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## Celebrating 20 YEARS of Service

There will be no splashy party nor balloons, not even a cake, to mark this month's milestone 20th anniversary for Walton Gas. Instead, there is only a promise to keep doing what we do best: providing exceptional service to natural gas customers throughout Georgia.

"We started the company to give Georgia consumers a trustworthy, local choice," said Jim Bottone, vice president of Walton Energy. "That mission continues today."

The company is rooted in a corporate culture that prioritizes the consumer. We are an affiliate gas marketing company of Walton Electric Membership Corporation (EMC), a consumer-owned utility.

Walton Gas was established in 2002 when the state's natural gas market was deregulated, meaning Georgia residents were allowed to choose their natural gas provider.

"It wasn't easy for consumers in the early years of deregulation. They had to sort through the different offers, different rate plans and terms from providers they didn't really know. They had never been given the freedom to choose a provider before. The providers were aggressive with their marketing with tricky or misleading offers in their quest to gain market share quickly," said Phil Weatherly, director of business development for Walton Gas.

That environment presented Walton Gas with a simple, clear focus. Always offer a straightforward rate plan with no gimmicks or hidden fees, treat our customers like our

neighbors, and be a steward of our community. It is what our parent company had been doing for more than 60 years.

Offering a better option, Walton Gas' combination of competitive rates and service excellence quickly won over Peach State consumers. Residential and business customers from across the state have been signing up to get the most for their energy dollar ever since.

Through the years, customers have been vocal in their praise for Walton Gas and its team of customer service representatives based out of Monroe. The company has consistently ranked highest among natural gas providers in Georgia for retail customer satisfaction surveys. Sherry Horvieth, director of consumer services, attributes the high level of satisfaction to operating "the Walton Way."

"Our number one focus is on improving the customer experience. We want to be easy to do business with," she said. "Our folks really do go the extra mile."

In 2002 no one could predict how successful Walton Gas would be or how long the company would be around.

"Twenty years later we continue to deliver best-in-class service," Bottone said. "And we plan to be doing the same thing for the next 20 years."

Learn more about this anniversary milestone on the Walton Wise blog at [waltongas.com/walton-wise](https://waltongas.com/walton-wise).



Flashback to the first recipe published in the Gasette.

# gas up the stove

## Easy & Elegant Stuffed Chicken

### INGREDIENTS

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| 4 skinless, boneless chicken breasts | 1 teaspoon salt   | Feta cheese (any cheese may be substituted) |
| 1 1/2 cups breadcrumbs               | 1 teaspoon pepper | Cooking spray                               |

### INSTRUCTIONS

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine breadcrumbs, salt and pepper on a plate. Set aside.
- Place chicken breasts, one at a time, in a gallon plastic bag and seal well. Using a flat meat mallet, pound the chicken until it is approximately 1/4 inch thick.
- Dredge one side of the chicken breast in the breadcrumb mixture and place the chicken breast, crumb side down, on a baking sheet sprayed with cooking spray. Repeat for each breast.
- Place cheese on half of the chicken breast and fold the other half over the cheese to seal it in. Spray the chicken lightly with cooking spray and bake for 20–25 minutes. Check internal temperature with meat thermometer. It should be at least 175 degrees.
- Serve over fresh spinach or greens with warm crusty bread. Easy enough for a weeknight, elegant enough to serve guests.

**Submitted by Chris and Diane Sieverson of Dallas.** Featured recipes are not independently tested, so we must depend on the accuracy of the cooks sending them. Always use safe food handling, preparation and cooking procedures from the recognized experts.



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## Rewinding to 2002

- Georgia voters elect George Ervin “Sonny” Perdue III as the state’s 81st governor.
- Michael and Madison are favorite baby names.
- Georgia Bulldogs football compiles an overall record of 13–1 and defeats Arkansas to win the SEC Championship Game for the first time since 1982.
- The Atlanta Braves are the Eastern Division champion with a 101–59 record.
- “American Idol” premieres with Georgia native Ryan Seacrest as host. “The Bachelor” and “Dr. Phil” are also among new TV shows.



- AOL is the most popular website.
- The new year begins with a snowstorm that dumps 4.6 inches of snow on north Georgia within 24 hours.
- Average cost of a new home is \$228,700.
- A Toyota Camry costs \$22,260.
- A Maytag clothes dryer costs \$399.
- A grande Starbucks coffee costs \$1.55.
- A gallon of gas costs \$1.61.
- A loaf of bread costs \$1.39.



**A dozen eggs**  
**costs \$1.03**

