



Serving members in Baldwin, Emanuel, Glascock, Hancock, Jefferson, Johnson, Laurens, Warren, Washington and Wilkinson counties

# Electric co-ops grow the communities they serve

## October is National Co-op Month

October is National Co-op Month, and Washington EMC is joining cooperatives across the U.S. to celebrate. Co-ops come in all shapes and sizes, but they each have a common goal: Provide goods or services for the members of the co-op.

Electric co-ops, including Washington EMC, exist to serve their members. Our priority is to provide affordable, reliable energy to our local communities. Because we are led by you, the members we serve, we can

evolve to meet your needs. One of our latest projects is providing fiber broadband internet to our members. We are proud to say that we are currently on schedule with this project, and by July 2024, fiber broadband internet will be available to all of our members.

This October, as we celebrate National Co-op Month, we're focusing on the ways Co-ops grow for their members.

### Co-ops grow communities:

Co-ops help communities grow by promoting economic empowerment, fostering community engagement and supporting the unique needs of co-op members. Concern for Community is one of our core principles, and being community-focused is essential to everything we do.

**Co-ops grow together:** Co-ops are all about cooperation, not competition. That's why electric co-ops work together to share lessons learned, successful strategies and better ways to serve our members. We're better when we grow together!

**Co-ops grow tomorrow's leaders:** Electric co-ops serve as fertile ground for growing tomorrow's leaders through a variety of youth engagement programs. Some of these programs include school demonstrations and Career Day. We also support and participate in community events. We're committed to providing opportunities for local youth to learn and thrive in our community and beyond. One of our favorite opportunities is the Washington Youth Tour program. This



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once-in-a-lifetime trip to Washington, D.C., offers opportunities for students to meet policymakers, tour historic monuments and participate in leadership experiences, all while making new friends from across the state and nation. Washington EMC sends two students in our service territory every year.

**Co-ops grow for you:** At Washington EMC, your satisfaction is our No. 1 goal. It's why we were formed many years ago to fulfill a uniquely local purpose. We've come a long way since then, and your needs continue to evolve. That's why we'll never stop growing for you!

As we celebrate our members in October for National Co-op Month, we would like to present you with a token of appreciation. Stop by one of our locations on any Friday in October, bring your copy of this issue of *Georgia Magazine*, and we will present you with a gift.





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Monday through Friday

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100 W. College St.

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# 2023 Safety Accreditation complete

Washington EMC recently completed our Safety Accreditation for 2023. We are proud to announce that we not only successfully passed our accreditation but also received Outstanding Performer.

Accreditation is no easy process, and it can only be successful when

every single employee is dedicated to the responsibility of keeping each of their co-workers safe and keeping a safe work environment, both in the field and in the office.

Safety is not a procedure, it's a culture and dedication to protect each other so we may return to our families each and every day.



## Community news

The Operation Round Up board met July 31 and approved funding for the following organizations:

- City of Sparta in partnership with Connecting Communities
- Georgia Lions Camp
- OFTC Foundation
- Sandersville School Building Authority

We are so proud to be able to give back to the organizations making a difference in our communities. The next board meeting will be October 30, and the deadline for applications is September 30. For more information, visit [www.washingtonemc.com](http://www.washingtonemc.com) or call (800) 552-2577.



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# Join us for the 2023 Annual Meeting



Plan now to attend  
**86<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**

**Saturday  
October 7, 2023**

Ridge Road Schools  
285 Ridge Road  
Sandersville, GA 31082

Registration and voting begins at 8:30 a.m.

Business meeting starts at 10 a.m.

Agenda:

Call to order

Invocation

Reading of notice

Minutes of previous meeting

Reports to the membership

Election of directors

Old business

New business

Attendance prize drawing

Adjourn



**T**he 2023 Annual Meeting of Members of Washington Electric Membership Corp. will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, October 7, 2023, in the Ridge Road Schools cafeteria located at 285 Ridge Road in Sandersville.

The location is easily accessed

from Highway 88 (Fall Line Freeway), Highway 24 (Davisboro Road) and Highway 242 (Riddleville Road). This location also offers convenient access and ample parking. Be sure to join us for our Annual Meeting.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**October 7, 2023**

**Annual Meeting of Members**

Attendance gift—neck fans



**GRAND PRIZE**

**\$500**

**Credit on your power bill!**

Must be present to win.

**Register to receive instant prizes and more!**