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READY TO RESPOND

We're about 250 miles from the closest beach. Even though that's a few hours drive away, we can still feel the effects of powerful storms churning off the coast. Our electrical system can be damaged by wind and rain from tropical storms. So we keep a close eye when forecasts give hints that a potentially destructive storm is brewing.

If severe weather heads our way, rest assured that we're ready to respond. What does our storm plan look like? Simply put, it involves people, supplies and communication.

Our plan starts with our people. Throughout the year, our line crews receive extensive training for safely restoring power. Our office personnel are cross-trained to help with logistics support during major storms. They could be delivering meals to crews in the field restoring power or responding to members' calls. When we anticipate a major storm could be headed our way, we begin to mobilize crews from contractors and other electric co-ops. That way, we've got extra help standing by ready to work alongside our crews for clearing trees, replacing broken poles and fixing damaged lines or equipment.

Next, our plan anticipates that we must have the right materials, tools and equipment to get the lights back on.

Having materials and equipment in the right place to effectively restore power is critical. We stockpile poles, wires, transformers and other materials across our service area before a storm hits. Our vehicles are fueled and ready for the demands of storm restoration work.

And finally, we know that it takes great communication to safely and effectively restore power after a storm. The MyJacksonEMC website and mobile app have been valuable for members to report their outage and view others in our service area. Our contact center is fully staffed to take phone calls and our social media team shares updates. We also update the media on our storm response efforts so they can be broadcast on radio and TV.

Our storm plan was recently activated in preparation of Hurricane Ian. Fortunately, our area wasn't impacted by Ian, but the damage Ian caused along the path of the storm is astonishing. Soon after Ian passed through Florida, our crews were ready to help. We sent 32 line workers and support personnel to North Fort Myers, where they helped a fellow co-op in their restoration efforts. Seeing them packing their trucks on an early morning - knowing they'd spend many days away from their families - was humbling, but we're honored to help those in need after such a devastating storm.



Jackson EMC Crews Prepare to Travel to North Fort Myers, Florida to Help with Power Restoration Efforts After Hurricane Ian.

It's a proud part of our culture. We call it "the spirit of cooperation," and it was lived out by the hard work and commitment our crews demonstrated in south Florida. I'd like to give special recognition to that storm team and their families for their sacrifice and dedication and also to those that kept the lights on here while we assisted others.

Have a story to share about our power restoration efforts during a storm? Share it with me at chip@jacksonemc.com.

Chip Chip Jakins, President/CEO

NEED TO KNOW: WINTER RATES NOW IN EFFECT

Decreased demand for electricity during the winter enables Jackson EMC to pass savings along to you through lower electric rates. Winter rates begin in October and continue through April.



LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR RESIDENTIAL ELECTRIC RATES AT JACKSONEMC.COM/RATES AND VIEW SCHEDULE A-22 FOR STANDARD RESIDENTIAL SERVICE.

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STANDARD RESIDENTIAL RATE*

SERVICE CHARGE: \$25 PER MONTH

FIRST 650 kWh: 8.81 CENTS PER kWh

NEXT 350 kWh: 8.16 CENTS PER kWh

MORE THAN 1,000 kWh: 8.06 PER kWh

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

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National Co-Op Month

Co-ops, like Jackson EMC, are member-owned and operated. Did you know that we're one of more than 900 electric cooperatives in the U.S.? Co-ops, exist to serve their members. During National Co-Op Month in October, we celebrate what makes being part of a co-op different.

Our core business purpose is to serve as your electricity provider, but the larger mission of the co-op is to help make our community a better place.

Co-ops operate in many industries and sectors of the economy, and follow seven cooperative principles that set us apart from other businesses: voluntary and open membership; democratic member control; members' economic participation; autonomy and independence; education, training and information; cooperation among cooperatives; and concern for community.

Electric membership cooperatives (EMCs) in Georgia serve approximately 4.4 million people of the state's 10 million residents and 73% of the state's land area.

COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLES



Open and Voluntary Membership



Democratic Member Control



Members' Economic Participation



Autonomy and Independence



Education, Training and Information



Cooperation Among Cooperatives



Concern for Community



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Our Story

JEMCO NEWS HAS BEEN A PART OF JACKSON EMC FOR 70 YEARS

Jackson EMC entered a period of rapid expansion in the early 1950s. Construction of new power lines picked up with intensity as residents wanted to electrify their homes. The cooperative opened several local offices. And as its membership grew, so did the need to expand its communication.

The first issue of *JEMCO News* - Jackson EMC's monthly newsletter for members - was launched in 1952. For 70 years, the publication has helped members learn about using and saving energy, stay informed about the cooperative's operations and community involvement, and even find new recipes.



1952



1962



1964



1967



2005



2008



2011



2018

The cooperative asked its members for help in naming the new publication. After receiving more than 400 entries, the name *JEMCO News* was chosen. Mrs. Ernest Harris of Winder, who won a \$15 prize for her entry, suggested taking the first letters from Jackson Electric Membership Corporation and adding the word "News".

