

Rodeo

Jeremy Swift from West Kentucky RECC in Mayfield.

The awards, which also included individual competition, were presented Friday at the close of the event. The rodeo was hosted this year by Jackson Energy Cooperative. "I'm proud of our teams," says Jackson Energy President & CEO Carol Wright. "I'm proud of all the hard work our linemen put in to prepare for the competition. Coming in the top two spots the same year we hosted the rodeo makes it even more special."

"A lot of long hours went into preparing for this event," Wright says. "I want to thank our employees and I want to thank the local community for their support."

The team competition began early Friday morning with a tribute to fallen linemen. Jackson Energy President & CEO Carol Wright hung a wreath on an electric pole and linemen added empty boots, work gloves and a hard hat to the pole. Jackson Energy linemen also climbed a pole as part of the ceremony and unfurled American and Kentucky flags at the top.

This was the fifth time Jackson Energy has won the top spot in the rodeo. They won the first rodeo in 2005, and also won in 2011, 2014 and 2015. Linemen compete at the rodeo in categories that test their job and safety skills. From changing transformers and putting up electric lines, to rescuing a life-sized dummy from the top of a pole, the contestants are judged on how fast they complete the task and also whether or not they have any safety violations.

The annual event is coordinated by the Kentucky Association of Electric Cooperatives (KAEC) and volunteers from KAEC and other Kentucky electric cooperatives work as judges, clerks and perform other duties at the rodeo.

In addition to the overall team spots, Jackson Energy linemen won the following rodeo awards:

Journey men competition - Gerard Lakes, first place, hurtman. Royce Baker, second place, hurtman. Jon Tillery, third place, hurtman. Royce Baker, second place, light change. Marlon Coffey, second place overall, individual journeymen. **Apprentice** competition - Daniel Henson, first place, hurtman. Tyler Riley, second place, hurtman. Daniel Henson, third place, light change. Daniel Henson, first place, lineman

assembly. Daniel Henson, third place, skills climb. Daniel Henson, first place overall, individual apprentice.

Team competition - Jackson Energy 3 (Brent Johnson, Royce Baker, Kris Cunigan), first place hurtman. Jackson Energy 2 (Jon Tillery, Marlon Coffey, Daniel Henson), third place, hurtman. Jackson Energy 2, first place, cross arm change. Jackson Energy 1 (Gerard Lakes, Andy Bakes, Tyler Riley), first place, crew medley. Jackson Energy 2, second place, crew medley. Jackson Energy 1, second place, wire down.

Escape

He is described as being 5'5" tall, weighing 123 pounds, with green eyes and partially gray hair. He was last seen wearing an orange shirt that read 'Jackson County Work Release', blue jeans and work boots. Engle was in jail serving a sentence for Theft by Unlawful Tak-

ing." Anyone with any information is asked to call local law enforcement at 606-287-7121 or KSP Post 7 Richmond at 859-623-2404.

The ongoing investigation is being conducted by KSP Trooper Derrek Lovett

Sheriff

fought and died so that we can enjoy our freedom. I don't intend to march or belittle those who have different opinions. My way of objecting is to change the channel, turn off the rhetoric and not support any group or anyone who disrespects America. Just saying....

The 2017 property taxes have been mailed out to property owners and you may begin paying as soon as possible. You receive a two percent discount if you can pay before October 31, 2017. Take advantage of that savings! Our office is open to receive taxes Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. and Saturday until 11:30 am. Remember, if you own property, you likely owe taxes. If you don't receive a tax bill contact our office and we will help you determine what, if anything, you owe. Thank you in advance for helping fund your local government by paying your taxes.

After a week of exhaustive searches, we were able to successfully locate our sixteen year-old runaway safe and sound in Savannah, Georgia. I know how much the family was worried about him, as were we. Thankfully he is okay and perhaps the family can return to a normal state. On behalf of the Tinchler family, many thanks to all

the volunteers, churches and media who helped get the word out that ultimately resulted in the safe return of their beloved son. We live in a great county where so many people really do care for their neighbors.

Last week the Jackson County Sheriff's Office responded to eighty-seven calls for service. We investigated two traffic accidents, two crimes and made thirteen criminal arrests. We answered untold numbers of phone calls, citizen questions and complaints and we waited on the courts. Our personnel continue to work very hard to make our county better. Thank you for all your support.

