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JOEMC Member Newsletter January 2019

Co-op Members: Mark Your Calendars for the 2019 JOEMC Annual Meeting

Plans are being made for the 2019 Jones-Onslow Annual Meeting of Members. This year's event will take place on Friday, March 29, at the American Legion Building at the Onslow County Fairgrounds, located at 146 Broadhurst Road, in Jacksonville.

Registration, displays, and local entertainment will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the

business meeting will get started at 7 p.m. JOEMC's Annual Meeting is an event for the entire family. It provides the opportunity for members to learn firsthand about the cooperative, various programs and services offered, and JOEMC's role in making our community a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

Special entertainment will be provided

throughout the evening and, as has become a tradition, drawings will be held during the event with hundreds of dollars worth of gifts to be given away.

So make plans for you and your family to attend this year's Annual Meeting of Members, Friday, March 29, at the American Legion Building at the Onslow County Fairgrounds in Jacksonville. ▼

KEEPING YOU SAFE

Stay Back!

Know the difference between types of lines and wires. If you see a downed electric line, be aware that it could be live and dangerous!

 <h3 style="color: #90EE90;">Electric Wire</h3> <p>Electric wires are larger and can be easily identified by the three separate twisted wires, one being uniquely silver or uninsulated.</p>	 <h3 style="color: #90EE90;">Cable Wire</h3> <p>Cable lines are round and look similar to the coaxial cable that connects to the TV in your home.</p>	 <h3 style="color: #90EE90;">Phone Wire</h3> <p>Telephone wires are typically smaller, flat wires.</p>
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If Your Lights Go Out:

1. Check for blown fuses or tripped circuit breakers.
2. Check with your neighbors. Ask if their electricity is off.
3. JOEMC has several ways for you to report trouble. First, call the office at (910) 353-1940 or (800) 682-1515. From there you can speak with a cooperative employee OR you can report the problem via the automated outage reporting system. If you know of a problem which may have caused the outage, such as a tree on the line near your house, be sure to give this information to the co-op employee.
4. You can also report a power outage by going to joemc.com and look for "Report An Outage" on the left-hand side of the homepage. You must have your account number, meter number, OR phone number (associated with the account) in order to report the outage online. ►

Bright Ideas Grants to Bring Innovative Classroom Projects to Life

JOEMC recently awarded 77 grants totaling just over \$75,000 to local teachers to fund unique classroom learning projects that will benefit close to 32,900 students at 51 schools in Jones and Onslow Counties, as well as the Topsail Area of Pender County.



"Every year, Bright Ideas grants help bring creative learning to life in classrooms throughout our community," said Jeff Clark, Chief Executive

Officer of JOEMC. "We're pleased to provide funding for innovative projects that support the ingenuity of our educators and engage our students in new ways."

Since the Bright Ideas Grant Program began in 1994, JOEMC has contributed more than \$1.3 million to over 5,200 local educators and some 1,700 projects in all subjects including math, reading, science and technology, history, music and the arts.

Bright Ideas grant applications are submitted each year starting in August and winning proposals are selected by an independent panel of judges through a competitive evaluation process.

For a list of this year's JOEMC grant recipients or for more information about the Bright Ideas Grant Program, visit joemc.com and look under the Cooperative/Community tab. ▼

Calling All High School Juniors

There's a unique leadership opportunity waiting for you—a week this June in the nation's capital with kids from across North Carolina and the United States!



Each year, JOEMC sponsors four rising high school seniors on the Rural Electric Youth Tour. The program, which helps young people learn about cooperatives and the co-op way of doing business, allows the youth to grow in ways we hope will benefit our community. Many past participants have used their experi-

ences to provide leadership when returning to their schools and communities.

Jones-Onslow's Youth Tour representatives will be chosen through an essay contest with a pre-selected topic. A representative from Jones-Onslow will be visiting local high schools during the month of January to promote the contest.

You can also call the cooperative office at (910) 353-1940 and speak with the cooperative's youth tour coordinator, Paula Redick. ▼

ENERGYEFFICIENCY

Tips for More Efficient Heating this Winter.

Change filters every one to three months.



Keep heating vents open and unobstructed.



Leave interior doors open so air can circulate.



Limit use of kitchen and bathroom ventilation fans.



Have your heating system serviced annually by a professional.



