

Meet Stan Pitts

YOUR NEW BOARD DIRECTOR OF CENTERVILLE-SOUTH SNELLVILLE

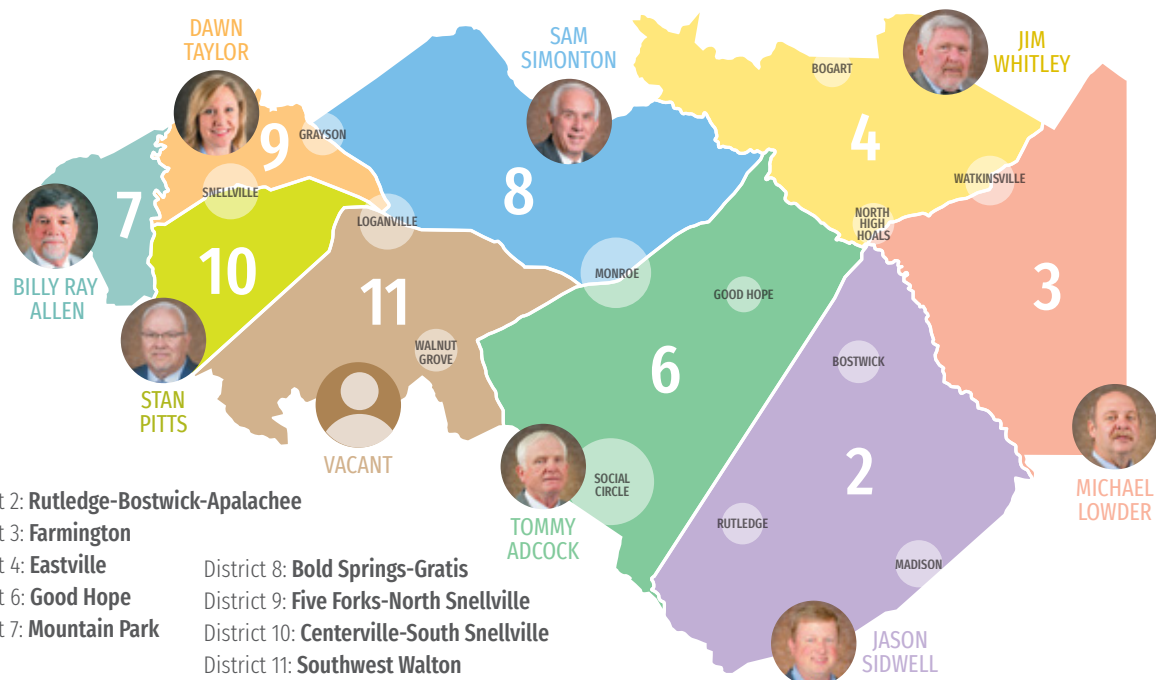
Stan currently serves as the president of HydroExcavators, LLC and HydroExcavators II, LLC. He has over 38 years of experience in the utility and energy sector, and he's known for being a great leader focused on operations, financial performance and strong customer relationships.



Before joining HydroExcavators, Stan was a vice president at Southeast Connections, responsible for the transmission division's business development, customer experience and profit and loss reporting. Stan has held various roles at major utility companies and natural gas pipeline contractors. He attended Mercer University and Southern Polytechnic University.

On a personal note, Stan and his wife Denise have been married for 35 years and have lived in Snellville for the past 34. They both grew up in Gwinnett County and graduated from Parkview High School in Lilburn. The couple has two grown daughters who share the same birthday, exactly three years apart. Stan and Denise are active in their church, Bethany Baptist Snellville.

Walton EMC Board of Directors District Map



In Memory



With great sadness, we announce the passing of Walton EMC Director Johnny Allgood. A valued member of the Board, he had served as the Southwest Walton district representative since 1998. He held various offices during his tenure, including chairman, vice chairman, and secretary-treasurer. Johnny also served on several committees, including the Finance and Audit Committee, Employee Relations Committee, Policy Committee, Annual Meeting Committee, Member Services and Energy Management Committee, and Major Maintenance and Facilities Committee. He also served on the Board at Georgia EMC. His dedication to the state's electric cooperative network was unwavering.

Johnny was born on June 13, 1943, in Walton County. He was married to his wife Lana for nearly 60 years and had two children, Brad Allgood (deceased) and Grant Allgood. His earlier hobbies included camping, snow skiing, and going to Panama City Beach. He was a proud graduate of Southern Tech and worked for Lockheed Martin, Atlanta Gas Light and Chamberlain in Monroe. He concluded his career in construction and subcontracting.

Lana describes Johnny as laid back and not bothered by much. "He loved the employees of Walton EMC and cared deeply about the company," she said.

Johnny will truly be missed by all who knew him.

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WE'RE #1 ...AGAIN!

Walton EMC is again the Southeast's top utility developer of major solar projects, according to the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy (SACE).

