

Blue Grass Living

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Blue Grass Energy
A Touchstone Energy Cooperative 
Making life better, the cooperative way

Blue Grass Energy's

81st Annual Meeting



On Thursday, June 7, Blue Grass Energy welcomed a crowd of nearly 1,500 members to the cooperative's 81st annual meeting, held at the Keeneland Entertainment Barn in Lexington.

Attendees were treated to a meeting geared toward 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 BBQ and hot dogs with all the trimmings was provided to those in attendance prior to the business meeting.

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

Just before the business meeting began, Rev. Ray Reed, of Farristown Baptist Church in Berea, gave the invocation, and Dawn Arnold of Cynthiana performed the national anthem following the presentation of colors by the Frankfort Composite Squadron of the Kentucky Wing Civil Air Patrol.

During the business meeting, Dennis Moneyhon, chairman of Blue Grass Energy's board of

directors, spoke to the crowd. He reminded members that they are the priority.

"As promised, we kept our focus on you in 2017. Our efforts centered around putting your needs first and making life better, the cooperative way for our communities," says Moneyhon. "We continued to be proactive in controlling costs and streamlining our processes while emphasizing outstanding service and reliability."

Mr. Moneyhon went on to introduce two new directors: Mr. Richard Cobb IV of Richmond and Mrs. Lu Young of Nicholasville.



Washington Youth Tour Recipients

Left to right: Davis Tursany—Nicholasville; James Sams—Frankfort; Abigail Eipert—Berea; Shayla Walker—Frankfort. Not pictured: Jenna Mullen—Nicholasville; Julia Bame—Nicholasville; Sarah Ortiz—Nicholasville; Henry York—Berea; Madison Wells—Cynthiana; Breanna Creekmore—Nicholasville.



Scholarship Winners

Left to right: **Phillip Hatton**—Madison Christian Academy; **Mary Briggs**—East Jessamine High School; **Ty Hutchens**—West Jessamine High School; **Anna Rose**—Anderson County High School; **Logan Bechanan**—Nicholas County High School; **Annah Valenta**—East Jessamine High School; **Robert Bennett**—Mercer County High School. *Not pictured:* **Michael Drummond**—Lexington Catholic High School; **Rebecca Piche**—The Piche Academy; **Kasey Pike**—Harrison County High School.



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Director and Board Secretary-Treasurer Jane Smith presented the treasurer's report.

Cooperative Attorney Howard Downing performed the installation of the re-elected directors. They were:

- Paul Tucker—District 1
- Doug Fritz—District 3
- Jane Smith—District 7

President and CEO Mike Williams also addressed the membership. Williams gave a report that focused on moving the cooperative forward.

“As we move forward, we know the complexity of our industry will only increase, but we are ready,” says Williams. “Ready to continue balancing your needs with safe, reliable, and affordable energy services.”

He was followed by Chris Perry, president/CEO of the Kentucky Association of Electric Cooperatives.

Blue Grass Energy also 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 Emma Boebinger of Western Hills High School. This was funded by Ron Sheets, former president/CEO of the Kentucky Association of Electric Cooperatives and long-time member of Blue Grass Energy.

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

The cooperative also had the 5th-annual silent auction benefiting its 2018 charity, the American Cancer Society. There were 92 items that raised \$4,169.

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

