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PERSPECTIVE: MERRY AND BRIGHT

Along with enjoying family traditions and creating new ones, the holidays are also a time of reflection, gratitude and goodwill. For all of us at Jackson EMC, we're grateful for you, the members of the co-op. One of our founding principles as a co-op is "Concern for Community." While our main focus is providing you with safe, reliable and affordable electricity, we also give back. We want to help our community thrive.

In looking back at this past year, I'm grateful that we were able to make a positive impact in the community. In one such case, a group of linemen from our office in Neese volunteered for two days to replace a leaky roof for an elderly

woman in need. Another group of linemen also volunteered to make repairs to the house of a 102-year-old woman in Duluth. Around our local offices, employees are collecting coats and blankets that will be donated to nonprofit organizations to distribute in the community.

I'm also grateful for the opportunity to support local schools and students. In recent weeks, we've awarded \$71,508 in Bright Ideas grants to 50 teachers for their innovative and creative classroom projects. Those Bright Ideas projects help teachers take learning to the next level. We're honored that we can help teachers develop our future leaders in the classroom.

As we prepare for 2023, we look forward to the opportunity to serve you and the community. On behalf of the Jackson EMC family, we hope your holidays are merry and bright!

Have a story to share about the holidays? Email me at chip@jacksonemc.com.

Chip Jakins, President/CEO

Auto Pay Makes it Convenient to Pay Your Bill

Want to take something off your to-do list? Make the new year easier on yourself by enrolling in Jackson EMC's Auto Pay Program.

When you enroll in Auto Pay, you won't miss a billing due date. Each month, your bill is paid automatically from your bank account or with a credit/debit card.

Auto Pay makes it convenient to pay your bill without worrying about due dates.

To enroll in Auto Pay, log in to your MyJacksonEMC account at MyJacksonEMC.com or via the MyJacksonEMC mobile app.

- On the MyJacksonEMC website, log in and click on the "Billing & Payments" section, then select "Auto Pay Program" to enroll.
- On the mobile app, log in and tap "Bill & Pay," then select "Auto Pay Program" to enroll.

Automatic payments with credit cards are limited to \$600. There is no payment limit for automatic payments with a bank account draft.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [JACKSONEMC.COM/WAYSTOPAY](https://www.jacksonemc.com/waystopay).

WALTER HARRISON SCHOLARSHIP 2023

\$1,000 SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS

Jackson EMC is accepting applications for the annual Walter Harrison Scholarship – an opportunity for students pursuing a post-secondary education at Georgia colleges and technical schools to receive a \$1,000 academic scholarship. Applications are due by January 31, 2023.

Applicants must be accepted, or enrolled currently, as a full- or part-time student, at any accredited two- or four-year university, college or vocational-technical institution in Georgia. Students must live in a primary residence served by Jackson EMC.

Last school year, Jackson EMC nominated Makenzie Clark of Jefferson and Samuel Esowhode of Lawrenceville to compete with 78 other students across Georgia for a \$1,000 scholarship. Both Clark and Esowhode were selected.

Clark, who developed a passion for veterinary medicine as a work-based learning student at Jefferson High School, is currently a student at Gwinnett Technical College pursuing an associate degree in veterinary technology. “The veterinary field is rapidly expanding, but there is a shortage of veterinary techs,” she said. “This scholarship enables me to advance my studies and positively affect the well-care of all animals.”

The scholarship is merit-based, and school performance, grade point average, scholastic honors, extracurricular activities, and financial need are all considered by the selection committee. Students must complete an application and submit a brief essay explaining why they would be good candidates to receive the scholarship and outlining their educational careers, and any special circumstances for consideration. Students could use this opportunity to highlight community involvement or a desire to serve others.

The scholarship, created in 1985, is named in honor of Walter Harrison, a pioneer in the rural electricity movement and a leader in electric cooperative programs at the local, state and national levels. It is funded by Georgia’s 41 electric cooperatives, including Jackson EMC, the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association and the Georgia Rural Electric Supply Corp. Established in 1985, the Walter Harrison Scholarship Fund has distributed \$250,500 to 261 students in Georgia.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, INCLUDING
HOW STUDENTS CAN APPLY, VISIT,
[JACKSONEMC.COM/WALTERHARRISONSCSCHOLARSHIP](https://jacksonemc.com/walterharrisonscholarship)

community *+* *impact* Bigger Vision of Athens

When temperatures drop in the winter, the number of people seeking a warm place to stay rises. Bigger Vision of Athens offers 35 beds each night to those experiencing homelessness.

