

## Pathway to power

What's your favorite road? Kentuckians can always point to the Wilderness Trail blazed by Daniel Boone 264 years ago. Folks in this area might say KY 11, U.S. 68 or KY 32. And, most all of us this time of year are watching the Road to the Final Four.

When a community expands, roads are the first things we see cut across the countryside. Without them, homes can't be built and businesses can't sell their goods. Though we don't often think about it, our modern transportation system makes life as we know it possible. Roads give us a way to get from point A to point B.

Fleming-Mason Energy operates its own roadway of sorts—a path that moves energy from point A to point B.

This power grid is a complex network of substations, poles, wire, transformers, switches and monitors that ensure the reliable and safe delivery of energy to your home or business.

Unlike roadways, traffic jams and accidents along our distribution grid are unacceptable. Since energy can't be stored, the power grid is designed to accommodate the maximum load needed at any given time. This is the equivalent of building a six-lane highway to the elementary school because

traffic might get a little heavy when school lets out.

Statewide, co-ops in Kentucky maintain more than 90,000 miles of line, investing millions each month to maintain the system.

Why all of this investment? Because the grid matters.

The communities we serve could not function without a reliable power grid. Each time you flip a switch or plug in your phone, you use the grid. Hospitals, factories and schools depend on a reliable and efficient grid as well.

As the energy marketplace evolves, the grid becomes more complex—and more important. That's why we work with co-ops across Kentucky and the nation to make sure that the electric cooperative network is adequately valued and protected.

Our power grid gets billions of electrons from point A to point B. No traffic jams. No accidents. Every home and business in the communities we



*The sun sets on a Kentucky back road. Photo submitted to a previous Kentucky Living Photo Contest by Greg Grayson, Lexington.*

serve depends on it, and Fleming-Mason Energy takes seriously its responsibility to maintain a safe and reliable distribution system.

Just something to think about the next time you are stuck in traffic.

### 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.**



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# Congratulations

## *to our 2018 Just for Kids coloring contest winners*

Age 5 – Nora Weaver

Age 6 – Ashley Bradford

Age 7 – Carter Hill

Age 8 – Madison Purdon

**We had over 50 entries this year. Thank you to all of the children who participated.**



## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME



**Don't forget to spring forward on March 10!**

**Set your clocks ahead by one hour.**

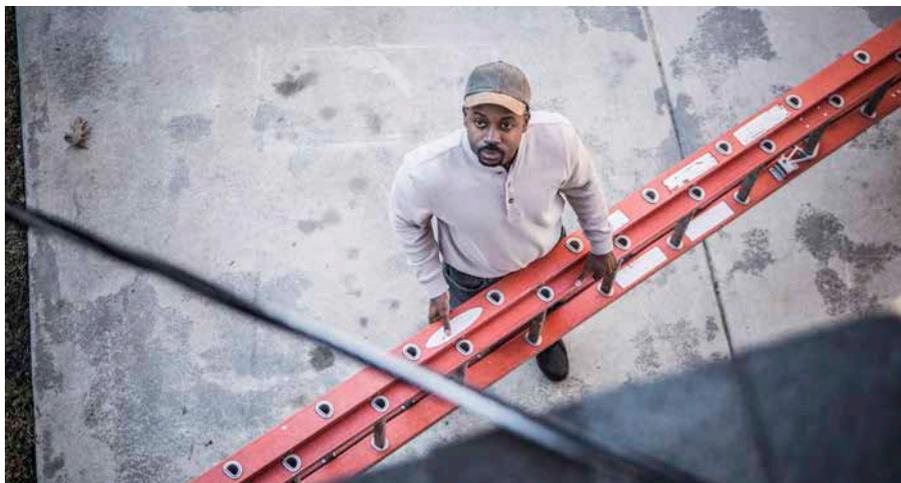
# Steer clear of power lines during spring chores

You teach your kids to stay far away from power lines while they're playing outdoors in the spring and summer. Heed that advice when you're working in the yard or roof.

Contact with a live wire can damage your equipment. But, far worse, you could get electrocuted if you happen to be touching the equipment when it touches the wire.

Here are a few springtime safety tips:

- Don't move a ladder or any tall equipment within 15 feet of any power line.
- Never touch a branch if it is touching a wire. Report the situation to your electric cooperative and keep everyone away from it until help arrives.



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- For safety's sake, assume every wire is live. Do not assume the wire is a telephone or cable line. Call your electric cooperative to make absolutely sure.
- Don't work outdoors in the rain. You could slip and fall, causing your ladder or equipment—or yourself—to topple onto a power line.

## Spring cleaning?

**DON'T FORGET ELECTRICAL SAFETY!**



Whether you go down your spring cleaning checklist by starting inside or outside, **electrical safety belongs at the top of the list.**

- **INSPECT** cords, plugs and outlets to ensure everything is in good working condition.
- **CLEAN** appliances you may have neglected that might have buildup of things like food debris, oil and dust.
- **KEEP** electrical cords and tools away from water, even wet grass.



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## Safety Matters

# Put together a storm emergency kit this spring

By getting ready in advance, Evonne Richards and her family survived a devastating tornado.

She found a website that listed items needed in an emergency and put a kit together to be prepared.

Then one day, storms caused the lights in her home to flicker. Her husband screamed for them to take cover as he looked out and saw a tornado churning across their property toward their home. The tornado damaged the house and trees crashed down on the roof, but the family escaped injury.

Even though their outside water supply was cut off for five days and they were without power for a week, the family stayed in their home and got through the crisis because they had a good emergency kit.

Having a basic storm preparedness kit can get you through weather disasters and increase your chances of survival. A good kit can sustain you and your family for up to a week.

Items to include are flashlights with extra batteries, bottled water, prescriptions, non-perishable food, back-up batteries for cellphones and a battery-powered or hand crank radio with NOAA weather radio setting. Also, have a well-stocked first-aid kit with your emergency gear.



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Place a change of clothing in the kit for each family member and replace batteries and food items as they expire.

Fleming-Mason Energy is concerned for your safety during storms. This spring, be prepared and be safe.

## Honoring Those Who Served

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