



## Commemorating the 100th Veterans Day

*A holiday we are proud to observe*

When we gather at Blue Grass Energy, there are several traditions we uphold as reflective of our values.

Each year, at our annual meeting, we pray, we pledge our allegiance to our nation, and we honor the men and women who have defended our freedoms by serving in the armed forces.

Of course, we also focus on the factors that go into our service to you and the delivery of safe, reliable and affordable electricity, but—as a cooperative—Blue Grass Energy is proud to reflect the values of the people we serve. And there is no better reminder of those values and the call to serve than the military veterans who live and work in our communities.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the first Veterans Day in the United States. It was called Armistice Day on November 11, 1919, which was the first anniversary of the end of World War I.

Seven years later, Congress passed a resolution for the annual November 11 observance, and it officially became a national holiday in 1938. In 1954, President Eisenhower officially changed the name of the holiday from Armistice Day to Veterans Day.



TIM WEBB

Whatever we call it, please join Blue Grass Energy in saluting everyone who has served our nation. As the pace of society today makes for short memories, we must be deliberate and intentional in this recognition of veterans of all generations, from World War II to the soldiers in uniform today. Let us also not forget the sacrifice of military spouses and families.

We say thank you. And we say welcome home. Our veterans have traveled many miles, developed discipline and skills, and share a dedication to a greater purpose. We are proud to count you among our employees, friends and members.

From all of us at Blue Grass Energy, thank you for your service to our country.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

# We're thankful for your membership

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for your membership in our co-op. Your connection to Blue Grass Energy allows us to continue making life better, the cooperative way throughout our service area.

Many times, I use this space to provide updates on new projects and developments. We share these updates so that all of our members have a window into our priorities, progress and challenges. However, during this season of giving thanks, I think it's equally important to let you know just what an impact you have on our co-op.

We appreciate hearing from our members and are truly thankful for your feedback. You are generous with your compliments; and we are equally appreciative of the opportunities you present for us to improve our service. Because we are here to serve you, knowing your needs is important to us.

On a more personal note, we appreciate the countless acts of kindness our lineworkers and other employees receive when they are working in severe weather and dangerous conditions. Our employees are thankful for your patience and consideration when we are trying to restore power during challenging situations.

Thank you for being part of Blue Grass Energy and for your role in helping us fulfill our purpose of making life better, the cooperative way. We wouldn't be here without you and we're thankful for your membership.

By President/CEO  
Michael I. Williams



# Make Thanksgiving memorable and safe

During holidays, the kitchen is the heart of the home. Help make this time memorable and safe with these kitchen safety tips.

Be sure electric cords are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.

When deep-frying a turkey, set your deep fryer on level ground far away from the house, garage and shed. Do not put it on a wooden deck, near a woodpile or under a tree. The middle of a flat driveway away from cars is a good location.

Match your cookware to your burner size. Don't use a large pot on a small burner.

Don't leave stoves, ovens and ranges unattended—stay in the kitchen.

After your guests leave, make sure all cooking appliances are off and all candles are out.



# Take the surprise out of your bill: Sign up for Levelized Billing

An old saying in Kentucky is, "If you don't like the weather, just wait a few hours and it will change."

Living in a region of the U.S. where the climate can change

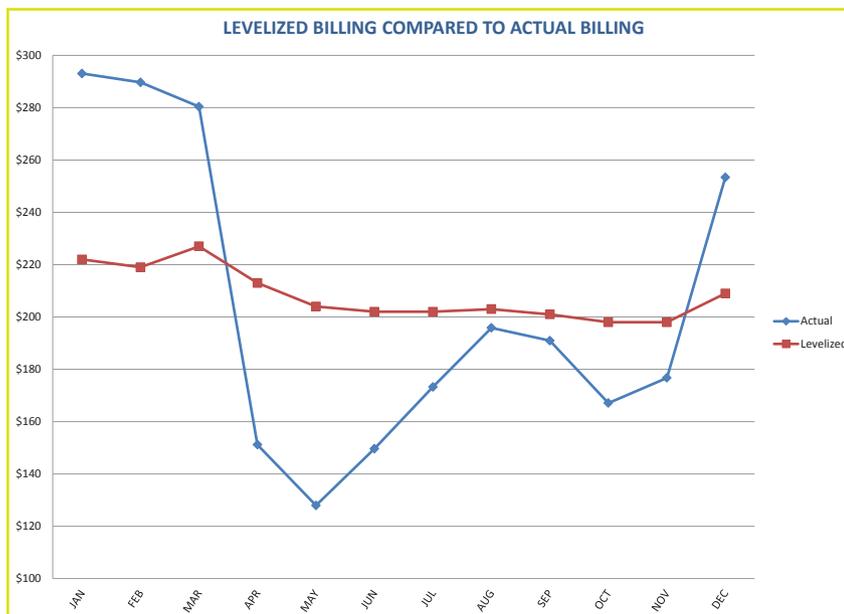
drastically can cause electric usage to vary from month to month. We want to help members manage their energy so we offer a program called Levelized Billing.

Levelized Billing allows you to

average your monthly bill based on your current usage along with the previous 12 months. Then we bill you for that average amount—so you pay close to the same amount every month. There is no "settle-up" month because the amount is recalculated each month based on a rolling average.

In order to take advantage of Levelized Billing, you need to have been in your home for 12 months and have a zero balance. Visit [bgenery.com](http://bgenery.com) or call today to sign up.

"I like it. I like knowing it is about the same amount every month."  
 —BGEnergy member Jerry Garrett, Richmond



CHARITY PARTNER

# KENTUCKY WOUNDED HEROES 12 DAYS OF GIVING



**FROM DEC. 2 THROUGH DEC. 17**—the first 12 business days in December—help us support those that have served us.

We are collecting gift cards/donations to help support the therapeutic trips these heroes take. They need:

- Gasoline gift cards
- Cash donations
- Subway gift cards
- Prepaid VISA cards

For further information and other opportunities to support this cause, visit [kentuckywoundedheroes.net](http://kentuckywoundedheroes.net).



Kentucky Wounded Heroes is a non-profit organization that serves Kentucky's current and former members of the United States Armed Forces, sworn law enforcement, sworn firefighters, and sworn or affirmed EMS, that have been injured during combat operations or line-of-duty service. Their mission is to honor and empower the emotional wellness of these heroes through outdoor activities, programs and services that enable them to reconnect to nature's healing properties.

*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.*

## You can make a difference with Pennies for Purpose

Pennies for Purpose is a way to help our neighbors and communities for just pennies each month. This program is funded by Blue Grass Energy members who round up their monthly electric bills to the nearest dollar; and will provide funding to charitable

causes across our 23-county service area.

You have the opportunity to round up your electric bill to the next dollar. For example, a \$64.89 bill would round up to an even \$65. By rounding up, the average yearly contribution would be approximately \$6.

If you would like to be a purpose partner with us and help support your local communities, you can visit [bgenery.com](http://bgenery.com) and select the Pennies for Purpose button or call your local BGEnergy office.



**Our offices will be closed Nov. 11 for Veterans Day and Nov. 28-29 for Thanksgiving.**