

Jackson Energy accepting applications for the Lineman Training Center Scholarship

Jackson Energy is accepting applications for the 2021 Lineman Scholarship Program. One winner will receive a full scholarship to attend the Somerset Community College Lineman Training Center.

The deadline to apply is May 21st. Applicants must be at least a senior in high school. The applicant, their parents or their legal guardians must be a Jackson Energy member and their primary residence or business must be served by the cooperative.

To download the application or apply online, visit <https://www.jacksonenergy.com/jackson-energy-lineman-program-scholarship>. The lineman training program is an eight-week course held in Somerset. More than 90% of the Somerset Community College Lineman Training Center graduates have been placed in jobs with either electric utilities or electric contractor companies.

"The Lineman Training Center was established to provide men and women an opportunity to learn the basic, yet necessary, skills and hands-on experience that are essential to enter the utility industry at an apprentice level," says Jackson Energy President & CEO, Carol Wright. "The training center's criteria is a proven success to the linemen that complete the course. The experience and knowledge that the students gain at the training center give them an explicit advantage when they enter the workforce."



Jackson Energy 1st Class Line Technician Sean Evans is a 2012 graduate of the Lineman Training Center. Jackson Energy offers a Lineman Scholarship Program which covers tuition to the Somerset Community College Lineman Training Center.



Library Corner by Sherri Jenkins Bookmobile Librarian

Hello Estill County!

My name is Sherri Jenkins and I'm the Bookmobile Librarian for the public library. I've held this job for 27 years, and I have truly enjoyed every minute. I feel that I'm a people person, so that is why the Bookmobile job is a perfect fit for me.

Now I want to talk about what the Bookmobile is, what it does, and how to get the service. The Bookmobile is a large blue and white library on wheels, and it is stocked the most current best seller fiction, large print, non-fiction, and 12 different magazine titles, which are current also. The Bookmobile has a very large variety of children and juvenile books. The collection includes early learning easy reader, easy, juvenile and non-fiction. I'm very pleased to have such a big selection of children's books. These books are very heavily used, especially when I visit both South Irvine Pre-K, and West Irvine Intermediate. The kids think it is cool to get on the Bookmobile, and always have lots of questions about it.

When the Bookmobile visits South Irvine Pre-K, each classroom gets to come onto the Bookmobile and sit down on a very colorful alphabet rug.

Then Miss Sherri reads a story, and they actually listen, but the highlight of their visit is being able to choose their very own book to take back to the classroom. The teachers tell me that they actually do remember which book they chose, and usually ask the teacher's to read them to the whole classroom. Hearing this makes me very happy, and puts a big smile on my face, just think me putting books in all of these kid's hands, pretty cool, huh!

Now I will move on and talk about my West Irvine Intermediate visits. This school houses 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. There are 16 classrooms, and almost all bring their students to the Bookmobile, where they are able to browse for a book of their choice to check-out, and keep for 2 weeks.

Bookmobile service is available to for anyone in Estill County, and you must have a Library card. If you don't it is relatively simple to apply for one. You will need to bring in a photo ID, and a recent piece of mail, that has been addressed to you. You will then be asked to complete Library card application paperwork. This information will then be added to our computer database, and at this time you will be issued a Library card.

The Bookmobile serves all of Estill County, and travels all over the county. The Bookmobile is on the road 4 days a week for everyone, with the exception of Friday's which are reserved for the schools. The Monday thru Thursday schedule is on a 2 week rotation, with each week day having different areas of the county. If

you would like to request Bookmobile service, please call the Library at 606-723-3030 and ask to speak with Sherri Jenkins, or you can reach me via Email at info@estillpublib.org. Once you contact me I will add you to the schedule, I will setup a day, and time for your Bookmobile visit.

Now that I have told you all about the Bookmobile, I would like to explain how we are taking care of Bookmobile/Outreach users since COVID-19 has limited our services. The Library also owns a Toyota Matrix, which is being used as of now to make deliveries because of safety concerns due to the Corona Virus. I'm currently making book deliveries to my already established users, and I also deliver to Library users who request home delivery. Patrons call with a list of materials that they want, and then I gather them, check them out, put them in brown paper bags, and deliver them to their front doors. I also pick-up books that are to be returned, and there is no face-to-face contact with anyone. If I do see someone it is through a glass door. I take every precaution to not spread the Covid-19 virus; I do this by always wearing gloves, a mask, and sanitizing every book that is brought back to the Library.

I must go for now, I think I have enlightened everyone about the Bookmobile, so until next time I bid farewell to everyone, and look forward to my next article.

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Twitter for updates on all of our Library happenings.



Times Remembered Betty A. Young

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This Past Year

This past year will be etched in my mind forever and will not be forgotten. The COVID-19 pandemic made us experience loss, conflict, worry and forgetfulness. I actually think my state of mind has suffered. It has aged me tremendously. I am a worrier and worry has affected my health. COVID-19 has hurt many, many people both physically and mentally. People have lost love ones, their jobs, homes and family times.

We have been praying for this awful time to be over. As the New Year began a vaccine has offered hope, at least for our physical illnesses. We will settle for a vaccine. The United States has administered 165 million doses thus far. Which is a good record.

I praise God for being able to attend a wonderful worship service yesterday; Easter Sunday at our church - Calvary Baptist. We had a special program of singing by the choir, the youth and sev-

eral other groups. It was a great time of fellowship.

I am so blessed to finally get to really hug my grandson, daughter and son-in-law yesterday when they came up for Easter. Tara and Steve both had their shots, and so have Bob and I. We still wear our masks at all times for extra protection, too. I'm so thankful for time together yesterday; it really touched my heart to visit with them. We had a nice time having lunch outside together.

I'm just thinking of all the things I will do when we are able to shop again at all the clothing stores, antique shops, theatres; and eat at any restaurant we please. I think Bob and I will venture to Pigeon Forge to the outlets soon, Oh! And Wal-Mart; I haven't been in Wal-Mart since last March.

And vacation . . . I just hope by the last of June, things are still good so we can walk the pier and go fishing, get a suntan at the beach, ride the Mountain Coaster, and ride go-karts with Colton. He's a great driver, it's hard to beat him in a go-kart.

I want to eat at Paula Deen's Restaurant, the Mexican restaurant in downtown Gatlinburg, and a famous bar-b-que place just outside Louisville; on Shelbyville Road, called the Feed Store.

I'm planning to attend some of Colton's traveling basketball games, and he is running track this year instead of baseball. I want to attend some of his meets. He has grown so much in inches this past year. He is 12, in the 6th grade and is 5'9 tall. I can't believe how he has grown in the last year.

I pray everyone would follow the CDC rules, and don't let their guard down. We must try our best to avoid a 4th round of this awful disease. We are not to the end of the tunnel yet.

WORKING ON AN OUTDOOR PROJECT?

By taking these important steps BEFORE you break ground - you can help protect not only yourself but our community. Disrupting an underground utility line can interrupt service, cause injuries, and cost money to repair.

-- Always call 8-1-1 first and know what's below --



1. NOTIFY

Call 8-1-1 or make a request online two to three days before your work begins. The operator will notify the utilities affected by your project.

2. WAIT

Wait two to three days for affected utilities to respond to your request. They will send a locator to mark any underground utility lines.

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3. CONFIRM

Confirm that all affected utilities have responded to your request by comparing the marks to the list of utilities the 8-1-1 call center notified.

WARNING

4. RESPECT

Respect the markers provided by the affected utilities. The markers are your guide for the duration of your project.

5. DIG CAREFULLY

If you can't avoid digging near the markers (within 18-24 inches on all sides, depending on state laws), consider moving your project location.



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