The co-op ranked first on SACE's SunRiser list, which identifies electricity providers experiencing the greatest solar energy growth. This is the fifth consecutive year SACE has named Walton EMC a solar leader among utilities in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.

The co-op is projected to generate 7,851 watts of solar power per customer by 2026.

"It's a significant achievement for our co-op to again be recognized for having the region's highest solar-to-customer ratio," said CEO Ron Marshall.

Walton EMC has earned a reputation for supporting new industry with renewable power solutions.

"Developing a resourceful renewable strategy and negotiating unique utility-scale power contracts with global brands has positioned us as one of the country's most innovative and respected electric cooperatives," Marshall said.

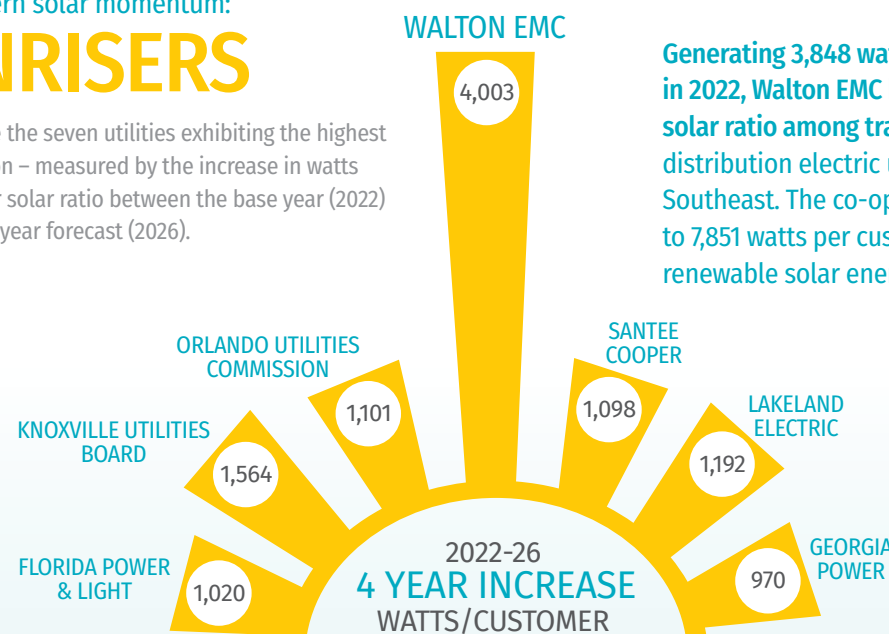
Walton EMC and partner Silicon Ranch are supplying 100% renewable energy for Meta's Facebook data center in Newton County. Seven solar facilities have already been installed throughout Georgia in support of the contract. This number will grow to 10 over the next three years.

Co-op leaders are committed to seeking out more clean energy partnerships, Marshall said.

"Many large corporations now seek 100% renewable energy contracts," he said. "This will continue to aggressively expand the solar portion of our energy mix."

Southeastern solar momentum: SUNRISERS

Sunrisers are the seven utilities exhibiting the highest solar ambition – measured by the increase in watts per customer solar ratio between the base year (2022) and the four-year forecast (2026).



Generating 3,848 watts per customer in 2022, Walton EMC has the highest solar ratio among traditional distribution electric utilities in the Southeast. The co-op forecasts a leap to 7,851 watts per customer of renewable solar energy by 2026.

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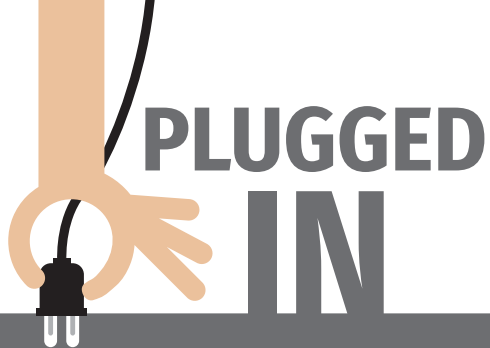
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PLUGGED IN

Q: Is Walton EMC sponsoring the Lineman of the Week award this year?

A: Yes, we're again spotlighting the best football linemen hailing from high schools within the co-op's service area. Each week during football season, Walton EMC will honor two student-athletes – one representing the east and one from the west side of the co-op's 10-county service area. Selected by coaches, these athletes not only demonstrate talent on the gridiron but also leadership on and off the field. A Walton EMC professional electric utility lineman, our version of a valued team player, personally presents each weekly winner with a commemorative football. We announce



honorees on Walton EMC's Facebook page weekly, so stay tuned for this year's winners.

Answered by **Jennifer Broun**
Walton EMC's community and youth coordinator



ENERGY SAVERS DO A LITTLE, SAVE A LOT

POWER STRIPS

Plug electronic devices such as cable boxes, printers and TVs into power strips to turn off during vacations or long periods without use.

Connecting with EDUCATION

Walton EMC is heading back to classrooms this month. We're partnering with schools, teachers, parents and students to enhance the educational experience with grants, programs and scholarships.

