

Fleming-Mason Energy November 2017 *cooperative news*



Giving back, all year long

November and December are known as “the season of giving.” Filled with the holiday spirit, people often give generously during this time of the year.

At Fleming-Mason Energy, though, we believe every day is an opportunity to give because concern for local communities is one of our highest priorities. Providing safe, affordable, and reliable electricity will always be our mission, but we also want to make life better in the counties we serve.

We’re doing that by working to bring jobs and investments here. Fleming-Mason Energy and Kentucky’s Touchstone Energy Co-ops have pioneered the use of PowerVision and PowerMap, state-of-the-art tools that provide site selectors around the world with information they need to identify good

industrial sites in our communities.

Fleming-Mason Energy is collaborating with partners in education, workforce development, government, and business to develop the world’s largest science, technology, engineering, and math workforce, right here in Kentucky. We believe this is going to transform our commonwealth and power a bright future ahead.

To lead the way for members wanting affordable renewable energy, our cooperative system this month will finish construction on Cooperative Solar Farm One, one of Kentucky’s largest solar farms. Learn more about this at www.cooperativesolar.com.

We also support an annual Honor Flight for veterans and the Special Olympics Summer Games.

And earlier this year, Fleming-Mason Energy and Kentucky’s Touchstone Energy Cooperatives helped support sick children and their families by donating \$13,000 in cash and needed supplies to the Ronald McDonald House of the Bluegrass. The house provides lodging near hospitals for families of sick children.

In a variety of ways, we’re doing whatever we can to give back, all year long. We hope that you and our entire co-op family enjoy a happy and blessed Thanksgiving this year.



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Your Safety Matters

Be safe while decorating for Christmas

Watching National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation is a tradition for families during the holiday season. The humor is silly and in many scenes Clark Griswold would not win any safety awards.

Clark plugged multiple strands of Christmas lights into one socket, and he used an unstable ladder to attach the lights to his home and ended up falling off the roof.

This holiday season be safe while decorating your home.

Ladder accidents are the most common reason for emergency room visits. Always have a second person

hold the ladder, and never lean a ladder against trees. Over reaching from the ladder can cause the climber to become unbalanced and fall.

Also, when decorating with multiple lighting strands, don't overload the electrical outlet. Plugging too many cords together can overheat the outlet and start a fire.

To save time and money, use a timer to turn Christmas lights on in the evening and off before bedtime.

Fleming-Mason Energy cares about your safety and wishes you and your family a safe and blessed Christmas season.

2018 Washington Youth Tour

Each year, Fleming-Mason Energy selects up to four high school juniors from our service area to spend a week touring Washington, D.C., as participants in the Washington Rural Electric Youth Tour. This all-expense-paid trip is a week full of activities including tours of the U.S. Capitol, Arlington National Cemetery, the Library of Congress, the Smithsonian Institution, and meeting with Kentucky's congressional delegation. This special event is sponsored by Fleming-Mason Energy and the Kentucky Association of Electric Cooperatives.

Up to eight semi-finalists will be selected for a one-day trip to Frankfort, for the Frankfort Rural Electric Youth Tour. From that group, the four winners for the Washington Rural Electric Youth Tour will be selected.

To be eligible, you must be a high school junior between the ages of 16 and 18 in good academic and

disciplinary standing. Your parent(s) or guardian(s) must receive electric service at their primary residence from Fleming-Mason Energy. Each Youth Tour participant must complete an application form, receive a favorable report from their guidance counselor and English teacher, be involved in school and community activities, complete an essay, and agree to abide by the terms and conditions. Children or grandchildren of Fleming-Mason Energy employees, directors and attorneys are not eligible.

Contact Lori Ulrich at (606) 845-2661 for complete information or visit www.kaec.org. You must also contact your high school guidance

counselor. Deadline is February 28, 2018. Go to our website www.fme.coop to download an application. The 2018 Washington Rural Electric Youth Tour is scheduled for June 8-15. The Frankfort Rural Electric Youth Tour date will be announced soon.



Fleming-Mason Energy's 2017 Washington Youth Tour delegates, from left, Trista Hickerson, Jaycee Evans, and Kelly Jo Hartley. Photo: Tim Webb

Give TREES a Chance

Trees with mature height >40' tall
50' away

Mature trees <40' tall
20' away

Small trees & shrubs <25' tall
within 20'

50 ft
40 ft
30 ft
20 ft
10 ft

50 ft 20 ft Within 20 ft (but not under lines)

Trees planted too close to power lines grow into a BIG problem. To prevent power outages and safety hazards, these trees need to be trimmed and sometimes removed. Do your part to keep trees healthy and prevent power outages.

Plant trees a safe distance from power distribution lines. [SafeElectricity.org](http://www.SafeElectricity.org)

Report an Outage

1-800-464-3144

Find your outage at outage.fme.coop

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Fleming-Mason Energy salutes veterans and active duty military

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, World War I officially ended.

Twenty years later, electric cooperatives like Fleming-Mason Energy were just getting started when Congress declared the 11th of November a holiday—Armistice Day—dedicated to honoring those who fought in the Great War. In 1954 Congress struck the word “Armistice” and replaced it with “Veterans” to honor all men and women who have served in the armed forces.

On Veterans Day 2017 and every day, Fleming-Mason Energy is proud to recognize those who have sacrificed and served, especially the 330,000 veterans now residing in Kentucky. One way we show our gratitude is by sponsoring an annual Honor Flight that sends Kentucky veterans from World War II, Korea, and Vietnam to Washington, D.C., to view memorials erected in their honor. Walter McGlothin of Olympia was among 66 veterans making the trip.

This year, we are also helping shine a spotlight on those whose service inspired the original Armistice Day. The 100th anniversary of World War I is being commemorated with special events and exhibitions, such as the Kentucky World War I Centennial



Walter McGlothin, 2017 Honor Flight. Photo: Tim Webb

Exhibit featured at the 2017 Kentucky State Fair. Learn more at www.worldwar1centennial.org/kentucky.

The anniversary takes on special significance here in the Commonwealth, home of Robley Rex. At his death at age 107 in 2009, he was one of the last two U.S. veterans of World War I. He set an example of appreciation for us

all, logging more than 14,000 hours of volunteer time—even at age 105—at the Louisville Veteran’s Administration Medical Center.

This Veterans Day, please join us in saluting veterans as well as the 34,500 active duty military personnel stationed in Kentucky.

Military Math puts Kentucky near the top

Among all U.S. states, Kentucky ranks:

- 4th in active-duty Army personnel (34,300), following Texas, Georgia and North Carolina.
- 12th in active duty military personnel stationed in the state (34,595).
- 16th in total military personnel (including civilian workers, reservists and National Guard).