

JACKSON PURCHASE ENERGY COOPERATIVE

OCTOBER 2026

Congratulations, graduates!

We extend our sincere congratulations to the inaugural graduating class of the Kentucky Electric Cooperatives Apprenticeship Program. A total of 15 journeyman lineworkers have successfully completed four years of classroom instruction and hands-on training, thereby acquiring the skills, knowledge and safety mindset essential to serve Kentucky's communities well into the future.

Brady Cox and Gabe DeFew were among the inaugural class. Brady has now earned the distinguished title of journeyman line technician. Gabe DeFew was promoted to journeyman line technician in July 2025.

"Reaching journeyman status is a remarkable milestone that reflects years of dedication, perseverance, and professional growth," says Operations Manager Jeremy Goodman. The apprenticeship program is a demanding four-year program that combines extensive coursework, hands-on laboratory instruction and 8,000 to 10,000 hours of practical field experience.

"This accomplishment is a

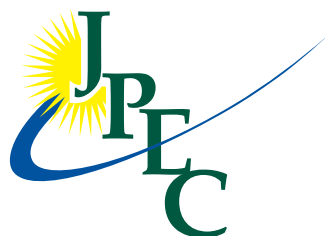


Brady Cox, left, and Gabe DeFew. Photos: Bradley McKee

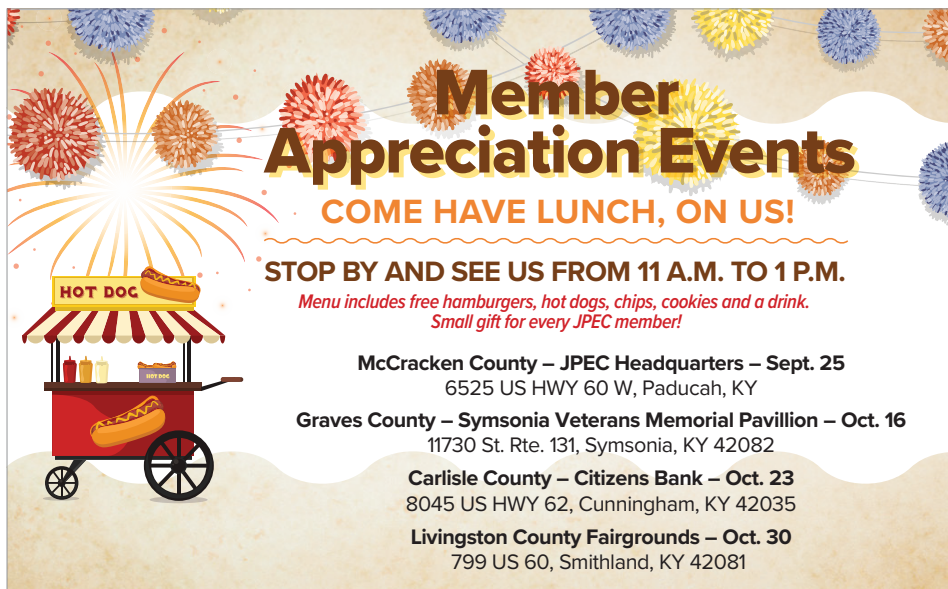
testament to Brady and Gabe's hard work, commitment and determination," says President and CEO Greg Grissom. "The knowledge and skills gained through this program ensure the same and reliable delivery of

electric service to JPEC members and the communities we serve."

Please join JPEC in congratulating Brady and Gabe on this outstanding achievement.



JACKSON PURCHASE ENERGY
A member-owned cooperative



Member Appreciation Events

COME HAVE LUNCH, ON US!

STOP BY AND SEE US FROM 11 A.M. TO 1 P.M.
*Menu includes free hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, cookies and a drink.
Small gift for every JPEC member!*

McCracken County – JPEC Headquarters – Sept. 25
6525 US HWY 60 W, Paducah, KY

Graves County – Symsonia Veterans Memorial Pavillion – Oct. 16
11730 St. Rte. 131, Symsonia, KY 42082

Carlisle County – Citizens Bank – Oct. 23
8045 US HWY 62, Cunningham, KY 42035

Livingston County Fairgrounds – Oct. 30
799 US 60, Smithland, KY 42081

Employee Spotlight



JPEC welcomes Sherry Grimes to the team as a member service representative. Sherry, originally from Alabama, moved to Kentucky 29 years ago. Sherry has three daughters and two granddaughters. She enjoys spending time with family, watching Bama football and has a deep love for music. We are proud to have Sherry as a part of the JPEC member services team. Photo: Ashley Turner



JPEC welcomes Patrick Bugg to the team as a dispatcher. Patrick has several years of experience as a 911 dispatcher. Welcome, Patrick, wife Lauren and daughter Lilly. Photo: Kendra Hayes Photography



Congratulations on your retirement to JPEC Lead Dispatcher Barry Marine. Thank you for your 17 years of dedicated service to the members we serve. As you step away from the desk, may your days ahead be peaceful, relaxing and entirely off-the-clock. Photo: Ashley Turner

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Members at the center

October is National Cooperative Month

October is National Cooperative Month, and in 2026, we've got even more to celebrate than usual. Earlier this year, we observed the 90th anniversary of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, which initially authorized \$410 million to provide low-cost loans for rural electrification. But money alone couldn't turn the lights on. This month, I want to reflect on the people at the center of our cooperative story—people just like you.

Decisions in Washington, D.C., after all, weren't enough to power our communities. Someone had to set the poles and string the wire. Someone had to install meters and connect homes to the brand-new grid. Someone had to take payments, answer questions, dispatch crews, track work orders, handle payroll, file taxes and share co-op news. And before any of that could happen, someone had to create Jackson Purchase Energy Cooperative.

