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**#ThankALineworker**  
this month to show our appreciation!



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# SPOT LIGHT

JOEMC Member Newsletter

April 2020



## Help Us #ThankALineworker on April 13

On Monday, April 13, JOEMC will join other electric cooperatives across our state and nation to celebrate Lineworker Appreciation Day, an annual tribute to the outstanding contributions of our lineworkers.

This year, we interviewed a few of our lineworkers to learn more about what this job means to them. ▼



*"Being a part of one big family...it's like a brotherhood. We all watch out for one another."*

David Raynor



*"From changing out poles to changing out transformers, it means always being prepared for any type of situation."*

Tommy Lanier



*"Getting the lights back on during an outage so our members can get back to going about their daily lives."*

Colby Antinori



*"Doing something different everyday and learning something new everyday. We help and teach each other."*

Braxton Fisher

## 2020 Annual Meeting UPDATE

With due regard to the safety and health of our employees, members, and the community, Jones-Onslow's Board of Directors, at the March 24 scheduled board meeting, made the difficult decision to cancel this year's Annual Meeting of Members.

Last month it was announced that the March 27 annual meeting would be postponed. The directors reviewed the latest recommendations from federal and state agencies and, in the best interest of everyone involved, made the determination to cancel this year's event.

"The board considered the risk to our employees and members," said Chairman John Pierce, "and decided it was best to err on the side of caution and follow the guidelines for social distancing as well as the recommendation of limiting large gatherings. We hope the precautions we've taken will help our community in the coming weeks."

"We look forward to the 2021 annual meeting," Pierce continued. "Folks that attend the meeting have a great time and it's truly a wonderful event that lets us bring our members and community together." ►



## NC Co-ops Vote: Make Your Voice Heard

This year, North Carolina voters will have the opportunity to vote for president, governor, members of Congress and state legislators. North Carolina's electric cooperatives have launched NC Co-ops Vote, a non-partisan effort to educate co-op members and encourage them to vote.

North Carolina's Co-ops Vote effort also encourages electric cooperative employees and members to attend campaign events for national and statewide races in their area. They will be provided yellow shirts with the Co-ops Vote logo to promote unity and emphasize the co-op presence. NC Co-ops Vote does not endorse any candidates for election.



## Building a Brighter Energy Future

This year marks the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, which was first celebrated on April 22, 1970, and serves as an annual recognition of the importance of protecting our planet and its resources.

**A**t Jones-Onslow, we are committed to delivering power that is affordable, reliable, and low carbon. More than half of our power comes from emissions-free nuclear, and we are increasingly incorporating renewable energy sources and grid-optimizing technologies to take this commitment even further.

As a co-op member, you can help amplify the benefits of electricity by using it as a cleaner, cheaper, and

smarter alternative to fossil fuels. Appliances, equipment, agricultural and industrial processes, and even your car can now be powered by electricity, resulting in cost savings, lower emissions, and increased productivity and efficiency.

Electric cooperatives are building a statewide electric vehicle charging network and implementing other innovative initiatives that support increased commerce, tourism, and economic development in the

communities we serve. We also offer rebates and incentives to make it easier for co-op members like you to access the savings and efficiency that electricity has to offer.

On Earth Day and every day, we are building a brighter energy future for our members and the communities we serve. To find out more about our programs and services, visit [joemc.com](http://joemc.com). You can also learn more about the benefits of driving electric at [ncdriveelectric.com/joemc](http://ncdriveelectric.com/joemc). ▼

### Five Easy Ways to Celebrate Earth Day EVERY DAY

1. *Conserve water by taking showers instead of baths.*
2. *Turn off all lights when you leave the room.*
3. *Bring your reusable bags to the market and other stores when shopping.*
4. *Go paperless. Pay as many bills as possible online.*
5. *Ditch the car and walk or ride a bike when possible.*



