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Keeping cool during the dog days of summer

Great reminder to use energy wisely

The hottest days of summer remind us that poor energy habits can make our house uncomfortable.

It's never too late to make a few changes around the house to help keep things cool. As a bonus—you could lower your energy bill during air conditioner season.

- Check for loose or leaky window panes, and notice if your home still has single-pane windows. They're typically energy inefficient, allowing cool air to escape from your home during the summer and hot air to escape in the winter. Restoring or replacing single-pane windows is an investment that will pay for itself in energy savings all year round—and keep your home more comfortable, too.
- Be sure to close shades and drapes during the day to help keep heat out in the summer.
- If you're still using incandescent lightbulbs in lamps and overhead fixtures, it's time to make the switch to LEDs, which are far more energy efficient. One reason: Incandescents produce more heat than light. And that can compete with the job your air conditioning system is trying to do during the summer.



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- When air conditioner filters get dirty, they get clogged, and the air can't flow freely through them. Replace your dirty air filters once a month during cooling season. Also, ensure your outdoor heat pump/air conditioning unit is kept clean and free from debris.
- Install a programmable thermostat, which automatically adjusts the temperature so you use less energy to cool your home when no one is there. The device can save you up to \$100 a year on cooling and heating bills. (If you have a heat pump, consult your installer for appropriate thermostat settings.)
- Move appliances and lamps away from your thermostat. Because they emit heat, they can trick your thermostat into thinking the house is warmer than it really is, making the unit work harder than it should.
- Turn off pool pumps and heaters when not needed.
- Do not use roof-top power ventilators for attic exhaust as they may evacuate conditioned air from your home.
- Ensure attic door closes tightly—and make sure the insulation in your attic does not block soffit vents.
- Keep your garage door down. A cooler garage in the summer will save energy.



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Kentucky Living turns 75

Empowering communities since 1948

All of us at Jackson Energy are proud to bring you this 75th anniversary issue of *Kentucky Living*.

At the heart of our service is the mission to improve the quality of life for the people and communities we serve. In the pages of *Kentucky Living*, we collaborate with our fellow electric cooperatives across the commonwealth to do just that.

When *Kentucky Living* debuted as *Kentucky Electric Co-op News* in 1948, most of the homes in our communities did not yet have electric service. The magazine not only chronicled the incredible progress of those early members of Jackson Energy, it also served to connect and inform, sharing experiences, knowledge and our common purpose.

At its core, *Kentucky Living* embodies the very essence of electric cooperatives—empowering co-op members. By delivering thought-provoking articles, timely updates and valuable resources, the magazine helps our members stay informed, engaged and connected. It serves as a platform for sharing success stories, innovative solutions and community initiatives, showcasing how we can achieve great things together. Whether it's highlighting energy-saving tips, featuring local businesses or promoting cooperative principles, *Kentucky Living* fosters a sense of belonging and collective responsibility.

As a cooperative that belongs to the members we serve, Jackson Energy has a duty to keep you informed and advocate for your interests. That's why in addition to the local events, attractions and travel tips that make *Kentucky Living* so enjoyable, we also keep you updated on current events and the policies and regulations that affect our ability to provide you safe, reliable and efficient electric service.

As you enjoy this special commemorative issue with photos and stories from the last 75 years, I also encourage you to think about what legacy this generation will leave behind for Jackson Energy members in the next 25, 50 or 75 years.

As we are reminded of how far we've come, we are also inspired to continue pioneering initiatives that benefit our communities. *Kentucky Living* serves as a bridge between our past, present and future, preserving our history while propelling us toward a brighter tomorrow.

By President & CEO
Carol Wright



Summer school



Jackson Energy Staking Supervisor Seth Jones gives a drone safety lesson to the summer school students attending Colony Elementary School in Laurel County. Photo: Lisa Baker

Honoring a legacy

The legacy of the late Henry Ledford of Big Creek (Clay County) was honored with a road naming ceremony this past June. The road naming resolution was Kentucky General Assembly House Joint Resolution 7, which designates State Route 66 from the Clay/Leslie County line to US 421 in Clay County the “Henry Ledford Memorial Highway.” Senate President Robert Stivers and State Rep. Derek Lewis attended.