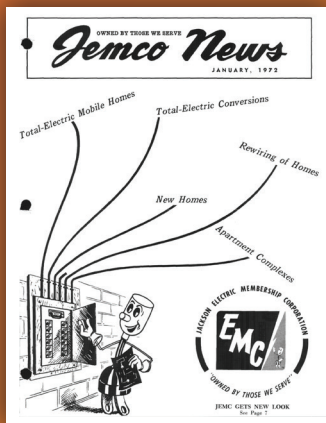
Bill Carpenter joined Jackson EMC's staff in 1962 and served as editor of *JEMCO News*. Carpenter grew up in Hall County without electricity while his neighbors had it. "I could see their lights. I was touched by the fact that it was all around us, but we couldn't get it," he said. That childhood experience led to his desire to help others get electricity.

JEMCO News regularly featured the cooperative's home and farm electrification advisors, who often shared stories about how members used electricity to modernize their homes and businesses.

Interstate 85, which opened in the 1960s and runs through the heart of the cooperative's service area, became a pipeline for growth. As industries began expanding further into Jackson EMC's service area in the 1980s, *JEMCO News* began to highlight some of its large industrial members.

The accomplishments of students has also been a big part of *JEMCO News* since its early years. Today, the publication continues to share stories about teachers using Jackson EMC-sponsored grants for classroom projects and students selected for the annual Washington Youth Tour.

JEMCO News is just one of the ways Jackson EMC communicates with members – along with our website, social media, videos, emails, letters and more. As a cooperative, one of our principles is providing education and information. *JEMCO News* has been a long-valued source to do just that.



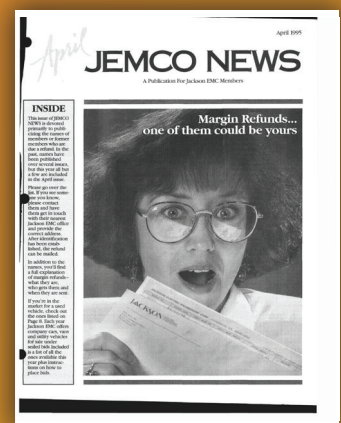
1972



1978



1984



1995



Bill Carpenter has been associated with Jackson EMC for more than half a century. He came to work at Jackson EMC as editor of *JEMCO News* and, after resigning from his job as manager of member services to go into full-time ministry, he joined the board of directors in 1970. Carpenter recently retired from the board of directors.



Hear more from Bill about how Jackson EMC has changed over 60 years.

\$124,000 IN GRANTS AWARDED IN JULY

The Jackson EMC Foundation board of directors awarded \$124,000 in grants to organizations during its July meeting.

ORGANIZATIONAL GRANT RECIPIENTS:

\$20,000 | Boys and Girls Clubs of Metro Atlanta—Gwinnett, for programming and supplies divided between the Norcross and Lawrenceville clubs' Power Hour Afterschool programs, part of its overall Academic Success program that provides club members with daily support, resources and guidance needed to complete school assignments while maintaining educational confidence and ability.

\$19,500 | The Next Stop Foundation, Inc., to serve 20 Gwinnett County adult residents with special needs, intellectual disabilities, autism or brain injuries for 25 weeks.

\$15,000 | Corners Outreach, Inc., in Peachtree Corners, to help purchase a van to transport students in Title 1 schools to its Corners Academy, which works with students and families to help break the cycle of poverty through personalized tutoring programs, summer camp and parent workshops.

\$15,000 | Food to Kids Madison County, Inc., a program promoting literacy by alleviating hunger in children, to purchase food for its Weekend Backpack Program that provides food for the weekend to families who have been identified by counselors in four Madison County elementary schools as food insecure.

\$15,000 | Piedmont Athens Regional Foundation, in Gainesville, which provides financial assistance for foster care development, training, recruitment and community building throughout Jackson EMC's service area, to help close the gap between the need in Northeast Georgia and the number of available homes.

\$14,500 | Sugar Hill United Methodist Church, for its Free Food and Hygiene Pantry, which provides fresh food, pantry goods and hygiene products for the homeless at the Buford-Sugar Hill branch of the Gwinnett County Public Library System.

\$10,000 | Children First, Inc., based in Athens, for its Safe Care Home Visiting program serving families in Barrow, Clarke and Jackson counties.

\$5,000 | Bigger Vision of Athens, Inc. for its Emergency Shelter Program that provides shelter, food, showers, laundry and other basic necessities for the homeless in Barrow, Clarke, Franklin, Gwinnett, Madison and Oglethorpe counties.

\$5,000 | Canopy Studio, Inc., in Athens, for its aerial arts program that serves students with autism, developmental disabilities, behavioral and emotional disorders in Barrow, Clarke, Gwinnett, Jackson, Madison and Oglethorpe counties.

\$5,000 | Childkind, Inc., serving all Jackson EMC communities, for its foster family recruitment program for children with mental health challenges.

