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Honoring workers on Labor Day

A lot of effort behind the holiday

Labor Day means different things to different people.

For families, it's often a time for backyard barbecues. For children, it signals the end of summer. Political campaigns circle Labor Day on the calendar as the start of the two-month sprint to Election Day.

Of course, many workers recognize Labor Day as it was originally intended when President Grover Cleveland signed it into law as a federal holiday in 1894. This day off of work for most Americans recognizes our nation's workforce, its contributions to the success of the United States and the hard-fought gains for the labor force since the 19th century.

Though Jackson Energy will be closed on this federal holiday, our crews are still on call to respond to any service interruptions.

We salute the labor force in the communities we serve, the men and women who keep us safe, fed, clothed, equipped, educated and entertained. To all of our members who put in the long hours to serve our communities, thank you for your work ethic and for sharing your talents.

We also pause on this Labor Day to thank the Jackson Energy employees



From left, Jackson Energy 1st Class Line Tech Joey DeZarn, 1st Class Line Tech Justin Madden, 1st Class Line Tech Dwight Robinson and Working Foreman Willis Sizemore are prepared to restore service any time, day or night, for our members. Photo: Lisa Baker

whose dedication to this co-op and these communities makes all the difference. The contributions of some of our employees are easily seen, such as the impressive efforts of line technicians to train, maintain and repair our electrical system.

But it takes a diverse team of employees—many of whom work behind the scenes—to fulfill Jackson Energy's mission to improve the quality of life

in the communities we serve. Employees in roles such as member service representatives, engineers, mechanics, technicians, information technology personnel, communicators and other professional services wear many hats to meet the needs of our cooperative.

To borrow a phrase from our statewide association of electric cooperatives, "Our Power is Our People."

Happy Labor Day.


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What's behind higher energy costs?

Prices are going up. We've all seen it at the grocery, the gas pump and practically everywhere else.

What is happening? Part of the issue is lingering impacts from the pandemic. Many industries slowed down, and it takes time to bounce back. It is difficult to find workers, materials, parts and transportation, and they cost more than a year or two ago. Supply chains that ran smoothly for years have faltered. Here at Jackson Energy, we are paying much more for electric wire and transformers, and it is taking us much longer to get them.

That is pushing electric bills higher. Contributing even more is the cost of fuel for our power plants. As the economy ramps up, more coal and natural gas is being used to make more electricity for factories, offices, stores and homes.

But coal mining and natural gas drilling have not kept pace. Why not? Like other industries they face challenges finding workers and equipment. Beyond that, they face government policies that put new investments in mining and drilling at tremendous risk, so they are hesitant to expand. Meanwhile, they can sell U.S. coal and natural gas overseas at prices much higher than what we pay here, driving up our costs.

If power plant fuel is expensive, what about renewables? After all, sunshine and wind are free. If only for that reason, renewables will play an increasingly important role in energy production for years to come. But, as we all know, the lights must stay on, even when the wind stops blowing or a cloud blocks the sun. The fact is, the constant need for electricity necessitates keeping coal, gas and nuclear plants running until we figure out how to store massive amounts of energy at low cost.

But, like mining and drilling, it is very risky to build fossil or nuclear power plants, mainly due to years of government policies limiting these technologies while providing generous incentives for renewables. So, when demand for electricity goes up—typically very hot or very cold days—there are fewer and fewer options for generating power, especially if sun and wind are not available. That is another big driver of higher power costs.

Your cooperative is doing everything we can to maintain reliable service at competitive rates. And we are working with policymakers in an effort to ensure we can continue doing that for many years to come.

By President & CEO
 Carol Wright



Local heroes taking Honor Flight 2022

Jackson Energy is proud to announce that we're sponsoring three veteran heroes later this month to see their memorials in Washington, D.C., along with other Kentucky veterans.

Howard Evans of Booneville, John Ratliff of London and Hershel Taylor of Annville are among the war veterans traveling from Lexington to Washington, D.C., on Saturday, September 17. Evans, Ratliff and Taylor will join about 70 other Kentucky veterans from World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War for a one-day tour of memorials dedicated to their service and sacrifices.

