

Shooting down breast cancer – one clay pigeon at a time

If you know Walton EMC, you likely know that “concern for community” is a hallmark of our cooperative. A shining example is the Walton EMC Charity Shoot 2018, organized and hosted by co-op employees.

The event, held at Cherokee Rose Gun Club on Aug. 17, raised \$16,700 to benefit local breast cancer organizations. The proceeds from all eight annual shoots total \$120,000.

Funds raised go directly to breast cancer support agencies in Walton EMC’s 10-county service area. Every clay pigeon shot down helps to fund free breast health education, screenings, mammograms, ultrasounds and biopsies as well as assistance to individuals financially challenged by a cancer diagnosis.

It takes a lot of hands – and hearts – to make this event a success each year. We deeply appreciate the participants, sponsors and volunteers.

A shout-out to our shooters

This year’s contest attracted 33 teams, bringing together 165 individual competitors. Among them was Buddy Johnson, a member of the Southern Sanitation team which claimed first overall. Buddy has participated in the competition every year and says everything about the event is “first class.” Thanks, Buddy.

Vickie Rollins of Statham has participated since we started a ladies division three years ago. Not only is she winning in life as a breast cancer survivor, but she’s also a sharp shooter who has won the ladies’ division every year.

Congratulations to all the winners and competitors for helping us shoot down cancer!

Thank you to our sponsors

Sponsor donations defray event costs, meaning more money can go to breast cancer education and services. Many of these sponsors also bring teams and volunteer during the shoot. Thanks to one and all – with a special shout-out to Walton Gas, the presenting sponsor.

Making it happen

Behind-the-scenes work of many Walton EMC employees and their families make the Charity Shoot possible. Kathy Ivie, Walton EMC’s youth and community specialist, is our fearless leader, but she’s quick to point out that many hands contribute to the event’s success.

Before the big day, Walton EMC office employees manage registration and assemble goody and snack bags for participants. Some of the linemen handle logistics such as setting up shooting stations, putting up tents and signs, and filling coolers.

The day of the event, an army of employees register teams, sell raffle tickets, work at the shooting stations and keep score. And when the competition ends, shooters head back to the gun club pavilion for Barbeque prepared by Walton EMC employees who started cooking before most got out of bed that morning.

Though we’ve closed the books on another successful Charity Shoot, community caring by Walton EMC doesn’t stop there. It’s just one of the many hands-on community activities we are actively engaged in as a company. For instance, several employees trained for weeks to walk 30 miles as a team in the Georgia 2-Day Walk for Breast Cancer in September.

We’re caring for the community – it’s simply the cooperative way – and the Walton EMC way – of doing business.



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LET’S STAY SAFE OUT THERE

Walton EMC reminds you to take precautions during hurricane season

A little more than a year ago, Hurricane Irma roared through this area causing historic damage to Walton EMC’s electricity distribution system. At the height of the storm, 50,000 co-op accounts experienced a power outage. Nearly 79,000 individual outages were reported before it was all said and done. That’s a lot of people in the dark – even if for a short time.

Fortunately we were spared from the destruction of Hurricane Florence, but we’re still in peak hurricane season. Should things turn stormy, we urge you make safety your top priority.

Safety reminders

Ensure that you and your loved ones know how to protect against the hazards of severe storms. Brad Adcock, Walton EMC’s director of safety and training, provides this advice:

- **Stay away from all downed lines**, even if you think it’s a phone or cable TV line.
- **Take care when stepping into a flooded area.** Submerged outlets or electrical cords may energize the water, posing a potential lethal trap.
- **Do not use electrical appliances that have been wet.** Water can damage motors in electrical appliances, such as furnaces, freezers, refrigerators, washing machines and dryers. Have appliances that have been under water reconditioned by a qualified service repairman, or purchase new ones.

- **Know how to properly operate portable electric generators.** A qualified, licensed electrician should install your generator to ensure that it meets local codes. If improperly installed or operated, power from generators can backfeed along power lines and electrocute anyone coming in contact with them, including line workers making repairs.

Be prepared

Our storm center at waltonemc.com provides a library of information to help you, including:

- Power Outage Preparation Checklist
- Hurricane Preparation Guide
- Plan for Medically Fragile Patients

Report an outage

Online: Using our online systems is the quickest way to report your outage. Visit waltonemc.com and click on the Report an Outage link from your mobile device or computer. You can also report through the Walton EMC smartphone app.

By phone: Call us at 770.267.2505 and follow the voice prompt to report an outage. Be sure to enter the correct telephone number and location of the outage.

Read our Portable Generator Guide at waltonemc.com to help choose, and safely operate, a generator.



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RENOVATION TRENDS

fall 2018

Walton EMC has rounded up the year's best ideas



• **Induction cooktops.** Those looking for a change from the common range are installing an induction cooktop with a separate wall oven.

• **Steam ovens.** The new “must-have” appliance, a steam oven cooks food much faster, retaining nutrients and flavor better than conventional ovens.

