

## HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORES, JUNIORS

### APPLY NOW for Walton EMC's Youth Tour

Every year, Walton EMC sends four local high school sophomores or juniors, all-expense paid, to represent our co-op and learn valuable leadership skills on the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour.

Delegates from all across the country interact with our nation's leaders and experience our nation's capital. Don't delay – apply now!



Last year's Walton EMC Youth Tour delegates, from left, Tena Nguyen, Abi Ivemeyer, Mehul Mehra and Kusona Fortingo joined 111 new Georgia friends that included eight jam-packed days seeing Washington, DC's iconic sights and meeting with our state's Senators and Representatives.

#### TO QUALIFY

- Be a high school sophomore or junior.
- Live or attend a school in WEMC's service area.
- Have a parent's permission to enter.
- Commit to making the trip on June 8–15, if you win.

#### FOLLOW THESE STEPS

1. Send the completed entry form, parent's authorization and student commitment to Walton EMC by **5 p.m., Friday, Feb. 10, 2017.**
2. Study! You'll receive study material in the mail.
3. Take a written test **Monday, March 6, 2017** on the study material.
4. The eight contestants scoring the highest on the written test will advance to a short interview.
5. Judges will choose four winners and two alternates.

#### GET AN ENTRY FORM

- Go to [waltonemc.com](http://waltonemc.com).
- Email [jbroun@waltonemc.com](mailto:jbroun@waltonemc.com).
- Call 770-266-2572.

#### LEARN MORE

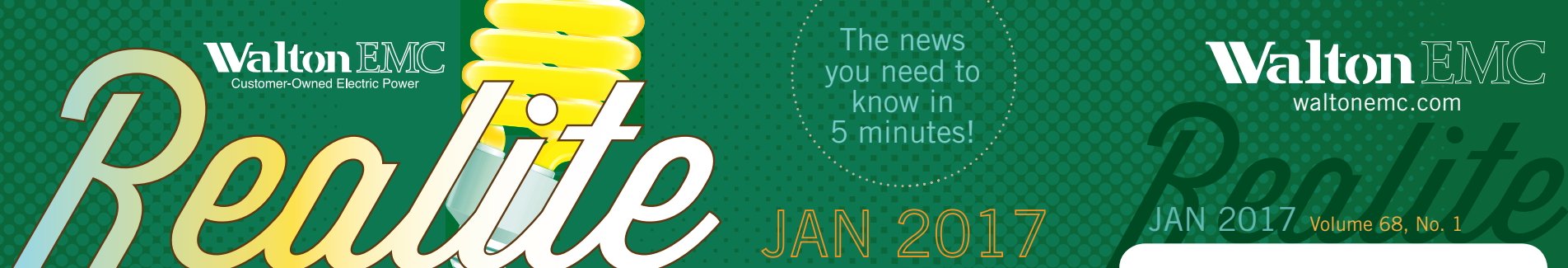
See videos at [www.youtube.com/user/georgiaemcyouthtour](http://www.youtube.com/user/georgiaemcyouthtour).

## 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.

**Blevins**, Bruce; **Braswell**, Greg; **Brujitske**, Brandon; **Carruth**, Willie C.; **Daniel**, Nortemus; **Dunn**, Betsy A.; **Emanuel**, Yvrose; **Estate of Sink**, Evelyn Louise; **Gomez**, Ann; **Gresham**, Gordon L.; **Havenbrook Construction**; **Howard**, Patrice; **Howell**, Huston; **Hughes**, Annette; **Jenkins**, Nellie J.; **Massey**, Shawn E.; **Matthews**, Kellye M.; **McConnaughey**, Jeffery; **McCoy**, Marion; **Odum**, Penny L.; **Ortega**, Brunilda; **Osteen**, R.A.; **Pena**, Jesus S.; **Rawls**, Alphonso; **Santiago**, Jennilee; **Saturne**, Marie A.; **Smith**, Kyle L.; **Southern Pointe Automotive**; **Spratlin**, William D.; **Studio Dance Academy**; **White**, Joshua R.; **White**, Erika; **Wyatt**, James M.



#### THE Rundown

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**on the back:** apply now for youth tour, unclaimed refunds

## Walton EMC EmPOWERs Schools with \$302,537



Dan Chelko, left, Walton EMC Centerville-South Snellville district director, and Cheri Carter, right, Brookwood Elementary principal, savor the moment when Teacher Laura Colliver learns she's receiving a \$15,309.65 School EmPOWERment Grant to purchase iPads.

Christmas 2016 came a little early for students, teachers and schools scattered over Walton EMC's 10-county service area.

Throughout the week of Dec. 12, the cooperative presented more than \$300,000 to 30 schools through 62 School EmPOWERment Grants. The grants will be used to strengthen the schools' instructional programs and enhance student success.

"We're extremely pleased with the response to our grant program, especially with this being the inaugural year," said CEO Ronnie Lee. "Our schools build the foundation for the future of our communities. We're glad we can be a partner in their vital work."

The grant funds come from unclaimed capital credits. After Walton EMC exhausts all efforts to find the rightful owners, Georgia law allows the money to be used for community development projects.

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—Ronnie Lee, Walton EMC CEO

# 62 emPOWERment grants given to 30 schools

{ Look inside for grant winners and more photos }

#### QUICK GUIDE



#### IF YOUR POWER IS OUT

770.267.2505  
[waltonemc.com](http://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](http://waltonemc.com)

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Twitter [twitter.com/waltonemc](https://twitter.com/waltonemc)

YouTube [youtube.com/emctv](https://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



#### EMC LEADERS

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Russell DeLong

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#### NEED NATURAL GAS SERVICE?

