

Storm
repair included Davis H. Elliott, Appalachian Electric Cooperative, Owen Electric Cooperative, Pennyrite Electric, Cumberland Valley Electric, W.A. Kendall & Co. and Phillips Tree Experts.

Member Service Representatives and extra dispatch staff were also working around the clock answering member phone calls, contacting workers in the field and assisting operations supervisors throughout the restoration process.

"We want to thank our members for their patience as we worked to restore power," said Jackson Energy President & CEO Carol Wright. "Being without power is never easy and we always work to restore service as quickly and safely as possible." Wright also expressed her thanks to Calvary Baptist Church in Irvine for preparing meals for the line techs working during the extended outage. Estill, Lee, Jackson, Owsley and Rockcastle counties bore the brunt of the storm.

The snowstorm did hit in March and at least some Jackson Energy members had a touch of March Madness as the repairs wound down. Josh Williams posted on Facebook Thursday morning, "Don't forget, Kentucky plays tonight at 7, so it would be wonderful if the power was back on by then!!"

The last of the Estill County repairs ended in time for those members to catch the second half of the Kentucky ballgame.

PBS
work they do in their communities," said Sara Schapiro, PBS' vice president of education. "We are excited to see the new and inventive ways these educators will support students' learning through this program."

PBS Digital Innovator All-Stars will spend the 2018-2019 school year deepening engagement among students, families, educators, schools and their local PBS stations. As an exclusive part of the program, they will have access to virtual and in-person events, including the PBS Digital Innovator All-Star Summit, to connect and learn with their peers

and station representatives from across the country.

A full list of the 2018 PBS Digital Innovator All-Stars along with their bios and photos is available at PBS.org/education/digitalinnovators.

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the lives of our struggling neighbors. While there, I spoke to a couple of recovering addicts who were excited to begin a new recovery program for others who are trying to find their way. I hope they can make this happen because we need more non-residential treatment programs for people who want to change their lives in Jackson County. I hope the day comes when most citizens have a clear understanding of the curse of addiction and the work that has to occur to recover. Jackson County is a great place to live!

On Sunday evening I responded to a shooting case from northern Clay County. David Scott Gray reportedly shot a subject in Clay County and fled the scene for Jackson County. Investigations led KSP troopers, Clay County SO and I to the residence of Don Buster Medlock. After gaining entrance, Gray and Medlock were located in a bedroom. Two handguns were located inside the same room. Both Gray and Medlock were arrested without incident. Gray was transported back to Clay Co. where he was lodged in the Clay County Detention Center. Medlock was charged with probation violations warrants and lodged in the Jackson County Detention Center. The shooting investigation is being handled by KSP in Clay County.

The fourth suspect in the investigation into the theft of an S-10 pickup that occurred a week earlier in Jackson County was arrested for Criminal Facilitation to Theft by Unlawful Taking (Auto).

Crystal Gayle Sizemore of Manchester, KY. was arrested without incident and lodged in the Jackson County Detention Center. This case will be presented to the next session of the Jackson County Grand Jury.

Last week the Jackson County Sheriff's Office responded to sixty-five calls for service. We investigated five traffic accidents, opened seven criminal cases and arrested eight individuals on various criminal charges. We served a significant number of civil and criminal documents and waited on the courts. We appreciate the continuing support and prayers of the public we serve. Thank you.

Judge
them to play on. To me our youth has always been our greatest asset. I tried for a grant a couple of years ago to enable us to do a major overhaul to Worthington Park in Annville but was turned down. These kinds of grants are very competitive and are hard to attain. One of my long-term goals is to have a complex that would include 3 or more playing fields and with more expanded recreation along with it. Finding the money to do this will not be easy but that's why I labeled it as long term. Grants are out there sometimes they just take time to get. To me our kids are more than worth more recreation in our County.

The month of April is just a few weeks away. This will begin our spring cleanup weeks in the County. In the coming weeks you will begin to see work crews out on the sides of the roads picking up roadside litter. Roadside litter is as bad as I can remember seeing this year, so we will be anxious for cleanup to start. Free dump day is scheduled for Saturday April 21 this year, so I hope everyone takes time to participate. A little Pride goes a long way, so I encourage everyone to have pride in their property.

