

DEADLINE JANUARY 30

Apply Now for Walton EMC Trust Scholarships

Up to 32 \$4,000 scholarships will be given!

BASIC QUALIFICATIONS

- High school senior or incoming college freshman
- 21 years old or younger
- Your home served by Walton EMC (electricity)
- Scholarship used at accredited college, university or vo-tech school
- For complete criteria, rules and instructions, download the application

WE'RE LOOKING FOR

- Dedication to community
- Strong work ethic
- Extracurricular involvement
- Triumph over obstacles and hardships

Q: Where does the money for these scholarships come from?

A: From unclaimed capital credit refunds. After all attempts to find the owners are exhausted, the money goes into a fund provided for by Georgia law. No Operation Round Up donations are used for scholarships.

Get the application at waltonemc.com



"Thanks to your generosity and commitment to the community, my educational career at the University of North Georgia is off to a great start. By awarding me one of the scholarships, Walton EMC has lessened the financial burden, allowing me to focus more on the most important aspect of school – learning. I am pursuing a degree in special education, and, like Walton EMC, I want to help and give back to the community."

–Grant Colquitt

Oven-like October

October is a shoulder month for energy use and can require both heating and cooling. This October required a large amount of cooling. That means your bill was much higher than normal.

OCT. 2016: WEATHER

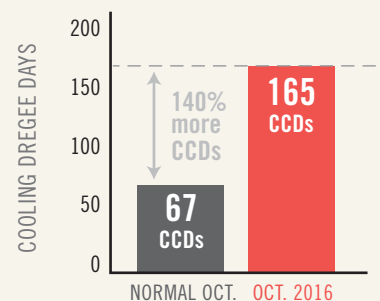
Third warmest October on record with 21 days with high temps above 80 degrees



High temp of 88 degrees on October 19 & 20

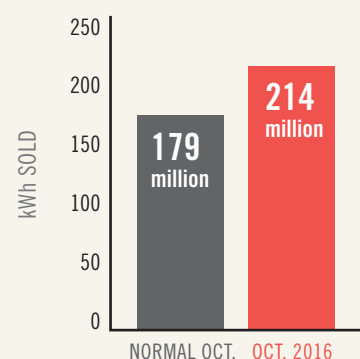
OCT. 2016: ENERGY

140 percent more cooling than normal



*Cooling Degree Day (CDD) is the number of degrees that a day's average temperature is above 65° Fahrenheit and people start to use air conditioning to cool their buildings.

Walton EMC set a record for October energy use



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BIG REFUND COMING THIS MONTH!

FAST FACTS

• Total refund amount this year: **\$6,335,000.**

• Total refunded all-time: **\$87,571,000.**

• You will get a refund if you had an electric account with us in **1990** and/or **2015.**

• Refunds will be distributed from early **December** through **early January.**

• The amount of your refund depends on the amount of your electric bills – in other words, the amount of business you did with your company – during 1990 and/or 2015.

• For most, the refund will be a bill credit, saving tens of thousands in dollars in printing and postage. If your refund is \$500 or more, you'll receive a check.

• You're getting a refund because you own Walton EMC. It is self-defeating for a customer-owned company to make a profit. After paying down debt and establishing a reserve for unexpected events, we return the excess revenue.

• Customers of other types of electric utilities do not get capital credit refunds.

\$6.3 MILLION
COMING BACK ON YOUR
DECEMBER BILL



Happy Holidays!

The board of directors and employees of Walton EMC wish you a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year.

Our offices will be close Dec. 23, and Jan. 2 in observance of the holidays.

QUICK GUIDE

IF YOUR POWER IS OUT
770.267.2505
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
Facebook facebook.com/waltonemc
Twitter twitter.com/waltonemc
YouTube 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

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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.



These reindeer wave to thousands of motorists every day during the holiday season.

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

OCTOBER LANDMARK: The Oconee Veterans' Memorial is located in front of Veterans' Park on Georgia Highway 53 in Oconee County.

OCTOBER WINNER: Charlotte Mize of Watkinsville.

Our linemen place nationally

Several apprentice and journeyman line technicians from your cooperative recently competed in the International Lineman's Rodeo near Kansas City, Mo.

The annual event, first held in 1984, "attracts the best linemen from around the world to compete in events based on traditional lineman tasks and skills," according to the event's website.

The annual rodeo tests line technicians' knowledge and skill in building and maintaining electrical distribution systems. Practicing for and competing in the event translates into more efficient and safer work habits that save time, money and lives.

Apprentices and journeymen compete in different divisions. Apprentices compete individually while journeymen compete on three-man teams. The contestants took part in the Georgia rodeo earlier in the year.

The journeyman team of Bradley McCallister, Preston Roberts and Ryan West placed third in the EMC division and went on to finish 12th overall out of 206 teams.

Also competing for Walton EMC in the apprentice division were Brandon Brooks, Ben Campbell and Jacob McNary.



(photo courtesy Ann Brown)

From left: The journeyman lineman team of Bradley McCallister, Ryan West and Preston Roberts get their equipment ready for competition at the recent International Lineman's Rodeo near Kansas City, Mo.

Walton EMC honors employee veterans

Walton EMC recently held its second annual luncheon honoring current and former employees who served in the armed forces.

Our nation's colors were presented by the Monroe Area High School ROTC and State Rep. Bruce Williamson offered his appreciation to the group for their service. Each veteran received a personalized shirt and patriotic hat to commemorate the event.

Your cooperative offers a sincere thanks to all veterans. We appreciate not only their sacrifice, but also the sacrifice of their families who keep the home fires burning while they are away protecting us and our way of life.



Secure for the holidays



GET AND USE A SECURITY SYSTEM

Homes without a security system are three times as likely to be targeted for break-ins.

If you have an alarm system and don't use it, you might as well not have one. Professional thieves watch their targets comings and goings. If you don't set your alarm consistently, you might be next on their list.

SECURE AND INSTALL AN ALARM SENSOR ON EVERY DOOR AND WINDOW

Lock all entry doors and windows. Windows, just like doors, are entry points to your home. When installing a security system, don't skip any window. Criminals can make use of even the smallest windows when they're determined to get in.

INSTALL A CELLULAR COMMUNICATOR ON YOUR SYSTEM

With a cellular communicator, your security system's phone connection is wireless. That means it's generally tamper-proof, providing the safest, most reliable communication to the monitoring center.

NOT JUST ANY DOG IS A GUARD DOG

A barking dog may be all it takes to scare away a would-be thief. However, even the loudest barking dog can turn into a whimpering coward when threatened by a stranger, and professional thieves know it.

CHANGE YOUR GARAGE DOOR REMOTE CODE

Garage door openers come preset with codes that should be changed after installation. Be sure to change this code so a potential thief won't be able to open your garage door with his opener.

DON'T HIDE YOUR HOUSE KEY OUTSIDE

Thieves know every nook and cranny where you might hide your spare key and can spot a fake rock a mile away. A good alternative is automated door locks. You can control them with your smartphone from anywhere in the world.

For more information, advice and estimates, call 770-963-0305 or visit emcsecurity.com

