in 1980. With many awards, honors and number one songs, Gold City remains down to earth, committed to delivering power-packed, four-part harmonies. Their songs are meaningful, entertaining, inspiring and uplifting.

Walton EMC's 83rd Annual Meeting happens Saturday, June 15 – it's a tradition you don't want to miss!

Participate in your cooperative's business AND win prizes, hear great entertainment and let your kids have fun.

- Entertainment by Gold City.
- Kids' Fest features rides, face painting and cotton candy.
- Free health screenings.
- Improved exhibit area including new vendors.
- Oldest freezer contest winner announced.

• Many other door prizes, including the grand prize – a recycled Ford pickup.

See **waltonemc.com** for more information.

**LOCATION**  
Walton County Agricultural Center, Monroe.

**ENTERTAINMENT**  
begins at 8 a.m.

**PRIZES**  
First early bird prizes at 9:05 a.m.

**MEETING**  
Business meeting begins at 10 a.m.

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**Walton EMC named SOLAR ENERGY LEADER IN THE SOUTHEAST**  
**Facebook partnership helps cooperative earn top mark**

Walton EMC is leading all Southeast utilities in solar power development, according to a newly published report by the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy (SACE).

In its Solar in the Southeast, 2018 Annual Report, SACE recognizes your cooperative as the region's top utility developer of major solar projects. The report documents current progress and trends driving solar growth in Southeastern states, including Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.

Walton EMC earned the top rank on the report's SunRiser list, which identifies the utilities experiencing the greatest solar energy growth. The co-op currently distributes 115 watts of solar power per customer-owner. By 2022, that number is expected to rise to 1,569 per customer – a standard that will put the cooperative at the top of the list of Southeastern solar power distributors and boost Georgia's overall solar generation per customer by 135 percent.

Walton EMC landed at the top of the SunRiser list by executing power purchase agreements with three major solar projects to serve a new Facebook data center. Last year, the cooperative executed contracts for the projects as part of its agreement to provide 100 percent renewable energy for Facebook's advanced, energy-efficient data center under construction in Newton County.

"It's gratifying to be recognized for the groundbreaking energy supply arrangement for Facebook's Newton Data Center," said Walton EMC CEO Ronnie Lee. "We hope the SunRiser honor will spotlight our unique agreements that can serve as models for similar projects all across the country, bringing more renewable energy and economic rewards with them."

The energy supply collaboration, which is the largest solar development project in Georgia, is projected to provide \$230 million in new investment and 800 jobs to boost the state's economy.

"These results illustrate how significant large solar projects can be," said Bryan Jacob, SACE's solar program director. "Not only are these bringing jobs and tax revenues into the service territory, they are providing reliable, low-cost, clean energy and propelling that system to leading levels of solar watts per customer."

Walton EMC was selected to collaborate with Facebook because of its reputation as an energy innovator. In 2015, the cooperative launched Cooperative Solar, a program that allows co-op members to purchase blocks of solar electricity to offset energy produced from traditional fuels. The renewable energy program now encompasses three solar farms that annually produce 6.5 megawatts of solar electricity – enough energy to completely satisfy the power needs of about 1,100 homes.

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**PRODUCT CONTENT LABEL**

The product is sold in blocks of 150 kilowatt hours (kWh). The product will be made up of the following renewable resources.

Green-e Energy Certified New <sup>3</sup> Renewables in Walton EMC Green Power Program	2018 <sup>1</sup>	2019 <sup>2</sup>	Generation Location
Biomass	100%	100%	Georgia
Geothermal	0%	0%	
Eligible Hydroelectric	0%	0%	
Solar	0%	0%	
Wind	0%	0%	
TOTAL	100%	100%	

1. The 2018 figures reflect the resources that were supplied for the year ending December 31, 2018. 2. The 2019 figures are prospective and reflect the power that we have contracted to provide. Actual figures may vary according to resource availability. We will annually report to you before August 1 of next year in the form of a Historic Product Content Label the actual resource mix of the electricity you purchased. 3. New Renewables come from generation facilities that first began commercial operation within the past 15 years. This product includes generation from a facility that is approved for extended use by Green-e Energy.

For comparison, the 2018 average mix of resources supplying Walton EMC includes: Coal (48%), Nuclear (42%), Oil (0%), Natural Gas (5%), Hydroelectric (5%), and Other (0%).

The average home in the United States uses 867 kWh per month. [Source: U.S. EIA, 2017]

For specific information about this electricity product, please contact Walton Electric Membership Corporation, (770) 267-2505, Customer Service: [csr@waltonemc.com](mailto:csr@waltonemc.com)

Green-e Energy certifies that Walton Electric Membership Corporation Green Power Program meets the environmental and consumer protection standards established by the non-profit Center for Resource Solutions. For more information on Green-e Energy certification requirements or log on to [www.green-e.org](http://www.green-e.org).



## where are you? Unclaimed Refunds

If you know someone on this list, please have them contact us at 770-266-2519.

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.

