



# BLUE GRASS LIVING

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## Always on call

Being a lineworker is not a glamorous or easy profession. It takes years of specialized training, ongoing education, dedication, and equally important, a sense of service and commitment. How else can you explain the willingness to leave the comfort of your home to tackle a challenging job in difficult conditions and the worst of weather? This dedication and sense of service to the community is truly what sets them apart. That's why we set aside the second

Monday in April to celebrate and recognize the men and women who work around the clock to keep the power on.

We appreciate our dedicated lineworkers and are proud of their commitment to our members. They deserve all the appreciation and accolades that come their way on Lineworker Appreciation Day.

On April 11, and any time you see a lineworker, take a moment to thank them for their service.



TIM WEBB

**Lineworker Appreciation Day**  
**April 11, 2022**



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**Rachel Settles**, Editor



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

# Save the date: June 2

Many times, I use this column to talk about the cooperative difference and how these differences benefit you. One of those differences is ownership. When you signed up as a member of Blue Grass Energy, you automatically became not just a member, but an owner of our co-op.

And as one of our owners, I'd like to personally invite you to attend our upcoming annual meeting on June 2. Not every company invites its customers to an annual meeting, but we do because we appreciate opportunities to talk with our members.

While we provide many convenient electronic options for members to contact us, there are times when there is no substitute for in-person engagement. This meeting is the perfect opportunity for us to meet you, and for you to get to know the staff who operate your co-op. During the meeting, you will hear first-hand discussions about our priorities and challenges, along with the financial health of Blue Grass Energy and plans for the coming years.

If you have never attended our annual meeting, or if it has been a while, I encourage you to consider it. We will have food, prizes and buckets with bulbs for each registered membership. There will be activities for children and a drawing for ten \$1,500 scholarships for graduating high school seniors—so consider bringing your entire family. To preregister for a scholarship, visit [bgenergy.com/scholarships](http://bgenergy.com/scholarships).

Our co-op family looks forward to visiting with you on June 2.

*By President/CEO  
Michael I. Williams*





# Kentucky CancerLink is removing barriers

BY DEBRA GIBSON ISAACS

In September 2018, Sally Rober of Lexington retired after 33 years of teaching.

"I was looking forward to my next chapter in life," she recalls. "Would I write a book? Travel to exotic places?"

Before Rober could decide, she was diagnosed with cancer, and on September 17 she had the first of the aggressive treatments, including multiple chemotherapies, surgery and radiation.

"It knocked me to my knees physically, emotionally and spiritually," she says, "but my faith, family and friends were strong support.

"Kentucky CancerLink (KCL) was by my side as well. Providing literature, verbal support and events that gathered us all together, giving me so much hope that I would get through this hard time and that there would be better days ahead."

As Rober learned, KCL helped in various ways from transportation to treatments to mattresses for those struggling with bone pain to a place to stay for those who traveled great distances.

"Our goal is to remove any barriers keeping Kentuckians from getting life-saving cancer screenings or support after a diagnosis," says Melissa Karrer, executive director of KCL. "At no cost to the patients, we can provide wigs/headwear items, post-mastectomy bras and prostheses, lymphedema garments,



Certified Patient Navigator Karmell Mazurek assists a patient during a wig fitting, one of the many services Kentucky CancerLink provides. Photo: Melissa Karrer

and link them to support groups and community partners for resources for additional personal needs."

Karrer says she is the proudest of KCL's certified patient navigators and how they work closely with patients to meet them where they are and show compassion despite circumstances.

"We have a great team that works hard to be a link to hope for those that need our services," she says.

"Before I was even finished with my treatment, I knew that I wanted to be a

part of this organization," adds Rober, who is now on the board of directors. "I wanted to help those that were on this hard journey or even prevent them from having this experience with early detection ... We have a lot to navigate as cancer treatments progress, and there are more survivors who need continued support. We also embrace detecting all cancers in their early stages and do our best to keep Kentuckians as healthy as possible."

If you would like to know more or volunteer, please call (859) 309-1700.



**With your help, \$12,603 was donated to Parkinson's Foundation, our charity partner for 2020-2021, as a result of our employee-led fundraising.**

OUR 2022 CHARITY PARTNER

# KENTUCKY CANCERLINK (KCL)



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“One of the most rewarding aspects of working as a patient navigator is that I get the opportunity to help individuals during one of the most challenging times of their lives. Recently, I was able to provide a patient with a gas card to help them get to and from their life-saving treatment appointment(s). They were so grateful for the gift and said that it came to them at just the right time. Turns out, the week they received it in the mail had been particularly difficult. It’s really so much more than a gas card, it truly is a link to hope.”

—Gabby Meis, bilingual Certified Patient Navigator,  
Certified Community Health Worker



The mission of Kentucky CancerLink is to reduce and/or eliminate barriers to screening, diagnosis and treatment of cancer. KCL works to be a *link to hope* to Kentuckians in need of support.

## We ♥ Trees, Too.

We know everyone in our community enjoys the beauty and shade that trees provide. But trees and power lines can be a dangerous mix without routine maintenance.

**If you see us out in the community, remember the many benefits of our vegetation management program:**

- Keeps power lines clear of tree limbs
- Helps us restore power outages more quickly
- Keeps crews and members of our community safe
- Reduces unexpected costs for repairs

**Vegetation management improves service reliability for you, the members we serve.**



STRAIGHT TALK