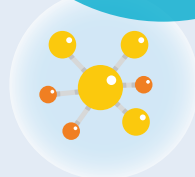


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SAFE FROM A DISTANCE

If you're like me, I appreciate a friendly handshake when seeing a longtime friend or meeting someone for the first time. As we deal with the coronavirus, our new reality means some things, like shaking hands, have temporarily changed. What hasn't changed is providing reliable power to you and our community.

We've always planned for how Jackson EMC will need to operate in a variety of circumstances, like ice storms, tornadoes, and, yes, even pandemics. Our top priority in any circumstance is to keep power flowing to the hospitals, businesses and homes in our community. We know you expect to have reliable service from your electric cooperative. To meet this expectation, we've been strategically staffing our linemen and other key personnel during the pandemic to ensure we provide the service you depend on.

You'll see our line crews in the community – continuing to respond to power outages

and working on essential maintenance of power lines and equipment. I'm very proud of our linemen, who continue to work as quickly as safety procedures and conditions allow when there's a power outage. In response to the coronavirus pandemic, we've divided our line crews into teams to reduce their exposure to the disease and to keep them safe.

Our line crews are practicing social distancing. If you see them in the community, please help keep them and yourself safe by staying at least 10 feet away. Before the pandemic, our line crews welcomed a closer greeting from members. Oftentimes, our crews would hear from members (or their young children) who were curious about their work. We love hearing from our members but ask that you help us maintain a safe working environment.

At our offices, we're also practicing social distancing. Our drive-thrus are open to serve members while in their vehicles. If

you call our offices, you'll likely speak to someone working from their home. Many of our employees have been working from home as we continue to evaluate our response to the coronavirus.

This is an uncharted time for our community and nation – one that has meant we rethink things, like shaking hands. I've been impressed to see the cooperation and innovation among members, community leaders and businesses as we adapt to the changing situation and help others. We'll continue to adapt while staying focused on providing you with reliable electricity.

Chip Jakins, President/CEO

NEED TO KNOW: PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS AVAILABLE FOR MEMBERS

We know our members may be facing financial challenges due to the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

As a member-owned not-for-profit cooperative, we operate in the best interest of our members.

PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Jackson EMC has always been sensitive to its members' ability to pay their bills. And we know, every member's situation is different. Our customer service representatives are empowered to work with members to address their individual circumstances.

We encourage members to pay what they can to avoid a larger bill balance later. Members who need to make payment arrangements, including those affected by COVID-19, are asked to contact Jackson EMC at 1-800-462-3691 prior to their bill due date.

DRIVE-THRUS OPEN

Jackson EMC's offices are open for drive-thru service only on Monday-Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

WAYS TO PAY

Members are encouraged to use the MyJacksonEMC mobile app or website to pay their bill, view their energy use or report an outage. More information is available at MyJacksonEMC.com. Members can also pay their bill via an automatic 24/7 system by calling 1-888-228-9166. For more information, visit jacksonemc.com/waystopay.



FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION ABOUT OUR RESPONSE TO COVID-19, VISIT NEWS.JACKSONEMC.COM/CORONAVIRUS.

WAYS TO SAVE: SUMMER RATES NOW IN EFFECT

When the summer months hit, people typically use more electricity to cool their houses and businesses.

For Jackson EMC members, the cost of electricity in the summer is among the lowest in the state, according to the Georgia Public Service Commission's residential rate survey.

Higher temperatures increase the demand for electricity. Still, our 2019 summer residential rates for an average member consuming 1,500 kWh per month were on average 6% lower than all electric providers in the state, according to the Georgia Public Service Commission's Residential Rate Survey.



BY REDUCING YOUR ENERGY USE, YOU CAN LOWER YOUR MONTHLY ELECTRIC BILL THIS SUMMER. FOR TIPS ON STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO LOWER YOUR MONTHLY BILL, VISIT JACKSONEMC.COM/WAYSTOSAVE.

Summer rates

(May-September)

FIRST 650 kWh: 8.81¢ per kWh
NEXT 350 kWh: 11.06¢ per kWh
OVER 1000 kWh: 11.66¢ per kWh
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CELEBRATING BRIGHT IDEAS

LOCAL TEACHERS USE GRANT FUNDS FROM JACKSON EMC TO IMPLEMENT INNOVATIVE PROJECTS

Sometimes, an innovative or creative idea for a classroom project just needs a little support. Thanks to Bright Ideas grants from Jackson EMC, educators can provide projects to students that could not be funded otherwise.

This academic year, the Jackson EMC Bright Ideas grant program awarded \$61,720 to 40 middle school classrooms in 25 schools. Winning entries represent a variety of disciplines that interest students, including biology, information technology, history, language arts, math, science and social studies.

Bright Ideas grant applications for the 2020-2021 school year will be open June 1-September 8. Stay tuned to jacksonemc.com/brightideas for details.

Editor's Note: Since 2015, Jackson EMC has awarded \$279,494 in Bright Ideas grants to middle school teachers with innovative projects for their classrooms. This school year is different than previous years. Because of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic, schools were closed in mid-March, and the teaching environment for most classrooms was shifted to online digital learning platforms. Prior to schools closing, a number of teachers who received Bright Ideas grants had implemented their projects with students or worked on their projects online. These are some of their stories.