**Abbott**, William G.; **Acosta**, Amabel S.; **Afridi**, Mohammed I.; **Baptiste**, Laura; **Barnard**, Allison R.; **Bradley**, Christa; **Bramblett** Drywall Construction; **Conn**, Melanie M.; **Cooper**, Sheldon A.; **Daniel**, Jada; **Flucas**, Alexis; **Gaddie**, Jerry; **Green**, Timothy O.; **Gul**, Claire; **Hall**, Mary L.; **Harrison**, Lameka D.; **Heard**, Lawanda; **Jarvis**, Jeff; **Jenkins**, Vera; **Junor**, Peter; **Kaswinkel**, Matthew C.; **Kellar**, Heather; **Kesselly**, Lisa; **Leach**, April; **Marcano**, Melanie; **Martin**, Sherry M.; **Mechanics** Hall Automotive; **Payne**, Zindziswa; **Pullen**, James H.; **Rogers**, Michael; **Saavedra**, Nichole; **Simpson**, Matthew D.; **Slater**, Zakia; **Snooks**, Johnathan; **Sookraj**, Sookdeo; **Telemaque**, Marie; **Trocadero**, Ryan D.; **Ward**, Jodi; **White**, Sandra G.; **Wright**, Melanie; **Zarodya**, Maria



## ENTER WALTON EMC'S

# Oldest Freezer Contest

Last year, we found the Walton EMC customer-owner with the ugliest freezer. This year, we're going for the oldest.

Walton EMC and our partner, Athens Refrigeration and Appliance, will be giving the customer-owner with the oldest freezer a new Frigidaire frost-free upright (\$1,099 retail) at the Annual Meeting on June 15.

The second-place winner will receive a Frigidaire compact refrigerator and third place will go home with a Frigidaire chest freezer.

It's easy to enter. Send a photo of your old freezer along with a photo of the nameplate (the label that lists the model number, electrical specifications, etc.).

## prizes

### FIRST PLACE

New Upright Freezer

### SECOND PLACE

New Compact Refrigerator

### THIRD PLACE

New Chest Freezer

## rules

- You must be a Walton EMC customer-owner.
- Freezer must be in operation (plugged in and working).
- One entry per household.
- Entry and photos submitted by **Friday, June 7.**
- Walton EMC employees are not eligible.
- Subject to verification.

## to enter

Submit a photo of your old freezer and nameplate. The photo may be paper or electronic. **We MUST have this information along with your photo:** name, address and phone number.

**EMAIL:** oldestfreezer@waltonemc.com

**POSTAL MAIL:** Oldest Freezer, Walton EMC, P.O. Box 260, Monroe, GA 30655

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



## MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND DIY 5 Easy Projects to Start Your Summer

Memorial Day weekend is the unofficial start of summer here in Georgia. If you're like most Americans, you'll spend a portion of the weekend barbecuing with family and friends. But the long holiday weekend is also a great time to knock out a few easy projects to improve your home's energy efficiency this summer.

Here are five DIY projects you can complete before it's time to break out the burgers.

**1 INSPECT YOUR AIR CONDITIONER(S).** Clean out or change all of the filters in your AC units. Then clean the vents both on the unit itself and in your home. Look for leaves and debris in the central air conditioner's condenser unit. If it's clogged, consult your owner's manual or call a professional for cleaning. Cut and remove any weeds or vines that may obstruct airflow through the condenser unit.

**2 CLEAN REFRIGERATORS AND FREEZERS.** Wipe down interior surfaces of all refrigerators and freezers. Vacuum the condenser coils on the back or bottom of the appliance to clear out dust and gunk. Removing the dust and dirt will make it more efficient at keeping the inside of the refrigerator cold.

**3 CLEAN DRYER VENT.** The vent on a clothes dryer can become clogged with lint over time, causing the dryer to dry less efficiently and resulting in dangerous house fires. To clean, remove the outside cover on the vent, and use a special lint brush with an extendable handle to thoroughly clean the inside of the pipe.

**4 TEST DOORS AND WINDOWS.** Check for leaks through which cool air may escape – and then caulk or weatherstrip the gaps.

**5 INSTALL A PROGRAMMABLE THERMOSTAT.** Experts say a programmable thermostat can save as much as 10 percent on cooling and heating bills. With units running from \$30 to \$300, there's a model to fit every budget. An experienced DIY-er can install most models, however you may wish to watch an online tutorial before attempting the project.

You can complete all of these pre-summer chores over the Memorial Day weekend – and still have ample time to fire up the grill.

**SAFETY FIRST:**  
Always disconnect appliances from wall outlets and turn off breakers to HVAC equipment before performing maintenance or installations.

# Local Students Receive Walton Trust Scholarship

Students from across Walton EMC's 10-county service area are the beneficiaries of 2019 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 were selected to receive scholarships of \$4,000. Another 28 were awarded runner-up scholarships of \$1,000.

The Trust has awarded 579 scholarships since the program began in 2009. 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:** Kaylah Brown, Brookwood High; Madison Hicks, Westminster Christian; Kennedy Henderson, Walnut Grove High; Emma Story, Walnut Grove High; Abigail Herbert, Loganville High; Emma Deal, Oconee County High; Brenna Hendrix, Archer High; Frances Redwine, Oconee County High; Anna Caroline Paschall, Oconee County High; Katie Thompson, Walnut Grove High;

**middle row,** Chasity Rooks, Monroe Area High; Anna Whitford, Cedar Shoals High; Jessica Brogdon, Walnut Grove High; Kari Kohl Glen, Brookwood High; Grace Taylor, Loganville High; Hope Tasker, North Oconee High; Grace McCorkle, North Oconee High; Bryce Thomas, Parkview High; **back row,** Robert Anderson, North Oconee High; Keegan Gross, Archer High; David Kyle Pool, North Oconee High; Jacob Hilpp, North Oconee High; Patrick Brannen, Prince Avenue Christian;

Ryan Franklin, Walnut Grove High; Jacob Smith, Loganville High; William Newberry, Monsignor Donovan Catholic High.

**Not pictured:** Whitney McNair, Stephenson High; Yasmina Al-Aboudy, Shiloh High; Thi Dao, Brookwood High; William Olson, Monroe Area High; Miriam Morris, homeschool; Bailey Echols, Loganville Christian.