These forward-thinking individuals were local farmers and civic leaders who saw the need for electricity and the benefits it could provide for our communities. Some of them became our earliest directors, managers, lineworkers and office staff. And the community members who connected became more than customers—they were part-owners of the cooperative.

Member ownership is the reason JPEC exists. Only 3% of Kentucky farms received electricity from a central source in 1936. Private utilities saw our area as unprofitable, and our first consumer-members knew that if they wanted safe, affordable and reliable power, they would have to build it themselves. Across Kentucky, and all over the nation, these efforts transformed rural life. Within just five years of the passage of the Rural Electrification Act, America's electric cooperatives boasted more miles of lines than the nation's five biggest private utilities combined.

While JPEC has grown and changed with the times, our core mission remains the same. Consumer-members like you are at the center of everything we do. As a not-for-profit organization, we were created to put the needs of our communities first, providing safe, reliable electricity at the cost of service. And just like our earliest consumer-members, you are a part-owner, and you have a stake in our success.

This National Cooperative Month, I want to thank you for being part of our cooperative story, and for helping guide our mission into the future.



President and CEO
Greg Grissom



Atmos energy presents gold cup of safe digging to Jackson Purchase Energy

In observance of National 811 Day, the award recognizes leaders in damage prevention and raises awareness for Call 811.

Mark Lindsey, left, and Cassidy McClain accept the award presented by Atmos Energy Operations Manager Sean Jones. Photo: Kay Coombs



STEP UP AND LEAD

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2027 YOUTH TOUR
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- 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)



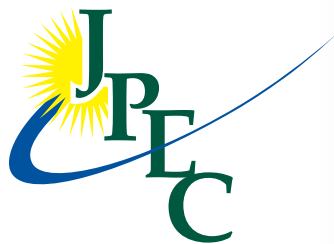
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8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday-Friday

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Vice Chairman | District 4..... Joshua Barnes

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Director | District 5..... Kevin Bell

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Director | District 8..... Jack Marshall

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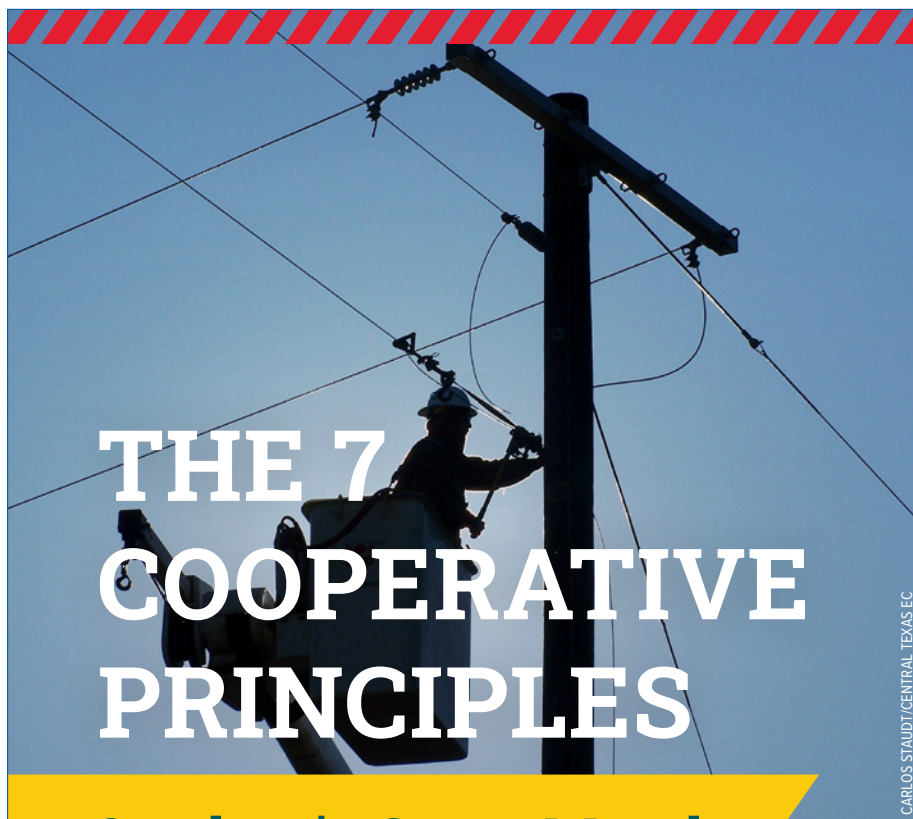
Manager of Operations Jeremy Goodman

Manager of Warehousing & Purchasing... Bobby Morehead

Manager of Member Services

& Communications Ashley Turner

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THE 7 COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLES

October is Co-op Month

- 1. Voluntary and Open Membership** Membership in a cooperative is open to all people who can reasonably use its services and stand willing to accept the responsibilities of membership, regardless of race, religion, gender or economic circumstances.
- 2. Democratic Member Control** Cooperatives are democratic organizations controlled by their members, who actively participate in setting policies and making decisions.
- 3. Members' Economic Participation** Members contribute equitably to, and democratically control, the capital of their cooperative.
- 4. Autonomy and Independence** Cooperatives are autonomous, self-help organizations controlled by their members.
- 5. Education, Training and Information** Education and training for members, elected representatives (directors/trustees), CEOs and employees help them effectively contribute to the development of their cooperatives.
- 6. Cooperation Among Cooperatives** By working together through local, national, regional and international structures, cooperatives improve services, bolster local economies and deal more effectively with social and community needs.
- 7. Concern for Community** Cooperatives work for the sustainable development of their communities through policies supported by the membership.