

Cultivating future leaders

CO-OP EVENT ATTRACTS STUDENTS ACROSS SERVICE AREA

The 2024 edition of Walton EMC Youth Leadership Day attracted more than 100 students, representing area FFA chapters and 4-H Clubs. Held at the co-op's corporate office in Monroe, the event featured speakers, workshops and demonstrations aimed at developing participants' citizenship and leadership skills.

"Any time Walton EMC can partner with these two premier youth organizations, we all benefit," said Jennifer Broun, the co-op's community and youth representative. "By engaging with these young people, sharing ideas and tools, we're investing in tomorrow's community decision-makers."

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—Jennifer Broun, Walton EMC
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\$9,000,000

RETURNED TO WALTON EMC CUSTOMER-OWNERS

Take a close look at your December electric bill. Most Walton EMC customer-owners are receiving a bill credit that represents their share of approximately \$9 million in capital credit refunds.

Each year, the co-op's member-elected Board of Directors determines what portion of capital credits can be retired or returned to the membership after reducing debt, saving for emergencies and investing in infrastructure and other improvements. Capital credits are returned only when it is financially prudent to do so.

"One of the tangible benefits of being served by a not-for-profit cooperative is receiving capital credits," said Dr. Michael Lowder, Board Chair. "Your Board is proud of the co-op's financial position that makes it possible to return capital credits."

This year, refunds will go to those who received electric service from Walton EMC in 2001 and 2023. The amount of each member's refund check is in proportion to the total of their electric bills in those years. The more a customer-owner spent with the co-op, the larger their refund will be.

Including the current distribution, Walton EMC has refunded \$152 million in capital credits to its member-owners since the cooperative was founded in 1936.

"Our competitively priced, reliable power supply, along with our continued efforts to maximize efficiencies and control costs, make these refunds possible year after year," said Walton EMC President and CEO Ron Marshall.

Most customer-owners will receive the credit on their December or January bill, saving tens of thousands of dollars in printing and mailing costs that check distribution would require. Checks are issued to active customer-owners receiving a refund above \$500, as well as former customer-owners who had accounts during the years targeted for the distribution.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Total returned this year:

\$9 million

Customer-owners with
accounts in these years
will get a refund:

2001, 2023

When:

**Now through
early January**

How:

Bill credit
(less than \$500)
or check
(\$500 or more)

Capital credits refunded
since 1936:

\$152 million

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The right stuff

WALTON EMC APPRENTICE LINEMEN SHINE IN INTERNATIONAL CONTEST

Two Walton EMC apprentice linemen are among the world's best at what they do.

Mason Tolbert and Phillip Mork represented Walton EMC at the 40th Annual International Lineman's Rodeo in Overland Park, Kan. Competing against nearly 400 apprentice lineworkers, Tolbert earned top honors, placing second overall among electric cooperative competitors and third among all apprentices. Mork earned a seventh-place finish in the co-op division. Walton EMC was the only electric co-op with two representatives finishing in the division's top 10.

The apprentices' exceptional performance is a testament to their hard work and the dedication of the entire Walton EMC team, said Line Superintendent Greg Pannell.

"To see representatives from our co-op compete at such a high level and bring home top honors speaks to the high standards we're known for," he said. "Their accomplishments reflect our dedication to providing safe, reliable and affordable power to our customer-owners."

Adam Simmons, a Walton EMC journeyman lineman, coached Tolbert and Mork. Also representing the co-op at the event were John Spence, who served as a judge, and Preston Roberts, lineman supervisor.

The international contest brought together nearly 1,000 elite lineworkers from electric cooperatives, investor-owned utilities, municipal utilities, contractors and electric providers for the military. Tolbert and Mork qualified for the event after recording impressive finishes at the Georgia Lineman's Rodeo in May.

During the rodeo, apprentices (individuals with four or fewer years of experience) individually compete in events based on traditional lineman tasks and skills. Preparing for these challenges provides valuable opportunities for linemen to sharpen their abilities, stay proficient and improve productivity, all while prioritizing safety.

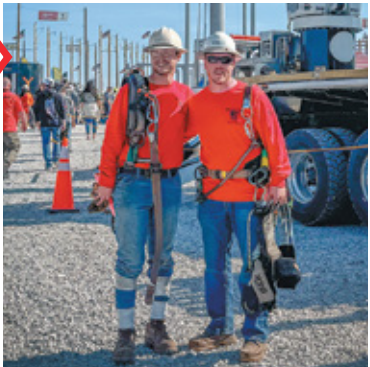
Tolbert said the experience was an opportunity to spotlight his co-workers and the co-op's customer-owners.

"The people at the rodeo won't remember my name, but they'll remember Walton EMC," he said. "And that's what matters – we're out there representing something bigger than just ourselves."



The 2024 rodeo attracted nearly 1,000 competitors representing electric cooperatives, investor-owned utilities, municipal utilities, contractors and electric providers for the military.

Walton EMC apprentice linemen Mason Tolbert, left, and Phillip Mork displayed their skills and knowledge while competing at the International Lineman's Rodeo.



Phillip Mork awaits his turn to compete in one of five challenges at the competition. Competing against nearly 400 apprentice linemen from around the world, he placed seventh among all electric co-op representatives and 24th overall.



Mason Tolbert walked to the stage three times to collect awards. His scores placed third overall and second in the electric co-op division. He also earned third place in the challenging written test event.

Representing Walton EMC at the 40th Annual International Lineman's Rodeo in Overland, Kan., are, from left, Preston Roberts, Mason Tolbert, Adam Simmons, Phillip Mork and John Spence.

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