# FLEMING-MASON ENERGY cooperative news

# We're ready to make a play

Kentucky may be nicknamed the Bluegrass State, but sports fans around the nation know us as the basketball state. Our roundball roots Basketball Hall of Fame in 2015. When a game is on the line in the closing seconds, Coach Cal stresses that you cannot be afraid to take



run deep. Whether it's tuning in for a Wildcats score or cheering on a local team, we love the game and revere those who play it well.

That's why Bluegrass basketball fans respect University of Kentucky men's basketball Coach John Calipari. In addition to guiding six teams to the NCAA Final Four, Coach Cal won the 2012 national championship at UK, was named Naismith College Coach of the Year three times and was inducted into the Naismith Memorial the gamewinning shot. He also often talks about the importance of working as a team and serving others.

At Fleming-Mason Energy, we think like Coach Cal. Our entire team is ready to make a play when winter storms hit.

Fleming-Mason Energy's linemen worked night and day to quickly restore power after winter brought snow, ice and arctic temperatures to the service area during the winter of 2009.

Some members were left in the dark and cold when the heavy snow and ice took down power lines and snapped poles.

## At your service, 24/7

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

> Joni Hazelrigg President & CEO

When storms were forecasted, your cooperative team set our game plan in motion. Our fully equipped trucks and personnel were ready to roll at the first sign of trouble. Meanwhile, our office team handled behind-thescenes details to support efficient power restoration.

Our game plan also includes being connected to the world's largest centrally dispatched power grid, called PJM Interconnection. By being part of a large regional power grid, Fleming-Mason Energy has a ready supply of power available—even when electric demand spikes on the coldest days of the year.

When the winter winds blow, your Fleming-Mason Energy team is ready. No matter the hour or the temperature, we're ready to make a play to keep your home warm and the game on.



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# The Fleming-Mason Energy difference



Fleming-Mason Energy employees donated food for the Backpack Program this holiday season. The program is run by the Fleming County Cooperative Extension Service Nutrition Program and helps feed children in the county. At right are Fleming-Mason Energy employees, Melissa Tackett, Tim Pease and Jennifer McRoberts. Photo: Lori Ulrich

Through a generous match from CoBank's Sharing Success program, Fleming-Mason Energy presented a \$1,000 check to the NewHope Clinic located in Owingsville. This contribution is in addition to a matching \$1,000 grant from FME. The NewHope Clinic offers free health care to uninsured residents of Bath, Rowan, Montgomery, Menifee and Morgan counties. Making the presentation is Fleming-Mason Energy President and CEO Joni Hazelrigg. Accepting for NewHope Ministries is Bill Grimes, P.A.-C. Photo: Lori Ulrich



Our office will be CLOSED Monday, February 18, in observance of Presidents Day

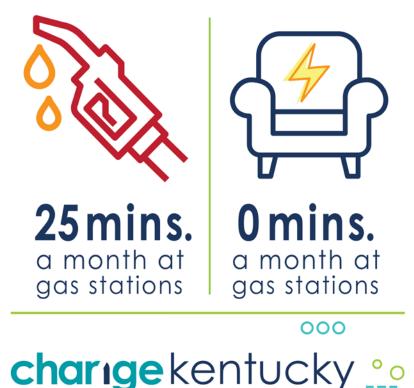
# 10 ways to give the gift of love

In honor of Valentine's Day on Feb. 14, we encourage our members to count the ways to save with your Fleming-Mason Energy Co-op Connections Card!



- 1. **Pharmacy** Save on prescriptions for those you love
- 2. **Treats** Get 20 percent off Shari's Berries for your sweetie
- 3. **Getaway** Save 10 percent at all Kentucky State Park lodges (code RECC)
- 4. **Healthy** Get automatic discounts at participating dentists, optometrists and more
- 5. **Floral** Save 20 percent off your entire order at 1-800-Flowers.com
- 6. **Tickets** Receive exclusive benefits on premium seats for concerts, sports and more
- 7. **Peace of Mind** Get ID theft monitoring for as low as \$5 a month with ID Sanctuary
- 8. Cash Back Get cash back for shopping online
- 9. Auto Rentals Save 25 percent on rentals from Avis and 15 percent with Hertz
- 10. **Hotels** Save up to 70 percent at 400,000 hotels worldwide

To learn more about these deals and find many more, visit www.connections.coop.



It takes time to fill up with gas.

On average, you would save about half an hour each month by plugging in an electric vehicle each night.



### **CUTTING CORNERS** CAN BE A COSTLY AND

#### **DEADLY MISTAKE**

Hiring a gualified, licensed electrician to perform any electrical work in your home should always be your first option.

#### But if you're into DIY projects, follow these safety tips when tackling your next project.

#### **DIY ELECTRICAL SAFETY TIPS:**

- Try to learn about your home electrical system so you can safely navigate and maintain it.
- Never attempt a project beyond your skill level. Knowing when to call a professional may help prevent electrical fires, injuries and fatalities.
- Always turn off the power to the circuit you plan to work on by switching off the circuit breaker in the main service panel.
- Be sure to unplug any lamp or appliance before working on it.



## Safety Matters Be alert to danger when using space heaters

A home tragically burned to the ground recently in Florida because of a mistake that many people make: the family placed a space heater too close to a bed.

Fortunately, everyone, including the family's pets, survived. But their home-and most of their possessions-were lost forever. There was one sparkle of hope. In the pile of burnt rubble, the family's nativity scene survived the devastation.

To be safe with space heaters, always take proper safety precautions.

One of the most important steps is to keep all flammable items three feet away. Never toss clothes and bedding on or near a space heater.

To prevent overheating, plug your space heater directly into a wall outlet instead of using an extension cord.

Before you go to sleep or leave the room, turn the space heater off. It is much safer to pile on extra blankets than to risk a fire igniting while you are asleep.

If you have pets or children, be especially cautious to keep them away from space heaters. Even the slightest contact with a heating coil or element can cause severe burns.

Fleming-Mason Energy wants to keep you and your family safe this winter and throughout the year.