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Randall Pugh

What's Coming in 2013

As we say goodbye to 2012 and prepare for what's to come in 2013, you're probably already budgeting and planning for celebrations, graduations, major purchases and more. Although there's no guarantee that life won't throw a few curve balls, there's comfort in preparing for what we know is coming. Jackson EMC operates this way as well.

Our ongoing task is planning for electricity demand. While growth remains slow, we are seeing signs of recovery in the multi-housing industry and businesses are coming to and expanding in our communities. We have to be ready to meet demand and load growth. In addition to your homes, we're lighting schools, grocery stores, recreation parks and more. Favorable contracts and investments in new generation facilities help us keep rates affordable, while keeping power reliable.

We know all this talk about power and contracts isn't as exciting for you as it is for us, but we want you to know how hard we're working for you. Answering to our members drives us to ensure that everything we do puts you first.

A topic you may be more excited about is your cooperative's upcoming 75th anniversary. We've had the honor of serving members since 1938, when the charter to form Jackson EMC was signed. In June, we'll share more about the fun things we have planned to commemorate this milestone.

We have exciting milestones and more in store for 2013. While some territory may be new, what remains the same is our commitment to making doing business with us easy. We're here to serve you. Whether it's in person, over the telephone or through our website, we want your experience to exceed your expectations.

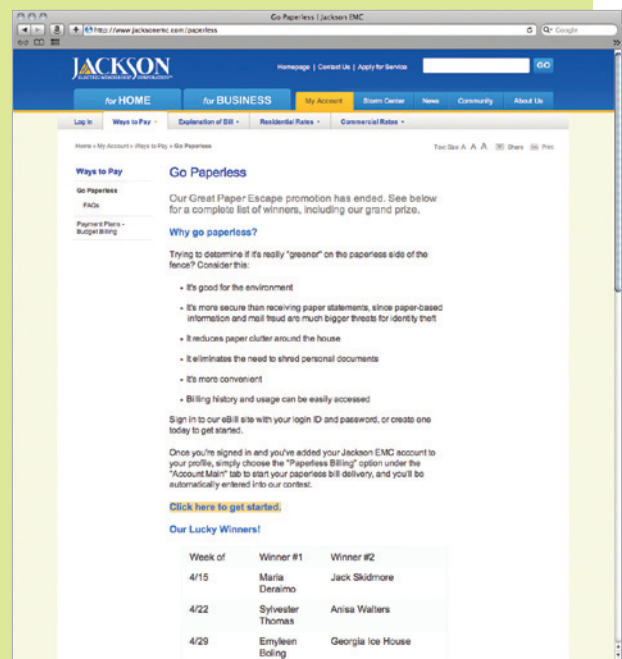
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Sign up for paperless billing between January 15 and March 15, and you'll be automatically entered to win an iPad. In addition, you'll save paper, time and your identity.

Nearly 10 million people are victims of identity theft, many due to mail fraud. You can save yourself the hassle and worry when you create an Account Profile on www.jacksonemc.com/paperless.

You can also access your billing history, usage information, report outages and more. Clear some of the clutter in your mailbox, and go paperless today.



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Scholarship Applications Are Due January 24!

Don't let this scholarship opportunity pass you by. Get your scholarship applications submitted before the deadline, and breathe a little easier. Procrastination could cause you to miss out on an opportunity for money toward books or tuition.

Check out the details and qualifications below.

If you're enrolled or preparing to enter college, you know the type of investment you'll need to cover tuition and other expenses. Higher learning doesn't come cheap, and fortunately, there are scholarships to help.

Traditional and non-traditional students are eligible to apply for the the A.T. Sharpton - Restricted Gainesville State College, A.T. Sharpton - Unrestricted (any accredited college, university or technical college in the U.S.) and the Walter-Harrison (restricted to Georgia schools).

Who's Eligible?

- Entering freshmen or currently enrolled undergraduate and graduate students attending an accredited college, university or technical college.
- Applicants who are part- or full-time students.
- Applicants must be members of Jackson EMC or the sons or daughters of a member and a resident of the home served by Jackson EMC.

How to Apply

See your high school counselor, check our website at www.jacksonemc.com/scholarships or visit North Georgia Community Foundation's website at www.ngcf.org.

DEADLINE: Completed applications are due to North Georgia Community Foundation by 5 p.m. on Thursday, January 24, 2013.

Mail Applications to:

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615-F Oak Street, Ste. 1300
Gainesville, GA 30501
For questions: (770) 535-7880, ext. 226
or email cflack@ngcf.org



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The sugarpilms may no longer be dancing in your head, but if you're like most people, you've added some nice winter sale items to your homes. Whether it's beautiful jewelry or that flat screen television you've dreamed of, you've worked hard for them and should protect your investments.

