

Committed to members

Over the last several years, there have been a tremendous number of stories in the news about the electricity industry. Since the Rural Electrification Act was signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1936, the electricity industry has gone through a number of changes. The news you are reading today is about how this industry will continue to grow and evolve. Change is inevitable, and we welcome it as an opportunity to learn and grow.

Think about the changes we've lived through over the last few decades. We carry a phone, TV, radio, music player and video device in our pockets everywhere we go. Technology is evolving faster than ever.

As you read stories about the electrical industry, remember at our co-op, we were created for you, our members, and will be here for decades to come.

Cooperatives have seven core principles—voluntary and open membership; democratic control; members' economic participation; autonomy and independence; education, training and information; cooperation among cooperatives; and concern for community. I'm reminded of them

as I think about how our community has changed over the decades.

Right now, Kentucky is in demand from businesses and industry for many reasons, including hard-working members like you, our proximity to interstates, our vast natural resources and so much more.

Another big factor is Kentucky boasts some of the lowest priced electric rates east of the Mississippi, which makes our community a desirable place to locate. Our economic development team is working hard for you to bring opportunity to our area. New jobs require the reliable, competitively-priced electricity we provide.

Our co-op and our members are in a position to benefit from these new opportunities, but we will always be guided and served by our core principles. Those won't change, even as technology rapidly evolves.

That's what being in a cooperative is all about. When we work together for the common good, everyone benefits. We may only have a few members on each mile of our lines,



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but each one of those members is a valued member of our community.

Opportunity and change are coming to Kentucky, but what won't change at our co-op are those guiding principles. We're committed to each member, each and every day of the year.

At your service, 24/7

Should you experience an electric outage, cooperative employees are standing by to respond 24/7. To report an outage, call 1-800-464-3144.

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Keep ladders clear of power lines

If cleaning your gutters is on your to-do list this fall, make sure you're being safe when using a ladder. And make sure you stay clear of power lines when you're on or near your roof.

"When your fall maintenance project involves a ladder, take extra care to avoid accidental contact with power lines, including the service line that connects to your home," says Dustin Skaggs, Fleming-Mason Energy's safety coordinator. "Always assume all overhead lines are energized and dangerous."

To help prevent serious injuries or possible death resulting from accidental contact with energized lines, remember these ladder safety guidelines:

- The distance to the nearest overhead line should be at least twice the length of the ladder.
- Use a fiberglass ladder, if possible, that will not conduct electricity.
- Secure the ladder on even ground, preferably on pavement. Ensure A-frame ladders are fully opened and locked in place. Follow the 4:1 rule for extension ladders: For every 4 feet of height, the base of the ladder should be 1 foot away from the wall.
- Use a ladder that extends at least 3 feet above the roofline.
- Lower and carry the ladder horizontally when moving it. Since a long ladder can be unwieldy, get help carrying and setting it up.
- Never overreach. Losing your balance while in the air could result in a serious fall. Climb down and reposition the ladder instead of reaching.
- Never work on a windy day; a gust of wind can cause the ladder to shift and touch an overhead wire.
- Never touch someone who is in contact with a power line. Call 911 immediately.



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Maysville Hands of Hope receives 2025 CoBank Sharing Success Grant

Each year, Fleming-Mason Energy participates in the CoBank Sharing Success Grant Program, an annual grant initiative designed to strengthen local communities through charitable giving. The program is made possible through the support of Fleming-Mason Energy's governing board of directors in partnership with CoBank—a national cooperative bank owned by the rural American cooperatives it serves, including Fleming-Mason Energy.

Through Sharing Success, CoBank provides matching funds to amplify the charitable contributions of local cooperatives. This year, Fleming-Mason Energy is proud to announce Maysville Hands of Hope,

located in Maysville, as the recipient of the 2025 Sharing Success Grant.

Brandon Hunt, CEO of Fleming-Mason Energy, recently presented the award to Niccole Harris of Maysville Hands of Hope. The organization received a \$1,000 grant from CoBank along with a matching \$1,000 contribution from Fleming-Mason Energy, totaling \$2,000 in support.

"We are honored to support the incredible work of Maysville Hands of Hope," says Hunt. "This grant program reflects our commitment to investing in local organizations that bring real and lasting benefits to our communities."

Maysville Hands of Hope's mission is to connect residents with local



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resources, community events and gently used items that can benefit others—helping neighbors support one another and strengthening the region.

Vets power us

Each year approximately 200,000 members of the U.S. armed forces leave active duty and re-enter the civilian work force or pursue higher education. Many of these men and women will find permanent homes in Kentucky. Some will continue their commitment to service at an electric cooperative like Fleming-Mason Energy helping to power communities and empower members to improve the quality of their lives.

We have one veteran among our local employees.

Regardless of the location or job title, these individuals share an important common characteristic: they get the job done. There is no better qualification for those entrusted with safely providing reliable, affordable power to Fleming-Mason Energy's 21,000+ owner-members.

In recognition of Veterans Day on Nov. 11, we honor this employee who



TIM WEBB

helps us keep the power flowing:

Rob Skaggs

We salute Rob for his service to our country and are grateful for his contribution to the co-op and our community.



KEEPING WARM

Heating pads, electric blankets
and space heaters

Electric space heaters and blankets are great ways to stay toasty warm when the temperature drops. But don't forget about safety when you plug in these chill-chasers.

Remember—an electric space heater is a temporary option for supplemental heat. When you leave a room or go to sleep, turn off your electric space heater.

Always plug space heaters directly into a wall outlet. Never use an extension cord, which can cause overheating.

Never fold electric blankets or heating pads, and avoid using them while sleeping. Inspect them for dark, charred or frayed spots, and check to see if the electric cord is cracked or frayed.

Install smoke alarms on every floor of your home and outside all sleeping areas. Test them once a month.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME REMINDER

Don't forget to fall
back on **November 2!**
Set your clocks back
by one hour.

