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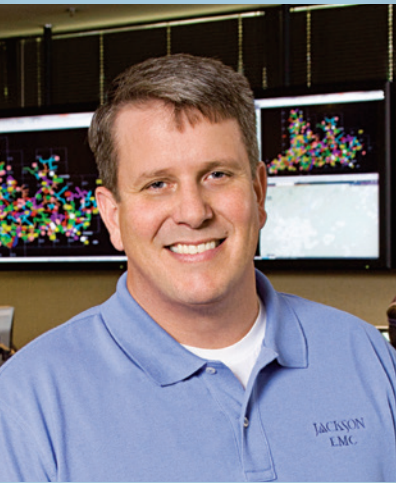
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Celebrating the Cooperative Way:

WE'RE IN IT TOGETHER



President/CEO
Chip Jakins

Cooperate is the key word

To win ballgames, Little Leaguers must play cooperatively with their teammates. To reach a goal, groups know their members must cooperate with each other to move forward. Even toddlers realize that if they want dessert, they're more likely to receive it after cooperating with their parents to eat dinner.

The poet John Donne had it right when he penned, "No man is an island." It's a fact of life: Not much happens until folks cooperate with each other. But when they do, Wow! Big things can be accomplished.

The American Heritage Dictionary defines *cooperate*: to work or act together toward a common end or purpose, or, to form an association for common, usually economic, benefit.

That's exactly what the founders of Jackson EMC did in 1938 when they banded together to bring electricity to the rural homes and farms of northeast Georgia. It's what hundreds of other farm families throughout the United States did, too, after private and public utilities denied them affordable access to rural electricity.

As an electric membership corporation (EMC), Jackson EMC is a cooperative, an autonomous association of people united to meet a common need through joint ownership. Like the other 40 electric cooperatives in Georgia, Jackson EMC is a not-for-profit business that's governed by the very customers it serves, our members.

Like all cooperatives, electric or otherwise, we operate under two requirements: that we operate at cost and by democratic governance. To meet these requirements, we return revenue above what's needed to run the co-op back to our members, and each member is called upon to consider and vote on cooperative business.

As a distribution cooperative, Jackson EMC acquires electricity from various sources and distributes it to homes, farms, schools, businesses and other members on our lines. With our fellow Georgia EMCs through the years, we've formed statewide cooperatives that facilitate the generation, transmission

and distribution of electric power. These include:

- Oglethorpe Power Corporation, our generation cooperative;
- Georgia Transmission Corporation, which owns, operates and maintains the integrated transmission system and sells transmission services to the EMCs in Georgia; and
- Georgia System Operations Corporation, which operates the system and schedules generation needs.

In addition, we belong to Georgia EMC, our statewide trade association, which provides a unified voice to the state's electric cooperatives through advocacy, education and communication. And we work and network with cooperatives outside our industry as well, such as Georgia Farm Bureau, the state's largest voluntary agricultural organization.

Across the nation, October is Cooperative Month. At Jackson EMC, we understand the meaning of cooperate and, as your electric cooperative, we work to cooperate year-round with you, our members, as well as our peers in electric cooperative and related industries. It's amazing what we accomplish together.

On the Cover: Demonstrating their cooperative spirit, Jackson EMC employees participated in the Gwinnett County Sheriff's Office Jail Break Challenge in June to raise funds for the Sheriff's Explorer program, which makes a positive impact on youth and the community. Team members include, from left, standing: Joe Hicks, senior commercial/industrial marketing rep; Adam Duncan, field service rep; Anthony Barfield, staking technician; Mike Hudlow, engineering supervisor; Keith Camp, David Carlton, Greg Baldwin and Dan Giles, journeyman linemen; Craig Roberts, engineering/operations coordinator; Alex Solhtalab, journeyman lineman; Ithier Martinez, lineman; and Russell Morton, service rep. Kneeling, from left, are Charles Boyd, line foreman; daughter Candace Boyd and her friend Katie Garmon; Glen Whitley, service rep; and Huie Myers, lineman apprentice. Not pictured: Nancy Poindexter, bi-lingual customer service rep, and Mike Hawkins, lineman.

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Jackson EMC Foundation Annual Report - ONLINE! YOUR SMALL CHANGE HELPS COVER THE BASICS

Read Jackson EMC Foundation's 2014 Annual Report online to learn how the small change you contribute when you round up your power bill makes a big difference.

