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Keeping your pets and energy bills comfortable

We consider our four-legged companions part of the family and can't imagine life without them. We know others feel this way, too. That's why during the winter months, we make sure our whole family, including our four-legged members, is cozy—without taking a big “bite” out of our budget.

This month, we'd like to share a few simple ways you can make your home more comfortable this winter, which can ultimately help you save on energy bills.

At the onset of the cold weather season, we replace the HVAC filter for better air quality and to help the unit operate more efficiently. You can also keep your home cozier by caulking and weatherstripping windows and doors. If your home is particularly chilly, you can tape or affix heavy, clear plastic to the inside of your window frames to create an additional barrier against the cold. Ensure that the plastic is tightly sealed to the frame to help reduce infiltration.

We know winter can be “ruff,” so we set our thermostat at 68 degrees, a “purrfect” temperature for people and pets. This is especially important for smaller, short-haired and senior dogs—not just for warmth, but for their general health. Puppies, kittens and older pets with



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arthritis or other ailments may have a harder time controlling their body heat and need the additional warmth when it's chilly out.

Pets that sleep close to the floor can be subject to cold drafts that enter your home through windows and exterior doors. If your pet's bed is near a window or door that feels drafty, tightly roll up a towel and place it near the bottom of the door or window to eliminate the draft. Cutting down on cold drafts helps everyone feel more comfortable through the winter.

If possible, elevate your pet's bed so it's not placed directly on a cold floor. An old chair or sofa cushion works well. If you don't use a dog bed, take some old blankets and create a donut shape on the cushion so the dog can snuggle and

“nest” within the blanket. You can do the same for cats but on a smaller scale. Blankets enable pets to nestle into them, even when they aren't tired, and provide a comfortable place for dogs and cats to curl up.

During the day, open your blinds and curtains to allow sunlight to warm your home. Close window coverings at night for an added layer of insulation.

At Jackson Energy, we want to help you save energy and money. Check out our SmartHub app and visit our website at jacksonenergy.com for additional energy-saving tips.

We can't control the weather, but we can provide advice to help you save energy and keep your family and furry friends more comfortable during the winter season.

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A time of thanksgiving

Veterans Day and Thanksgiving Day are both observed in November, which is fitting. Both of these dates remind us to slow down and count our blessings.

As you look back over 2022, what's on your gratitude list? Maybe it's a bountiful harvest or a special occasion. Or perhaps you're thankful for small things like a beautiful fall sunset or a delicious home-cooked meal.

Here at Jackson Energy, there's no shortage of things making our list.

We're grateful for:

- More than 2,300 members who registered for this year's annual meeting to participate in governing your cooperative.
- Our board of directors, those civic-minded members who give their time and talents to represent your interests as we set policies and plan for our future.
- 115 co-op employees who are dedicated to delivering safe, reliable and affordable energy to our more than 52,600 members.
- The personal contacts, calls, emails and social media posts from members that alert us to problems or help us gauge local interest in system upgrades, renewable energy programs and new technologies like electric vehicles.
- Being one of Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives, which allows Jackson Energy to work with fellow electric cooperatives to bring new jobs to the region and support important environmental initiatives.
- Members who voluntarily participate in Operation RoundUP, making it possible for Jackson Energy to donate \$25,695 this year to worthy causes in the community.
- The opportunity to sponsor war veterans Howard Evans of Booneville, Hershel Taylor of Annville and John Ratliff of London for this year's Honor Flight to view monuments to their service in Washington, D.C.
- Our eight high school students who represented Jackson Energy on the annual youth tour to Frankfort and the four who went to Washington, D.C., for a weeklong immersion to experience democracy in action.
- The ability to award \$16,000 in college scholarships to eight deserving students throughout our service area.

Most of all, we're thankful for your membership in Jackson Energy. Thank you for your support as we continue to sustain the communities we serve.

This Thanksgiving, I hope you also have plenty for which to give thanks. May you and your loved ones have a happy, healthy and blessed holiday.

