

Knowledge is UNDERSTANDING YOUR BILL

Walton EMC charges you for the amount of electricity you use every 30 days. Use this guide to better understand the notations on the average residential bill.

- Statement Details show billing and payment information, including the previous balance and amount of current bill.
- Energy Use Graph shows a visual history of energy use for the last 13 months.
- Account Information details codes denoting the specific location, account and
- Meter Readings reflect the previous 30-days (last read) and current readings measured in kilowatt-hours (kWh).
- Multiplier (MULT) for almost all residential meters will be a multiple of 1.
- Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) is the co-op's cost to purchase wholesale power. The PCA is multiplied by total kWh and added to the total electric charges (see #8).

- Kilowatt-Hours (kWh) is the amount of power consumed during the month derived by subtracting the last read from the current meter reading.
- Amount of electric charges, before taxes and other charges, is calculated by adding together the totals of: 1. PCA multiplied by total kWh (In example: $0.04 \times 857 = 34.28), 2. Total kWh multiplied by the seasonal rate per kWh as published at waltonemc.com (\$68.96). and 3. Monthly service charge (\$28). This adds up to \$131.24.
- Other Charges include optional services such as outdoor lighting and applicable local and
- Operation Round Up is a voluntary rounding up of the current charges to the next dollar to fund donations to qualified organizations and individuals in Walton EMC's service area.

QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR FLECTRIC BILL?

Call 770-267-2505 to speak to a Walton EMC customer care representative available Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.







To Report a Power Outage call (770)267-2505

Emergency call (770) 907-4231 or Toll Free 1-877-427-4321 To Report a Gas Leak

Statement Date	Due Date	Amount Due
01/12/16	02/02/16	137.63
Previous Balance Payment(s) Balance Forward		98.42 -98.42 0.00
Current Charges Total Amount Du	1) e	137.63 137.63

Thank you for your business.

336-678-1885 JOHN Q SAMPLE Svc Loc: Meter: 123456789 **Electric Service** AMOUNT Account: 123456789 LAST READ CURRENT MULT PCA KWH, TO 424 -140 FROM 12/06/15 01/06/16 31
December Cooperative Solar Credit
Net kWh Billed
Cooperative Solar (\$25/Block) 13321 25.00 4.31 76.14 55.00 Taxes Current Electric Charges -55.00 0.86 **77.00** Previous Balance
Thank You For Your Payment 01/04/16 Operation Round Up Total Account Balance Total Roundup Contribution for Previous Year: 5.28 TO BE PAID BY DRAFT

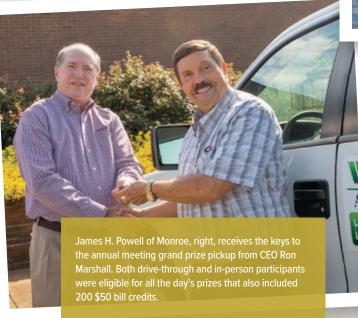


2024 ANNUAL MEETING

MEMBERS HEAR RATES STABLE. RELIABILITY HIGH



drive-through and in-person participation, meant members had fast access and convenient parking no matter how they chose to participate.





The 2024 Annual Meeting was a hybrid event where members could choose to drive through or attend the members a chance to meet and talk face-to-face with



WEMC employees Eric Floyd, left, and Jacob Mitchell helped members navigate the traffic patterns at North Oconee High School near Bogart, the site of the 2024 annual meeting. Meetings were formerly at the Monroe American Legion, the Walton County Ag Education Center and Walton EMC's headquarters near Monroe.

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Business Offices > M-F. 8A-5P

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Our subsidiaries supply natural gas and security services.

2024 ANNUAL MEETING WRAP-UP

— continued from front

For the first time since becoming Walton EMC's top executive, CEO Ron Marshall was able to deliver his yearly report on the state of the cooperative in person.

That's because the 2024 annual meeting was held as a hybrid at North Oconee High School with members participating by drive-through or attending the business meeting. In all, 1,928 members took part in the co-op's business and received their attendance prize.

"As an engineer, I take special pride in reporting that your co-op again achieved more than 99% reliability," said Marshall during his address. "Walton EMC is now receiving nuclear energy from Plant Vogtle units 3 and 4. These new units will help power Walton EMC customer-owners with reliable, clean energy for the next 60 to 80 years."

Marshall also informed members that even though nearly 80 cents of every dollar they pay on their bill goes to buy energy, they still spend less than the average Georgia consumer.

In his report, Board Chair Michael Lowder introduced Walton EMC's new commitment statement "Investing Energy in What Matters Most," and explained that one of its meanings is "your co-op cares for the community it serves."

As examples, he highlighted \$8.8 million that Operation Round Up has invested in the community since the program began in 1998 and \$367,000 given through last year's School EmPOWERment Grant program.