2019 Nominating Committee

A Nominating Committee has been selected for the purpose of nominating individuals for election to the position of Director in District One, District Two and District Three. This committee is scheduled to meet on February 21, 2019. The committee's names and addresses are as follows:

DISTRICT ONE:	Mr. Gary Johnson 231 Grandview Dr. Sneads Ferry, NC 28460	Mr. Charles Darden 148 Leslie Court Hubert, NC 28539	Mr. Michael B. Davis 407 Nautical Court Sneads Ferry, NC 28460
DISTRICT TWO:	Mrs. Susan Thomas PO Box 222 Richlands, NC 28574	Mrs. Pansy Horne 1810 Haw Branch Rd Beulaville, NC 28518	Mr. Thomas Humphrey 148 Briarneck Road Jacksonville, N.C. 28540
DISTRICT THREE:	Mrs. Carol Hood PO Box 246 Trenton, N.C. 28585	Mr. Franklin Andrews 437 Stroud Road Trenton, N.C. 28585	Mr. Wayne Smith 1210 Ten Mile Fork Rd. Trenton, NC 28585

Summary of bylaws pertaining to the Annual Meeting

Any natural person, firm, association, corporation, business trust, partnership or body politic shall be eligible to become a member of, and, at one or more premises owned or directly occupied or used by him, to receive service from Jones-Onslow Electric Membership Corporation. No person shall hold more than one membership in the cooperative.

An Annual Meeting of the members, for the purpose of electing directors, hearing and passing upon reports covering the previous fiscal year, and transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting, shall be held on the last Friday of the month of March of each year. Provided, that for good cause, the Board of Directors may fix a different date for such Annual Meeting not more than thirty (30) days prior or subsequent to the date established for such meeting in this Section.

Attendance in person of at least two percent (2%) of the then total members of the cooperative shall be required for the transaction of business at any meeting of the members. If less than a quorum is present at a meeting, a majority of those present in person may adjourn the meeting to another time and date.

The election of directors shall be completed at each legal meeting by the members. The business and affairs of the cooperative shall be managed by a Board of ten (10) Directors, which shall exercise all the powers of the cooperative except such as are by law or by the cooperative's Articles of Incorporation, or Bylaws conferred upon or reserved to the members.

The Board of Directors shall consist of ten (10) Directors. One (1) of the cooperative's Directors shall be elected on an "At-Large" basis and may reside anywhere within the Cooperative service territory. The other nine (9) directors shall be nominated and elected so that at least three (3) but not more than four (4) shall be residents of each of the Cooperative's three (3) Directorate Districts, which are as follows: District Number One—those areas served by the Cooperative in Pender, Onslow, Carteret and Craven counties and which lie on the eastern side of U.S. Highway No. 17; District Number Two—those areas served by the Cooperative in

Duplin County and in Pender and Onslow counties on the western side of U.S. Highway No. 17; and District Number Three—those areas served by the Cooperative in Lenoir County and Jones County, and the western side of U.S. Highway No. 17 in Craven County. The one (1) "At-Large" Director shall be elected on an "At-Large" basis and may be a resident of any of the foregoing three geographic Directorate Districts, even if the result is to give one District more than four Directors.

It shall be the duty of the Board to appoint, not less than fifty (50) nor more than one hundred fifty (150) days prior to the date of a meeting of the members at which directors are to be elected, a Nominating Committee, consisting of three (3) members from each of the Cooperative's three (3) directorate districts, and who (a) are not existing Cooperative employees, agents, officers, directors or known candidates for directors; and (b) are not close relatives or members of the same household of any such person. The Nominating Committee shall serve three (3) year terms and shall not be permitted to serve consecutive terms. Members may be reappointed to the Nominating Committee so long as they do not serve two (2) consecutive terms. This Committee shall be appointed so that three (3) members are appointed and consist of one (1) member from each of the Cooperative's three (3) directorate districts and the following year three (3) members are appointed consisting of one (1) member per directorate district and so on. In the event that a member of the Nominating Committee is unable or unwilling to serve a full three (3) year term then the Board shall appoint a replacement to fulfill the unexpired term created by the vacancy. In such cases the new appointee shall be eligible for re-election at the conclusion of the unexpired term. The Committee shall prepare and post at the principal and all district offices of the Cooperative, at least twenty (20) days before the meeting, a list of nominations for directors to be elected, listing separately the nominee(s) for each directorate district from which a director must or may, pursuant to this article, be elected at the meeting. The committee may include more nominees than there are to be

elected, but it shall show clearly which nominees are opposed with respect to the same directorate district, or as between two or more districts; provided, it shall not make a nomination until it shall have first determined that the nominee is qualified to serve in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.02 and, if elected, will serve.

Any three percent (3%) or more members of the Cooperative, acting together, may make additional nominations in writing over their signature, listing their nominee(s) in like manner and filing the same with the Cooperative not less than thirty-five (35) days prior to the meeting of members. The Committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the cooperative, at least twenty (20) days before the meeting, a list of nominations for directors to be elected. Should there be two or more candidates for the same Directorate seat then elections will be held by mail ballot. The ballots will be mailed in the Official Notice.

