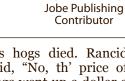
Now that winter is upon us, I haven't been gettin' much sleep lately. Th' snow snakes and ice worms keep me awake a-singin' all night!

Th' Summer Shade Loafers League held their annual watermelon roast last night. Other than Uncle Sot fallin' into th' fire and scorchin' th' seat of his pants, a good time was had by all.

asked Burley Burlap why they built th' Glasgow Airport where they did. Tom reckoned they built it there so it would be near th' airplanes.

At th' meetin' somebody

Rashbottom said he lost a whole lot gerin' on havin' hisself of money last week on a good meal. Th' red hogs. Tom asked him if rooster had other ideas



SMILES

By
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his hogs died. Rancid said, "No, th' price of hogs went up a dollar a pound, and I didn't have a single hog to sell."

Phil McNasty tells me of a feller who had a big red rooster that wuz really tough, Th' feller says that one day a big chicken hawk swooped down and flew off with th' prize rooster in his claws. Well sir, that ole hawk flew to a big tree about a mile away fig-

and made that hawk bring him back to th' chicken house.

Speakin' of chickens, I wuz a-sittin' out on th' front porch a-while back and my little ole banty rooster wuz a-chasin' two little banty hens around and around th'

I hear one of th' hens asked th' other, "I wonder which one of us he's chasin?" Th' other little hen answered, "I don't know, but if we don't slow down, he'll never catch either one of us."

2nd Timothy 4:18, "And

The confidence of Paul



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The Confidence of Paul goes beyond our understanding. The Apostle Paul is the greatest Christian missionary in the history of the world. God used him to spread the Gospel throughout the Roman world and to write many books of the New Testament.

Paul suffered betrayal and many different adversities during his journeys. He continued his work because he knew the Lord would sustain

the Lord shall deliver

me from every evil work. and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen"

Our lives in this world are temporary and everything we have here can be taken from us. We suffer hardships and loss in our lives. We suffer betrayal and tragedies but the same help the Apostle Paul had is available to us also. The confidence of Paul is Jesus Christ.

2nd Timothy 1:12, "For the which cause I also these suffer things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that Think about the things your life is filled with. Is there anything you have or anyone you know who cannot be taken from you? Eventually, those who love each other the strongest will be separated by death. Life is very difficult at times and all of us need help getting through it.

The Lord is our only hope in this life and in the next. His Word is our roadmap for navigating through the struggles of this life. The Lord helped everyone who asked Him and will help vou also.

You may be struggling with something in your life as you're reading this. Look away from the hardship and look to Jesus Christ. He is the only one who can truly help.

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National Weather Service predicts colder than normal winter in Kentucky & Tennessee

Bundle up, Tri-County Electric members. Forecasters are predicting a colder than normal winter for our service area after a colder than normal November.

According to www. chooseenergy.com, Tennessee is the 5th cheapest state to live in based on electricity rates at 10.59 cents/kWh and Kentucky is the 7th cheapest state at 10.70 cents/kWh, as of September 2018. Tri-County Electric members pay less than the average of both states at 9.792 cents/kWh. The national average is 12 cents/

'We realize the electric bill is one of the largest monthly expenses for many of our members, especially in the winter," said Paul Thompson, Executive V.P. & General Manager. "We will always look for ways to keep costs as low as possible and are proud to be able to offer rates, not only below the national average but also below the average for both states we serve. Tri-County Electric offers Levelized Billing, Due Date Selection and a Pre-Payment Program as ways to assist our members in managing

Tri-County Electric is encouraging our member-owners to be aware of their energy use and take steps to help manage electric bills, which may also be higher than normal as a result of increased usage.

their accounts.

In the National Weather Service's official Three-Month Outlook, Kentucky, Tennessee, and surrounding states are shown to have a higher likelihood of below normal temperatures. The temperature probability is a forecast for January, February and March.

According to Sean Poulos, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Paducah, the chances of a colder than normal winter increases from west to east across Kentucky.

This comes after a November cold snap in Kentucky, including ten November days with temperatures at least ten degrees below normal. National Weather Service records also show that the Kentucky cold snap extended into the first ten days of De-

As Tri-County Electric member-owners heated their homes and spent more time indoors over the cold Thanksgiving holiday, energy usage increased resulting in higher than typical bills.

Weather, especially cold weather, affects residential energy bills more than any other factor. Heating claims about a 42 percent share of overall energy use in U.S.

The temperature difference between the inside of your home and the air temperature outside is greater during the winter than in the summer.

Put simply, the greater the temperature difference, the harder your heating system has to work to maintain a comfortable indoor tempera-

For example, if you want your house to be 70 degrees inside and its 20 degrees outside, your HVAC system has to make up 50 degrees difference in temperature. Even on a 100-degree summer day, the HVAC

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system only has to make up about 30 degrees difference versus that 50-degree variance in winter.

8 Quick Tips to Avoid High Winter Bills

Winter heating bills impact wallets across the state. Here are some suggested ways to cut back on energy usage and keep your bills as low as possible:

- 1. Find and seal all air leaks. Check for cracks near doors and windows, gaps around pipes chimneys, and any unfinished areas. Plug leaks with weather-stripping, caulk, or expandable foam.
- 2. Set your thermostat to 68 degrees, or install a programmable thermo-
- Close blinds and curtains at night; if sunny, open them during the

4. Cover drafty windows

yourself with easy, effective, and inexpensive shrink-to-fit plastic. 5. Turn off lights when not in use. Replace in-

candescent light bulbs

with leds, which use at

- least 75 percent less en-6. Lower your water heater temperature to
- 120 degrees Fahrenheit. 7. Wash clothes in cold water, and use cold-wa-

ter detergent whenever

possible. 8. Keep your garage door closed for a warmer garage in winter, and cool-

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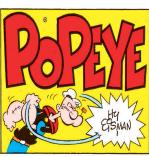
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