

Blue Grass Living

The official newsletter of
Blue Grass Energy
A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 
Making life better, the cooperative way®

BGEnergy welcomes Richard Cobb IV as director

The Board of Directors of Blue Grass Energy is pleased to announce the appointment of Richard Cobb IV as director for District 2. He fills the remaining term of former director Dr. Danny Britt.

In accordance with board policies, a list of qualified candidates was presented for consideration. After completing the review process, Cobb was selected for the remainder of Britt's unexpired term.

He is a native of Madison County and has a B.S. in Agriculture from Eastern Kentucky University. In addition to being a life-long farmer, Cobb is a retired letter carrier from the United States Postal Service.

Cobb is married to retired elementary school teacher Martha Cobb. They have two children, Jillian (Joe) Fichetola and Richard (Amanda) Cobb V and five grandchildren. He and his wife are members of First Christian Church in Richmond.

The Board of Directors looks forward to the experience Cobb brings to the cooperative.



Director Richard Cobb IV represents District 2.

Message from the President

Value in membership

At Blue Grass Energy, we work diligently each day to provide safe, reliable, affordable energy services while improving the quality of life for our members. But we don't stop there. Our ultimate goal is centered around our purpose of making life better, the cooperative way.

That means we strive to find ways of providing real value to you and to the communities we serve.

But what does real value actually mean? In some ways it is basic—like connecting with a real person in one of our local offices rather than a recording. It may be finding your copy of *Kentucky Living* in your mailbox each month. Or, it may be the assurance that you are paying for electricity at what it costs to deliver it to you.

Real value also means getting the lights back on as quickly as possible, and communicating with you during the

outage. It is providing you with an outage map—so that you can track and monitor the infrequent interruptions of your electric service.

We also see real value in being part of the electric cooperative family. We have mutual-aid agreements with other cooperatives nationwide that brings help to us when we need it. Linemen from other cooperatives have come to our aid and assisted us, resulting in a much quicker restoration time than if we had been independent.

We also see value with our community commitment. We provide opportunities

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Michael I. Williams
President & CEO



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A man in a blue polo shirt with a logo on the chest is holding a tablet. He is standing in a room with a light blue wall. To his left is a framed painting of a tree. To his right is a wooden fireplace mantel with a glass-enclosed firebox containing logs.

Clean air filters save money

by Energy Advisor Steve Rose

The most expensive dirt in the world may lurk in your home's heating and cooling system. If neglected, dust collecting in the equipment's air filter could increase your energy bill hundreds of dollars every year and result in costly repair or replacement costs.

Dirty filters cause a system to work harder and break down faster. That's because unfiltered dust and grime work into critical parts, creating friction that causes unnecessary wear and, eventually, failure.

As you move around your home, you drive dust into the air from carpets, drapes and furniture. Pets generate dust particles by shedding, grooming and tracking in dirt from outside.

Regardless of where it comes from, dust trapped in a heating and cooling system's air filter leads to several problems, including:

- Reduced air flow in the home and up to 15 percent higher operating costs.
- Costly duct cleaning or replacement.
- Decreased system efficiency.

If your system is operating with a dirty filter, it has to work harder. This will cause you to have to replace your system sooner. To avoid this expense, change filters monthly when a system is in regular use. Discuss cleaning the unit and ductwork with your heating and cooling service professional.



BLUE GRASS ENERGY'S



Thursday, June 7, 2018
Keeneland Entertainment Center

Registration: 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Business meeting: 6:30 p.m.

- Free Food
- B-I-N-G-O (\$1,000 in prizes)
- Bucket with Bulbs
- Scholarship Awards
- Kids Activities
- Energy Saving Info
- Caricaturists
- Balloon Artist
- Rolling Video Games

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Value in membership: Capital credits

You got the credit—capital credits, that is—for helping build, sustain and grow your local electric cooperative. This spring, Blue Grass Energy returned almost \$2 million to 13,486 members—which includes all of the margins from 1984 and half of 1985.

When you signed up to receive electric service from Blue Grass Energy, you became a member of an electric cooperative. While investor-owned utilities return a portion of any profits back to their shareholders, electric co-ops operate on an at-cost basis. So instead of returning leftover funds, known as margins, to folks who might

not live in the same region or even the same state as you do, Blue Grass Energy allocates and periodically returns capital credits based on how much electricity you purchased during a year.

Capital credits reflect the member's contribution of capital to, and ownership of, the cooperative. Those years—1984 and 1985—may seem like a long time ago. However, those funds helped us keep rates stable, reduced the amount of money we needed to borrow from outside lenders to build, maintain and expand a reliable electric distribution system, and covered emergency expenses.



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President's message (continued)

for our young members with scholarships and leadership training through our Washington Youth Tour. We continue supporting economic development efforts throughout our service area. We support local charities that help make life better for our members. Since 2014, through employee-led fundraising, we have donated more than \$63,243 to organizations who are difference makers within the 23 counties we serve.

As an owner in our cooperative, know we will continue investing on your behalf to ensure you are getting the best value for your cooperative membership. We truly appreciate each one of you.

Each year, Blue Grass Energy chooses a charity to work with for the year. We partner with a local nonprofit organization that benefits the communities in which we live and serve. Our fundraising efforts for the entire year go to that cause. This year, we are partnering with the American Cancer Society.



Helping to reduce your risk for cancer and getting regular cancer screening tests to find cancer early can give you the best chances for staying well and living a long life.

MADISON COUNTY FESTIVAL OF HOPE

Friday, June 8

6 p.m. - 12 a.m.

B. Michael Caudill Middle School, Richmond

Register at www.relayforlife.org/madisonky

JESSAMINE COUNTY WISH UPON A CURE 5K

Saturday, June 9

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

RJ Corman Headquarters, Nicholasville

Register at <https://runsignup.com/Race/KY/Nicholasville/JCRelayForLife5K>

HARRISON COUNTY RELAY FOR LIFE

Saturday, June 16

6 p.m. - 12 a.m.

Courthouse Square, Cynthiana

Register at www.relayforlife.org/harrisonky

Register a team and help support a cure for cancer.