A Credentials and Election Committee of at least five (5), and no more than thirteen (13), shall be appointed by the Board at least ten (10) days before any meeting of members. It shall be the responsibility of the Committee to pass upon all questions that may arise with respect to the registration of members in person, to count all ballots cast in any election, unless delegated by the Board to an independent auditor, or in any other ballot vote taken, and to rule upon the effect of any ballots irregularly marked. The Committee's decisions on all such matters shall be final.

Each member who is not in a state of suspension, shall be entitled to one vote and no more upon each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the members. A member, which is an association, corporation, business trust or body politic may be present in person and vote at such meeting by and through a duly designated representative, qualified as such upon registering for the meeting. At all meetings of the members, at which a quorum is present, all questions shall be decided by a majority of the members voting thereon, in person, except as otherwise provided by law or by the cooperative's Certificate of Incorporation or Bylaws. ►

Teaching Youngsters the Important Lesson of Energy Efficiency



Electronic and mobile devices, TVs, computers and gaming stations have become common fixtures in our homes, particularly those with children. Consumer electronics coupled with the proliferation of smart home appliances, technology and electric vehicles have slowly but steadily changed our homes and lifestyles.

This ever-connected world is the modern environment in which children are growing up. And with lifestyles increasingly reliant on technology

and in turn, energy consumption, teaching youngsters to save energy is an important life lesson.

THE WHY Before parents can teach their children how to save energy, they must first answer the question, “what’s in it for me?” As most parents can attest, convincing kids to care about energy efficiency is a hard sell. Parents need to explain why it’s important to save energy and how it benefits the child – otherwise they will not understand the need to change their habits and will be less motivated to do so. In the simplest terms, less money spent on an electric bill can mean more money used for fun activities (that’s something children can relate to).

Less tangible, but just as important, using less energy means running your home more efficiently, conserving natural resources and helping the environment.

LEARNING BY DOING Because “saving energy” is an abstract concept for children, be specific about energy efficiency actions and set an example. We know that children learn by observing what their parents do. Even if they don’t say anything, children are processing your actions. When you turn off the lights when leaving a room or unplug the phone charger once the device is fully charged, they will notice.

Learning about energy efficiency doesn’t have to be a boring lecture. Make it fun for greater impact. For younger kids, turn energy efficiency into a “treasure hunt” game to locate all the things in your home that use electricity. Depending on the age of the children, challenge them to count and group the items into categories: electronics, appliances, lights, etc. If age appropriate, have them create a list. Ask which gadgets and appliances could be turned off or unplugged to save power every day.

For older children, show them how to program the smart thermostat and appliances. Shop with them for LED lights and discuss ENERGY STAR-rated appliances. Show them the electric bill so they can see the costs, energy use and how their actions impact the bill.

Kids of all ages can learn a few simple energy-saving habits that can last a lifetime:

- Turn off lights, devices, computers and video consoles when not in use.
- Open blinds and curtains during winter days to let warm sunlight in and close them during summer days to keep your home cooler.
- If your children are old enough to run the dishwasher or wash their own clothes, teach them to run these appliances only with a full load and during off-peak energy hours.

CONCLUSION The idea is to create a habit of being energy efficient. And for parents, this could mean less nagging about turning off the lights! Teaching your children about saving energy is not only a creative way to spend time with them but it can also help your home to be more energy efficient and can instill good habits that will benefit your child long into adulthood.

Jeffery T. Clark | CEO



Shrimp Stuffed Potatoes

Ingredients:

- 6 large Idaho potatoes
- Vegetable oil, for coating
- 8 tablespoons butter
- 2 cups grated cheddar cheese, plus more for sprinkling
- 2 cups grated Monterey Jack
- 2 cups sour cream
- Salt and pepper
- 1 pound shrimp, peeled and sautéed
- Paprika

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Wash, dry and gently prick potatoes with a fork. Coat each potato with vegetable oil, place on foil covered pan, and bake for approximately 1 hour. Place the butter in a large bowl. Remove the potatoes from the oven and slice each potato in half. Gently scoop out the potato and place in the bowl. Using a mixer on high, mix the potatoes, butter, sour cream, salt, and pepper. Fold the shrimp and both cheeses into the mixture. Gently stuff the mixture back into the potato shells, making sure not to break them. Pile the mixture as high as you can on top of the potato shells. Sprinkle each potato with cheese and paprika for color. Bake in the oven for approximately 20 to 30 minutes until browned on top.

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