

# DISCOVERING SOUTH KENTUCKY

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## A thankful season

### *Reflections on our co-op community*

As the leaves rustle and the air turns crisp, we find ourselves in the embrace of the enchanting fall season. At South Kentucky RECC, we believe that our mission extends beyond providing reliable energy; it's about fueling the warmth, togetherness and memories that make this time of year truly special.

As you prepare to welcome family and friends for fall festivities and Thanksgiving, South Kentucky RECC aims to illuminate your celebrations and homecomings, creating an atmosphere that captures the essence of the season.

### **Harvesting memories with reliable power**

The heartwarming traditions of fall and Thanksgiving often revolve around coming together to share meals, stories and laughter. We are committed to reliable power so you can focus on creating cherished memories without worry. Whether you're baking your famous pumpkin pie or capturing the perfect family portrait, South Kentucky RECC is here to keep the lights shining bright.

### **Community at the core**

Just as the fall season brings communities closer, South Kentucky RECC thrives on the sense of community that



binds us all. We take immense pride in being more than just an energy provider—we're your neighbors, friends and partners. As you gather with loved ones, know that your local co-op is working diligently to enhance the quality of life in our shared community.

### **Brightening the path forward**

The fall season is a perfect reminder of the cyclical nature of life—a time to reflect on the past and anticipate the future. At South Kentucky RECC, we are continuously looking ahead, exploring innovative technologies, energy efficiencies and solutions to meet the evolving needs of our members. We take our responsibility seriously as stewards of our community. Our promise to you is a steadfast commitment

to enhancing your experiences through the power of partnership.

### **Gratitude and growth**

As Thanksgiving approaches, we want to express our gratitude for your unwavering support. Your involvement and engagement empower us to serve you better. With every flicker of light, we aim to symbolize the strong connection we share with you, our valued members.

As you decorate your homes, prepare feasts and welcome loved ones this fall, remember South Kentucky RECC is here to brighten your celebrations and homecomings. Together, we're writing the story of a brighter future for our community.

Wishing you a fall season filled with joy, warmth and unforgettable moments.



# SKRECC employees welcome home Honor Flight 2023

South Kentucky RECC employees and their families excitedly welcomed home deserving heroes from Honor Flight 2023 at Blue Grass Airport in Lexington on Saturday, Sept. 16. South Kentucky sponsored local veterans Gerald Hampton of Waynesburg and Harvey Hewitt of Eubank.

The Honor Flight, sponsored by Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives, returned to a rousing welcome home after a full day of touring Washington, D.C. The flight transported 66 Kentucky veterans to see their memorials on the National Mall.

This flight carried one World War II veteran, eight Korean War veterans and two women veterans who were inducted into the Military Women's Memorial during the trip. The other veterans served our country during the Vietnam War. Two Purple Heart recipients were among the veterans on this trip.

As in years past, veterans flew from Lexington to Reagan National Airport in Washington, D.C., where they boarded three buses for a full day of honors and sightseeing.

The day included viewing the changing of the guard ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. Kentucky veterans also participated in a wreath-laying service at the tomb.

Right, SKRECC sponsored local veterans Gerald Hampton, left, and Harvey Hewitt on Honor Flight 2023. Below, SKRECC employees excitedly welcome home Honor Flight heroes. Photos: South Kentucky RECC



## SKRECC 2023-2024 board elections

This year, there are two South Kentucky RECC board of directors positions on the ballot. The following four-year director terms are expiring this year:

Wayne County—District (4) Vacant  
Pulaski County—District (7) Brent Tackett

The South Kentucky RECC Credentials and Elections Committee will have candidate application packets available to interested candidates beginning Dec. 4, 2023.

If you are an interested candidate and have read and comply with the complete list of requirements (at [www.skrecc.com](http://www.skrecc.com)) to be considered for a board of director position, and/or wish to discuss the process further and obtain a candidate application packet, contact Mark David Goss, chief legal officer, by phone at (800) 264-5112, ext. 4130, or by email at [mdgoss@skrecc.com](mailto:mdgoss@skrecc.com), between 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

All sealed, completed application packets must be returned to the attention of Mark David Goss at the

Somerset Headquarters Office of South Kentucky RECC by 4:30 p.m. (EST) on Friday, Jan. 12, 2024.

The web address for the 2023-2024 South Kentucky RECC Board of Directors Election is:  
<https://skrecc.com/DirectorElection>  
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[www.skrecc.com/bylaws](http://www.skrecc.com/bylaws)



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High school juniors apply by December 15!

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## Happy Thanksgiving!

South Kentucky RECC offices will be closed  
Nov. 23 and 24 for Thanksgiving.  
We will reopen on Monday, Nov. 27.

In case of an outage, please call (800) 264-5112 for Dispatch.

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## Daylight saving reminder!

Do not forget to fall back on Nov. 5.  
Set your clocks back one hour.

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# HOLIDAY COOKING PREP

## INGREDIENTS FOR SAFETY

**Keep your family safe during these joyful times by learning some basic holiday cooking preparation tips.**

- Protect your home and family from fire hazards by installing smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home.
- Unattended cooking equipment is the leading cause of home cooking fires. Always be sure someone takes over the preparation when needed.
- While cooking, it's easy to forget about something in the oven, especially when you're entertaining guests. Use a kitchen timer to make sure your dish doesn't burn.
- Always locate appliances away from the sink to avoid any electrical dangers. Plug countertop appliances into ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) protected outlets and keep cords away from hot surfaces like toasters.



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