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MORE THAN A COMPETITION

Linework is a tough job. It's not uncommon for linemen to work in challenging weather conditions, such as heavy rain and winds or ice, while clearing lines to restore power to homes and businesses.

It can also be a dangerous job. Linemen reach a height of 35 feet or more in buckets or after climbing a pole. They wear protective gear - such as hard hats, rubber gloves, safety glasses and flame-resistant clothing - when they work near energized lines and equipment. We place a great emphasis on safety training in linework, because it matters.

That's one of the reasons why we're such big supporters of the lineman's rodeo. Our competitors refine their traditional linemen skills while focusing on safety. They're also great ambassadors for Jackson EMC and the industry. Just like the rodeos of the Old West, the lineman's rodeo came about as a way for those in the profession to test their skill and speed. Now, there's no bucking horse riding in the lineman's rodeo, but it's definitely exciting to see them in action.

Before our linemen compete in the rodeo, they've already completed extensive training. They have to master their skills, study industry standards and remain focused on safety. One of the competition's events stays a mystery until just before the rodeo - so competitors must have the wide-ranging knowledge and skillset. Through preparation and competition, our linemen become better equipped for their tasks on the job. It's great continuing education for linemen!

It's also rewarding for their families, friends and colleagues to cheer on their favorite lineman as they compete among the best. This may be one of the few times they get to see their loved one doing what they love. We also see teamwork in action as veteran linemen coach and mentor our rising competitors.

We're proud of our competitors at the lineman's rodeo - it's hard work to get to the event. We're honored that a journeyman lineman team from Jackson EMC was the top team at the Georgia Lineman's Rodeo. Our top winners at the Georgia Lineman's Rodeo will continue to the International Lineman's Rodeo this fall in Kansas City, where they'll meet top linemen from around the world. Congratulations to all of our competitors!

Have a story to share about the extraordinary work of our linemen? Email me at chip@jacksonemc.com.

Chip Jakins
President/CEO

PAYMENT KIOSKS AVAILABLE AT JACKSON EMC'S LOCAL OFFICES

Need another option for paying your bill? Jackson EMC offers 24/7 payment kiosks at its local offices.

The self-service payment kiosks accept cash, checks and credit/debit cards and are available 24/7, including weekends and holidays.

The kiosks provide a printed receipt for each completed transaction and note a real-time payment to a member's account.

If paying with cash, the kiosks only accept bills, and don't accept coins or provide change. Overpayments will be applied to members' accounts.

Payment kiosks are available at Jackson EMC's local offices:

- 1000 Dawsonville Highway, Gainesville
- 850 Commerce Road, Jefferson
- 825 Buford Drive, Lawrenceville
- 85 Spratlin Mill Road, Hull

 LEARN MORE ABOUT WAYS TO PAY YOUR BILL AT JACKSONEMC.COM/WAYSTOPAY.



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JACKSON EMC LINEMEN TAKE TOP PLACE AT GEORGIA LINEMAN'S RODEO

A journeyman lineman team from Jackson EMC was named the top overall team competing at the Georgia Lineman's Rodeo, held May 7 in Fort Valley. Linemen from across the state compete in a series of events showcasing traditional lineman skills and tasks.

Jackson EMC sent two journeyman teams and 15 apprentices to the state competition. A total of 23 journeyman teams and 70 apprentices competed at the Georgia Lineman's Rodeo. Apprentices compete as individuals, while journeymen compete in teams of three. This year's competition consisted of journeyman teams and apprentices testing their skills in three events.

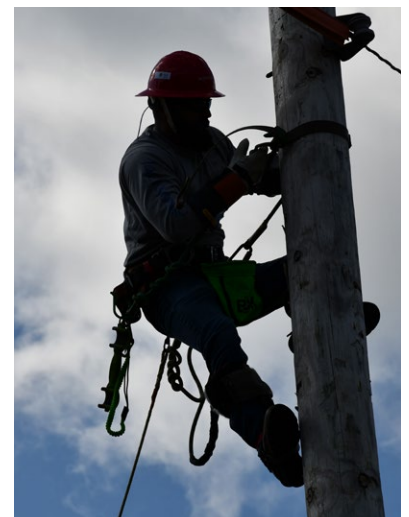
"A lineman's job is complex but rewarding. These events allow our linemen to refine and demonstrate to others the skills needed to perform as a lineman," said Tommy Parker, Jackson EMC's managing director of operations. "The preparation for this competition requires a dedication to the profession and teamwork."