The Jackson EMC Foundation recently awarded a \$5,000 grant to Bigger Vision of Athens for its emergency shelter designed to meet guests’ immediate needs with shelter, food, showers and other basic necessities. The grant will fund services for one of the beds for 10 months. The grant will help the nonprofit organization with its daily expenses as it evaluates potential expansion, said Ryan Hersh, executive director of Bigger Vision of Athens.

Guests who may need the shelter can call daily starting at 4 p.m. to reserve a bed. “A lot of the people who use the beds are employed and can’t show up at 4 p.m.,” Hersh said. During their stay, guests receive two meals (dinner and breakfast), access to showers, laundry services and other necessities, such as a toothbrush and toothpaste. Guests leave the shelter at 7 a.m.

Bigger Vision has few barriers for guests to use the shelter, Hersh said. The only requirement for a guest is to be 18 or older.



TO LEARN MORE, VISIT [BIGGERVISIONOFATHENS.ORG](https://biggervisionofathens.org)

Bright Ideas GRANTS

50 Teachers Receive Bright Ideas Grants from Jackson EMC

Jackson EMC employees recently delivered big checks to local teachers totaling \$71,508 in grant funds for their innovative classroom projects. Now in its eighth year, the Bright Ideas program awarded grants to 50 educators in 27 schools.

The Bright Ideas grant program awards up to \$2,000 to sixth through eighth-grade teachers in Jackson EMC's service area for innovative class projects that would go unfunded otherwise.

"Teachers across subject areas develop creative projects and submit their ideas to Jackson EMC for a Bright Ideas grant proposal. These grants allow teachers and students to use instructional materials beyond their regular classroom environment," said Karen Ewing, Jackson EMC's community relations representative.

Since 2015, Jackson EMC has awarded \$476,163 in Bright Ideas grants to local educators.

Funded projects must involve the students directly, provide a creative learning experience with ongoing benefits through innovative teaching methods, create opportunities for teamwork and support the continuous improvement of education in Georgia. A panel of independent judges with expertise in education reviews the applications.

Applications for the 2023-2024 school year will open in August.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR TO VIEW A VIDEO, VISIT [JACKSONEMC.COM/BRIGHTIDEAS](https://www.jacksonemc.com/brightideas).



2022-2023 BRIGHT IDEAS

Grant Winners

BANKS COUNTY

Banks County Middle School

Sarah Waller-Price, \$1,003, Practice Makes Perfect

BARROW COUNTY

Barrow Arts & Innovation Magnet

James Kelley, \$2,000, Communication Studies; Julie Wood, \$632, Classroom Weather

Barrow Arts & Sciences Academy

Caroline Bucky-Beaver, \$2,000, Let's Get Physical; Jennifer Deckard, \$1,992, Gamifying Physical Science; Gretchen Hollingsworth, \$2,000, Printing in the Fab Lane

Bear Creek Middle School

Donna Morris, \$1,787, UV Got Some Bright Solutions; Toni Sessions, \$1,783, Math, Murder and Mystery

Haymon-Morris Middle School

Jamie Knapp, \$414, Daily News Broadcast

Russell Middle School

Ella Daniel, \$214, Unlocking Learning; Katie Woodfin, \$775, What's the Scoop



Bear Creek Middle School

CLARKE COUNTY

Burney-Harris-Lyons Middle School
Davina Swaim, \$900, Book Shouts

GWINNETT COUNTY

Coleman Middle School
Dana Hermann, \$2,000, Teaching Coding

Dacula Middle School
Jason Garner, \$1,720, DroneTech

Hull Middle School
Amanda McClellan, \$1,200, Aural Skills Development; Cindy Mollard, \$1,670, Reading Becomes Sharing

Jones Middle School
Tricia Sung, \$1,950, AI & Ethics in VR

Jordan Middle School
Marissa Brown, \$2,000, The Microbit V2; Stacey Edison-Bryson, \$1,525, STEM for stems

McConnell Middle School
Heath Jones, \$2,000, School of Rock

Northbrook Middle School
Zachary Davison, \$1,630, Eco Warriors

HALL COUNTY

Cherokee Bluff Middle School
Ronnie Jones, \$1,076, A Moment in Time

Chestatee Academy
Leanne Alexander, \$1,385, Conservation Cultivation; Terri Gruenenfelder, \$1,323, Soccer-STEM Go; Jeanne Rountree, \$1,153, Young Film Maker

C.W. Davis Middle School
Rita Llewellyn, \$800, Butterfly Garden; Sable McIntyre, \$1,998, It's Time to Tune

JACKSON COUNTY

East Jackson Middle School
Vickie Huff, \$1,010, Spike Robotics; Justin Youngblood, \$2,000, Horticultural Exploration