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Ledford was a U.S. Army World War II veteran. He died on November 30, 2022, at age 103. Ledford served in the 11th Infantry Regiment and freed prisoners from a concentration camp near Landberg, Germany.

Jackson Energy had the privilege of sponsoring Ledford on the 2019 Touchstone Energy Kentucky Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. Ledford was the star of the flight—as he turned 100 years young on that day.



TIM WEBB

Celebrating 85 years of service

Member Appreciation Event dates/locations

Sept. 26 - 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Estill County

Meade’s Do-It Center
Irvine

Lee County

Jackson Energy’s Beattyville District Office

Rockcastle County

Renfro Valley–Mount Vernon

Sept. 27 - 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Clay County

Jackson Energy’s Manchester Office

Laurel County

Jackson Energy’s London District Office

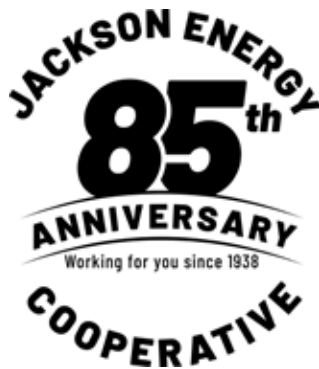
Owsley County

United Methodist Church Life Center
Booneville

Sept. 28 - 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Jackson County*

Jackson Energy’s McKee District Office



Members are invited to stop by and register for our member appreciation event and collect your free bucket and LED bulb.

Drive-thru registration: Members will be able to register without getting out of their vehicle.

*Held in conjunction with Jackson Energy’s annual business meeting.

2023 Annual Business Meeting

September 28, Noon

McKee District Office
103 Mildred Road
McKee, Kentucky

- Drive-up business meeting.
- Business meeting will be broadcast over radio.
- Members stay in their vehicles.
- Must be present to win cash prizes; cash prize winners will be announced at the end of the business meeting.
- Register for the business meeting and collect your free bucket and LED bulb.

Making summer special

More than 1,000 athletes and hundreds of coaches and family members participated in competitions during the 2023 Special Olympics State Summer Games at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond.

Jackson Energy and other Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives again proudly sponsored the games, which took place June 2-4. The Summer Games included competitions in track and field, soccer, bocce and rhythmic gymnastics.

Cooperatives provided more than 80 volunteers to help events go smoothly. Athletes were treated to tethered hot air balloon rides, courtesy of Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives during the morning.

Supporting the games gives the cooperative an opportunity to remind the world about the principles they adhere to as a cooperative. In particular, it allows Jackson Energy to demonstrate its commitment to the communities it serves.

"We are proud to help make the Special Olympics State Summer Games

possible and to make it an unforgettable day for the athletes," says April Renner, vice president of corporate services at Jackson Energy. "We are inspired by their courage and compassion, and we are proud to support them and the communities we serve."

This was the 11th year of partnership between Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives and Special Olympics Kentucky.

"We appreciate so much everything that Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives does to make our State Summer Games so special for our athletes and their families," says Trish Mazzoni, president/CEO of Special Olympics Kentucky. "Everybody looks forward to seeing their team members at the track each year and the work they do to make our awards process there go smoothly is incredible."

The State Summer Games are Special Olympics Kentucky's largest competition of the year. This was the 28th year of competition at Eastern Kentucky University. Each athlete qualifies through participation at a regional or area-level event.



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Jackson Energy employees and guests volunteer at the Special Olympics Summer Games in Richmond. Shown, from left, are Danille Stewart, Megan Baker, Angie Hisle, Taylor Moore, April Renner, Heather Ward, Drew Jackson, Lynne House, Jessica Smith-Jackson, Lisa Baker, Renita Fox and Kayla Fox. Not pictured are Jeff, Nikki and Canaan Browning. Photo: Joe Settles