

JACKSON PURCHASE ENERGY COOPERATIVE



MARCH 2026

The co-op way

Mutual aid crews unite to restore power after Winter Storm Fern

As the remnants of Winter Storm Fern begin to fade, the true strength of the cooperative network is just beginning to shine. While heavy ice accumulation broke poles and snapped miles of power lines across the country, it has also sparked a mobilization of neighbors helping neighbors. In what National Rural Electric Cooperative Association CEO Jim Matheson describes as a “heroic” rebuilding effort, electric cooperatives from more than 20 states dispatched mutual aid crews to the hardest-hit regions.

A crew from Jackson Purchase Energy Cooperative was among those who provided mutual aid. A six-man construction crew left JPEC headquarters on January 28 and headed to Meriweather Lewis Electric Cooperative based in Centerville, Tennessee. Crews assisted Meriweather Lewis until all power was fully restored.

“Line workers are wired to help people,” says Randy Meredith, vice president of Safety and Training at Kentucky Electric Cooperatives. “This is what we do. Cooperation among cooperatives is one of our guiding principles.”

For these lineworkers, the true “co-op way” concludes when they finally make it home safely.



JPEC mutual aid crew members included Zach Thweatt, left, Micah Culp, Dylan Reed, Tyler Richardson, Eric Todd and Brian Hurley. Photo: Jeremy Goodman

Notice for filing petition for Jackson Purchase Energy Cooperative 2026 Director Election

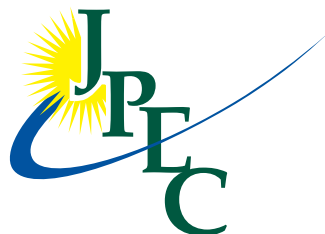
Pursuant to Article IV, Section 4(b) of the bylaws of Jackson Purchase Energy Cooperative (JPEC), I, Greg Grissom, President and CEO of the Cooperative, do hereby designate and authorize the following three (3) employees of the Cooperative to receive petitions from those Cooperative members in Districts 1, 2, 4, 5 seeking election to the Cooperative’s Board of Directors:

1. Ashley Turner, Manager of Member Services & Communications
2. Amy Vick, Executive Assistant
3. Mark Lindsey, Vice President of Member Services & Communications

Petitions shall be filed at the offices of the Cooperative beginning on Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. CDT and ending on Thursday April 30, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. CDT.

Signed this 27th day of February, 2026.

Gregory H. Grissom
President and CEO



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Employee Spotlight

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A fresh start

Nature turns over a new leaf in March

Most people have considered January the beginning of the year since the times of the Romans. But in the world of nature, March is truly the time of new beginnings.

Cold days certainly remain ahead, but this month is when we can all heave a sigh of relief, looking forward to warmer weather. Soon, the first crocuses will appear, along with daffodils and redbuds.

Birds we haven't seen all winter will return, and one night this month, we'll hear the first spring peepers—tiny frogs that come out of hibernation and make themselves known with a chorus of nighttime chirps.

This issue of *Kentucky Living* celebrates the changing season with an article about the Kentucky Garden Trail, highlighting spectacular gardens across the state. We explore planting gardens for birds, which also benefits native plants and pollinators. We also speak with consumer-members about canning fresh produce at home—a skill that comes in handy when spring planting pays off.

March is nature's new year, and there's no better time to revisit your aspirations for 2026, whether that's health and wellness, serving in your community, taking up a new hobby or just planting your best garden yet.

At Jackson Purchase Energy, we understand the value of fresh starts and new beginnings. We continually improve our processes, our skills, our technology and our safety culture, and every day is an opportunity to serve you better. We also understand the importance of working together in our communities. We are owned by the people we serve—that's what makes us a cooperative. On snowy days and sunny days alike, we're here to serve.

During this month's fickle weather, keep watch for those first crocuses and listen for spring peepers. Whatever March brings, we'll be working alongside you to power our community through every season.



Our very own Travis Spiceland has been selected to participate in Leadership West Kentucky Class No. 4. This regional program, sponsored by West Kentucky Regional Chamber Alliance, brings together leaders from across the area to strengthen collaboration, leadership and community impact.



Our very own Meredith Kendall has been selected to participate in NRECA's Management Internship Program. This leadership training initiative is focused on rising senior leaders in the electric cooperative industry. The program is designed to equip participants with a comprehensive understanding of cooperative management and strategy. Photos: Brad Rankin



President and CEO
Greg Grissom



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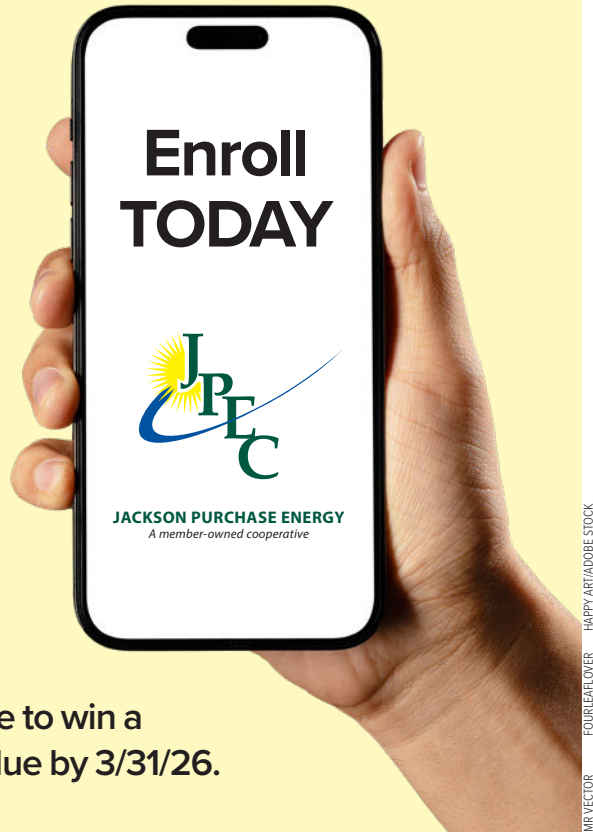
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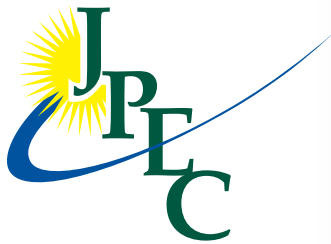


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OPERATING EXPENSES



* At JPEC, margin is reinvested into the system



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SPRING INTO SAFETY

On the farm

Safety tips for farmers this planting season

- Make sure farm equipment like planter arms and sprayers safely clear overhead power lines. Stay at least 20 feet away from power lines in all directions
- Consider asking your electric cooperative to move overhead lines around buildings or frequently used pathways.
- Keep a safe distance from power poles and guy wires.
- If your farm equipment becomes entangled with power lines, stay on the equipment, call 911, keep others away and stay calm.
- If you are planning a controlled burn, mow and remove vegetation at least 15 feet around any pole prior to burning. Apply fire retardant to the area as recommended by the manufacturer prior to the burn period.
- Prevent fires from passing under power lines, as smoke contains carbon particles that conduct electricity.

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