By President & CEO
Carol Wright



A flight to remember

Honor Flight veterans are greeted with a hero's welcome

We're excited for the return of the 2022 Honor Flight, sponsored by Jackson Energy as a member of Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives.

Jackson Energy sponsored three local veteran heroes on the September 17 flight to see their memorials in Washington, D.C., along with 63 other Kentucky veterans.

We were proud to sponsor Howard Evans of Booneville, John Ratliff of London and Hershel Taylor of Annville on the 11th Honor Flight, which was organized by Honor Flight Kentucky.

The day included viewing the changing of the guard ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. Among the Kentucky veterans were two World War II veterans, Lewis Fields and Jackson Energy's Howard Evans, who participated in a wreath-laying service at the tomb.



World War II veteran Howard Evans from Booneville arrives in Washington, D.C. Photo: Tim Webb

“Honor Flight is a critical part of Jackson Energy’s commitment to our community,” says President & CEO Carol Wright. “It’s a privilege to be able to fly these veterans to their memorials and it’s an opportunity for us to thank them for their service to our nation and our community.”

In addition to the volunteers who served as guardians for the veterans, hundreds of family members and cooperative employees welcomed the veterans home at Lexington’s Blue Grass Airport, saluting them with a standing ovation as they returned from the day’s activities in our nation’s capital.



Above, representatives of Jackson Energy who participated in the Welcome Home Celebration at Blue Grass Airport are, from left, April Renner, Jamie Grimes, Jessica Grimes, Charlie Russell, Lynne House, Lindsay Russell, Susan Woods and Renita Fox.

Right top, Vietnam veteran John Ratliff of London is greeted by Jackson Energy’s Jessica Grimes as part of the Welcome Home Celebration.

Right bottom, Vietnam veteran Hershel Taylor of Annville arrives back at Blue Grass Airport along with his guardian and fellow veteran, Jackson Energy 1st Class Line Technician Brent Johnson. Photos: Tim Webb



Youth Tour 2023

Jackson Energy is offering eight high school juniors a one-day trip to Frankfort and a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to tour Washington, D.C.

Parents/guardians must be Jackson Energy members to be eligible for the 2023 Youth Tour program.

Winners will be required to attend the Frankfort Youth Tour in March 2023, as well as the Washington Youth Tour in June 2023.

For a complete set of rules and to apply ONLINE, visit our website at www.jacksonenergy.com/scholarship-programs.



**DEADLINE to apply:
January 5, 2023**

Scholarships \$2,000—NO ESSAY



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High school seniors who plan to attend an accredited college or trade school in the fall of 2023 are invited to apply—**NO ESSAY REQUIRED!**

**DEADLINE to apply:
November 30, 2022**

For a complete set of rules and to APPLY ONLINE, visit our website at www.jacksonenergy.com/jackson-energy-essay-scholarship



U.S. Small Business Administration

SBA assists residents and businesses in eastern Kentucky affected by recent flooding

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is offering residents and businesses in eastern Kentucky low-interest disaster loans that cover up to 100% of flood damages due to the recent disaster. These loans, with terms up to 30 years, cover many damages not covered by insurance or FEMA grants. Loans can also be used to assist with relocation or mitigation improvements to reduce likelihood of future damages from similar events.

The disaster declaration covers Breathitt, Clay, Floyd, Knott, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, Owsley, Perry, Pike and Whitley counties in **Kentucky**, which are eligible for both Physical and Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) from the SBA. Small businesses and nonprofits in the adjacent counties are eligible to apply only for EIDLs: Bell, Estill, Harlan, Jackson, Johnson, Knox, Laurel, Lawrence, McCreary, Morgan, Powell and Wolfe in **Kentucky**; Campbell and Claiborne in **Tennessee**; Buchanan, Dickenson, and Wise in **Virginia**; and Mingo and Wayne in **West Virginia**.

To apply visit DisasterLoanAssistance.sba.gov, go to a Disaster Recovery Center, call SBA at (800) 659-2955, or send an email to DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov.

If you are deaf, hard of hearing or have a speech disability, please dial 711 to access telecommunications relay services.