It's budget time of year again for us and we are progressing well in the process. I'm still waiting to see what Legislatures do at a State level with Retirement. Parks are just one thing I'd like to do

in the coming years, but we must be careful to not build something that we can't afford to maintain. Roads are another issue we are looking at. The winter weather has really taken a toll on our roads. For example, I requested \$750,000 a few weeks ago from the Department of Rural and Secondary Roads to try to get 4 roads resurfaced in the southern end of the County. I anticipate asphalt prices to go up again this year, so it will be hard to get many roads paved this year. We will do the best we can with our needs. Have a blessed Spring.

and education that has developed into a national model for successful federal policy and legislation. This week in Congress, we are working to secure more money to target effective treatment and education measures to prevent abuse and help more people through recovery.

"In just a few weeks, Operation UNITE will once again help lead the critical journey for solutions to the opioid abuse epidemic during the annual National Rx Drug Abuse and Heroin Summit in Atlanta on April 2-6, 2018. I count it a great honor to stand alongside UNITE to bring together stakeholders from federal, state and local agencies, both private and public sectors, and passionate advocates from across the country. Over the last seven years, the Rx summit has influenced critical drug-related policies and inspired an unmatched movement for action amongst professionals in every related industry. With more lives hanging in the balance each day, we must remain diligent in our fight for hope."

Rogers on President Trump's Opioid Announcement

WASHINGTON, DC -- U.S. Rep. Harold "Hal" Rogers (KY-05) released the following statement after President Trump announced further action on the nation's public health crisis on opioids.

"While Eastern Kentucky tragically started out as ground zero for skyrocketing prescription drug abuse overdoses, this crisis has now expanded into a national opioid epidemic - the leading cause of death for Americans under the age of 50. We need all hands on deck, including our Commander-in-Chief, to help save lives and beat back the tide of abuse. I am pleased that President Trump is engaged on this issue and look forward to working with him to implement a holistic federal response.

"In Eastern Kentucky, with Operation UNITE leading the charge to save lives, we quickly learned that we can't arrest our way out of the problem. In fact, it is UNITE's three-pronged approach, including law enforcement, treatment

Kentucky Afield Outdoors: Spring turkey season approaching

FRANKFORT, Ky. (March 15, 2018) – The landscape awakens almost spontaneously from its winter slumber. Winter flocks break up into smaller groups. Innumerable turkey calls and lifelike decoys reappear at sporting goods retailers.

Turkey hunters interpret these occurrences as signs that it will not be long before they are easing into their spots before dawn, filled with anticipation.

In Kentucky, hunters still have ample time to scout and develop a game plan to increase their odds of success in the upcoming spring turkey season. This year, Kentucky's youth-only season is the weekend of April 7-8. The start of the 23-day general statewide season follows on April 14. It ends May 6.

"Start at the computer then get out in the field to find birds," said Zak Danks, wild turkey program coordinator with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "Know some different approaches you might take and where you can move based on gobbling you hear once the season starts. Think about some good set-up spots or places to put your decoys, or vantage points to see birds."

Virtual scouting can save precious time for hunters looking to hunt public land. Topographic maps and satellite views may reveal access points, existing trails, open fields, wooded areas, elevation changes and creeks or fences where approaching gobblers could hang up. Kentucky offers dozens of wildlife management areas and other lands open for public use. As a reminder, turkey calling is not allowed from March 1 until the opening of the youth-only season, and from the close of that season until the opening of the statewide season. Hunters may still use an owl, crow or other calls to locate turkeys while scouting.

It is always a good practice before the season to shoot your shotgun at a paper turkey head target using different brands of turkey loads. By patterning a shotgun ahead of time, the hunter knows the shotgun will shoot where it is aimed and deliver an acceptable number of pellets to the turkey's vital area (head and neck).

"One thing I've learned over the past several years is just how good the hunting can be later in the season," Danks said. "Last year, in particular, I had hunters contacting me well after the season ended saying they were still hearing turkeys gobble. So don't get discouraged if you don't have success early on. There's still time to find turkeys throughout the season."

In Kentucky, the spring hunting seasons are timed to give gobblers

enough time to breed hens before subjecting the birds to hunting pressure. Kentucky Fish and Wildlife monitors turkey reproduction on a statewide scale through annual summer brood surveys.

Weather during the nesting period in May and June influences reproductive success. Heavy rains in Kentucky and surrounding states during that timeframe last year affected nesting success, which reflected in a statewide average of 1.2 poults per hen. A figure of 2.0 or higher is optimal. Hunters should expect to encounter fewer of the more easily fooled jakes as a result this season.

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