





A Touchstone Energy® Partner 



JOEMC Member Newsletter March 2020



Fun, Food, Door Prizes and Entertainment

JOEMC members, bring the family out for an evening of free fun, food, door prizes, and entertainment. On Friday, March 27, Jones-Onslow EMC will hold its Annual Meeting of Members at the Onslow County Fairgrounds/American Legion Building located 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 a wide range of artists ranging 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 country music duo Velvet Rodeo will perform during the night, and magician

Bryan Sanders will return to entertain members. There will be barbeque sandwiches and cold refreshments, a clown for the kids, games, and 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 and registration and displays start at 5:30 pm, Velvet Rodeo takes the stage at 6:15 pm, and the business meeting will begin at 7:00 pm. At 8:00 pm, The Whiskey Rebellion will take the stage. ▼



Nominate a Veteran from Our Community for a No Barriers Expedition

 Our local community is home to many veterans, many of whom are living with a disability. For the third 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. Co-Bank covers the full cost for participants, including meals, gear, and travel expenses. These five-day expeditions offer veterans an opportunity to challenge limitations (both real and perceived) and to create a network of support that can last a lifetime.

For more information, visit joemc.com/cooperative/community-programs/no-barriers/ or nobarriersusa.org.

“No Barriers provides a supportive environment for a veteran to challenge themselves physically, emotionally, and spiritually. As a result, veterans like me are able to overcome—or at the very least be handed the tools to overcome—challenges in their home life.” —Anonymous No Barriers participant



To Be Considered:

1. Veterans must have VA disability rating to qualify.
2. Individuals can nominate a veteran or veterans can self-nominate
3. A letter must be submitted summarizing the veteran’s military background, their VA disability rating, length of military service, and why you think attending a No Barriers expedition would be of benefit.
4. Send letter to: predick@joemc.com or Paula Redick, Jones-Onslow EMC, 259 Western Boulevard, Jacksonville, NC 28546
5. Once we receive your request, we will be in contact to give you further instructions on the application process.
6. Nomination deadline is April 1, 2020.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Spring is Here...

The first official day of spring comes the middle of this month and with it a fresh opportunity to find ways to save energy and money.

1 Service your air conditioner.

Easy maintenance, such as routinely replacing or cleaning air filters, can lower your cooling system's energy consumption by up to 15 percent. Also, the first day of spring could serve as a reminder to check your air conditioner's evaporator coil, which should be cleaned annually to ensure the system is performing at optimal levels.

2 **Open windows.** Opening windows creates a cross-wise breeze, allowing you to naturally cool your home

without switching on air conditioners. This is an ideal tactic in spring when temperatures are mild.

3 **Cook outside.** On warmer spring days, keep the heat out of your home by using an outdoor grill instead of indoor ovens.



4 Install window treatments.

Energy-efficient window treatments or coverings such as blinds, shades, and films can slash heat gain when temperatures rise. These devices not only improve the look of your home but also reduce energy costs.

5 **Caulk air leaks.** Using low-cost caulk to seal cracks and openings in your home keeps warm air out...and cash in your wallet.

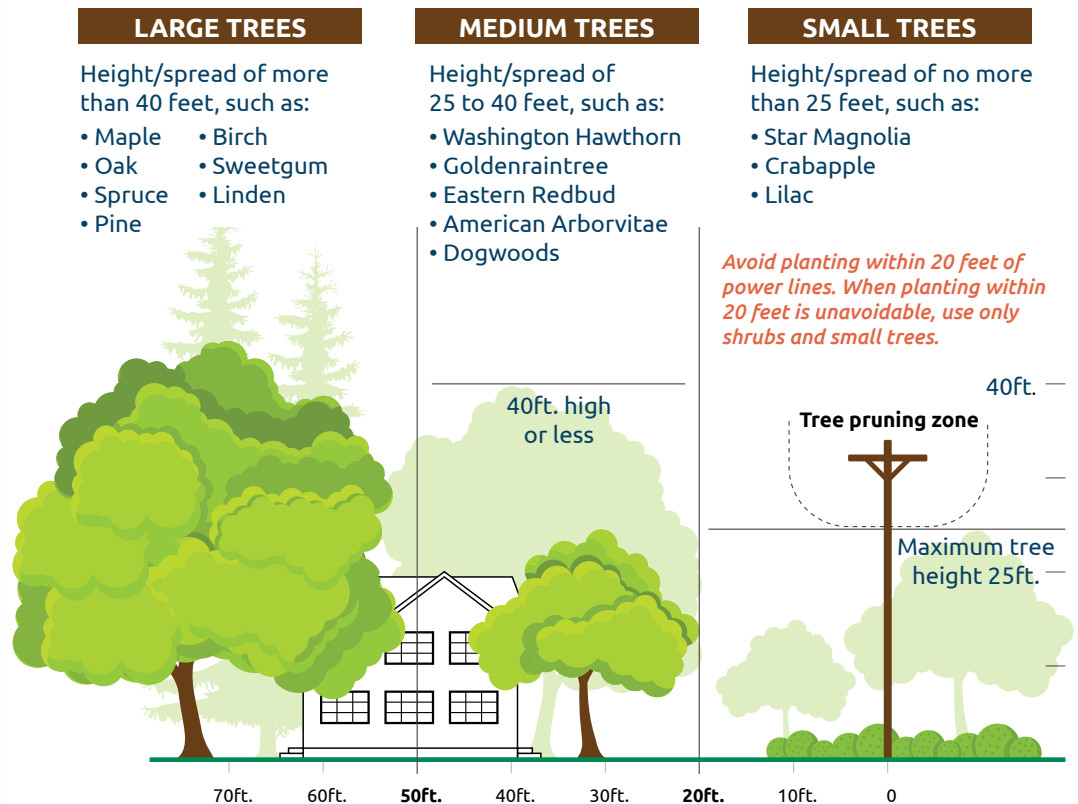
6 **Bring in sunlight.** During daylight hours, switch off artificial lights and use windows and skylights to brighten your home.

