

Celebrating a co-op Thanksgiving

On November 28, our nation will celebrate Thanksgiving—a day when we collectively pause to express gratitude. As Fleming-Mason Energy’s CEO there are many things for which I am thankful. During this season of thanksgiving, I want to express my gratitude for some of the people and programs that make it a privilege to work for the members of this electric cooperative.

I am thankful for:

- All the veterans who will be celebrated on November 11, including George Marshall, 87, of Maysville and Donald Ring, 67, of Rectorville. Your co-op sponsored these and other heroes in this year’s Honor Flight to view their war memorials in Washington, D.C.
- The lineworkers who maintain approximately 3,600 miles of line in Fleming-Mason Energy’s service territory. Without these employees, our world would be dark.
- The co-op’s seven board members, who carve out time to attend training sessions, participate in planning meetings and keep abreast of industry trends. These well-informed advisors serve the co-op’s interests in a way that our members expect and deserve.
- Our 48 employees who supply second-to-none service in providing safe, reliable and affordable electricity to our members. Thanks to their work,



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the average Fleming-Mason Energy member has had service an exceptional 99% of the time so far this year.

- Renewable energy programs like Cooperative Solar and cooperative-sponsored environmental stewardship projects that care for our Kentucky home.
- Kentucky’s Touchstone Energy Cooperatives, of which Fleming-Mason Energy is a member. Working together, we are funding important initiatives such as teacher education to improve science, technology, engineering and math education in our local schools.

And, finally, I want to express my gratitude for your membership in our electric cooperative. Thank you for attending co-op events, alerting us to problems or providing suggestions that help us improve operations and better serve all members.

Here’s wishing each and every Fleming-Mason Energy member a happy Thanksgiving.

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Safety Matters

Be safe when decorating with Christmas lights

This holiday season when decorating with Christmas lights, take a moment to think about safety.

Keep in mind that incandescent lights can burn hot enough to catch the tree and other decorations on fire, while LED bulbs are mostly cool to touch.

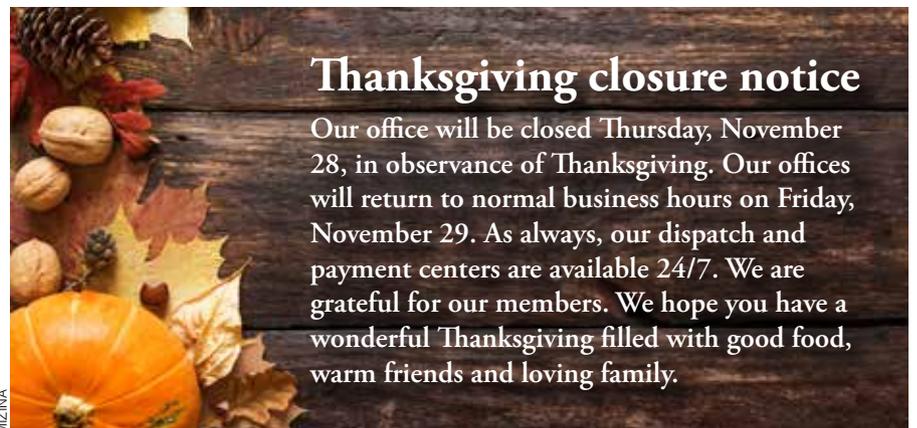
No matter the choice of lights, take caution before wrapping them around the tree or hanging them outdoors.

Check each string of lights, both old and new, for cracked or brittle cords,

and check plug integrity before inserting into a wall socket. Rather than repair damaged strings of lights, replace them with new ones. Use these same checks on extension cords.

If you need to use a ladder to put the Christmas star atop the tree or for hanging lights outside, have someone else hold the ladder steady for you. Always hang lights without leaning.

Fleming-Mason Energy wishes you and your family safe holidays.



Thanksgiving closure notice

Our office will be closed Thursday, November 28, in observance of Thanksgiving. Our offices will return to normal business hours on Friday, November 29. As always, our dispatch and payment centers are available 24/7. We are grateful for our members. We hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with good food, warm friends and loving family.

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Honor Flight 2019

George Marshall of Maysville and Donald “Frank” Ring, Rectorville, along with 70 other Kentucky veterans received a hero’s welcome home Saturday, September 21, from patriotic, flag-waving citizens who filled the entire terminal at Lexington’s Blue Grass Airport.

The veterans participated in a one-day tour of war memorials in the nation’s capital. This was the ninth Honor Flight sponsored by Fleming-Mason Energy and Kentucky’s Touchstone Energy Cooperatives. The mission was coordinated by Winchester-based Honor Flight Kentucky.

Several of the veterans—who served during World War II, the Cold War, the Korean War or the Vietnam War—said it was the best day of their lives.

Following an early-morning flight from Lexington, the group was greeted at Reagan Washington National Airport by a cheering crowd and a U.S. Military Academy chorus serenading them with patriotic songs. A police escort then guided the group’s buses to stops that included the Air Force Memorial, Women in Military Service for America Memorial and the Marine Corps War Memorial.

At the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery, the group watched the changing of the guard and participated in an emotional wreath-laying ceremony. The Honor Flight participants also visited memorials dedicated to the veterans from the Korean War and the Vietnam War. Throughout the day, the

veterans were greeted with smiles, photo requests and thanks for their service.

A homecoming reception, which Fleming-Mason Energy helped coordinate, capped off the jam-packed day

of activities. Led by a bagpipe band, returning veterans paraded through the Lexington airport terminal as family and friends clapped and shouted welcomes, waved flags and shook their hands.



Top, George Marshall, a Korean War veteran and two-time Bronze star recipient, was accompanied by his brother, Rick Marshall. Above, Fleming-Mason Energy employee Carey Grannis served as guardian for Vietnam veteran Donald “Frank” Ring. Photos: Tim Webb

Grain rescue equipment

Grain bin accidents are extremely dangerous and can result in death. It only takes three to five seconds to be trapped by moving grain. In only 20 seconds, you can be submerged. If a situation arises where someone has gotten stuck in a grain bin, firefighters must have the proper grain bin rescue equipment to return them to safety. Six fire departments recently worked in collaboration with the Fleming County Agriculture Development Committee and Fleming County Farm Bureau to make sure the citizens of Fleming County and the surrounding region have access to this potentially life-saving equipment. The group met with the State Ag Development Committee in Frankfort to gain approval for a matching grant from the Fleming County Committee. Twenty-

five businesses, including Fleming-Mason Energy, donated money to help match the grant.

Six local fire departments—Ewing, Flemingsburg, Hillsboro, Muses Mill, Mt. Carmel and Tilton—were involved in this project. Funding was used to purchase grain rescue equipment including turtle tubes, a great red wall, portable

auger, harnesses, ropes and a trailer for transport. The Kentucky Division of Forestry graciously loaned a generator to the group for their use with the equipment. Firefighters will use any remaining funds for additional equipment and training. Fleming County Emergency Management, Fleming County Sheriff's Department, Flemingsburg Police Department, Fleming County EMS and Fleming County Dispatch will be a part of this process.

Many of those involved have been or will be in training provided by Dale Dobson, Kentucky Department of Ag Safety Administrator. Jason Keller and several other instructors will be involved in this process as well.

Fleming-Mason Energy wishes to thank those who give of their own time and talents to keep us safe.



Fleming-Mason Energy President & CEO Joni Hazelrigg presents a check to Grover Money, left, assistant fire chief, Ewing Volunteer Fire Department, and Colby McCloud, assistant fire chief, Flemingsburg Fire Department. Photo: Lori Ulrich

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