

Blue Grass Energy Celebrates 80th Annual Meeting



On Thursday, June 1, Blue Grass Energy welcomed a crowd of nearly 700 members and their families to the cooperative's 80th annual meeting, held at the Keeneland Entertainment Barn in Lexington, Kentucky.

The crowd of over 1,500 was treated to a meeting geared towards families with several children's activities, which varied from bounce houses to video games.

Entertainment included Bingo for everyone—with members winning over \$1,000 in prizes. A meal of barbecue and hot dogs with all the trimmings was provided to all in attendance prior to the business meeting.

Multiple exhibits were on hand. They represented wide-ranging topics from energy efficiency to information on Kentucky State Parks.

Just before the business meeting began, Rev. Wade Arp of Nicholasville United Methodist Church gave the invocation and students from Madison Southern High School performed the national anthem after the presentation of colors by Boy Scout Troop 22.

During the business meeting, Dennis Moneyhon, chairman of Blue Grass Energy's board of directors, spoke to the crowd. He reminded members of some of the values of their cooperative membership.



Washington Youth Tour Recipients



(left to right) Nelson Paul – Paris; Kailey Boyles – Lexington; Ty Hutchens – Nicholasville; Hannah Creech – Cynthia; Marissa Stephens – Georgetown; Annah Valenta - Nicholasville; Logan Bechanan – Carlisle; Alexis Kotaras – Nicholasville; Dakota Baker – Paint Lick. (not pictured) Whitley Lemons – Cynthia.

Scholarship Winners



(left to right) **Jessica Justice** – West Jessamine High School; **Hayden Knight** – Madison Southern High School; **Virginia Deaver** – Berea Independent High School; **Lukas Slucher** – Harrison County High School; **Elizabeth Gordon** – Shelby County High School; **Kyler Williams** – Harrison County High School; **Anna Arthur** – Harrison County High School; **Eliza Lavin** – Homeschool. (not pictured) **Kaitlyn Maricle** – East Jessamine High School; **Alexis Roark** – Bracken County High School.

“We are committed to keeping rates as low as possible. We are still providing you power at our cost.” said Moneyhon. “That is one of the values of your cooperative membership.”

Director and board secretary-treasurer, Jane Smith, presented the treasurer’s report then entertained and accepted a motion to dispense with the reading of the 2016 minutes.

Cooperative Attorney Howard Downing performed the installation of re-elected director Gary Keller, District 4.

President and CEO Mike Williams also addressed the membership. Williams gave a report focusing on the future of Blue Grass Energy and service to the members.

“I remain committed to what our founding members started 80 years ago,” said Williams. “That is to continue serving our communities, bringing value to our members, and fulfilling our purpose.”

“Rates you pay are competitive with both surrounding and national utilities. We have looked for opportunities



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to be more effective and efficient thus allowing us to manage expenses, all the while offering you the quality of service you deserve as an owner of your cooperative," Williams continued.

Mike McNalley, East Kentucky Power's executive vice-president and CFO, gave a short brief on the operations of the cooperative's power supplier.

He was followed by Chris Perry, president and CEO of the Kentucky Association of Electric Cooperatives. He encouraged members to stay informed and be engaged with issues in their communities.

Blue Grass Energy awarded \$10,000 in scholarships at the event. Following the business meeting, 10 high school graduates, served by Blue Grass Energy, were recognized as this year's

scholarship recipients. They each received a \$1,000 scholarship from the co-op.

An eleventh scholarship was awarded to Nicholas Belen of Western Hills High School. This was funded by Ron Sheets, former president and CEO of the Kentucky Association of Electric Cooperatives and long-time member of Blue Grass Energy.

Ten additional students were also recognized for being selected to attend the cooperative's Washington Youth Tour.

The cooperative also had the fourth-annual silent auction benefiting their 2017 charity Make-A-Wish Foundation. There were 53 items that raised \$2,945.

At the conclusion of the meeting, names were drawn for a variety of prizes for all ages.