EMC Security offers an affordable price, starting at just \$16.95 per month, with no monthly contract. "We earn our customers' business every day. We're monitored locally, and have the comfort of a redundant monitoring center in Florida should we face inclement weather or a catastrophe that may shut down our local station," says Vince Raia, EMC Security president.

Not only are we protecting our customers' belongings, a security system is added protection of loved ones. With video monitoring, wireless capability and the patented SECUREPATH® technology, EMC Security has everything customers need to protect their homes and businesses."

When it comes to protection, EMC Security will send an EMC Security consultant to your home for a free

consultation to design a system protection plan specific to your home's floor plan and vulnerable areas.

A customized security plan helped foil the plans of would-be robbers of a Decatur, Ga. customer. One of the burglars climbed into the roof's overhang to gain access to a second-floor window. The burglar then broke the window lock and gained access into the crawlspace of the home. When the burglars tried to enter the home from the crawlspace door inside the home, the alarm was activated. Police were dispatched, and the burglars fled the home empty handed.

Had the family not installed a security contact/detector on the crawlspace door, the burglars could've made off with many of the customer's valuables inside the home. ▲

Safety at the Press of a Button

Aging and disabled loved ones will gain more independence and peace of mind with EMC Security's Medical Alert System. The voice-to-voice pendant is worn around the neck, with signal strength so powerful, you don't have to worry about staying within the home. You can enjoy your deck or garden as long as you remain within signal range. This pendant is the smallest medical alert device on the market, and is available for as low as \$16.95 per month.



To learn more about EMC Security's products and services, visit them at www.emcsecurity.com, call 770-963-0305 or 706-543-4009.



Your Community Organization May be Eligible to Apply for a JEMC Foundation Grant

The Jackson EMC Foundation awards grants to both organizations and individuals using money raised from the Operation Round Up® program. Participating members' bills are rounded up to the nearest dollar each month. Although that's a few cents per electric bill, it adds up to millions.

Here are a few facts about the JEMC Foundation:

- Foundation funds administered by volunteer board of directors
- Funds used for charitable organizations and individuals
- Any individual or organization in any of 10 counties served by Jackson EMC may apply; do not have to be a member
- Grants are limited to \$15,000 for organizations and \$3,500 for individuals
- Members contribute an average total of \$85,300 each month

If you know of an individual or organization in need of assistance, check to see if they qualify for a Jackson EMC Foundation grant. Qualifications and applications are available online at www.jacksonemc.com/foundation. ▲

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Jackson EMC Foundation Awards Nearly \$90,000 in Grants

The Jackson EMC Foundation Board of Directors awarded a total of \$89,325 in grants during their November meeting, including \$78,950 to organizations and \$10,375 to individuals.

Organizational Grant Recipients:

\$15,000 to Gateway House, a Hall County nonprofit serving victims of domestic violence and their children, to provide emergency legal assistance to request, file and enforce a Temporary Protective Order (TPO) to keep abusive partners from having contact with or harassing victims.

\$15,000 to Good News Clinics, a nonprofit organization that provides free medical and dental care to the underserved and uninsured residents of Gainesville and Hall County, to ensure clients of its Sam Poole Medical Clinic have laboratory tests necessary for physicians to determine their health care needs and provide them with appropriate care.

\$15,000 to the Gwinnett Student Leadership Team for its student leadership program, a two-year program serving high school juniors

and seniors in 22 public schools, providing practical leadership skills and training to return to their home high school to facilitate the core leadership principles with groups there to increase the capacity to develop student leaders.

\$9,750 to Step by Step Recovery, a Lawrenceville community-based grassroots addiction recovery organization which provides a safe and structured environment for both men and women over 6 months to 2 years as they complete a 12-step program to deal with drug and alcohol addiction, to assist with rent for men's and women's units.

\$7,500 to Athens Urban Ministries, a grassroots organization dedicated to assisting those who need a hand up, to help provide instruction and materials for GED and computer skills training to promote self-sufficiency.

\$5,700 to ACTION, Inc., for the Full Plate Food Program, which uses staff and volunteers to collect surplus food donated by Athens area restaurants, which is then redistributed to homeless shelters and other human service agencies, reducing both hunger and the food budgets of those agencies.

\$5,000 to Athens Community Council on Aging for its Project Northeast Georgia Healthy Grandparents, a program that provides support groups, health evaluations and follow-ups, and legal help with custody issues to grandparents who are primary caregivers for their grandchildren.

\$5,000 to NOA's Ark (No One Alone), a Dahlonega emergency shelter and comprehensive support program for battered women and children, to help fund a Trauma Counseling Service that will reduce

the risk of post-traumatic stress and other psychological problems.