For more energy saving tips follow us on social media or visit the ENERGY CENTER at joemc.com. ▼

KEEPING YOU SAFE

Plant the Right Tree in the Right Place

Trees beautify our neighborhoods and when planted in the right spot can even help lower energy bills. But the wrong tree in the wrong place can be a hazard—especially to power lines. Visit ArborDay.org or joemc.com for more tips on smart tree planting. ►



Source: The Arbor Day Foundation and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association



Stay in the Loop While on the Go!

If you are one of the more than 48 million Americans that listen to podcasts weekly or monthly, well, you're in luck...tune in and subscribe to **Flippin' the Switch**, a monthly podcast from JOEMC, that keeps you in the loop while you're on the go!

Flippin' the Switch is for co-op members who want to keep up with what's going on at JOEMC but don't have time to read the newsletter or visit our website.

Each month listeners can learn more about community programs and involvement, get quick and easy energy tips that will save them money around the home, and hear how the co-op is using the latest in technologies to assist in providing the best customer service experience possible.

To learn more, including how to subscribe, go to joemc.com/news-hub/podcasts. ▼



2020 Census: Why is it Important to Participate?

Results collected once a decade from Census studies help determine how billions of dollars in federal funding flow to states and individual communities each year for areas such as affordable housing, schools, hospitals, roads, emergency response, and more! So it's essential that everyone answer the Census!

The 2020 Census invitations begin in mid-March, with April 1 recognized as national Census Day. It's vital to list everyone living in your household on this date. You can choose to respond online, by phone or by mail. **All information shared is protected and private. Please be aware that the Census will NOT ask questions about your social security number, bank, or credit card numbers, nor will it solicit money.**

Questions that ARE asked on the Census include how many people live in your home, age and race, and whether your home is owned or rented. Census counts are mandated by the Constitution and conducted by the US Census Bureau, a non-partisan government agency.

For more information, go to 2020census.gov. ►



KEEPING YOU INFORMED

It Pays to be a Member

Returning money back to our members is an important cooperative value and we hope you agree that it's also a nice benefit of being a cooperative member.



During the last week of February, your cooperative mailed a “green” letter to you, our members, concerning the authorization by your Board of Directors of a capital credits refund. There is a space provided for your signature and a

return envelope so you can mail it back to our office.

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—which are 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 of the 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.

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 in order to give members the lowest possible rates.

This year, the capital credit refund authorization (almost \$1.48 million) will be for members who received electric service from JOEMC during the years 1997 and 2019. These refunds will consist of 100% of the remaining allocated capital credits from 1997 and 25% of the allocated capital credits from 2019.

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.

Jeffery T. Clark | CEO



Corned Beef & Swiss Mini Pot Pies

Ingredients:

- 8 oz thinly sliced cooked corned beef, coarsely chopped
- 1 cup shredded Swiss cheese
- 1 can (10 3/4 oz) condensed cream of mushroom soup
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1 teaspoon caraway seeds (optional)
- 1 can (16.3 oz) Pillsbury™ Grands!™ Flaky Layers refrigerated biscuits

Directions:

- 1) Heat oven to 375°F. Spray 8 muffin cups with cooking spray.
- 2) In large bowl, mix corned beef, cheese, soup, mustard and caraway seed until well combined.
- 3) Separate dough into 8 biscuits. Press each biscuit to form 5½" round. Place ⅓ cup meat mixture in center of each round. Gently pull edges up and around filling, and place into muffin cups. Pull edges of dough over filling toward center; pleat and pinch dough gently to hold in place, leaving some of the filling exposed.
- 4) Bake 20 to 22 minutes or until biscuits are golden brown. Cool 1 minute; remove from pan.

MAIN OFFICE
259 Western Boulevard
Jacksonville | N.C. 28546

DISTRICT OFFICE
1225 Highway 210
Sneads Ferry | N.C. 28460

local: (910) 353-1940
toll free: (800) 682-1515
power outage: (910) 353-7117
(800) 681-4146

www.joemc.com

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
District One: Cecil Hargett, Secretary/Treasurer
Douglas Parker
Dale Powell

District Two: Iris Horne
Brandon Howard
John Pierce, Chairman

District Three: Robert Daughety
Michael Chad Meadows
Thomas Waller, Vice Chairman

Member-at-Large: Nelson Burgess

Chief Executive Officer: Jeffery T. Clark

SPOTLIGHT is published monthly by Jones-Onslow EMC for its members. Direct correspondences to: Jones-Onslow EMC, ATTN: Newsletter Editor, 259 Western Boulevard, Jacksonville, N.C. 28546.

*Our offices will be closed on
Friday, April 10 for Good Friday.*

JOEMC
Jones-Onslow Electric
Membership Corporation
A Touchstone Energy® Partner