



# OWEN ELECTRIC CONNECTION

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## Powering communities

### The heartbeat of your cooperative

At Owen Electric, we're more than just a provider of electricity; we're an integral part of this region of Kentucky. As CEO, I'm proud to lead an organization so deeply committed to the well-being of the communities we serve. Today, I want to shed light on the importance of our involvement in community initiatives, including safety demonstrations and education, providing scholarships, and supporting civic and charitable organizations.

**Safety first, safety always:** Safety isn't just a priority; it's a core value that guides everything we do. Through our safety demonstrations and outreach programs, we provide our members with the knowledge and tools needed to stay safe around electricity. Whether it's teaching children about the dangers of power lines or providing training for first responders, we're dedicated to fostering a culture of safety that protects our community members and their loved ones.

**Investing in future leaders:** Education is the key to unlocking a brighter future, and we're committed to investing in the next generation of leaders. Through our scholarship programs, we provide financial assistance to students,

helping them pursue their academic dreams and achieve their full potential. By investing in education, we're not just empowering individuals; we're investing in the future of our communities. We also send students to Frankfort and Washington, D.C., as a part of the Rural Electric Cooperatives Youth Tour, where they gain a better understanding of our energy future and how our government works.

**Supporting civic and charitable organizations:** A strong community is built on a foundation of collaboration and support. That's why we're proud to partner with local organizations that share our commitment to making a difference. Whether it's donating to food banks or sponsoring community events, we're dedicated to being active contributors to the well-being of our community.

**Fostering connections:** Community is at the heart of everything we do. By actively engaging with our members and participating in community events and opportunities to volunteer, we're able to foster meaningful connections and build relationships based on trust and mutual respect. These connections not only strengthen the fabric of our community but also enable us to better



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understand and address the needs of those we serve.

**Making a lasting impact:** Our involvement in community initiatives isn't just about making a one-time donation or hosting a single event; it's about making a lasting impact that reverberates throughout our region for years to come. Whether it's through promoting safety awareness, empowering future leaders or supporting local organizations, we're dedicated to leaving a positive legacy that will endure for generations.

Together, we have the power to make a difference and to create a brighter future for all.

President and CEO  
Michael Cobb



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# Ahrman elected board chairman

At June's meeting of the cooperative's board of directors, John Grant's term as chairman expired. The concurrent terms for vice chairman and secretary-treasurer, filled by Rick Messingschlager and Hope Kinman, respectively, also came to an end.

"I'm grateful for Mr. Grant's leadership during his term as chairman," says Michael Cobb, president and CEO of Owen Electric. "His leadership has helped guide the cooperative during his term as chair. I look forward to working with him as he continues to serve on the board."

Given the culmination of these terms, your directors elected new officers. Elected as chairman of the board is Alan Ahrman, representing District 4, which encompasses Campbell and Pendleton counties. Eddie McCord (District 2, Carroll and Gallatin

counties) was elected to serve as vice chairman and Charlie Richardson (District 1, Owen County) was elected to serve as secretary-treasurer.

"Mr. Ahrman brings a wealth of knowledge to his new position as board chairman. He is well-versed in issues impacting the utility industry and is a true advocate for our members," says Cobb. For the past three years, Ahrman has also served as board chairman of East Kentucky Power Cooperative, the wholesale power supplier of which Owen Electric is an owner-member. EKPC is owned by 16 distribution cooperatives across the commonwealth and generates power that is served to more than 1.1 million Kentuckians across 89 counties. Ahrman was also recently re-elected to a subsequent term as EKPC board chairman.



TIM WEBB

"These are interesting times for our industry," says Ahrman. "We expect many changes in the world of electricity in the years to come, but I'm excited to face these challenges and I'm honored to continue representing Owen members in this capacity."

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# Annual meeting recap

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Nearly 2,700 members stopped by our offices during our Member Appreciation Days and Annual Meeting event. We enjoyed visiting with you and appreciate your participation as a member-owner of your cooperative.

## Door Prize Winners:

43-inch TV: Tim and Barb Scherrer  
State park gift cards (2): Mitchell Nantz;  
Donald and Darlene Schadler  
Electric weed trimmer: Richard Schaum  
Blackstone tabletop griddle: Michael Lohman  
Yeti cooler: Harold and Karen Kells  
KitchenAid mixer: Richard and Brenda Salter  
Keurig coffee maker: Regina Reeder

## \$1,000 Scholarship Winners:

District 1: Dylan Perkins, Cayden Dezarn  
District 2: Alexis Tainsh, Connor Mefford  
District 3: Claudia Spratt, Victoria Fryman  
District 4: Daniel Williamson, Amanda Schalk  
District 5: Callison Padgett, Grace Van Hook  
District 6: Sarah Barth, Lindsay Powers  
District 7: Emma Esselman, Lauren Jordan



Congratulations to our grand prize winners: James McKinley, left, Anita Vaske and Terry Saylor. Each received a \$500 energy gift certificate.



Congratulations to Alyssa Arnold, winner of the \$2,000 scholarship.







# Out and about in our communities

## Board of Directors

Alan Ahrman, Chairman  
 Eddie McCord, Vice Chairman  
 Charlie Richardson, Secretary-Treasurer  
 John Grant  
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 Hope Kinman  
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Travis Hunter, left, along with his son, Noah, volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House of the Bluegrass. They spent the day cleaning up the landscaping and putting down fresh mulch. Photo: Whitney Duvall



Crew Leader James Juett attended Twenhofel Middle School's eighth grade career day to talk to students about potential career opportunities in linework. Photo: Pam McAlister



Owen Electric recently adopted a two-mile stretch on U.S. Route 127 to keep clean from litter and debris. At left, Mike Stafford, left, Ashley Bartram, Gabrielle Welsh and Kenny Courts use their community service day to help with the Adopt-A-Highway Spring Clean initiative. Photos: Mike Cobb