\$1,000 to Reins of Life, a Franklin County nonprofit, for its Heads Up Hippotherapy Program, a physical therapy treatment that uses the horse's movement to improve neuromuscular function.

Individual Grant Recipients:

\$3,500 to replace a heat pump for a **senior citizen**.

\$3,500 to purchase a used car for a **single mother** who cannot get a job without transportation.

\$2,675 to make repairs to a ramp and porch entrance for a **disabled senior citizen**.

\$700 to repair the heating and air system of a **disabled woman**.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO GET WINTERIZED

You can still apply quick and relatively inexpensive fixes that will help seal out the cold air, making your home more comfortable and reducing energy use.

Windows

For a quick fix for cold air whistling in around older windows, use removable caulk or shrink film window kits that can be easily installed with double-faced tape and a hair dryer.

Thermal window treatments can also help keep out the cold.

Doors

Fixes include sealing around the sides and tops of doors with bronze or adhesive-backed rubber weather stripping. A simple and effective remedy for leaks under a door is to install a door sweep.

Pipes and Vents

A common source of air leakage is around pipes and vents that go through exterior walls. Feel for cold air around pipes, under sinks and around vents for water heaters, clothes dryers and the like. Seal small gaps with caulk and larger gaps with expanding spray foam insulation. ▲

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New Ways to Save Energy

Looking for new ways to save energy? A growing number of affordable devices are available to help you find energy wasters and to save automatically.

Thermal Leak Detectors

Thermal leak detectors used to be expensive professional tools, but now companies like Black & Decker® offer affordable versions that detect surface temperature variations. These can reveal less obvious leaks, which you can seal with caulk or weather stripping, and missing insulation.

High-Tech Programmable Thermostats

One of the best ways to save on heating and cooling is to adjust thermostat settings for when you're asleep or away. Newer programmable thermostats, such as the Nest Learning Thermostat, remember the temperatures you've set and program themselves. You can control some remotely from smart phones or computers.

Tackling Standby Energy Losses

New electronics from toasters to televisions use energy even when they are switched off. In the typical American household, there can be 30 or more devices constantly drawing this standby power.

Manufacturers are developing new ways to help automatically stop this current drain. "Smart" surge protector strips, also

known as "green," "eco" or "power-saving" surge protectors, let you turn many devices completely off with one switch. These power-saving strips have master outlets for primary devices like computers, televisions and peripheral outlets for such devices as DVD players, stereos, monitors, printers, speakers and scanners. Turning the main device off cuts current to it and related devices. You can reduce standby power losses for uninterruptible power supply backup power with devices that use a similar approach.

Energy-saving outlets with timers shut off power to devices during periods you're not likely to be using them. There are also simple

reminders like lighted outlet switches that show that power is in use and make it easy to cut off power without unplugging.

Get a Handle on Your Energy Use

Power monitors such as Kill-A-Watt or Belkin brand devices can tell you how much energy each device is using. Plug the monitor into the wall and the appliance into the monitor to track power use. Some power monitors will project your costs on a monthly or yearly basis, using Jackson EMC rate information you program into the device. This can help you find out the payback period for more efficient appliances or how much you could save by controlling standby losses. ▲

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Cooperative **Cooking**

Each month *Jemco News* features recipes which represent the people and products of Jackson EMC. If you have a favorite recipe and would like to share it with other readers in the Jackson EMC area, send a copy, complete with name, address and daytime phone number to:

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Due to limited space, not all recipes received will be featured. Recipes printed in *Jemco News* are not independently tested; therefore, we must depend on the accuracy of those members who send recipes to us.

Crock Pot Short Ribs

Ingredients:

3-4 lbs. lean beef short ribs	1 onion, sliced	2 tbsp. catsup
4 potatoes, peeled and quartered	2 tbsp. vinegar	1 c. beef bouillon
4 carrots, peeled and quartered	2 tsp. sugar	1 tsp. salt
	1 tbsp. horseradish	¼ tsp. pepper
	1 tbsp. prepared mustard	¼ c. flour

Instructions:

In large skillet, brown short ribs; drain off excess fat. Place potatoes, carrots and onion in crock pot or slow-cooking pot. Arrange browned ribs over vegetables. Combine vinegar, sugar, horseradish, mustard, catsup, bouillon, salt and pepper. Pour over meat. Cover and cook on low for 6 to 8 hours or until meat is tender.

Remove short ribs and vegetables. Turn crock pot to high or stovetop burner to medium. Dissolve flour in small amount of water. Stir into sauce and cook for 10 to 15 minutes or until thickened. Serve with meat and vegetables. Makes 4 to 6 servings.