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Powering up for a new school year

A new school year is always the beginning of something special. It's that time of year that everything seems possible. By providing reliable, safe electricity that powers nearly every aspect of a school's operation, Fleming-Mason Energy is making modern learning with new technology possible.

Rural schools were among the first to turn on the lights when our co-op power lines were initially energized. Education has improved significantly because of the power of modern technology, and Fleming-Mason Energy's electric system has kept pace to continue its support of learning from kindergarten through high school graduation.

Electricity keeps these campuses running by powering:

- Air conditioning and heating for classroom comfort.
- Lighting in classrooms, hallways, gyms and parking lots. And what would "Friday night lights" be without brightly lit football fields?
- Security and safety equipment like alarm systems, cameras, electronic door locks and exit/fire alarms.
- Electric water heaters and refrigerated drinking fountains.
- Teaching technology like computers and tablets, printers, charging stations, interactive "smart" boards and digital projectors.



- Vocational and STEM teaching devices that prepare students for the future workforce.
- Stage lighting, sound systems and digital art tools for exploring creativity.
- Commercial refrigerators, freezers and ice machines as well as industrial ovens and warmers—the essentials for cafeteria lunch preparation.
- School office equipment such as telephones, copy machines, scanners and Wi-Fi routers.
- Floor polishers, commercial vacuums and carpet cleaners that keep school

buildings spic and span.

- Vending machines, coffee makers and microwaves that supply snacks during instructors' well-earned breaks.

And, at the end of the day, students can thank electricity for operating the clock system that syncs with hallway and classroom bells to signal when it's time to go home.

The team at Fleming-Mason Energy is proud to power another school year. To all students and teachers, best wishes for success and achievement.

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Message from the President

Back to school

Class is always in session at Fleming-Mason Energy

When I was a kid, there was nothing better than summer break—warm weather, swimming, family cookouts and long, lazy days. But as much as I loved break, there was something exciting about going back to school, too. I looked forward to seeing friends and moving into a new grade—and as I grew older, I learned to enjoy the challenge of learning something new.

This month, Kentucky kids from kindergarten through high school will head back to the classroom. Others will enroll in college or technical training programs, and still others will pursue advanced degrees or certifications. Back-to-school month is an annual reminder that learning should never stop—and that it's good for all of us, at any age.

Fleming-Mason Energy supports education throughout our communities. For our youngest students, we share information about how electricity works using hands-on demonstrations to reinforce safety principles. As they get older, students learn more about the cooperative model through career days and opportunities like the youth tours to Frankfort and Washington, D.C. And because we know today's students are tomorrow's leaders, we are also proud to offer scholarship opportunities after high school.

Through your *Kentucky Living* magazine, Fleming-Mason Energy offers educational material for all ages, even those of us who, like me, might not have been in the classroom in a long time. We strive to keep you up to date on issues affecting your electric service, and we also communicate regularly about business matters so that you understand how your cooperative works on your behalf.

At Fleming-Mason Energy, we know that a learner's mindset can even save lives, especially when it comes to electricity. Our dedicated lineworkers constantly improve their skills as part of our safety culture. Continual learning helps ensure safe and reliable service for our consumer-members—and it also helps ensure that our hardworking crews come home safe. This commitment goes beyond the job, too, as we offer tips in *Kentucky Living* and on our social media channels to help you and your loved ones stay safe.

Education is part of our mission at Fleming-Mason Energy, and we're honored to support many kinds of learning for all ages. Wherever you are on your educational journey, I hope you find time to learn something new this month.

By Brandon Hunt
President & CEO



Community

Scholarship winners

Congratulations to our 2026 annual meeting essay scholarship winners and annual meeting scholarship drawing winners.



Above, Gavin Planck, and below, Makayan Linebaugh



From front left, Kennedy Prater, Brecken McCarty, Trinity Lambert, Alexis England, Elizabeth Thorn and Allison Manley; From back left, Bram Bloomfield, Lucas Campbell, Zander Hamm and Matthew Coyle. Photos: Wade Harris



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YOUNG DRIVERS

Should be aware of hazards

Don't forget about safety at home and on the road

Stepping out of the car immediately after striking a utility pole may kill you.

HERE'S WHY:

- **Power lines fall.** When a pole is struck, power lines and hardware can break loose.
- **Power lines are not insulated.** Grabbing one, grazing up against one or touching something that's touching it can kill you.
- **Electricity seeks the quickest path to ground.** You become that path if you get out of the car and touch a live power line and the ground. If you are alive, you are not currently creating that deadly "path to ground." This means it's safer to stay where you are.
- **Call 911.** After hitting a pole, call 911. Tell them you hit a pole and wait patiently. Tell others to stay back. Wait until you know it's safe before exiting.

Count on Fleming-Mason Energy

At Fleming-Mason Energy, we know our members count on us for the electricity that powers life's everyday moments. We're working every day to deliver electricity you can trust for everything you do. We're also here for the businesses, industries and institutions that make our communities strong.

When you flip the switch you expect the power to be on and we do, too. Our reliability doesn't happen by accident. We dedicate the time and resources to plan and execute the goal of keeping the power flowing.

Maintaining a strong power grid

Our team works year-round to maintain a strong and resilient system. We keep electric service reliable through:

- **Routine inspections and preventive maintenance.** We take a proactive approach to the upkeep of the co-op's electricity distribution system. This includes inspecting the co-op's nearly 60,000 poles and replacing those that are near the end of their lifecycle.
- **Tree trimming.** Routine right-of-way clearing and trimming prevent trees from contacting power lines—the primary cause of power outage events. We have a schedule for maintaining the vegetation, but if you see a tree that needs to be trimmed, let us know.
- **Strategic infrastructure upgrades and grid investments.** To support members' growing demands and evolving needs, we're replacing old equipment to strengthen our system and minimize service interruptions.
- **Smart technologies.** Real-time system monitoring and advanced outage detection speeds repairs and power restoration in the event of an outage. This same technology is empowering members to stay informed and take control of your energy use.



- **Storm preparation.** Regular training and drills ensure our crews are ready any time severe weather threatens. Advanced weather tracking technology allows repair crews to be in position to resolve outages quickly.

Every improvement made, every maintenance task performed and every response delivered has one focus: providing the safe, dependable service you count on from Fleming-Mason Energy.

8 simple ways to reduce your summer electric usage

Much of the electricity wasted in a typical home comes from small inefficiencies that add up. These small fixes can help lower summer power usage and be done by simply changing a few habits.

1. **Block the sun.** Close shades, blinds or drapes to reduce heat on summer afternoons, especially on south-facing windows.
2. **Look up.** Turn on the ceiling fan, ensuring it rotates counterclockwise. Use it only when people are in the room.
3. **Don't forget the filter.** Dirty air filters restrict airflow and make your HVAC system work harder. Clean or change filters regularly.
4. **Air it out.** Open windows at night or early in the morning to cross-ventilate with cooler air. Seal them tightly during the day.
5. **Rearrange the furniture.** Blocked or partially blocked vents restrict air flow and throw air conditioning out of balance. Keep furniture, piles of junk and items like pet beds away from vents.
6. **Clean the coils.** Use a vacuum to suck up dust and pet hair collected on refrigerator coils. Dirty coils force the fridge compressor to run longer and hotter, shortening the appliance's lifespan.
7. **Go cold.** About 90% of the energy used by a washing machine is for



heating water. Switching to cold water eliminates that cost entirely.

8. **Connect with the clothesline.** Use the summer heat to air dry clothes.

For more energy-saving ideas, explore togetherwesaveky.com.