Osborne Middle School
David Pauli, \$2,000, Codable Drones

Radloff Middle School
Celia Ayenesazan, \$1,990, Illuminated Stories; Kaileigh Logan, \$1,627, Creativity, Collaboration for Differing Abilities; Michelle Morgan, \$2,000, Full STEAM Ahead

Sweetwater Middle School
Kobie Flocker, \$300, 3D Model Showcase; Melissa Nelson, \$1,000, Stop the Stormwater

Twin Rivers Middle School
Ahra Bae, \$1,800; Powering Through Wind; Andrew Cox, \$1,720, Pedal Power!; Anna Herdlika, \$1,995, Shockingly Sustainable; Yolanda Letman, \$1,355, Dragster Race; Angie Tarantino, \$1,885, Cooperative Learning

Gainesville Middle School
Chris Davis, \$1,939, Simpli-Faster Timing; Angelia Jones, \$1,951, Making Motion Memorable;

World Language Academy
Anna Moates, \$550, Passion Projects

West Jackson Middle School
Jeanne Anderson, \$353, Chemistry in Art; Ka Charand, \$1,136, Jackson 500 Derby; Kellee Gooch, \$1,994, High Definition Musicians; Tonia Harbin, \$1,947, Mission: Meteorology

A TOTAL OF
\$71,508

AWARDED THROUGH
THE BRIGHT IDEAS
GRANT PROGRAM



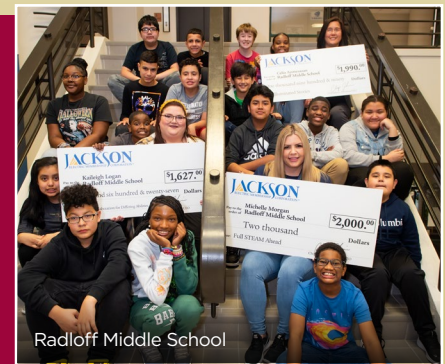
Sweetwater Middle School



Northbrook Middle School



C.W. Davis Middle School



Radloff Middle School

LUMPKIN COUNTY

Lumpkin County Middle School
Julie Isaacs, \$260, Creating Digital Artists; Tori Jones, \$942, FIRST LEGO League Robotics

MADISON COUNTY

Madison County Middle School
Marilyn Hiley, \$824, Water is Life!

The Jackson EMC Foundation board of directors awarded a total of

\$106,000 IN GRANTS

to organizations during its October meeting.

ORGANIZATIONAL GRANT RECIPIENTS:

\$16,200 to **Side by Side Brain Injury Clubhouse Inc.**, to provide rehabilitation services for adults from Gwinnett County who are permanently disabled due to a traumatic brain injury.

\$15,000 to **Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation Inc.**, to pay for eye surgeries for uninsured individuals in Gwinnett, Hall, Jackson and Lumpkin counties.

\$15,000 to **Heirborn Servants, serving Barrow, Clarke, Gwinnett, Hall, and Jackson counties**, to provide assistance with its Give Rides program, which partners with community groups, transitional housing organizations and rideshare companies to ensure survivors of human trafficking or domestic violence can get to therapy and employment.

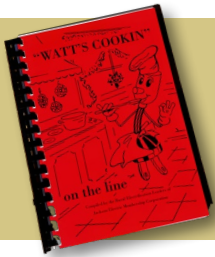
\$15,000 to **J.M. Tull-Gwinnett Family YMCA, in Lawrenceville**, for its Afterschool Enrichment Program for at-risk youth from low-income families, to improve academic achievement and empower healthy living.

\$15,000 to **Latin American Association Inc.**, for its emergency rental assistance program for Gwinnett families in need.

\$15,000 to **YMCA of Georgia's Piedmont Inc., in Winder**, for its Pryme Tyme program providing homework help, sports, arts and crafts to children from economically disadvantaged families in Barrow, Gwinnett, Hall and Jackson counties.

\$10,000 to **Buford First United Methodist Church**, for its Sack Kids Hunger relief program that provides weekend food bags for children in need.

\$5,000 to **Downtown Ministries Inc.**, in Athens, to support the Daily Bread Community Kitchen, which serves nutritious meals to needy residents Monday through Friday.



Vintage Recipe Cookbook Makes A Great Holiday Gift

Did you know the recipes featured in *JEMCO News* are submitted by Jackson EMC members? For decades, we've been sharing members' favorite recipes in *JEMCO News*. In fact, a cookbook featuring recipes from members and employees, called *Watt's Cookin' on the Line*, debuted several decades ago and is still available. These vintage cookbooks make great gifts. **You can purchase a Watt's Cookin' cookbook for \$4 at Jackson EMC's local offices.**

Notice Of PURPA Hearing

Jackson EMC will hold a hearing to facilitate the consideration and determination of standards established by the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, as amended by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021.

