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# CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

A few years ago, we asked you to help pick a new slogan for the cooperative. The clear winner? “Your Power. Your Community.” That’s not surprising because it’s simple and speaks to our collective values.

As cooperative members, you’re invested in the community where you live and work. You have the same expectations of your cooperative to be more than just another company; you expect us to be an excellent community citizen, too.

That’s why Jackson EMC does more than provide reliable and affordable electricity to members – because we know you expect more from your cooperative. You expect us to be community leaders and actively engaged in the areas we serve.

For Jackson EMC, community involvement is more than just a slogan. As a local business, owned and governed by those we serve, it’s part of our culture to be community minded. And we demonstrate our community-minded culture in many ways – whether it’s in schools, businesses or homes.

With school starting back this month, we’re encouraging middle school educators to apply for a Bright Ideas grant to fund their innovative and creative classroom projects. We’ll also be in classrooms to speak to elementary school students about electrical safety, and we’ll support student sportsmanship in partnership with the Georgia High School Association.

At Jackson EMC, we encourage and support our employees’ involvement as well. Like you, they are proud to take an active role in our community. Many of our employees volunteer in local schools, civic clubs, nonprofit organizations and youth recreation leagues. There’s a reason we support these activities – doing good in the community is good for everyone.

So, when you helped us pick a slogan – “Your Power. Your Community.” – we were honored that you see our values at work in our community, and we hope to make you proud of your ownership in the co-op. Jackson EMC is your electric cooperative and we’re proud to serve you.

**Have an idea on how your electric cooperative can better serve members? Email me at [chip@jacksonemc.com](mailto:chip@jacksonemc.com).**

**Chip Jakins,  
President/CEO**

## NEED TO KNOW: ANNUAL PERFORMERS ANNOUNCED

Greater Vision, an award-winning gospel group, will perform at Jackson EMC’s Annual Meeting on Thursday, September 19 at the headquarters in Jefferson.

Registration for the meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. that day.

Greater Vision regularly appears on the TV program InTouch, hosted by Dr. Charles Stanley, as well at the Gaither Gospel Series. Gerald Wolfe, the group’s founder, serves as co-host on Bill Gaither’s syndicated “Homecoming Radio” show, which airs weekly on almost 3,000 radio stations around the world.

The group’s performers include Wolfe, who serves as pianist and emcee. Multi-award-winning songwriter Rodney Griffin sings the lead for the group. Chris Allman, writer of the 2015 Song of the Year, “For All He’s Done,” sings tenor. Joe Epley is the newest member of Greater Vision and is a baritone singer.

Greater Vision performs more than 175 times a year. Its latest album, “You’ve Arrived,” is being released this month.



**GREATER VISION**

# STAY SAFE AROUND POWER SUBSTATIONS

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AVOID RELEASING METALLIC BALLOONS NEAR SUBSTATIONS, WHICH CAN CAUSE POWER OUTAGES IF THEY CONTACT POWER LINES



## MEMBERS MAKE IT DELICIOUS

We're looking for your favorite holiday cookie recipes for an upcoming issue of *JEMCO News*.

Selected winners will receive admission for a car or van to Magical Nights of Lights at Lanier Islands. Send us your favorite holiday cookie recipes by 9/10 to [recipes@jacksonemc.com](mailto:recipes@jacksonemc.com) or mail to Cooperative Cooking, Jackson EMC, P.O. Box 38, Jefferson, GA 30549. Be sure to include your name, address and phone number.



## Chocolate Éclair Cake



“Despite its rich name, this recipe is a light tasting dessert and very yummy.”  
— CHRIS KNIGHT, HOSCHTON

### INGREDIENTS:

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| 1 cup water                  | 1 large (5.1 oz.) box of vanilla instant pudding |
| 1 stick butter or margarine  | 1 small (3.4 oz.) box of vanilla instant pudding |
| 1 cup flour                  | 1 large container (16 oz.) of Cool Whip          |
| 4 eggs                       | Chocolate syrup for drizzling                    |
| 5 cups milk                  |  |
| 8 oz. cream cheese, softened |  |

### DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 400°. Grease 9x13 pan. In pot, heat 1 cup water and 1 stick butter or margarine together until boiling. While boiling, add 1 cup of flour and stir until well blended, remove from heat; let cool slightly. Add 4 eggs to mixture, one at a time, and beat with wire whisk just to incorporate. Place batter in greased 9x13 pan and spread evenly, spreading a bit up the sides. Bake at 400° for 30 minutes. Remove from oven and allow crust to cool.

