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## Kenergy sponsors Frankfort Youth Tour and Co-ops at the Capitol

Nearly 100 high school students representing Kentucky's electric cooperatives gathered at Kentucky's Capitol on March 13 for the Frankfort Youth Tour, a program offering rising student leaders a personal understanding of American history, civic engagement and their role as citizens and members of electric cooperatives. We were proud to send three delegates, Raynei Roy, Webster County High School; Weston Spencer, Ohio County High School; and Aubrey Nies, Daviess County High School.

Lt. Gov. Jacqueline Coleman welcomed students before they toured the Capitol. "Find your passion—and once you find your passion, get involved," she told students, encouraging them to think of themselves as leaders.

After touring the Capitol, students observed the Senate and House chambers while they were in session. East Kentucky Power Cooperative provided live bucket truck and safety demonstrations, raising the bucket between the Capitol and Capitol Annex with Representative Michael "Sarge" Pollock riding alongside EKPC lineman Dylan Ingram.

During a lunch hosted by the Kentucky Electric Cooperatives Youth



From left, Aubrey Nies, Weston Spencer and Raynei Roy were selected to represent Kenergy. Photo: Tim Webb

Tour delegation and the Rural Electric Cooperative Caucus, students met with elected officials and co-op leaders and learned about the role of co-ops in shaping Kentucky's energy future.

Sen. Robin Webb and Rep. Wade Williams, two of the co-chairs of the caucus, spoke with students about the importance of electric co-ops in rural communities. Students asked thoughtful questions on grid reliability, environmental concerns and the legislative process.

For the 10th consecutive year, in conjunction with the Frankfort Youth Tour, Kentucky's co-ops partnered with Secretary of State Michael Adams to launch the 2025 Co-ops Vote initiative—a nonpartisan effort to boost voter turnout in rural communities across the country.

Since the inception of the youth tour program, co-ops have sponsored more than 1,800 Kentucky high school students in Washington, D.C., and even more in Frankfort. Kenergy is proud to invest in our future leaders.





Owensboro Operations Manager Randy Crabtree—35 Years



Vice President of Engineering Rob Stumph—35 Years



Computer Systems Analyst Tony Miller—20 Years

## Message from the President

# Off and running

## Kenergy invests in education

This issue of *Kentucky Living* has an unmistakable racing theme, from Kim Perry's Derby Festival art to a feature on Derby-winning jockey Brian Hernandez Jr. But as the flowers bloom and warm weather returns, another kind of race is shaping up as well. High school students across the commonwealth are graduating. Before you know it, they'll be off and running—to careers, to further education and beyond.

Education has always been a priority for Kenergy. In fact, it's one of the seven cooperative principles that distinguish the cooperative model from other types of businesses. We are deeply invested in advancing education, training and information, not only for our employees, but also for our members and for the next generation. We do this in several ways.

At Kenergy, we believe in investing in our community's future through supporting education programs. Each year, we send promising high school students on the Frankfort and Washington, D.C., youth tours, where they learn about government, leadership and the cooperative business model alongside peers from across the nation. These students return with expanded horizons and fresh perspectives on what's possible for their futures.

We're also proud to offer scholarship opportunities that help ease the financial burden of higher education and vocational training for families in our service area. These scholarships represent our commitment to fostering local talent and helping students achieve their dreams without the weight of excessive student debt. Our scholarship application will be open the entire month of June at [www.KenergyCorp.com](http://www.KenergyCorp.com). We're proud to give out three \$1,000 scholarships and twenty-four \$500 scholarships again this year.

Beyond financial support, our team participates in career fairs at local schools, sharing insights about the career paths available within the electric cooperative network. From lineworkers to engineers, accountants to communicators, we showcase the breadth of opportunities available right here in Kentucky.

As we celebrate this season of achievement and new beginnings, I want to extend hearty congratulations to all graduating seniors in our community. Kenergy is proud to play a small role in powering your educational journey, and we remain committed to supporting lifelong learning opportunities for all our members. Your race is just beginning—and we can't wait to see where you go.

By Tim Lindahl  
President & CEO



# Powering up

Electric service is restored methodically to maintain safety

May is Electrical Safety Month. When we lose electric service, we have come to expect it will be restored in a short time. But when a devastating storm causes major damage over a widespread area, longer outages cannot be helped.

It involves much more than flipping a switch at a substation or pulling a fallen tree off a downed power line. Line crews work around the clock resetting poles and rebuilding miles of line as quickly and safely as possible. Sometimes, it requires extra hands of highly trained workers from electric cooperatives in neighboring counties, other parts of Kentucky, and even from neighboring states.

In many cases, resetting or replacing fallen and broken poles also requires calling into 811—the Kentucky “Call before you dig” service—before crews can dig new holes. This is required to locate other buried utilities along the right-of-way and can add time to the restoration.

“Line crews work long, hard hours to rebuild poles and lines to restore service after major storms,” says Matt Moffitt, vice president of operations, “but it’s an arduous task that needs to be done methodically to be done safely.”

Every electric cooperative follows a basic principle when it comes to restoring power: priority is given to the lines that get the most back in service the quickest. Here’s a basic order of repair:

- 1. Transmission lines.** These high voltage lines carry electricity from generating plants to substations (or between substations). Since tens of thousands of people could be served by one transmission line, damage here needs to be taken care of first.

- 2. Substations.** These electrical facilities contain equipment that switch or regulate the voltage of electricity.

They lower the voltage from the transmission lines so the electricity can be transmitted through the distribution lines. Problems here can affect thousands of consumers.

- 3. Main distribution lines.** You see these along roadways. They carry electricity from the substations to groups of consumers, like towns or housing developments.
- 4. Tap lines.** These lines run from the main distribution lines to utility poles and underground transformers outside houses or buildings.
- 5. Individual service.** These lines run from the transformer on the pole along the road or street or underground box to the consumer’s electric meter on the side of the home or business.

Even after a major storm, report an outage to your electric cooperative. This



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will help line crews assess the extent of the damage and isolate and repair problems as soon as possible.

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

**Toll Free:** For information or to report an outage  
(800) 844-4832

**Henderson:** 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
6402 Old Corydon Road

**Owensboro:** 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
3111 Fairview Drive

**Hanson:** 9 a.m. – Noon, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.  
2620 Brown Badgett Loop

**Hawesville:** 9 a.m. – Noon, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.  
315 Hawes Blvd

**Marion:** Tuesday and Friday, 9 a.m. – Noon,  
1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., 3000 Mott City Road

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## Kenergy Annual Meeting

TUESDAY, JUNE 10

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Henderson Office

6402 Old Henderson-Corydon Rd  
Henderson, KY

Registration: 10:30 a.m.–11 a.m.  
Business Meeting: 11 a.m.

- Look for additional details about Member Appreciation coming in the fall!

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## Meet your director



**William Reid**  
District 8



All Kenergy offices will be closed Monday, May 26, in observance of Memorial Day.



To our heroes—we salute you and we thank you.

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