

Ripley POWER & LIGHT COMPANY



Ripley Power & Light will be closed...

- Monday, September 5, for Labor Day
- Monday, October 10, for Columbus Day
- Thursday and Friday, November 24-25, for the Thanksgiving Holidays



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7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Monday-Thursday

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- 150 S. Main St. in Ripley
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Air Show takes flight in Halls

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museum. The controlled air show program will be 2-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Spectators are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, and there will be two sets of bleachers. The Air Show is made possible through area contributors and City and County officials of the Dyer, Lauderdale and Crockett counties.

Saturday night will feature a USO Dinner and Dance from 7-10 p.m. on the Veterans' Museum grounds. Tickets to the USO Buffet and Music event are \$35 per person and must be purchased by September 15.

To order tickets by mail, send \$37 per ticket to: A Night at the USO, 100 Veterans Drive, Halls, TN 38040.

Allmand president of state power group

Mike Allmand, Ripley Power and Light Company President and CEO, is president of the Tennessee Municipal Electric Power Association for 2011-2012.

This is his second time to be president of the association, and he is the first person in the group's 45-year history to serve twice as president.

The Association has many purposes, including to foster and promote legislation and policies that will enhance the operation, development and progress of member electric power systems.



Mike Allmand
President & CEO
Ripley Power & Light

"The Tennessee Municipal Electric Power Association plays an important role in monitoring legislation that affects our customers," said Allmand. "Many issues could affect the cost of electric power, and we work hard to make sure legislators know what is in the best interest of our ratepayers and member utilities."

This past legislative session, for example, included a change in Tennessee's "move-over" law, which creates a safety zone to protect police, firefighters and other emergency personnel. Motorists must now also move over or slow down when passing working utility employees.

Allmand also is president of the West Tennessee Industrial Association, which is funded by power distributors and works to increase jobs and promote industrial development in West Tennessee.



Ripley Power and Light President and CEO Mike Allmand, far left, stands with the utility company's board: Kenny Parham, Elizabeth Lague, Tommy Sanders, Phillip Jackson and Kevin Connell.

Ripley Power and Light Board expands

Five members on board will give it stability and make it more business like

Kevin Connell is looking forward to doing his civic duty to help his community. Phillip Jackson sees a good opportunity to try to help increase jobs in Lauderdale County.

Both are new members of the Ripley Power and Light Board of Directors. Their first meeting was August 11, and it included an orientation session by Mike Allmand, Ripley Power and Light's President and CEO.

The new board members join longtime board members Tommy Sanders, Elizabeth Lague and Kenny Parham.

The Ripley City Council appointed Connell and Jackson to the board after passing a resolution to increase the number of Power and Light board positions from three to five members.

"Expanding the board is a good decision for our customers because it allows us to develop qualified, business-minded board members," said Allmand. "Serving four-year terms will give the board consistency and stability."

Jackson agrees. "Ripley Power and Light needs a strong independent board that will run the company like a business for

the benefit of the ratepayers. I am very much in favor of an independent utility board so that we can keep politics out of the utility."

After going through the board orientation, the new board members were impressed. "The utility company is in great shape financially," Jackson said. "The board will actively work with Mike to find and increase other kinds of revenue besides the sale of electricity to customers. We'll also do what we can to promote job growth."

Sanders credits Allmand and management staff for running "one of the most secure power companies in West Tennessee."

The board's five members come from different business and community backgrounds.

• Jackson is a retired Lauderdale County Superintendent of Education. His term on the Power and Light Board ends January 1, 2012. An educator for 40 years, he started at Ripley High School in 1969 teaching bookkeeping and accounting. He spent 32 years of his career in school administration. A graduate of Halls High School,



Circuit Court Judge Jody Walker swears in new board members Kevin Connell and Phillip Jackson.

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Power Board adds members



Phillip Jackson

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he has a B.S. in education from Lambuth University and a masters in education (administration and supervision) from the University of Memphis. He and his wife, Jean, have two grown children and four grandchildren. Jackson, who was born and raised in Gates, is a preacher at Griffin's Chapel United Methodist Church near Bradford.

Connell, the owner of Connell Body Shop, graduated from Ripley High School and has his bachelor's degree from the University of Memphis. He moved back to Ripley about 19 years ago. Connell and his wife, Kim, have two young children. His term on the Ripley Power and Light Board ends January 1, 2015.