Prepare both the large and small instant vanilla puddings together according to instructions on box. Beat 8 oz. softened cream cheese into the prepared vanilla pudding with electric mixer until smooth. Pour blended pudding mixture over the éclair base, spreading evenly. Refrigerate for at least 30 minutes. Top with a large container of Cool Whip or whipping cream. Drizzle with chocolate syrup. Refrigerate until ready to serve and enjoy.

# LIGHTING UP YOUR FRIDAY NIGHTS

What do you think of when you hear, “Friday Night Lights”? For many people, it’s high school football. In communities around the nation and across Jackson EMC’s 10-county service area, “Friday Night Lights” has a special meaning for those playing on the field and spectators in the stands.

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Friday nights at 7 p.m. is when play action starts in the fall for numerous local high school teams. Jackson EMC supplies electricity to 17 local high school football stadiums. We’re proud to be the power source that makes Friday night lights possible for each of those high schools and their fans.

Schools in the state have been fielding teams for competitive football matchups since at least 1894, according to the Georgia High School Football Historians Association. In the 1960s, schools in Georgia began to install lighting in football stadiums – which made it possible to play games at night. That’s when “Friday Night Lights” was born. Since then, prep school gridiron matchups have provided the traditional kickoff to fall football weekends that also include collegiate and professional games.

Since area games began being played under the lights, Jackson EMC has played an important role at fields and stadiums. Then, and now, we deliver the dependable electricity teams, fans and our community count on.

Jackson EMC provides the electricity to light up football facilities for Archer High School, Collins Hill High School, Greater Atlanta Christian School, Mill Creek High School, Mountain View High School and Norcross High School in Gwinnett County.

In Hall County, we’re the power provider for the football stadiums at Cherokee Bluff High School, Chestatee High School, Flowery Branch High School, North Hall High School, West Hall High School and Lanier Christian Academy.

We’re also the power source for football stadiums for schools in Jackson, Barrow and Madison counties, including East Jackson Comprehensive High School, Jackson County Comprehensive High School, Jefferson High School, Apalachee High School and Athens Christian School.

We’re proud that cooperative electricity powers these facilities and other athletic venues at local schools. Like those we serve, Jackson EMC is conditioned and ready for a great season. We also light baseball fields, softball fields, soccer fields, tennis courts and gyms at many schools.



# Educators Apply for a Bright Ideas Grant



Are you a middle school educator with an idea for an innovative or creative classroom project this school year? If so, consider applying for a Bright Ideas grant.

Bright Ideas is a grant program from Jackson EMC that funds creative and innovative classroom projects in middle schools.

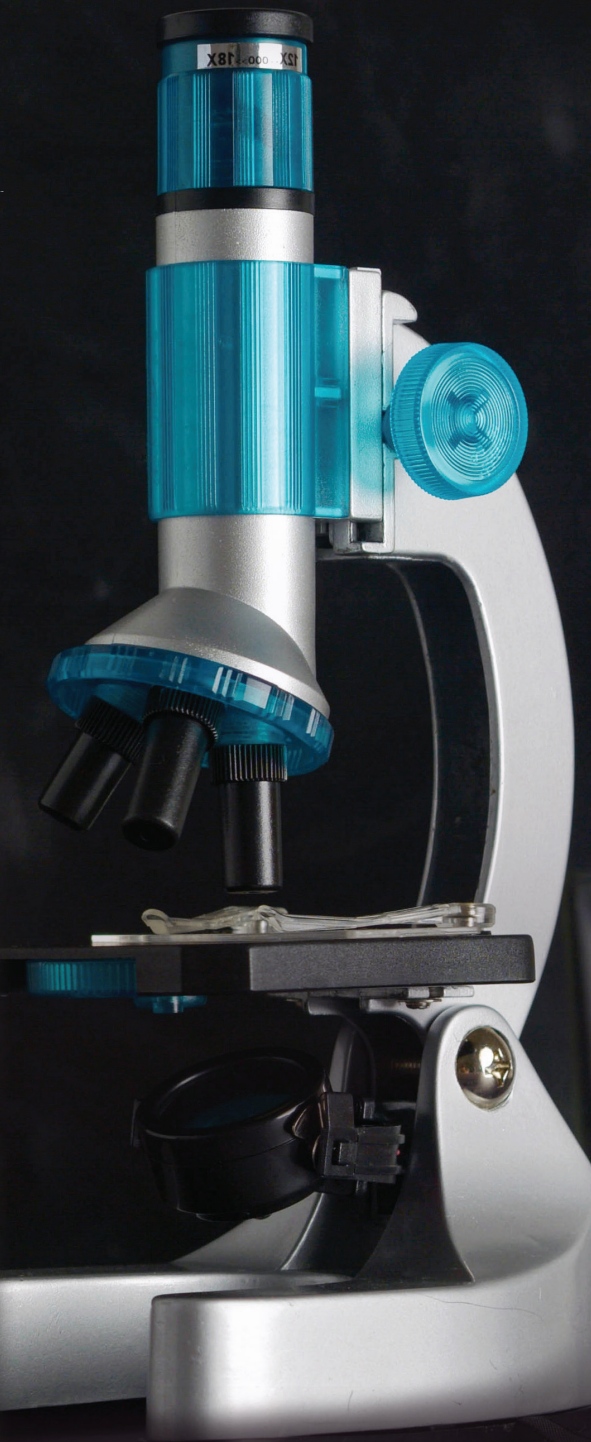
Educators who teach grades 6 - 8 can earn up to \$2,000 for classroom projects that would not be funded otherwise.

