

Communicator Earns National Recognition

Savannah Chandler, Walton EMC Natural Gas communications coordinator, has been honored for her work in the recent Cooperative Communicators Association annual communications contest.

"To be recognized as a standout among the high caliber of CCA's marketers and communicators is incredibly rewarding," said Chandler.

Chandler brought home first place honors in the broadcast advertising category for the 2014 "Big Gift" campaign, third place in the campaigns and programs category for last year's natural gas advertising campaign and third place in the photo feature category for her photo, "Highline Cowboy."

This year's contest drew 703 entries from across the cooperative spectrum that includes energy, agriculture, telecommunications, food and banking. Chandler's awards bring Walton EMC's 20-year total to 64.

CCA is an organization of 350 professionals who communicate for cooperatives. Through professional development opportunities, association members excel in communications disciplines including writing, photography, video and graphic design.



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.

Beagle, Cindy; Blevins, Shelly; Bloodworth, Judy D.; Bloom, David L.; Bravo Group LLC; Brisk Investment LLC; Cain, Christina L.; Carrion, Luisa; Choice Collision LLC; Cradles to Crayons Academy; Dalton, Sherry S.; Decker, Clifford; Denis, Nadine; Evans, Rickey D.; Friar, Kimberly J.; Gutierrez, Bulmaro; Hardin, William; Harry, Bhoodnie; Hollis, Richard J.; Hunley, Ryan; Hutchings, Gregg; Johnson, Sarah; Keel, Clarence D.; Koffie, Elizabeth T.; Lewis, Emanuel; Lewis, Tiffany; Lively, Lisa; Love, Robert; McCoy, George; Merkerson, Tremain W.; Midfirst Bank; Moore, Linda K.; Morgan, Brad; Orr, Wendy D.; Pena, Johnathan; Plantation Ridge HOA; Powell, Sammie L.; Reid, Gary B.; Rindahl, Joshua; Rodriguez, Antonio; Sharpe, Debra; Simply Dancing; Snellville Health & Rehab; Snipes, Eboney; Stringer, Richard E.; Strozier, Maya; Sweeney, Jewell P.; Thompson, Gregory; Tiffkb LLC; Truong, Jane T.; Washington, Tylibah; White, William; Will, Danyele M.; Williams, John M.; Wright, Marcus; Zun, Inc.; Zuniga, Karime P.

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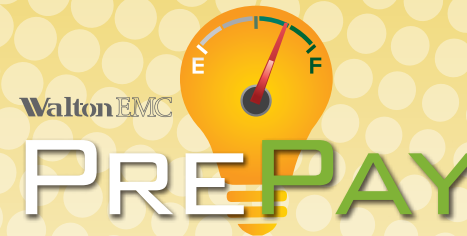
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ENERGY HELPERS

Take a look at two offers from Walton EMC that make your experience with us easier and more convenient.



1 PrePay Gives You Control

Want ultimate control of your electric account and energy use?

Walton EMC's PrePay option lets you decide how much and when to pay for power. It's easy, convenient and available to most residential customer-owners.

PrePay lets you keep a close eye on summer energy bills. As heat spikes electricity use, PrePay prevents surprises because you pay in advance. Studies show that consumers who participate in plans like PrePay save 10 to 15 percent on energy costs annually.

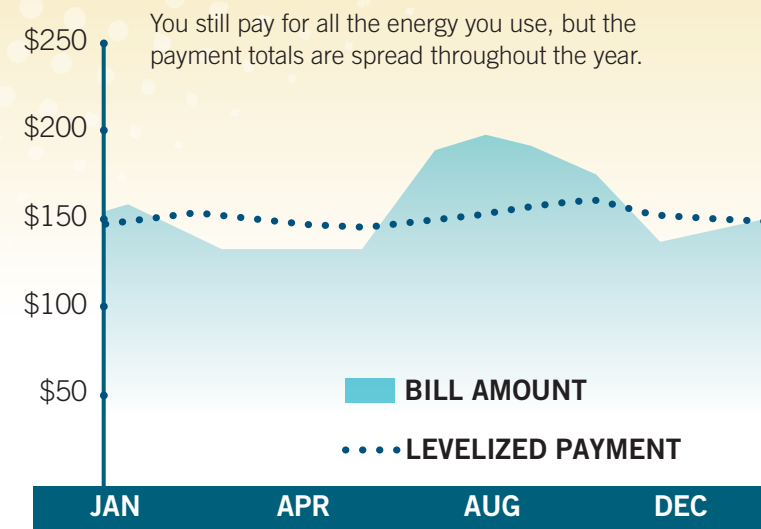
Here's how PrePay works: You'll receive an alert by email or text when your account balance reaches an amount you set. Then you'll make a payment by using our smartphone app, logging on to mywaltonemc.com or calling 770-267-8409.

Best of all, there is no additional cost to use PrePay. On top of that, PrePay participants don't pay deposits, collection, reconnection or late fees.

2 Levelized Billing Cuts Bill Peaks

Blazing summer heat that pushes up energy bills can cause havoc with the family budget. Hedge against summer bill peaks with our levelized billing service.

Levelized billing makes your bill amount nearly the same all year. It chops the peaks off high months by filling in the valleys of low months.