• **French door wall oven.** These ovens work in small spaces. Some come Bluetooth-equipped for smartphone control.

• **Paneled refrigerator.** A paneled refrigerator adds a sleek and classic look to even the most basic of kitchens.

4. MORE INTERIOR LIGHT

Many makeovers include new lighting under and over cabinets, above kitchen islands and on door kick plates. Also popular are pendant lights that add style and personality, especially in kitchens, entry areas, family rooms, dining rooms and living rooms. Another benefit: Today's LED lights are more efficient and longer lasting.

5. SPA BATHROOMS

Bathroom makeovers are providing space for a personalized retreat. Trending are upgraded showers with larger and multiple showerheads, seating areas and glass enclosures. Also gaining popularity: smart and heated toilets, heated floors, wireless music systems and towel heating drawers.

6. LAUNDRY INNOVATIONS

Americans spend more time on laundry than other household tasks, according to a new study by Omnibus Research for Whirlpool. Replacing traditional laundry appliances with connected washer-dryers can save time and energy. Several manufacturers offer washers and dryers with smartphone-controlled custom laundry cycles.

Are home updates on your fall to-do list? You could be in for a treat. Energy-saving, technology-driven innovations are more convenient, affordable and attractive than ever.

Here are some of the hottest trends to inspire your upgrades:

1. THE CONNECTED HOME

Countless technology upgrades add flexibility, convenience and even affordability (such as using your device to control lights). Upgrade your home based on your budget and technology preferences. A few ideas:

- Lighting and heating systems can be programmed to adjust based on time of day and managed from smartphones or tablets.
- Apps, like the one from Google Nest, offer notifications if an appliance is left on or malfunctions.
- Several manufacturers enable users to check the status of Wi-Fi-enabled appliances and balance a myriad of household tasks through a smartphone app.

2. SMART KITCHENS

If you're not ready to convert your entire home to smart technology, start with the kitchen. One of the biggest 2018 trends is having technology integrated into every kitchen function and appliance.

Many new homes have kitchens built “smart” from the ground up. Older kitchens can be renovated to include sensors, smart gadgets and devices such as a:

- Faucet which can sense hands underneath and turns on automatically.
- Refrigerator that can alert you when groceries items are running low.
- Coffee maker programmed to have coffee ready when you awake.

3. APPLIANCE UPGRADES

If the kitchen is going to face a revolution, the appliances can't be left behind. Among the hottest trends for 2018:

- **New finishes.** Stainless steel and traditional white are giving way to gray-toned appliances in a dark brushed metal finish. Also trending are single appliances in a bright color such as a red refrigerator.



Reminder...

If your fall remodeling project includes the purchase of an appliance, don't forget to look for the Energy Star label that indicates the product meets energy efficiency standards. Learn more at energystar.gov.



JOIN US NOV. 6 AND 13

Holiday Programs

Make plans now to join Walton EMC in Watkinsville and Loganville for our 2018 Holiday Programs.

Dean Pannell, a Georgia Master Florist, will focus on practical Christmas decorating ideas. You'll enjoy his interactive instruction style that's peppered with humorous stories and anecdotes.

Pannell, a 23-year floral business veteran, decorated the sets of “Passions” and “Guiding Light” soap operas. The recipient of numerous design awards, Dean and his ideas have been featured in many popular magazines.

Along with Pannell, Denise Beacham, will share her knowledge of creative gift giving and wrapping. Learn quick, easy and unique ways to take your gift giving to the next level.

No pre-registration required. Programs begin at 7 p.m.

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this
year**

Bring a new or gently used children's book to donate to our Operation Bookworm project and you'll be entered in a special drawing to win one of Dean's beautiful Christmas wreaths!



Dean Pannell

NOV. 6 – Loganville Rock Gym and Convention Center

NOV. 13 – Oconee Civic Center

Vehicle Sale

Walton EMC is offering vehicles for sale by sealed bid during November. You can see these vehicles behind the Monroe office building at Walton EMC's headquarters, 842 Highway 78, about five miles east of Monroe. Bid sheets will be available in the mailbox adjacent to the vehicles.

All vehicles are on an as-is basis. All bids must be postmarked on or before **Nov. 19, 2018**. The highest bidder will be contacted as soon as possible. Walton EMC reserves the right to refuse any and all bids.

Viewing is for one week only beginning Monday, Nov. 12, and ending Friday, Nov. 16, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sales tax will be added.



Vehicle #	Description	Approx. Mileage
1001	2006 Ford Escape	170,000
1428	2005 International service bucket	335,000
2191	2006 Ford F-150 supercab	210,000
2321	1998 International digger derrick	140,000
2521	2007 Ford F-150	160,000
2551	2006 Ford F-150	170,000
2885	2009 Ford Ranger	145,000
86	2005 Kubota Excavator	3,535 hours

Send bids to **Walton EMC, Attn: Ron Marshall-Vehicle Bid, P.O. Box 260, Monroe, GA, 30655** or drop off at our drive-through window.

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