This hearing is held pursuant to the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, 16 U.S.C. § 2601 et seq., and particularly pursuant to 16 U.S.C. §§ 2621, 2622, 2631, and 2632. The hearing will be held at the auditorium (Building 2000) of the Jackson EMC Corporate Office, with participant sign-in beginning at 8:00 a.m. and the hearing commencing at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, April 14, 2023. The following standards will be considered at the hearing:

- 1. Demand-response practices, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 2621(d)(20).**
- 2. Electric vehicle charging programs, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 2621(d)(21).**

The hearing will be governed by the "Rules for Conducting Proceedings Required by the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (as amended by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021)" (the "Rules"), which was adopted by the Board of Directors of Jackson EMC on October 26, 2022. A copy of the Rules may be obtained at Jackson EMC's headquarters

during business hours. The headquarters is located at 850 Commerce Road, Jefferson, Georgia 30549 and is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST/EDT. A copy of the Rules also may be downloaded from Jackson EMC's PURPA Website at www.jacksonemc.com/policies-and-notice/legal-privacy-notice.

In accordance with 16 U.S.C. § 2631, the United States Secretary of Energy, any affected electric utility, and any electric consumer of an affected electric utility has a right to intervene and participate as a formal party of record in the hearing. Please see Rule 4 concerning the procedure for intervention.

Any member of Jackson EMC that does not desire to intervene and participate as a formal party of record nonetheless will be given the opportunity to make an oral or written statement expressing his position and views on the foregoing standards. Please see Rule 5 concerning the procedure for making such statements.

All persons must sign in not later than 9:00 a.m. to ensure that they are able to participate in the hearing. Please see Rule 11 concerning the conduct of the hearing.



7-Up Cake



“ Mary Meadows brought this to our breakroom more than 20 years ago when I worked at General Time. I got the recipe because it tastes as good as it looks. I use flake coconut and it’s up to you if you make two or three layers. ”

— MILDRED TYNER, DANIELSVILLE

CAKE INGREDIENTS:

- 1 yellow cake mix
- 1 box instant vanilla pudding mix small
- 3/4 cup oil
- 4 eggs
- 1 10 oz. bottle of 7-Up

CAKE DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Mix dry ingredients. Add 7-Up and oil. Add eggs, one at a time. Mix well. Pour batter into two 8” or 10” pans. Bake for 30 minutes.

FROSTING INGREDIENTS:

- 1 stick of margarine
- 1 large can of crushed pineapple with juice
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 Tbsp. all-purpose flour
- 2 eggs
- 2 tsp. vanilla
- 1 cup chopped pecans (optional)
- 1 small package of coconut, frozen or flakes

FROSTING DIRECTIONS:

Mix all ingredients together and boil on medium heat until thick. Add one small package of frozen coconut or use flaked coconut. Spread on cooled cake.

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FIND MORE RECIPES AT JACKSONEMC.COM/RECIPES.

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all individuals based on their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Moreover, these regulations require that covered prime contractors and subcontractors take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, protected veteran status, or disability.

The person responsible for coordinating this organization’s nondiscrimination compliance efforts is Keith Johnson, Vice President, Human Resources and Employee Development. If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax (202) 690-7442 or email at program.intake@usda.gov. Complaints must be filed within 180 days after the alleged discrimination. Confidentiality will be maintained to the extent possible.

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JACKSON EMC RETURNS \$15 MILLION IN MARGIN REFUNDS

Approximately 221,000 current and former members of Jackson EMC will receive their share of a total of \$15 million in margin refund checks in December. Checks are being mailed this month.

“One of the key benefits of being a member of an electric cooperative is margin refunds. You’re an owner of a not-for-profit cooperative. At the end of the year, you’re eligible to receive a portion of the funds left over after all of the co-op’s expenses are paid. That money is called margin refunds, and your board is proud to be able to return it to you,” said Jackson EMC Board of Directors Chairman Otis P. Jones.

Margins are refunded for a combination of years, so former, long-term and newer members benefit from belonging to an electric cooperative, like Jackson EMC. This year, margin refunds will go to those who received electric service from Jackson EMC in 1994, 1995, 1996 and/or 2021. The amount of each member’s refund check is based on the amount each member paid for electric service during those years.

After this December’s refund, Jackson EMC will have refunded \$189 million in margin refunds to its member-owners since the cooperative was founded in 1938.



FOR MORE INFORMATION,
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