"Investing in youth programs is one way we strengthen our communities," says Jennifer Broun, Walton EMC's community and youth coordinator. "Connecting young people with opportunities can power them toward a better future."

This year, the co-op has invested more than \$400,000 in programs benefitting youth living, and attending school, in the co-op's 10-county service area.

SCHOOLS

EmPOWERment Grants
This year, teachers at 34 area schools are using \$241,589 in co-op educational grants to further instructional programs. Walton EMC uses unclaimed capital credit refunds to fund the annual program. Applications are being accepted now for grants awarded in December.

Teacher Training
Walton EMC is a participant in the Walton Works educator program that brings teachers to the co-op to gain first-hand understanding of careers in our industry and how they can better prepare students for them.

Safety Programs
Fun and active demonstrations that teach safety messages are free and available to any school in the co-op's service area. Teachers can call 770.267.2505 to schedule.



Dr. Theresa Bangert from St. Joseph's Catholic School accepts an \$11,370 School EmPOWERment Grant presented by Jeff Paul. The grant will be used to purchase new playground equipment to enhance the school's outdoor activities for students from pre-k through eighth grade.

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

Washington Youth Tour
Walton EMC sends four high school students to Washington, D.C., each June to participate in a week-long leadership development opportunity. Applications become available January 2024.

EMC/FFA Electrification Career Development Event
FFA members participating in the electrification competition, sponsored by Walton EMC and other Georgia electric co-ops, can win scholarships for college, university or vocational school in Georgia.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Walton Electric Trust Scholarship
High school seniors can apply to receive one of the 32 \$4,000 scholarships awarded to pursue an academic degree or certification from an accredited university, college, technical school or other postsecondary educational institution. Runners-up receive \$1,000 scholarships. The application period for 2024 graduates opens in December.

Walton EMC Engineering Leadership Scholarship
University of Georgia engineering majors who live in a county served by Walton EMC can apply for one of five renewable \$10,000 scholarships. Apply by Feb. 28, 2024.

Details about these educational opportunities and others are at waltonemc.com/community. Click on Youth Programs and Scholarships.

RAVE REVIEWS

High school juniors and sophomores: Note the application deadline for the 2024 Washington Youth Tour for your chance to experience "a truly incredible week," advises Julianna Walker, one of four Walton EMC-sponsored representatives selected for the 2023 trip to Washington, D.C. This year's delegates gave the tour an enthusiastic thumbs up.



Walton EMC Representatives for the 2023 Washington Youth Tour are, L-R, Deeya Mepani, Julianna Walker, Katia Busch and Keely Gray.

"...Smithsonian museums, White House, Capitol...there were so many highlights. I feel like I have a completely new and amazing view of our accomplished nation after having been to D.C."
— Deeya Mepani

"Being able to interact with delegates from around the rest of the country was such an eye-opening experience...Thank you so much Walton EMC for the trip of a lifetime!"
— Julianna Walker

"My favorite memory was sharing new experiences with students from across Georgia...I would encourage other students to apply because it is an excellent leadership experience."
— Katia Busch

Gadgets That Make Back-to-School a Breeze

From preschool to college, students are returning to classrooms all across Walton EMC's service area. We've found five electric gadgets that make it easier for everyone in the family to transition back to school.

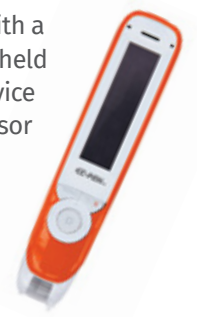
Breakfast Station Preparing breakfast is fast and easy with this all-in-one, countertop appliance. Make coffee, brown bread and fry bacon and eggs simultaneously in the compact unit. If making breakfast sandwiches is your thing, Hamilton Beach Dual Breakfast Sandwich Maker (\$45) is as easy as it gets.



Bluetooth Tracker This tag will be your new best friend for keeping tabs on kids' laptops, phones and backpacks. iPhone users should choose Apple's AirTag (\$29), which employs a huge network of Apple devices to passively search for lost goods and enable precision finding features. Tile (\$25) trackers are the best option for those who don't use Apple's phones.



Scanning Pen For a student who struggles with a reading disability or is learning English, this handheld reading assistance tool is a gamechanger. The device has a tiny optical character recognition (OCR) sensor that scans text and then reads it aloud. Some models also translate text in multiple languages, making it easy for an English learner to read independently. Reviewers at Speechify like the C-Pen Reader (\$275).



Key-free Lock Never again worry about your kids getting locked out of the house while you're still at work. Children who are prone to losing or forgetting their house key can use their phone to unlock a smart door lock. The August Smart Lock (\$200) also provides an activity log that monitors comings and goings. And it will let you lock the door remotely, if the kids forget.



3D Pen Help your student elevate their class project game with this handheld cousin to the 3D printer. Users can "draw" three-dimensional, molded objects from heated plastic. Wirecutter tested 10 pens and named the 3Doodler Create+ (\$80) the best.

