

JACKSON PURCHASE ENERGY COOPERATIVE



JANUARY 2026

High school juniors: Apply for the 2026 youth tour

Each year, JPEC selects high school juniors to represent the co-op and learn about leadership, cooperatives and politics on the Frankfort and Washington youth tours.

In March the students spend a day in Frankfort. In June, up to four students who participated in the Frankfort Youth Tour are selected to join students from around the country to enjoy a weeklong trip to Washington, D.C., where they will see the U.S. government in action.

Applications are due on or before Friday, January 30.

All expenses for the tour (except personal items such as souvenirs) will be paid by the co-op. Chaperones will be provided by sponsoring cooperatives. An applicant's primary residence must be within the cooperative's service area, and their parent or guardian must be a member of JPEC.

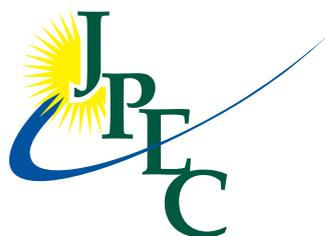
STEP UP AND LEAD

2026 YOUTH TOUR
WASHINGTON, D.C. | JUNE 15-20



 **High school juniors apply by January, 30!**
Learn more at jpenergy.com/youth-tour

- MEET ELECTED LEADERS
- EXPLORE CO-OP ENERGY ISSUES
- MAKE FRIENDS FOR LIFE
- INCLUDES ALL-EXPENSES-PAID DAY TRIP TO FRANKFORT AND WEEKLONG TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C. (application required)



JACKSON PURCHASE ENERGY
A member-owned cooperative

Jackson Purchase Energy believes in the power of education

To help our consumer-members with college costs, we offer scholarship opportunities. Each year, JPEC offers ten \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors whose primary residence is in the cooperative's service area and whose parent or guardian is a member of JPEC.



2025 recipients Halle Jo Hackney and Tommy Robertson. Photo: Ashley Turner

Apply at jpenergy.com/scholarships. Applications must be received on or before Friday, February 20.

Employee Spotlight



Meter Reader Kelly Russell accepts his 35 years of service award from CEO Greg Grissom. Photos: Ashley Turner



Crew Leader Terry Doublin accepts his 35 years of service award from CEO Greg Grissom.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Rural cooperation

Working together for farming communities

Agriculture has always been important to JPEC—and for good reason. When our cooperative was founded in 1937, our charge was to make electricity available to every home and every farm in our territory, no matter how remote or sparsely populated the area might have been. Most of those early consumer-members were farming families. Today, our consumer-members represent many other sectors of the economy as well, from industry to information technology, but agriculture is still deep in our DNA.

Farming is part of my own family story, too. My dad was a Kentucky Farm Bureau insurance agent in Fulton County for 39 years, and he insured practically every farm operation in the county. When he passed, people stood in line for two hours to pay their respects during his visitation—a tribute to his care for farmers' needs and the lasting impact he made on so many.

In this issue of *Kentucky Living*, we're looking at two entities that share JPEC'S commitment to improving life for Kentucky's rural people and places. The Kentucky Center for Agriculture and Rural Development, known as KCARD, is a nonprofit that provides services for beginning farmers, agricultural businesses and other businesses based in rural areas. Economic development is a vital part of improving quality of life in our communities, and JPEC is proud to power businesses big and small.

Another major presence in rural Kentucky is the Cooperative Extension Network, a nationwide program connecting local communities with research-based information on agriculture, nutrition, youth development and more. In our state, the University of Kentucky Extension Service administers popular programs like Kentucky 4-H and maintains a presence in every county.

Like all electric co-ops, JPEC is guided by seven principles, one of which is education, training and information. We are always eager to connect you with information that will help you manage energy usage and costs, keep you safe around electricity or just make your life better in some way. Information is power—and alongside partners like KCARD and Cooperative Extension, we are proud to power rural Kentucky.



JOE CARTER



President and CEO
Greg Grissom



Right-of-way reminders

As your local, not-for-profit, rural electric cooperative, our goal is to always provide safe, reliable, affordable electric service. To help ensure our goal is met, JPEC aggressively manages right-of-way to reduce outages. Tree-related outages account for 24% of all outages, and often increase outage duration. Tree-related outages account for 36% of time without power.

Trees and brush growing near power lines are a major cause of blinks and outages. They hinder a maintenance crew's ability to access damaged lines quickly and can add to outage times. JPEC's right-of-way program is one of our keys to reliability. JPEC recognizes best practices in utility arboriculture by supporting the balance between utility needs for reliability and safety and adequate care for urban forests. Our right-of-way program helps us effectively control costs associated



PHOTOS: KEITH BURROW



with tree-related issues, while also promoting a biodiverse plant community that attracts wildlife. To do

this, JPEC enlists the assistance of tree contractors who trim our rights-of-way according to utility arborist standards.