With a Bright Ideas grant, some of our recent recipients have established an aeroponic garden, used small "smartcars" to test concepts of physics and created a model of a city.

To apply for a Bright Ideas grant, applications must be submitted by 5 p.m. September 9.

Applicants must be state-certified educators in a public middle school in Jackson EMC's service area.

FOR DETAILS ABOUT BRIGHT IDEAS GRANTS AND TO APPLY, VISIT [JACKSONEMC.COM/BRIGHTIDEAS](http://JACKSONEMC.COM/BRIGHTIDEAS)





# Enjoy Local Restaurants, COOKING SHOWCASE IN GWINNETT

Make it a date night – or a night with friends – and enjoy tasting food from some of the best local restaurants at this year’s Good Taste Gwinnett, an event powered by Jackson EMC.

This cooking showcase on October 17 allows guests to sample small plates of food from local restaurants while chefs whip up their signature dishes on the cooking demo stage. Attendees can also shop local vendors and register to win one of more than 75 prizes, including several trip giveaways. All attendees receive a goody bag with items from restaurants, vendors and sponsors.

General admission tickets (\$15) include three tasting tickets, while VIP tickets (\$55) include six tasting tickets, front section seating at the cooking stage, VIP lounge access and a special VIP bag. Additional tasting tickets can be purchased at the event for \$1 (One ticket = one tasting).

Jackson EMC members can save \$5 off general admission and VIP tickets.

\*Price is good online in advance or purchased onsite on the day of the event. VIP tickets are available while supplies last.

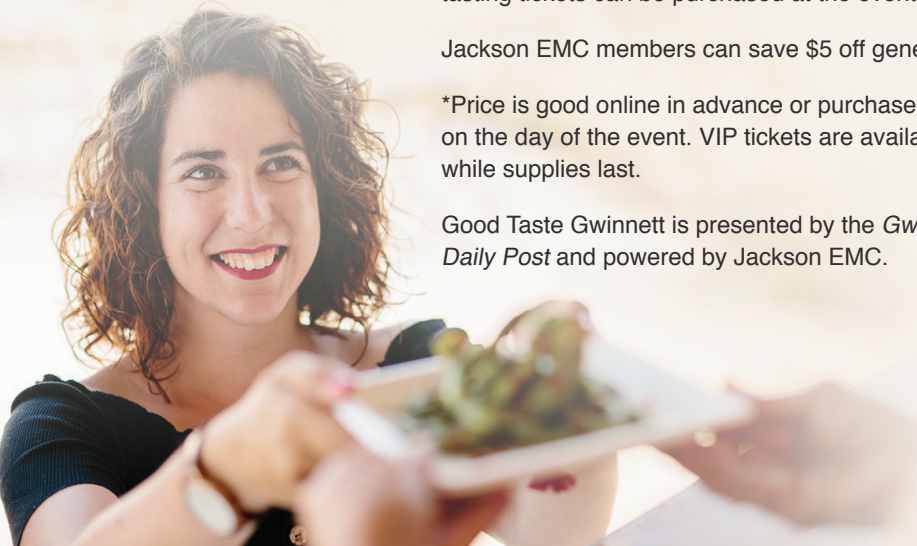
Good Taste Gwinnett is presented by the *Gwinnett Daily Post* and powered by Jackson EMC.

**JACKSON EMC MEMBERS  
SAVE \$5\***

**Thursday, October 17, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.**  
Infinite Energy Forum (Hall B/C),  
6400 Sugarloaf Parkway, Duluth

General Admission: \$15;  
Jackson EMC Members Pay \$10  
VIP Ticket: \$55;  
Jackson EMC Members Pay \$50

**Purchase tickets at  
[GoodTasteGwinnett.com/jacksonemc](http://GoodTasteGwinnett.com/jacksonemc)**



## Request a School Visit FROM JACKSON EMC

It’s the start of a new school year – and planning for memorable educational experiences. Educators looking to bring learning to life can request Jackson EMC employees to visit their schools and classrooms for demonstrations or speaking opportunities.

