



Take a look...Energywise Solutions have arrived!

Wanting to save some money? With prices for everything from groceries to gas continuing to rise, wallets are feeling pinched. As your trusted energy advisor, we've launched innovative solutions to help — [Energywise Solutions!](#)



A new, advanced menu of tools gives you smart ways to lower your energy use. Remember, you don't pay for energy you don't use. So, reducing your electricity use can result in savings on monthly electric bills. That leaves room in your budget for other things.

[Tools for tailor-made savings](#)

See where and how to put energy savings into action at home. A free, online

energy audit will customize low-cost or no-cost steps you can take to start saving today. Other free resources include energy calculators and our video library.

[Rebates](#)

If you need a new appliance or heating/cooling system, you can save with rebates on energy-efficient units. These products use significantly less energy than traditional models. That means you can enjoy savings on future bills.

[Cutting-edge choices](#)

You can opt for greener ways to meet your energy needs, too. You'll find information and rebates on products that benefit you and the environment.

Thinking of buying an electric vehicle (EV) or a home EV charger? Interested in battery-powered lawn equipment and other electric household items? We're here with the resources you need to "Go Electric."

At JOEMC, we pursue safe, reliable and affordable power for you. We also strive to deliver innovative services that enhance your experience with us. That's why we'll continue to add Energywise Solutions over time, bringing you even more ways to save.

Get started today! Visit joemc.com/energywise. Energywise Solutions. Smart choices for a brighter future.



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INNOVATIONS

JOEMC Looking to the Future

Emerging Technology

Beneficial Electrification

Opportunity

We are changing how we power our lives; members who typically would have utilized equipment powered by fossil fuels are now looking for new cleaner technology such as electric vehicles, electric water heaters, battery-powered lawnmowers, and so much more. These changes reduce emissions to our environment and save members money. It also means that JOEMC is shifting to more options, including renewable energy sources, to make existing generation technologies cleaner. In the future, electricity will require less fossil fuel per kilowatt-hour of energy produced.

Goal

As reductions in fossil fuel generation are paired with increased renewable generation such as wind and solar, beneficial electrification delivers environmental benefits within your home.



By promoting and facilitating the use of high-efficiency electric technology and supporting the transition to electric cars, JOEMC is making it easier to use increasing amounts of clean, sustainable energy for our members in rural communities.

Solution

Electric cooperatives across the country are pioneers in emerging technological advances and are leading the beneficial electrification movement. These opportunities include greenhouse gas emissions from electricity generation and increasing the use of efficient electric appliances and products.

Co-ops are also becoming involved with Beneficial Electrification technologies with electric vehicles, and EV charging stations and building the framework necessary to take advantage of clean energy sources while building an infrastructure for more solar and wind energy options.

JOEMC is working with its power supplier, North Carolina's Electric Cooperatives, and the other electric co-ops in the state, leading the way toward a clean energy transition. Together, we are expanding renewable energy generation and reducing emissions while ensuring reliable, affordable, and responsible electricity for the communities we power.

Take advantage of your chance to make a better future for yourself.

At Jones-Onslow EMC, we are committed to making an impact in the communities we serve. That's why we are offering two new scholarships for students in our service area — a Powerline Technician scholarship for a recently separated military service member and one for a recent high school graduate.

We understand that college can be an expensive endeavor, but the Powerline Technician scholarship could be just what you need to

kick-start your path to success. With the assistance of this scholarship and your 14-week course at Coastal Carolina Community College, you'll gain the knowledge, experience, and credentials necessary to propel you further in life.

Visit our website today to learn more about our NEW scholarship opportunities and how you can apply to start your future in powerline technician training!



Fun, Food, Door Prizes, and Entertainment

JOEMC members, come out for an evening of food, door prizes, games, and entertainment at the JOEMC Annual Meeting of Members. This FREE, family-friendly event will be held on Friday, March 31, at the Onslow County Fairgrounds/ American Legion Building at 146 Broadhurst Road in Jacksonville.

Highlighting this year's meeting will be special entertainment from The Whiskey Rebellion. Drawing on their diverse musical backgrounds, The Whiskey Rebellion mix the spontaneity of bluegrass, the collectiveness of jazz, and the urgency of rock and roll to create their unique take on everything from traditional bluegrass to rock and roll favorites. The band covers many artists, from The Beatles to Doc Watson



to Johnny Cash, but their approach is always steeped in their acoustic roots.

In addition to The Whiskey Rebellion, local guitarist Justin Castellano will perform during the night, and magician

Bryan Sanders will return to entertain members. There will be FREE barbeque sandwiches, cold refreshments, games, giveaways, and informative displays. And don't forget, as has become an annual meeting tradition, one lucky JOEMC

member will win a recently retired fleet vehicle ("as is" condition).

Doors open, registration and displays all begin at 5:30 pm, local entertainment begins at 5:45, and the business meeting starts at 7:00 pm. At 8:00 pm, The Whiskey Rebellion takes the stage.

