

We mean business

At Fleming-Mason Energy, we mean business because business matters.

Commerce and industry are the lifeblood of any community, large or small. That's just as true today as it was in 1938 when local citizens established our cooperative to transform our economy.

When new businesses arrive or existing ones expand, they create new jobs and added tax revenue—which is termed economic development. The bottom line is that the quality of life is improved for every resident.

Your cooperative has taken an active role in economic development throughout our entire existence. We've doubled down on this commitment in recent years because our communities need it more than ever.

We're laying the foundations for economic success by maintaining partnerships with state officials, agencies and other organizations. Later this month, Fleming-Mason Energy will co-host a meeting to bring together some of the commonwealth's best economic development minds to brainstorm new and better ways to attract facilities and strengthen existing companies.

As a member of Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives, we're using cutting-edge technology to aggressively court companies from across

the globe. Data from aerial drone flights, online videos and mobile mapping are among the tools we employ to bring new jobs and business investment.

We're also helping our communities develop a competitive edge by supporting technology education in local schools. Our co-op has sponsored a program called SOAR-STEM that is aimed at building the world's largest science, technology, engineering and math workforce right here in Kentucky.

I'm happy to report these efforts are beginning to yield progress. Recently, we worked with local community and economic development leaders to assist AppHarvest as they begin plans for a new greenhouse near Morehead. When operational, the greenhouse is expected to create 285 new jobs. A few years ago, we helped facilitate a USDA loan for GreenTree Forest Products located in Wallingford. This loan allowed the Wells family



Fleming-Mason Energy CEO, Joni Hazelrigg, recently toured GreenTree Forest Products. Pictured with Hazelrigg are owners, Greg Wells, James Wells and Michelle Murphy. Photo: Tim Webb

to purchase and install resaw milling system equipment and ultimately expand their workforce.

We know that our communities are facing economic challenges, but we are working hard to overcome them and to build a better tomorrow.

When it comes to economic development, Fleming-Mason Energy means business because everyone benefits when communities move ahead.

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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Safety Matters

Play it safe with electricity at home

It's truly amazing how electricity improves our lives, but electricity must also be respected. Without the proper precautions, electricity can cause serious injuries, fires or even death.

Use lightbulbs rated at the proper wattage for all fixtures in your home or business. Using a higher wattage than the fixture rating will increase brightness, but it can also melt light sockets, damage wire insulation or cause fires.

Never pull plugs out by the cord. This damages the cord, creates a spark and a fire hazard. If you have young children in the house, always put caps on the outlets and don't overload with too many plugs. If the outlet feels hot, you probably have a dangerous fire hazard.

If bread gets stuck in your toaster, always unplug the toaster before trying to get the toast out. Never use a metal fork to remove toast while it is plugged in.

If you have a garbage disposal, unplug it before pulling anything out and shut off the breaker to be safe.

Water and electricity are dangerous together, so never use electric equipment in wet conditions, and keep devices like cell phones and video games away from plugs and sinks. Keep electrical cords away from sinks and always use dry hands to flip the switch or touch an electric appliance or tool.

Fleming-Mason Energy wants you to be safe to protect your home and loved ones.



Presidents Day

Our office will be closed Monday, February 17, to observe Presidents Day.

Our dispatch center will be available in case of outages and can be reached at (800) 464-3144. Thank you.

DESIGNWORKZ

Congratulations to our 2019 Just For Kids Coloring Contest winners!

Lena Miller
Age 5

Georgia Lykins
Age 7

Elijah Patrick
Age 6

Brooklyn Staggs
Age 8



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POWER TOOL SAFETY IS IN YOUR HANDS

Electric power tools can take a small project and turn it into a big problem if the right safety measures aren't taken.

7 steps to staying safe while using electric power tools:

- 1 Keep floors dry and clean to avoid slipping while working with or around dangerous power tools.
- 2 Ensure cords aren't a tripping hazard.
- 3 Examine tools and cords for damage before use.
- 4 Do not exceed the design limitation of the tool.
- 5 Do not use electric tools in wet conditions unless they are approved for that use.
- 6 Use double-insulated tools or tools with cords that are three-pronged and plugged into a grounded receptacle.
- 7 Use a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) or an assured grounding program.

STAY SAFE

Electrical shocks,

which can lead to injuries such as heart failure and burns, are among the major hazards associated with electric-powered tools. Under certain conditions, even a small amount of electric current can result in atrial fibrillation (AFib) and death. An electric shock also can cause people to fall off ladders or other elevated work surfaces and be injured due to the fall.