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### A thankful season

Reflections on our co-op community

s the leaves rustle and the air turns crisp, we find ourselves in the embrace of the enchanting fall season. At Jackson Energy, we believe that our mission extends beyond providing reliable energy; it's about fueling the warmth, togetherness and memories that make this time of year truly special.

As you prepare to welcome family and friends for fall festivities and Thanksgiving, Jackson Energy aims to illuminate your celebrations and homecomings, creating an atmosphere that captures the essence of the season.

### Harvesting memories with reliable power

The heartwarming traditions of fall and Thanksgiving often revolve around coming together to share meals, stories and laughter. We are committed to reliable power so you can focus on creating cherished memories without worry. Whether you're baking your famous pumpkin pie or capturing the perfect family portrait, Jackson Energy is here to keep the lights shining bright.

#### Community at the core

Just as the fall season brings communities closer, Jackson Energy thrives on the sense





of community that binds us all. We take immense pride in being more than just an energy provider—we're your neighbors, friends and partners. As you gather with loved ones, know that your local co-op is working diligently to enhance the quality of life in our shared community.

#### **Brightening the path forward**

The fall season is a perfect reminder of the cyclical nature of life—a time to reflect on the past and anticipate the future.

At Jackson Energy, we are continuously looking ahead, exploring innovative technologies, energy efficiencies and solutions to meet the evolving needs of our members. We take our responsibility seriously as stewards of our community and the environment. Our promise to you is a steadfast commitment to enhancing your experiences through the power of partnership.

#### **Gratitude and growth**

As Thanksgiving approaches, we want to express our gratitude for your unwavering support. Your involvement and engagement empower us to serve you better. With every flicker of light, we aim to symbolize the strong connection we share with you, our valued members.

As you decorate your homes, prepare feasts and welcome loved ones this fall, remember that Jackson Energy is here to brighten your celebrations and homecomings. Together, we're writing the story of a brighter future for our community.

Wishing you a fall season filled with joy, warmth and unforgettable moments.



Letter from the President

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# A feast of blessings

amilies and friends throughout Jackson Energy's service area will sit down at dinner tables for their annual Thanksgiving Day feast later this month. Many, like me, will follow that with spending time with family and maybe catching part of a football game.

But Thanksgiving isn't just about full bellies and bustling kitchens. It's also a time we set aside for reflecting and counting our blessings. This year, I'll give thanks for many things.

I'm privileged to work for Jackson Energy and grateful for members like you who support the co-op's mission and values. While our priority is always to provide safe, reliable electricity at a reasonable rate, we are also committed to honoring the core cooperative principle of "Concern for Community."

It's gratifying to work for an organization that makes a difference in people's lives because it's the right thing to do. Members who participate in Operation RoundUp make it possible for us to invest in supporting local economic development and other mainstays of a healthy community. Other cooperative-supported initiatives help bring new jobs to our area and protect Kentucky's natural resources.

I'm equally thankful for the opportunity to work closely with local schools to provide scholarships, safety demonstrations and conservation education. Member support also makes it possible for us to send some of the community's brightest young people to Washington, D.C., for the annual youth tour.

It's a blessing to be a catalyst for good in our community as one of Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives, too. We serve fellow Kentuckians through Honor Flight for military veterans, Ronald McDonald House for local families with seriously ill children and the Summer Games for Special Olympics Kentucky athletes.

I hope you also have much to be grateful for this Thanksgiving. May you and your loved ones have a happy, healthy and blessed holiday.

> By President & CEO Carol Wright



## Welcoming our heroes home

he Honor Flight sponsored by Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives returned to a rousing welcome home ceremony at Blue Grass Airport on Sept. 16 after a full day of touring Washington, D.C. The flight transported 66 Kentucky veterans to see their memorials on the National Mall.

This is the 12th year the cooperatives have sponsored an Honor Flight. Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives began working with Honor Flight in 2010 to honor Kentucky's veterans.

