



# BLUE GRASS LIVING

JUNE 2019

*Making life better, the cooperative way®*

## Save with the Co-op Connections Card

Summer is here and the fun is underway! We have a way to help you save on a variety of goods and services, from hotel discounts to fitness club memberships.

The Co-op Connections® Card is a free program that saves Blue Grass Energy members money on everyday expenses. The card also gives you access to Cash Back Mall, where you can get money back for shopping online at over 3,000 leading online retailers.

Your Co-op Connections Card gives you access to discounts at big box stores and chains, but it also provides discounts for businesses and events right here at home.

Beth Walton was able to save money and make her toddler son happy by using the card. “I saved \$17 when I ordered event tickets to take my son to see Paw Patrol at Rupp Arena.”

One of the most popular features is the prescription discount benefit. Even if you don’t have insurance, the card will help you save up to 85% on your medications at more than 60,000 pharmacies.

We know how important it is to save, and we want to make sure that you are taking full advantage of the programs we offer. The Co-op Connections Card is an easy way to see the value of being a member of Blue Grass Energy. So enjoy summer. Plan a trip for the family, get fit

with a discounted gym membership or take advantage of other deals available to you. It really is the one card that does it all!

Don’t miss out. Download the Co-op Connections smartphone app by scanning the QR code to the right and have immediate access to all of the discounts, services and a convenient virtual card.



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## CONTACT INFORMATION

**24-Hour Service:** (888) 546-4243  
**Automated payment:** (877) 934-9491  
**Report an outage:** (888) 655-4243  
[bgenergy.com](http://bgenergy.com)

## HEADQUARTERS

P.O. Box 990  
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## LOCAL OFFICES

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Cynthiana, KY 41031-0730

1200 Versailles Road  
Lawrenceburg, KY 40342-0150

2099 Berea Road  
Richmond, KY 40476-0276

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

# Capital credits returned for third consecutive year

Recently, we returned \$2.2 million of margins back to those who were members in 1985 and 1986. We are pleased that money can go back to our members and into the communities we serve.

Because you receive energy from an electric cooperative, you are a member of a not-for-profit business. That means you are an owner of your cooperative, Blue Grass Energy.

Providing affordable energy is part of our mission. We have to think about expenses, overhead and other aspects of daily business, but when we have margins, we share them back with you and the communities we serve. It is part of the value you receive by being part of a cooperative.

Surplus revenues are assigned to your account annually. These margins are based on how much business you did with the cooperative during a particular year. Your account represents your ownership or equity in Blue Grass Energy. The money itself is reinvested in the cooperative until it is returned to you in the form of what we call capital credits. We've made investments on your behalf to improve the efficiencies and reliability of our system, which have allowed us to reach financial goals while offering competitive rates.

Blue Grass Energy charges just enough to cover expenses and a slight margin. Margins provide us with dollars to ensure the co-op's financial strength and allows us to meet the financial obligations of our lenders. These margins are reinvested in the co-op in the form of capital improvements, and they are used to reduce the need for borrowing 100% for those system improvements.

In the last three years, we have shared approximately \$6 million back to our members—which benefits our communities. Returning these margins is just one of the many ways we are making life better, the cooperative way.

By President/CEO  
Michael I. Williams



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# A few of the local Co-op Connections Card deals

## Mr. Appliance

Lexington  
\$10 off any repair.

## Sports Unlimited

Cynthiana  
10% off any in-stock item. Excludes team and group orders.

## The Floor Show, Inc.

Lawrenceburg  
10% off floor cleaners;  
10% off in-stock remnants.

## Lee's Famous Recipe

Richmond  
10% off regular menu prices.

## Kentucky State Parks

10% discount on  
Lodge reservations.

## Bless Your H'Art Pottery, Paint & Crafts

Georgetown  
10% off any item \$10 and up.  
May use for kids' camps.  
Not available on special events, parties or classes.

Restrictions may apply.

See all offers from participating retailers at [connections.coop](http://connections.coop).

## Some of the national businesses that participate are:

Best Buy	Jenny Craig	Sephora
1-800-PetMeds	Journeys	Stein Mart
Best Buy	Lancôme	Steve Madden
Budget Truck Rental	Macy's	The Walking Company
Carnival Cruise Line	Merrell	Timberland
Columbia	Michaels	Torrid
Comfort Inn	Norwegian Cruise Line	Tory Burch
Crowne Plaza	OtterBox	Tractor Supply Co.
Dyson	PetCo	Under Armour
Express	Pier 1 Imports	Vans
Florsheim	Ray•Ban	Vera Bradley
Gander Outdoors	Red Roof	Vistaprint
Ghirardelli Chocolate Company	Redbox	Walgreens
Hobby Lobby	Rockport	Walt Disney World
Holiday Inn	Royal Caribbean Cruises	World Market
Hot Topic	Sears	Wyndham Hotels & Resorts

**CHARITY PARTNER**

**KENTUCKY WOUNDED HEROES**

Visit our 6th Annual Silent Auction at Annual Meeting on June 6. Proceeds benefit the Kentucky Wounded Heroes.

**SOME AUCTION ITEMS ARE:**

- 5 cases of Ale-8-One
- Family Admission tickets to the Kentucky Aviation Museum
- 2 tickets to Country Tonight Theatre in Pigeon Forge, Tenn.
- 2 tickets to the Lexington Philharmonic
- 2 one-day passes to the Louisville Zoo
- 60-minute massage from Massage Envy
- 2 tickets to the Muhammad Ali Center
- 2 tickets to Norton Center for the Arts, Danville
- Gift card for admission to Red River Gorge Zipline
- 2 tickets for the Stephen Foster Story, Bardstown
- 2 one-hour trail rides at Whispering Woods Riding Stables
- UK men's basketball team and coach photo

*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 Kentucky Wounded Heroes.*

*Join us for Blue Grass Energy's*

**ANNUAL MEETING**

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

Thursday, June 6, 2019  
Keeneland Entertainment Center

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

SILENT AUCTION  
benefiting



GRAND PRIZE

**\$1,000** VISA Gift Card