

## Energizing the next generation

As we read about opportunities and leadership at Kentucky colleges and universities in this month's issue of *Kentucky Living*, I am reminded of the importance of education in the communities we serve.

Fleming-Mason Energy proudly supports our local schools. Each year, we award 10 scholarships to deserving high school students in our region. Our safety team travels to different schools for demonstrations and our employees donate numerous hours to a variety of school-sponsored activities. We know our expectations for the next generation can only be as great as our commitment to the students who comprise it.

Our hope at Fleming-Mason Energy is that the students of today become the leaders of tomorrow. We need their evolving talents and initiative to help us continue to serve you and help our communities thrive.

Our longtime member-owners understand the unique relationship we enjoy. They know that you own Fleming-Mason Energy, that we are not-for-profit and established to provide at-cost electric service. Longtime members know that we are governed by a board of directors elected from our membership, which sets the policies and procedures of Fleming-Mason Energy.

But, we can't take that knowledge for granted. If you are a younger member, perhaps you did not realize that you are actually one of the owners of Fleming-Mason Energy. That's the unique way a cooperative works, compared to other utilities.

So, as we talk about education, we are committed to doing our part to educate all our members about what it means to be a member of Fleming-Mason Energy.

I encourage you to read *Kentucky Living*, which exists to celebrate the energy of Kentucky by educating and engaging members of Kentucky's electric cooperatives.

And, I encourage you to ask questions and become involved with the efforts of Fleming-Mason Energy to improve the quality of life for the people we serve, and to make for the next generation a place they can thrive, learn and are proud to call home.



### At your service, 24/7

Should you experience an electric outage, cooperative employees are standing by to respond 24/7—even during the holidays. To report an outage, call 1-800-464-3144.



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# Attention high school seniors

You could win a \$1,000 Scholarship!

Fleming-Mason Energy is proud to sponsor its 2018 Annual Meeting scholarship contest. This program was designed to enhance the education and resulting careers of deserving students by offering 10 scholarships of \$1,000 each. Some of the participation requirements are outlined below:

- Candidates must be from the Fleming-Mason Energy service area and their parent(s) or legal guardian(s) must be a resident of the said area AND a member of the cooperative. Applicant's parents or legal guardians must have a residential or business account with Fleming-Mason Energy and



the account must be registered in one or both names.

- The candidate must be a graduating high school senior in good standing.
- Applicant must be enrolled or planning to enroll in an educational or training institution.

- Candidates must agree to appear in person at the Fleming-Mason Energy annual meeting to be held on June 21. All applications must be received and/or postmarked on or before May 1.

You can obtain a complete list of qualifications and application from your high school guidance counselor, call Fleming-Mason Energy at (800) 464-3144, or visit [www.fme.coop](http://www.fme.coop) and click on Youth Activities.

## Increase your home's efficiency

You can increase your home's efficiency and your comfort through simple upgrades like adding insulation and replacing doors and windows. Fleming-Mason Energy can help you identify areas where improvements need to be made and suggest weatherization techniques to reduce heat loss in your home with the Button-Up program.

You must schedule an appointment with our energy advisor for an on-site

inspection before any improvements are made in order to be eligible for rebates.

To qualify, your home must be at least two years old and electrically heated.

The rebate amount is based off of BTU/hr reduction.

Contact Michael Parker at (800) 464-3144 or email to [mparker@fme.coop](mailto:mparker@fme.coop) so he can help determine the best approach for your home.

# Light fixtures are the ‘jewelry of the home’

Light fixtures and lamps have evolved into more than a practical part of every room. Some designers now call them “the jewelry of the home.”

Tabletop lamps, wall-hung sconces and ceiling-mounted or recessed lighting are becoming as much a part of a home’s decor as its furniture.

Here are five trends that might spark some ideas as you replace light fixtures in your home:

■ **Vintage.** They’re not old, but they look old. Some lamps and fixtures are charming, like the ones you remember from your grandmother’s home, while others are inspired by the design of a more industrial era, featuring stark metals.

■ **Bedazzled.** Sparkly and elegant, chandeliers aren’t just for the dining room anymore. Homeowners

are putting them in kitchens, foyers and bathrooms, too, to add a touch of elegance.

■ **Pendants.** Hung over a kitchen counter or a dining table, pendant lighting—one or two lights hung on long wires from the ceiling—is taking the place of chandeliers in some homes.

■ **Metallics.** As stainless-steel kitchen appliances continue to prove their staying power, silver, gold, brass and copper are trending in lighting. Fixtures with all-metal covers or glass globes adorned with metal accents are among the most popular.



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■ **Energy efficient.** LED fixtures now come in high-style models. Consider changing your old fixtures—the ones that require you to change the light bulb every so often—for one with built-in LEDs. You’ll save energy and time.

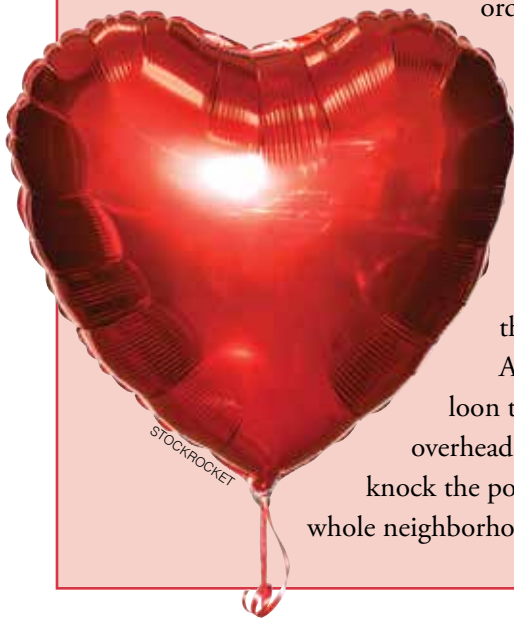
## Safely give the gift of balloons

So, you’re tired of bringing candy and flowers to your Valentine every year, and you’ve decided to

order a big bunch of heart-shaped, helium balloons in metallic red instead?

Give your sweetheart a warning with that gift.

A metallic balloon that touches an overhead power line can knock the power out for a whole neighborhood.



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The metal in the balloon can cause a surge of electricity if it touches a power line, and that can short-circuit equipment. The result could be lights-out for thousands of people, a fire or injuries.

Take a few precautions if you’re giving Valentine’s Day balloons this year:

- Tether each balloon to a weight so it can’t float away.
- When you’re ready to dispose of the balloons, pop them so they can’t become airborne.
- Stay at least 10 feet away from power lines if you’re walking outdoors with a balloon.
- If your balloon happens to get tangled in a power line, leave it there and call your electric cooperative for assistance. You could get electrocuted if you touch a power line.

# BackPack Donation



For many school-age children, the school meal they receive each day may be the only one they get. The Backpack Program has been helping children get the nutritious and easy-to-prepare food they need to get through weekends and during Christmas break. Recently, employees of Fleming-Mason Energy gathered food items and drawstring backpacks for the Fleming County program. Pictured are Donna Fryman, left, Family and Consumer Sciences Extension Agent at University of Kentucky, and Fleming-Mason Energy employees, Pam Ishmael and Heath Burnett.

## Congratulations to December's Just For Kids Coloring Contest Winners

*We had over 45 entries. Thank you to everyone who participated!*



Arabella Prater



Andrew Duncan



Ashley Bradford



Troy Moore

Fleming-Mason Energy will be closed  
Monday, February 19 to observe Presidents Day



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