

Employees Raise Big Bucks for Boys and Girls Club

For the past seven years, Walton EMC employees have donated the proceeds of their annual spring golf tournament to the Walton County Boys and Girls Club. With their recent check presentation, it's now eight.

Employees recently took a \$35,000 check to the club to help sustain their life-changing work with young people. This year's donation brings the eight-year total given to the Boys and Girls Club to \$189,000.

Boys and Girls Clubs exist so young people have an alternative to the streets for finding companionship and recreation. Their mission is to enable young people to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

"One of the cooperative principles Walton EMC operates by is 'concern for community,'" said Greg Brooks, community and public relations director. "Our employees take that commitment seriously. It's important to us to make our local communities a better place."



Walton EMC employees recently presented a \$35,000 check to the Walton County Boys and Girls Club from the proceeds of the 2015 Walton EMC Golf Classic. Pictured are, front row, left to right, Boys and Girls Club staff member Errica Cooper, Boys and Girls Club members Reginold, Madison, Sebastian, Boys and Girls Club staff member Lynn Hill, Walton EMC employees Kathy Ivie and Cindy Haddon. Back row, left to right, Boys and Girls Club member Stephen, Boys and Girls Club staff member Monica Trimble, Boys and Girls Club member Sunny, Walton EMC employees Preston Roberts and Greg Brooks.



Operation Round Up Boosts Local Charities by

\$104,771.48

Walton EMC customer-owners who give an average of 50 cents a month are making a giant impact on those who do good works. Check out our recent grants:

Friends of Georgia State Parks and Historic Sites (DeKalb, Morgan, Newton, Rockdale, Walton) – \$5,000 for their Children's Outdoor Classroom project.

Georgia Children's Chorus (Barrow, Clarke, Greene, Morgan, Oconee, Walton) – \$5,000 for tuition scholarships.

Lighthouse Family Retreat (entire Walton EMC service territory) – \$3,500 for a retreat for families dealing with childhood cancer.

Oconee Area Resource Council (Oconee) – \$2,500 for their mentoring program.

Penfield Christian Homes (entire Walton EMC service territory) – \$10,000 for scholarships to reclaim alcohol- and drug-addicted men and women.

Walton Forward, Inc. (Walton) – \$2,700 for their youth and adult educational programs.

Action Ministries (Clarke, Oconee) – \$6,000 for their community kitchen.

Cancer Foundation of Northeast Georgia (Barrow, Clarke, Greene, Morgan, Oconee, Walton) – \$10,000 to provide financial assistance to families dealing with cancer.

Faith in Serving Humanity (Walton) – \$12,000 to provide weekend food during the school year for needy children.

Georgia Lions Lighthouse (entire Walton EMC service territory) – \$5,000 to provide eye care for low-income families.

Salvation Army (Clarke, Gwinnett) – \$15,000 for their emergency feeding program.

Seven needy families – \$28,071.48 for urgent or emergency needs.

Every cent you donate by rounding up your monthly electric bill goes to help those who need it. Walton EMC pays 100 percent of the administrative costs of the program.

Want to help too? Sign up today at waltonemc.com/index.php/community/operation-roundup/

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THIRD ANNUAL what will you do with your savings?

Here's what the average Walton EMC customer-owners can buy with the money they saved on their July power bill.

- 2 GEORGIA AQUARIUM TICKETS
- 6 MOVIE TICKETS
- 9 ROUNDS OF MINI GOLF
- 2 ADULT + 1 CHILD'S TICKET TO ZOO ATLANTA
- 5 CORN MAZE TICKETS
- 17 GAMES OF BOWLING
- 1 FRIENDS OF GEORGIA STATE PARKS MEMBERSHIP

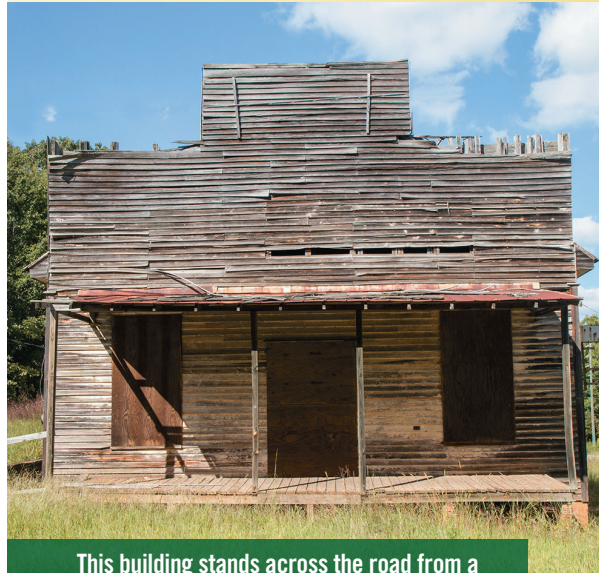
Based on Georgia Public Service Commission's Summer 2015 Residential Rate Survey. Data based on 2,000 kilowatt-hour/month level and a savings of \$67.20 over Georgia Power. This is the closest survey level to the average Walton EMC customer-owner's electricity use in July 2015 (2,104 kWh), the date of the PSC study. Out of 94 utilities surveyed statewide including EMCs, government-owned utilities and Georgia Power, Walton EMC was the 20th lowest. Walton EMC was \$91.60 lower than the state's highest utility.



exploring our LANDMARKS

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.