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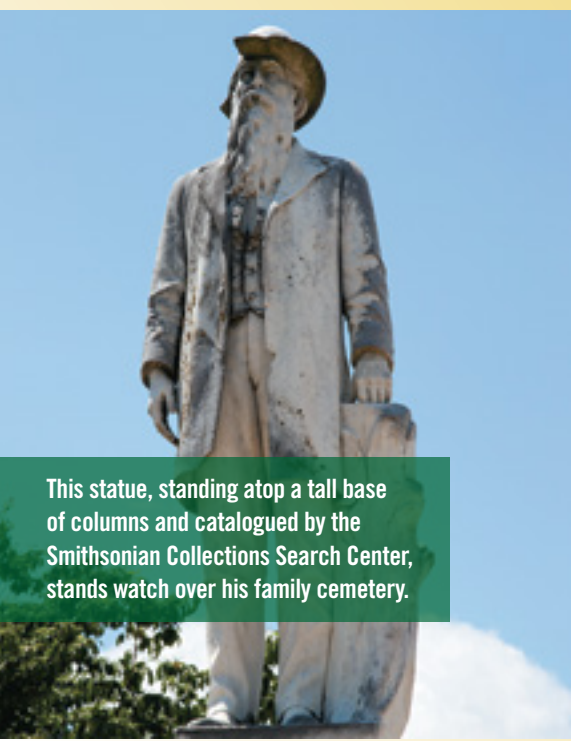


exploring our
LANDMARKS

Take a look around the 10 counties in your co-op's service area and you'll find some interesting, beautiful, historic and just plain cool spots.

How well do you know Walton EMC's service territory? Some of the locations we choose may be hard to identify; some may be easy. But all are worth knowing about.

win a prize Guess the location of this scene found somewhere within Walton EMC's service territory. We'll draw from the winners of all correct guesses for a \$25 gift card.




This statue, standing atop a tall base of columns and catalogued by the Smithsonian Collections Search Center, stands watch over his family cemetery.

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

LAST MONTH'S LANDMARK: Look to the northwest from the bridge on Price Mill Road that spans the Apalachee River between Oconee and Morgan Counties and you'll see these picturesque shoals and old bridge.

MAY WINNER: David Hardy of Lawrenceville.



Customer-Owners Hear Energy Predictions at Annual Meeting

How will electricity be generated in the future? Walton EMC customer-owners attending the cooperative's 79th annual meeting got a glimpse of possible answers to that important question.

The annual event, held at the Walton County Agricultural Education Center, gives customer-owners the opportunity to participate in running the cooperative by electing representatives among themselves to serve on the board of directors. They also get business updates and hear other details of the past year's finances and operations.

"As elected board chair, my responsibility today is to give you a state of the co-op address and what we see going forward," said Board Chair Dan Chelko. "Simply, we are improving all the time. We are financially sound and have the best possible employees to support our mission of reliable energy at the lowest possible cost."

In his remarks, CEO Ronnie Lee discussed options to replace electrical generation lost from the closure of traditional coal plants. Some of the options he highlighted are nuclear, natural gas and solar.

"There's no one single solution to solving our energy puzzle," said Lee. "It will take a combination of traditional sources – like nuclear energy and natural gas – combined with new technologies – like solar – to get the job done."

Lee also updated the group on the status of Walton EMC's new solar generation project.



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A packed house listens during the business session of the 2015 Walton EMC Annual Meeting. Those attending learned that the cooperative is financially sound, electric rates are favorable and service reliability is high.



"Who won the truck?" is the most frequently asked question after an annual meeting. This year's answer is W.R. Dolvin of Watkinsville, right, as he receives the keys from CEO Ronnie Lee.

"Our first project consists of six acres of solar panels located beside our Monroe headquarters office," said Lee. "I'm happy to say that many of you signed up right away and now there's a waiting list. But don't worry; we already have additional projects in the works."

Also during the business session, three directors were re-elected to three-year terms. Those directors include Warren Few of the Bostwick/Apalachee/Rutledge district, Sam Simonton of the Bold Springs district and Jim Whitley of the Eastville district.

Customer-owners and their children enjoyed activities that are part of every annual meeting – entertainment, Kids' Fest, a health fair and door prizes. W.R. Dolvin of Watkinsville won the grand prize: a pickup truck retired from Walton EMC's service fleet.



Equipment Operator Arthur Thomas, right, distributes one of the many door prizes that customer-owners attending the annual meeting took home.



Walton EMC's underground crew of, from left, Reed Gogan, Brandon Waters, Jacob Brooks, Arthur Thomas, Ryan Mitchell and Larry Johnson were recognized by Board Chair Dan Chelko for their eight-year streak of Golden Backhoe Awards signifying excellence in avoiding underground utility cuts.



An important part of the annual meeting is the electrical safety demonstration that teaches customer-owners how to stay safe around power lines. Journeyman Line Technician Ben Powell, right, along with Loss Control Director Brad Adcock, center, educated hundreds of customer-owners at the annual meeting.



Larry Thompson, the cooperative's longest-tenured employee at 50 years, was highlighted for his upcoming retirement by Board Chair Dan Chelko.

Cut Swimming Pool Energy Costs

Swimming pools can add a significant amount to summertime energy bills. Try these tips to save energy:

- Run the pump no longer than necessary. Most pools don't require continuous circulation.
- Install a timer to cut the pump on and off for you. This way, you don't forget and leave the pump running.
- Keep skimmers and drains clear. Clogs make the pump work harder.
- Backwash the filter regularly. A backed up filter also makes the pump work harder.
- Have chemicals at correct levels.
- Use a net to remove debris instead of depending completely on the skimmers or automatic pool vacuum.