A journeyman team of Jeremy Adams, Kaleb Chapman and Matt Tolar, of Gainesville, finished as the top overall team, first among electric cooperatives, first in the hurtman rescue, first in the polymer changeout, and third in the 8' wooden crossarm changeout.

A journeyman team of Austin Gragg, Devin Triplett and Justin Cash, of Jefferson, finished in 12th place among electric cooperatives and 14th overall.

In the apprentice division, Jackson EMC apprentices placed in the following events:

- Carter Kelling, of Gwinnett, finished fourth overall and fourth among cooperatives.
- Walt Palmer, of Gwinnett, finished third in the switch relocation event, sixth overall and seventh among cooperatives.
- Austin Yearwood, of Gainesville, finished third in the hurtman rescue.
- Austin Lewis, of Gwinnett, finished ninth overall and ninth among cooperatives in the apprentice division.
- Shawn Thurston, of Gwinnett, finished in 11th among electric cooperatives and 11th overall.
- T.J. Witherell, of Jefferson, finished in 13th among electric cooperatives and 13th overall.
- Michael Rodriguez, of Gwinnett, finished in 14th among electric cooperatives and 15th overall.





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From JACKSON EMC

CAPTURE YOUR SHARE OF THE SUN WITH COOPERATIVE SOLAR

Imagine using solar energy at your home — without installing solar panels. With Jackson EMC's new Cooperative Solar program, members can benefit from receiving solar energy without the long-term commitment and risk of ownership or maintenance.

With Cooperative Solar, you don't have to worry about your home being shaded, restrictive homeowner association covenants, or being a renter. The electricity you receive is generated at off-site solar facilities. You can purchase solar energy blocks from Jackson EMC at a monthly rate.

When you purchase a solar energy block, you receive the electricity produced by approximately three solar panels. The monthly output from each solar energy block varies due to the sun's position, time of year, and the number of cloudy days. Therefore, you will receive different amounts of solar energy each month based on the available sunlight and the performance of the solar facility.



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The kilowatt-hours produced by your solar energy block in each calendar month will offset the same number of kilowatt-hours on your bill. If your solar energy block produces more kilowatt-hours than you use during your billing period, you will receive a credit for the excess. Each solar energy block is expected to produce on average 200 to 225 kilowatt-hours of solar electricity monthly. For reference, the average Jackson EMC household uses 1,200 kilowatt-hours of electricity per month.

Solar energy blocks are \$23 each per month. Residences served by Jackson EMC are eligible to sign up for up to three blocks. There is no long-term commitment, and you may discontinue your solar energy commitment at any time.

Sign-ups are on a first-come, first-served basis. To sign up, complete the Cooperative Solar enrollment form at jacksonemc.com/renewables.

At Jackson EMC, we know solar and can help you evaluate your solar energy options. Review the resources and find full eligibility requirements on our website at jacksonemc.com/renewables or call us at 1-800-462-3691.

COOPERATIVE SOLAR ADVANTAGES



Affordable



Homeownership is not required



Freedom from long-term contracts



More cost-effective than owning or leasing a rooftop solar system



Financing is not necessary to affect access



Shade or orientation to sun is not a factor



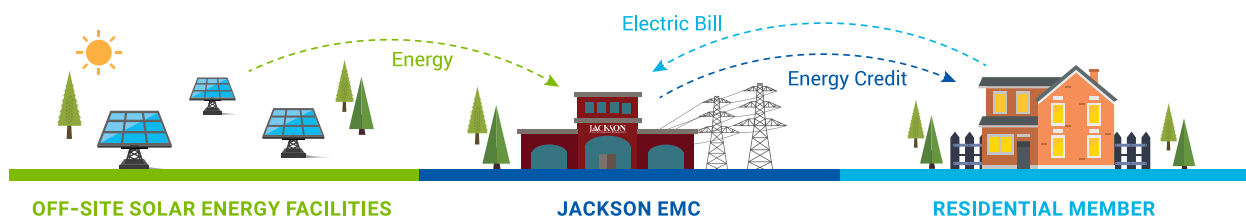
Nothing attached to your roof



Maintenance-free



Neighborhood covenants do not affect access



OFF-SITE SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES

Jackson EMC co-owns off-site solar facilities with 37 other Georgia EMCs through Green Power EMC.