Jackson EMC employees can present an electrical safety demonstration, showcase the electrical safety trailer or Power Town™, or participate in a career fair or job fair. The content can be customized for elementary, middle and high schools, and can support Georgia curriculum standards.



TO REQUEST A SCHOOL VISIT OR  
FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT  
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### When volunteers from New Path 1010 met with leaders to discuss community needs in Barrow County, one fact weighed heavy on their hearts, according to Candy Greene, director of the nonprofit organization.

"The school system told us that 85 students would not know if they'd eat that weekend," she said. "Our hearts just broke. For a kid to lack nutrition, that could lead to other issues, like academic and social issues."

New Path 1010 was founded in 2016 to target the issues of hunger and generational poverty in Barrow County. The organization aims to reach the next generation by meeting peoples' tangible needs, while providing encouragement, to target the root of generational poverty.

Based on what its volunteers learned about students facing hunger, New Path 1010 started its Weekend Food Bag Program in 2018 to provide food for students who may not have food at home during the weekends.

Initially providing 32 bags a week to two schools, the Weekend Food Bag Program quickly expanded to four Barrow County schools last school year and serving an average of 116 students a week. For the 2019-2020 school year, it will add two more schools to the program – reaching an estimated 158 students to receive food bags each weekend.



"The need was even greater than we anticipated," Greene said.

The Jackson EMC Foundation recently awarded a \$10,000 grant to New Path 1010 for its Weekend Food Bag Program to supply students identified as food insecure with bags of food to take home. Along with the Foundation

grant and the support of community groups and individuals, Greene also credits volunteers for supplying food bags to students each week.

"I don't think I anticipated how passionate our volunteers would be," she said. Each week, a group of volunteers helps pack food in bags, while another group of volunteers deliver the bags to participating schools. At the schools, students are discretely given bags with food for the weekend. The bags may be placed in their backpacks or given to students in nonidentifiable bags. Each bag has enough food for six meals and snacks for the student. There's also a note of encouragement.

"Our goal is to move these children out of the generational cycle of poverty," Greene said. "We encourage them."



FOR MORE INFORMATION  
ABOUT NEW PATH 1010, VISIT  
[NEWPATH1010.ORG](http://NEWPATH1010.ORG)

## OPERATION ROUND UP®: YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK

The Jackson EMC Foundation board of directors awarded a total

**\$77,000 IN GRANTS**

to organizations during its June Meeting.

### ORGANIZATIONAL GRANT RECIPIENTS:

**\$15,000** | **For Her Glory**, a Gainesville agency that provides breast cancer patients in Banks, Barrow, Franklin, Gwinnett, Hall, Jackson and Lumpkin counties with items that are not covered by insurance, such as wigs, bras, compression sleeves and gloves.

**\$15,000** | **Good Samaritan Health Center of Gwinnett**, for its North Gwinnett Quick Clinic initiative, which will eventually provide full-time charitable medical services in 10 cities in Gwinnett County that currently do not have a charitable health clinic, to help purchase equipment for its first Quick Clinic in Buford.

**\$10,000** | **Angel House of Georgia**, a Gainesville recovery residence for women with alcohol and/or drug addiction, to enable indigent women with no financial resources or support in the counties served by Jackson EMC to participate in the program by covering entrance fees and one month of living expenses, offering these women a second chance at life so they can become productive members of society.

**\$10,000** | **Potter's House**, an Atlanta Mission facility, to help feed, house, counsel and provide educational programs such as adult literacy to men who are recovering from substance abuse through the Transformational Recovery Services Program at its 570-acre working farm in Jefferson.

**\$10,000** | **I Am, Inc.**, in Buford, for its Gaining Insight & Real Life Skills (GIRLS) leadership development program for girls ages 6-18 in Barrow, Gwinnett and Hall counties, providing training and skills through mentoring

sessions and experiential learning to become socially, academically, emotionally, economically and physically competent.

**\$9,500** | **Place of Seven Springs**, a Snellville nonprofit that provides assistance to Gwinnett County residents in need, to provide funds for emergency housing, food and prescription medication.

**\$7,500** | **Creative Enterprises**, in Lawrenceville, to purchase industrial workstation stools for its Work Evaluation and Adjustment Program, which provides employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities.



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*\*Members must have signed up for paperless billing with their MyJacksonEMC account between March 2 - November 30, 2019. See contest rules at [jacksonemc.com/contestrules](http://jacksonemc.com/contestrules).*