OVERNIGHT APPLE CINNAMON FRENCH TOAST CASSEROLE

Drizzle this casserole with glaze and then dish it out to loved ones for a delicious breakfast or brunch.

Source: carolinacountry.com

INGREDIENTS

- 1 package (20 ounces) French bread, cubed, divided
- 1 can (20 ounces) apple pie filling
- 9 eggs
- 1 cup half-and-half
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 2 tablespoons milk

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees.
2. Spray 8-by-8-inch glass baking dish with nonstick cooking spray. In baking dish, add 10 ounces of cubed French bread to bottom of dish.
3. Pour apple filling over bread. Top with remaining cubed French bread. Set aside.
4. In medium bowl, whisk eggs, half-and-half and cinnamon. Pour evenly over bread. Cover with aluminum foil and chill overnight.
5. Remove foil and bake for 50–60 minutes. Let cool 10–15 minutes.
6. In a small bowl, whisk powdered sugar and milk. Add additional, if needed, until pourable glaze is reached. Drizzle over casserole before serving.

Nominate a Disabled Veteran for a No Barriers Expedition



NO BARRIERS

Our community is home to many veterans, many of whom live with a disability. For the fifth year—Jones-Onslow EMC, in conjunction with one of our financial partners, is searching for disabled veterans from its service territory to nominate for the No Barriers Warriors Expedition Program, a Colorado-based nonprofit organization.

The program, sponsored by Co-Bank, provides expeditions that mentally and physically challenge veterans on outdoor excursions through mountaineering, rafting, and rock climbing. These five-day expeditions offer veterans an opportunity to challenge limitations (both real and

perceived) and create a support network that can last a lifetime. Co-Bank covers the total cost for participants, including meals, gear, and travel expenses.

Jones-Onslow EMC was honored to send member Staff Sgt. Jesse Dollar to one of the Expeditions located near Fort Collins, Colorado. During his seven-day expedition, he hiked, rock climbed, repelled, and talked about his experiences and how he was dealing with some of the impacts of being a veteran. Jesse's experiences will last a lifetime. When asked, Jesse said, "when reading the No Barriers website, I was intrigued, but once I arrived, it was so much more than what I read. The seven-day expedition was both a physical and mental challenge. One of the best parts of the trip is getting to know the others on the expedition who

have gone through similar situations during their time of service; it built a family unit."

His advice to veterans considering applying is, "do it, step out of your comfort zone, and sign-up today."

Nominee applications are due by April 1. Visit <https://www.joemc.com/your-cooperative/member-engagement/>.

Claim Your Capital Credits

Giving money back to our cooperative members is a vital cooperative principle, and we hope you also see it as a great benefit of being part of a cooperative. At the end of February, we sent our members a “green” letter regarding the Board of Directors approving a capital credits refund. This letter contains a place for you to sign and a return envelope to send it back to our office; it’s vital you do this so we can issue your Capital Credits.



Jeffery T. Clark, CEO

The name “capital credits” may sound complex, but it’s a simple concept. Capital credits are the annual margins—revenues minus expenses of the cooperative—allocated to each member based on their individual purchase and use of electricity. Until they’re returned to members, capital credits are funds used as operating capital to invest in power lines, substations, and other electric system assets that provide all JOEMC members with reliable electricity. After using the money for a period of years to finance investments in electric facilities, it is returned to our members.

To assure your return of capital credits and the fiscal health of your cooperative, your Board of Directors has approved and put into place an equity management plan. The plan uses an industry-best standard that looks at the percent of member equity to total

assets. It includes a schedule for the regular return of member equity in the form of capital credits.

This year, the capital credit refund authorization will be for members who received electric service from JOEMC during 2000 and 2022.

The equity plan also determines how much of the cooperative’s investment in electric system assets will be covered through member capital and how much will be covered by long-term debt. Our goal is to balance member capital (equity) and debt to give members the lowest possible rates.

This year, the capital credit refund authorization (almost \$2.4 million)

will be for members who received electric service from JOEMC during 2000 and 2022. These refunds will consist of 100% of the remaining allocated capital credits from 2000 and 25% from 2022. All active members who received service during the years mentioned above will receive their refund in the form of a “capital credit refund” on their electric bill.

All inactive members who received service from the cooperative during those years will receive a capital credit check in the mail.

Since 1998, JOEMC has returned \$39.3 million in capital credits to our members, including the one this year. Being a part of a cooperative definitely has its rewards and we are pleased to provide our members with great value, in addition to the excellent service we strive to provide.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Washing windows and screens is a great way to practice energy efficiency during spring cleaning. Clean windows and screens make your home brighter by allowing more sunlight in, reducing the need for lamps and fixtures.

Clean screens also allow more fresh air in the home when the windows are open to recycle indoor air. Natural light and clean air are energy savers, and they enhance overall health and productivity.

Source: energy.gov