The online report lists grants awarded the past year and shares stories from several organizations that received grants from the Jackson EMC Foundation, thanks to Jackson EMC members who contribute pennies through Operation Round Up®. Thanks to your generosity, charitable organizations across our service territory help cover the basic needs of our area's less fortunate.

Go online to www.jacksonemc.com/2014foundation to see how your support helps feed the hungry, house the homeless, educate the young, provide medical services for the sick and boost job skills of the under- or unemployed.





KEEP ENERGY FIT through Fall & Winter

Congratulations! You met the challenge and now you're on your way to energy fitness! We applaud you!

Our summer Home Energy Fitness Challenge is over, but we hope you'll continue to stay energy fit throughout the fall and winter, and all year long.

We asked you in the summer to sign up for Track My Progress using our Home Fitness Monitor to learn different ways to reduce your home energy use. Customers who used our online energy tools were given a chance to win prizes. You learned how to create some energy-reducing habits to make your home energy fit and reduce your monthly power bill.

Jackson EMC members who participated in our summer challenge were eligible to win one of seven iPads given away when the contest was complete.

Congratulations to Our Winners:

- Andre Washington, Buford
- Daniel P. Servansky, Lawrenceville
- John Richard Fratini, Jefferson
- Kerry Cooley, Braselton
- Wayne Nichols, Buford
- Bobby Joe Murphy, Talmo
- Charles Gridley, Hoschton

The contest is done, but the tools and resources we offer to help you manage your energy use can still make you a winner. We challenge you to create your own home energy fitness plan at www.jacksonemc.com/challenge. And throughout our website at www.jacksonemc.com, we provide tons of tips to help you meet your goal. Be sure to check out the *Save Energy and Money* tab where an abundance of helpful hints, services, products and rebates are designed to help you meet the challenge of living a more energy efficient lifestyle in your home.

"Jackson EMC is a good resource to use in your energy planning," says Residential Marketing Manager Amy Bryan. "We can show you specific ways to reduce your energy consumption and, in turn, your electric bill. And remember, our website is a great place to start. Consider [jacksonemc.com](http://www.jacksonemc.com) your own personal trainer as you make your home more energy fit." ▲

Winter Energy Saving Tips

- 1 Set your thermostat at 68 degrees in the winter. As a rule of thumb, your heating cost will increase three percent for each degree above 68 degrees.
- 2 Clean and/or replace heating and air conditioning equipment filters according to your manufacturer's recommendations. Dirty or clogged air filters restrict airflow and cause your system to work harder, generally increasing operating costs.
- 3 Call a trained heating and air conditioning professional for a routine performance check each year.
- 4 Take our challenge to make your home energy fit at www.jacksonemc.com/challenge.
- 5 For more tips, visit www.jacksonemc.com/DIY.





SO, WHAT'S A COOPERATIVE ANYWAY?

Jackson EMC employees cooperatively build and maintain your power system. With the Jefferson office are, from left, Line Foreman Charlie Watson and Journeyman Linemen Javier Guzman, Brian Shore and Michael Moon.

This year marks 50 years that October has been recognized as National Co-op Month, a time to reflect on the thousands of cooperatives that serve millions of people throughout the nation. The tradition began in 1964 when U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman proclaimed October Co-op Month.

So, what's a cooperative?

Simply put, cooperatives are associations formed to meet a common need through joint ownership. Co-ops operate at cost and are controlled by their members who are given a voice in the operation of their business.

Across the United States, almost 30,000 cooperatives provide products or services, including 905 electric cooperatives, like Jackson EMC. As an electric cooperative, Jackson EMC is:

- Owned by the members we serve,
- A private, independent, not-for-profit electric utility,
- Incorporated under the laws of Georgia,

- A distribution cooperative that distributes electricity to retail customers, our members, and
- Governed by a board of directors, elected from the membership, that sets policies and procedures that are implemented by co-op management.

Electric cooperatives adhere to the Seven Cooperative Principles, the seventh of which calls for concern for community. Jackson EMC actively lives out this principle by promoting economic development and revitalization projects, being involved in the community and assisting in educational initiatives. Jackson EMC members demonstrate concern for community by rounding up their power bills to the next dollar with the extra change funding charitable grants provided through the Jackson EMC Foundation.

The Seven Cooperative Principles

Cooperatives base their business model on the Seven Cooperative Principles, which are:

1. Voluntary and open membership
2. Democratic member control
3. Economic participation by members
4. Autonomy and independence
5. Education, training and information
6. Cooperation among cooperatives
7. Concern for community



State Senator Frank Ginn, left, chats with Bill Carpenter, member of the Jackson EMC Board of Directors, at Annual Meeting.