This building stands across the road from a grand antebellum home and served as a commissary and general store. The family who owned this store ran one of the largest tenant farms in Morgan County.

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

LAST MONTH'S LANDMARK: The historic bridge spans the Apalachee River on Highway 78 between Walton and Oconee Counties.

AUGUST WINNER: Sandra Page of Loganville.

on the calendar

OCTOBER

October is Co-op Month

When it comes to buying local, cooperative businesses like Walton EMC stand out. That's because we're locally grown by everyday people who join together to solve a problem or meet a need. Did you know that your co-op is owned and democratically controlled by people just like you?

Adaptable and time tested, co-ops are everywhere and operate in every industry including energy, agriculture, financial services, food, retail, health care insurance, purchasing, shared services and more.

While many business are motivated by profit, co-ops exist to deliver quality goods and services to their customer-owners. When we take in more than we need, we return the excess to you. As a matter of fact, Walton EMC has returned \$71 million to you, our customer-owners, in capital credits.

As a customer-owner, you are encouraged to participate in electing directors from among yourselves who set policies and make decisions for the co-op. That means you have a real stake in Walton EMC's future and direction.

Don't just sit on the sidelines when you can have an active role in your co-op. Take ownership.

CO-OPS. — Take — OWNERSHIP

CO OP MONTH OCTOBER 2015

Your porch light promotes a safe Halloween

Make your yard and home safe for the little ghosts and goblins who'll be ringing your doorbell.

Make this Halloween bright and fun...

- Keep your porch light turned on until you run out of candy to let trick-or-treaters know they are welcome and to keep the area illuminated to prevent falls.
- Use the holiday as a good excuse to install security or outdoor lighting, which will scare off pranksters and keep visitors safe.
- Choose lighted decorations certified by a product safety organization like Underwriter's Laboratory (UL).
- Connect no more than three strands of lights together. Inspect for damaged cords and unplug before replacing bulbs.
- Use heavy-duty extension cords for outdoor lighting jobs and don't overload.
- Move cords out of the way so your scary little friends won't trip over them.

NOVEMBER

Holiday programs return

Walton EMC is pleased to announce the return of our popular holiday programs.

Dean Pannell, Georgia Master Florist, will present both Thanksgiving and Christmas decorating ideas at the Oconee Civic Center in Watkinsville on Monday, Nov. 2, and at Brookwood High School in Snellville on Tuesday, Nov. 3. Programs begin each night at 7 p.m.

Pannell, a 20-year floral business veteran, ran his own shop before landing in New York to decorate the sets of "Passions" and "Guiding Light" soap operas. He is the recipient of numerous design awards and has been featured in many popular magazines.



Pannell now runs his own business, Pannell Designs and Events, but his true love is teaching people how to make their homes "pop" with current and beautiful floral designs.

WALTON EMC HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Nov. 2
Oconee Civic Center

Nov. 3
Brookwood High School

7 p.m.
nightly

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.

Age, Steven M.; Atlantic Properties, Inc.; Belcher, Andrea; Bravo Group, LLC; Brickman, Amy; Cabral, Erin; Chatman, Linda M.; Craig, Collins; Cruthcer, Irene N.; Diaz, Renan; Dowis, Brett; Dwyer, Johnalyn C.; Faijue, Josephine; FreO Georgia, LLC; Georgia Department of Community Affairs; Gibbs, Brittany; Gnu, Elisabeeth; Hall, Brandon T.; Hawkins, Johnathan; Hernandez, Rosario; Ibrahim, Kenadid A.; Jewitt, Angeline M.; Johnson, Jeanette; Jones, Nakita C.; Kozlosky, Russell W.; Lawson, Lance A.; Leatherwood, Donita C.; Lederer, Tom; Lewis, Michele R.; McSpadden, Richard;

DECEMBER

GATE card expiration approaching

The Georgia Agriculture Tax Exemption (GATE) card is a certificate issued by the Georgia Department of Agriculture that identifies its user as a qualified farmer or producer who is exempt from sales tax on the inputs used in the production of their commodity.

If you are currently receiving a GATE sales tax exemption for services from Walton EMC, your card will expire on Dec. 31, 2015. To continue receiving this exemption, you need to re-apply for the GATE certificate and submit it no later than Dec. 31, 2015. Copies of your renewed GATE card can be mailed, faxed or emailed to:



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TO APPLY FOR OR RENEW A GATE CERTIFICATE

forms.agr.georgia.gov/gate or call 855-FARM TAX (855-327-6829).

Walton EMC recognizes and appreciates the contribution of agriculture to the wellbeing and security of our state and country.

Midland Mortgage Co.; Mincey, Kyle; Monrose, David; Moore, Narayana; Nagbe, Amos T.; Pablo, Alicia B.; Pagan, Roberto; Parker, Jennifer L.; Pitts, Jessica; Ramirez, Ruben; Roberts, Sheila P.; Rogers, Tyler; Russell, Rachel; Sanu, Kendrick; Smith, Lisa; Simmons, Kesean T.; Smith, Chelsie; Sykes, Ronny; Tande, Wendy L.; Walker, Kenneth; Ward, Timothy B.; Watkins, Martha A.; Watson, Adrian; Williams, Kashunda T.