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770.963.0305 > [emcsecurity.com](http://emcsecurity.com)



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# 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 oak tree shades students when they study outside.

*email your guess* with the subject line "JANUARY LANDMARKS CONTEST" no later than Feb. 6 to [landmarkscontest@waltonemc.com](mailto:landmarkscontest@waltonemc.com) for your entry to qualify.

**LAST MONTH'S LANDMARK:** These reindeer in front of The Shoppes at Webb Gin greet holiday traffic along Highway 124 between Snellville and Lawrenceville.



Parkview High School received grants for Chromebooks and improving their life skills training lab. Shown are, from left, Walton EMC CFO Marsha Shumate, teachers Kate Heier, Tammy Phillips, Jordan Simmons and Walton EMC Mountain Park District Director Billy Ray Allen.

## Clarke County Schools

WHIT DAVIS ELEMENTARY  
**\$2,431** Steven King, STEM Technology and Literacy

## Gwinnett County Schools

ANDERSON-LIVSEY ELEMENTARY  
**\$2,325** Dr. Beth Friese, ALES Makerspace

BROOKWOOD ELEMENTARY  
**\$15,310** Laura Coliver, S.W.I.P.E

BROOKWOOD HIGH  
**\$17,500** Cindy Quinlin and Angie McLane, Integrated Entrepreneurship Program

FIVE FORKS MIDDLE  
**\$10,594** Jeni Greene, Enhancing STEAM  
**\$5,800** Andrew Whatley, 1:1 Google Chromebooks  
**\$3,200** Monica Brown, Full STEAM Ahead

MCCONNELL MIDDLE  
**\$3,750** Gaye Walk and David Thomas, Georgia Connect and Beyond

MOUNTAIN PARK ELEMENTARY  
**\$21,500** Heather Bridges, 1-to-1 Chromebooks

PARKVIEW HIGH  
**\$932** Kate Heier, Vocational and Life Skill Training  
**\$3,500** Jordan Simmons, Chromebooks  
**\$3,500** Tammy Phillips, Chromebooks

R.L. NORTON ELEMENTARY  
**\$9,139** Ryan Moore, STEM/Robotics Room

SHILOH HIGH  
**\$2,000** Nancy Chrisman, Life Skills Lab Remodeling



# Walton EMC EmPOWERs Schools with

## Oconee County Schools

HIGH SHOALS ELEMENTARY  
**\$13,477** Sally Robinson and Erin Bowen, Chromebook Initiative

MALCOM BRIDGE ELEMENTARY  
**\$2,069** Cindy Rose, Igniting 21st Century Skills

MALCOM BRIDGE MIDDLE  
**\$7,860** Chris Booz, Workshop Model Technology

OCONEE COUNTY ELEMENTARY  
**\$3,000** Stephanie Dickens, It's Elementary  
**\$3,000** Julie Tolbert, Learning STEM with Lego  
**\$3,000** Keri Halleck, STEM Lab Technology  
**\$5,007** Debra Newman  
21st Century Maker Space  
**\$4,160** Samantha Kimbell, iPads  
**\$955** Susie Searcy, Mrs. Searcy's Classroom  
**\$3,080** Kristen Sheppard, Interactive Application to Education  
**\$650** Andrea Alworth, Happy and Healthy Hearing

OCONEE COUNTY PRIMARY  
**\$450** Paulette Moon, Media Center Makerspace  
**\$544** Paulette Moon, Kindergarten  
**\$1,231** Maria Kock, Exciting Expeditions  
**\$1,437** Erin Tracy, Mini iPads  
**\$1,437** Theologia Matara, Mini iPads  
**\$859** Jennifer Miller and Suzanne Worthington, Social Studies and Science through Lit.  
**\$4,680** Jennifer Miller and Suzanne Worthington, Lexia ReadingCore5  
**\$2,700** Wendy Harrison, The POWOR of Communication

Technology will get a boost at Five Forks Middle School from School EmPOWERment Grants. Walton EMC Directors Dawn Taylor, second from left, and Dan Chelko, right, make the presentations to Principal Christine Douthart and teachers Monica Brown, Andrew Whatley and Jeni Greene.

# \$302,537



## Walton County Schools

ATHA ROAD ELEMENTARY  
**\$8,766** Madenna Landers, Mobile Technology Lab

CARVER MIDDLE  
**\$499** Jennifer Drake, iPad  
**\$1,091** Burchfield, Hasty, Kempner and Odum, Headsets  
**\$1,000** Debbie Long, Owl Pellets

LOGANVILLE ELEMENTARY  
**\$13,873** Camie McGaughey, Chromebooks

LOGANVILLE MIDDLE  
**\$4,000** Julie Alford, Media Center Makerspace Studio  
**\$727** Courtney Cuneio and Lynn Cook, Escape Boxes

MONROE AREA HIGH  
**\$10,474** Tim Cone, Applying STEM Through Robotics  
**\$200** Barry Brazelton, College Visitation  
**\$4,000** Bryan Hicks, Build the Band

SHARON ELEMENTARY  
**\$8,144** Dr. Freda Doster, Technology Resources

WALKER PARK ELEMENTARY  
**\$9,141** Brian Weese, Music Room Equipment

WALNUT GROVE ELEMENTARY  
**\$3,000** Ken Cline, Borrowing Bins and Book Giveaway

WALNUT GROVE HIGH  
**\$3,250** Sean Callahan, IXL Learning Systems

YOUTH ELEMENTARY  
**\$14,000** Katie Braselton, Chromebooks

YOUTH MIDDLE  
**\$1,092** Kristen Kennedy, Frog Dissection



Loganville Elementary Media Specialist Camie McGaughey, center, received \$13,873 to stock the media center with more Chromebook computers.