# ENERGY EFFICIENCY

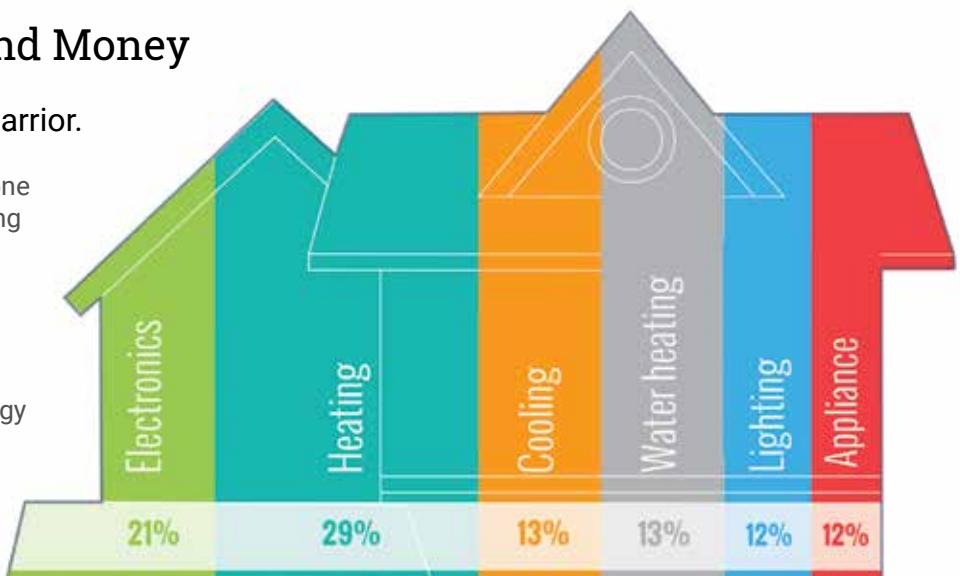
## 101 Ways to Save Energy and Money

Do a little. Save a lot. Be a weekend warrior.

**H**ome energy use is different for everyone and hinges on several factors, including home size, the number of members in your household, where you live, and the choices you make.

Everything you do—from flipping a switch to upgrading your lighting—can add up to significant savings. Knowing where your energy is being used can help you prioritize your energy savings habits.

To download the brochure and to learn more, go to the "Energy Center" at [joemc.com](http://joemc.com) and click on the "Energy Efficiency Resources" icon. ▼



## CUSTOMER SERVICE

### Ways to Pay Your Bill

To ensure the health and well-being of employees and members, JOEMC closed its offices to walk-in traffic last month. The drive-thru windows will remain open, and employees will continue to be available to meet the needs of our members over the phone and via email.

We encourage members to conduct JOEMC business over the phone, via our website, at our payment kiosks, or through email, if possible. To learn more, go to <https://www.joemc.com/WaysToDoBusiness/>. ▶



# KEEPING YOU INFORMED

## We Love Our Community



Jones-Onslow EMC has activated its Business Continuity Plan and will continue to examine our daily operations to ensure the safety of employees and members. As your local energy provider, we are determined to continue delivering the reliable power that you have become accustomed to while helping protect the health and well-being of our community.

In response to growing concerns surrounding the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), we have taken the following proactive steps in the way we conduct daily business:

- On March 12, we announced that this year's Annual Meeting of Members had been postponed. At the March 24 board meeting, your Board of Directors reviewed the most up-to-date recommendations from federal and state agencies to determine the best next steps for the 2020 Annual Meeting (see **2020 Annual Meeting Update** on page one for more).
- On March 14, we suspended the disconnection of electric service for members due to non-payment until April 15, 2020. We have also waived late payment fees during this time to help with the economic impact on our members. PLEASE REMEMBER, WE ARE NOT WAIVING THE PAYMENT OF ELECTRIC BILLS but allowing members additional time to pay their bill without incurring disconnection or late fees.
- On March 18, JOEMC offices were closed to walk-in traffic until further notice. Our drive-thru windows will remain open, and we will continue to meet your needs over the phone and via email. We encourage all members to conduct JOEMC business over the phone, via our website, at our payment kiosks, or through email.
- In addition to these changes, all employee travel has been canceled until further notice. We are also limiting the interaction of outside vendors, except for the delivery of necessary materials and supplies critical to our operations.
- Some of our employees will work from home, and those who remain at our office will be spread out to minimize risk. Our outside crews and personnel will continue to function as they always do, and we will continue to operate 24/7 for power outages. In the event of a power outage, please report it via our website, text alert program, or call the office at (910) 353-1940.

The safety and well-being of co-op employees and members remain our utmost priority. This is a fluid situation, and as circumstances continue to evolve, please remember that we are committed to being responsive to the community's needs. You can find updates in the days ahead on our website and social media pages (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn). We're here to help. If you have questions about your electric service, please call us at (910) 353-1940 or email us at [joemc@joemc.com](mailto:joemc@joemc.com).

Jeffery T. Clark | CEO



## Maple Bacon Dip

### Ingredients:

8 ounces cream cheese, softened  
½ cup mayonnaise  
½ cup milk  
8 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled  
1 package country gravy mix  
1½ cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese, divided  
⅓ cup chopped red apple  
2 tablespoons maple syrup

### Directions:

- 1) Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- 2) In large bowl, mix cream cheese, mayonnaise, milk, bacon, gravy mix and 1 cup cheese until well blended.
- 3) Spray 9-inch glass pie plate with nonstick cooking spray. Spread mixture in plate and top with apple and remaining cheese.
- 4) Bake 25 minutes, or until heated through and cheese is melted. Drizzle with syrup.
- 5) Serve with apple slices, toasted bread cubes or crackers.

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