\$117,500 IN GRANTS AWARDED IN AUGUST

The Jackson EMC Foundation board of directors awarded \$117,500 in grants to organizations during its August meeting.

ORGANIZATIONAL GRANT RECIPIENTS:

\$15,000 | Center Point GA, Inc., in Gainesville, for its Smart Girls program, which focuses on goal planning, social skills education, and decision-making as well as developing personal responsibility and safety for middle and high school students in Gainesville and Hall County schools.

\$15,000 | iServe Ministries, Inc., for its "Bags of Love" program, which delivers a backpack full of food to more than 225 families in Jackson and Madison county schools each week.

\$15,000 | Mosaic Georgia, Inc., formerly known as Gwinnett Sexual Assault Center & Children's Advocacy Center, based in Duluth, to provide assistance for its Children's Advocacy Center program that includes family aftercare and counseling for clients in Barrow, Clarke, Gwinnett, Hall and Jackson counties.

\$15,000 | New Path 1010, Inc., a nonprofit organization targeting hunger and poverty in Barrow County, for its Weekend Food Bag Program.

\$15,000 | St. Vincent De Paul Society—Duluth, to help fund direct aid for housing assistance, including rent, mortgage and temporary housing for Gwinnett County families in crisis.

\$10,000 | Georgia Healthy Family Alliance, Inc., to provide curriculum supplies for its Tar Wars Strike Force program, an anti-tobacco and anti-vaping education and prevention program targeting 4th and 5th graders in Banks, Barrow, Hall, Jackson and Lumpkin county schools.

\$7,500 | Georgia Foundation for Agriculture, Inc., for its Ag Experience Mobile Classroom designed for grades 3-5 throughout Jackson EMC's service area.

\$5,000 | Connect Ability, Inc., based in Dahlonega, for its Sidekicks Respite program designed for people with disabilities and their caregivers in Gwinnett and Hall counties.

\$5,000 | Georgia Options, Inc., in Athens, for its Person-Centered Support Program serving people with developmental disabilities in Barrow, Clarke, Gwinnett, Jackson and Madison counties.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, INCLUDING LATEST GRANT AWARDS AND HOW TO APPLY FOR A GRANT, VISIT [JACKSONEMC.COM/FOUNDATION](https://jacksonemc.com/foundation).

Medical Alert Systems Make it Easier to Get Emergency Help After a Fall

Falls are the leading cause of injury and injury death among those 65 and older, according to the Centers of Disease and Prevention.

Using a personal medical alert system, such as those offered by EMC Security, makes it easier to quickly contact emergency help after a fall. With a push of a button, EMC Security's 24/7 emergency operators will provide the assistance needed and will contact family, friends, neighbors and if necessary, your local 911 emergency services.

For older adults, a medical alert system can provide peace of mind for themselves and their loved ones. Consider where accidental falls are likely to occur:

- **Shower:** EMC Security recently received an emergency alert from a customer who had fallen in the shower. Although she wasn't injured, she couldn't get to her feet. With noise from the shower, a family member in the house couldn't hear the woman's cries for help. The woman pushed her medical alert button and the operator called her daughter, who was in the house, to help.
- **Yard:** Standing on a ladder to trim tree limbs or shrubbery could lead to a fall. With a medical alert system, help is only a touch away.
- **Driveway:** If someone with mobility issues trips, a simple walk to the mailbox can lead to injuries. Driveways that are long, steep or graded on an uneven surface can add to the danger.

Medical alert systems also make it possible for someone unable to speak to get emergency help. A stroke, fainting spell or even choking may mean there isn't an opportunity to call for help. With a medical alert system, someone can press the call button and even if they can't tell the operator what's happening, the operator will still dispatch help and remain on the line until he or she has confirmed that emergency personnel have arrived.

EMC Security offers options for a medical alert system to fit your needs. Visit emcmedicalalert.com to learn more or call 770-963-0305.



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MEMBERS MAKE IT DELICIOUS

Slow Cooker Street Corn Dip



INGREDIENTS:

- 16 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 8 oz. pepper jack cheese, shredded
- 2 cans kernel corn, drained
- 1/4 cup sour cream
- 1 bunch of cilantro, chopped
- 2 tbsp. Tajin seasoning
- 1/2 cup Cotija cheese
- 1/2 of a lime squeezed

DIRECTIONS:

Place cream cheese, pepper jack cheese, corn, sour cream, cilantro and seasoning in bowl and blend. Pour in non-stick sprayed slow cooker on low for 2- 2 1/2 hours, mixing regularly.

Once done, sprinkle some Cotija cheese, more Tajin seasoning and 1/2 of a lime squeezed over the top. Enjoy with chips or crackers of choice. Double recipe for eight or more people.

“ This dip is light and great for any time of the year or occasion. Whether you pair it with chips or a melba style toast, it is amazingly tasteful. ”

— HEATHER EVANS, GAINESVILLE



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