INTRODUCING OUTAGE TWO-WAY TEXTING

REPORTING OUTAGES AND GETTING UPDATES HAS NEVER BEEN EASIER.

YOU CAN NOW COMMUNICATE WITH US VIA TEXT DURING OUTAGES.

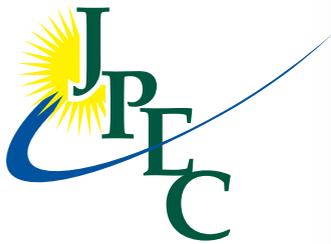
Use your registered JPEC account to get started.

To report an outage:
text **OUT** to
855-938-3622

Change message notifications within the app to receive other alerts.



BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC



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TO REPORT OUTAGES CALL

Toll-free: (800) 633-4044 or
Phone: (270) 442-7321
Text OUT to (855) 938-3622

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OFFICE HOURS

8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday-Friday

**OUR OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED
JANUARY 1 FOR NEW YEAR'S
DAY AND JANUARY 19 FOR
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY.**

COOPERATIVE DIRECTORS

Chairman | District 6..... Erick Harris
Vice Chairman | District 8 Jack Marshall
Secretary-Treasurer | District 7 Wayne Elliott
Director | District 3..... Lee Bearden
Director | District 4..... Joshua Barnes
Director | District 1..... David Brown
Director | District 5..... Kevin Bell
Director | District 2..... Terry Teitloff

MANAGEMENT

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Executive Assistant Amy Vick
VP Finance & Accounting Meredith Kendall
VP Member Services and Communications Mark Lindsey
VP Operations Ward Morgan
VP Engineering..... Travis Spiceland
Director of Safety & Environmental
Compliance David Brandon
Manager of Technical Services..... Mark Brueggert
Manager of Right of Way
& Special Projects Keith Burrow
Manager of Operations..... Jeremy Goodman
Manager of Warehousing & Purchasing..... Bobby Morehead
Manager of Member Services
& Communications..... Ashley Turner

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After a storm

Stay safe around downed power lines:

- If you see a downed power line, move away from it and anything touching it. Stay at least 50 feet away, as the ground around downed power lines may be energized.
- If you see someone in direct or indirect contact with a downed line, DO NOT touch him or her. You could become energized as well. **Call 911 for assistance.**
- If your vehicle contacts a downed power line while you're in it, stay inside the car. Call 911 or honk your horn to get help, but tell those rendering aid to stay away from the vehicle.



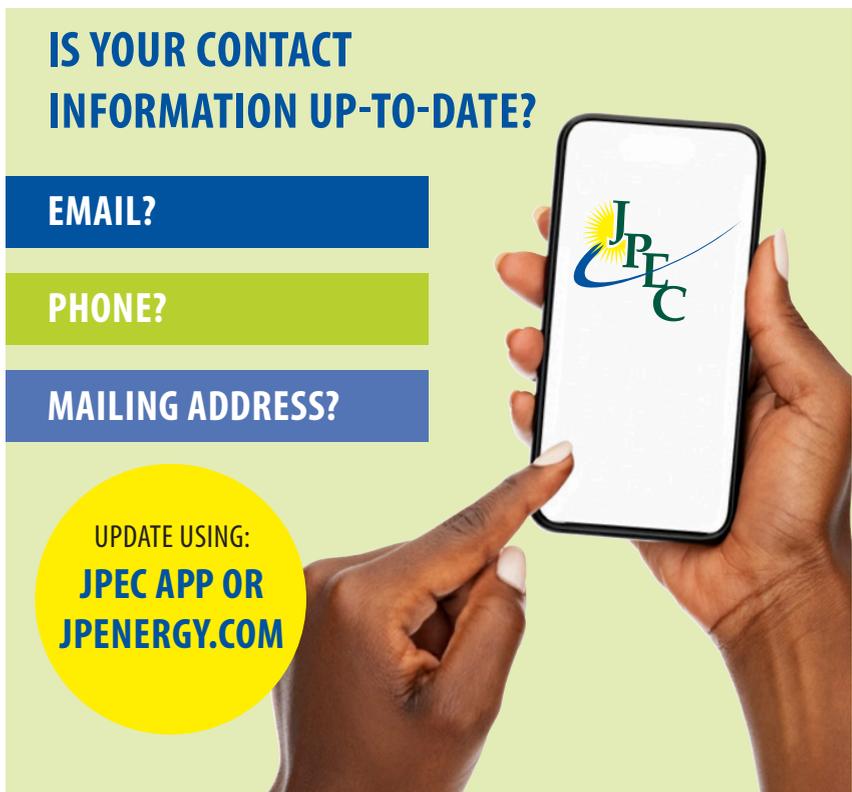
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EMAIL?

PHONE?

MAILING ADDRESS?

**UPDATE USING:
JPPEC APP OR
JPENERGY.COM**



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