Discussing plans for construction at the new Madison County office are, from left, District Engineering and Operations Coordinator Kevin Bost and Neese District Manager Jean Mullis.



Jackson EMC Metering Supervisor Todd Hubbard, second from right, meets with members and advisors of the Interact Club at Banks County Middle School, which routinely packs food for the Madison County Rotary Club Food2Kids program, providing children in need with a weekly bag of food. Hubbard is the Rotary Club's president-elect. From left are students Wes Leford, Kaleigh Finch, Rotary Sponsor Sallie Hensley, Rip Sanders, Banks County Middle School Social Worker Holly Koochel, Kennedy Smith, Hubbard and Ben Duckett.



A Few Facts About Electric Cooperatives Across the United States*

- There are 905 electric cooperatives in the U.S.
- They serve an estimated 42 million people in 47 states.
- They provide electric power to 18.5 million businesses, homes, schools, churches, farms and other establishments.

To Perform Their Mission, Electric Cooperatives:

- Own assets worth \$140 billion.
- Employ 70,000 people in the U.S.
- Assign \$600 million in capital credits, or margins, annually.
- Pay \$1.4 billion in state and local taxes.
- Own and maintain 2.5 million miles, or 42 percent, of the nation's electric distribution lines, covering 75 percent of the nation's landmass, while delivering 11 percent of the total kilowatt hours sold in the U.S. each year. (The disparity reflected here points to the rural nature of electric cooperatives' main service areas, where fewer consumers live, generating the least revenue per mile of power line. While electric co-ops are not the primary electricity providers in the nation, they are the predominant provider in most of the country's rural areas.)

Compared with Other Electric Utilities:

- Co-ops serve an average of 7.4 consumers per mile of line and collect annual revenue of approximately \$15,000 per mile of line.
- Investor owned utilities average 34 customers per mile of line and collect \$75,500 per mile.
- Publicly owned utilities, or municipals, average 48 consumers and collect \$113,000 per mile.

* From the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) and the University of Wisconsin Center for Cooperatives.

Jackson EMC Foundation awards grants totaling \$187,500 in July and August

The Jackson EMC Foundation Board of Directors awarded a total of \$80,000 in grants during their July meeting, including \$75,000 to organizations and \$5,000 to individuals.

Organizational Grant Recipients:

\$15,000 to the **Boys & Girls Club of Barrow County** in Winder for its Power Hour comprehensive homework help and tutoring program, and Goals for Graduation, a program that combats academic underachievement and links future aspirations with concrete actions today.

\$15,000 to **Hi-Hope Service Center** in Lawrenceville to help fund part-time nursing services for 20 developmentally disabled residents in Gwinnett County, providing services such as daily medication, insulin, blood checks and specialized medical treatment to an increasing number of residents who require onsite nursing care.

\$10,000 to **Hope Clinic**, a primary care internal medicine clinic founded

to provide the uninsured working poor with affordable care, to help purchase an electrocardiogram and Spot Vital Sign equipment for its Chronic Care Management Program that treats patients with multiple chronic conditions.

\$10,000 to the **Vision and Hearing Care Program**, a service of the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, to help provide surgical procedures to restore sight, eye exams and prescription eyewear for low-income residents in the 10 counties Jackson EMC serves, using Lighthouse medical equipment, volunteer doctors, staff and volunteers.

\$7,500 to the **Asian American Resource Foundation**, a Gwinnett non-profit which provides supportive services to members of the

community in need, for its Transitional Housing Program that provides homeless single mothers and their children with up to 24 months of housing assistance and support services to transition them to permanent housing.

\$7,500 to the **Boys & Girls Clubs of Athens** for its Mind Blowers Program, a targeted supplemental math education program to teach essential problem-solving and quantitative skills that students will use in the classroom, work world and every-day life.

\$5,000 to the **Southeast Gwinnett Cooperative**, a Grayson non-profit that assists local families with food and financial support in their time of need, to help purchase a commercial refrigeration unit that will enable the

cooperative to better use its supply chain of fresh produce.

\$5,000 to the **Rotary Club of Madison County** to purchase materials for 10 handicap ramps, which are constructed by Rotary Club members for local individuals who cannot afford them, increasing their general mobility and improving safety in the event they need to evacuate their home.

Individual Grant Recipients:

\$1,500 to purchase a ramp to carry the wheelchair of a **disabled woman**.