'VeRy' Engaging Lessons

HEATHER ZOOK | \$1,515

Osborne Middle School, Gwinnett County

Students in Heather Zook's seventh grade science class used a Bright Ideas grant to view human organs using virtual reality with a product called Merge Cubes that she purchased with the grant funds. "The students were allowed to use their own technology along with a free app called Mr. Body," Zook said. While holding a Merge Cube, the students could view a virtual organ in their hands as information displayed on their personal devices would explain the characteristics of that organ. The Merge Cubes can be used with virtual reality goggles, including conducting virtual dissections.

3-D Printed Cars

CARALENA LUTHI | \$1,300



West Jackson Middle School, Jackson County

Eighth grade science teacher Caralena Luthi and her students at West Jackson Middle School used their Bright Ideas grant hold a high-tech pinewood derby race. Students used a 3-D printer to create their digitally-designed cars. The students coordinated a racing project to help all eighth graders at the school apply the principles they learned in a lesson about force and motion. After testing and modification, students raced the cars in an event called the Panther Derby.



Applying Math, English Lessons with Simulator

BRAD HILLMAN | \$1,995

West Jackson Middle School, Jackson County

Brad Hillman, a physical education teacher at West Jackson Middle School, used his Bright Ideas grant for an indoor golf simulator that allows students to model a golf ball's path algebraically and graphically with linear and quadratic functions. English teachers at the school also used the students' simulator experience to teach narrative and informational writing. The simulator software allowed Hillman to share the data with math teachers who are using it to teach speed, angles, and trajectory. "Students learn how each aspect of the game can change based on their swing, club, launch speed and spin," Hillman said. "It's a fun way to teach math in a real-world setting."



Coding to New Heights

TORI JONES | \$1,850

Lumpkin County Middle School, Lumpkin County

Thanks to a Bright Ideas grant, Tori Jones used her funds to help her STEAM students at Lumpkin County Middle School learn how to code computers using data collected from drones. "Our students learned aeronautical terms — pitch, roll, and yaw — and how to control the drones both with a handheld device and the written code they created for the drone to fly autonomously," Jones said. She created an indoor obstacle course with hula hoops where students made measurements to determine how to code their drone to navigate the course successfully. "The Bright Ideas grant provided an incredible opportunity for our students to engage in computer coding," Jones said.



Middle Invention Studio

JENNIFER DUNN | \$532

Coleman Middle School, Gwinnett County

Jennifer Dunn, assistant principal at Coleman Middle School, used a Bright Ideas grant to create an Invention Studio for all grades. "The Invention Studio allows our engineering students to develop entrepreneurial skills using emerging technologies," Dunn said. The students took their interests in science and business to create shirts. "Using project-based learning, they collaborated during all stages, from initial idea to final product design with peer feedback." The students also created a marketplace to sell their final products so they can purchase additional supplies.



Analyzing the Aerodynamics of CO2

ARPAN BOSMIA | \$1,995

Northbrook Middle School, Gwinnett County

Arpan Bosmia, an engineering and technology teacher at Gwinnett County's Northbrook Middle School, used a Bright Ideas grant for students to analyze the aerodynamics of CO2. "Using the wind tunnel I purchased with the grant funds, my students calculated the drag force on their dragster — the lower the force, the more aerodynamic their dragster," Bosmia said. The students made adjustments to their dragsters to lower their drag force and placed them in the wind tunnel again. "Thanks to the Jackson EMC Bright Ideas grant, our students were able to use visual data to iterate on the design of their dragsters, which is quintessential to the engineering design process because engineers frequently have to make improvements to their products in order for them to perform optimally," Bosmia said.



OPERATION ROUND UP®: YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK

The Jackson EMC Foundation board of directors awarded a total

\$77,500 IN GRANTS

to organizations during its February meeting.

ORGANIZATIONAL GRANT RECIPIENTS:

\$15,000 | **Boys & Girls Clubs of Winder-Barrow**, for its Goals for Graduation program that uses goals for school attendance, homework completion and positive study habits to promote academic achievement in middle and high school-aged members.

\$15,000 | **Eagle Ranch**, a 310-acre Flowery Branch campus serving Northeast Georgia boys and girls in crisis, to help provide therapeutic counseling sessions for children and families.

\$15,000 | **Hebron Community Health Center** in Lawrenceville, a nonprofit providing low-income, uninsured Gwinnett residents with medical and dental care, to fund the Next Step Project, which provides diagnostic referrals, testing, prescription medication and supplies.

\$15,000 | **L.A.M.P. Ministries** in Gainesville, for its Community Youth and Children's program, which combines group and individual counseling, community activities and mentoring to provide high risk youths in Gwinnett, Hall, Jackson and Lumpkin counties with a positive alternative to gangs, drugs and other delinquent behaviors.

\$7,500 | **Food Bank of Northeast Georgia** in Athens, for its Mobile School Food Pantry Program, which takes food bags directly to

schools in Oglethorpe, Jackson and Clarke counties for students whose families are identified as food insecure.