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The off-site solar facilities generate clean, renewable energy and send it to the Jackson EMC power grid.

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Cooperative Solar subscribers will receive energy credits on their bill while getting the benefits of solar energy. The amount of energy produced by your share of Cooperative Solar will offset the same amount of energy use on your bill each month.



The Jackson EMC Foundation board of directors awarded a total of

\$166,317 in grants

including \$163,292 to organizations and \$3,025 to individuals, during its April meeting.

ORGANIZATIONAL GRANT RECIPIENTS:

\$20,000 | Extra Special People, Watkinsville, to provide an opportunity for special needs or seriously ill children from low-income families in Banks, Barrow, Clarke, Franklin, Gwinnett, Hall, Jackson, Madison and Oglethorpe counties to attend an eight-week camp experience where they can explore nature, discover their abilities, master skills and make friends.

\$20,000 | L.A.M.P. Ministries, Inc., Gainesville, for its Community Youth and Children’s program, which combines group and individual counseling, community activities and mentoring to provide high-risk youth in Gwinnett, Hall, Jackson and Lumpkin counties with a positive alternative to gangs, drugs and other delinquent behaviors.

\$15,000 | Camp Koinonia, Homer, to provide 50 underprivileged third- through fifth-grade Banks County students referred by Family Connection and DFACS with a five-day camping adventure that uses positive learning experiences to establish strong character, leadership and teambuilding skills, and build personal relationships.

\$15,000 | Camp Twin Lakes, a not-for-profit organization that offers year-round recreational, therapeutic and educational programming for children facing serious illnesses and other challenges, to help children in Jackson EMC’s 10-county service area attend its state-of-the-art, fully accessible camp.

\$15,000 | Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM- GA), Suwanee, to provide anatomy equipment and supplies for its science and math summer academy for rising 10th and 11th-grade students in Gwinnett County Public Schools.

\$15,000 | University of North Georgia Foundation, Inc., for its Steps to College Program, which provides summer high school courses for English learners throughout Jackson EMC’s service area to earn credit toward graduation.

\$13,292 | Books for Keeps, Inc., an Athens nonprofit offering the Stop Summer Slide program that improves Clarke County children’s reading achievement, to provide books for summer reading to children at Gaines Elementary School.

\$12,500 | Young Women’s Christian Organization, Athens, to help 30 girls from low-income families attend the Girls Club, a structured recreational and educational summer program targeting girls ages 5 to 14 from low-to-moderate income families, and help defray bus transportation expenses.

\$10,000 | Gainesville Housing Corporation, which provides working poor families of Hall County affordable living environments, improved quality of living, economic opportunities and fair housing, to purchase materials for the curriculum-based RISE Summer Education Program for low-income and at-risk youth of Gainesville and Hall County.

\$10,000 | MUST Ministries, Inc., for its summer lunch program, which provides breakfast and lunch to needy children in Gwinnett County five days per week for nine weeks.

\$7,500 | Tiny Stitches, Inc., Suwanee, to provide materials and supplies for its network of volunteers to handcraft a 28- to 32-piece layette of clothing and blankets to keep an infant warm and dry for the first three months of life, donated to mothers in need in Franklin, Gwinnett, Hall and Jackson counties.

\$5,000 | Bridge the Gap Ministries, Inc., for its rental assistance program serving low-income and homeless families in Gwinnett County.

\$5,000 | Foster Siblings Reunited (Camp to Belong), to enable children in the 10 counties Jackson EMC serves to attend summer camp and virtual sibling connection events, which reunite siblings living separately in foster care or other out-of-home care to strengthen relationships, increase self-esteem, create healthier attitudes and childhood memories.

