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Celebrating our independence

On July 2, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence from Great Britain and King George III. Two days later, through the reading and adoption of the Declaration of Independence, written by Thomas Jefferson, Independence Day was born.

Each year on the Fourth of July, we celebrate our nation's heritage and reflect on the power of democracy. A strong democracy is built on participation, cooperation and the belief that every vote counts. The principles that guide our nation also direct Jackson Energy.

Cooperatives are founded on seven guiding principles that make us different than other business models. These principles help unite us with common goals, just as the Declaration of Independence did for the colonies 246 years ago.

Among them is the declaration that cooperatives are autonomous and independent. When you sign up for service from Jackson Energy, you also became a member of this cooperative.

Our co-op is independently controlled by those it serves, and not by investors or shareholders who seek profit.

Another cooperative principle states that we are a democratic organization. Every member of Jackson Energy has the right to vote for the co-op's directors.



No matter how much energy you consume, you have an equal vote in board elections.

The directors that you elect have the final say on all major decisions made by our cooperative, from the policies that are set, to the rates we charge for electricity.

Like you, these board members live in our service area, are members and

purchase electricity from Jackson Energy.

This connection between our directors, our communities and our cooperative helps them make decisions that are in the best interests of all members.

This Independence Day, we hope you'll join us in celebrating our cooperative difference and the democratic process that makes both our country and our cooperative strong.

Lisa Baker, Editor

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Working to keep fuel costs down

Over the past year, demand for goods and services has outpaced supply, driving up prices for just about everything. You see it at the gasoline pump and the grocery store, and you've probably noticed it on your electric bill, too.

The cost of fuel to make electricity has gone up, too, increasing Jackson Energy's costs.

Due to a number of government policies, coal and nuclear power plants are being closed across the country and are not being replaced. As a result, natural gas is being used at a much higher rate than in the past. The gas industry is dealing with its own issues with fuel delivery, and it costs significantly more than it did even two years ago.

As the U.S. adds renewables and closes reliable coal and nuclear power plants, another factor has come into play: worldwide demand for natural gas. Natural gas exports take away some of the domestic supply and upset the situation further.

While solar and wind are affordable when they are producing energy, they are not always producing. When the sun doesn't shine and the wind doesn't blow, we have to turn to reliable resources like coal, gas and nuclear.

In addition to those listed above, Jackson Energy continues to utilize local renewable energy resources that are available within our service territory. By purchasing electricity produced at our local landfills, located in Laurel and Estill counties, and at the hydroelectric generating plant located on the Kentucky River near Ravenna, we can continue to help offset rising fuel costs.

Hard-working families and America's industries depend on a sensible, balanced energy policies that protect reliable, affordable energy while increasing sustainability at a reasonable pace. That is what your cooperative is fighting for.

By President & CEO
Carol Wright



Pets get overheated, too

As much as you enjoy being outdoors in the summer, you probably find cool, indoor spaces—like your home, a shopping mall or a movie theater—a more comfortable place to spend lazy afternoons when it’s extra hot outside.

If it’s too hot for you to be outdoors, then it’s too hot for your pets. In fact, pets can get even hotter than you do because they’re covered with fur.

Some pet-safe tips for summer:

- Leave your dogs and cats inside your air-conditioned home when you

leave for an extended period or when the heat drives you indoors yourself.

- Take walks or runs with your dogs early in the morning or at dusk when the weather is cooler.
- Remember that your pets don’t wear shoes, so hot asphalt on streets and sidewalks can burn their paws.
- If you let your pets into your yard, choose plants that are safe for pets. Some of the most popular spring and summer flowering plants,



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like azaleas and hydrangeas, can poison pets.

- Store fertilizer out of your pets’ reach.

Lessons outside the classroom



Safety Director Thomas Nichols, above, and 1st Class Line Tech Colby Nicholson, at right, demonstrate the dangers of electricity to the children at Crestview Mennonite School in Laurel County. Photos: Chad Mashburn



1st Class Line Tech Joey Dezarn, above, and Working Foreman Willis Sizemore, at right, were happy to assist the students at Burning Springs Elementary School in Clay County with their egg drop science project. Photo: Willis Sizemore



JOEY DEZARN

TREE TRIMMING SAFETY

Trimming and removal of trees can be dangerous work

Consider these common dangers before attempting a tree trimming project on your own:

ELECTROCUTION: If there's a chance power lines might be involved at all, always call your electric utility first. Even when you think there's room, if the wind blows a limb into a power line as you're trimming it, you can be electrocuted.

FALLING: Always make sure you are using appropriate safety harnesses and ropes. Before climbing, inspect the tree to make sure no power lines run through or near the tree.

BEING STRUCK: Improper cutting can cause the tree to fall where you hadn't planned. Always have two escape routes planned in case the tree starts going the wrong way.

OVERESTIMATING: You can be seriously injured or killed if you overestimate your abilities.

Beautiful, yet dangerous



LISA BAKER

We understand the risks of trimming, clearing and removal of trees and encourage our members to do the same—as these projects can be dangerous and even deadly and should be taken seriously.

With safety the top priority at Jackson Energy, tree clearing is on our list of required training for our field personnel. Pearl Banks and Eric Sizemore with Asplundh provided hands-on training and demonstrations on the proper techniques of clearing trees and the unexpected dangers to look for when cutting trees.

The most common types of serious accidents associated with trees are electrocution if you come in contact with an electric line, if you fall from a tree, if you are struck by a falling tree or limb, or if you overestimate your abilities.



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