In other business, members elected Wayne Lester to replace retiring District 4-Eastville Director Jim Whitley. Board members Jason Sidwell representing District 2-Rutledge/Bostwick/ Apalachee and Sam Simonton representing District 8-Bold Springs/Gratis were re-elected for three-year terms.

View winners of \$50 bill credits and the grand prize pickup at waltonemc.com/annualmeeting.



operation round up report

WALTON EMC MEMBER JASON KELLEY USES GRAPHIC STORYTELLING TO COMFORT KIDS

When he was 9 years old, Jason Kelley met G.I. Joe – the first of many literary heroes he'd encounter as a fan of comic books. Now he's becoming a real-life hero to children in crisis.

The Walton EMC customer-owner has turned his passion into the Comics Appreciation Project (CAP), a nonprofit organization that uses graphic storytelling to comfort displaced children and boost literacy among struggling youth readers.

Kelley recently retired from a career in law enforcement, including several years in the family treatment court system. The Bogart resident's experiences inspired him to found CAP in 2022.

"In my job I frequently interacted with people experiencing the worst moments of their life. Too often, those individuals were children," he said.



Jason Kelley, a Walton EMC customer-owner from Bogart, is the director of the Comics Appreciation Project. The nonprofit is the recipient of an Operation Round Up grant to further its mission of using graphic storytelling to comfort displaced children and boost literacy among struggling youth readers.

Through its Share-Care program, CAP partners with foster care services, hospitals, domestic violence shelters, disaster recovery groups and other nonprofits serving children in crisis. Children in crisis situations can relate to, and take inspiration from, the graphic novels.

"We provide individual books as well as our special Share-Care box, which comes with three award-winning graphic novel selections uniquely curated with a displaced protagonist that meets new friends and people on their journey to a new place/land," Kelley said.

With the help of an Operation Round Up grant, CAP gave away more than 2,000 graphic novels to children ages 8 to 12 last year.

"Walton was the first organization to take a chance on us, and for that I will be forever grateful" Kelley said, thanking fellow co-op members who participate in Operation Round Up.

CAP's early success has spurred expansion. The nonprofit's services now include using graphic novels to teach English language learners, summer reading programs and an upcoming family literacy program that will help incarcerated parents connect with their children. To better lead the nonprofit, Kelley is heading back to the University of Georgia to pursue a doctorate degree in reading and literacy.

Like the literary heroes he's adored since childhood, Kelley is coming to the rescue. His efforts are helping kids in crisis find relatable stories that comfort, inspire and provide guidance for processing life's changes.

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code to donate



\$10,000

ADVENTURE BAGS
All of Walton EMC's
Service Area

\$10,000

ALCOVY CASA
Newton &
Walton Counties

\$10,000

ALS UNITED OF GEORGIA
All of Walton EMC's
Service Area

\$5,000

ATHENS DIAPER BANK Barrow, Clarke, Greene, Morgan, Oconee & Walton Counties

\$5,000

CAMP SPEAK
Barrow, Clarke, DeKalb,
Gwinnett, Newton, Oconee
& Walton Counties

\$1,500

CULTIVATING A
LIFETIME OF LEGACY
Barrow, Clarke, Morgan
& Oconee Counties

\$3,000

FOSTER SIBLINGS REUNITED
All of WEMC's Service Area

\$5,000

HYPE SUMMER CAMP
Gwinnett County

\$10,000

SPECTRUM AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP DeKalb, Gwinnett, Rockdale & Walton Counties

\$10,000 TEAM UP MENTORING

Barrow, Newton & Walton Counties

\$10,000

WHEELS OF HOPE Barrow, Clarke, Oconee and Walton Counties

\$1,500

YWCO OF ATHENS
Barrow, Clarke & Oconee Counties

\$5,000

Emergency assistance for an individual



Walton EMC employees recently hosted their annual Charity Golf Tournament at the Georgia Club in Statham. The fundraising event brought together co-op employees, community members and supporters to benefit the Boys and Girls Club of Walton County.

"One of the seven co-op principles is concern for community," said Community and Member Services Director Jeff Paul. "Walton EMC has taken that to heart."

The funds raised during the tournament will directly benefit the Boys and Girls Club of Walton County, enabling them to continue providing essential programs, mentorship and resources to the children they serve. Walton EMC is committed to giving back to the community through events like the golf tournament, showcasing the co-op's dedication to improving the quality of life in local communities.

"Thank you to all the participants and supporters who made this event a success," Paul said. "Together, we are making a difference in the lives of the youth in our community."

Unclaimed Funds Search Now Available

Walton EMC customer-owners, you may be owed unclaimed capital credits, memberships or deposits. Using the new Unclaimed Funds search feature on the co-op's website is an easy way to find out.

Simply click on **My Account**, and then select **Unclaimed Funds**. There you'll find two separate pages: one to search for unclaimed memberships and deposits, and another to search for unclaimed capital credits.

To search, just enter your first and last name. If your name is listed, follow the instructions provided to contact Walton EMC and claim your funds.

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