

Jackson Energy donates \$2,000 to Ronald McDonald House

Commitment to community is an important part of Jackson Energy's mission, and a recent donation from the cooperative will benefit families in our service area at a time when their needs may be the greatest.

Jackson Energy donated \$2,000 to the Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Bluegrass, which operates the Ronald McDonald House of Lexington. The total also included \$1,000 from Co-Bank, a cooperative lending institution based in Denver, Colorado.

The donation is part of CoBank's "Sharing Success" initiative, a \$3 million charitable fund designed to benefit cooperatives and the charitable groups they support throughout rural America. Under "Sharing Success," CoBank matches contributions by its cooperative customers, like Jackson Energy, to the nonprofit organizations of their choice.

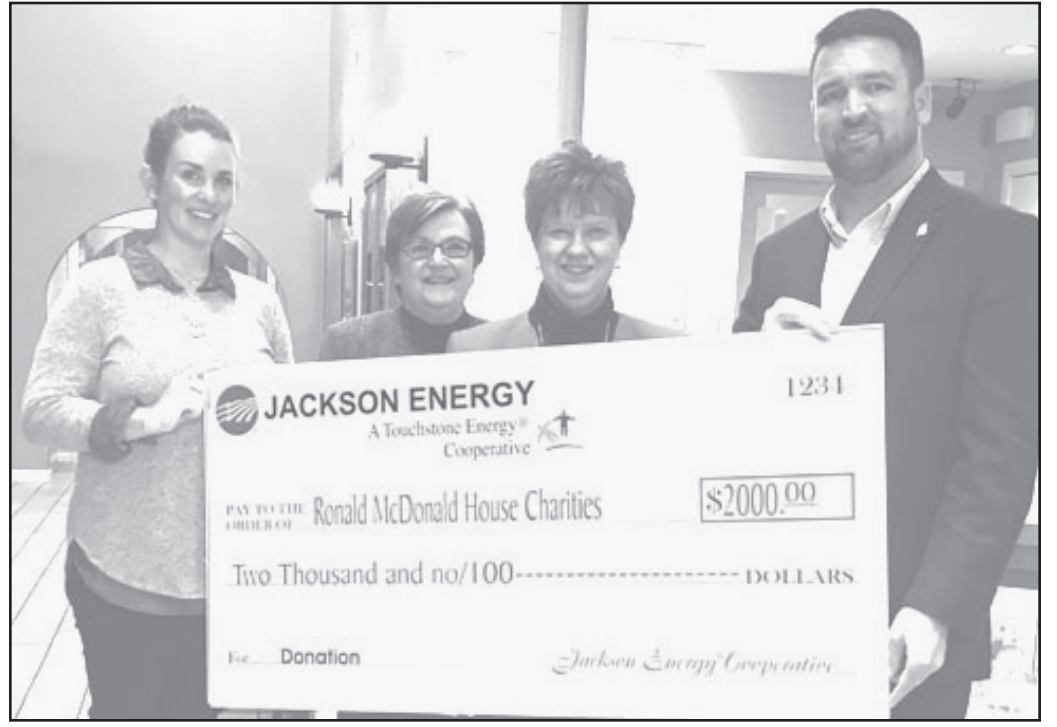
Jackson Energy selected Ronald McDonald House for the contribution. The house offers families who have chil-

dren being treated at Lexington hospitals a place to stay. The house has 21 bedrooms, serves home-cooked meals and also offers transportation to and from hospitals. Families from throughout Jackson Energy's service area have stayed at the Ronald McDonald House, including one of our own line techs.

In 2016, the average stay at the house for a family was 13 nights and 61% of the nights of lodging were for families with children who were born early, or premies, according to the Ronald McDonald House website.

"Ronald McDonald House provides a helping hand to many of the same families we serve," adds Jackson Energy President & CEO Carol Wright. "When we had the opportunity to take part in the 'Sharing Success' program, we chose Ronald McDonald House because of the positive impact its programs have on families in our region."

Jackson Energy is a Touchstone Energy Cooperative serving 51,000 homes and businesses in Southeastern Kentucky.



Presenting the Jackson Energy donation to Ronald McDonald House of Lexington were, from left to right, Chelsi McDonald, RMH Director of Development and Communications; Karen Combs, Jackson Energy Manager of Member Services; Sandy Painter, Jackson Energy Vice President of Member Services; and Nate Graham, RMH Executive Director.

