

National Lineworker Appreciation day

You've likely noticed Blue Grass Energy's crews out and about, working on power lines and other electrical equipment in our community. It's no secret that a lineworker's job is tough—but it's a job that must be done, often in challenging conditions.

Lineworkers must be committed to their career—because it's not just a

job, it's a lifestyle. The long hours and ever-present danger can truly take a toll. Despite the many challenges, our lineworkers are committed to powering our local community.

During severe weather events that bring major power outages, lineworkers are among the first ones called.

They must be ready to leave the

comfort of their homes and families unexpectedly, and they don't return until the job is done.

April 10 is National Lineworker Appreciation Day. So, if you see our folks out in the community, give them a pat on the back and thank them for keeping the power flowing.



Blue Grass Energy linemen, from left, Chris Johnson, Paul Foster and Crew Chief Derek Bell. Photo: Tim Webb

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Stay in the know

At Blue Grass Energy, we are constantly striving to improve our operational efficiency so we can provide the most reliable electric service possible to our members.

We rely on data in nearly every aspect of our operations, which is why we need your help. By making sure we have your accurate and complete contact information, we can continue to provide the high level of service that you expect and deserve. Accurate information enables us to improve member service and enhance communications for reporting outages.

Having up-to-date contact information can potentially speed up the power restoration process during an outage. For example, the phone number you provide is linked to your service address in the outage management system. This means when you call to report an outage, the system recognizes your phone number and matches it with your account location. Accurate information helps the system predict the location of an outage, making it easier for our crews to correct the problem.

While we always do our best to provide uninterrupted service, we occasionally plan outages to upgrade equipment. In these instances, we can provide advance notification to affected members through automated phone messages or texts, if we have your updated info.

Many of you have been members of the co-op for years, and it's likely that your account information hasn't been updated for some time. We recognize that many members now use a cellphone as their primary phone, and we might not have that number in our system.

I want to emphasize that we will never share this information with any third parties. We only use it to send important information to you.

Please take a moment to update your contact information by logging in to your account at bgenergy.com. Or, give us a call at (888) 546-4243. You will be helping us to better serve you.

By President/CEO
Michael I. Williams



Blue Grass Energy Scholarships

Blue Grass Energy is awarding ten \$1,500 scholarships to graduating high school seniors who live within our service area. These scholarships will be awarded based on a random drawing on June 1.

ELIGIBILITY:

Eligible applicants are graduating high school seniors with plans to attend an



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accredited college, university or trade school, and living with a parent or guardian who is a Blue Grass Energy member.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Students are asked to apply for the scholarship using the online form (bgenenergy.com) by noon on May 30.
- Blue Grass Energy scholarships are

one-time awards and will be disbursed directly to the institution the student will be attending.

- Students must submit proof of full-time enrollment at their school.

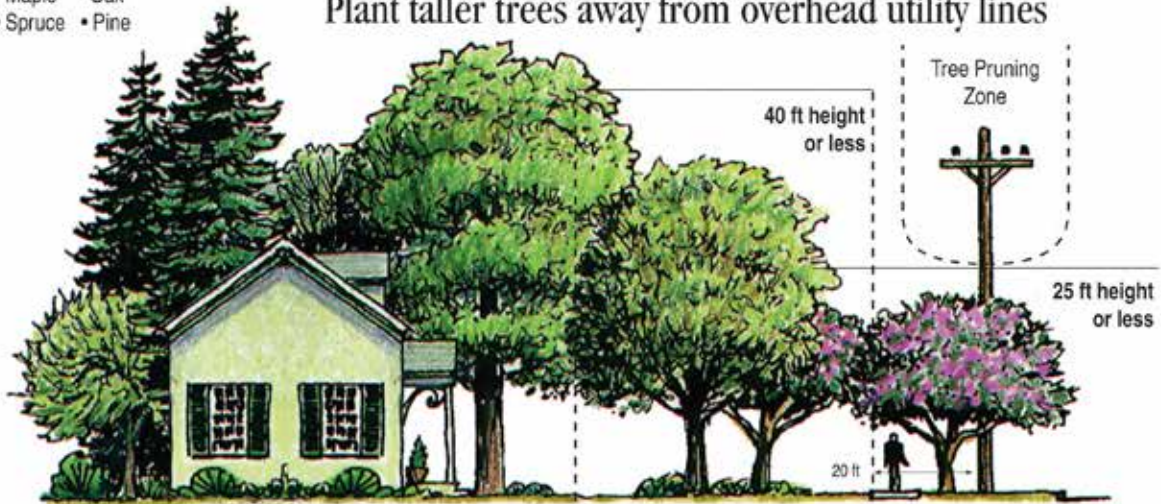
QUESTIONS?

Email scholarships@bgenenergy.com or call (888) 546-4243.

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 • Spruce • Pine

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CASA—COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES

By Katie Saltz

Kentucky ranks fifth in the nation for cases of child abuse and neglect, and Blue Grass Energy is joining the efforts to give those children a brighter future.

Blue Grass Energy has selected Kentucky Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) as the charity to support for 2023. Blue Grass Energy will fundraise throughout the year and donate all money raised to local CASA chapters.

CASA trains volunteers to work with children in cases of abuse or neglect and advocate for their best interests to the court. Victoria Bengé, executive director of CASA of Madison and Clark Counties, emphasizes the impact CASA volunteers have.

“We truly make a difference,” she says. “These kids have nobody. Putting an advocate in their lives can change their whole story.”

A CASA volunteer receives training on how to gather information and make recommendations to the court. Volunteers stay in contact with the child, ensuring their physical, psychological and educational needs are met until they are in a safe, permanent home.

“We become the eyes and ears for the court when a child enters the system,” says Tami Wilson, executive director of CASA of the Bluegrass.

Every \$1,000 raised by Blue Grass Energy will pay for one CASA volunteer to receive training for one year. In 2022, more than 16,000 Kentucky children were involved in cases of abuse, neglect or dependency. Only 3,538 had the help of CASA volunteer.

“Every child deserves that advocate,” Wilson says. “People assume child abuse is not happening in their community but it is.”

Blue Grass Energy President & CEO Mike Williams says donating to organizations like CASA is a core part of the cooperative’s mission.

“As a cooperative, we are guided by our purpose of making life better, the cooperative way. A perfect example of living our purpose is our corporate charity partnership,” Williams says. “Our employees diligently work all year to raise money that will directly benefit those within our service area. This year, we are looking forward to making life better for those served by CASA.”



Melynda Jamison, executive director of CASA of Lexington, hopes more people are inspired to join CASA in providing hope to Kentucky children.

“Everybody has a role to play, whether it’s as a volunteer, a donor or just sharing with your neighbor about how big of a deal child abuse is in Kentucky,” she says. “These children are our children, and it’s going to take all of us to break this cycle.”

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 CASA.

Energy Efficiency

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