

Spotlight



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'11 Annual Meeting



Bluegrass tunes, fireworks booms

A crowd of about 5,000 filled the fields and roadways near McKee for the pyrotechnic finale to an evening of Bluegrass music and cooperative business at the 2011 Annual Meeting.

Bluegrass musician Ralph Stanley II provided musical entertainment under the big tent as fans from Jackson and surrounding counties took in two shows and enjoyed the near perfect summer evening.

Jackson Energy President & CEO Don Schaefer addressed the crowd during the business meeting. Speaking briefly about challenges facing the electric utility industry, Schaefer talked about two cooperative initiatives that benefit Jackson Energy members.

The co-op recently returned \$2.9 million in capital credits to members and launched a prepay program that allows consumers to purchase electricity before they use it. An in home display provides usage information and studies have shown that prepay households tend to



RALPH STANLEY II was the featured entertainer at this year's Annual Meeting. Stanley performed two shows under the big tent before the evening concluded with fireworks.

use less electricity. Jackson Energy is the first utility in Kentucky to implement a prepay program.

Schaefer concluded his speech by telling the audience, "As a cooperative, we are here for you. We make sure the power is there when you need it and at an affordable price. Your cooperative, Jackson Energy is Working for You."

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Working for You

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Also during the business meeting, the following directors were reelected – Chairman Fred Callahan, Owsley County; Ted Cundiff, Lee County; and Secretary Keith Binder, South Laurel.

Jackson Energy also recognized area scholarship winners. Each year, Jackson Energy awards eight \$1,200 scholarships to area students through an essay contest. Since the scholarship program began in 1992, more than \$143,000 has been awarded.

This year's scholarships also included a full scholarship to the Lineman's Training Center at Somerset Community College. The winner of the lineman's scholarship, valued at \$3,500, was Daniel Dewayne Henson of McKee.

Receiving \$1,200 scholarships were – Chelsea Westerfield, Jackson County; Rebecca McIntosh, Lee County; Morgan Hunt, Rockcastle County; Ethan Worley, South Laurel; Rita Baker, Owsley County; Helena Sizmore, Clay County; Kaylee Farmer, Estill County and Elizabeth Trosper, North Laurel.

Before the fireworks finale, Jackson Energy also awarded door prizes.

PRIZE WINNERS

\$500 Grand Prize - Irene Clemmons, McKee.

Fireworks & Family Fun





\$100 Prize - Jessie Metcalf, Tyner; James T. Tackett, Vincent; Michael Lear, Mt. Vernon.

\$50 Prize - Rebecca Lear, Tyner; Michelle Miracle, East Bernstadt; Susan Rice, Manchester; Irene & Roger Burke, Mt. Vernon; Ernest Ashcraft, Beattyville.

\$25 Prize - Teresa Proffitt, Annville; Joyce Combs, Manchester; Brenda McGee, London; Glendon Crutcher, Crab Orchard; Robert Ruffner, Irvine; Oneida McIntosh, Booneville; Michael Caldwell, Beattyville.

\$750 Scholarships - Jessica Bowling, Mt. Vernon; Samantha McIntosh, Booneville; Stephen King, London; Jacob Bowling, Annville; Salerina Olinger, Beattyville; Patrick Good, Oneida.

ANNUAL MEETING SCENES -
A family watches the fireworks as the annual meeting concludes with a bang, far left. Jackson Energy CEO Don Schaefer holds up an inhome display as he talks about the cooperative's prepay metering program during his annual meeting speech, center top. The grand prize winner of \$500 was Irene Clemons of McKee. Jackson Energy's Lisa Baker, center middle, presents her with her prize. Thelma Onkst, center bottom, receives her bucket from Eleschia Anderson at the London Office after she registers. Carter Moore, top left, wears his cowboy hat to annual meeting. Holding Carter is Brittany Moore from Jackson County. Jackson Energy Scholarship winners, bottom left, were recongized at the meeting.



COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLES

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4. Autonomy & Independence

JACKSON ENERGY MEMBERS are part of a different kind of business. They are member/owners of an electric cooperative.

You may know the history of the electric cooperative movement, how seven decades ago rural residents banded together to bring the conveniences of electricity to their communities.

The fourth cooperative principle is autonomy and independence. Cooperatives are independent, self-help organizations controlled by their members. Remaining independent allows us to best serve the needs of you, our owners. What might be a sound decision for one co-op, might not work for another. Local service and attention to your unique needs explains why having local control is best for each locally owned and governed electric cooperative.

That's the cooperative difference.



DOWNED POWER LINES: They're NEVER safe to touch

Just because a downed power line doesn't have sparks flying from it, doesn't mean it isn't energized.

Any time you see a downed power line, be sure to report it to Jackson Energy by calling our 24-hour dispatch center.

Dispatchers are on duty 24/7 to take reports of outages and, yes, downed power lines.

Storm damage, such as high winds or falling tree limbs,

can cause the power lines to break and fall.

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