INDIVIDUAL GRANT RECIPIENTS:

\$3,025 | dental work and dentures for a low-income citizen.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO APPLY FOR A GRANT, VISIT JACKSONEMC.COM/FOUNDATION.

Discount Available to Help Low-Income Seniors



FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [JACKSONEMC.COM/SENIORS](https://jacksonemc.com/seniors). FOR QUESTIONS, CALL US AT **1-800-462-3691**, OR VISIT MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, FROM 7 AM TO 6 PM.

We understand that sometimes members may need assistance paying their electric bills. If you're a senior living in a low-income household, you may qualify for a discount.

Jackson EMC offers a senior/low-income discount for members who are at least 62 years old with a total household income that qualifies for federal poverty standards. Currently, a family of two with an annual income of \$18,310 and below may be eligible.

Senior members could receive a discount of \$12.50 off their monthly electric bill. That can result in a \$150 annual savings.

"We know that for many seniors, saving a little extra money can be beneficial for their households," said Brent Cochran, director of customer service at Jackson EMC. "We're happy to help those seniors who may qualify for this low-income discount to start saving."

To qualify for the discount, you must:

- Be at least 62 years old with a total household income at or below the current year's federal poverty guidelines;
- Have a residential Jackson EMC account for a primary residence in your name;
- Have electric service from a single meter that is wired for your individual use; and,
- Complete a senior/low-income discount application form, including having it notarized.

To apply for the discount, you can download the application from our website and mail the completed form to: Jackson EMC, P.O. Box 100, Jefferson, GA 30549. You can also contact us to have the application mailed to you for completion.

HOW TO CALCULATE YOUR CAPITAL CREDITS

Jackson EMC is a not-for-profit electric cooperative. One of the benefits of being a member of a cooperative is receiving capital credits. Each year, amounts collected above the cost of providing electric service are credited to members' capital accounts based on their patronage (total billing less sales tax).

Each year, capital credits - known as margin refunds by Jackson EMC - are returned to members under certain conditions. The board of directors determines which previous years of capital credits to return, while keeping the cooperative financially strong. More than one previous year's worth of capital credits may be returned to members. Eligible current and former Jackson EMC members receive these funds as margin refund checks in December.

Your 2021 capital credit was 8.470% of your total patronage. See the example below to calculate your capital credit.

This notification is for all rates, except Market Based Service (MBS). You can find your rate designation printed on your monthly bill. Members with a MBS rate have received a separate notification.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW MARGIN REFUNDS WORK, VISIT [JACKSONEMC.COM/MARGINREFUNDS](https://jacksonemc.com/marginrefunds).

EXAMPLE FOR CALCULATION OF 2021 CAPITAL CREDITS

Amount of bills for 2021 (excluding sales tax)

 x Allocation Patronage (8.470%)

 = Your Dollar Allocation

FOR EXAMPLE:
 IF YOUR 2021 POWER BILLS TOTALED \$500
 AMOUNT OF BILLS FOR 2021 (EXCLUDING SALES TAX)
 X ALLOCATION PATRONAGE
 = YOUR DOLLAR ALLOCATION
 \$500 X 8.470% = \$63.53

FOR EXAMPLE:
 IF YOUR 2021 POWER BILLS TOTALED \$1,500
 AMOUNT OF BILLS FOR 2021 (EXCLUDING SALES TAX)
 X ALLOCATION PATRONAGE
 = YOUR DOLLAR ALLOCATION
 \$1,500 X 8.470% = \$169.40

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MEMBERS MAKE IT DELICIOUS

Fudge Pie



INGREDIENTS:

- 1 stick margarine, melted
- 1 cup sugar
- 4 Tbsp. flour
- 4 Tbsp. cocoa
- 2 eggs
- 1 1/2 Tsp. vanilla
- 19" deep dish pie shell, unbaked

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Mix all ingredients in bowl. Pour mixed ingredients into pie crust and bake for 30 minutes.

“ This recipe has been a family favorite for 48 years. My daughters and granddaughters make this for any special occasion. ”

- BRENDA TROUP, LAWRENCEVILLE



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