

**Thank you to all veterans and active military for your bravery and sacrifice. You are the reason we have the freedom we do today.**

TIM WEBB

*Our offices will be closed Nov. 12 for Veterans Day and Nov. 22-23 for Thanksgiving.*

## Message from the President

### Give thanks for our veterans

November is a month of thanksgiving as well as a time for recognizing those among us who have put on a uniform in service to our nation. Here at Blue Grass Energy, we count veterans and

active-duty military among those for whom we give thanks every day.

There are more than 34,500 men and women in uniform stationed in Kentucky. The commonwealth ranks 12th in the nation for having the most active-duty military and reservists living and working within its borders. We have numerous veterans working for the co-op.

According to the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs,

there are also 304,000 residents of the commonwealth who previously served in the armed forces. They range from those who fought overseas in World War II to individuals who have worn uniforms in more recent years.

On Nov. 11, Veterans Day, Blue Grass Energy will give particular thanks for Kenneth Simpson of Cynthiana and Donald Brady of Berea, both Vietnam veterans. We

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Michael I. Williams  
President & CEO

# Join us at the polls on November 6

We live, work and serve in the rural areas of Kentucky, so it is important we vote so the voices that represent rural Kentucky are heard.

Low voter turnout has been a topic of conversation for the last several elections. Since the 1960s, voter turnout during presidential elections has seen a steady decline. At best, the primary voter turnout was only 21 to 30 percent.

That's why we're participating in a national program of America's electric cooperatives called Co-ops Vote. Co-ops Vote is a non-partisan campaign with one simple goal: increase voter turnout at the polls.

As co-ops, the civic virtue of voting is in our DNA. We show concern for community—one of the seven cooperative principles—through participation in our democracy.

Our goal is to ensure that rural issues remain part of the national discussion. This is just another way we are looking out for our members and living our purpose of making life better, the cooperative way.

Your vote matters, and you can be heard by casting your ballot on November 6.

Resources and information can be found at [www.vote.coop](http://www.vote.coop). Let's work together to improve our communities by increasing voter turnout one vote at a time.

We look forward to seeing you at the polls on Election Day!



✓ STOP AT THE BANK

✓ GRAB THE GROCERIES

✓ FIND MY POLLING PLACE

✓ REMEMBER TO VOTE

**CO-OPS VOTE**

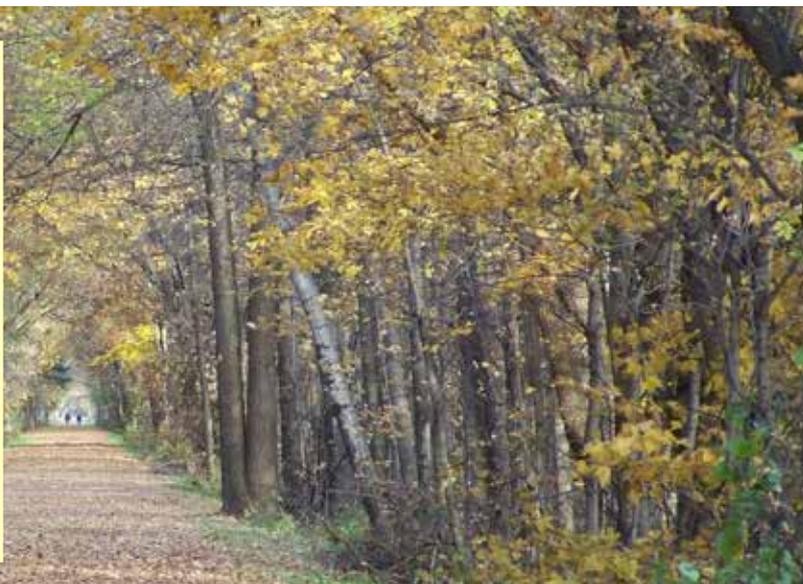
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**ELECTION DAY  
NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2018**

## We are thankful for you

“Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.”

In the spirit of this quote by author William Arthur Ward and this season of thanksgiving, we would like to express our gratitude to you for being a member of Blue Grass Energy.



## Portable generators can help after storms

Portable generators are very helpful in times of disaster. However, the Consumer Product Safety Commission

(CPSC) reports that more than 70 people die each year due to the improper use of this equipment.

While carbon monoxide poisoning is one of the potential hazards, electrical safety is just as important when operating a portable generator.

Always use generators outdoors and never in an enclosed space such as a garage or crawl space. Place the generator on a level, dry surface under an open-air shelter during wet and rainy weather, being careful to touch the machine with dry hands to prevent electric shock.

Be sure to read the owner's manual for the proper way to operate and use your generator. Improper use can put utility workers at risk.

We hope you will never need to use a portable generator to power your home. But if you do, always operate the equipment safely.



SHUTTERSTOCK

## Be safe when decorating with Christmas lights

This holiday season, keep safety first as you decorate your home with colored, shiny and blinking strands of lights.

Because old light cords can become brittle, inspect them for breaks and damage before using them, discarding the faulty strings in the garbage.

When hanging lights with a ladder, don't over reach. It's a good idea to have a second person anchoring the ladder, especially outside when

working with an extension ladder. Many people receive care from hospital emergency rooms each year during the holidays due to falling off ladders while decorating.

To lower the risk of fire, LED lights are a good option for live and artificial trees because they stay cool to the touch.

Lights marked for outdoors may be used indoors, but indoor lights should not be used outdoors.

To save energy, use a timer to turn Christmas lights on in the evening and off before bedtime.

Blue Grass Energy wishes you and your family a safe and blessed Christmas season as you celebrate with family and friends.

**Matt Thomas**  
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# President's message (continued)

sponsored these heroes on our September Honor Flight. They were among the 68 Kentucky veterans from World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War who flew to Washington, D.C., for a one-day tour of memorials dedicated to their service and sacrifices. Since 2011, Blue Grass Energy has sponsored 11 veterans for Honor Flights.

Honor Flight provides each participant with the opportunity to receive thanks for their service, visit their respective war memorial, and then be treated to a hero's welcome home. This is a way for us to give back by honoring those American veterans who have served and sacrificed for us. For more information on Honor Flight, visit [honorflightky.org](http://honorflightky.org).

As you gather with family and friends this holiday season, please join us in giving thanks for every man and woman who has put on an armed forces uniform.

Happy Thanksgiving.

## Blue Grass Energy is hosting its annual holiday campaign—the 12 Days of Giving.

**From Dec. 3 through Dec. 18—the first 12 business days in December—help us support the American Cancer Society in their fight against cancer by donating the items listed below or a monetary contribution. All donations will benefit Hope Lodge and Road to Recovery.**

**Hope Lodge** provides a free place to stay for cancer patients and their caregivers. It's a nurturing community that helps patients access the care they need.

**Road to Recovery** provides cancer patients with transportation to and from treatment who do not have a ride or are unable to drive themselves.



### Hope Lodge needs:

- Non-perishable snacks (No canned foods)
- Coffee items such as ground coffee, creamer, sugar (no artificial sweeteners needed), K-Cups, disposable cups
- Computer paper
- Grocery gift cards
- Toilet paper
- Disposable plates, napkins, utensils, cups

### Road to Recovery needs:

- Oil change gift cards
- Gasoline gift cards