\$3,500 to help purchase a handi-capped accessible van for a **child with cerebral palsy**.

At their August meeting, the Jackson EMC Foundation Board of Directors awarded a total of \$107,500 in grants, including \$99,500 to organizations and \$8,000 to individuals.

Organizational Grant Recipients:

\$15,000 to the **Children's Center for Hope & Healing** in Gainesville to provide 37 children who have been sexually abused with therapy to reduce trauma symptoms such as nightmares, bed wetting, anxiousness, depression, anger, fatigue and self-hatred.

\$15,000 to **For Her Glory**, a Gainesville agency that provides breast cancer patients with items that are not covered by insurance, such as wigs, bras, compression sleeves and gloves.

\$15,000 to the **Salvation Army of Athens** for emergency shelter operations and to provide food to shelter residents and those in the community who are hungry and seek a meal at the nightly free dinner; the agency provided 16,845 nights of shelter and 29,033 evening meals last year.

\$15,000 to the **Salvation Army of Gainesville** to assist with the costs

of providing emergency shelter to prevent homelessness and community meals for families and individuals who are struggling; the agency provided 8,732 nights of shelter and 9,002 evening meals last year.

\$15,000 to the **Salvation Army of Lawrenceville** for the Family Emergency Services program, which prevents homelessness and stabilizes families by providing rent or mortgage financial assistance directly to the landlord or property holder; the agency provided 200 families with rent assistance in 2013.

\$5,500 to **Diamond In the Rough**, a Snellville faith-based youth development and leadership program for girls 10-18, for the Clusters long-term mentoring and leadership development program which uses small group meetings one day per week during the school year to build self-image, character, leadership, health and wellness,

financial stewardship, healthy relationships and spiritual enrichment.

\$5,000 to **ConnectAbility**, a Dahlonega non-profit providing support services to children and adults with developmental disabilities and their families, for its Sidekicks Respite care, short-term care for individuals so that caregivers may have a break from constant caregiving responsibilities.

\$5,000 to the **Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta** to develop science, technology, engineering and math leadership among Gwinnett County elementary school girls, using program staff and volunteers to deliver four to six sessions of *It's Your Planet, Love It* and *Imagine Your STEM Future* curricula series.

\$5,000 to the **Salvation Army of Toccoa** to assist with the costs of providing emergency shelter to prevent homelessness and community meals for families and

individuals who are struggling; the agency provided 93 families with 20 weeks of stay through hotel/motel vouchers and 120 community meals last year.

\$4,000 to **Prevent Child Abuse Athens**, a grassroots organization focused on ending neglect and abuse, to offer the First Steps primary prevention program that offers support, parenting education and community referrals to new parents to help them with the challenges of parenting.

Individual Grant Recipients:

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

\$3,400 to repair the roof of a **senior citizen**.

\$1,100 to realign the dentures of a **disabled woman**.

Winter Rates in Effect

As fall turns to winter, temperatures decrease, along with our electricity demand. During winter months, decreased demand allows us to pass savings along to you through lower rates. Winter rates begin this month and last through April. To learn more about the residential electric rate, visit our website at www.jacksonemc.com/rates and select Schedule A-06 Residential Rate.

Regular Residential Electric Rate*

Winter Rates

Service Charge	\$13/month
First 650 kWh	7.90¢ per kWh
Next 350 kWh	7.25¢ per kWh
Over 1,000 kWh	5.99¢ per kWh

*The Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment and other applicable taxes are also a part of your total electric bill.

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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.

Broccoli Pasta Salad for a Crowd

Ingredients:

8 ounces Farfalle (bowtie) pasta
1½ pounds fresh broccoli
½ cup red onion, diced
2½ cups seedless red grapes, halved
1 cup pecans, chopped

8 bacon slices, cooked and crumbled*
1 cup mayonnaise
1/3 cup sugar
1/3 cup red wine vinegar
1 teaspoon salt

Instructions:

Cook pasta in boiling water until al dente. Drain and set aside.

Wash broccoli and tear into very small pieces. In large bowl, place broccoli, onion, grapes, pecans, bacon and pasta; stir until mixed.

In medium bowl, mix mayonnaise, sugar, wine vinegar and salt. Pour smooth mixture over salad in large bowl; stir to mix evenly. Refrigerate a minimum of one hour before serving.

*To save time, substitute bacon with 5 ounces packaged real bacon pieces (NOT bacon bits).