Hope

often by Jackson County cancer patients and their families.

The moneys raised at this annual event provides financial assistance for our in-county patients in various ways. The amount of money spent helping others is determined by the amount of funds that we receive on a year by year basis. We have no other funds coming in except from people like you, our supporters.

In September 2016, we raised \$3,759.60 with an additional \$5,000 from in-kind sponsors such as our local media and such. With your continued love and support, hopefully we will surpass those numbers for our upcoming 2017 Festival of Hope.

This year we dedicate our festival to childhood cancer. Their t-shirts will be black with gold lettering and can be purchased from team members for \$8.00. You may purchase a candle for \$5.00 to use in the beautiful candle light ceremony as families circle the park hand in hand in remembrance of the ones they lost or the ones who survived. The survivors walk is at 2:00 pm.

Come out and spend the day enjoying the food, booths, entertainment, games and much more.

Check out Page 2 for a complete schedule. This year we also have pony rides for children young or old. How about that? Hope to see you there!

Farmers

dollars each to spend at the market. Many youth had never seen some of the different varieties of fruits and vegetables.

We had twenty one farmers who signed up this year to sell. We really need people to come out and spend their vouchers, especially the WIC vouchers which are used to increase the amount of fruits and vegetables



Pictured (top) Jackson Energy's Brent Johnson, right, stretches out to pull the electric line tight during the Wire Down team competition at last Friday's Kentucky Lineman Rodeo. Pictured (bottom) John Sutton, a lineman from Jackson Purchase, stands in honor of Kentucky's fallen linemen, during the opening ceremony of the 2017 Kentucky Lineman Rodeo at the Laurel London Optimist Club Sports Center. Jackson Energy linemen Shane Vickers, Justin Robinson, Jason Montgomery, Nathan Riley and Justin Baker unfurled American and Kentucky flags as part of the tribute.

their children consume.

We would like to thank the people of Jackson County for their support of our Farmers' Market and everyone who helped us get the word out. The farmers' market not only creates jobs for the farmers and food for the citizens of Jackson County, but we know where it comes from. We look forward to next year. We will be closing the market on Friday, October 13. Be sure to use your vouchers before by this date.

Farmers' Market Schedule:
 Tuesday, October 10 - 11:00 a.m. - Annville
 Thursday, October 12 - 3:00 p.m. - Annville
 Friday, October 13 - 11:00 a.m. - McKee

National 4-H Week Will Be Celebrated October 1 - 7

More than 6 million young people across the country today will celebrate National 4-H Week, an annual celebration during the first full week of October.

4-H is America's largest youth development organization and we empower young people with the skills to lead for a lifetime.

Youth build life skills by leading hands on projects in areas like science, health, agriculture and citizenship—helping them to grow confidence, independence, resilience and compassion.

Jackson County youth help celebrate National 4-H Week by calling into the local radio station WWAG on Thursday and Friday October 12th and 13th (during Jackson County Fall Break) during Dial and Deal. The first youth with the correct answer to the 4-H Trivia question will win a 4-H Prize.

For more information on the Jackson County 4-H Youth Development Program please contact Verlone Congleton-Hacker, County Extension Agent for 4-H and Youth Development at 606-287-7693.

TO THE CITIZENS OF JACKSON COUNTY

The Jackson County Transfer/Recycling Center would like to remind everyone of our continued recycling program. By using the services of West Rock Recycling, we are able to accept the following items at no charge. Plastics #1 and #2 (we do NOT accept plastic bags at the Recycling Center for recycling) and steel food cans must be rinsed. Those items not rinsed, will be considered contaminated and you will be charged a disposal fee.

The labels do NOT have to be removed, we also take the following items if they are sorted; cardboard, newsprint, magazines, phone books, hard back books, junk mail, used oil and various scrap metal (including appliances). Please remember that these paper items must be sorted and separated.

We also have a free weekly collection route for business and industries wishing to recycle.

Any business owner or industry wishing to recycle or a citizen needing information about our drop off center, can contact Shane Harrison or Jason Thomas at 287-7688. The hours of operation for The Transfer Station/ Recycling Center is Monday - Friday 8:00 to 4:00 and 8:00 to noon on Saturday.