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SPOT LIGHT

JOEMC Member Newsletter November 2019



JOEMC Member Honored in National #WhoPowersYou Contest

Jones-Onslow is proud to announce that Mary Ann LeRay was recently honored as the second place prizewinner of the Touchstone Energy Cooperatives 2019 #WhoPowersYou Contest.

"We offer our sincere appreciation, gratitude, and congratulations to Mary Ann," said the co-op's CEO, Jeff Clark. "We are very proud to serve her and her family as co-op members and grateful for everything she does to serve our local community."

LeRay, Board Chairman of The Filling Station in Pollocksville, was honored for the non-profit organization's work seeking to meet the nutritional, educational, and spiritual needs of the residents of Jones County.

The Filling Station opened its food pantry on September 6, 2018 but a week later was forced to temporarily close as Hurricane Florence's heavy rains flooded the streets of Pollocksville and much of Jones County. On September 14, one week after the hurricane left most of the area underwater, the food pantry reopened its doors and operated as a disaster relief

site. For the next 14 weeks, more than 75 volunteers served over 10,000 people.

"We congratulate the commitment and generosity of Ms. LeRay and these inspiring contest winners, along with all the 2019 nominees," said Jeffrey Connor, Touchstone Energy interim executive director. "They tirelessly demonstrate what it means to have a servant's heart, and we are honored to recognize them for their dedication to our core cooperative value of commitment to community."

LeRay and The Filling Station were awarded the second-place cash prize of \$2,000 and honored along with the three other #WhoPowersYou Contest winners from across the United States. Winners were chosen by an independent panel of judges, using criteria based on nominees' positive impact on their local communities. ▼

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Community Festivals Highlight Holiday Season

JACKSONVILLE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PARADE

(presented by Marine Federal Credit Union)
Saturday, November 23 starting at 9:45am at Coastal Carolina Community College. For more information Contact the Greater Jacksonville/Onslow Chamber of Commerce at (910) 347-8141.



FESTIVAL OF TREES

November 16 from 10am-7pm & November 17 from 11am-6pm at the American Legion Building at the Onslow Fairgrounds in Jacksonville. Admission is a \$2 donation and the event is presented by the Onslow Caregivers Inc. to raise funds for Onslow County Home Health and Hospice patients. For more information call (910) 324-1650 or email jhcole@centurylink.net.

SWANSBORO CHRISTMAS FLOTILLA

Friday, November 29 starting around dusk at the Swansboro waterfront. Call (910) 326-2600, email info@swansborofestivals.com or visit swansborofestivals.com for more information.



**Touchstone Energy
#WhoPowersYou
2nd Place Winner
Mary Ann LeRay**

COMMUNITY IMPACT

High School Students: Apply to Spend a Week in Washington, D.C.

Are you a current high school junior interested in spending a week in Washington, D.C. learning about government, history and the cooperative business model, while building your leadership skills and making new friends from across the state and nation? If so, we invite you to apply for the 2020 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour!

Jones-Onslow EMC will sponsor four local students to join the June 20-26, 2020 Youth Tour. The all-expenses paid, week-long tour is hosted by electric cooperatives nationwide and is a tradition more than 50 years strong. About 1,800 students from more than 40 states are expected to participate in 2020, and North Carolina's electric cooperatives will send a delegation of more than 45 students.

The Youth Tour gives high school students the opportunity to experience Washington, D.C., and learn more about how they can make a difference as young adults. Tourists will pay their respects at historic monuments and memorials, meet with North Carolina's members of Congress on Capitol Hill

and tour a variety of Smithsonian museums, all while building a peer network with young leaders from across the country.

Students entering their senior year (current juniors) in Fall 2020 are eligible to attend and are encouraged to apply through JOEMC. Delegates will be selected through an essay contest with a pre-selected topic.

JOEMC's Paula Redick will be visiting local high schools during the next several weeks to promote the program. You can also call the office at (910) 353-1940 or email Paula at predick@joemc.com for more information.▼



Last year's Youth Tour winners (pictured left to right) are Andrew Shugart, Evelyn Arnold, Evelyn Wade, and Julian Silvia.

Avoid SURPRISES with Budget Billing

A close-up photograph of a woman with long dark hair, wearing a white beanie and a grey sweater. She has a concerned expression, with her hand resting on her chin and looking upwards and to the side.

Extreme weather can cause your heating system to work overtime during the winter. This can increase your bill when you aren't expecting it. But with our **Budget Billing** option, you won't need to worry about surprises.

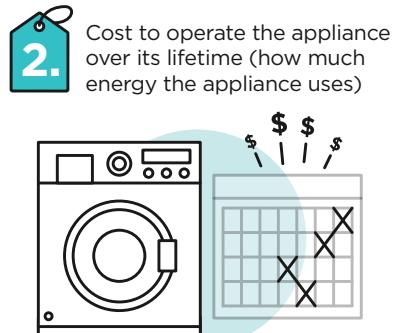
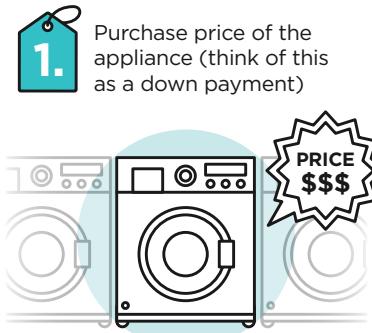
Budget Billing allows you to spread your costs out equally throughout the year. You pay the same amount each month for 11 months. The account is "evened up" on the 12th month, with a final payment billed or a credit applied. And this service comes with NO FEES and NO CHARGES.