Evans, a 97-year-old World War II veteran; Ratliff, a 73-year-old Vietnam veteran; and Taylor, a 77-year-old Vietnam veteran, will represent Jackson Energy, which is sponsoring the all-expense-paid trip with Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives.

This is the 11th year that the co-ops have sponsored an Honor Flight. The last two flights have been canceled due to the pandemic. Jackson Energy began working with Honor Flight in 2010.

The 2022 mission will again be coordinated by Winchester-based



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Honor Flight Kentucky. We invite the public to come to a welcome home celebration at 7 p.m. on September 17.

The veterans will fly from Lexington's Blue Grass Airport to Reagan National Airport in Washington, D.C., where they will board buses for a full day of honors and sightseeing.

The day includes viewing the changing of the guard ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. Honor Flight

representatives will participate in a wreath-laying service at the tomb.

Honor Flight is a critical part of Jackson Energy's commitment to our community. It's a privilege to be able to fly these veterans to their memorials, and it's an opportunity to serve them in some small way to repay their service to our nation and our community.

Congratulations to our 2022 Honor Flight vets. Our goal is to make it one of your best days ever.

Capital youth tour

Four local high school students joined 60 other Kentucky electric co-op students in June for the Washington Youth Tour. In Washington, D.C., they learned about the political process, interacted with elected officials and gained an understanding of American history.

Students visited the Smithsonian museums, Holocaust Museum and national memorials.

The students joined more than 1,300 of America's best and brightest high school students representing electric cooperatives across America.

Now in its 51st year, the youth tour educates students about the issues facing co-ops, encouraging them to come home to Kentucky and help lead the co-ops future.

During the youth tour, Blake Hardy, Jackson Energy representative from Estill County High School, was named Kentucky's Youth Leadership Council delegate.



Representing Jackson Energy were, from front left, Blake Hardy, Estill County High School; Carson Morris, North Laurel High School; Kamryn Bentley, North Laurel High School; Hannah Barrett, Lee County High School; and, from back left, Jackson Energy Member Relations Coordinator Brent Jackson and Beattyville Office Supervisor Renita Fox, who served as chaperones. Photo: Tim Webb

2022 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING OFFICIAL NOTICE



DISTRICT 2
Jim Hays III



DISTRICT 4
Teresa Dawes



DISTRICT 6
Landis Cornett

Members:

The Annual Business Meeting of the members of the Jackson Energy Cooperative will be held at the Co-op Farm, 6.5 miles south of McKee, Kentucky, on September 22, 2022, at noon.

You are cordially invited to attend and participate in the activities of your cooperative. The agenda of the business session will be as follows:

1. Report on the number of members present in person in order to determine the existence of a quorum.
2. Appoint a secretary for the meeting.
3. Reading of the notice of the meeting and proof of the due publication or mailing thereof, or the waiver or waivers of notice of the meeting, as the case may be.
4. Reading or waiver of reading, and approval of the unapproved minutes of the previous meeting(s) of the members and the taking of necessary action thereon.
5. Presentation and consideration of, and action upon, reports of officers, directors and committees.
6. Report on the nomination of directors by committee or petition.
7. Election of directors.
8. Unfinished business.
9. New business.
10. Adjournment.

In connection with the election of directors scheduled for this meeting, the following members, whose names shall be placed on the official ballot, have been nominated for director by the Committee on Nominations appointed by the Board of Directors pursuant to the official bylaws: District 2—Jim Hays III, 540 Hwy 587, McKee, KY 40447; District 4—Teresa Dawes, 475 Quail Run Road, Irvine, KY 40336; District 6—Landis Cornett, 11697 N. Hwy 421, Manchester, KY 40961.

Keith Binder, Secretary, Jackson Energy Cooperative

Scholarships \$2,000 NO ESSAY

**Applications will be accepted
September 1–November 30, 2022**

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.

Student's Name:

High School:

Complete Home Address:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

**Name of Person
(and relation) on the Electric Bill:**

Jackson Energy Account Number:



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

Applicants may also complete this form and return to: Jackson Energy Cooperative,
Attn: Scholarships, 115 Jackson Energy Lane,
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