Kevin Connell

Sanders graduated from Ripley High School and joined the Army Signal Corps. He has a college degree from Southwest College in Los Angeles. After working for Western Union for 25 years, he retired as district manager of Western Union's Telecommunications Division over Arizona, Nevada and California. He then worked 10 years as a funeral director at Forest Lawn Memorial Park.

Sanders and his wife, Donna, have one child. They moved back to Ripley five years ago. A Lauderdale County commissioner, Sanders is a member of Ripley's Industrial Development Board and the county's litter committee, second vice president of the Lauderdale County Chapter of the NAACP, vice president of the Canfield Cemetery Association and the West Tennessee Business and Community Leaders Network and a steward at Miles Chapel CME Church. His term on the Power and Light Board ends January 1, 2014.



Tommy Sanders

Parham is the co-owner of Lauderdale Lumber and Hardware in Henning and C&C Equipment in Henning, Jackson and Memphis. A graduate of Ripley High School, he earned an engineering degree from State Technical Institute at Memphis. His community activities included being a member of the Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce Board, the Exchange Club and the Tina Turner Child Abuse Center Board. He is a member of First Baptist Church.



Kenny Parham

For many years, he coached girls softball and boys baseball and has been active in Dixie Youth Baseball and Ripley High School Booster Club. He and his wife, Cindy, have two grown children. Parham's term on the Power and Light Board ends January 1, 2013.



Elizabeth Lague

An alderwoman on the Ripley City Council, Elizabeth Lague is the city's representative on the Ripley Power and Light Board. A graduate of Halls High School, Lague has a B.S. degree in agriculture from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. She works with Jimmy Sanders Inc., selling agricultural products.

Lague also is a member of First United Methodist Church in Ripley. She and her husband, Paul, have a seven-month-old son. Her term ends in April 2012.

Air Show takes flight September 24-25



The Wings Over Halls Air Show is set to take to the air September 24 and 25 on the grounds of the former World War II B-17 Training Base, Dyersburg Army Air Base in Halls. Warbirds once again will provide an exciting, fast-paced show as they highlight those magnificent machines that helped to win WWII.

This show marks the 25th anniversary of the inaugural air show in 1986, which was the first time a B-17 had returned to the base since 1945. It led to yearly airshows from 1994 through 2001, as well as the development of The Veterans' Museum in 1997. In 2010, the show was resurrected.

This year, "Team RV," an aerobatic team of 12 planes, will perform, and Red Thunder will have six ships in the air on Sunday. "We also have a transforming jet truck," said Pat Higdon, Veterans' Museum Director. "The jet truck will make stops at mid-

dle schools from Millington to Dyersburg, on Friday, September 23."

Additional aircraft at this year's show include a B-25, TBM torpedo bomber, BT-13, P-47, T-33, T-6s and a C47. An At-11 and several T-34s will take to the sky before, during and after the show. Red Star and the Dragon, a civilian jet team, will be performing at Halls for the first time. Two P-51s will perform as a pair. More than 30 airplanes will be at the airshow.

"The major problem we face now is having the ramp space available for the airplanes," said Higdon. "We have plenty of parking for visitors. Parking for the handicapped and WWII and Korean War veterans is within the fence of the Museum."

"This year we have scheduled plenty of food vendors that will be located up and down the showline to provide easy access. Drink vendors will be in separate

booths. Besides exhibits, the show will have many merchandise vendors. Two new vendors on the showline include the M-4 simulator rides that include P-51 (easy ride), the P-51 (aerobatics), other aircraft and a F-4 Phantom nose. Private helicopter rides also will be available."

Advance tickets, which are \$5, are on sale through September 16 at area banks and through the mail. After the 16th, tickets are \$10. Those interested in getting their tickets via mail, at a cost of \$7, can call 731.836.7400 or order them from Wings Over Halls, 100 Veterans' Drive, Halls TN 38040.

Gates open each day at 10 a.m. with airplanes flying all day until 5 p.m. when the show closes. Tickets will be available at the gate. Opening ceremonies are at 1:30 p.m. at the Air Show Center. The veterans' welcome is at 12:30 p.m. in the hospitality tent by the



Crowds filled the airbase to watch last year's airshow.

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