With Budget Billing, you'll be saying "NO" to surprises and "YES" to stress-free budgeting and peace of mind.

Learn more at joemc.com under Billing & Payment Options.

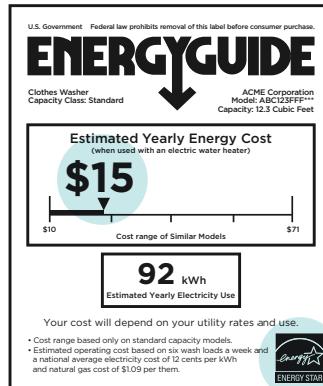
TIPS FOR PURCHASING NEW APPLIANCES

When shopping for new appliances, there are two price tags you should consider:



That second price is important because you'll be paying for the appliance's energy use for the next 10 to 20 years.

- Look for the ENERGY STAR® label. ENERGY STAR-qualified products exceed the federal minimum standards for efficiency and quality.
- Carefully review the EnergyGuide label on the appliance. The label provides information about how much energy an appliance uses compared to similar models.
- Once you choose your make and model, compare prices. Keep in mind, many retailers will match a lower price offered by competitors.
- Recycle or sell your old appliance. Ask the retailer if they'll pick up your old appliance, or you can sell it yourself. Either option is better than the landfill!



NOVEMBER TIP OF THE MONTH



Trim your holiday energy costs by choosing energy efficient LED lights! LED holiday lights use less energy and can last up to 40 seasons. They're also easier to install – you can connect up to 25 LED strings without overloading a wall socket!. Visit joemc.com for more energy efficiency tips.

Source energy.gov



DID YOU KNOW

JOEMC Headquarters Office Back Open for Customer Service

After being closed for over a year due to damage from Hurricane Florence, the cooperative celebrated the reopening of the main office and customer service department with a ribbon cutting ceremony last month.

"We want to thank all the members for their patience and understanding over the past year," said Wanda Jones, the co-op's Vice President of Commercial Operations. "It's been a long process to get back in the building and hopefully back to normal."

In addition to the remodeled customer service department inside the building, the co-op has upgraded the drive-thru area – two *drive-thru lanes are now available to members.* ▶



KEEPING YOU INFORMED

A Time of Thanksgiving

At my family's Thanksgiving dinner each year, we all take turns saying something for which we are grateful. My list is usually about the same—good health, wonderful family and friends, and a job serving the great people of our community.



I'm thankful to be a part of Jones-Onslow. Our employees are not only the hardest, most dedicated workers I know, but they are also the most caring. Every year, Jones-Onslow employees take part in a host

of charitable activities both at work and away. Employees live in the communities we serve, so each time we hold an event for Relay for Life or Christmas Cheer or work to support the United Way, we are helping our communities.

I'm thankful for Jones-Onslow because it serves as a vibrant force in the local economy—partly because we are local. One of the best things about a cooperative is that it's locally operated; no distant shareholders are making decisions behind the scenes. Members are elected to serve on the board of directors and govern the cooperative. We are your neighbors, your friends, your family. That means Jones-Onslow is invested in the future of its communities. Our mission is to provide affordable, reliable, safe electric power, but we also aim to improve the quality of life in the communities we serve. It's a mission we all take very seriously.

I'm thankful for Jones-Onslow because we care. From sponsoring high school students to visit our nation's capital as part of the Rural Electric Youth Tour, to providing grants to K-12 educators to fund projects that might otherwise go unfunded through our Bright Ideas Program, to reaching out to members with information that will help them save energy and money, we care about the people and the communities we serve.

Finally, I'm thankful for you, our members, and faithful readers, because, without you, there would be no Jones-Onslow. All of the employees and directors of Jones-Onslow are glad that we can serve you each day and provide the quality electric service that you have come to expect.

Happy Thanksgiving from all of us here at Jones-Onslow. May the 2019 holiday season be full of family, friends, and happiness for you all.

Jeffery T. Clark | CEO

Our offices will be closed for Thanksgiving, November 28 & 29 and for Christmas, December 25 & 26.



Asparagus Casserole

Ingredients:

1 pound asparagus, ends trimmed
2 tablespoons butter
6 eggs, beaten
3 tablespoons mayonnaise
1 small onion, diced
1 tall can evaporated milk
2 cups shredded Velveeta cheese
½ teaspoon salt
Several turns freshly cracked black pepper

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease a 1½ quart baking dish.
2. Melt butter in skillet over medium heat. Cut asparagus into 1-inch pieces and sauté in butter 3 to 4 minutes until tender.
3. Combine asparagus with all the other ingredients and stir to combine. Pour into prepared baking dish. Bake about 30 minutes until it sets in center and starts to brown on top.
4. Let stand about 10 minutes, and serve while hot.

Note: This can be mixed a day ahead to bake at serving time.

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