Irvine Council prepares for upcoming holiday

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Council lady Nelle Williams asked what was the city's policy on mattresses. She was told they had to be at curb-side to be picked up.

One councilman advised against raking leaves into the street, because the city picks up bagged leaves.

The mayor announced that Christmas banners have been put up. Funds for all the banners have been donated by individuals and businesses.

The city had bought a new 12 foot tall tree for the

foyer between city hall and the police department.

Gross said that Estill County's school children had made ornaments for the tree.

Burkhart asked about three strings of lights near the intersection of Court Street and Broadway.

The mayor stated that KU was supposed to look at the electricity there on Monday but did not come. He still plans on having the lights working by Friday night. Burkhart said the lights had not worked there for two previous years.

Fiscal Court Meeting

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Judge Williams congratulated the Estill High Marching Band during his address for being the first runner-up at the state.

He invited everyone to local holiday events this weekend, Friday, November 30 through Sunday, December 2. Small Business Saturday was held this past weekend.

Williams said Hinkles had called him that day and said they can lay blacktop when the temperature is 41 and rising. Hinkles has three crews in ten counties.

The county has received donations of \$7,000 to \$8,000 for a pavilion at Ky. River Park.

County Attorney Rodney Davis said a trial is scheduled on the Mt. Springs Road for January 10.

He added that six had pled guilty via the Rocket Docket. Five people were given substantial prison time.

The number of inmates at Three forks had dropped to 61 that day.

The fiscal court accepted one of five sealed bids for surplus vehicles. The other four bids were rejected.

Williams again discussed selling the two buildings in Ravenna. He said they are costing the money to keep them maintained and a liability.

No action was taken at the November 19th meeting.

Monday, December 24th @ 6:30pm

Democrat Executive Committee

The Estill County Democrat Executive Committee will be meeting Dec. 24, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., and the 4th Monday of every month at the Estill County Public Library, 246 Main Street. For additional information you can email Estillcountydemocrats@gmail.com.

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

1 THESSALONIANS 3:13

May he **strengthen** your **hearts** so **that** you **will** be **blameless** and **holy** in the **presence** of our **God** and **Father** when our **Lord Jesus** comes **with** all **his** holy **ones**.

NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

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Four waive indictments, make pleas

Four waived indictments and entered guilty pleas to felonies on the Rocket Docket on November 15.

Jennifer R. Sparks, 29, of Dry Ridge Road, Irvine pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense.

The waiver states that she had meth in her possession on Oct. 15.

Because of this new charge, her probation was revoked in a 2017 case.

Judge Michael Dean sentenced her to serve three years.

Joshua Frank Riddell, 36, of Stacy Lane, Irvine waived an indictment for resisting arrest and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

The waiver states he refused a command from officers while trying to place him under arrest on Oct. 31, at which time he had a firearm in his possession.

He was sentenced by

Judge Dean.

Amber Shanks, 22, of Richmond pled guilty to operating a motor vehicle under the influence on August 18. She was fined \$250 and court costs. Her license was suspended for 90 days.

She also pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense. She allegedly had methamphetamine in her possession.

Judge Dean entered an

order for a deferred prosecution on this charge.

Danisha Parsons, 35, of Wisemantown Road, Irvine pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense and fourth degree assault.

The waiver says she had meth in her possession on July 27 and had swung at Jamie Neal.

Judge Dean sentenced her and entered an order of probation.

Apply for Toys for Tots

Geneva Jones of Ravenna is currently accepting applications for Estill County Toys for Tots. To get an application, please call her at (859)-749-2489 and the deadline is December 15th.

Friends of the Estill County Public Library

Christmas House Tour

DEC. 2, 2018 1-5 PM
\$15 PER PERSON
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE LIBRARY
CALL 723-3030 FOR MORE INFORMATION

ESTILL ARTS COUNCIL presents

The 15th Annual Yuletide Christmas Arts & Crafts Show

Saturday, December 1, 2018
10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

ECBE Central Office Gymnasium
253 Main Street, Irvine, KY

Over 40 Local Artisan Booths
Silent Auction of Handmade Items
Food Concessions
50/50 Pot

Live Performances by Local Musicians:
Lara Helayne at 1:00 pm
Michael Stallings at 2:00 pm
Buck and Renita Winburn at 3:00 pm

Donations at the door: \$1.00 or 1 can of food for the local food bank
Handicapped Accessible

For more information call (606)723-5694 or (606)723-4678