\$5,000 | **Heirborn Servants**, serving Barrow, Clarke, Gwinnett, Jackson and Madison 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.

\$2,500 | **Gainesville Hall Community Food Pantry**, to purchase food from the Atlanta Community Food Bank and the Georgia Mountain Food Bank for distribution to Hall County individuals and families who are low income and in need of food assistance.

\$2,500 | **Hamilton Mill United Methodist Church Food Pantry**, for its Food First Initiative, to purchase food from the Atlanta Community Food Bank to distribute to needy families in Barrow, Gwinnett and Hall counties.

The Jackson EMC Foundation board of directors awarded a total

\$34,500 IN GRANTS

to organizations during its March meeting.

ORGANIZATIONAL GRANT RECIPIENTS:

\$10,000 | **Annandale of Suwanee**, a nonprofit community serving adults with developmental disabilities or traumatic brain injury, to provide funding for renovation supplies, including concrete, paint, flooring

and trim, for the Haas independent living apartment building common area.

\$10,000 | **Hall County Library System**, to help fund the Tutor.com program, which provides a full learning suite of homework help, personalized tutoring, skills building, SAT and ACT test preparation, self-study tools and job search assistance, for all Hall County library card holders.

\$7,500 | **Books for Keeps**, 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 in the Whitehead Road Elementary School, the largest elementary school in Athens-Clarke County where 92 percent or more of the students receive free or reduced lunches.

\$5,000 | **Foundation of Wesley Woods**, for Lanier Gardens of Athens, to help provide a wellness nurse to provide preventative care support, especially fall reduction, to foster independent living among its senior citizen residents.

\$2,000 | **Oglethorpe County 4-H**, to help students in low-income households participate in 4-H Residential Leadership Events, including Junior and Senior Conferences, State 4-H Council, and District Project Achievement.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, INCLUDING LATEST GRANT AWARDS AND HOW TO APPLY FOR A GRANT, VISIT JACKSONEMC.COM/FOUNDATION.



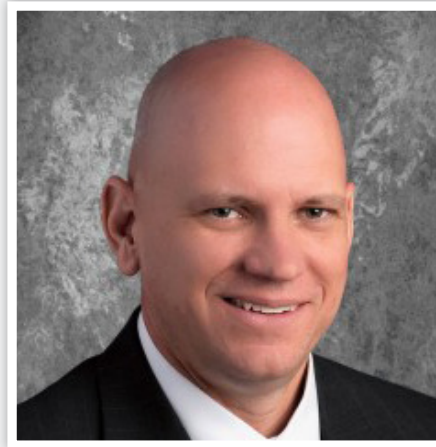
MCCANNON APPOINTED TO JACKSON EMC FOUNDATION BOARD

Dr. Allen McCannon, Vice President in Raymond James' Georgia education finance division, has been appointed to the Jackson EMC Foundation Board of Directors, succeeding Richard Perpall, who retired from the board.

The Jackson EMC Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization set up to represent the members of Jackson EMC and distribute funds collected from participating members through Operation Round Up®. The 11-member volunteer Foundation board of directors meets regularly to review and select grant applications for worthwhile, charitable purposes that will improve lives and respond to immediate needs.

Since Operation Round Up's beginning nearly 15 years ago, the Foundation has awarded more than \$15 million through nearly 1,500 grants to organizations and almost 400 to individuals.

McCannon, a Madison County native, has 32 years of experience in public education, mostly in Madison County, where he served as a teacher or principal. He served as assistant and associate superintendent of Madison County Schools before being



named superintendent in 2011, from which he retired in 2018.

Additionally, he worked for the Thomaston City Schools and Foothills Charter Education High School. McCannon joined Raymond James in 2018.

McCannon graduated magna cum laude from the University of Georgia in 1987, where he received both masters and specialist in education degrees. In 2010, he received his doctorate in educational leadership from Bethel University.

He was named a finalist in 2016 and 2017 for the Georgia Superintendent of the Year award. He served as the chairman for the Charter System Foundation from 2016-2018 and was named Citizen of the Year by the Madison County Chamber of Commerce twice.

McCannon has received the Georgia School Superintendent Association's President's Award for Superintendents and was named a Paul Harris Fellow.

He is married to Renee Adams McCannon, a graduation coach at Madison County Middle School, and they have two sons.

MEMBERS MAKE IT DELICIOUS

Breakfast Casserole



— BOBBIE JEAN PETTY, DANIELSVILLE

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 can crescent rolls
- 1 lb. country sausage
- 2 cups shredded cheese
- 3 eggs, beaten
- ¼ cup milk

DIRECTIONS:

Brown sausage in skillet; drain fat; set aside. Beat eggs and milk together. Spray 9x11 casserole dish with cooking spray. Unfold crescent rolls and gently pull apart; place in bottom of dish to form a crust. Sprinkle drained sausage on top of crescent roll crust. Sprinkle 1 cup of shredded cheese on top of sausage. Pour egg mixture on top. Top casserole with remaining cheese.

Bake at 400 degrees until done (about 30 minutes). Let stand about 30 minutes before serving. Cut in squares and serve.



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