This flight carried one World War II veteran, eight Korean War veterans and two women veterans who were inducted into the Military Women's Memorial during the trip. The other veterans served our country during the Vietnam War. Two Purple Heart recipients were among the veterans on this trip.

Jackson Energy was honored to sponsor Johnny Bailey and Robert "Bob" Reams on this year's Honor Flight.

"I'm proud of my service and I'd do it all over again," says Harrison County resident and Purple Heart recipient Barry Gene Roseberry, who was wounded in Vietnam in August of 1969 with six weeks left in his tour. "I feel very lucky. I got a piece of shrapnel in my wrist and had a hunk taken out of my leg."

Jim Rains, a Whitley County cattle farmer, was severely wounded in



Jackson Energy's Clay County Director Landis Cornett, a Vietnam veteran, visits the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C., during the Kentucky Honor Flight. Photo: Tim Webb

Vietnam both by shrapnel from bombs and bullet wounds in 1969. Numerous scars on his body are a testimony to his bravery, resilience and service to his country. Rains received the Purple Heart as a result of his wounds.

"It's a privilege to be able to fly these veterans to their memorials, and it's an opportunity to repay them in some small way for their service to our nation and our community," says Jackson Energy President & CEO Carol Wright.

As in years past, veterans flew from Lexington to Reagan National Airport in Washington, D.C., where they boarded three buses for a full day of honors and sightseeing.

The day included viewing the changing-of-the-guard ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. Kentucky veterans also participated in a wreath-laying service at the tomb.

Learn more at www.honorflightky.org and www.togetherwesaveky.com/ community.





Above, Jackson Energy sponsored veterans Johnny Bailey, left, and Bob Reams on the 2023 Kentucky Honor Flight. Photo: Jessica Grimes

Left, Jackson Energy employees, along with family and friends, participate in the homecoming celebration at the Blue Grass Airport. in Lexington. Photo: Jamie Grimes

# Less than a minute

ine linemen from Jackson Energy demonstrated their agility, preparation, strength and dedication during the 2023 Kentucky Lineman's Rodeo in Bowling Green.

More than 100 competitors representing 17 electric cooperatives across the state took part in the two days of competition held at the Phil Moore Park in western Kentucky.

For the overall competition, Jackson Energy's team of First Class Line Technicians Dwight Robinson, Jordan House and Blake Smith won second place—missing the bragging right of first place by only 59 seconds.

For team events, Jackson Energy's Robinson, House and Smith also won first place in hurtman rescue, placed first in the mystery skills climb event





The Jackson Energy Lineman's Rodeo team. From front left: First Class Line Techs Dwight Robinson and Blake Smith, President & CEO Carol Wright, First Class Linemen Brent Johnson, Nick Mays, Luke Pelfrey, Eric Dezarn and District Supervisor Marty York. From back left, First Class Lineman Jordon House, Safety Director Thomas Nichols, VP of Engineering & Operations Ryan Henderson and First Class Line Techs Marlon Coffey and Justin Madden.

and placed third in the transformer and street light change out competition.

"We are extremely proud of our teams and all the lineworkers who competed," says Carol Wright, president & CEO. "The awards are a result of a lot of hard work and technical skills that our lineworkers have gained over the years to prepare not only for this competition, but for the tasks they may have to perform on any given day."

Before the competition began, as family and friends gathered together, the lineworkers held a solemn tribute to remember lineworkers who have fallen in the line of duty. During the ceremony,

Left, First Class Line Tech Luke Pelfrey hustles in the individual journeyman hurtman rescue event; right, Right-of-Way Agent/First Class Line Tech Brent Johnson competes in the capacitor change event. Photos: Tim Webb lineworkers climbed a pole, unfurled American and Kentucky flags, hung a wreath and then added empty boots in their honor and memory.

In addition to the overall team awards, Jackson Energy's Right-of-Way Agent/First Class Line Technician Brent Johnson placed first in the individual journeyman hurtman rescue event.



### Deadline quickly approaching

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